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Plenty of excitement and emotion during the March 2014 meeting of the Chamblee City Council as the Council appointed a new police chief and made a number of police department promotions.

Chamblee Names Donny Williams as New Chief of Police

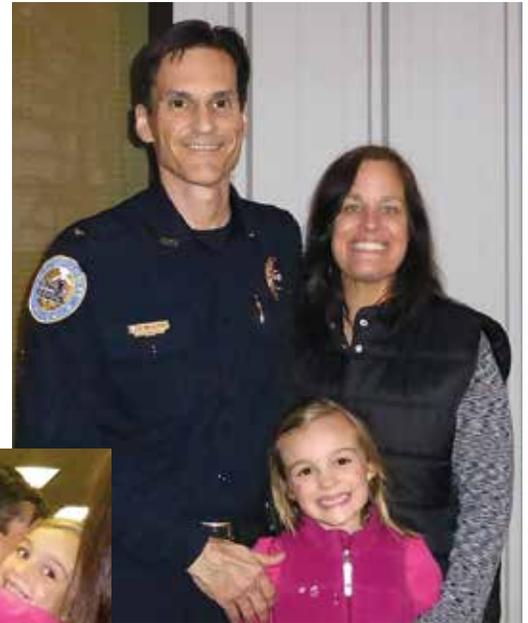
The City of Chamblee has appointed Donny Williams as chief of police. His promotion became effective April 1, 2014.

Williams served as assistant chief from January 2013 to this March when the Chamblee City Council confirmed him as chief at the recommendation of City Manager R. Marc Johnson.

"I am honored to be recommended by Marc Johnson who has served this community for so long as the police chief," says Williams. "I feel privileged to be confirmed by the elected officials to be the next chief of police. I am grateful to lead such a great group of dedicated employees at the Chamblee Police Department. We will continue to provide an ethical and honorable service to our community. I look forward to the future and the challenges it will bring."

Williams began with the department nearly 23 years ago as a patrol officer. Prior to serving as assistant chief, he was the uniform division commander.

He began his law enforcement career in 1989 with the Atlanta Police Department as a patrol officer. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, Williams is a Flowery Branch resident. He and his wife, Sue — a former Chamblee detective — have



Chamblee Chief of Police Donny Williams was joined by his wife, Sue, and daughter, Ava, during the badge pinning ceremony at the City Council's March 2014 meeting. Williams served as assistant chief of police before his promotion.



a five-year-old daughter, Ava. Both were on hand at the Council meeting the night of the announcement.

Chamblee Promotes Police Command Staff

Families and friends looked on with joy and pride as some of Chamblee's finest received police department promotions during a badge pinning ceremony at the March 2014 City Council meeting.

The appointment of long-time Chief of Police R. Marc Johnson to city manager created the opportunity for three promotions of new command staff.

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*A City on
the Right Track*

Chamblee 101

Wrapping up in May, Chamblee 101 attracted its largest class to date, according to City Manager R. Marc Johnson. Twenty-five participants signed up for the 2014 sessions that kicked off at the top of April.

Chamblee 101 serves as an opportunity to learn more about local government and how the city operates.



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

The popular series winds down with sessions on May 7 and 14. On May 20, the class will receive certificates of completion during the May 20 City Council meeting. Classes are two hours — on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Reginald Anderson Joins Chamblee as Public Works Director



His personal motto drives him daily, and those nine words sounded clearly with Reginald Anderson when he learned of the opening for Public Works director in

Chamblee: "Pursue those things you want or they will disappear." Anderson had maintained a long-term career goal of holding a director-level position. It didn't hurt that he also had a Chamblee connection — having lived in the area at the start of his career. He considers Chamblee to have "the right balance of big-city convenience with small-town charm."

The Snellville resident comes to Chamblee from Covington, where

he has worked as a civil engineer/ deputy city engineer and transportation director.

A graduate of Southern Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology, Anderson has spent more than 18 years in civil engineering. He started his career as an engineering assistant with Fulton County and has worked for B&E Jackson & Associates, Inc., as a civil designer/project engineer/project hydrologist.

He and his wife, Angie, have three children, Briana, 17, Byran, 15, and Granville, eight. When he's not working, he spends his time attending activities for his children who keep busy in sports such as baseball, basketball, cross country, football, karate, orchestra and track. "I am essentially a sports dad," says Anderson, who grew up in Lyons in southeast Georgia. He also enjoys grilling and cooking, as well as playing and watching sports. "I attempt to play golf," Anderson adds, jokingly.

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City Collects Input for Chamblee Next Comprehensive Plan Update



Gary Cornell

The goal is to capture the community's long-term vision for Chamblee's future. And that's what residents, property and business owners set out to do with a series of public workshops and through providing feedback through an online questionnaire in preparation of the Chamblee Next Comprehensive Plan Update. The work on Chamblee Next makes way for updates to the city's goals, future development policies and work program as described in Chamblee's current comprehensive plan.

