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## Taste of Chamblee Returns September 28

Chamblee's largest annual event, Taste of Chamblee, returns this month with a lineup to include great food, live entertainment, arts, kids' activities and more. The sixth-annual Taste of Chamblee will take place Saturday, September 28 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The free outdoor festival in downtown Chamblee benefits the Chamblee-based nonprofit Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, the only statewide provider of vision and hearing services for underinsured Georgians. The event is in partnership with



the Chamblee Business Association and the City of Chamblee.

Festivities will get underway at Peachtree and Broad Streets in front of City Hall, located at 5468 Peachtree Road.

Taste of Chamblee sponsors include Jim Ellis Auto Group Atlanta and the DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Participating restaurants and vendors to serve sample-sized portions include The Mad Italian, High Road Craft Ice Cream & Sorbet, Maison Robert Fine Chocolates, Frosty Caboose, Lenox Cupcakes, as well as more than 20 additional diverse and delicious culinary offerings from the Chamblee area. You



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may purchase tickets for food and beverages for \$1 each, with sample portions available for one to four tickets per serving.

New to the festival this year is beer garden sponsor Red Hare Brewing Company of Marietta, featuring locally brewed beer and

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## Public Works Employee Marks 20 Years

For Beason Harold Stone, it feels almost like the first year even though he's celebrating his 20th anniversary this month with the City of Chamblee. The Grayson resident started with Chamblee Public Works in 1993. He's spent the last 18 years as an automotive tech and previously worked as a sanitation worker and an equipment operator with the department.

"I didn't really see myself being here that long," says Stone. "It's the best job I've ever had."

Known as "B.H." by his co-workers, Stone performs tasks such as changing oil, tires and headlights on city vehicles. The 65 year old also has a part-time job with a wrecker service in Lawrenceville. Prior to coming to Chamblee, he held positions with a Chamblee wrecker service and spent years on the road driving 18-wheelers.

Stone and his wife, Patricia, have four adult children and three grandchildren.



He says he's working toward retirement in the next year-and-a-half or so, but for now is still looking forward to coming to work each day.

## DeKalb County Tax Bills

The DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's office began mailing tax bills by early August. Please note the following deadlines for property taxes in DeKalb County:

- Due date for single payments is September 30.
- Installment deadlines are September 30 and November 15.

For more information, call the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's office at 404-298-4000 or go to <http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/TaxCommissioner/tc-home.html>.

### Taste of Chamblee, *continued from cover*

malt beverages. The Taste of Chamblee Main Stage will be packed with great local talent, including dance crews, rock bands and cultural performances.

The festival also features a kids' zone with interactive games and inflatables for kids of all ages; an Art Walk featuring local and regional artists offering

paintings, photography, pottery, graphics, sculptures, jewelry and much more. There's also an antique car show with classic, antique and modified cars on display.

**More info:** [www.tasteofchamblee.com](http://www.tasteofchamblee.com)  
 Event Coordinator: Sarah Buckley, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, 770-738-4678, [sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org)

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# A ROUND CHAMBLEE

## Parks and Recreation

For events listed under Parks and Recreation, contact Loren Roberts at [lroberts@chambleega.com](mailto:lroberts@chambleega.com) or 770-986-5016.

### CAREER TRANSITION CLASSES

**Mondays from September 9 to October 14** (six-week series)

Keswick Park Community Building

- Chamblee Resident: \$180
- Non-Resident: \$215

Career transitioning is a way of life today. In this free, introductory session, Paulette Fried, a national certified career counselor and coach, will explain how career planning and decision making doesn't have to be so challenging. It's a preview to her upcoming workshop series on career development stages and challenges. Visit [www.sustainingcareers.net](http://www.sustainingcareers.net) for more information about Fried and her work. Register to attend to assure you have a seat.

