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A Very Busy 2015 Wraps Up for KCB

Keep Chamblee Beautiful Honors Four

In November Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) and the City of Chamblee helped honor Mary Goldenburg, J.R. Gibson, Kay Packard and Dwight David Stone with the installation of their Legacy Benches in Keswick Park, Huntley Hills Park and at the Chamblee Police Department. The benches were funded by friends, family and neighbors and were installed by the city's Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments. The Legacy Bench program

is a true citywide collaborative effort, bringing out the best that everyone has to offer their community.

KCB volunteers also created and hosted Chamblee's first-ever Chamblee Chicks 101 classes, which have now been attended by almost two-dozen Chamblee residents. The class is designed to share information, experience and tips for anyone interested in raising backyard chickens. In an effort toward becoming a greener city, the Chamblee Council

recently approved a change to the city code, allowing for up to eight backyard chickens (no roosters). For details about the new code and to sign up for the next course, visit the KCB website.

KCB has launched a Gold Star Award program as a way to recognize individuals, nonprofits and businesses in Chamblee for their efforts in helping to further the KCB mission. On Jan. 20 KCB will host a free event at Chamblee's

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Alcohol Ordinance Changes

Responding to an evolving market, the City of Chamblee recently approved updates to its alcoholic beverages ordinance. Licenses for alcoholic beverages are highly regulated by the state, so local ordinances must often navigate complicated issues. The mayor and city council understand this, but want to be sure a framework is in place for desirable businesses in appropriate places.

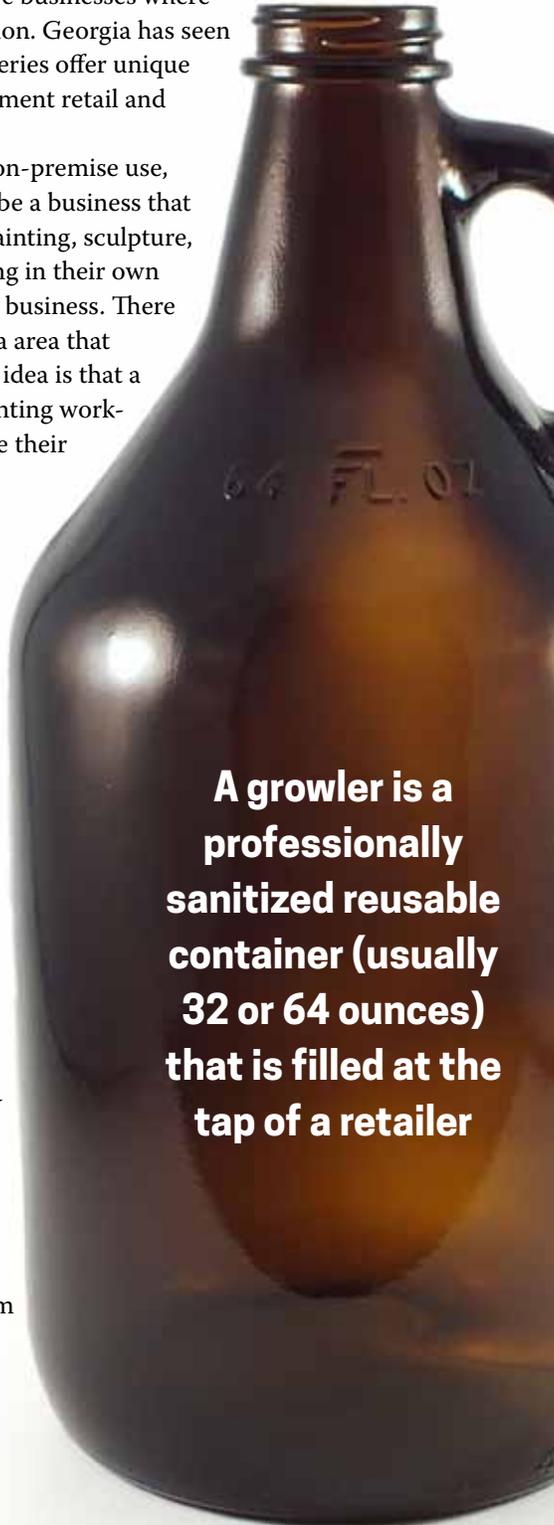
The city added craft breweries, which are businesses where beer is brewed and packaged for distribution. Georgia has seen a renaissance in craft beer and small breweries offer unique tasting room experiences that can complement retail and restaurant businesses.

Art shops were added as an acceptable on-premise use, with certain restrictions. An art shop can be a business that provides art education or instruction in painting, sculpture, or similar crafts and allows patrons to bring in their own alcoholic beverages to consume inside the business. There are several art studios in the metro Atlanta area that have been successful with this model. The idea is that a group of friends would attend a group painting workshop and be allowed to bring and consume their own limited supply of wine and beer.

In certain commercial mixed-use areas, a performance art facility is now allowed. This use would be a theater or venue that offers live music, dramatic arts and plays, or stand-up comedy and could sell alcohol on the premises. This use is not a “nightclub” and any alcohol sales must be in conjunction with live performance events within limited hours.

Last but not least, “growlers” have surfaced as a popular way to buy beer for off-premise consumption (i.e., package sales). A growler is a professionally sanitized reusable container (usually 32 or 64 ounces) that is filled at the tap of a retailer. Chamblee’s new code allows certain existing beer and wine package stores, as well as restaurants, to sell growlers. The opportunity also exists for new standalone growler stores, of which there are several successful examples in the metro Atlanta market.

