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Chamblee Connect City of Chamblee is Going Mobile

We are excited to launch Chamblee Connect, a new mobile app for residents to submit service requests through their smart phones or online. City staff can comment on service requests and provide residents real-time updates through the PublicStuff platform.

Residents can use the app to access important city information through in-app tools, and view the event calendar, city news, maps and parks information. They can also submit service requests related to code enforcement, park maintenance, and Public Works. By adopting the PublicStuff platform, residents have an easier channel to engage with the city, gain greater insights into community issues, and learn how the city is working to solve them.

To get started, download Chamblee Connect today by visiting your phone's app store. Let us know what else you'd like to see in your official city app. Send all questions and feedback to Teresa Taylor at ttaylor@chambleega.gov.

Chamblee Connect was the winner of our online survey for names of the City App. We are happy to connect with our residents.

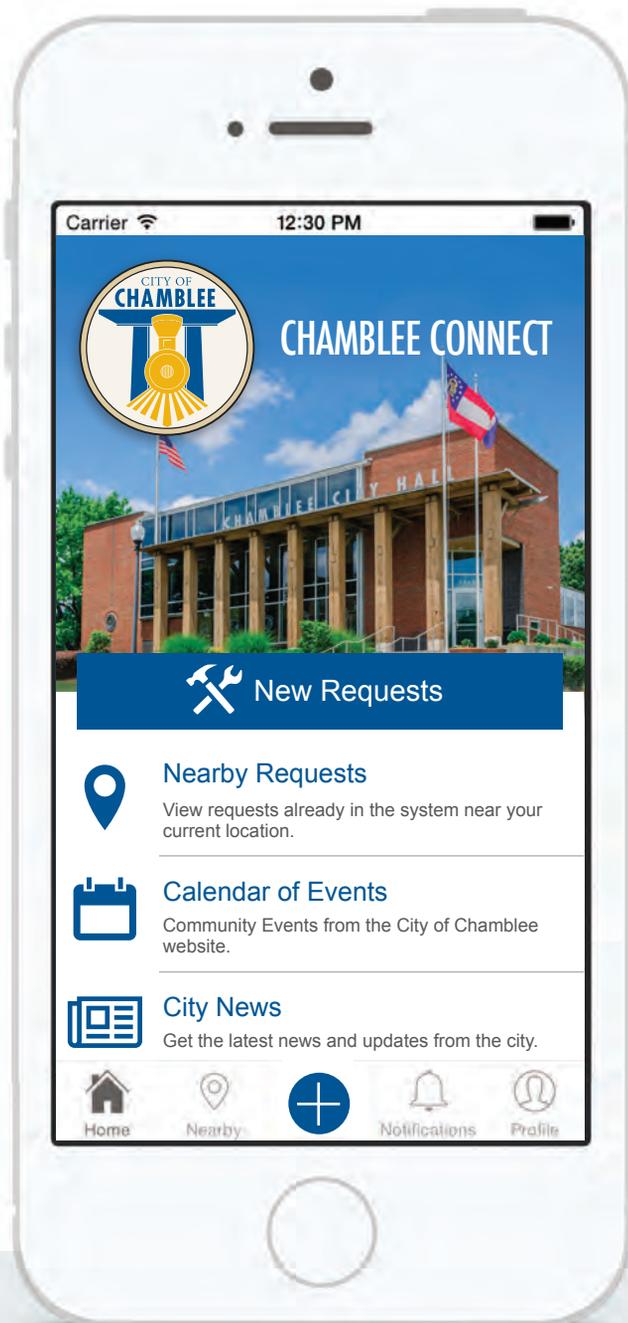


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Service Requests

Improve your community by reporting these issues and watch them get fixed:

- Park maintenance
- Code violations
- Traffic enforcement
- Animal control
- Graffiti and vandalism
- Street and sidewalk repair



Election Day and Watching Polls Close

The City of Chamblee elects a mayor and five council members (Districts 1, 2, 3, and two at-large). Elections are held in odd-numbered years on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting for Chamblee municipal elections takes place in the same polling places that Chamblee voters use for federal and state elections.

The next scheduled election for the City of Chamblee is Tuesday, Nov. 3. To find out what precinct you are in or where to vote, go to My Voter Page at mvp.sos.ga.gov/. The website provides the following information:

- Your polling location
- Voter registration status
- Application for absentee ballot
- Early voting locations
- Your candidates for state and federal offices
- View a sample ballot for the upcoming election.

Did you know you can watch the polls close? Every person has the right to do this.

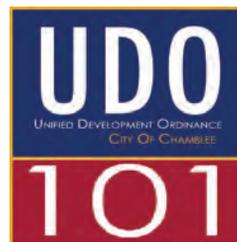
UDO 101 Classes Continue

Chamblee's UDO 101 class series will continue into November and December. The series provides an opportunity to learn about the city's new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and its permitting and development process. The classes will be conducted by members of the Development Department, and are open to anyone who might have questions about the requirements of the new code, and how the code is administered and enforced.

Nov. 10: Land Disturbance Permitting – Types of permits needed, permitting process, site codes (buffers, trees, soil erosion, floodplain, stormwater).

Dec. 8: Code Enforcement – Violations and nonconforming uses, who to contact, penalties and actions.

