

## CHATT HILLS SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN

### Residents learn about Senior Living Options

By: Laurie Searle

Forty seniors and guests participated in the Chatt Hills Senior Lunch & Learn on March 21, hosted by Chatt Hills Community Outreach and Keller Williams Realty Atlanta Partners at City Hall.

Resident Joanna Hannah opened the program, welcomed the participants, and thanked the Chatt Hills Community Outreach group for inviting her to lead the senior services program. She introduced realtor Lynn Winger, who presented the topic, *Planning for the Future and Beyond*.

Lynn said as a certified real estate planner, she is trained to help families build, protect, and transfer generational wealth through real estate, by creating a proactive plan for their future.

A plan begins with considering your future senior living options, so when the time comes, you are in control of where and how you want to live. If you would like to age-in-place, will you be able to maintain your home and property, or do you need to downsize? Should you visit independent & assisted care facilities now, before you need them, to help guide family members in supporting your future? Lynn described the many senior living options, and tips and services to help with decluttering your home, preparing for sale, and packing & moving.

Lynn offered strategies on creating generational wealth by proactivity making decisions on the future of your property. She discussed the pros and cons of placing your property in family trusts, 1031 Exchange, and adding family members to the property deed now. She also mentioned the importance of creating a will and said she can offer a team of vetted vendors to assist with these options.

During the question & answer session, several residents added to the discussion by sharing their experience and suggestions. Jane Crews said through her training as an end-of-life doula, she provides emotional and physical support, and education about for what's to come. Laurie Searle said when she can no longer maintain her home and 5 acres, she would love to continue living in rural Chatt Hills, and wished there was a senior living community of several tiny houses, with one larger community house (including living space for a caretaker), on a large parcel not in a village or hamlet.

In addition to the featured program, Seniors enjoyed the entertainment provided by members of the UkuLadies: Cindy Lederman, Mary Collins-Shepard, and Tamara Schwartz; and the tasty lunch provided by Keller Williams. They also had the opportunity to meet with WellCare, Fulton County Voter Registration, and Chatt Hills Fire & Rescue for free blood pressure checks.

Councilmember Ruby Foster, who leads the Chatt Hills Community Outreach initiative, closed the program by thanking the seniors and all who participated.

Volunteers included: Councilmember Ruby Foster, Joanna Hannah, Bridget Arrington, Catherine Huston, Jane Crews, Laurie Searle, Sharon Beaner; City staff: City Manager Robbie Rokovitz, Public Works Director Darold Wendlandt, Fire Chief Greg Brett and his A-shift team Josh Woody, Andy Lee, Vidal Williams, James Luster (absent is shift Captain Gary Reid). Also present were councilmembers Rodney Peek and Richie Schmidt.

For the handouts and photos of the event visit:

[www.chatthillscommunityoutreach.com](http://www.chatthillscommunityoutreach.com).

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Left to right: Sharon Beaner, Laurie Searle, Lynn Winger, Joanna Hannah, Councilmember Ruby Foster.