For questions about these changes or other licensing issues, please contact Adam Causey at acausey@chambleega.gov or 770-986-5010.



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Chamblee to Implement Revitalization Designs from UGA's Renaissance Fellowship Program

City leaders in Chamblee are moving forward with downtown revitalization designs developed by a UGA landscape architecture student.

By Roger Nielsen

Chamblee's city council has allocated \$100,000 to begin implementing walkability designs developed through a summer fellowship in which University of Georgia (UGA) landscape architecture students address revitalization issues for Georgia communities.

Juan Da Silva, one of three UGA students selected for the fellowship this year, worked with Chamblee's economic development manager and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Da Silva, a fifth-year landscape architecture student, developed walkability and traffic-calming designs to help make the historic downtown district more attractive to businesses and visitors.

Design suggestions for enhanced pedestrian safety, signage, and streetscape beautification in a challenging road and rail corridor were well received, according to Adam Causey, Chamblee's economic development manager. "Councilman Brian Mock liked it so much that he said he'd like to see some of this get done sooner rather than later," Causey said.

The council allocated \$100,000 to implement the designs and invited Da Silva to its October meeting to give a presentation on his proposals for traffic calming measures, buffers to separate pedestrians and cars, and new lighting to beautify a utilitarian road and rail corridor while increasing nighttime safety.

"I think it's great that Chamblee leaders have seen the value in these designs," Da Silva said. "We wanted to help the city turn something that's a detriment into an attraction."

This year, Chamblee and two other Georgia municipalities participated in the 12-week Downtown Renaissance Partnership, the Institute's collaboration with the UGA College of Environment and Design (CED) and the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Downtown Renaissance Fellows, drawn from CED's landscape architecture program, complete specific revitalization projects for each city during their fellowship. The cities cover half the cost of the fellowships; GMA, through its Georgia Cities Foundation, provides the remaining financial support.

Danny Bivins, the institute faculty member who coordinates the program, says \$100,000 is the most money a community has dedicated to a Renaissance Fellowship design since the program began in 2013.

"The City of Chamblee's response demonstrates the value of this fellowship," Bivins said. "Students get a real-world learning experience, while the cities gain revitalization designs that can help their economic development efforts."

For more information, contact Roger Nielsen, nielsen@uga.edu, 706-542-2524.



Mayor R. Eric Clarkson with Juan Da Silva



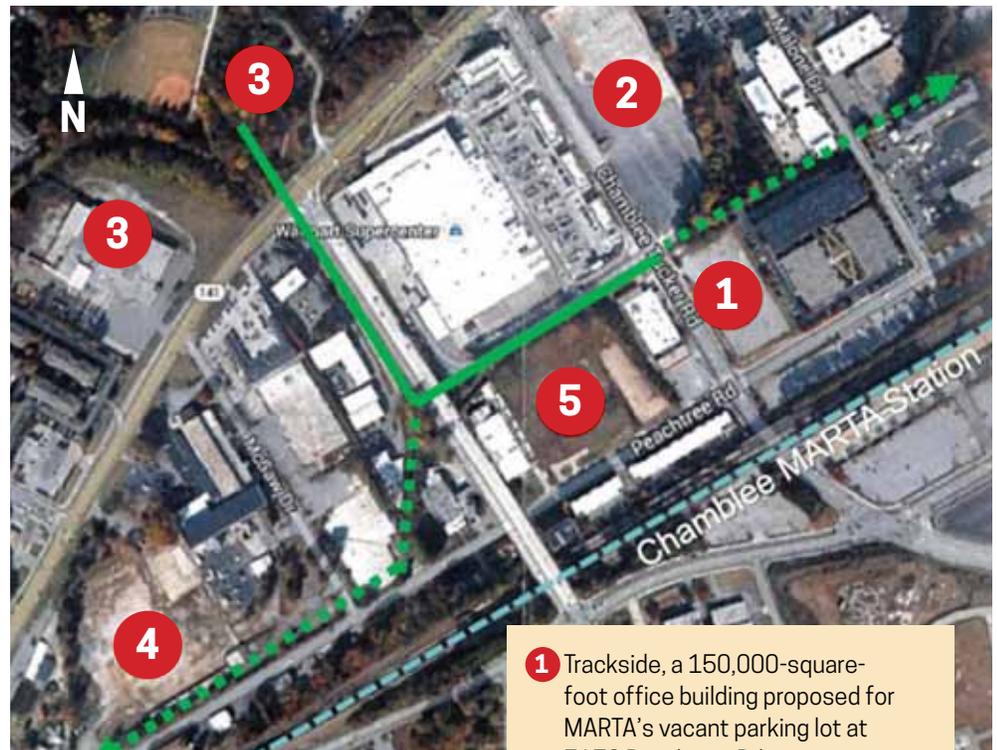
Chamblee Models TOD to Planning Students

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) – a movement to encourage mixed-use development surrounding rapid transit stations – is a hot topic for planning professionals. MARTA works with local governments to encourage this practice, which can increase transit patronage and expand the local tax base while reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

One day last November, a big bus pulled up to the Chamblee MARTA Station with 55 students and faculty from the Georgia Tech School of City and Regional Planning. On hand to greet them were Gary Cornell, director of Chamblee Development, and Amanda Rhein, senior director of MARTA Transit-Oriented Development and Real Estate.

Georgia Tech chose Chamblee as a TOD model and wanted to show these students the sustained trend toward building in the immediate MARTA station area. The trend started in 2000 when Chamblee applied for a grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission under the Livable Centers Initiative Program to prepare a redevelopment plan for Midtown Chamblee.

