

COMMUNITY ENJOYED CHATT HILLS “DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT” AND MORE!

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Chattahoochee Hills rolled out the “green carpet” for residents and guests at the premiere of its first ever “Drive in Movie Night,” at Hutcheson Ferry Park on April 30.

Mother Nature set the perfect scene for this special event. With no rain in sight, the sky was a still blue as the setting sun painted golden highlights behind billowy clouds. The acres of lush green grass blanketed the open field, offering the perfect backdrop for the colorful picnic blankets and camp chairs to come.

By 7 p.m. guests began to arrive. Greeted first by cheerful parking volunteers, then by the “hostess with the mostest,” city councilmember and community outreach coordinator, Ruby Foster, guests were offered free treats of popcorn, sodas, and glow sticks to kick off the pre-show activities.

As the adults selected a grassy spot and unloaded their picnic fairs, the kids explored and discovered the bouncy house and the face painting artist – both of which were big hits. Once their picnic areas were set up, families were anxious to see what was on the food menu. An accident with the Smooth and Groove Food Truck delayed the food, but Southern Region Hospitality came to the rescue with a seafood feast made earlier in the day. Having this extra time gave guests time to visit with friends and meet their neighbors.

When twilight dimmed the lights, Mayor Tom Reed welcomed the guests and introduced Ruby, who opened the program. She thanked the guests for attending, and acknowledged the many volunteers and staff who worked for months to make this event special, and the event’s vendors and the sponsors. Then she called for the movie to begin.

The feature film was Disney’s “Jungle Cruise,” an action-packed family movie filled with slapstick comedy. It was displayed on a rented theater screen large enough to be seen from the full length of the event field, and included an audio option to listen on a radio channel for those who remained in their vehicles.

By the time dusk turned the daylight off, stars began to appear in the famous Chatt Hills dark sky. Neighborly chat dropped to whispers, and folks settled into watching the movie. As if to say “thank you for this special event” guests waved their glow sticks, creating a mini light show that resembled a happy dance.

Chattahoochee Hills thanks and acknowledges the following people who supported this event:

- Community Outreach Team members: Councilmembers Ruby Foster and Camille Lowe, and Maria Hanson.
- Parking and event set-up/break-down volunteers: Parks Commission members Roland Alston and Chip Denton, and Davis McMurren.
- Photos and Story: Councilmember Laurie Searle.
- City Staff Department Heads and their Teams: Robbie Rokovitz, city manager; Greg Brett, fire chief; Jim Little, police chief; and a special thanks to Darold Wendlandt, public works director and his team for their work in preparing the park.
- Vendors: Movie, FunFlicks of Georgia; Face Painter, Endless Entertainment; Bounce House, Wow Inflatables; Food, Southern Region Hospitality.
- Sponsors: City of Chattahoochee Hills, and anonymous donations from Social Butterfly, and PL.



An estimated 300 friends and neighbors enjoyed the first ever, Chatt Hills Drive in Movie Night, at Hutcheson Ferry Park on April 30.

Drive In Movie Night - Photo Album

For more photos see Chatt Hills Community Outreach on Facebook

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