

CHATHAM COUNTY CONNECTION



April 15, 2012



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Pete Liakakis

The Chatham County Commission has a new member. On Monday, March 27th the County Commission voted to appoint Tabitha Odell as commissioner for the 5th District filling the vacancy left by her husband, Harris Odell, who was appointed as a Recorder's Court Judge. Mrs. Odell has an extensive business career and is currently a risk management consultant based in Savannah. I, along with the other Commissioners,

look forward to serving with her. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her husband and former Commissioner Harris Odell for his years of service on this commission and wish him all the best in his new appointment to the Recorder's Court.

April is National County Government Month with this year's theme being "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families" and there are many events planned. We recently sponsored the "Second Annual Take A Soldier Fishing - Wounded Warrior Bass Tournament" at Lake Mayer. We were pleased to take part in this event that helps to develop community spirit while supporting the Wounded Warrior Project. Many thanks to Bass Anglers Plus, Inc, and to Maj. Byron Stephens Sr. for helping to put this event together and we look forward to many years of continued success. The Chatham County Health/Government Fair Day is scheduled for Friday,

April 20th in the Macy's Court at Oglethorpe Mall. This event will include free health screenings, fitness tips, blood pressure checks, discussions on various health topics, along with plenty of entertainment. Our Chatham County staff along with St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems, Memorial University Medical Center, Oglethorpe Mall and Community Cardiovascular Council have worked together to sponsor this event.

In keeping with our goal of being the Greenest County in Georgia, the Resource Conservation Center at 1321 Eisenhower Drive is hosting the ReVISION Art & Eco Festival on Saturday, April 28th. The goal is help share new and creative recycling concepts. There will be art work on display created from recycled materials ranging from driftwood to jewelry to metal to gourds. Several eco friendly companies will have products on display as well as a Trashion Show highlighting fashions created

from reused items. There will also be entertainment along with games and children's recycle activities. The Nike Reuse A Shoe project ends at the festival. Nike has chosen Chatham County as one of their recycle sites from many across the nation. Residents may drop off their old sneakers which will then be processed into the material that becomes running tracks, basketball courts, play grounds and synthetic turf.

Finally on Sunday, April 29th, enjoy delicious food at the Sunday Supper in the Strawberry Patch at the Bamboo Farms and Coastal Gardens topped off with fresh picked strawberry shortcake for dessert.

As you can tell there are many activities to participate in this April. We are blessed to have a wonderful county staff that works hard to make this county the best place to live work and play.



Voter Education— Things to Know:

CHATHAM COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE
1117 EISENHOWER DRIVE SUITE E,
SAVANNAH, GA 31406
MAIL: P.O. BOX 13757,
SAVANNAH, GA 31416
PHONE: 912-790-1520
FAX 912-790-1519
Email: voter@chathamcounty.org
Website: http://voter.chathamcounty.org

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 2, 2012

Prior to Election Day – confirm your registration and poll location by calling Voter Registration at 912-790-1520 or use the website poll locator at www.sos.georgia.gov/MVP. Keep your residence and mailing address updated with the Voter Registration Office.

ABSENTEE ADVANCE VOTING: JULY 9, 2012 – JULY 27, 2012

Advance Voting General Primary Election: Early in-person voting is available 21 days prior to the General Primary Election. Any eligible registered voter desiring to vote in advance during this period may do so in-person at the Voter Registration Main Office, 1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E, Savannah, GA 31406, Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No reason is required for absentee advance voting.

SATURDAY VOTING

Saturday Voting will be held July 21, 2012 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Voter Registration Main Office, 1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E, Savannah, GA 31406

ADDITIONAL VOTING LOCATIONS: JULY 23, 2012 – JULY 27, 2012

Additional voting locations around the county will be opened for your convenience. See locations and times below.

