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Chamblee Law Officers Join Memorial March to Honor WWII Heroes

On March 18, members of the Chamblee Police Department, DeKalb County District Attorney's Office and Homeland Security participated in the 27th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, New Mexico. Captain Ernesto Ford, Lieutenant Jim Wiley, Sergeant Tong Ngo, DeKalb County DA investigator Sue Williams, and Special Agent Ben Madrid completed the grueling 14.2-mile march through the New Mexico desert.

The annual march honors a special group of World War II heroes, the brave soldiers who were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor, and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines. The conditions they encountered and the aftermath of the battle were horrendous. They fought in a malaria-infested region, surviving on half or quarter rations with little or no medical help. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy, and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard.

The captives were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died. Those

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Final Public Meeting May 31 for the Rail Trail Extension

A 2012 Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Study identified the extension of the Keswick Trail along an abandoned rail corridor as a possible multi-use trail and alternate means of transportation for Chamblee residents. The long-abandoned railroad once linked the cities of Chamblee and Roswell.



Last June the City of Chamblee hired Heath and Lineback Engineers Inc. to prepare a conceptual design study for the 0.86-mile-long section of the corridor that extends from McGaw Drive at Peachtree Road to Chamblee Dunwoody Way. At one location the corridor is adjacent to a parcel owned by MARTA that has been identified as a potential greenspace and park.

The design team has met with the mayor and city council members to gather information concerning our city's vision for the Rail Trail Corridor. We have conducted two public meetings and have met twice with a Stakeholder Advisory Group to gather ideas for the Rail Trail Corridor and greenspace area.

The third and final public meeting will be May 31, 6-8 p.m., at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad St. Rail Trail information and concepts will be on display and there will be a short presentation. Please attend the meeting and share your ideas for the Rail Trail Corridor.

Reminders from Animal Control

SPRING CLEANING

Don't Forget to Protect Your Pet

It's time to clean house! When using harsh chemicals around the home, remember to keep your pet out of harm's way. Almost all cleaning products contain chemicals that are harmful to animals – and people, too. If the weather is right, keep windows open while cleaning to disperse the harmful chemicals. If possible, secure your pet outside while you clean and allow the house to air out before bringing your pet back inside.



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Celebrate Public Works Week in May

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the many thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life.

The NPWW event takes place each year during the third full week of May. APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in Chamblee's Public Works Week observance, contact randerson@chambleega.gov.

Special Pick Ups

Construction debris, trees, dirt, rocks, concrete, over-sized tree limbs, and other large items are considered special pickups. The charge for this service is \$40 per hour (truck and crew included) and \$38 per ton to dump. Tire disposal is \$2 per tire. Call the Public Works Department, 770-986-5019, to schedule a pickup.

Sign Up to Volunteer

Chamblee Parks and Recreation is always in need of volunteers for events and programs. Because of volunteers, we are able to sustain quality programs and events. If you are interested in being involved with the planning of events and programs, email [Chris Madden, cmadden@chambleega.gov](mailto:cmadden@chambleega.gov). Volunteers earning credit for school or another organization will be provided with documentation noting the volunteer hours. If interested, fill out our volunteer form at chambleega.gov/volunteer.



Mayor Clarkson Takes the Monarch Pledge

At the March Chamblee Council meeting, Mayor Clarkson took the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to take specific actions to help the monarch butterfly and other pollinators thrive in our area. This new, national campaign works with mayors and local government chief executives throughout the country to help save the declining monarch butterfly.

While monarchs are found across the United States and were estimated at a billion in 1996, their numbers have declined by approximately 90 percent in recent years as a result of numerous threats. These include loss of habitat due to agricultural practices, development and cropland conversion, and degradation of wintering habitats in Mexico and California.

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, cities and municipalities commit to creating habitats and educating citizens on ways they can make a difference. Mayors who take the pledge commit to at least three of 25 specific actions to help save the monarch. These actions include creating a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at city hall, converting abandoned lots to monarch habitats, changing mowing schedules to allow milkweed to grow unimpeded, and 22 other possible actions.

"Mayors and other local government officials play a pivotal role in advancing monarch butterfly conservation in urban and suburban areas," said Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. "By working together we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic monarchs in their backyards and throughout their communities."



GEORGIA CITIES WEEK IN CHAMBLEE

Thank you to all the volunteers and people who helped make Georgia Cities Week an exciting one in Chamblee. It's a joy to see city staff and the community work together. For photos of this year's events check out the city Facebook page.

- Teresa Taylor, communications manager

Police Officers Practice Driving on Simulator

Chamblee police officers recently completed Public Safety Driving Training provided by the Georgia Municipal Association. The training, on a mobile, state-of-the-art simulator, was done on site at police headquarters, 3518 Broad St. It included classroom instruction as well as behind-the-wheel driving on the simulator, which provides an opportunity to prepare for real-life circumstances in a training environment.

The simulator consists of three large screens, functional gauges, blue lights, siren, and radio. The instructor controls the weather and daylight conditions in more than 80 scenarios – from routine patrol and emergency response to pursuit driving.

The classroom portion includes an overview of Georgia codes for emergency vehicle operations, proper driving techniques, and vehicle maintenance. Since Chamblee is a GMA member there was no cost to the city for the training.



Rail Trail Master Plan Study Underway

As part of the implementation of the Town Center Master Plan, Chamblee has been granted an LCI Supplemental Study Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission. The study, which is currently underway and will be completed this summer, focuses on developing a conceptual design to extend the existing Chamblee Rail Trail eastward from its current terminus behind Walmart for 0.90 miles to Chamblee-Dunwoody Way. The trail will pass along existing easements of an abandoned rail line in close proximity to existing development. The third and final opportunity for the public to offer input on the trail's design is May 31, 6-8 p.m., at the Chamblee Civic Center.