The new plan received strong support and led to a change in Chamblee's zoning



ordinance to allow high-density mixed-use development around the MARTA station. By 2007 the real estate market had responded with the construction of the Chalfont Townhomes, the Peachtree-Malone Lofts, the Eco-Lofts at 3400 Malone, and the lofts at 5300 Peachtree Rd. Since then five new projects have come off the drawing board.

This new development circling the MARTA station easily makes Chamblee the most successful example of new Transit-Oriented Development in the MARTA system outside downtown Atlanta. For more information, call Gary Cornell, 470-395-2333.

- 1** Trackside, a 150,000-square-foot office building proposed for MARTA's vacant parking lot at 5170 Peachtree Rd.
- 2** The Olmsted, a mixed-use development with 248 multi-family units and 11,000 square feet of retail.
- 3** Parkview on Peachtree – a two-phase mixed-use development with 500 multi-family units and 75,000 square feet of retail.
- 4** Peachtree Crossing – a 100,000-square-foot shopping center anchored by Whole Foods.
- 5** Mercy Park – a two-phase project consisting of a 50,000-square-foot health clinic and 70 units of senior housing.

Holiday Sanitation Pickup Schedule

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day

City offices will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31. If your trash and recycle day is Thursday, it will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 30. If your trash and recycle day is Friday, it will be picked up on Monday, Jan. 4. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday pickup days will remain the same.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18. If your trash and recycle day is Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday pickup days will remain the same.

Presidents Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15. If your trash and recycle day is Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday pickup days will remain the same.

New to the Chamblee Family

Chamblee welcomes these new employees



Fidel Donaldson
Public Works
Previously self-employed



Alisa Williams
Communications
Previously worked for the DOT 511 Center



James Matthew Prentice
Police officer
Previously worked at the Towns County Sheriff's Office



Cortez Pringle
Sanitation Roads and Walkways
Previously worked at Perimeter Landscape Management



Samuel Jenkins
Public Works
Previously worked for DeKalb Sanitation (since 2007)



Shi-Peng Ma
Police officer
Previously worked as a police officer in Riverdale and as a police officer and crime scene technician for Atlanta

Chamblee Police Team Rows to Global Acclaim

2015 Row Challenge Results

The results are in and the Chamblee Police Department team rowed a total of 1,207,055 meters (750 miles) during the 30-day period. That's a lot of time spent "rowing to nowhere." Our team took third place in the Police/Fire/Rescue category. Congratulations to Officer Khoshtariya for taking first place and winning the \$100 gift card. We hope more officers will join us next year.

Individual Results

Officer Khoshtariya	351,461
Sergeant Ngo	324,616
Sergeant Pearson	300,673
Captain Klerlein	102,256
Officer Oho	41,194
Officer Garcia	20,882
Officer Gatlin	18,553
Officer Wolf	15,109
Officer Cavin	10,311
Detective Tran	2,001
Lieutenant Waasdorp	2,000

Worldwide Police/Fire/Rescue Team Results

1. Irving Police Department
2. Benbrook Police Department
- 3. Chamblee Police Department**
4. Sault Fire
5. Zion Row Club

Yard Waste/ Brush Pickup Days

All brush and contained yard debris are now being picked up on scheduled garbage/recycle days. This material must be identifiable to the driver while running the route. Non-contained leaves/grass trimmings will be picked up by the vacuum truck. This truck will not have set route days due to volume fluctuation throughout the year. The material picked up by the vacuum truck must be free of sticks, bricks, or any other solid objects.



Chamblee is fortunate to have a strong core of employees who have served the city for more than 20 years and who share their institutional knowledge and wisdom with other employees.

Employee	Began as	On	Years of Service	Current Position
R. Marc Johnson	dispatcher	10/19/1973	42	city manager
George S. Harris	police officer	12/4/1987	28	lieutenant
Paul Klerlein	dispatcher	4/11/1988	28	captain
Danny Harper	police officer	1/24/1990	26	lieutenant
Joseph Tipton	police officer	6/8/1990	26	assistant director of public works
Olan W. Roper	laborer	6/18/1990	26	foreman
Donny T. Williams	police officer	5/6/1991	25	chief

Protect Drains from Fallen Leaves

As leaves fall from our trees, Chamblee Public Works would like for you to properly dispose of lawn debris. When raked or blown into our drainage system, yard trimmings, such as leaves and grass clippings, lead to clogged pipes and result in street flooding.

Chamblee Public Works recommends that you place yard waste behind the curb or the sidewalk for yard waste pick up. The yard waste should be separated into piles: leaves, brush and grass. Please make sure no rocks or sticks are in the leaf piles as this will damage the leaf truck's vacuum.

Contact Chamblee Public Works at 770-986-5019 with any questions or concerns.



Master Plans Coming

In its October meeting, the Chamblee City Council gave preliminary approval to both the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Economic Development Master Plan. Both plans will require public input and community meetings. Look for more information in the Chamblee Signal in early 2016.

Georgia Cities Week

Save the Date

Georgia Cities Week is April 17-23 with the theme "Go To Town!" If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for Chamblee, please contact Teresa Taylor, ttaylor@chambleega.gov.

Property Tax - Senior Exemptions

Resident homeowners in Chamblee who are 65 or older can apply for a Senior Homeowner Tax Exemption. Those who qualify are exempt from city taxes.