LOCATIONS

Voter Reg Main Office
Voter Reg Main Office
Civic Center
Mosquito Control
Islands Library
Southwest Library (Sav Mall)

ADDRESS

1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E
1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E
301 W. Oglethorpe Ave
65 Billy B. Hair Dr
125 Wilmington Island Rd
14097 Abercorn St

HOURS

8:00 am – 5:00 pm (M,W,F)
8:00 am – 7:00 pm (T, TH)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M-F)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M-F)
10:00 am – 5:00 pm (M-F)
10:00 am – 5:00 pm (T-F)

MVP My Voter Page

Use MVP to Check Your:

- Voter Registration Status
- Mail-in application and ballot status
- Poll location
- Early voting location
- Elected officials
- Registration information on file with the county office
- Sample ballot for the upcoming election

Log in to
www.sos.ga.gov/mvp

Evacuating Ahead of the Storm

For more than a decade, approaching hurricanes like Katrina, Gustav, Ike, and Floyd have required hundreds of thousands of people to evacuate the Gulf and Southeast Coasts of the United States.

Getting out of town. When an evacuation order is issued for Chatham County, residents and visitors are responsible for making personal transportation arrangements. These arrangements should include driving and/or making arrangements to ride with family members or friends.

If you can't find a ride. For those without transportation, Chatham County will provide transportation assistance using available public resources. When an evacuation order is issued for a major storm, the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) coordinates the opening of the County's Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA) at the Savannah Civic Center 36 to 42 hours before the arrival of tropical storm force winds. Those in need of transportation can walk to or be dropped off at the EAA as well as ride a county bus. Chatham Area Transit (CAT) will provide free rides to the EAA from any established CAT bus stop.

For those with Functional and/or Special Needs. Most CAT buses and the Civic Center facilities are equipped to support those with limited functional needs. People who think they may qualify as Special Needs, should contact the Chatham County Public Health Department and apply for the Special Needs Registry. The Special Needs Registry assists the County in making additional transportation arrangements for qualifying citizens. For more information about Special Needs Registration, call (912) 356-2441.

What to bring with you. Each person is allowed to bring a maximum of two hand-carry bags. Make sure you bring any medications you are taking. There is no baggage assistance available at the Civic Center, and space on evacuation buses is limited. Mark your bags so they are easy to identify.

About pets. If you must evacuate, you should NOT leave your pets behind. If you're using public transportation, there will be arrangements made with the inland destinations to shelter animals; however, available space is extremely limited. With that in mind, do your best to make other arrangements for your pets and assemble a portable pet disaster supply kit. Keep the supplies in an accessible place and store them in a sturdy container that can be easily carried.

Your pet disaster supply kit should include:

- Medications, immunization records* and a first aid kit
- Carriers or cages to transport pets safely*
- Sturdy leashes*, muzzles, and/or harnesses
- Blankets or towels for bedding and warmth
- Current photos of your pets in case they get separated from you
- Food and drinking water*
- Easily transportable pet toys and comfort items

**Required Items*



Prepare yourself, it won't be a vacation. The availability of public transportation is not meant to be a convenient alternative for you and your family during an evacuation. Using public transportation is the means of last resort, your last choice.



Prepare yourself and remember:

- You can take ONLY what you can carry
- Lines may be long and buses may not be immediately available (there will be a wait)
- It's going to be HOT
- Transportation services may not be air conditioned
- It will be a long and slow ride
- You are not going to a hotel
- Inland destinations will most likely be Public Shelters established in available facilities
- Personal space in the shelters may be limited to a cot and its immediate area
- After the event is over and safety issues have been mitigated, you will be provided return transportation only when local officials render the area safe and resources are available.

Even a small storm may result in widespread power outages lasting up to a week or more. A more serious storm may cause flooding, structural damage, power outages and loss of cell phone communications for some time. Shortages of food and drinkable water can also be expected. There are no public hurricane shelters in Chatham County. When evacuation is the best and the only recommended option, the County EAA will be ready.

Evacuation and the Special Medical Needs Registry

The Chatham County Health Department maintains a Special Medical Needs Registry which is made up of residents who may require transport and medical assistance during a hurricane evacuation and do not have a caregiver who can help them. Residents must apply to be on the registry. The Registry is provided to the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). The Registry is truly a last resort, but if a hurricane is threatening our area, it is important CEMA and Health Department officials know where the most vulnerable residents are located so that evacuation assistance can be provided to them.

