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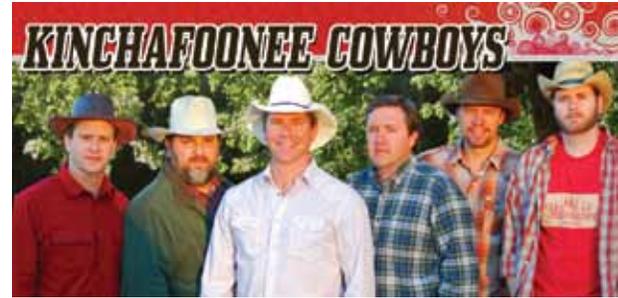
Fun times for the whole family get underway this month in downtown Chamblee. The city kicks off its first Fourth Friday Concert Series.

The three-concert series will offer entertainment from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Chamblee in the months of May, June and August. The lineup includes:

- **May 24** — The Tams
- **June 28** — The Rupert's Orchestra
- **July** — no downtown concert; Chamblee Fourth of July Celebration takes place
- **August 23** — Kinchafoonee Cowboys

Jim Ellis Automotive Group is presenting the series. The family-focused event is the idea of City Manager/CEO Niles Ford, Ph.D.

“One goal of the Mayor and Council is to bring exciting events to Chamblee,” says Ford. “We believe this musical extravaganza



Kinchafoonee Cowboys, August 23

is a great addition to other activities in the city — such as the Fourth of July celebration, the Chamblee Run and Rotary Roll in May and Taste of Chamblee. This is going to be an awesome event, and we would like to see a huge crowd enjoying great entertainment.”

Feel free to bring your lawn chairs or blankets or reserve a VIP table. For more information or to reserve your VIP table, go to www.chambleega.com or contact Loren Roberts at lroberts@chambleega.com or 770.986.5016. Also, see page five (Around Chamblee) of this issue of *The Signal*.



The Tams, May 24

Chamblee Creates Downtown Development Authority

The City of Chamblee is busy getting its new Downtown Development Authority (DDA) off the ground. The City Council passed a resolution in February to establish a DDA that would improve and redevelop a given area of Chamblee.

The seven-member DDA board will include Ronni French, Mario Gonzales, Paige Perkins, John Boggs, David Carter, Van Pappas, Chamblee Business Association president, and City Councilwoman Leslie Robson.



The Rupert's Orchestra, June 28

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*A City on
the Right Track*

Chamblee 101

Chamblee 101 — designed to give you a closer look at local government and how the city operates — is underway through June. Chamblee 101 classes take place on Wednesday evenings through June 18. Classes are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with each participant receiving a certificate at completion.

Chamblee 101 includes discussions and interactive activities on topics such as Chamblee's history, form of government, city services, finance and development.

The full schedule is below:

- **Wednesday, April 24** — Form of Government and Administration (Police Department, second floor, 3518 Broad Street)
- **Wednesday, May 1** — Development Department (Police Department, second floor, 3518 Broad Street)

- **Wednesday, May 8** — Finance (Police Department, second floor, 3518 Broad Street)
- **Wednesday, May 15** — Public Works (Public Works Building, 3210 Cumberland Drive)
- **Wednesday, May 22** — Parks and Recreation (Community Building in Keswick Park, 3496 Keswick Drive)
- **Wednesday, May 29** — Police, 911 and Court (Police Department, second floor, 3518 Broad Street)
- **Wednesday, June 5** — Police, 911, and Court (Police Department, second floor, 3518 Broad Street)
- **Tuesday, June 18** — City Council Meeting (7:30 p.m., Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street)

More info: 770-986-5018; ENiethammer@chambleega.com

2013 Taste of Chamblee

The 2013 Taste of Chamblee is around the corner and organizers could use your help! This year's Taste of Chamblee is set for September 28. If you're interested in serving as a committee member, please contact Sarah Buckley, development manager, Georgia Lions



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Lighthouse Foundation, at 770-738-4676 or sbuckley@lionslighthouse.org.