### ZUMBA CLASSES

**Thursdays through October 17**  
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- Keswick Park Community Building
- Taught by Janet Ackerman with [ZumbaAtlanta.com](http://ZumbaAtlanta.com)
- \$12 per class in advance
- \$15 per class for walk-ins



Want to get a great aerobic workout in a fun-filled environment? Zumba is a great cardio exercise that moves to Latin-inspired music. More info: [ZumbaAtlanta.com](http://ZumbaAtlanta.com)

### DRAMA AND THEATRE CLASSES FOR KIDS

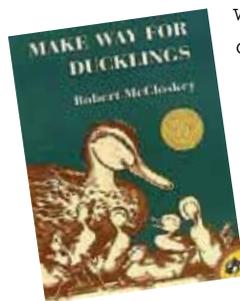
**On Mondays beginning September 9**

- 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Creative Dramatics (ages 3 to 5)
- 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Musical Theatre: "Aladdin" (ages 6 to 12)
- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Playbuilding (ages 8 to 12)

Full schedule and pricing available at [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com)

#### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**Creative Dramatics** — Students will develop their confidence and creativity by exploring physical choices and unique ways to express themselves



while acting out characters and storylines from children's books and fairytales. Fun theatre games, music, puppetry, crafts and other creative activities will help students

learn to express themselves artistically while working as a team and having fun! At the end of each semester, students will perform a short play for parents based on the books "Make Way for Ducklings" and "Go, Dog, Go!"

**Musical Theatre** — Students will learn warm-ups, play theatre games, receive training in acting technique, vocal skills, choreography and theatre etiquette and terminology, while rehearsing selections from "Aladdin" and "Willy Wonka." Fun theatre games and exercises will be used



to promote physical and spatial awareness, teamwork and confidence, and the class will conclude with a showcase performance for family and friends!

**Playbuilding** — Students will work together to create an original play based on a concept, song lyric, book or fairytale. They'll also learn about play structure, character development, conflict, theme and story arcs. Using theatre games, acting and vocal exercises, and character-building creative play, students will work together to write, rehearse and stage a show.

Each play will be submitted to the Young Voices with New Visions youth playwriting festival. If chosen as a winner by YVWNV, the play will be performed by professional actors at a theatre in downtown Atlanta.

### BOOT CAMP CLASSES



Try a month for free before you decide to commit!

Location: Keswick Park (meet at Community Building)

- One month: \$89
- Two months: \$167
- Three months: \$250
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays**, 9 a.m.

Additional classes are being considered for Monday and Wednesday mornings at 5:30 a.m. If you are interested in these morning classes, please e-mail [lroberts@chambleega.com](mailto:lroberts@chambleega.com). Once five interested participants have signed up, instructors will begin morning classes.

# A ROUND CHAMBLEE

## Parks and Recreation



### SPEED, AGILITY & QUICKNESS PROGRAM

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through October 10

- \$25/week
- \$90/month (four weeks)

Location: Keswick Park (meet at the Community Building area)

Ages: 7 to 12 years old

The Speed Agility Quickness (S.A.Q. Program) is a program that coincides with Youth Jump Start Training (J.S.T.). Youth J.S.T. is a sports performances program for athletes of all skill levels. J.S.T. sports performance is a must for any athlete who wants to develop speed agility and coordination; the foundational athletic skills that help you get a jump start on the competition and build self-confidence. Youth will enjoy 60 minutes of fun hand-and-eye coordination games, balance games, reaction exercises, motor skill development and conditioning drills.

Classes are led by Charles Palmer and Franklyn Brown, local certified instructors with Community Fitness Group of Atlanta.

### AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASS

**Saturday, November 9** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Drive
- \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members

The class is for individuals wanting to take a driver safety class for any of the following reasons:

- insurance discounts
- court mandated to take class
- improvement of driver safety

Sign up in advance for this class. You can register online at [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com) or by calling the Parks and Recreation office at 770-986-5016. Payments for this course are due on the day of the course. Contact Loren Roberts at [lroberts@chambleega.com](mailto:lroberts@chambleega.com) or 770-986-5016.

### YOGA

Basic Vinyasa Class, Eight-week series

**Wednesdays through October 2**

6:30 p.m. each Wednesday

- Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Drive
- \$70 for the series or \$10 per class
- Instructed by Colette Evers

This class is for those who prefer a basic vinyasa yoga class, and is appropriate for all levels including beginners. Bring a yoga mat and any other props you would like to use such as block, strap or blanket.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTALS

Looking for a location to hold a fall birthday party, family gathering, rehearsal dinner, community meeting or something more? The Keswick Park



Community Building is the perfect space for your event and meeting needs. The facility is located in Keswick Park at 3496 Keswick Drive. It's in the vicinity of a playground, tennis court, basketball court, green space and pavilion. The building will hold up to 120 people; tables and chairs are provided for use with building rental.

