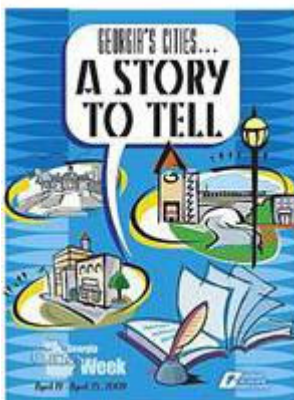




## A Word from Council Member Danny Dunagan

Gainesville is proud to join the [Georgia Municipal Association](#) in celebrating Georgia Cities Week April 19-25. This year's theme is Georgia's Cities...A Story to Tell. We will be celebrating the week with events each day including the 13th annual Sister City Art Show at the Civic Center April 23 and Captain Conservation will be joining 60 fifth graders for a tour of Lakeside Water Treatment Plant April 24.



Just like cities around us, Gainesville is feeling the financial drought. City expenditures have already been cut in all areas (capital, operations, positions) in order to offset revenue shortfalls without relying on reserves.

We expect to collect about 88% of budgeted sales tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2009, a \$700,000 shortfall. In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, which will be adopted at the end of June, departments continue to make substantial budget cuts which should result in operating revenues decreasing 8% from the FY2009 original budget. As a council, we are committed to keeping Gainesville financially strong.

If you would like more information on events for Georgia Cities Week or plans for the FY2010 budget contact me at [citycouncil@gainesville.org](mailto:citycouncil@gainesville.org) or call 770-535-6865.



## waterSmart Demo Garden Ribbon Cutting

Ribbon cutting ceremonies are scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 (Earth Day) at 2:00pm to unveil a waterSmart garden at the [Fair Street Neighborhood Center](#). According to [Scarlett Fuller](#), Water Conservation Specialist for Gainesville Public Utilities, a waterSmart landscape is more than just water-efficient. "It's a landscape that has been carefully designed, properly installed and managed to reduce pollution, improve conservation and ensure year-round beauty," Fuller said. The garden includes a

300 gallon cistern used to collect rain water for watering plants. The garden is a collaborative effort between the [City of Gainesville](#), [Hall County Cooperative Extension](#), [Hall County Master Gardeners](#), [Full Bloom Nursery](#) and [UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences](#). "The garden was designed to educate our water customers on ways to save water and use water efficiently in the landscape," Fuller added.

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## Spring Chicken Festival

The 'Official Cook Off of the State of Georgia' is almost here. The fifth annual Spring Chicken Festival is planned for Saturday, April 25. [Keep Hall Beautiful Director, Cindy Reed](#), one of the organizers of the event, said this is truly a festival that offers something for everyone as long as they're all about chickens! "The Festival is a quirky combination that also includes the Rubber chickEkiden (marathon distance team relay running event featuring rubber chicken batons), Sweet Tea Challenge, A Quarter Mile of Quilts, Woodturners' Convention, live music and children's activities," Reed said. Attendees can also purchase a wristband for \$8.00 to eat the chicken entered in the cook off. Other food will also be available for purchase to round out the meal. Proceeds from the day long event go into a local tree replacement fund designed to give grants to plant trees in our community. For more information on the events and rules for the cook off go to [www.chickencitycookoff.com](http://www.chickencitycookoff.com).



## Day Camp Extravaganza

[Gainesville Parks and Recreation's](#) summer day camp program will be exploding with fun and nine sessions June 1 – July 31. Campers can choose from weekly themes and trips like Wild Wild West, Bugs for Breakfast and Everyday Heroes. Specialty camps include Veterinary Camp, Baton Camp and Chef Camp. All campers need to bring is their lunch! For a complete listing of camps and prices check out the latest edition of [Gainesville at Play!](#)



## Eye on Gainesville



Gainesville was recently named one of thirteen cities across the state to receive a grant from the state's Historic Preservation Fund. In fact, Gainesville received the grant for the most money, \$18,900. In the May edition of Eye on Gainesville host [Catiel Felts](#) will talk with [Jessica Tullar](#) of the [Gainesville Department of Planning and Development](#) and find out how the grant money will be used. We'll also be joined by [Kathy Amos](#), Chairman of the Gainesville Historic Preservation Committee and we'll hear from some citizens who went through the HPC's design review process. Eye on Gainesville can be seen every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm on TV18, the Government Channel for Gainesville and Hall County. And don't miss Good Morning Gainesville from 311 Green Street.

Show highlights include cast members from GODSPELL, May 6, 7, 8 at the WareHouse, Behind the

## Calendar of Events - April and May

### **Good Morning Gainesville Broadcast 4.15-19.09**

7:00am and 9:00am on TV18

### **City Council Work Session 4.16.09**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### **31st Annual Little League Opening Day / Chicken Que 4.18.09**

10:00am City Park

### **Georgia Cities Week 4.19-25.09**

### **City Council Meeting 4.21.09**

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

### **Spring Swing Tennis Tournament 4.21-26.09**

Daily - Longwood Park Tennis Center

### **WaterSmart Demo Garden Open House 4.22.09**

2:00pm Fair Street Neighborhood Center

### **City Council Work Session 4.30.09**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### **Mommy & Me Tea 5.02.09**

10:00am Civic Center

### **N. E. Ga. Tennis Association "Rally for the Cure" Tennis Clinic 5.02.09**

Brenau University

### **City Council Meeting 5.05.09**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

### **Rain Barrel Workshop 5.07.09**

6:30pm Flat Creek (Register by April 30)

### **One Community Organization 5.09.09**

9:00am-11:00am Fair Street Neighborhood Center

### **Gainesville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 5.11.09**

5:30pm Civic Center Board Room

### **Planning and Appeals Board Meeting 5.12.09**

5:30pm Georgia Mountains Center

### **City Council Work Session 5.14.09**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303

### **13th Annual Butterfly Release 5.17.09**

1:00pm-4:00pm Wilshire Trails Park

### **City Council Meeting 5.19.09**

9:00am Georgia Mountains Center

**Citizens' Government Academy Graduation 5.19.09**

6:00pm Chattahoochee Golf Course

**Good Morning Gainesville Broadcast 5.20-25.09**

7:00am and 9:00am on TV18

**Red Hat Chit Chat 5.20.09**

11:00am-2:00pm Civic Center

**School is out for Summer! 5.22.09**

Gainesville City School System

**Outdoor Splash Zone Opens 5.23.09**

1:00pm Mon-Fri Earlier on the weekends

Frances Meadows Aquatic and Community Center

**City Offices Closed 5.25.09**

Memorial Day

**City Council Work Session 5.28.09**

9:00am 300 Henry Ward Way, Suite 303



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