Requirements

All parties listed as owners on the property deed must:

- Be 65 years or older before Jan. 1, 2016.
- Hold a current Homestead Exemption designating the property as primary residence.
- Supply proof of age (driver's license or other identification) for all owners listed on the deed.
- Apply for the exemption between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28 by filling out a simple form in person at City Hall, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

You can only apply for this city exemption at City Hall. The application will be processed and notification of the exemption will be sent to DeKalb County for the 2016 tax year. The exemption will be applied to the 2016 Property Tax Statement. City taxes will be removed; however, storm-water and sanitation fees will remain.

Once this exemption has been granted there will be no need to reapply. Additional exemptions from DeKalb County must be filed with the county separately.

Call the County Tax Commissioner's Office, 404-298-4000, to find out about all exemptions. Persons who have 100 percent disability status from the Social Security Administration or the Veteran's Administration also are eligible for this city exemption.

For more information contact Cherron Bouie, assistant city clerk, cbouie@chambleega.com, or 470-395-2304.

Spring Sports Registration Dates and Fees



Baseball/T-Ball/Soccer Registration

Jan. 5-19 ▪ Chamblee residents only
 Jan. 20-Feb. 5 ▪ open registration (everyone)

Registration Fees

Baseball and T-Ball ▪ ages 3-8
 Resident \$60, nonresident \$90
 Cash, money order, or credit card
 Fee includes uniform, participation award

Soccer ▪ ages 4-11

Age	Resident fee	Nonresident fee
4-5	\$60	\$90
6-7	\$65	\$95
8-9	\$70	\$100
10-11	\$85	\$115

Fee includes uniform (shorts, socks and jersey) and participation award

Adult Softball - Spring League

Location: Keswick Park, 3496 Keswick Dr.
 Men's league ▪ Sunday, Monday, Wednesday
 Co-ed ▪ Tuesday and Thursday
 Fee: \$475 per team. 10-game season plus playoffs.
 Contact Casinius Moore, 470-395-2343 or
cmoore@chambleega.gov

Sign Up for Yoga Classes in January



Eight-week sessions of Gentle and Vinyasa yogas start Wednesday, Jan. 6. The fee is \$70. Gentle Yoga will be at 5:15 p.m. and Vinyasa at 6:30 p.m., at the Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Dr. Visit chambleega.gov to register, or call 770-986-5016.

Intern Praises Her Experience in the City

‘Some of my best times this year were spent in the city of Chamblee’

By Amber-Lee Leslie

I worked for about five months with the City of Chamblee as a special projects intern, reporting directly to the assistant to the city manager and economic development manager. I recall tempering my enthusiasm for the opportunity in the days leading up to my first day with the city. Some of my classmates described their internship experiences as unfulfilling. Some didn't feel welcomed by their organizations, while others wished for more meaningful assignments. My time with the City of Chamblee, however, was dynamic and enriching.

I was fortunate to meet many of the city's friendly staff by spending a day with each department. Those days allowed me to develop an

interconnected understanding of the city, to see what makes the city tick. I was able to review line-items in the budget for leaf trucks one day, and see them in action during a ride-along with Public Works (they're incredibly effective!). I learned how changes to the land use codes promoted commercial and residential development throughout the city.

When I wasn't learning about the city's various departments, I worked primarily in City Hall. There, I helped produce and edit publications and promotional information for citywide events. I created a welcome packet for new residents and a communications style guide for interdepartmental use. I also assisted with city-sponsored events like the summer concert series, the Fourth of July celebration in Keswick Park, and the Taste of Chamblee where I took photos for *The Signal* and the city's Facebook pages.

Such a variety of experiences helped me to



Teresa Taylor, assistant to the city manager and Adam Causey, economic development manager, with Amber-Lee

cultivate professional skills useful for a career in public service. I learned about the importance of citizen engagement and policy evaluation in creating a stronger city. I was exposed to the inner-workings of city operations by a motivated, professional staff who care about making Chamblee a better place to raise a family and start a business. I feel lucky to have had genuinely supportive mentors who encouraged me to contribute to the city by developing my interests. Though my time as an intern with the City of Chamblee is over now, I'm thankful that the time was well spent, and that my memories of the place and the people are fond.

Amber-Lee Leslie is a master of public administration candidate at the Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Her internship position with the City of Chamblee was funded with a matching grant from Georgia City-County Managers Association, the state's affiliate organization of the International City-County Managers Association.



City Manager R. Marc Johnson with intern Amber-Lee Leslie

COPS CORNER

One year after the Chamblee Police Department began policing the newly annexed area of the city, despite tremendous success, the command staff recognized the need for a fresh approach. Citizens realized service, safety, protection and quality of life are not just words to Chamblee police officers. The police, as a part of the community, responded by forming the Chamblee Police Department Crime Suppression Team.

The Crime Suppression Team (CST) comprises five officers; a sergeant, three patrol officers and a detective or specialized unit officer. Crime suppression takes many forms in various police agencies. There are as many mandates as there are acronyms to describe the units. The Chamblee method is to be proactive and responsive in the appropriate measures.

CST works shifts providing extra coverage during active time periods, but often work times when specific operations will yield the best results. CST is charged with addressing street crimes including narcotics violations, prostitution and gang violence. The team also serves warrants, responds to active violent crimes, assists the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) as needed, and works with the patrol teams. CST assisted the Code Enforcement Unit in distributing candy on Halloween

CID Commander Captain Ernesto Ford is the driving force behind CST. The assigned officers have decades of combined law enforcement experience and thousands of hours of specialized

training, and all spent years on patrol. One of the main criteria for selection is a demonstration of productivity and motivation by the officer prior to coming to the team. These officers were conducting crime suppression before there was a crime suppression team.