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please fill out the registration form to sign up for one or more courses in the UDO 101 series. chambleega.gov/registerudo



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District 2 Leslie C. Robson
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At-large Brian Mock

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GOT NEWS? Send press releases, announcements and other materials for consideration to thesignal@chambleega.gov. All material provided is subject to editing.



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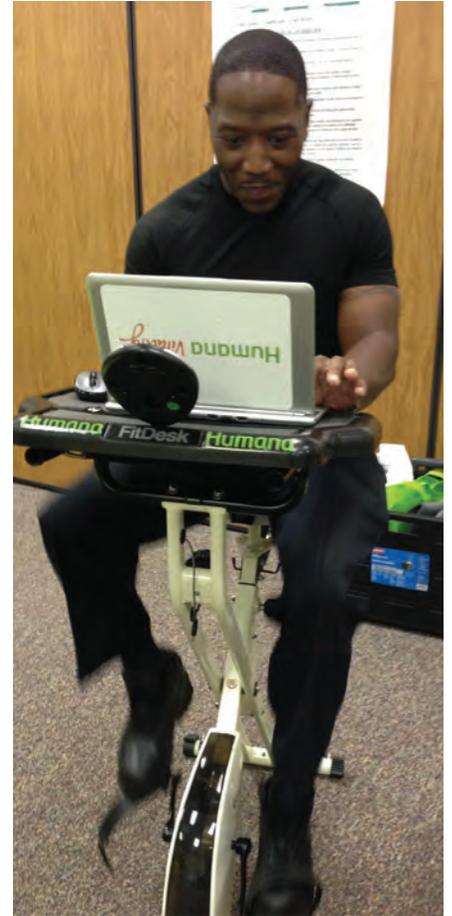
Wellness Event: Know Your Numbers

Congratulations to the employees who participated in the second annual “Know Your Numbers” wellness event in September. The purpose of the event was to create awareness of one’s general and overall health.

Event highlights:

- 101 employees, five spouses, and two adult children participated.
- 52 flu shots were administered.
- 97 total members have completed their health assessments for the year.

Everyone who participated left with a small gift bag from Humana Vitality and was entered to win additional prizes donated by AFLAC, Humana Vitality, and Peachtree Benefit Group. Gifts included Fitbit, Jawbone and food giftcards.



Former Chamblee Mayor “Dub” Brown Passes Away

Johnson “Dub” Brown who served as mayor of Chamblee for 17 years passed away in October. He came to Chamblee as a baby in the 1920s and was raised on his father’s dairy farm. He remained in Chamblee to raise his own children. Dub owned Brown Auto Service for 62 years and was mayor of Chamblee from 1980-1997.



Public Works Phone Number Changed

To contact the Public Works Department, call 770-986-5019.

Holiday Trash Pick Up

Veteran’s Day – City offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11. If your trash and recycle day is Wednesday, it will be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 12. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday pickup days will remain the same.

Thanksgiving – City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27. If your trash and recycle day is Thursday, it will be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 25. If your trash and recycle day is Friday, it will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 30. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday pickup days will remain the same.

Firewood for Sale

The Public Works Department, 3210 Cumberland Dr., has a limited amount of firewood for sale this year. For those wishing to pick it up at our facility, a pickup truck load is \$65. If you would like it delivered, the cost is \$105. We only deliver to Chamblee residents inside the city limits. Firewood is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call first to check on availability, 770-986-5019.



Goodbye to Troy Rogers

Troy Rogers retired on September 9 after 30 years of service with the City of Chamblee. He began working for the City in September of 1985 as a sanitation collector and worked his way up to grounds crew leader for the roads and walkway division. Troy loved working with the “guys.” He learned a lot, and feels as though the staff at public works is his second family. “Even before I joined the Public Works department, as a police officer

with Chamblee I always knew Troy had a strong work ethic and a good sense of humor,” said Assistant Director of Public Works Joe Tipton.

He plans to spend his retirement spending time with his wife, kids and grandkids. He will be missed by his crew, his supervisor and the whole department.

Travis Sims Becomes Chairperson of Membership Committee of GGFOA

The Georgia Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote and foster excellence in governmental financial management through programs that enhance the abilities of the governmental finance professional.



The GGFOA provides more than 650 members throughout the state of Georgia with educational programs, a technical referral network, and information concerning legislation and accounting policies that may affect the finance professional.

This summer, Chamblee Finance Director Travis Sims was appointed to chair the group’s membership committee. He is responsible for increasing membership and involvement in the association by broadening the base of participation and increasing awareness of the association’s benefits.

Travis is committed to financial transparency and excellence in financial reporting. Last year Chamblee received the GGFOA award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



Travis Sims accepted the certificate in excellence in financial reporting by GGFOA last year.

