

CHATT HILLS FALL FESTIVAL

Friends, Families & Neighbors Welcome the Season!

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Mother Nature and a cast of hundreds painted a perfect picture in the Town Green Park behind city hall for the second annual Chatt Hills Fall Festival on October 15.

This year's event, hosted by the city of Chattahoochee Hills with Taste of SoFu, included a free BBQ dinner, food and craft vendors, fun and games for the kids and adults, live music and entertainment, and municipal and county information.

Mayor Tom Reed opened the program, welcoming guests and giving thanks to the Chatt Hills Community Outreach Team (CHCO), led by Councilmember Ruby Foster, for organizing the event. He said it is the city's pleasure to offer opportunities for friends, families, and neighbors to connect with one another and take time out of their busy lives to enjoy the day.



Councilmember Ruby Foster acknowledged city council members Laurie Searle and Camille Lowe for supporting the event, city manager Robbie **Rokovitz and his** many staff members for their support before and during the event, the CHCO volunteers, and the vendors. She then introduced Taste of SoFu founder Shelia Mants, event designer extraordinaire; and Michelle Taylor Willis, who created SoFu®, the term uniting the eight cities of South Fulton County (Chattahoochee Hills, Fairburn, College Park, East Point, Hapeville, Palmetto, Union City, and City of South Fulton).

Fun and Games for Kids



The festival offered activities for all ages of children and included a high-energy dance competition, cake walk, face painting, crafts, and video games.

With all of the goings-on, you wouldn't think the kids would sit still for a moment; however, the story time reading with interactive books had them seated cross-legged and spellbound – at least for a few minutes.

The Bear Creek Nature Center's friendly baby alligator and turtle were also a kid-pleasing treat.

Entertainment Highlights

Live music, karaoke, and audience-engaging games kept the fun going throughout the afternoon, but it was the Chatt Hills Fire Department that stole the show. They gave festival goers the opportunity to see what it's like to be a fire fighter by dressing in the heavy gear, moving a 165lb person (simulated by moving a dummy), rolling and unrolling fire hoses, and racing with buckets of water.

Food and Vendors

Church groups, food trucks, and arts & craft vendors lined the park's green space. Community Brickworks – the local nonprofit that runs the foodbank and volunteer library – offered free books and videos. A number of other vendors offered tasty home-made treats and hand-crafted art. Chattabee Farms sold honey and explained the bee-keeping process and what that means now that Chattahoochee Hills is an official "Bee City."



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Serenbe Art Farm, Community Brickworks, Southside Church Chatt Hills, Sardis Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church, Bear Creek Nature Center, Taste of SoFu (Shelia Mants, Michelle Taylor Willis), Face Painting (Haley Dobbs), and the many vendors.