Chamblee is divided into three zones; North, Center, and South. Each zone presents unique challenges. CST officers may start a shift in one zone working directed patrol in uniform and a marked police vehicle and end the shift working undercover across town. The team responds to priority calls along with Uniform Patrol and, depending on the situation, may take the lead. If a detective is called out, CST will provide whatever assistance is needed.

Reducing visible street crime is a primary objective of the Chamblee Police Department. CST targets crimes that residents and visitors find objectionable. Open alcohol containers, littering, criminal trespass, prostitution, and drug violations detract from the overall safe and secure community goals of the city. Utilizing city ordinances, state law, and



Sergeant Guy Antinozzi

creative enforcement options, the team has improved the quality of life along various important city corridors.

In 2015 CST officers worked intensive investigations into human trafficking,

narcotics violations, illegal weapons, prostitution, illegal gambling, and gang violence. The team has worked with the FBI, Homeland Security, GBI, South Carolina Law Enforcement, DeKalb County, Gwinnett County, Forsyth County, Brookhaven, Doraville, Dunwoody, and other law enforcement agencies. Productivity is often measured in numbers, and Chamblee CST has posted excellent results. But real success is defined by rescuing a human trafficking victim, taking violent offenders off the street, and ensuring that Chamblee is safe for residents to walk, bike, and shop.

We're certain that 2016 will present new challenges and opportunities for the CST. Winter brings a natural drop in visible street crime and some officers will return to their regular assignments, while the core officers remain in place.

The CST supervisor is Sergeant Guy Antinozzi. Call him at 470-395-2447 or email gantinozzi@chambleega.gov.



Move-Over Law: Georgia Code, Title 40-6-16

If you're driving and come across an emergency vehicle with flashing lights, you are required by law to change lanes, leaving an entire empty lane between your vehicle and the emergency vehicle. If changing lanes in that situation would be unsafe, impractical, or illegal, then you are required to reduce your speed below the posted limit, proceed with caution, and be prepared to stop.

Communications

Spreading the word for citizens, visitors, and businesses

Chamblee's goal is to provide useful information to residents about city government, events and news. Each department works with the assistant to the city manager to get information out to the community.

The city has many ways to reach out to residents, including the website, social media accounts and the printed newsletter. Last year the Chamblee website had more than 90,000 visitors and is the single most comprehensive source of city information. Residents can sign up for alerts on topics or by departments by going to chambleega.gov/newsflash. The city already has more than 1,000 subscribers for various topic areas.

Residents who do not have access to computers can still receive city information. The city's newsletter, *The Signal*, is published and mailed to residents and businesses every other month.

Chamblee published its first newsletter in September 1999, and asked residents to send in suggestions to name the publication. The decision was difficult, and after much consideration the council voted for "The Signal."

The City of Chamblee also maintains Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter, and Instagram pages to keep in contact with residents. These give residents up-to-the-minute news on city happenings with the added benefit of a feedback loop. Residents can ask for more information, can let us know what they think, and can share the information easily.

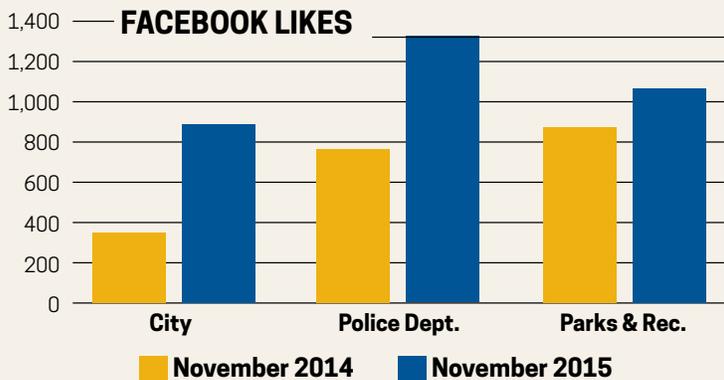
To further improve communications and allow residents to report issues, Chamblee launched a mobile app. With this new tool, residents can submit, track, and view nearby service requests through their smartphones or computers. Residents can also use the in-app widgets to find information about events, public facilities, trash pickup, and more.

To help the city reach all of its residents, the mobile app supports 17 languages through its translation feature. When a resident submits a request in his/her native language, it is automatically translated into English for city officials. Subsequent updates on the request are automatically translated back into the resident's native language to enable a seamless dialogue between the government and residents.

Next year, the city will launch a welcome packet to reach newcomers to Chamblee. Also, we will survey residents to determine how our efforts have been received, and how they may be improved.

Communications by the numbers 2015

- 17** Press Releases
- 249** App Downloads
- 564** Twitter Followers
- 909** Facebook Likes
- 10,382** Signal recipients
- 91,065** Website Visits
- 150** Views per YouTube video



Chamblee Connect Truly Connects Staff with Residents

Last November, the city introduced Chamblee Connect, a mobile app to help connect residents with staff. Residents can use the app to get city information and event dates, place requests and view other requests. Within a month, the app had more than 200 downloads. Fifty requests were submitted, 36 were completed and the rest were in progress. Issues involving code violations, potholes and street-light outages made up more than half of the requests.

The mobile app is not the only way to place requests: 30 percent of recent requests were made through Chamblee's website.