Chamblee Welcomes New Employees



Carey Steele

*Public Works, Sanitation/
roads and walkways,
Aug. 21*



Eric Finley

*Public Works, Sanitation/
sanitation, Sept. 4.
Previously worked as a
commercial truck driver
delivering dry goods and
produce.*



Benigno Requena

*Parks and Recreation/
parks maintenance
worker, Sept. 4.
Previously worked in the
restaurant industry.*



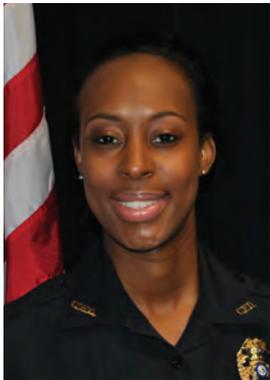
Jann Polanco

*Police officer, Sept. 8.
Previously worked as a
police officer in the DeKalb
County Police Depart-
ment.*



Omar Locke

*Public Works, Sanitation/
roads and walkways,
Sept. 18.
Previously worked at FTS,
Inc., as a supervisor*



**LaCanmaren
Shinhoster**

*Police officer, Oct. 5.
Previously worked for the
DeKalb County Sheriff's
Office.*



Our New Assistant City Clerk Cherron Bouie

In June, we said goodbye to our longtime assistant city clerk, Linda McDaniel. In September, City Hall welcomed Cherron Bouie as our new assistant city clerk. Cherron came from the City of Decatur where she worked closely under the city clerk as an accounts payable officer. In her position with Chamblee, she will be responsible for occupational tax collection and will support City Clerk Emmie Niethammer in other clerk functions.

Cherron has worked in municipal government for eight years in clerk offices in Fitzgerald and Decatur, Georgia. She came to the City of Chamblee to learn and grow and is excited to work in a city that has so much growth and development potential. Please welcome Cherron to Chamblee!

Leaf Pickup

Please remember to place limbs, logs, and leaves in separate piles for pickup to ensure proper handling without impeding service times. Do not mix construction debris with yard trimmings. Any of the above items mixed with leaves will damage the impeller inside the leaf machine and this could jeopardize collection times and create unsafe conditions for the workers.

Do place leaves in loose piles on the ground on the residents' side of the curb – or they may also be bagged.

The leaf machine runs through the entire city once a week. Because of the volume, there is no set day when it will be in your area. We rotate the starting point of collection each week to ensure equal pickups.



Winter Camp

Chamblee Parks and Recreation offers a daily winter camp for children ages 6-12 for \$20 per day. Winter camp will be offered on December 21-23, 28-30, and January 4. Campers participate in arts, crafts, games, and special programs. Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each camp day with scheduled camp activities from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance. Camp takes place at the Keswick Park Community Building at 3496 Keswick Dr. Call 770-986-5016 for details.

Traffic Advice

Drive Alert. Arrive Alive.

To address a startling increase in fatalities on Georgia's roadways in 2015, the Georgia Department of Transportation launched the statewide DriveAlert ArriveAlive campaign to educate drivers about how making simple changes in their driving behavior can prevent crashes and save lives. The campaign is a partnership between Georgia DOT, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Department of Public Safety.

Traffic Fatalities Up in Georgia

As of the six-month mark (ending June 30, 2015) there were 662 fatalities – 114 more than the first half of last year. With an average of more than 100 deaths a month, Georgia is on track for 1,200 or more fatalities in 2015. That would be the first increase in nine years.

International Supermarket Opens on Buford Highway

City Farmers Market celebrated the completion of its new store at 5000 Buford Highway in the City of Chamblee with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 9 and grand opening Oct. 10.

This newly constructed, conveniently located, 75,000-square-foot international supermarket carries an extensive selection of fresh produce, meat and seafood, prepared foods, and other products tailored to the diverse communities living within the vicinity of the Buford Highway corridor. City Farmers Market will be open daily from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and will initially employ around 50 workers with an eventual expectation of 80 employees.

Retailers within the store itself include Lee's Sandwiches, a Vietnamese sandwich shop, a Hispanic bakery, and three other shops. The building containing City Farmers Market also boasts an additional 13,000 square feet for additional tenants including Tofu Factory, Big Wong BBQ, and Wow Pho.

The owner of City Farmers Market, Ben Vo, is a nearly 40-year veteran of the commercial real estate and grocery store management industry and also owns and operates Hong Kong Supermarket in Norcross. Opening a new supermarket at this Buford Highway location in Chamblee is the realization of a long-held personal dream.

Vo, who moved to Atlanta after the 1996 Summer Olympics and is a member of the board of directors of the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce, stated: "For 20 years, this particular spot on Buford Highway has been my dream location to open an international supermarket, and I'm very happy to be able to finally present City Farmers Market to serve the community."





City Park Improvements

In September, the city council voted to proceed with renovations and improvements to Huntley Hills Park, Clairmont Park, International Village Park, and Shallowford Park. The improvements, valued at \$185,000, will include bike racks and new park equipment, such as picnic shelters and swing sets. This is in addition to the \$15,000 improvements of Keswick Park which were approved in May and will be completed soon.



Design proposal for new bike racks.



Pothole Problems Get Paved Over

If you answer the phone at City Hall or check the city's Facebook messages, you know that Chamblee has a pothole problem. It is an ongoing concern that even came up regularly in the mayor's town hall meetings.

In response, the Chamblee City Council has awarded a contract worth more than \$250,000 for paving and repair of potholes. Chamblee's paving had previously been handled by DeKalb County, but because of the number of complaints not being addressed, the Chamblee PD traffic unit began an inventory of all potholes in the city. Using that data, paving services were put out to bid and A&S Paving was selected. The paving began in early October.

What's Going On?

Besides what you read in the *Signal*, how do you know what's going on? Here's where to look:

Chamblee Website

Check out chambleega.gov for:
 News Flash – news
 Media Center – press releases
 Calendar

Nextdoor.com

Chamblee connects to our neighborhoods through the city's and police department's Nextdoor.com accounts.

