

Chairman Bruce's Newsletter  
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My research tells me that Labor Day "is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country." Americans are the hardest working people in the world. Most of us still believe in self reliance and advancement through hard work. Our country's greatness is built on this and it is one of the reasons we have the highest standard of living on the planet. Americans routinely do not take all of their vacation days given them by their employers even though that number of vacation days is far less than that of workers in France and Germany. Americans work hard to get ahead.

That is why Labor Day was established, to allow for a non-religious, non-military themed day of rest for the American worker. I encourage all of you that can to do something enjoyable this Labor Day whether it is spent traveling or at home. Get together with family or friends and take a day to celebrate and be thankful for what all of the hard work we Americans do has brought us.

One of the things you can do this Labor Day is have lunch or dinner at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdenominational Labor Day Bar-B-Q. It will again be held in Downtown Blue Ridge from 11:30 AM until 6:00 PM. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund which provides financial assistance to Fannin County families and individuals truly in need.

The new K-9 Care advisory panel met for the first time last week and the participants are hopeful and encouraged after this meeting. Commissioner Steve Morris tells me that the group is in the process of picking their fifth panel member and will soon begin going over current procedures and evaluating them. Animal Control facility manager, John Drullinger, will

return to work next week after spending some time out on medical leave. We are very glad to have him back and happy that he is feeling better.

As I mentioned in a previous article, Fannin County has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to help collect and dispose of old tires. Two collection days have been established. We will be accepting tires on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hemptown Fire Station and on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Martin Tire Company just outside of McCaysville. Both days will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Be sure that the tires you bring are off of the rims. We cannot accept any tires still on their wheels.

Once again, be sure to keep in mind the Georgia Literary Festival coming up the last weekend in September in Downtown Blue Ridge. Organizers are working madly to finalize all of the events and venues. Visit [www.georgialiteraryfestival.org](http://www.georgialiteraryfestival.org) for more information.

Have a great Labor Day weekend and remember to visit [www.fannincountyga.org](http://www.fannincountyga.org) for more county government information.

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