The Rail Trail project will achieve a number of community objectives including:

- ▶ Facilitate transit-oriented development around the Chamblee MARTA Station. Redevelopment is already occurring at both ends of the existing Rail Trail, indicating it can serve as a stimulus.
- ▶ Create a public amenity. A new city park at the junction of the Rail Trail will both provide public recreation and enhance redevelopment of the adjacent MARTA tract.
- ▶ Improve water quality through development of a modern stormwater management facility to meet current NPDES standards.
- ▶ Provide pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. Converting an abandoned rail corridor to a public amenity will create a much-needed trail extension through the heart of downtown.

The study, which should be complete by the end of the summer, will build upon the success of previous LCI studies in making Chamblee one of the best examples of transit-oriented development in the region. The study will set out a plan for implementation including a short-term project list that identifies findings and responsible parties.

If you have questions concerning the Rail Trail Extension, contact Jim Summerbell, Chamblee deputy development director, 470-395-2335.



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being developed for the city, and community input is an important part of the process. The master plan will examine existing parks and recreation facilities and programs and make recommendations to serve future needs. A community survey will be available for residents to give input on what they want to see in the department's future. Information gathered from the survey and from public meetings will provide guidance for the plan's recommendations.

While we are interested in hearing from all Chamblee residents, some households may receive postcards in the mail with a special code to access a survey. This is to make sure that we reach an array of residents across the city to provide an opportunity to receive feedback from our diverse population. If you receive a postcard in the mail, please use the special code provided to access the community survey.

In addition to the survey, public meetings will be held to gain public input on the plan. Visit chambleega.gov, for a link to the survey and announcements about future public meetings.



Memorial Day Sanitation Schedule

The public works department will be closed on Monday, May 30, to observe Memorial Day. Monday pickups will be done on Tuesday. Tuesday pickups will still be on Tuesday.

STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

See Something, Say Something

If you see a streetlight out in Chamblee please report it to the police department. You can report by using the Chamblee mobile app or by calling 770-986-5005.

New Faces



Marquis Crowder
Public Works
Sanitation Division



Trevone Ford
Public Works
Sanitation Division



Scott Meredith
Police Department
Uniform Division

Stormwater Management

Today's Runoff Is Tomorrow's Drinking Water

Chamblee's stormwater system collects rainwater and other precipitation (snow, sleet, and ice) and transports it to the creeks and streams around the city. From those small waterways it eventually flows into rivers and oceans. Our system is regulated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) and maintained by the Chamblee Public Works Department's Stormwater Management Group.

Chamblee's system contains both natural and manmade components – drainage inlet structures, pipes, ditches, ponds, creeks, and streams. The tasks required to maintain it to GAEPD's requirements include:

- Map and inventory existing and new stormwater structures with geographical information system.
- Inspect and enforce industrial and highly visible facility stormwater discharges.
- Inspect and maintain existing and new stormwater structures (both public and private).
- Regulate post-construction and redevelopment in conjunction with the Development Department.
- Manage street maintenance functions (street sweeping, leaf truck).
- Manage flooding situations.
- Detect and eliminate illicit discharges in conjunction with Code Enforcement.
- Respond to spills and public reporting of potential flooding hazards.
- Conduct municipal employee training for stormwater management.
- Participate in public education and outreach.

Stormwater Personnel

Seven dedicated citizens serve the city in stormwater management.

Stormwater inspections: A two-man crew handles inspections, using a stormwater camera truck that allows them to perform detailed visual inspections of the stormwater pipe system. The inspection crew investigates reported stormwater issues, determines possible causes and solutions, and develops a list of projects to be passed on to the maintenance crew.

Maintenance: The maintenance crew is a three-man team that performs routine system maintenance and small-scale maintenance projects generated by the inspection crew. The crew is supplemented by a private contractor for large-scale projects.

Leaf vacuum truck and street sweeper: The two employees operating these vehicles work hard to keep the gutters clear and ensure proper operation of the entire stormwater system.

Public works director: Manages the stormwater program and assures its compliance with regulations.

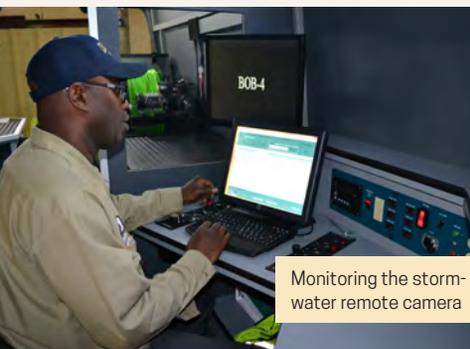
All stormwater management employees are trained in hazardous spill response.



Remote camera video feed



Street sweeper



Monitoring the stormwater remote camera



The Public Works Stormwater Management team

Stormwater Versus Sanitary Sewer

Chamblee has separate stormwater and sanitary sewer systems. The stormwater system is an open system. The water feeds directly into streams and rivers. Normal stormwater should not have any smell.

The sanitary sewer system is connected to the plumbing in your homes and businesses. The water from the sanitary system has a distinct odor and must be directed to a wastewater treatment plant to be screened and purified prior to feeding into the streams and rivers. DeKalb County Watershed Management is responsible for the sanitary sewer system in Chamblee.

Volunteers and Public Outreach

The stormwater program needs your help in protecting our system. Please report anyone pouring anything other than water into a storm drain. Neighborhoods can be involved by organizing stormwater stenciling events and cleanups throughout the community. Contact randerson@chambleega.gov if you would like to get involved.