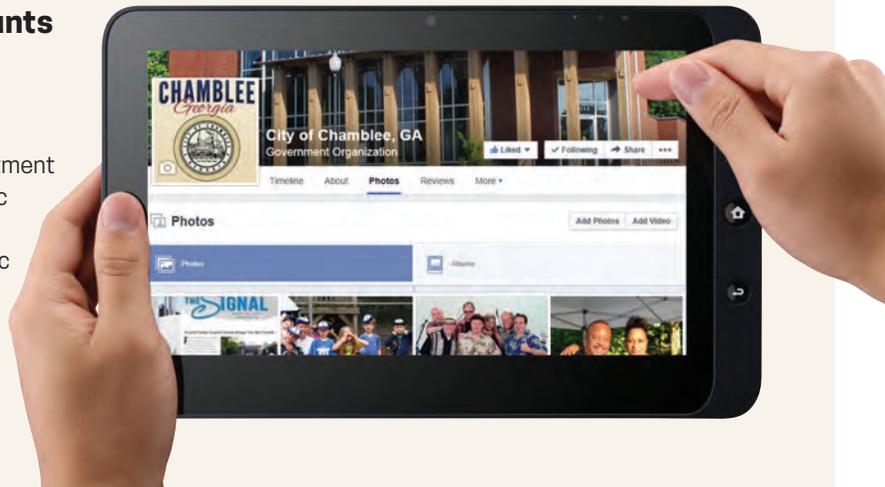
Social media accounts

Go online and "like" the Chamblee Facebook page!

- City of Chamblee
- Chamblee Police Department
- Chamblee Parks and Rec
- @chambleega
- @chambleeparksandrec
- @ChambleeGA

Hashtags

- #chambleega – all things Chamblee-related
- #ourchamblee



Chamblee Hires Its First-Ever Chinese-American Police Officer

Original Story by: Angela Chang, World Journal Senior Reporter



The Chamblee Police Department recently hired Sean Chiang, who has previous law enforcement experience with the City of Atlanta and the Georgia State Patrol. Although he was born and raised in Metro Atlanta, Sean speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese, which is spoken across most of northern and southwestern China. When interviewed by the World Journal, he noted that his bilingual capability and his biracial background are his strengths and he hopes that they will help him better serve the Chinese community.

Sean's father, Jiang Fuling, immigrated to the United States from Taiwan. His mother Kathy (American born) also speaks fluent Mandarin and once worked for BellSouth as a consultant. Sean learned how to speak Chinese at an early age; in fact his first word in Chinese was “飛機 (aircraft).”

Let's welcome Sean to the Chamblee community: “Ni Hao.”

PDK Noise Complaints

The PDK Noise Information Office operates a high tech noise monitoring system to track noisy aircraft operations. However, residents may report noise complaints to pdknoise@dekalbcountyga.gov or 770-936-5442.

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Keep Your Vehicle Secure

All year long people take their cars on trips, and throughout the holiday season, car thieves are on the lookout for opportunities. While visiting friends and family, people want to relax and take it easy, but they still must be aware of their surroundings and take precautions to keep themselves and their vehicles safe.

The most important rule of securing your vehicle is to always keep it locked. Many thieves have admitted that they look for cars that are unlocked, or have the windows rolled down. Criminals will be more likely to steal a vehicle they can get without trouble over a more expensive car that they would have to break into.

Another car safety tip to keep in mind: never leave anything a criminal might want in a visible area such as the back seat or floor. You don't want to draw attention to your vehicle and make it seem more appealing. A thief who notices valuables in an automobile may choose to steal it over other nearby cars, or at least break in to take what they want. Personal belongings should be placed in the trunk.

A car alarm is one of the best ways to protect your vehicle. Even a sticker that notifies people that the car has an active security system may be a deterrent to someone who is looking for a car they can steal quickly. That said, modern alarm systems have led to thieves developing high tech methods of disarming the vehicles they want, so you may choose to invest in a tracking device such as Lo-Jack or On-Star. These systems allow police officers to track down and recover vehicles quickly.

When to Back Off

Car owners are protective of their vehicles. While it is wise to do everything possible to keep your automobile secure, if a situation ever comes down to your own safety versus allowing a criminal to get away with your car, your safety must always be the top priority.

Carjacking is a method predators use to steal a car while it is being operated by the owner. They wait until the vehicle is stopped and the driver will not be able to get away. Once a carjacker has targeted a particular automobile, he will take it by force, by displaying or using a weapon. The best way to avoid a carjacking is to stay alert and watch for anyone who is approaching your car while you are stopped. Keep your doors locked and windows up, as this alone may cause the criminal to choose another vehicle. If you are faced with deadly force, however, it is time to back off and let the thieves have their way.

Chamblee Gallery



Adult softball



Chamblee officers participate in defensive tactics training.



Moretta Gordon was given a Chief's Award for her help in catching the individual that caused the Chamblee High School to be placed on loc down last week.



Congratulations to Officer Jason Jones for attending and completing Police Motorcycle School in Alpharetta recently. Officer Jones is now a Motor Man.

Share Your Photos!

Got a grand opening? Special event? Get the word out about anniversaries, announcements, and honors, too. We want to know what you are doing in Chamblee. Send in your news and photos to thesignal@chambleega.gov.

Economic Development

New private development in Chamblee is moving at a rapid pace. Hardly a week goes by without some new announcement of a retail, office, or mixed-use project.