To register, call the Chatham County Health Department at (912) 356-2441. Once you provide your mailing information, you will be sent a special medical needs enrollment form to complete and return to the Health Department. The application can also be downloaded from the Coastal Health District website at: www.gachd.org/emergency-preparedness. When the form has been completed, it can be mailed to:

Chatham County Health Department
Attn: Special Needs Coordinator
1395 Eisenhower Drive
Savannah, GA 31406



It is important to note that people living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes are not eligible for the Special Medical Needs Registry and must follow their facility's emergency plan.

How the Special Medical Needs Registry Works

Special medical needs persons are categorized into five levels. If you meet the criteria for levels one or two, you are not eligible for the Special Medical Needs Registry. If you meet the criteria for levels three, four, or five, your name will be entered into the Special Medical Needs Registry. The Health Department will assess eligibility and notify residents approved to be on the registry.

For more information on the Special Medical Needs Registry, go to www.gachd.org and click on the Emergency Preparedness tab at the top of the home page.

Recycling Recharged!

The Resource Conservation & Education Center (RC&E Center) staff both fondly recalls last year's achievements and eagerly anticipates great success in 2012.

Since education is a critical component in creating change, the RC&E Center will be hosting educational recycling events this spring, including:

The ReVISION ART & ECO FESTIVAL, Saturday, April 28th, 10 am – 3 pm. The goal is to help share new and creative recycling concepts with area residents.

Many local recycle artists/crafters are scheduled to showcase and sell their creations: from driftwood to jewelry, from metal to gourds.

In addition, several eco friendly companies will be displaying their products for the public: Hybrid cars (Savannah Toyota, Savannah Hyundai, J.C. Lewis Ford & Critz Buick GMC), SolarSmith Inc, and Eicher's Pro Vinyl & Roofing.

Also, a TRASHION SHOW will be highlighted, featuring fashion created from reused items. The Savannah State's ECO-Tigers have created and will model their "trashions" at 11:30 am.

Major sponsors and donors for the ReVISION ART & ECO FESTIVAL are Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Savannah, Chic-fil-a, Lamar Advertising Company, Habitat For Humanity's ReStore, & Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire.

Talented local musicians have volunteered to provide live entertainment: BillArno Music, Roy & the Circuit Breakers, and Sincerely, Iris (Todd Murray). Food and beverages will also be available to compliment the day. The Eco-Tigers have also volunteered to help with games and children's recycle activities.

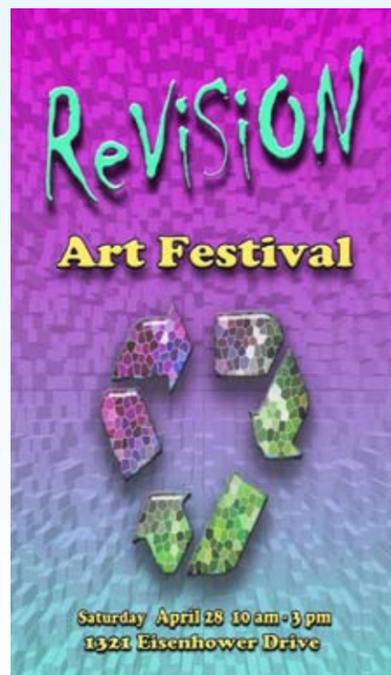
NIKE REUSE A SHOE--an Earth Day commemoration project--is a 1,000 pair, sneaker recycling collection event that begins on April 21st and ends on April 28th at the ReVISION ART & ECO FESTIVAL. Residents may bring their old sneakers to the recycle drop-off

center located at 1321 Eisenhower Dr. NIKE chose Chatham County as one of their recycle site from many across the nation. NIKE pays the freight to ship the 1,000 pairs of sneakers to their recycler who processes the material into "NIKE GRIND", which eventually becomes new running tracks, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds, and synthetic turf fields. The recycling effort decreases the need for virgin rubber and other materials, and offers an alternative to tire rubber.

Document Destruction Day will be held on Saturday, May 5th, from 9 am till 2 pm, at the RC&E Center. This is the first of two shredding days held for the public. The second day will be this fall.

So far this year, the RC&E Center has added several items to the recycle list for County residents, including: plastic bags, ink cartridges, black nursery pots, cell phones and laptop computers.