Remember: Our stormwater system must be protected at all times from harmful pollutants because the stormwater of today will become the drinking water of tomorrow.

For more information, contact Chamblee Public Works, Stormwater Management, 3210 Cumberland Dr., 770-986-5019.



Olan Roper, foreman



Mikal Baker, stormwater technician



Chamblee Earns Main Street Accreditation

Chamblee became a designated Main Street community in 2015 and received its 2016 accreditation from Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in April. The Main Street Program, a national initiative administered in Georgia by DCA, has helped dozens of Georgia cities by making it easier to capitalize on existing historic preservation projects and invest in commercial districts that were overlooked and underutilized as the nation became more dependent on automobiles and shopping malls. The program has been successful, as traditional downtown communities across the state welcome new investments and people flock to unique places where they can live, work, and shop.

Because it is a young program, Chamblee Main Street gets to start off in a flexible environment and can create the programs, strategies, and actions that best fit the community today and in the future.

Chamblee's Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA) oversees Chamblee Main Street, while its programs are administered by the Chamblee Economic

Development Manager Adam Causey. Volunteer citizens, business owners, and other stakeholders serve as committee members and work on task forces for various initiatives.

Currently, Chamblee Main Street is advising the DDA Board on prioritizing the projects from the Chamblee Downtown Renaissance Plan (chambleega.gov/renaissanceplan) that will best enhance downtown and bring about the greatest return on investment. Turning those ideas into reality will require collaboration between all stakeholders, which is what Main Street is all about.

If you would like to participate in the Chamblee Main Street program, contact Causey at 770-586-5010 or acausey@chambleega.gov. The Chamblee Main Street Program meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. For more information on the Chamblee Downtown Development Authority, visit downtownchamblee.com. To learn more about the state and national Main Street programs, visit georgiamainstreet.org and preservationnation.org/main-street.

Calling All Campers!

Chamblee Parks and Recreation is currently enrolling kids for summer camp programs. Spaces are limited, so reserve yours today at chambleega.gov. You may reserve your dates with a \$20 deposit.

Camp Dates May 31-Aug. 5 (no camp week of July 4th, alternatives below)
Cost \$75/week residents, \$100/week nonresidents

Camps run Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and are held at the Keswick Park Community Building. Activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, special programs, field trips, swimming, and more. Each week of camp is themed, based on the week's field trip. Don't miss out on the fun this year!

Seussical the Musical Drama Camp

July 5-8 (four-day camp), 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (extended-day 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. available)
Cost \$195

1st-8th grade campers (split into age groups)
 All campers will perform in the *Seussical* performance on Friday, July 8, 3 p.m.

Calling all kids who like to sing, dance, and act! Join Forefront Arts this summer for an amazing week of drama camp featuring performance technique, confidence boosting, and lots of fun! All levels of experience are welcome.

This camp features acting, improv, creative play, singing, dancing, designing, and more. Camp instructors are professional actors and the week will culminate in a public performance of a full-scale show! *Seussical the Musical* is one of the most popular shows produced in the United States in the last decade and features characters and storylines from Dr. Seuss books. Great music, fun dances, and tons of flashy costumes and props make it a hit with performers and audiences alike. Roles include Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, the Whos in Whoville, the Grinch, and the Sour Kangaroo.

For more information about the camp or to register, go to forefrontarts.com, or call 770-864-3316.

British Soccer Camps

Presented by Challenger Sports. Children ages 4-14 learn the game from professional British soccer coaches. Camp will run June 27-July 1 at Keswick Park.

Camper Options

9-10:30 a.m.	Mini Soccer	4-5 yrs	\$110
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Mini Soccer	4-5 yrs	\$110
9 a.m.-noon	half day	6-14 yrs	\$150
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	full day	8-14 yrs	\$205

Campers are divided into groups based on age and ability. If you would like to be a host family and provide lodging to one of the coaches, your child will receive an \$80 rebate on registration. Contact Neil Lynch, 770-434-5226, or nlynch@challengersports.com for more details. Register by May 13 to receive a free jersey. All campers will receive a ball and T-shirt.

Online registration: challenger.mycustomevent.com/shoppingcart

Mad Scientist Camp Wraps Up

Campers had the chance to play mad scientist at this year's Chamblee Spring Break Camp at Keswick Park. The camp, which ran April 4-8, was attended by 30 campers, ages 6-12. This year's focus on science and exploration gave the camp a feel that differed from previous camps. Lab-Coat-Kids visited the camp on Wednesday to do a presentation with science experiments for everyone.

Campers got to watch explosions, launch bottle rockets, experiment with electricity, and experience cool chemical reactions. The kids also played outdoor games under the supervision of the camp counselors, and made arts and crafts projects to bring home, including marshmallow catapults and slime. Registration for summer camp is going on now, so reserve your spot! Summer camp starts May 31 and will have nine one-week sessions.



Chamblee 101 Draws Record Attendance

In March, Chamblee 101 held its largest class ever. The city set the cap this year at 37 residents/business owners and for the first time had to create a waiting list due to demand. We are pleased and excited that residents are taking such an interest in learning more about how our city works.

The yearly class is designed to increase the number of informed and involved residents. It gives residents and business owners the opportunity to learn more about local government and how the city operates. It includes discussion and interactive activities on topics such as finance, development, policing, and sanitation.



New Athletics Coordinator Joins Parks and Recreation

The Chamblee Parks and Recreation Department has appointed Kevin Farrow as athletics coordinator. He will oversee all Parks and Recreation athletic programming and organize the city's spring, summer, and winter camps. Farrow, who was a parks maintenance worker, is an Eagle Scout and has many years of experience in camps and youth sports. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in recreation and leisure studies in 2012. He played on the UGA hockey team and volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, Oconee County Parks and Recreation, and the Sandy Creek Nature Center.