Strategic Economic Development Plan

Economic development is a process that needs time, up-to-date market information, and collaboration between public and private partners to be successful. While Chamblee is currently experiencing a very active development cycle, the city must continually plan for future growth and support quality development, jobs, and wealth creation.

To do that, Chamblee will begin work on a strategic economic development plan for the next decade. This plan will provide a framework to increase the city's tax base by enhancing the business climate and creating high-paying, quality jobs. The city's ultimate goal is to sustain its economic base to support a high quality of life and provide a mechanism to better fund the needs and wants important to all residents.

The strategic economic development plan will be a citywide study. Chamblee has annexed two major areas in the last few years and is now three times its population and area of 2010. Since those annexations occurred after the 2010 U.S. Census, Chamblee's demographic profile – comprising data essential to decision makers – is inconsistent with the city's current boundary. And while current investment is focused on the Peachtree Industrial Boulevard corridor, there are other areas where the city wants to see similar activity.

This plan will help develop short- and long-term actions to assist in directing investment to all areas of the city, including the Buford Highway, Clairmont Road, and Savoy Drive/Perimeter corridors. The plan will determine what role the city should play in future economic development, what codes might be restrictive to new investment, and what incentives could be offered to attract the kind of development that will increase the quality of life and wealth of Chamblee residents.

The city's ultimate goal is to sustain its economic base to support a high quality of life and provide a mechanism to better fund the needs and wants important to all residents.



The Chamblee Downtown Renaissance Plan



Chamblee's Commercial Center

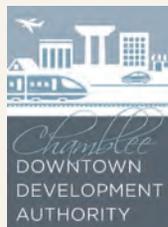
Investment is being directed to the traditional Chamblee commercial center for good reason. Regional and national development trends favor urban development. Market demand for multifamily housing geared toward the professional class is high, and these new developments fit well within the city's mixed-use districts. Land prices are inching up and downtown Chamblee's traditional role as an industrial and logistics center is incongruent with those prices, so a transformation of the warehouse district seems inevitable. However, there is a desire to retain and highlight those areas that embody a traditional downtown development style. Peachtree Road is a unique asset set between the new investment near the MARTA station and the redevelopment of the Doraville GM site.

To help identify ways to enhance Chamblee's historic core, the city was selected as a participant in the 2015 Downtown Renaissance Fellows program, a joint venture with the Georgia Municipal Association, Georgia Cities Foundation, and the University of Georgia.

The program pairs a city with a landscape architecture student to prepare design concepts for streetscape, gateway, public art, and other projects. Juan da Silva, a University of Georgia student, worked with city staff and the Downtown Development Authority to create these ideas to enhance Chamblee's historic core. The city and the DDA will work to make these ideas a reality in the coming years.

In September, the city council allocated funding to realize some of the short-term ideas from the Chamblee Downtown Renaissance Plan. The plan can be viewed at chambleega.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=199.

Adam Causey, the city's economic development manager, is the contact for these projects. If you have questions about them, or own a business, property, or are looking to start a business in Chamblee, contact Adam at acausey@chambleega.gov or 770-986-5010; or stop by City Hall.



Partial Listing of What Is Coming to Chamblee:

- **Peachtree Crossing** shopping center: 100,000 square feet of retail anchored by Whole Foods, with Zoe's Kitchen, Chipotle Mexican Grill, YEAH! BURGER, Taqueria del Sol and Tokyo Belly restaurants.
- **Patillo Industrial Real Estate's** new headquarters will anchor a new office development at the vacant MARTA parking lot at Peachtree and Chamblee Tucker roads.
- **The Olmsted**, a 283-unit residential and retail mixed-use building, is now under construction at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Chamblee Tucker Road.
- **Mercy Park** will soon begin construction on a 50,000-square-foot medical office building. A 75-unit senior apartment building will follow later.
- The former Great Gatsby building was recently demolished in preparation for **Parkview on Peachtree**, a 300-unit residential mixed-use development with 50,000 square feet of retail and office space.
- More than **230 townhome units** are approved on various sites, including N. Peachtree and Chamblee Dunwoody roads.
- **City Farmers Market** on Buford Highway opened in October in the former Buford Highway Flea Market space.
- **Ed Voyles Kia** and **Audi Atlanta** have completed their new dealerships on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.



Bikes on Buford Highway

Photo credit: Taylor DiFonzo, Chamblee Charter High School

In September, We Love BuHi hosted the first Buford Highway Bikes and Bites, a food tour of the Buford Highway region by bicycle. On a cool, overcast day in perfect cycling weather, nearly 80 bicyclists and a handful of volunteers assembled at an empty lot in Doraville near Asian Square and were welcomed by Doraville Mayor Donna Pittman.

After a short introduction by Marian Liou, the founder of We Love BuHi, and a safety overview by Nedra Deadwyler, owner of Civil Bikes, an Atlanta-based bicycle tour company focused on civil and human rights history, and Major Chuck Atkinson, the assistant chief of police for the Doraville Police Department, the bicyclists were on their way.

The bicyclists were treated to small appetizers at two stops, the new City Farmers Market on Buford Highway and the Culture Center of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office behind Atlanta Chinatown Mall in Chamblee. They were also treated to a number of city officials and special guests sharing their thoughts on biking and trail developments in their respective cities. A filling lunch representing Buford Highway's culinary diversity was served at the conclusion of the ride.