Throughout the year, come enjoy the ReVISION ART & ECO FESTIVAL, bring your papers on Document Destruction Day, and don't forget to recycle your "kicks" for Earth Day.



Friends of Coastal Gardens invites you to come and enjoy our 18th annual Sunday Supper in the Strawberry Patch

Sunday, April 29th 5 – 7 pm

Traditional Sunday Supper served with Fresh Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert

- Garden Tours from 4 pm
- Silent Auction
- Door Prizes
- Entertainment

\$20 Donation per person

To reserve your seat please call Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm

912-921-5460



Illustration by Gunn Meyerhoff Shay

Construction on New Chatham County Health Department to Begin Soon

Construction of the new Dr. Martha B. Fay Public Health Center/Chatham County Health Department that will be located behind the existing health department on the corner of Eisenhower Drive and Sallie Mood Drive will soon get under way. The facility is scheduled to be completed in April 2013.

The new \$8.5 million, 40,000 square foot building will house a variety of public health programs including child health, family planning, the Women, Infant, and Children's program, vital records, and a laboratory. In addition, the Environmental Health Division, currently located on Mall Boulevard, will also be located in the new health department. Health department officials will pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification in an effort to ensure that the building is as energy efficient as possible.

"The citizens of Chatham County deserve a health department that will meet the growing demand for public health services," said W. Douglas Skelton, M.D., Health Director of the Coastal Health District. "The new building will help facilitate better patient flow and provide our community with a complete range of services all under one roof."

Chatham County Commissioners' Investment Makes a Difference

Chatham County has not been immune to the effects of the "Great Recession" but the County Commissioners' commitment to poverty reduction--demonstrated well before the downturn started--has helped to buffer our community from the devastation many experienced throughout the nation.

The County's allocation of time and resources to Step Up Savannah, the Chatham Apprentice Program, and workforce development efforts helped to modulate the area's poverty rate. Comparing the 2000 Census reports to Census data reported in 2011, Savannah's poverty rate rose by 3.3 percent while Georgia saw a 4.9 percent jump. Chatham County's poverty rate grew by 3.7 percent. No one is proud of these numbers but our community was not as negatively affected as neighboring cities in Florida, Louisiana and other states.

Still, the majority of poor households in Chatham County (65 percent) had a family member working--many in service and hospitality jobs--according to recent Census data. Recognizing that most of our low-income families want to work, in 2005 County Commissioners initiated an innovative collaboration to train unskilled, underemployed men and women to work in the construction trades. The Chatham Apprentice Program (formerly called the Construction Apprentice Program) has made a difference for hundreds of families as participants got trained in life/employability skills and technical skills, and received assistance in finding jobs. All had to be highly motivated but many needed a second chance in life and CAP gave it to those who applied themselves.

A partnership among Chatham County, Step Up Savannah, and Savannah Technical College, CAP recruits and trains adults who are living at the poverty level or are unemployed. From 2006 to 2011, 372 adults completed life and some technical skills training and more than 200 individuals graduated. CAP boasts a 68 percent placement rate, counting those employed upon graduation. The program won national recognition from the National Association of Counties in 2007.

While Step Up was created seven years ago as a collaboration--initially supported by Chatham County, the City of Savannah, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, Savannah Electric (now Georgia Power), the United Way of the Coastal Empire, and the Savannah Chatham Public School System--it is now an independent nonprofit that employs seven individuals and boasts more than 100 partners. Its board of directors includes one-third representation of neighborhood leaders, one-third representation of business



Celebrate National County Government Month

Healthy Counties, Healthy Families

Chatham County Health/Government Fair Day

Please join Chatham County in promoting the theme "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families" by celebrating National County Government Month. Learn more about how Chatham County is delivering essential healthcare services and wellness programs, as well as other important services such as public safety, transportation, employment, and parks and recreation.

Where: Oglethorpe Mall (Macy's Court)
7804 Abercorn Street

Date: April 20, 2012

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This event will include free health screenings, exhibits, Zumba and dance demonstrations, fitness tips, discussion on various health topics, blood pressure checks, entertainment and more.