Presenters for the sixth-annual event

include the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, the Chamblee Business Association and the City of Chamblee. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that assists uninsured and underinsured Georgians by providing free eye exams, eyeglasses and digital hearing aids.

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Go Paperless

The *Signal* is going paperless! In an effort to cut costs on both the city and taxpayers, the City of Chamblee will make *The Signal* newsletter and calendar available online only for viewing and downloading. If you'd still prefer a hard copy, please send an email to ENiethammer@chambleega.com or call 770-986-5010; option 0.



SIGNAL SPOTLIGHT

The Sky's the Limit: Angel Flight

For around two years now, Wendy Stone has made the trek from her home in southwest Georgia to Atlanta to see her team of doctors through Emory University. What normally would amount to a four-hour trip by car takes roughly one hour. That's because Stone benefits from travel provided through Angel Flight, a nonprofit organization in Chamblee. "Most times I am too sick that it's difficult for me to drive up," says Stone, 47.

Angel Flight coordinates a mission on Stone's behalf in which a private pilot — volunteering his or her time — flies her once each month or every other month. She sees doctors at Winship Cancer Institute and other Emory locations for breast cancer, fibromyalgia, lupus and heart-related issues.

In 1983, Jim Shafer, a private pilot, started Angel Flight. The organization experienced a rebirth of sorts in 1999, says Jeanine Chambers, who has served as executive director since that time. Angel Flight provides free air transportation to patients who need to travel to

receive medical attention that can't be met locally. It also delivers supplies to disaster areas. Angel Flight blossomed from around 200 missions in the late 1990s to approximately 2,500 in 2012.

Angel Flight recruits private pilots who own or rent single-engine, four-seat aircraft. Those pilots donate their services, flying some 500 to 600 miles roundtrip. The organization accepts patients who are medically stable and ambulatory, along with patients who are unable to: afford travel costs; travel commercially due to immune deficiencies, or travel long distances by car. Angel Flight works with a sister organization around the country to service six states: Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and North and South Carolina. Patient ages range from one month to 96 years.

"If you live in one of those states or you're traveling to or through one of those states, we will help you," says Chambers. "We take patients on for the duration of their treatment."

She says "the sky's the limit" when it comes to the number of patients Angel Flight can assist. Angel Flight's roster includes approximately 900 volunteer pilots, with about 350 flying each year.

Chambers gets excited when she talks of how the organization has withstood its share of challenges — including a decline in donors in 2009 — and managed to witness growth since her days of volunteering



Top: Angel Flight mission coordinator Bernadette Darnell poses with an Angel Flight patient and her mom.



Above: Pilot Kernie Brashier walks alongside an Angel Flight patient.

with Angel Flight alongside her mom, Bernadette Darnell, who now is mission coordinator.

Today, Chambers is getting her daughter, Courtney, involved. "To be in a position in life where you can help people is wonderful," says Chambers, whose team includes five full- and six part-time staff members. "I'm surrounded by the most generous people every day of my life."

Stone shares those sentiments. "It's so nice to know there's an organization out there like this that's willing to help others."

MORE INFO:

DeKalb-Peachtree Airport
2000 Airport Road, Suite 227
Atlanta, GA 30341
www.AngelFlightSoars.org



COMMUNITY NOTES

Chamblee Gives First City on the Right Track Awards

The City of Chamblee has selected its first recipients of the City on the Right Track Award. Chamblee's mayor and City Council select award honorees — individuals or organizations doing great things to help the city move forward in a positive way.

First recipients include Brent Morris and Matt Oliaro. Morris, a partner with Peachtree Benefit Group, is a past president of the Chamblee Business Association, for which he currently serves as secretary. He also has served on Taste of Chamblee and Chamblee Economic Development Advisory committees.

Involved with the City of Chamblee for more than a decade, Oliaro has brokered the sale and lease of a number of properties in and around the city, including the sale of properties exceeding 500,000 square feet.