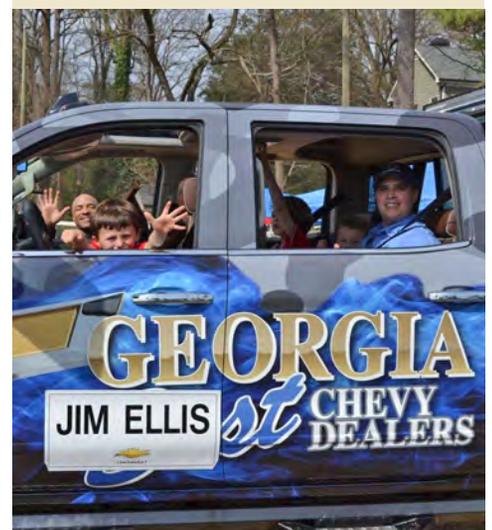


Jim Ellis Chevrolet Hits a Homerun

Chamblee Youth Baseball Opening Day

The city teamed up with Jim Ellis Chevrolet and Chevy Youth Baseball to put on another successful opening day event for Chamblee Youth Baseball. Players got the opportunity to walk in a pre-game parade, jump around in bouncy houses, and test out their skills in the game stations. Parents got a chance to earn money for the program by test-driving new Chevy vehicles. Funds from this partnership will go toward new equipment for the program. Thanks to Jim Ellis Chevrolet and Chevy Youth Baseball for all their support.

For further information, contact Chris Madden at 470-395-2342 or cmadden@chambleega.gov.



Groundbreaking for DeKalb Animal Shelter

DeKalb County officials put shovels to soil in March in an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new DeKalb County animal shelter. Members of the Chamblee City Council were in attendance at this historic groundbreaking.

“This facility is going to be an open and inviting place for people and pets. It will be a place where you want to come to expand your family by adopting a pet,” said DeKalb’s Interim CEO Lee May. “It will be

light years ahead of where we are now with our current facility.”

The 33,440-square-foot facility will have 12 adoption rooms for dogs and three for cats. Healthy cats will stay in one of three different adoption rooms. The cat cages will have glass windows facing the lobby so the public can view them without entering the cat rooms and all the cages will have portholes to adjacent cages so that cats can roam from space to space.

The dog rooms will have separate air

supply systems to control disease and to allow flexibility. Rooms will connect directly to enclosed exercise yards and/or indirectly to large exercise fields.

The 1,300-square-foot clinic will provide spaying and neutering services, as well as a surgery prep room, surgery room, lab area, secure pharmacy storage, and holding areas for dogs and cats slated for surgery.

The construction cost for the facility, which is expected to be completed by March 2017, is \$8.6 million.



Jim Ellis Automotive Celebrates 45 Years of Excellence

Forty-five years ago, in May 1971, Jim and Billie Ellis took a financial leap of faith with their life's savings. With Billie's retirement fund and financial loans the Ellises opened their first automotive dealership, Jim Ellis Volkswagen Chamblee. Today the Ellis family has 13 dealerships and three generations of family in leadership. The \$200,000 initial investment is clearly paying off.

The Ellis family has always maintained the business philosophy of treating employees and customers like family members, a philosophy that has transformed the business into a series of award-winning dealerships.

In the 1990s the Automotive Group adopted the "Where you can always expect the best" tagline to sum up the company's business goal of making sure every customer has the best experience possible. In that same decade, the third generation of Ellis family members joined the business, each one working their way up into leadership from starting in entry-level positions to learn the business and employee roles.

While the Jim Ellis Automotive Group has expanded beyond the I-285 perimeter and the city of Chamblee, the bulk of dealerships and business operations remains here, where it first began 45 years ago.

"In 1971, we started our family business just inside I-285 in what was, at that time, the small industrial town of Chamblee," Jim Ellis Automotive Group President Jimmy Ellis said. "Since then we have grown our business to eight automotive dealerships, all clustered around where it all began. The city of Chamblee has also grown during this time. I'm proud to see that Chamblee has become one of the exciting transit-oriented urban cities, bustling with opportunity and ripe for the re-migration to the urban lifestyle. We are

Over the course of 45 years, Ellis dealerships have earned numerous awards recognizing excellence in business:

Volkswagen U.S. Best Seller

Volkswagen World Magazine award

TIME Quality Dealer award

AIADA Dealer of Distinction

Volkswagen award for 35 years

Executive Lifestyles Magazine award

Ford Salute to Dealers Honoree

TIME Dealer of the Year

proud to be a part of such a dynamic story of growth."

Today the company boasts 13 dealerships, 10 iconic brands, a collision center, and an internal training center/university. Considering the more than 1,000 employees, nearly \$1 billion in annual sales, and the roughly 23,000 cars sold annually, there is no denying the growth the company has seen over the

past 45 years under the leadership of Mr. Ellis, and now his son, Jimmy Ellis.

"I couldn't have imagined 45 years ago when we opened our first dealership where we would be today," said Founder and Chairman Jim Ellis. "We have been so blessed over the years and are humbled by the support we have received from the Chamblee community."

To prepare for the challenge officers and 911 staff trained downtown in the building in full uniform.



Chamblee PD Steps Up to Fight Lung Disease

Chamblee police officers completed the Fight for Air Climb on April 16 – a vertical race up 51 floors to the top of 191 Peachtree Tower.

The American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climbs are held in prominent skyscrapers around the country, giving participants the opportunity to join with friends, family, and co-workers as they climb to the top. Funds raised are used to support research, education and patient programs for the millions of Americans affected by asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), lung cancer, and other ailments.