This event is sponsored by Chatham County, St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems, Memorial University Medical Center, Oglethorpe Mall and Community Cardiovascular Council.

For more information, please visit: www.chathamcounty.org.



www.naco.org/NCGM

OGLETHORPE MALL



Sponsored by the National Association of Counties to raise public awareness about the roles and responsibilities of counties



National County Government Month
April ★ 2012



WATER SAFETY DAY '12

MAKE A SPLASH™

Swimming

Water Safety Activities

Lifeguard Demo

Pool Games

Kayaking and Snorkeling

Water Slide

Saturday, May 12

1:00-5:00PM

Ages 6-12

Pre-Registration is required and limited spaces are available. To register, contact the CCAC at 912-652-6793. Registration Deadline is May 1, 2012

ENROLLMENT IS FREE!!!

Participants need to bring: Swim bag with their name on it, swim suit and towel.

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and government leaders (including standing seats for the County Commission Chairman and the County Manager), and one-third representation of agencies serving low-income families. Modest but consistent public funding from the County and City of Savannah has allowed Step Up to leverage significant grants from The Kresge Foundation, FINRA Foundation, Ford Foundation/Families & Work Institute, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and the American International Group (AIG).

Step Up's program and policy work primarily target adults and heads of household who are either unemployed or, because they earn low wages, are living at or near the poverty level. In 2011, Step Up with its closest partners assisted just over 10,000 low-income families. These families helped themselves by attending job and GED training; filing their taxes at free

tax preparation sites; opening low cost, safe bank accounts; attending financial education classes; and signing up for benefits at their work sites or Centers for Working Families. Using the recent release of Census data as a benchmark, Step Up recently completed a comprehensive review of its work, highlighting its accomplishments and its struggles. That report, called "Engaging Our Community: Taking Stock of Step Up Savannah," will be available to be downloaded from Step Up's website in late April <http://www.stepupsavannah.org>.

Meanwhile, a new class of CAP recruits started this month and will take approximately six months to make it through the life skills training, then Savannah Technical College's concrete-forming classes and labs. Much has changed since CAP was launched, including changes in the HOPE scholarship and the technical college's requirements. The Chatham Apprentice Program is also pairing with area Centers for Working Families that are offering other workforce development

programs, to train for new employment avenues.

Step Up is always seeking new partnership opportunities with businesses and organizations that are motivated to make a difference. Bastille Metal Works, a high-end custom metal-working shop, recently stepped up and offered to create apprenticeship opportunities for CAP students. Successful apprentices will be able to command higher-wage positions as a result of their experience learning these traditional metal-working skills.

Step Up Savannah's mission is to ensure that all of our area residents are able to participate in the economy. It seeks to enhance families' economic independence by encouraging individuals to take personal responsibility and organizations to identify and work to reduce barriers to self sufficiency by finding, redistributing or creating the necessary resources, and by evaluating outcomes. Join us. Make a difference.

Chatham County Flood Mitigation Meeting

Chatham County would like to extend an invitation to the general public to participate in two upcoming meetings. The Flood Mitigation Plan development meeting is scheduled on April 18th and the Flood Map Changes meeting is scheduled for April 17th.

Chatham County is presently in the process of revising its Flood Mitigation Plan. This Plan is required by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to qualify residents for flood insurance. One of the development/plan revision activity options is to allow the general public, local governments and outside agencies to review the plan and to attend plan development meetings to offer comment, suggestions and/or recommendations.

The next Flood Mitigation Plan development meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 2:00 PM on the 4th floor of the Old Courthouse in the Engineering Department Conference Room at 124 Bull Street, Room 430 Savannah, Georgia 31412. This meeting is geared toward providing a brief review of current flood protection plans and activities. Another scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at the same time and location. We ask that you visit the following we site <http://engineering.chathamcounty.org/FloodZones/FloodMitigationPlan.aspx> to review the old plan and familiarize yourself with what we are expecting for the new plan revision. We will provide copies of the old plan for your use during the meetings.

Residents of Chatham County, Ga. are

invited to open houses on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to view new changes to the county's Flood Maps or Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). FIRM maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, and are used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements.