During dedicated months, Mayor R. Eric Clarkson and each Council member will recognize and highlight an individual or individuals or organization.

Councilman Scott Taylor introduced the idea for the City on the Right Track awards. Awardees receive a letter from the mayor, a certificate and a City of Chamblee challenge coin. Challenge coins reportedly began in World War I with the United States Air Corps. Today, challenge coins are presented in recognition of special achievement. State troopers, police, fire and sheriff's departments are among those using them as part of recognition of action above the call of duty.



Chamblee Mayor R. Eric Clarkson (far right) and Chamblee City Council Member Thomas S. Hogan II flank the first City on the Right Track Award recipients Matt Oliaro and Brent Morris.

Hero Among Heroes

Congratulations to Sgt. Ernesto Ford, a 2013 Hero Among Heroes award recipient.

The award from the DeKalb Police Alliance recognizes an officer who, among other things, exemplifies service both in and out of uniform; and displays qualities such as leadership, courage, honor and kindness in the community, at home and on the job.

Ford received the honor during the Hearts for Heroes Fundraising reception at the Marriott Century Center Hotel.

This marks the second year for the awards honoring sworn peace officers working in DeKalb County or its municipalities.

Ford heads the Chamblee Police Department's Shop with a Cop Program and manages the department's participation in outings such as the annual Santa Cop bowling fundraiser.

He is a retired Command Sergeant Major from the U.S. Army. Additionally, Ford worked for several years on the FBI Gang Task Force and played a key role in the prosecution of a large RICO case against La Gran Familia, an organized group of five criminal gangs.



Kudos to Chamblee Charter High School

Chamblee Charter High School has plenty of reasons to celebrate these days.

Six Chamblee Charter High students are finalists for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program, out of nearly 3,000 students interviewed: Swapnil Agrawal (math), Sounak Das, Kunal Goel and Solina Jean-Louis (German); Lizaremi Luna-Sousa (biology) and Kavi Pandian (social studies).

More info: <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/documents/news-and-info/press-releases/dcsd-students-qualify-for-governors-honor-program.pdf>

Also, for the second year, Chamblee Charter High School will have representation at the World Championship competition for VEX Robotics in Anaheim, Calif. The winning team consists of juniors Sams Khan, Daniel Richardson and Logan Simpson, and seniors Chad Weeks and Sebastian Perez-Ramirez. The feat of making it to the world-level competition is especially impressive as members of the team have only been working with VEX robots since the beginning of this school year.

Take a look at the City of Chamblee's new website, www.chambleega.com!

A ROUND CHAMBLEE

Parks and Recreation

CHAMBLEE SUMMER CAMP

Sponsored by Mad Italian



THE MAD ITALIAN

May 28 to June 28 and July 8 to August 9. Camp Chamblee will not be open the week of the Fourth of July.

Cost: \$75/week for Chamblee residents and \$100/week for non-residents

Camp takes place at Keswick Park Community Building at 3496 Keswick Drive.

Chamblee Summer Camp is open to children ages six to 12. Campers participate in field trips, swim days, arts, crafts, special programs and games. There is no additional cost for field trips. Camp opens at 7:30 a.m. each day and closes at 6 p.m. Camp activities are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The drop-off and pick-up hours are free play for the kids. Campers must bring lunch, snacks and drinks with them to



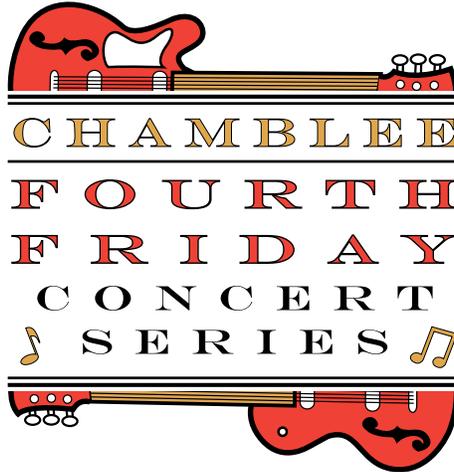
Camp participants in 2012 go on a field trip to the World of Coca-Cola.

camp each day. Camp spaces are limited and must be reserved in advanced. More info: www.chambleega.com; 770.986.5016.

