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2016 Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 22nd, 2016!

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County announces the 20th annual Chili Cook Off at O’Neal Plaza on Saturday, October 22nd, from 6 until 9 p.m., sponsored by John Bleakley Ford, Pepsi, Georgia Power, and DC Rogue Runners. In two decades Chili Cook Off has become a Douglasville tradition, one that originated on the front porch of the Arts Council.

This Cultural Arts Council fund-raising festivity is held in conjunction with the Google Gravity Races and Rogue Runners Moonlight Run. Last year more than 3,000 people joined in this festive evening of good food and family fun as many local Douglasville celebrities, political candidates, and local business leaders presented the community with over two dozen different flavors of chili to savor.

Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats. In the spirit of the season, the Chili Cook off will offer a costume contest for kids and adults awarding the “Best Costume” in each age category this year. Judges will select winners from various age groups, and each child in costume will receive a goody bag.

Calamity Clem’s Clowns will participate this year for entertainment. Calamity Clem’s Clowns and Characters, named to honor Red Skelton’s Clem Kadiddlehopper, is a group of Moms, Dads, Grandparents and teachers that have come together to provide family fun and entertainment for corporate events and community affairs. They provide Clown magic, face painting, story telling, balloons, juggling, music and a variety of characters to brighten up any event.

Proceeds from Chili Cook Off benefits exhibits and classes at the Cultural Arts Council, educational programs in our schools, and the CAC’s “Family ARTVentures!” artists in the schools and in the community performing series, also presented on O’Neal Plaza in Douglasville’s historic downtown. Plans are to have great weather, lots of chili eaters and great fun again this year!

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, more information, or to make your reservations, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770.949.2787.