Chamblee Staff Strives for Platinum

In the beginning of 2015, the city began using Humana as its insurance provider, and joined its HumanaVitality wellness and rewards program that promotes well-being and healthy living. The program's motto is "You should be rewarded for making healthier choices"—and Chamblee staff can earn fitness trackers, gift cards, and more for their commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Points can be earned through preventative exams, physical activity, CPR and first aid certifications, and completion of health quizzes. This year three employees were able to earn Platinum status. Chief Donny Williams and his family were the first, followed a couple of weeks later by Assistant Chief Beller and his family. Assistant to the City Manager Teresa Taylor (pictured) also earned a spot on the Platinum team.

The three Platinum stars are challenging other employees to reach this status in 2016.



Chamblee Adopts a Film Policy

Chamblee has adopted a film production ordinance to facilitate commercial movie and television projects filming here. Our city offers a great mix of authentic and unique locations for such projects, from quiet neighborhoods to busy city streets. Chamblee's location in the metro area, with proximity to Peachtree-DeKalb Airport and to existing or planned film

production facilities, makes it a great choice for any project.

Georgia has become a hub for the entertainment industry, with an estimated statewide economic impact of \$6 billion from nearly 250 movies and television shows filmed during 2014 and 2015.

With more film projects coming to the area, a permitting process becomes necessary to address certain inconveniences

to the public that may result. Chamblee's straightforward process will ensure proper standards are met, the public will be notified of any impacts, and the production company can maintain its schedule.

The permit process will be administered by the Economic Development Office. Go to chambleega.gov/film for more information, or contact Adam Causey, 770-986-5010, acausey@chambleega.gov.



Chamblee Is a City of Ethics

The City of Chamblee is scheduled to recertify in 2016 as a Georgia Certified City of Ethics. The city council re-adopted the city's ethics ordinance, which includes the Georgia Municipal Association's five principles of ethics. These principles are designed to guide the elected officials as individuals and as a governing body. They are:

1. Serve others, not ourselves.
2. Use resources with efficiency and economy.
3. Treat all people fairly.
4. Use the power of our position for the well being of our constituents.
5. Create an environment of honesty, openness and integrity.



Still Peachtree, but not Industrial

Beginning in the early 2000s when Chamblee received its first Livable Centers Initiative grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission, the city has been working to transition from a post-WWII industrial town to a vibrant transit-oriented city. New development ordinances encourage completely new development patterns. And along with these changes, the city sought to change the name of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard — to drop the no-longer-representative “industrial” — in time

for the city’s 2008 centennial celebrations.

“Peachtree Boulevard” is intended to better describe the new development ideas as outlined in current city codes. After the annexation in 2010 the city quickly moved to rename the remaining part of PIB up to the Doraville city limit. Mayor Clarkson has been in discussions with Doraville about changing the name within its city limits as well, and has floated the idea of a Community Improvement District along the boulevard.



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It's the best way to reach more than **10,000** Chamblee households

contact Teresa Taylor to learn more: 470-395-2309 or ttaylor@chambleega.gov

Make Safety Your New Year's Resolution

Be sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors work
A working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a fire in half. Test and change the batteries every 6 months.

Ensure your family is prepared for an emergency
Stock an emergency kit, discuss a family emergency plan and sign up for emergency alerting in your area.

Take care of yourself
Take preventative measures like washing your hands regularly, wiping down work stations and covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze and cough.

Run regular checks on all family cars
The most important aspect of tire maintenance is proper inflation of your tires. 75% of drivers wash their cars monthly while only 14% correctly check tire pressure.

Make Smart911 A New Years Resolution You Can Keep

Sign up for Smart911 and keep your Safety Profile up to date to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will be immediately available to 9-1-1 when you make an emergency call. These details can save valuable seconds or even minutes during an emergency.

Sign Up Today
Smart911.com



5K Raises Funds for Rare Brain Disease

By Maria Thacker-Goethe

Nearly 70 walkers and runners gathered at Keswick Park to participate in the inaugural Strides4CJD 5K. Rainy November weather did not keep participants from coming together to help raise awareness and funds for the national Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation. The event coincided with races of the same name all over the country that weekend.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is a rare, rapidly progressive brain disorder that kills approximately one in a million people in the United States. There is no treatment or cure, and this neurodegenerative disease is invariably fatal.

Atlanta area families affected by this disease were able to come together to support each other, and share memories about their deceased loved ones. This is the first national fundraiser the CJD Foundation has conducted.

The Atlanta race raised nearly \$5,000 before national race sponsorships. Proceeds of this event will go to the CJD Foundation General Fund, which supports advocacy, medical education, family support, and research programs. The

CJD Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, offers families a seven-day Helpline, referrals, an annual conference, and support groups. The CJD Foundation is currently funded in part by the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You can learn more about the CJD Foundation at cjd.foundation.org.

Special thanks to volunteers, Jennifer Rackley with Parks and Recreation, and the Chamblee Police Department for escorting the race, ensuring the safety of the runners, and going above and beyond in encouraging participants throughout the race. Organizers look forward to growing the Atlanta Strides4CJD 5K in 2016.



What Is the National Wildlife Federation?

By Tom Reilly, Chamblee wildlife coordinator

The National Wildlife Federation, founded in 1936, is an organization whose mission is “to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children’s future.” To that end we have more than 190,000 National Wildlife Federation habitats providing the food, water, cover, and a place to raise young that our wild creatures need to thrive in our modern world. The basic elements of our habitats can be met by bird feeders, birdbaths, and undergrowth.