Through May 7, the public can get involved in the Chamblee 2040 Strategic Development Initiative by responding to a Web-based citizen opinion questionnaire. The initiative is a city-led planning effort designed to give government officials guidance in making policy and capital investment decisions, as well as improve and streamline the city's land use regulations.

A kickoff meeting took place on April 2, 2014, followed by an April 24 public workshop at the Chamblee Civic Center.

On April 2, Chamblee Mayor R. Eric Clarkson spoke to the group with Gary Cornell, Chamblee's

development director, and Jim Summerbell, the city's deputy development director, presenting before taking questions and collecting input from attendees.

A comprehensive plan, Cornell explained, is required by the

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New Chamblee Chamber of Commerce Forms

Set to serve as a voice on behalf of Chamblee businesses, the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce has gotten off the ground. A public introduction to the new Chamber, which became incorporated on December 23, 2013, came during the organization's April 8 mixer. The Chamber's first official event following the mixer was an April 16 business luncheon co-hosted with the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce.



Having operated for 20 years, the Chamblee Business Association decided to pursue the route of becoming a chamber, resulting in the selection of Art Freeman as Chamber founder and CEO. "We wanted to be more than a networking organization, one that could be an advocate for the businesses, could provide programs to help businesses and, more importantly, to drive economic activity to the Chamblee marketplace," says Van Pappas, who served as chairman of CBA from January 2013 to April 2014. The new Chamber, adds Freeman, serves as a "single voice of a divergent and diverse business community," and "greatly facilitates economic development."

In addition to Freeman as CEO, the Chamber has a deputy executive director, Barbara Barber, and executive committee made up of Van Pappas, Lou Alvarado, Charlene Fang, Art Freeman and Ronnie French. The 501(c)(3) organization is planning for a 13-member board of directors with four officer positions: chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and secretary.

As with CBA, the Chamber will hold a monthly mixer on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at an area business and a monthly breakfast meeting on third Thursdays at the Chamblee Civic Center.

For its first year, it's targeting 250 members from "Chamblee only," as the Chamber is in communication with Doraville regarding incorporating that city into the Chamblee Chamber, Freeman explains. Within two years, it hopes to reach 600 to 750 members.

More info: Email barberchamber@gmail.com



Mayor R. Eric Clarkson



SIGNAL SPOTLIGHT

Chamblee PD Certification

Another certification for the Chamblee Police Department as it successfully completed its third recertification in the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program.

Mark Bender, director of the State Certification Program at the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police — also a former Chamblee assistant chief of police — presented a plaque to Chamblee for the period of February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2017. Chamblee Police Chief Donny Williams accepted the Certified Law Enforcement Agency Award during the March meeting of the City Council. The Chamblee Police



Chamblee Chief of Police Donny Williams accepts a plaque from Mark Bender, director of the State Certification Program at the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Department is one of 108 agencies statewide to achieve this status.

Chamblee 5K Run & Rotary Roll

The City of Chamblee is proud to offer its 15th-annual road race for all abilities on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Starting and finishing at DeKalb Peachtree Airport, participants have a choice of a 5K route through Chamblee's downtown and mid-city district or a 1K route around the grounds of PDK. There is ample parking at the airport. All entrants receive a colorful race shirt as well as plenty of food, fluids and music in the finish area sponsored by Epps Aviation. This race is not for racing chairs, but for participants in everyday chairs, either manual or powered! The event gets underway at 8 a.m. The fee to participate is \$20 if you register in advance, and \$25 for registration the week of the event.



Police, continued from page 1

Effective April 1, 2014:

Capt. Michael Beller becomes assistant police chief. A 16-year veteran



Assistant Chief of Police Michael Beller

of the Chamblee Police Department, Beller previously was in charge of the Investigative Division. The father of five was pinned by his wife, Molly.

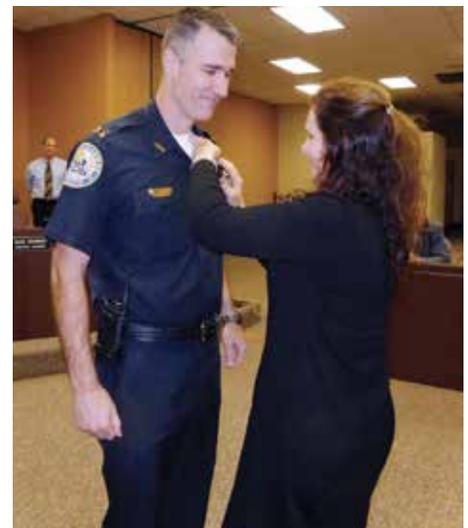
Lt. Paul Klerlein moves to captain in his current assignment as administrative commander. The father of three has been with the department for 25 years. He was pinned by his wife, Leisa.