A few facts about lung disease:

- Asthma is the number one chronic disease of children.
- Lung disease is the third leading cause of death in the United States, and the nation's leading cause of cancer deaths.
- COPD affects 10.2 million Americans.

Bikes and Bites Food Tour Draws Large Turnout

On a clear and beautiful spring day in early April, We Love BuHi and Civil Bikes returned to Chamblee with their award-winning Buford Highway Bikes and Bites food tour of Buford Highway by bicycle. More than 90 bicyclists and a number of volunteers gathered at Plaza Fiesta and were welcomed by Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson. After short remarks by the mayor, Brookhaven Council member Joe Gebbia, and Civil Bikes owner Nedra Deadwyler, the bicyclists headed north on Buford Highway toward Doraville.

First Stop: Super H Mart

At the Super H Mart supermarket in Doraville's Peachtree Pavilion, bicyclists received breakfast pastries from Korean bakery Tous Les Jours and water provided by Super H Mart. They heard remarks about regional transportation funding and expansion efforts from John Orr of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Access and Mobility Division and Jim Durrett, the MARTA Board member for

DeKalb County and executive director of the Buckhead Community Improvement District.

Second Stop: Third Rail Studio

At Third Rail Studio at Assembly, the redevelopment project of the former GM Assembly Plant in Doraville, the riders were met by Doraville Mayor Donna Pittman, Doraville City Manager Shawn Gillen, and Michael Hahn, a senior developer with The Integral Group, which is developing Assembly.

On to Chinatown Mall

The tour continued through Chamblee's Antique Row and downtown Chamblee to Atlanta Chinatown Mall. After being welcomed by Angela Chang, editor-in-chief of the Chinese-language *World Journal*, riders heard from Ligaya Figueras, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* food and dining editor, about appreciating the diverse cuisines of Buford Highway, and Katelyn DiGioia, state bicycle and pedestrian engineer for

Bicyclists enjoy great food, fine weather, and updates on transportation and development plans

GDOT, about getting involved in bicycle and pedestrian plans in their local communities. Afterward, everyone was treated to delicious samples from four restaurants inside the food court: Top One Gourmet, New Lan Zhou Noodle, Chong Qing Hot Pot, and Hong Kong BBQ.

Back to Plaza Fiesta

The riders headed back to Plaza Fiesta, where champions of two local grassroots advocacy organizations spoke on behalf of their groups. Betsy Eggers, chair of the Peachtree Creek Greenway board, described the proposed linear park of trails and greenspace along the North Fork of Peachtree Creek that runs close to Buford Highway from Brookhaven to Doraville. Simon Berrebi, co-founder of the MARTA Army, encouraged people to improve their own transit experience by adopting local bus stops and benches. Lunch was served and featured Chamblee restaurants Lee's Bakery, Bismillah Café, Taqueria La Norteña, and Doraville's Sweet Hut Bakery.



Mercy Care Completes Capital Campaign, New Clinic Construction Underway

The Mercy Care Foundation has met its \$13.9 million fundraising goal and construction has begun on its new clinic at 5134 Peachtree Rd.

The 45,000-square-foot facility is slated to open as Mercy Care Chamblee Clinic in 2017. Its purpose is to provide affordable, accessible, quality healthcare to the area's communities.

The capital campaign was co-chaired by foundation board members Dave Fitzgerald, Jane Haverty, and Jim Winchester. "The success of this campaign reflects a uniting of the community around the fundamental belief that everyone, regardless of income or insurance status, deserves access to healthcare," said Fitzgerald.

The new clinic will more than triple the medical and dental service capacity offered at Mercy Care's existing clinic in Northeast Plaza on Buford Highway. Expanded services will include optometry, ultrasound, radiology, integrated behavioral health, and a variety of health education programs. Mercy Care also has collaborated with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to provide on-site pediatric primary care. Mercy Housing has purchased a portion of the site to build affordable residences for senior citizens.

Tina Lowe, president, Mercy Housing Southeast, said, "We strive to create vibrant and healthy communities and are certain that, through our partnership with Mercy Care, we will be able to do just that in the Chamblee area. We look forward to meeting the need for affordable senior citizen housing in a site dedicated to healing the whole person."

"The Atlanta community has rallied behind our new clinic, and we are grateful," said Bonnie Hardage, president, Mercy Care Foundation. "Our donors recognize the importance of our mission to provide affordable, comprehensive healthcare to the thousands of marginalized individuals in our city. We couldn't advance our mission without this generous support."

"Thanks to the success of this fundraising



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campaign, we are one step further toward our goal," said Tom Andrews, president and CEO, Mercy Care. "The new Chamblee clinic facility will provide a medical refuge for the impoverished at every stage of life."

Other New Programs and Services

The new clinic will eventually house 24 examination rooms, eight counseling rooms, six dental operatories, two dental hygiene rooms and space for lab, vision, and diagnostic services. The clinic also will feature a unique health education program to address life-style changes including family health promotion, diabetes management, obesity, nutrition and healthy cooking classes, and perinatal education.

In recognition of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's commitment to this project, the educational kitchen providing these classes will be named the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Strong4 Life Kitchen, in alignment with their wellness movement designed to ignite societal change and reverse the epidemic of childhood obesity and its associated diseases in Georgia.

"We are so honored to bring pediatric

services and expanded educational offerings to the new Mercy Care Chamblee clinic," said Donna Hyland, CEO, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. "We are dedicated to every child who needs pediatric care and to providing healing to those children in our community most in need."