FOURTH FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Sponsored by Jim Ellis

May 24 – The Tams



June 28 – The Rupert's Orchestra

July – no downtown concert due to Chamblee Fourth of July Celebration at Keswick Park

August 23 – Kinchafoonee Cowboys

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Chamblee

The Fourth Friday Concert Series in downtown Chamblee presented by Jim Ellis Automotive Group begins this month. The three-concert series will offer a relaxing event for the whole

family. Bring out your blankets and lawn chairs or reserve a VIP Table to enjoy an evening of good music in Chamblee's downtown. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on-site. VIP Tables are \$150. With a VIP table purchase you will receive



up-front seating for up to eight people at the concert you choose. This will be a round-table set-up with a white tablecloth and centerpiece that can be taken home by someone at your table.

For more information or to reserve your VIP table, go to www.chambleega.com or contact Loren Roberts at lroberts@chambleega.com or 770.986.5016.

CAMP DISNEY — A BROADWAY REVUE (FOREFRONT ARTS CAMP)

Join Forefront Arts for a fun-filled mini-camp at Keswick Park featuring acting scenes and musical numbers from all your favorite Disney musicals! Your child will learn warm-ups, play lots of theatre and improv games, and create a totally original musical showcase in just three days! The optional Friday camp will feature an improv showcase as well.



In addition to rehearsing for the show, campers will be exposed to many aspects of live theatre, including movement, music, blocking, theatrical makeup and set and costume design. Forefront Arts instructors are

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Parks and Recreation,

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professional actors, vocalists and dancers with years of experience teaching kids and teens. All levels of experience are welcome.

CAMP DISNEY DETAILS

Cost: \$105

Monday to Wednesday, July 1 to 3

Performance Wednesday, July 3 at 3 p.m.

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (early drop-off at 8 a.m. Monday to Wednesday for \$15; after-care until 5:30 Monday to Tuesday for \$24)

Location: Keswick Park Community Building

Ages: Grades 1-8

Optional Friday Improv Camp Details

Friday, July 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (early drop-off at 8 a.m. for \$5)

Cost: \$30

Performance Friday, July 5 at 3 p.m.

To register, go to www.chambleega.com or call (770) 864-3316 for more information.

M&M SOCCER CAMP

July 15 to 19, Keswick Park Soccer Field

Cost is \$90 for Chamblee residents and \$100 for non-residents

M&M will be offering a summer soccer camp the week of July 15 to 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Keswick Park Soccer Field. The camp is designed for children ages four to 12 years old. M&M Camps are aimed at having

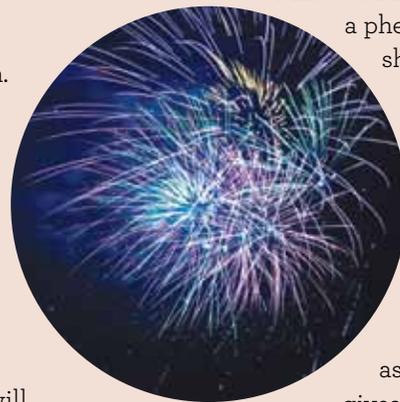
fun while developing the basic and advanced skills needed to excel on the field. Whether your son or daughter is a striker, a keeper or any player in between, Coach Mey will take their game to a whole new level. For any specific questions about items that will be covered through the camp, contact Mike Mey at 404-403-2274 or send an e-mail to ameyzingsouthpaw@gmail.com. For registration, visit www.chambleega.com.

Fourth of July Celebration

Thursday, July 4, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Keswick Park Soccer Field

Join Chamblee Parks and Recreation for the annual Chamblee Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks. This event will



feature a live performance by the Mike Veal Band and end with a phenomenal fireworks show. Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening at the park. There will be food available for purchase on-site as well as activities and giveaways for children.