Sgt. Ernesto Ford is now captain over the Investigative Division. Having



Capt. Paul Klerlein

served as assistant commander of Investigations, Ford has spent 15 years with the department, and is a father of three. His son, Nicholas, pinned him.

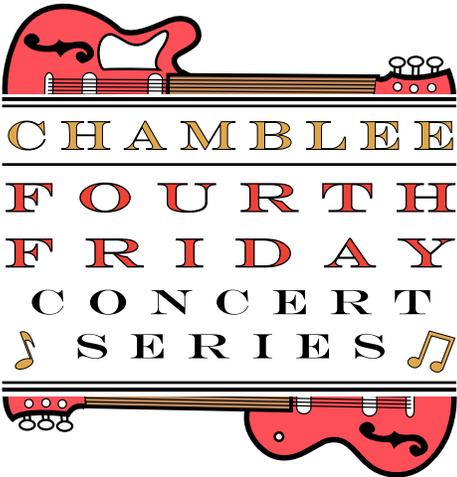


A ROUND CHAMBLEE

Fourth Friday Concert Series

SPONSORED BY JIM ELLIS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

Chamblee's Fourth Friday Concert series gets underway this month with a kickoff performance by The Return, a Beatles cover band.



The concert will take place Friday, May 23 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Downtown Chamblee near City Hall, which is located at 5468 Peachtree Road. The concert series, sponsored by Jim Ellis Automotive Group, 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. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on-site.

On July 25, A1A will bring its best Jimmy Buffett songs, spanning every era of his career. A1A is the only tribute band personally sanctioned by Jimmy Buffett.

A dance party is in store when Yacht Rock Schooner performs on August 22. The eight-man group specializes in smooth sounds from the late 1970s and early 1980s.



Recreation Advisory Committee

The Recreation Advisory Committee of Chamblee's Parks and Recreation has a new member. Leslie Freymann joins the six-member committee. Other members include Stacey Godwin, Josh Heard, Alberta Lloyd, Lou Alvarado and Verle Van Hoozen.



RAC serves as a voice for Parks and Recreation staff, including by bringing in ideas from the community and disseminating information to the community. Members, who serve two-year terms, also act as first-string volunteers when planning and implementing community events.

Chamblee Chamber of Commerce

The new Chamblee Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business after Hours Mixer from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

The organization's monthly breakfast meeting is set for Thursday, May 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Chamblee Civic Center.

Please email Barbara Barber, deputy executive director, at barberchamber@gmail.com for more details about each date.

Good Neighbor Day Air Show and Open House

Spend the day in Chamblee exploring metro Atlanta's second largest airport, DeKalb Peachtree Airport, and enjoying a breathtaking air show. The Good Neighbor Day Air Show and Open House will take place from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at DeKalb Peachtree Airport on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

In addition to the tour and air show, the day includes helicopter and airplane rides, a fighter pilot experience, kids' activities, musical performances and more.

Admission is free; parking is \$10. More info: www.pdkairshow.com

A ROUND CHAMBLEE

Parks and Recreation

For additional information regarding Parks and Recreation activities, contact Joel Holmes at jholmes@chambleega.com or (770) 986-5016.

BOOT CAMP CLASSES

Try a month for free before you decide to commit!

Call for pricing

Location: Keswick Park (meet at Community Building)

Schedule: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m.**

Classes are led by Charles Palmer and Franklyn Brown, local certified instructors.



ZUMBA CLASSES

Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

April 14 to June 30, 2014

No class on May 26

Keswick Park Community Building

Class Pricing

- \$100 for 11-week session
- \$12 per class in advance
- \$15 per class for walk-ins

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance-fitness party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Zumba Fitness® is the only dance-fitness program that blends red-hot international music (created by Grammy Award-winning producers) and contagious steps to form a fitness party that is downright addictive.

ZUMBA KIDS!

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

April 30 to May 21, 2014

Keswick Park Community Building



Class Pricing:

- \$40 for four weeks of classes
- \$15 per class for walk-ins

The Zumba® Kids program is the ultimate dance-fitness party designed exclusively for kids (ages 4 to 11; Zumba Kids Jr. for four to six and Zumba Kids for seven to 11) where they can play it loud and rock with friends to their own rules! This program features age-appropriate music and moves that get kids moving to the beat. It's all about feeling fearless on the dance floor, reinforcing the idea that it's okay to just be yourself and dance like no one's watching!

