

Budget Open House Scheduled

April 23, 2012

Hall County Government will hold an open house on the parameters of a draft budget for fiscal year 2013 from 4:30-7 p.m. May 1 at the Georgia Mountains Center, 301 Main St., Gainesville. Members of the public are welcome to drop in and talk with individual departments about their respective budgets. A presentation explaining the overall county budget and approval process will take place at 5:30 p.m.

In recent years, each department has presented its budget requests to a Budget Committee made up of administrative staff and Commissioners, and the public was welcome to attend those meetings. This year, however, the county will conduct an evening open house to allow for more public involvement.

'I hope this change will provide an opportunity for more citizen interaction, as well as an opportunity to educate the public about each department's budget and the services they provide,' County Administrator Randy Knighton said.

Question/comment forms will be available at the open house and online. Draft budget details will be available May 1 online or in the Finance Department from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday at the Courthouse Annex, 116 Spring St., Gainesville. The Hall County Board of Commissioners must approve a budget by June 30, as the new fiscal year begins July 1.