Chamblee Business Association

The Chamblee Business Association will hold its Business After Hours networking event on May 14 at the Consignment Furniture Depot at 5461 Peachtree Road. The networking event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Two days later, on May 16, join CBA for its monthly meeting. North Johnson, general manager of the Gwinnett Braves, will serve as the guest speaker.

CBA business meetings are open to the public and take place on the third Thursday of each month at the Chamblee Civic Center at 3540 Broad Street. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by the 8 a.m. meeting. Cost is free for first-time guests; \$10 for returning guests and \$5 for members.

CBA's Business After Hours networking events take place on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at different locations, including 57th Fighter Group restaurant. www.chambleebusinessassociation.com

Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club

The Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club will meet on Thursday, May 2 at the Chamblee Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will include an indoor picnic with hot dogs served. The group asks that you bring a dish that supports the picnic theme. *More info: Evelyn Kennedy, 770-451-4891; Becky Craven, 770-457-3834*

Chamblee Library

The Chamblee Public Library celebration of seniors includes a free yoga class at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 15 and 22. Reap the rewards of health that result from the practice of yoga. Bonnie G. Gibert and Art Gibert, certified yoga instructors, will help participants safely learn yoga to strengthen, stretch and feel great! In two classes, you'll learn a sequence to do on your own.

The class is for beginners. Participants should bring a pillow, a bath towel and, if possible, a yoga mat. The Chamblee Library is located at 4115 Clairmont Road. *More info: 770-936-1380; Bonnie G. Gibert, 770-458-6184*

MAY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>All meetings will take place at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street, unless otherwise noted. * Location for those events that appear with an asterisk is Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Drive.</p>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>"Seussical the Musical," 4 p.m.*</p>	<p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Yoga, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<p>"Seussical the Musical," 4 p.m.*</p>	<p>Chamblee Business Association, Business After Hours networking event, 5:30 p.m., Consignment Furniture Depot, 5461 Peachtree Road</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Yoga, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Chamblee Business Association Meeting, 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Public Hearing and Work Session, 6 p.m. Chamblee Civic Center</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Compost and Recycle, 8 a.m. to noon 3210 Cumberland Drive</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p>"Seussical the Musical," 4 p.m.*</p> <p>Court, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Chamblee City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m., Chamblee Civic Center</p>	<p>Yoga, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Chamblee 101 (Parks and Recreation), 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Court, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.</p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	 <p>Holiday</p>	<p>Summer Camp, week one</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Camp, week one</p>	<p>Summer Camp, week one</p> <p>Court, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Camp, week one</p>	

From Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement asks all residents and business owners to look around personal property and assess if a spring cleaning is in order.

If you have large items that you plan on discarding, consider donating them before placing those items at the curb. For trash/debris, especially large piles, please contact Chamblee Public Works at 770-986-5019. Public Works will be happy to pick up for a small fee.



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Also, as a reminder regarding weed and grass restrictions, please see Sec. 18-75 Weeds and Grass.

Sgt. J.J. Davis, Code Enforcement Supervisor
770-986-5005; jdavis@chambleega.com

Downtown Development Authority, *continued from page 1*

Downtown development authorities have been created by the General Assembly in every Georgia city. DDAs work to revitalize and redevelop municipal central business districts.

News from Public Works

HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Memorial Day – Offices will be closed Monday, May, 27.

Week of May 27: 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.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

So many newspapers get thrown in the trash or into recycle bins. Yes, recycling newspapers is a good thing, but here are a few more suggestions for re-using those newspapers after reading them.

Newspapers can be used as packing material when mailing packages through the post office or other carrier. Have a weed problem in your flower bed?

Layer damp newspaper over dirt or compost; then add your mulch or pine straw. How about getting crafty and using newspaper for paper mache projects? So many more uses, so little waste.