Zumba Kids is a fun class to dance and let loose. It features various styles of dance from all over the world and different genres, along with some songs kids may recognize from the radio. Zumba Kids teaches dance routines, different styles of dance such as salsa, cumbia, hip hop and even flamenco or belly dancing.

YOGA

Wednesdays, April 16 to May 21, 2014

- 6:30 p.m.
- Keswick Park Community Building
- \$10 per class for walk-ins

Beginner's Yoga — An introduction to the fundamentals of yoga, including breath work, standing, seated and balance poses with proper alignment using modifications as needed. The class will work up to doing some sun salutations, which properly warm up the muscles, tendons and ligaments necessary for deeper poses.



MOMMY AND ME YOGA

Tuesdays, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

April 15 to May 21

Ages three to five

\$49 for the session; \$12 drop-in

These classes are designed for pre-school children and their mommies. Through the use of animated yoga poses, stretches, songs and games, children will have fun while improving concentration, body awareness, strength, self-confidence and calmness. Wear comfortable tops and pants.

CHILDREN'S YOGA

Tuesdays, 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

April 14 to May 21

Ages six to nine

\$49 for the six-week session; \$12 drop-in

Classes are for boys and girls who want to have fun doing yoga poses with the use of stories, songs and games. Yoga will improve a child's muscular strength, body awareness, social skills, concentration, balance, sense of calmness and much more! Children should wear comfortable pants and tops and bring a yoga mat. Yoga mats will be available for sale at \$10. Please e-mail marbogo@aol.com if you'd like to purchase a mat.

Classes are taught by Marlene Bogoslawsky who has her 200-hour certification from Peachtree Yoga in 2010, and completed "The Radiant Child" yoga class in 2011 in Asheville, N.C.

Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club

The Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club will hold its first 2014 meeting on Thursday, May 1 at the Chamblee Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. More info: Evelyn Kennedy, 770-451-4891; Becky Craven, 770-457-3834

MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Chamblee Seniors Breakfast Club 10:30 a.m. Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Recreation Advisory Committee,* 7 p.m.	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Zumba class,* 7:30 p.m.	Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Architectural Advisory Review Board, 7 p.m., City Hall	Zumba Kids,* 4:30 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m. Chamblee 101, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.		Chamblee 5K Run & Rotary Roll 8 a.m., DeKalb Peachtree Airport Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Zumba class,* 7:30 p.m.	Chamblee Chamber Business after Hours Mixer, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	Zumba Kids,* 4:30 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m. Chamblee 101, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Public Hearing and Work Session, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.		Compost and Recycle 8 a.m. to noon, 3210 Cumberland Drive Boot Camp,* 9 a.m. Good Neighbor Day Air Show and Open House, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., DeKalb Peachtree Airport
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 Court, 6 p.m. Zumba class,* 7:30 p.m.	Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; presentation of Chamblee 101 certificates	Zumba Kids,* 4:30 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.		Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	 Memorial Day, City Offices Closed Zumba class,* 7:30 p.m.	Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. City Hall Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	Zumba Kids,* 4:30 p.m. Yoga,* 6:30 p.m.	Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	Fourth Friday Concert Series, 7 p.m. Downtown Chamblee	Boot Camp,* 9 a.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

COMMUNITY NOTES

REMINDER ABOUT LEAF PICKUP

Please remember to place your leaves in separate piles for pickup. Make sure that rocks, limbs and logs are not mixed in with the leaves. Any of the above items mixed with leaves will damage the impeller inside the leaf machine and create unsafe conditions for the workers. Leaves are to be placed in loose piles on the ground on the residents'

side of the curb. The leaf machine goes through the entire city once a week. Because of the volume, there is no set day when the leaf machine will be in your area. Public Works rotates the starting point of collection each week to ensure that everyone gets equal pickups.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works department at 770-986-5019.

HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

Memorial Day — Offices will be closed Monday, May 26.

Week of May 26: Monday and Thursday pickups will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday and Friday pickups will take place on Wednesday and Friday.

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Comprehensive Plan, *continued from page 3*

state for a city to receive certain funding. The plan provides an assessment of existing conditions and future needs, he added.

Some of the questions the public had a chance to weigh in on include: What are your favorite places? What makes them unique?

Summerbell highlighted some of the needs and opportunities compiled to date from public input. It includes leveraging the benefits of the Chamblee MARTA station; installing sidewalks or upgrading existing sidewalks; creating bikeway connections to the MARTA station and local employment; creating better gateways, such as to Downtown Chamblee; and improving signage and wayfinding.

The results of the online questionnaire and public workshops will be available for review at a May 22 open house before going to the City Council for adoption. The goal is to



present a new comprehensive plan by the end of 2014. You'll find more on the city's website, www.chambleega.com.

For more information, contact Gary Cornell, Chamblee's development director, at 770-986-5010; ext. 223.