The open houses will provide Chatham County residents the opportunity to see the FIRM map revisions, learn about their risk of flooding and ask questions about the impact of the maps on buildings on their property. Residents can meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits and more.

The preliminary FIRMs will be on display Tuesday, April 17, 2012 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Savannah Civic Center, 301 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401. An alternate meeting will be held at City Hall, 100 SW Highway 80, Pooler, Georgia 31322, same time and date. Property owners, insurance and real estate agents, developers and representatives of lending institutions or anyone who may be impacted by the proposed flood maps are encouraged to attend either meeting.

Flood maps are being updated for communities across the country. This is a collaborative process, during which FEMA works closely with local communities to incorporate the latest and most accurate information into the maps so that they better reflect the risk that communities face.

Over the next couple of years, additional map updates will take place in Chatham

County and other coastal areas in Georgia. For more information on the status of these projects, visit www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com. Flood map open houses will be held in these areas as updated maps are released.

Flooding is the most common and the most expensive type of natural disaster in the U.S. Most homeowner's policies do not cover flooding, and a separate flood insurance policy may be purchased to protect residents against the financial devastation that flooding can cause.

Congress mandates that federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on properties that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. Some lenders may also implement their own insurance requirements on properties not in a high-risk area as a condition of the loan.

Even if flood insurance is not required on a property, it is still an important consideration because anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods. Property owners should talk with an insurance agent about the flood insurance options available to them. Visit www.Floodsmart.gov for more information about flood insurance.

I serve as the Program Manager and point of contact for the above referenced meetings. Please direct any immediate questions, comments and/or concerns regarding the Flood Mitigation Plan or the Flood Insurance Rate Maps to me by calling 652-7814 or via my e-mail address at mblakely@chathamcounty.org.

Michael B. Blakely, CFM
CRS Program Manager

Chatham County Board of Assessors Property Assessment

The Chatham County Board of Assessors staff is working on all elements of the Tax Year 2012 digest. We are planning on mailing the Tax Year 2012 Notices of Assessments (NOAs) sometime between May 1, 2012 and July 1, 2012. NOAs are a legislative mandate that we send to property owners whether the value is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same.

When the NOA is received by the property owner, the property owner has forty-five (45) calendar days to appeal the value from the date that is on the notice. The property owner can choose value, uniformity, taxability, or any combination of those three as specific grounds for an appeal. Value relates to the property owner not agreeing with the value that has been determined for Tax Year 2012. Uniformity may be considered by the property owner when they believe our staff is not uniformly assessing their property in comparison to like properties. Taxability relates to whether the property should be taxed or exempt from taxes.

There also four options available to the property owner as to what entity will hear the appeal. They are Board of Equalization (BOE), Arbitration, Hearing Officer, and Superior Court. The BOE is a free three member panel appointed by the Grand Jury. They listen to evidence provided by our appraisal staff and the appellant prior to

rendering a decision. The decision that they reach can be appealed by our department or the property owner to Superior Court. Arbitration appeals, Hearing Officer appeals, and Superior Court appeals are not free, and Arbitration is the only method of appeal that cannot be appealed to Superior Court. The decision made in Arbitration is binding. Arbitration can only be for valuation issues, and it requires the completion of a fee appraisal being done on the property under appeal. There are also defined timelines that both the property owner and our appraisal staff have to follow. Hearing Officer appeals may be for value, uniformity, or both. The property has to be nonhomesteaded and have a Fair Market Value in excess of \$1 million dollars. Superior Court appeals may be selected without having a BOE appeal or a Hearing Officer appeal first. This method of appeal requires the consent of the Board of Assessors.

The item below shows the PT-311A form that may be used by the property owner to file the appeal. This form is not required to file the appeal, but we will not accept faxed or e-mail appeals. Accessing our website, boa.chathamcounty.org can also provide additional information. There is also a wealth of information available to the property owners on our fact sheet. This document can also be found on our

website.

We are also available from 8:00am to 5:00pm; Monday – Friday if property owners need further assistance. Our telephone number is 912-652-7271. Our office is located at the Montgomery St. Courthouse; 133 Montgomery St., Rm. 503. You can also e-mail us at boa@chathamcounty.org for further information.