Project Supporters

Mercy Care Chamblee project supporters include the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, the James M. Cox Foundation, the Mary E. Haverty Foundation, the Tull Charitable Foundation, the R. Howard Dobbs Foundation, the SunTrust Foundation, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Mary

Ryan and Henry G. Kuhrt Foundation, and many more.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta was one of the first organizations to support the project. "The new clinic will expand upon the healing ministry established by the Sisters of Mercy, and we are honored to be a part its development," said Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta.

Health Needs Assessment with GSU

Mercy Care has partnered with Georgia State University's Health Policy Center to better understand the health needs of the community. This process has consisted of a series of listening sessions, focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and electronic surveys. Data collection has been conducted in three different languages in a wide geographical area, as many of Mercy Care's current clients travel for the affordable, high-quality services offered at Mercy Care's existing clinics.

The results of this Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) will be used by Mercy Care to drive strategic planning,

see **MERCY CARE** page 17

The Skinny on the Zika Virus



The Georgia Department of Public Health has asked Georgia cities to help address a major public health issue – the Zika virus. No vaccine exists to prevent this virus, which is spread by mosquito bites, but there are things we all can do to protect our community and ourselves.

One of the simplest and most effective ways of preventing the spread of the virus is the “toss and tip” strategy:

- Toss away old containers or other items where water can collect, including old flowerpots.
- Tip outdoor furniture to avoid standing water on cushions. Also, avoid interaction with mosquitos by staying indoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitos are most active. If you must be outside, protect your skin with repellent and wear appropriate clothing. Light colors are least attractive to mosquitos.

For more information: cdc.gov/zika.

Vendor Participation Grows by 40 Percent

Brookhaven Farmers Market Is Now Open

Brookhaven Farmers Market (BFM) is back for its fifth season. The market is open every Saturday through Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-noon (rain or shine), in the parking lot of University Baptist Church, 1375 Fernwood Circle. This year, the market offers an impressive roster of more than 44 vendors and doubles the number of produce sellers, representing a 40 percent increase in overall vendors compared to 2015.

Returning vendors include Double B Farms, West Wind Farms, Grant Wallace Farm, Mollyville Farms, Watsonia Farms, Mercier Orchards, Fat Lady Baker, Bernhard’s German Bakery, and Mad Mama Gourmet. BFM also welcomes new vendors Antonio’s Fresh Pasta, Hometown Honey, Zocalo Salsas, and Pearson Farm Peaches and Pecans, and introduces King of Pops’ new farm venture King of Crops.



“We are thrilled to be back for a bigger and better season,” said Jeannine LeFebvre, president of BFM. “The explosive growth we’ve experienced not only allows us to offer an incredible variety of produce and product, but also speaks to consumer demand for locally sourced goods. We are happy to be part of such a thriving community.”

In addition to produce, market-goers will find high-demand products regularly asked for, including local honey, fresh pasta, salsa, and organic dog treats. Customers can sip, shop, and savor local flavors like the Brookhaven Breakfast Sandwich, crafted hot and fresh on site, Banjo Cold Brew Coffee, fresh pastries, tamales, and popsicles. Market-goers can also enjoy chef demonstrations, children’s activities, and special events throughout the season.

Visit brookhavenfarmersmarket.com for a complete vendor roster, market calendar, and volunteer and sponsor opportunities. For more information contact Liz Pastor, lizharvey@gmail.com, or 312-375-6412.

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Chamblee Swim and Dive Celebrates Successful Season

The Chamblee swimming and diving teams capped off a spectacular season with a strong showing at the 2016 GHSA State Championship meet, held at Georgia Tech in February. Chamblee was the only team at the 1-5A State Championship to have both boys and girls teams finish in the top five.

The boys finished their season with a 9-1 record, a fourth consecutive county championship, and a fourth straight top-10 finish at state (finishing third).

The girls finished their spectacular season with a 5th-place finish at state, runner-



up honors at the county championship, and six new team records.

At State, senior John Mitchell achieved a pair of All-American consideration times and won a pair of gold medals in the 50 and

100 freestyle. Jade Foelske earned an automatic All-American time and won the gold medal in the 100 butterfly. The season ended with the boys 400 free relay (Noah Oh, Liam Bell, Alex Perry, John Mitchell) earning an All-American consideration time and a gold medal to capture the 400 freestyle relay crown for the second year in a row.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs end the season with 10 new school records, one new DeKalb County championship record (Liam Bell in the 100 breaststroke), two Madeline Jude Brown meet records (John Mitchell in the 50 free and Liam Bell in the 100 breaststroke), and hundreds of personal-best times.

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Beautify Chamblee!

Keep Chamblee Beautiful kicked off 2016 with a membership drive in January at Southbound and was a major participant in this year's Georgia Cities Week activities with the City of Chamblee. Whether you came out to play with live chickens, joined us for our beautification project at Chamblee-Dunwoody Way, or joined the Dresden Park clean up, we hope you had fun, enjoyed giving back, and getting involved in making your community better.



In May we'll celebrate Public Works Week with a new round of activities, including our latest iteration of Chickens 101 and more opportunities to make our city more beautiful. We'll consider new and exciting projects for this year such as tree plantings, partnering with other organizations and communities and improving the ways we engage with our members.

Please consider joining Keep Chamblee Beautiful as a member, donating your time or money, and following us on Facebook. Members get sweet KCB swag and the comfort of knowing that every dollar donated is spent improving Chamblee. Visit chambleebeautiful.org to learn more about our mission to make Chamblee a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live, work, and play.

Welcome to Fiber Arts Group



A young girl makes a fabric flower at the SEFAA booth at the American Craft Council show.



Square Foot Fiber Art Pin Up Show is on display through May 7 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm, and by appointment.



Katie Rothacher and Kathi Grupp weave kudzu during a recent workshop taught by Junco Sato Pollack.

The Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance (SEFAA) moved into a new facility in Chamblee last winter.

The 2,500-square-foot space at 3420 W. Hospital Ave. is dedicated to fiber arts classes, events, and activities.

Suzi Gough, president of SEFAA's board of directors, said the move to Chamblee "was driven in part by the city's goal to become a vibrant arts community and a regional arts destination." It was also driven by the need for new and different amenities to serve a vibrant and growing membership. Larger space, a dye kitchen, artist studios, and easy access to public transportation are among the many benefits of the move from midtown Atlanta.

SEFAA preserves and promotes the fiber arts, which include anything and everything created using fibers or techniques that are traditionally related to textiles: knitting, needlework, quilting, sewing, weaving, and felting are just a few examples. SEFAA offers not only comprehensive classes and workshops, but also open studio sessions, tours, exhibitions, events, and rental studio and venue space.

Stop by for weekly lunchtime fiber sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are free and open to everyone and are basically open-studio time. People bring their lunch and a project to work on and enjoy the company of others with similar interests.

Learn more at fiberartsalliance.org.

Chamblee PD at Career Day

Officer Robbins recently participated in a Career Day program at Dresden Elementary School. He's shown here discussing the equipment, including a defibrillator, in his vehicle.



Senior Connections Fundraiser Supports Meals on Wheels

Senior Connections' signature fundraiser, the 2016 Senior Prom: Celebrating Aging, will be held on Saturday, May 21. Proceeds will fund critically needed Meals on Wheels and other senior services to low-income and at-risk seniors throughout DeKalb County and the greater Atlanta area. The Chamblee-based charity helps approximately 4,000 seniors annually, including Chamblee, Doraville, and Dunwoody seniors.

Each year, Senior Connections honors older adults who give back to the community. This year's honorees are the Reverend and Mrs. Donald Harp. Rev. Harp is pastor emeritus of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate a silent auction item, visit seniorconnectionsatl.org or call 770-455-7602.



MERCY CARE

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staffing, budgeting, clinic operations, and health education programming. The CHNA team hopes to use this data to collaborate with community organizations to improve the health of all residents, a task that cannot be completed by any one organization.

The first step to truly transforming the health of an individual or population is to understand the existing challenges and obstacles to being healthy, as well as assets in the community that impact health. Keep an eye out for the results of this CHNA to be published soon.

For more information on Mercy Care and Mercy Care Chamblee, visit mercyatlanta.org.



MEMORIAL MARCH

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who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner-of-war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships, transporting prisoners of war to Japan, were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

The Army ROTC Department at New Mexico State University began sponsoring the memorial march in 1989 to mark a

page in history that included many native sons and affected many families in the state. In 1992, White Sands Missile Range and the New Mexico National Guard joined in the sponsorship and the event was moved to the missile range.

Since its inception, the memorial march has grown from about 100 to some 6,500 marchers from across the United States and from several foreign countries. While

still primarily a military event, many civilians choose to take the challenge.

Marchers come to this memorial event for many reasons – personal challenge, the spirit of competition, or to foster esprit de corps in their unit. Some march in honor of a family member or a particular veteran who was in the Bataan Death March or was taken as a prisoner of war by the Japanese in the Philippines.

PDK Air Show May 14

On Saturday, May 14, noon-5 p.m., DeKalb-Peachtree Airport celebrates its annual Good Neighbor Day Airshow and Open House. Drop by to tour aircraft exhibits, catch some astounding aerobatic performances, and witness lovingly restored and maintained vintage military aircraft. Plane and helicopter rides will be available, too. Admission to the air show is free, but parking is \$10 per vehicle, regardless of the number of occupants. Good Neighbor Day access is through Dresden Drive via Clairmont Road only. Please note that parking spaces are limited.



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Conciertos de verano de Chamblee

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6 de mayo: Supernatural
Supernatural trae la música de un verdadero icono, Carlos Santana, a la vida.

3 de junio: Face to Face
Face to Face es el homenaje más destacado al Señor Elton John y Billy Joel.

Alcalde y Concejo Municipal

¿Quiénes son y que es lo que hacen?

El Alcalde y el Concejo Municipal determinan las políticas de la ciudad y promulgan leyes locales. Son responsables de la adopción de un presupuesto anual y la recaudación de impuestos necesarios para financiar las actividades del gobierno local.

El Alcalde y el Concejo Municipal designan a los jueces municipales de Corte, Procurador de la ciudad y abogado de la ciudad así como los distintos inspectores de edificio. Reuniones del Consejo: Tercer martes de cada mes, 7:30 p.m.

Sesiones de trabajo de Consejo de centro cívico: El jueves antes de la reunión del Consejo, 6 p.m., centro cívico.

La Ciudad de Chamblee está emocionada de conectarse con nuestros lectores de habla hispana por medio de esta página del boletín de noticias. Están sucediendo tantas cosas en la Ciudad de Chamblee y usted necesita saber!

Programa de Vacaciones de Saneamiento

El Departamento de obras públicas estará cerrado el lunes, 30 de mayo, para observar el Día de Conmemoración de los Caídos. La recolección de basura hecha el lunes se hará el martes. La recolección de basura para el martes será ese mismo día.

Campamento:

El departamento de parques y recreación de Chamblee está actualmente inscribiendo a personas para el campamento de verano. Los espacios son limitadas, así que reserve su lugar hoy en: chambleega.gov.

Fechas de campamento: 31 de mayo-5 de agosto (sin semana de campamento por el 4 de julio, alternativas abajo)

Precios de registro: \$75 semanales para residentes y \$100/ semana para los que no son residentes.