Chamblee is a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. We were just the fifth in the nation to gain this certification and we’ve held it for 12 years. Keswick and Huntley Hills parks are certified habitats as well.

My basic function as Chamblee’s wildlife coordinator is to demonstrate how habitats such as these can be formed and enhanced, no matter what location or type of terrain is involved. You can get your own backyard certified as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. Once established, the true wonder of these habitats is that they can be a never-ending “work in process,” continuously providing a haven for the creatures that share our Earth.

Possibilities for appreciating and en-



hancing the natural world include different types, heights, locations of bird-feeders and bird seed; experimenting with different types of plants and trees; building trails; constructing shelters; creating brush piles; setting up ornamentation and furniture; planting gardens; and installing water features.

Joining the National Wildlife Federation is simple – it takes about 20 minutes and exactly \$20. Apply online at nwf.org. One of our NWFH signs will advertise to the world your commitment to wildlife protection.

RecEYEcle Box

Did you know? Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has a 24-hour recEYEcle box ready for your donations, anytime! Use it to recycle eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones at Georgia Lions headquarters, 5582 Peachtree Rd.



Thankful Ride

The 18th annual Thankful Ride happened again this year on – guess what? – Thanksgiving Day morning! What better time to gather with fellow bike riders, enjoy quiet residential roads of Brookhaven and Chamblee, and work up an appetite for that turkey/tofurkey dinner? The ride is 26 miles (ridewithgps.com/routes/6510377) and leaves at 9 a.m. from the parking lot of the Brookhaven MARTA Station (Apple Valley side). The route is painted on the road so you can ride at your own pace. Last year, a 13-mile route was prepared and marked for those looking for something shorter (ridewithgps.com/routes/11227682).



Dresden East Civic Association Sponsors Heroes Holiday Fund

By Julie Erwin

Neighbors, friends and supporters of Chamblee-area first-responders raised more than \$1,500 during the second annual Heroes Holiday Fund campaign sponsored by the Dresden East Civic Association (DECA).

In partnership with the Publix at Town Brookhaven, this money was used to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the four fire stations that cover the DECA area: Station 2 on Dresden Drive, Station 8 on Clairmont Road, Station 15 at PDK Airport, and Station 19 at Mercer University. In addition, meals were provided for the Chamblee Police and the Doraville Police, who also provide support to Chamblee.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving Day is the peak time for cooking-related fires in homes, followed closely by Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Unfortunately, this means the men and women of the fire department have to be available to respond to fire calls, sacrificing time with their families to keep us safe.

This is why Charlotte-Ann Rogers launched the fundraiser in 2014 – the police and firefighters must work to keep us safe so we want to ensure they get the meal they deserve. Although DECA led the effort, donations came from many other Chamblee neighborhoods, including



Huntley Hills and Clairmont Terrace.

“This was truly a community effort and we are very grateful for all the donations – whether it was \$5 or \$50,” said Ms. Rogers. “Neighbors even stepped up on Facebook to issue matching challenges to help boost the donations.”

The fundraiser helped our canine heroes as well. The Doraville Police Department

has four dogs currently in their K-9 unit who received some holiday treats, plus more toys and goodies donated by The Pawstand in Doraville.

According to Ms. Rogers, “We do this to draw attention to the hardworking men and women in these departments. We hope we have started a small movement that other local communities can replicate.”

Chamblee
Middle School
Education
Foundation

The CMSEF consists of parents, teachers and community leaders who want to support our school, students and community with long-term investment in excellent education and brighter futures. The foundation’s mission is to support Chamblee Middle School’s pursuit of educational excellence within an environment that promotes parental and community involvement. The foundation’s vision is to secure additional resources to support the school’s leadership position and pursuit of education excellence for all students. CMSEF strives to maximize its impact by encouraging collaboration between teachers, parents and community partners.

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Southbound restaurant, where the first Gold Star Award winners will be honored.

In October, the nonprofit organization Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) sponsored a community cleanup of Plaster Road and Johnson Road in the Dresden East area. KCB volunteers translated their logo and fliers into Spanish and advertised the cleanup in Plaza Fiesta and other gathering places around the area. The mission of Keep Chamblee Beautiful is to organize, educate, support and inspire the Chamblee community to invest their time, talents and resources into making Chamblee a cleaner, greener and more beautiful place to live, work and play.

Their efforts brought new faces and energy to the organization and mission. More than 25 volunteers showed up and collected more than 40 bags of roadside trash. "I'm excited about the efforts Keep Chamblee Beautiful volunteers are making toward improving our city and engag-



ing all of our residents," said Councilman Brian Mock, who attended the cleanup.

If you'd like to become part of the Keep Chamblee Beautiful volunteer team, email

info@keepchambleebeautiful.org.

For information: keepchambleebeautiful.org. For photos: [facebook.com/Keep-ChambleeBeautiful](https://www.facebook.com/Keep-ChambleeBeautiful).

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Chamblee Fun Mud Run Set for April 30

Second Annual 5K - Early Bird Registration Open

The Chamblee Fun Mud Run will be Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m., at Chamblee Middle School. The 5K race features obstacles, mud and fun for all ages. It is presented by Ed Voyles Automotive with support from Chamblee Middle School, the City of Chamblee, and the DeKalb County Fire Department. All proceeds benefit the Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation (CMSEF).

“With the amazing success of our first year, we are hoping that the 2016 event will bring even more runners out,” said Thomas Hagan, founder of the event. “The inaugural race had more than 800 participants, hundreds of volunteers, and raised more than \$16,000 to directly benefit the students and teachers of Chamblee Middle School. With the first race under our belts, we are hoping to increase awareness and sponsorships, and to double, and maybe even triple, that number for next year.”

