

THIRD ANNUAL MOVIE IN THE PARK

A Fanciful Evening under the Stars

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Hutcheson Ferry Park. With its sprawling pasture-like lawn fringed by tall trees in every shade of green, and its discrete trails well-hidden from view, it offers a quiet respite most days of the year.

But on the rare occasion when the City hosts special events there, this sleepy park sparks with excitement to showcase the best of Chatt Hills.

April 13 was such a day, as more than 100 residents gathered at Hutcheson Ferry Park for the third annual Chatt Hills Movie Night hosted by Chatt Hills Community Outreach in partnership with the City of Chattahoochee Hills and the Art Farm at Serenbe.

Popular Cupcake Concert Returns

Before the movie started, Art Farm at Serenbe led a spring Cupcake Concert and gave out fifty free ukuleles for kids to take home with them! Professional musician and educator Cain Oscar-Bergeron taught the children a fun crash course in the ukelele, focusing on skills such as tuning and basic scales, and participants walked away with several tunes to master on their new instrument.



The Cupcake Concert by Art Farm at Serenbe is enjoyed by children of all ages (including their parents)

Featured Film – WONKA

As Mother Nature dimmed the spring-time sky, Councilmembers Ruby Foster and Camille Foster greeted residents, thanked and acknowledged the many staff and volunteers who helped with the event, and introduced the feature film.

Wonka is a 2023 musical fantasy comedy film that tells the origin story of Willy Wonka, an aspiring magician, inventor, and chocolatier, who arrives in Europe to establish his chocolate shop at The Galeries Gourmet. The story was light-hearted, fanciful, and the perfect choice for family entertainment. To add to the enjoyment, Wonka balloons, candy, and popcorn were offered to the guests, free of charge.



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"Art Farm and our guest educator Cain had the best time leading our spring Cupcake Concerts!" said Madalyn Mentor, Art Farm's Executive Director. "Educational programming is core to Art Farm's mission, and pop-up events like the Cupcake Concerts are a way to make it fun and accessible for the community. We loved seeing the joy and excitement on kids' faces as they learned how to make their very own music on the ukulele!"

Art Farm at Serenbe organizes multiple Cupcake Concerts annually as part of its educational and outreach initiatives. These events are open to everyone and free of charge. Stay updated by checking Art Farm's website (www.artfarmatserenbe.org) and social media channels (www.instagram.com/artfarmserenbe) so you don't miss any upcoming events!

The evening became even more magical once the iconic Chatt Hills dark skies appeared. Adding to the twinkling of star lights from above, guests randomly tossed their glow sticks in the air throughout the movie, creating a low-budget specular light show as if to say, “Yeah! This is why we love Chatt Hills!”

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- Chatt Hills Community Outreach: Councilmembers Ruby Foster and Camille Lowe, event coordination; Parks Commission member Roland Alston, guest parking; Maria Hanson, event banner and signs; Nan McGuffey and Catherine Huston, freebee table passing out WONKA Candy and Lollipop balloons; Laurie Searle, newsletter and website story.
- City Staff: City Manager Robbie Rokovitz, procured the movie rights, negotiated additional fees with a recent movie production company to help cover costs and make this a free event; Public Works Darold and his team prepared the park; Fire Chief Greg Brett and his team provided public safety; Police Chief Kevin Digou and his team assisted with traffic.
- Chatt Hills Convention and Visitors Bureau: Janice Barton and Joyce Wood offered Chatt Hills t-shirts and hats for sale and free giveaways.
- Art Farm at Serenbe: Executive Director Madalyn Mentor, Marketing Coordinator Georgia Smith, and Educator Cain Oscar-Bergeron – cupcake concert.
- Vendors: FunFlicks provided outdoor movie projector and screen rental; Snack on the Go- Jane Danko

For more information about Chatt Hills Community Outreach and its events, visit:

www.chatthillscommunityoutreach.com.

