

# Chairman Bruce's Newsletter

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With their 42-28 win over Banks County last Friday, the Fannin County Rebels football team clinched the top spot in the 8AA Division B standings and will host, at least, a first round playoff game. This disciplined and determined team is undefeated in their classification and their only loss was a close defeat to AAA Pickens County. Come out this Friday to watch them against Rabun County and to recognize many of the students in Senior Night ceremonies. You won't find better competition or entertainment than cheering on our local team.

As North Georgia continues to experience much below normal rainfall, many in our community are looking for ways to conserve water in their own homes. Some of the methods that people have told me they are using include using low-flow shower heads, putting bricks or full water bottles in the reservoirs of their toilets to reduce the amount of water usage there, placing buckets in the shower to catch water to then use to water plants and remembering to turn off the faucet while brushing their teeth. Fannin is in the unusual position of having most of our water drain into the Tennessee Valley watershed rather than back into Georgia. As Governor Perdue examines additional water conserving measures, we in county government are exploring how these measures will apply to us.

Please also remember, once again, that the drought has led to a much higher risk of forest fires. While the county is currently allowing burning, we STRONGLY require that all fires are watched and are not left burning or unattended. We will continue to monitor fire danger indicators and may ban outdoor burning again at any time. Please call the Georgia Forestry Commission or the Fannin County Fire Department if you have any questions.

We continue to try to improve the content of our county website and to offer more current and useful documents and information on the front page of the site. On the site now we have links to the form for our youth basketball registration, to a form for you to send your thoughts regarding the upcoming land usage meetings as well as a link to a draft copy of the potential alcohol pouring ordinance. Remember to visit [www.fannincountyga.org](http://www.fannincountyga.org) regularly to check for this type or other more general county information.

Remember the first of our Land Use Information Gathering meetings next Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at First Baptist Church of McCaysville. We want your input as we look for ways to improve how property is managed and protected in our community.

God bless and have a great weekend.

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