Special guests included City of Chamblee Council members Tom Hogan and Leslie Robson, City of Brookhaven



Council member Bates Mattison, City of Doraville Council member Robert Patrick, MARTA Board member Jim Durrett, Atlanta Bicycle Coalition Board member Jack Honderd, and the new City of Atlanta Commissioner of Planning and Community Development Tim Keane. Special thanks to the Chamblee and Doraville police departments for escorting the ride and ensuring everyone's safety. Participants enjoyed the event, and so did the many bystanders from the community who'd never

seen anything quite like it before.

We Love BuHi is a social enterprise with the mission of promoting all things Buford Highway and of fostering a community conversation about the region's livability. The organization plans to continue hosting events such as Buford Highway Bikes and Bites to encourage residents and visitors to connect with each other and to the amazing community and cities in which they live.

Mad Italian Participates in Atlanta 2-Day Walk

By: Shannon Mothershed

Over the past four years, the Mad Italian has raised almost \$30,000 to battle breast cancer. "It's the Journey," the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer, is a nonprofit organization that has been around for more than a decade. It is considered to be the "kinder, gentler breast cancer walk," and all the money that is raised here stays here.

I have been with the Mad Italian for the better part of 22 years. I am currently the marketing manager, and have been for almost five years. We have done a lot of community fundraising in the past five years, but nothing has made me more proud than becoming a part of The Journey, and working for an amazing and generous company that is willing to give so much. The story is quite inspiring.

It all started with an email from a teen-aged girl named Charly. She wanted us to have a "Spirit Nite" for her to help her raise a "couple hundred dollars" to help reach her fundraising goals so she could walk on her mom's team. Tom Brown, (owner of the Mad Italian) and I had a lengthy discussion. (Since he'd lost his own mother to cancer at a young age, this was a charity he had a passion for).

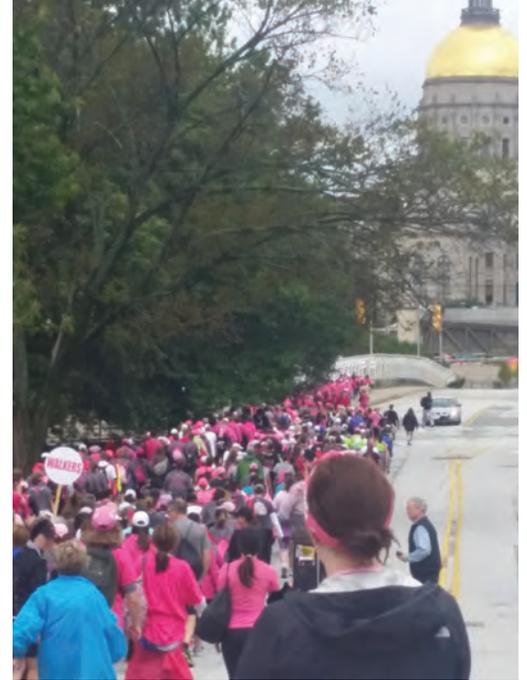
We decided to take it a few steps further than what Charly asked for. We got our staff on board, and decided to turn her fundraiser into a two-day event, filled with face painting, craft booths, raffles, silent auctions . . . you name it! We also had T-shirts made and donation circles that filled the walls.

That first year, we surprised Charly with a check for \$4,257. Charly and her mom, Julia, were overcome with emotion and gratitude. At that moment, they changed the name of their team to the Mad Girls and invited us to walk on their team. This has grown into a beautiful partnership and



friendship with some pretty amazing people, and – \$30,000 later – the rest is history!

This is my fourth year walking. I am so proud to be part of a small mom-and-pop restaurant with such a big heart. It's been quite The Journey!



**First Annual
Harvest Fair
Oct. 24**

The Main Street Promotions committee partnered with the city and the Downtown Development Authority to host a Harvest Fair Oct. 24. Look for future events to promote downtown Chamblee through this partnership. In the January Signal a full list of events for the year will be published.

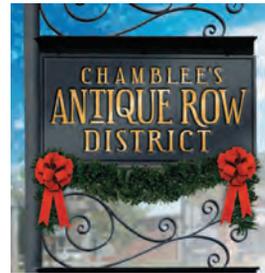
Antique Row Plans Annual Holiday Open House

Chamblee's Antique Row will host its annual Christmas Open House Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, with special sale prices. Shoppers can enjoy holiday refreshments as they journey back to a simpler time, browsing from shop to shop in this unique antiquing neighborhood. "Providing shoppers with holiday treats as a token of appreciation has been a tradition of Antique Row for nearly 40 years," said Syl Turner, president of the Chamblee Antique Dealers Association.

The variety of merchandise is astounding – American and European furniture, Black Americana, advertising/Coca-Cola, art deco, modern/mid-century, industrial, primitives, art pottery, rare and used books, radios and phonographs, china and glassware, toys and dolls, paintings and prints, watches and clocks, linens and lace, jewelry, medical and scientific in-

struments, vintage cameras and photographs, old post cards, early telephones, old sporting collectibles, coin-operated machines, barware, folk art, lighting, sterling silver, vintage clothing, old luggage, western gear, and much more. "With such a great quantity and variety of goods, Chamblee's Antique Row is known as a 'giant prop house' for Georgia's growing film and television industry," Turner added.