#### Cost:

- City of Chamblee Residents: \$60 for first two hours and \$20 for each additional hour
- Nonprofit Organizations: \$80 for first two hours and \$30 for each additional hour
- Non-residents: \$100 for first two hours and \$40 for each additional hour

### CHAMBLEE HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

*Sponsored by Dynamo Swim Club*



**Saturday, October 26**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Keswick Park

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## Parks and Recreation

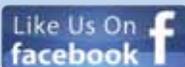


Begins with an 11 a.m. 5k race to benefit The Elaine Clarke Center

Come prepared to enjoy a host of spooktacular activities, including a costume contest, pumpkin painting, moonwalks, concessions, games and much more.

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Help Parks and Recreation reach 1,000 likes by the end of the year. Look up *Chamblee Parks & Recreation* or scan the code here and like us!



## Chamblee Business Owner Jay Kapp Receives National Volunteer Award

A long-time volunteer and Chamblee business owner, Jay Kapp is the 2013 recipient of a prestigious volunteer award.

The owner of Kapp Concepts, Inc., Kapp received the Ethel Hausman Volunteer of the Year Award at the United Cerebral Palsy Association Annual Conference.

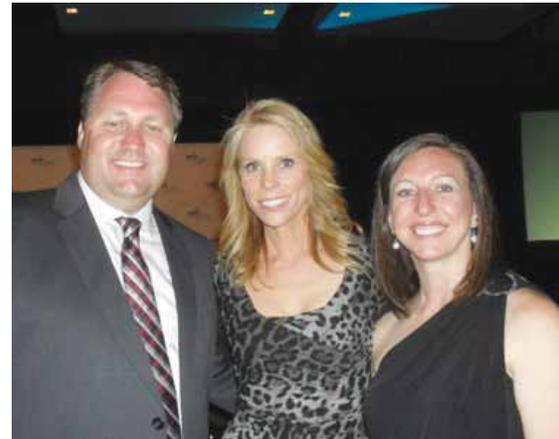
The honor recognizes one volunteer in the United States whose efforts have made an outstanding contribution to UCP and to the quality of life for people with disabilities.

United Cerebral Palsy has a mission to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities. "Direct care organizations like United Cerebral Palsy are typically understaffed and often need extra support," says Kapp. "As a volunteer, I believe it is an obligation to help fill that gap, to enable UCP to carry on its very important work."

Having had a sister with cerebral palsy, Kapp adds he finds it "rewarding to know that my contributions help other families caring for loved ones with disabilities."

Kapp has been a volunteer with UCP of Georgia for more than a decade, currently serving as board vice chairman. He plays a leadership role in fundraising efforts and provides marketing expertise and support through Kapp Concepts, the web design and marketing firm he founded in 2001.

In addition to his work on behalf of United Cerebral Palsy, he has done volunteer work for Dunwoody Homeowners Association, Dunwoody Preservation Trust, Murphey Candler Little League, Chamblee Parks and Recreation and Dunwoody Soap Box Derby. More info: [www.ucpga.org](http://www.ucpga.org)



*Jay Kapp and his wife, Jenniffer (far right) pose with actress Cheryl Hines, United Cerebral Palsy celebrity ambassador.*

Members of the Chamblee Police Department participated in the 2013 Georgia Police & Fire Games, winning in the following categories: Overall Toughest Cop, Toughest Competitor, Mountain Biking and 5k Road Race, including taking home some gold, silver and bronze medals.

Congrats to:

- Capt. Mike Beller
- Det. Sgt. Ernesto Ford
- Officer Zain Gunsby
- Lt. Paul Klerlein
- Officer Mike Pearson
- Officer Val Khoshtariya

Also, Lt. Jim Wiley traveled to Houston to participate in the 2013 Texas Police & Fire Games. Wiley brought home gold medals in the 100 meters and 200 meters.

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## Chamblee Business Association

Join the Chamblee Business Association on Thursday, September 19 for its monthly meeting from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Meetings take place at the Chamblee Civic Center at 3540 Broad Street and are open to the public. Cost is free for first-time guests; \$10 for returning guests and \$5 for members.

Also, on September 10, join CBA for its Business after Hours networking event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Chamblee Bistro located next to Chamblee City Hall at 5480 Peachtree Road. [www.chambleebusinessassociation.com](http://www.chambleebusinessassociation.com)

## Special Thanks to Chamblee Employees

You're never too young to show acts of kindness and two Brookhaven boys with Chamblee ties have proved just that. Frequent visitors to their grandparents who live in Gramercy Park in Chamblee, brothers Beck and Boone Heaps showed their appreciation

to City of Chamblee employees for their part in the rebuilding of a wooden train at Huntley Hills Park. Beck, 5, and Boone, 3, presented plaques to Public Works Director Tillman Hannon and Marci Hooper-Smith, an administrative assistant at City Hall. Hannon designed and helped his Public Works crew build the new train to replace one that earlier had been vandalized. Hooper-Smith was diligent about keeping the grandfather of the boys updated on the progress of the train rebuild.