Puede reservar fechas del campamento de verano con un depósito de solo \$20.

Horarios del campamento son: lunes a viernes de 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. y se llevan a cabo en el edificio de comunidad del parque de Keswick. Las actividades incluyen artes y manualidades, juegos, deportes, programas especiales, excursiones, natación y más. Cada semana de campamento es temática basada en la excursión de la semana. ¡No se pierda de la diversión este año!

Reciclaje

El reciclaje es para toda la ciudad en Chamblee y hace mucho por la ciudad. No sólo el reciclar reduce la factura del vertedero de la ciudad cada año, si no también ayuda a evitar que nuestros vertederos se sobrellenen y promueve la reutilización de ciertos materiales que también ahorran energía.

A partir del 1ero de abril de 2015, El Departamento de Obras Públicas de Chamblee comenzó a recoger basura y reciclaje una vez por semana. El reciclaje es recogido el mismo día que la basura. Los residentes pueden solicitar un contenedor de 35 galones o 65 galones para el reciclaje. Para solicitar un contenedor llame 770-986-5010 o llene la solicitud de basura y contenedor de reciclar en: chambleega.gov.



Eventos en Chamblee

Celebración de Cinco de Mayo en Plaza Fiesta - 1 de Mayo, 2016

Espectáculo Aéreo en el Aeropuerto PDK- 14 de Mayo, 2016

Look Who's Playing!

Mark your calendar for the Chamblee Summer Concert Series in downtown Chamblee. This year's event will offer a fun-filled experience for the whole family. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, or reserve one of our VIP tables (downtown concerts only) to enjoy an evening of good music in downtown Chamblee. Food and beverages (including beer and wine) will be available for purchase on site. Concertgoers may also bring their own food and beverages (excluding alcohol).

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May 6 • Supernatural

Supernatural brings the music of a true icon, Carlos Santana, to life. Santana's music crosses cultural boundaries and excites audiences across the globe. Santana is an architect of Latin rock music and a true guitar hero. Supernatural honors both the man and his music. Join us as Supernatural kicks off the Summer Concert Series in style!



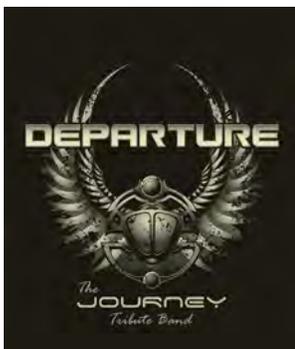
June 3 • Face to Face

In an ultimate tribute to Sir Elton John and Billy Joel, tribute artists Joey Riedel and Michael John join forces. They capture both artists in a high energy, interactive rock 'n roll performance that includes funny bits, sing-a-long parts, and spontaneous humor. They deliver energetic performances, outrageous costumes, and true rock 'n roll at its finest.



July 4 • Departure (and fireworks afterward)

After six years together, Departure has become the most respected Journey tribute band in the nation. Replicating the look, sound and feel of the original '80s rock supergroup, the five band members have amazing on-stage chemistry. The band performs for more than two hours with no break, highlighting all the hit songs that everyone knows and loves and giving a performance both professional and highly engaging. Departure was voted "Best Local Entertainer" for 2011 and 2012 by *Gwinnett Magazine*.





Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Main Street Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room	3 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room	4 Gentle Yoga, 5:15pm, Keswick Park Community Building Binyasa Yoga, 6:30 pm, Keswick Park Community Building	5 Senior Breakfast Club Lunch Meeting noon, Civic Center Recreation Advisory Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room	6 Summer Concert: Supernatural, 6:30-10 pm, City Hall Park	7
8	9 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	10 Chamblee Chamber After Hours Meeting, 6:30 pm, location TBD	11 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	12 City Council Work Session, 6 pm, Civic Center	13	14 Good Neighbor Day Airshow, noon-5 pm, PDK Airport
15	16	17 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Civic Center	18	19 Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 am, Civic Center	20	21 Compost and Electronics Recycling Day, 8 am-noon, Public Works
22	23 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	24 Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room	25 P.R.I.D.E. Driving Class, 6 pm, Civic Center	26 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	31 First Day of Summer Camp				



Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Recreation Advisory Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room	3 Summer Concert: Face to Face, 6:30-10 pm, City Hall Park	4
5	6 Main Street Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room	7 Architectural Review Board, 7-9 pm, City Hall Conference Room	8	9 Senior Breakfast Club, 10 am, Civic Center	10	11
12	13 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	14	15 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	16 Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 am, Civic Center City Council Work Session, 6 pm, Civic Center	17	18 Compost and Electronics Recycling Day, 8 am-noon, Public Works
19	20 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	21 City Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Civic Center	22	23 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	24	25
26	27	28 Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall Conference Room	29	30		

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BU-HI RACE DELAYED

The Bu-Hi Half Marathon date has been changed from May 14 to **Sunday, Oct. 2**. The change is due to a scheduling conflict with the annual Peachtree DeKalb Airshow. For more information about the change or the new date contact info@iwelife.com.



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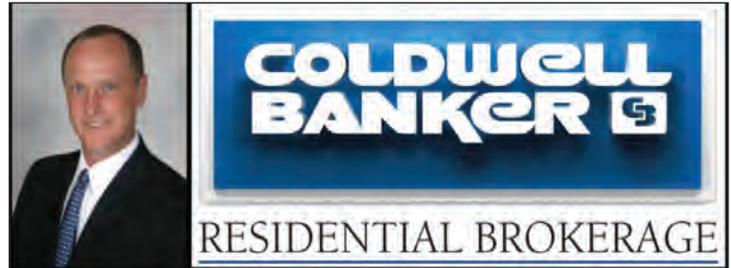
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