

CHATT HILLS SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN

Residents learn how to join their neighbors in the movies!

By: Laurie Searle

Seventy seniors and guests participated in the Chatt Hills Seniors Lunch & Learn on September 15, hosted by Chatt Hills Community Outreach at City Hall. Lights, Camera, Action! was the theme of the program, which featured two guest speakers who shared information on listing your property for use in films, and how to become a movie extra.



Jen Farris, Locations Scout

Presenter Jen Farris, a professional locations & production scout, gave tips for listing your property and having conversations with higher budgeted filming productions.

Top on her list was for property owners to request advance payment, check for the production's liability insurance certificate, and ask for details such as calendar & details for pre-filming, filming, and post-filming. Many residents in Chatt Hills have already taken advantage of offers to use their property, including Smith's Grocery Store, which has been featured in several movies, and even some residents where only the outside of their property was featured. They said it's a great way to earn some extra money.



Leslie Green, Casting Director

Presenter Leslie Green, a professional casting director at RTSE Casting Company, described the process of becoming a movie extra and what the experience is like during the filming process. (An extra or background person has a non-speaking role in a film.)

She said filming companies are looking for everyday-looking people that blend into the background, like you would see walking across the driveway, sitting at a restaurant, playing in the park with their kids. They also look for a certain "type" or "look" that is easily identifiable or reusable. For example, Leslie pointed to Pastor Joe Stephens from Sardis Baptist Church and said with his look, he could be used as an extra as a bus driver

or farmer. She also said when taking a photo to include in your application, dress in a way that illustrates what's uniquely use. If you sing, dance, love to cook or garden, illustrate that in your photo.

Chatt Hills Resident Sharon Frank shared her seven-year experience as an Extra. She had never considered the idea before a friend in the movie business told her she would be perfect. She tentatively started with one project, got the hang of it over the years and even had a speaking line, and now is an Extra in the T.V. series Heels.

In addition to the featured program, Seniors enjoyed a tasty salad bar as they socialized with neighbors, and then had the opportunity to meet with Fulton County Voter Registration, Chatt Hills Fire & Rescue for free blood pressure checks, and Jerell Shearin, Community Engagement Rep. South. from Commissioner Marvin Arrington Jr.'s team.

Volunteers included Councilmembers: Ruby Foster, Laurie Searle and Camille Lowe; Chatt Hills Staff: Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt, Fire Chief Greg Brett and his team Deputy Chief Pat McCarragher, Captain Josh Whitley, Captain Kevin Jones, FF/EMT Christian Pace, and FF/Paramedic Mitchell Roach; and residents Joyce Wood, Sharon Beaner, Tanya Cole, Peachy Denton, Chip Denton, and Grace Denton.

For the handouts and photos of the event visit www.chatthillscommunityoutreach.com.

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