The Chamblee Fun Mud Run is open to

the community and is recommended for children ages 8 and up, as well as older kids, teens and adults of all abilities. The 5K course winds through the Keswick Village and Sexton Woods neighborhoods as participants complete multiple obstacles that involve simple challenges in the mud. The 5K is a timed event. Participants receive a mud- and water-proof ankle tag in their race bags.

There is a 3K (approximately two-mile) Muddy Buddy race immediately following the Chamblee Fun Mud Run,

recommended for kids ages 5-7 who are accompanied by an adult. Participants will complete the mud obstacles, but will run a shorter course.

Early bird registration runs through Feb. 29, with a \$25 fee for the 5K and a \$20 fee for the Muddy Buddy 3K.

Registration Fees/Dates

March 1-31 5K - \$30; 3K - \$25

April 1-26 5K - \$35; 3K - \$30

Online registration closes on Tuesday, April 26, 11:59 p.m.

April 29-30 Either race = \$40

Like and share the Chamblee Fun Mud Run on Facebook: facebook.com/chambleefunmudrun.

Follow the Chamblee Fun Mud Run on Twitter: twitter.com/chambleefunmud.

Information & registration ▀ runsignup.com/race/ga/atlanta/chambleefunmudrun or chambleefunmudrun.com



Chamblee Challenges YOU!

Be a part of the Chamblee Wellness Challenge.

The City of Chamblee is encouraging the community to get fit in 2016 with the Chamblee Wellness Challenge. The challenge offers residents the chance to earn prizes while working to improve themselves physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Participants can earn points through a variety of activities aimed at promoting the goal of wellness. Points will be used to determine winners in three divisions – Family, Adult, and Child. The Challenge will begin with a Wellness Fair on Jan. 30 at the Chamblee Civic Center, and will culminate in a Family Field Day at Keswick Park on April 23.

There will also be a variety of activities participants can attend to earn points, as well as opportunities for participants to earn points on their own. Chamblee will keep track of the points earned by participants through their submissions, which will be covered in detail in the contest guidelines. All participants must turn in their submissions two weeks before the family field day, where the winners in each category will be announced.

Ways to earn points include attending the Chamblee Wellness Fair in January, attending the Family Field Day in April, joining or submitting proof of a gym membership, participating in organized races or sporting leagues, attending wellness seminars that will be hosted by the city throughout the challenge, volunteering with nonprofit organizations, participating in community cleanups, and more. Prizes will include gift cards, VIP tables for the Chamblee Summer Concert Series, a free week at Camp Chamblee and more. Complete contest guidelines and an event calendar will be posted on the Chamblee website by early January.

**Get fit and stay fit
in 2016 with your
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**Save
the
dates**

January 30

**WELLNESS FAIR
CHAMBLEE CIVIC CENTER**

April 23

**FAMILY FIELD DAY
KESWICK PARK**



Spooktacular and Harvest Fest Made October Awesome

In October, Chamblee had its annual Halloween Spooktacular and its first-ever Harvest Festival. Spooktacular activities included a costume contest for all ages, a spooky haunted house, hayrides, games, and a cupcake walk. The Harvest Festival included a pumpkin patch, local artists, local vendors and entertainment.





Congratulations to Assistant Chief Michael Beller (right) and Officer Khoshtariya (not pictured) for winning first and second place in the first annual DeKalb Top Shot competition.



Congratulations to our Tuesday Night Co-ed Softball winners, Sons of Pitches!



The North Decatur Lions Club prepared a Thanksgiving feast for members of the Chamblee Police Department. The PD greatly appreciated the act of kindness by Charlene Fang and the North Decatur Lions Club.



Mayor Clarkson and the City Council took a moment during a recent meeting to present a proclamation recognizing outstanding effort by the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles during the group's one-day nationwide People Helping Pantries food drive.



Calendar

FEBRUARY 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center,	2 Architectural Review Board , 7-9 pm, City Hall Conference Room	3 Yoga , 5:15 pm, Keswick Park Community Building	4 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center Recreation Advisory Committee , 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room Senior Breakfast Club , 10 am, Civic Center	5 Daddy Daughter Dance , 7 pm, Civic Center	6
7	8	9 Chamblee Chamber After Hours Meeting , 5:30 pm, location TBD	10 Yoga , 5:15 pm, Keswick Park Community Building	11 City Council Work Session , 6 pm, Civic Center	12	13
14	15 City offices closed for Presidents Day	16 City Council Meeting , 7:30 pm, Civic Center	17 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center Yoga , 5:15 pm, Keswick Park Community Building	18 Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting , 7:30 am, Civic Center	19	20 Compost and Electronics Recycling Day , 8 am-noon, Public Works
21	22	23 Downtown Development Authority Meeting , 6:30 pm, Chamblee City Hall	24 Yoga , 5:15 pm, Keswick Park Community Building	25	26	27
28	29 Court , 6 pm, Civic Center,					

Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 5

This annual semi-formal event is full of fun for daddies and daughters. Come prepared for an evening of food, music, dancing, games and fun! Ladies can bring fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc. The dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 per additional daughter. The fee includes an Italian buffet-style dinner, a professional photograph, and a chance to participate in games to win prizes. The event is open to girls in 8th grade and younger, and online registration will begin in January on the Chamblee website. Reservations must be made in advance. Register online at chambleega.gov.



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