This year \$200 in gift certificates will be given to a few lucky shoppers. Entry forms are available at these shops: Antique Factory, Atlanta Furniture Restoration, Atlanta Vintage Books, Attic Treasures, Broad Street Antique Mall, Chamblee Antiques and Collect-



ibles, Chamblee Antiques and Interiors, Consignment Furniture Depot, Estate Gallery Consignments, Rust and Dust Antiques, Simple Finds Interiors and Antiques, and the Treasure Mart. The more stores you visit, the greater your chance of winning. The drawing will be held on Dec.

15. You need not be present to win.

With more than 250 dealers and more than 300,000 square feet of antiques and collectibles, Chamblee was named the "Antique Capital of Georgia" by the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism.

Open House hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information and directions: 770-458-6316 or antiquerow.com.

Chamblee Chamber Update

New Chamber Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The past few months have been a busy time for the Chamblee Chamber. We have welcomed the appointment of our new chairperson, Broc Fischer, and our new vice chairperson, Roberta Green. Both are



Broc Fischer
Chairperson



Roberta Green
Vice Chairperson

founding members. Broc is the owner and operator of Fischer Funeral Care and Roberta is the executive director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

Networking Events and Volunteer Efforts

We have had several successful networking events recently, including Business After Hours, hosted by Moore's Floor Covering, and our monthly Chamber Breakfast, with special guest J. Britt Johnson, FBI special agent in charge.

We also had a blast volunteering at the Chinatown Mall's Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. A special thank you to the follow-

ing volunteers for braving the inclement weather and making the event memorable by sharing our chamber's enthusiasm for fantastic community efforts: Secretary Ronnie French, members Rory Evans, Linda Crowder and Pat Thomas, and our office manager, Aurora Santana.

In continuing our efforts to help our local businesses thrive, the Chamber's Small Business committee hosted a successful lunch and learn on small business financing at the Chamblee Civic Center.

Happy Holidays!

As we move into the fall season we would like to remind you to support our local businesses by participating in our Buy Local program and we also wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

Stay in Touch

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our great Chamblee community. We look forward to forging many new relationships and continuing our efforts to support our local business community. Like and follow us for event and membership updates on our Chamblee Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.



Taste of Chamblee Was a Great Success!

The 9th Annual Taste of Chamblee, the city's largest food and craft festival, was held on September 12 in



downtown Chamblee. Celebrating Chamblee's diverse restaurant community, the cuisine ranged from Indian, to Vietnamese to Cajun. The timing of the event was adjusted to allow residents to attend both the PDK Warbirds event and the city's largest food and craft festival. Entry to the festival was free, with food and beverage tickets available for purchase on site. In addition to the amazing food, live music, and a family-friendly kid zone, the event will open with an antique car show beginning at noon.

This year's Taste of Chamblee was organized by the City of Chamblee and it continued to benefit one of the City's largest local nonprofit, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse (501c3). Discover DeKalb generously returned as the event's presenting sponsor. The event raised more than \$10,000 toward the Georgia Lion's Lighthouse Foundation, which provides vision and hearing services through education, detection, prevention, and treatment.

"This is an important event for the City of Chamblee and we are excited to introduce the community to a new and improved event schedule" said City Manager Johnson.

Taste of Chamblee Winners

Best Dessert: Frosty Caboose

Best Entrée: Bombay Grill

Chamblee Fave and Overall Winner: Vintage Pizzeria

Best Overall Runner Up: Pho 24



Keep Chamblee Beautiful

Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) has been busy! Chamblee is a diverse community and KCB is working to be more inclusive by reaching out to Spanish speakers through the translation of its flyers and logo.

For updates about KCB legacy benches, community clean-ups, contests, the new KCB Gold Star award, holiday parties, meeting schedule, and more, please check out keepchambleebeautiful.org. For photos and updates, visit facebook.com/KeepChambleeBeautiful.





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National Wildlife Federation

White-tailed Deer Make a Comeback

By: Tom Reilly

They usually come to feed at dawn and dusk. They spend most of their day resting and chewing their cud. Their natural camouflage and movement are so perfect that whenever they stand still they are invisible. Their eyesight is poor, but their sensitivity to movement is legendary. For more than three million years they have graced our woodlands. Largely gone for over a century, they have made an enormous metro area comeback through using our riparian buffer zones. There is now about one of them for every 10 people in the United States! Atlanta metro area inhabitants refer to them as white-tailed deer, in contrast to the mule deer that populate our American West.

White-tailed deer live about 10 years in the wild (perhaps 20 in captivity). They spend most of their lives in separate groups, one for bucks and one for does. The bucks come earlier in the year, many of them now trophy sized with eight-

point antler racks. Later the does and their new spring fawns appear. The fawns remain with their mothers for two years.

Bucks have wider forefeet to accommodate the shoulder muscles that support their antlers. Does have wider hind feet to accommodate the enlarged pelvis needed for bearing fawns. Adult males can weigh as much as 400 pounds. Both groups establish their own pecking order, usually through a series of threats and occasional blows. Bucks have been known to attack humans. Their feeding areas can extend for three square miles. Their favorite foods include grasses, flowers, ferns, acorns, and (of course) birdseed.

Duck-Goose Tip: When feeding the birds at Murphey Candler Lake, remember that ducks like black oil sunflower seeds while geese like everything else!