Now Beck and Boone (parents Brook and Nicole Heaps) again are able to enjoy their time visiting grandparents Thom and Christy Heaps both at their home and in Huntley Hills Park.



*Brothers Beck and Boone Heaps presented plaques – on behalf of Chamblee children and neighbors, as the plaques read – to Chamblee employees Marci Hooper-Smith (City Hall) and Tillman Hannon (Public Works).*

## Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club

The Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club will kick off its fall season on September 4 at 10 a.m. at the Chamblee Civic Center. The club encourages you to bring a friend. Cost for breakfast is \$2. For more info, please call Evelyn Kennedy at 770-451-4891 (home) or 404-226-7843 (cell) or Becky Craven at 770-457-3834 (home) or 404-405-6719 (cell).

## News from Public Works

### HELP KEEP OUR STORM WATER SYSTEM CLEAN



Please remember that our storm water system must be protected at all times from harmful pollutants because the storm water of today will become the drinking water of tomorrow.

Many people don't know that the storm water system feeds directly into our creeks and rivers, eventually becoming drinking water. So, we must be mindful of anything entering the system other than rain water. Pollutants that enter the storm drains such as motor oil, cooking grease, stains and paints, or dish soap can cause problems that last for years and cost taxpayers thousands

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day; Holiday	3 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Architectural Advisory Review Board, 7 p.m., City Hall	4 Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club, 10 a.m. S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	5 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class,* 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
8	9 Career Transition Class,* 6:30 p.m. Creative Dramatics*, 3:15 p.m. Musical Theatre,* "Aladdin," 4 p.m. Playbuilding,* 5 p.m. Court, 6 p.m.	10 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Chamblee Business Association, Business after Hours, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Chamblee Bistro Recreational Advisory Committee,* 7 p.m.	11 Court, 6 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	12 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Public Hearing and Work Session, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class,* 7:30 p.m.	13	14 Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
15	16 Career Transition Class,* 6:30 p.m. Creative Dramatics*, 3:15 p.m. Musical Theatre,* "Aladdin," 4 p.m. Playbuilding,* 5 p.m. Court, 6 p.m.	17 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	18 Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	19 Chamblee Business Association meeting, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class,* 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Boot Camp,* 9 a.m. Compost and Recycle 8 a.m. to noon, 3210 Cumberland Drive
22  First day of fall	23 Career Transition Class,* 6:30 p.m. Creative Dramatics*, 3:15 p.m. Musical Theatre,* "Aladdin," 4 p.m. Playbuilding,* 5 p.m.	24 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. City Hall Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	25 Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	26 S.A.Q. Class,* 4:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Zumba Class,* 7:30 p.m.	27	28 Boot Camp,* 9 a.m. Taste of Chamblee 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
29	30 Career Transition Class,* 6:30 p.m. Creative Dramatics*, 3:15 p.m. Musical Theatre,* "Aladdin," 4 p.m. Playbuilding,* 5 p.m.	 All meetings will take place at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street, unless otherwise noted. *Location for these events: Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Drive.				

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## News from Public Works

### HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

**Labor Day** — Offices will be closed Monday, September 2.

**Week of Sept. 2:** Monday and Thursday pickups will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday and Friday pickups will take place on Wednesday and Friday.

Recyclable materials will be collected on your last pickup day of the week.

### Storm Water, *continued from page 6*

of dollars in cleanup and removal fees. Another common misconception is that the storm water system and the sewer system are the same. This is incorrect. The storm water system feeds directly into the streams and rivers, and the sewer system goes to the treatment plant to be screened and purified. The different parts of the storm water system can be easily recognized. Many are marked by signs and stenciling, but as a rule it is probably a storm drain if it's outside in a yard or along the side of the street and has an open drain cover.

If you see anyone dumping anything into a storm drain, first ask them to stop because maybe they don't know the damage they might cause. Secondly, if they don't stop, call the Chamblee Public Works Department at 770-986-5019. Remember, only one percent of the earth's water is drinkable and that the first step to cleaner water is education.