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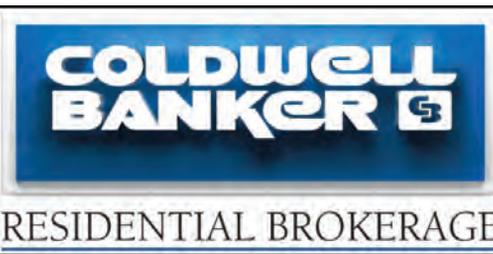
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Public Works – Animal Control

To report lost and found animals or if you have other animal control issues, call 770-986-5019 or submit a request through the Chamblee Connect app.

Chamblee’s Public Works Department has an Animal Control division that works to protect the welfare of our community’s pets and wild animals by enforcing animal rules and regulations.

A full-time animal control officer patrols and enforces animal rules and regulations for the City of Chamblee and operates an animal holding facility. Cats and dogs are both required to wear a collar with a valid vaccination tag.

Chris Smith, Chamblee’s Animal Control officer, has been with the city since 2008. Smith takes great pride in his line of work and believes, “Animal control is much more than catching stray dogs.” He has attended many training sessions to bring the best practices in animal control to Chamblee.

Smith works closely with local chapters of the ASPCA, the Atlanta Wild Animal Rescue Effort, and the Georgia Wildlife Rescue Association to save animals whenever possible. Smith also manages the city’s animal holding facility, which

“Animal control is much more than catching stray dogs.”

– Officer Smith



Animal Control Officer Chris Smith

can house five animals at a time.

Caring defines the work of an Animal Control Officer. “If you see a hawk flying around the city, it very well could be one we saved,” said Officer Smith.

COMMON CONCERNS

Roaming animals
Deceased pets or wild animals
Animal bites
Animal cruelty
Lost/Found Animals
Barking dogs

SERVICES

If you would like to rent a trap, dispose of a deceased animal, have us pick up an animal, or pick up your pet from our facility, the following fees apply:

Trap Rental: \$2 per day
Impound fee: \$25 per day
Disposal of diseased animals: \$65

ORDINANCES

Leashes

Pet owners are responsible for restraining animals that may pose a threat to others. Dangerous animals should wear a muzzle to prevent biting and be leashed to prevent escape. Leashes should be no more than six feet long.

Pet Collars

Dog and cat owners must vaccinate any pet three months and older against rabies. Once a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated your pet, attach the rabies inoculation tag to your pet’s collar. Your pet must wear the pet collar and inoculation tag at all times.

Loose Animals

No animal is allowed to run unattended on the streets of the city. Furthermore, they are not allowed to roam onto other people’s property without the property owner’s permission.

Household Pet Limit

Residents may keep three household pets per home, unless running a kennel with a valid business license.



Animal Control shed located in Public Works



Humane traps



Animal Control equipment

Breakfast with Santa

Our favorite Jolly Ol' Elf is coming back to visit his favorite city for breakfast! On Saturday, Dec. 12, bring your children to the Chamblee Civic Center at 3540 Broad St. for a fun-filled morning to celebrate the Christmas Season. In addition to a visit with Santa, children will enjoy a variety of activities including art projects and storytelling.



Admission is just \$5 per child with free breakfast (parents are free but may purchase additional breakfasts for \$2 each). Reservations are required and spots fill up quickly. Sixty children will be admitted each hour from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 770-986-5016 or visit chambleega.com to make your reservation today.



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Proceeds benefiting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will provide vision and hearing services to underinsured Georgians.

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Calendar

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center	3 Election Day Architectural Advisory Review Board , 7-9 pm, City Hall Conference Room	4 PRIDE Driving Class , 6-8 pm, Civic Center Council Retreat , 8 am-5 pm, Hilton Atlanta Northeast	5 Senior Breakfast Club , 10 am, Civic Center Court , 6 pm, Civic Center Rec. Adv. Committee , 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room	6	7
8	9 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center Airport Advisory Meeting , 7 pm, Airport Administration Building, Room 227	10 Chamblee Chamber Business After Hours Meeting , 5:30 pm, TBD Court , 6 pm, Civic Center UDO 101 Class , 6:30 pm	11 VETERANS DAY City Offices Closed See page 3 for Sanitation schedule	12 City Council Work Session , 6 pm, Civic Center	13	14
15	16	17 City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, Civic Center	18	19 Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting , 7:30 am, Civic Center, Downtown Development Authority Mtg , 6:30 pm, Chamber of Commerce	20	21 Compost and Electronics Recycling Day , 8 am-noon, Public Works
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY City Offices Closed	27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY City Offices Closed	28
29	30 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center					



Calendar

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Architectural Review Board, 7-9 pm, City Hall Conference Room	2	3 Recreation Advisory Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	4	5
6	7 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	8 UDO 101 Class - Code Enforcement, 6:30 pm Chamblee Chamber After Hours Meeting, 5:30 pm, TBD	9 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	10 City Council Work Session, 6 pm, Civic Center	11	12 Breakfast with Santa, 8 am-noon, Chamblee Civic Center
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27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE City Offices Close at Noon		

Final Concert Ends on a High Note

The final concert of the summer series was intimate yet upbeat. Ricochet surprised the crowd with an amazing drum performance and a great playlist of country hits. The Parks and Rec staff is preparing for next year's series.

A big thank you to our silver sponsors Jim Ellis Auto, Epps Aviation, Angel Flight, VCA and Keller Williams Realty, and the Debbie Leonard Group; our supporters Two Men and a Truck, Consignment Furniture Depot and State Farm's Kerry Mitchell; and our vendors Mad Italian, Chamos Grille and the Chamblee Chamber.



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