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## Fourth Friday Concert Series Brings Out the Crowds

For their fifth wedding anniversary, Jules and Claudette Junker spent the evening at the kickoff for Chamblee's Fourth Friday Concert series. The couple joined friends for a performance by The Return, a Beatles cover band.

The May 23 concert opened the second year for the series. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Downtown Chamblee near City Hall, guests enjoyed a night out for the entire family. The concert series is sponsored by Jim Ellis Automotive Group, and includes a July 25 concert featuring A1A delivering some of its best Jimmy Buffett songs. A1A is the only tribute band personally sanctioned by Jimmy Buffett. The series wraps up on August 22 with Yacht Rock Schooner, an eight-man group specializing in smooth sounds from the late 1970s and early 1980s.

A Chamblee resident who also was born and raised in Chamblee, Rachel Marie Lewit Galotti is excited about the series. Galotti



*A Beatles cover band, The Return performs during the 2014 Fourth Friday Concert Series.*

helped the Junker duo celebrate its anniversary outing. It made for her first time experiencing Fourth Friday.

"It was a blast!" says Galotti. "The band, The Return, was especially good and had all of us singing and dancing on the grass. The

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## City Hosts Public Hearings on Millage Rate

In June, the city hosted three public hearings on the millage rate for 2014. The rate was scheduled to be set by the City Council on June 30 (a date that fell after publication of *The Signal*). The city advertised 6.40 mills, the current rate, so the final rate can't be higher than that. The public hearing process was required because of the recent annexation. Any Chamblee tax in the annexed area is considered an increase the first year.

For more information, visit the city's website or call City Hall at 770-986-5010.



*Sarah Wheeler and Rachel Marie Lewit Galotti enjoy the Fourth Friday festivities.*



*A City on  
the Right Track*

## Chamblee 101's Largest Class

The largest class for Chamblee 101 wrapped up its eight-week session with the group receiving certificates of completion during the May 20 City Council meeting. Twenty-five participants took part in the 2014 series that began April 2 with sessions taking place

from 7 p.m. to 9 pm. on Wednesday evenings.

Chamblee 101 serves as an opportunity to learn more about local government and how the city operates. The popular series included discussions and interactive activities on topics to include Chamblee's history, form of government, city services, finance and development.



Front: Lou Alvarado  
 Steve Wrenn, Jay Stogner, Mary Robinson, Barbara Barber, Lewis Newmark, Aurora Santana, Jeff Carlyle, Kristi Green, Martin Johnson, Kathy Underheim, Sansida Stovall, Paul Stovall (behind Sansida)  
 Back row: John Mesa, Chamblee Mayor R. Eric Clarkson, Debbie Newmark, Bob German, Matt Sitter  
 Not shown: Jim Lyle, Tammy Lyle, Gary Meinken, Laura Bentley, Lindsey Bryant, Carol Fischer, Tim Holmes, Adrianne Holmes

## Teresa Taylor Joins City of Chamblee in New Position

In her new role as assistant to the city manager, Teresa Taylor works closely with City Manager R. Marc Johnson while also providing public relations and communications services for the City of Chamblee. As part of her responsibilities in this new position for the city, Taylor promotes the city's programming and special events and manages the city's website and social media accounts along with *The Signal* newsletter.



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# SIGNAL SPOTLIGHT

## Chamblee Chamber Celebrates with Ribbon Cutting

The Chamblee Chamber of Commerce has officially made its introduction to the city. The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May at its new office at 5382 Peachtree Road.

Chamber board members and business owners turned out for the celebration that featured a display of artwork by artists from Above Ground Studios in Chamblee. It also included giveaways of items donated by area businesses.

Chamber President and Board Chairman Van Pappas welcomed the crowd. Among those on hand were Chamber CEO Art Freeman, Deputy Executive Director Barbara Barber and board members.



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Deputy Executive Director Barbara Barber, CEO Art Freeman and President and Board Chairman Van Pappas



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Chamblee Chamber of Commerce board members: Cory Stokes, Rochelle Anthony, Charlene Fang, Brent Morris, Van Pappas, Barbara Barber, Art Freeman, Broc Fischer and Lou Alvarado (front)

A 501(c)(3) organization, the Chamblee Chamber has a 20-member board of directors with Lou Alvarado as vice chairman, Ronnie French as secretary and Charlene Fang as treasurer.

Following a 20-year history, the Chamblee Business Association pursued the route of becoming a chamber, with the organization incorporating in December 2013.

Each second Tuesday, the Chamber will hold a monthly mixer from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at an area business, with a monthly breakfast meeting taking place on third Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Chamblee Civic Center.

More info: Email [barberchamber@gmail.com](mailto:barberchamber@gmail.com)

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“Teresa is filling a new position that includes communications as a significant responsibility,” says Johnson. “We are excited about having someone on the city staff with her background and experience in this new role.”

Taylor is an active member of the International City Management Association. Before coming to Chamblee, the Decatur resident completed a local government management fellowship with the City of Decatur. “I am excited to take on the role of assistant to the city manager for the City of

Chamblee,” Taylor says. “I am passionate about public service and local government.”

Originally from St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Taylor received a bachelor of arts degree in history and English from Emory University before returning to St. Thomas to teach high school for two years. She later attended the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University where she earned a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration in management and finance.

Staying active is important to Taylor, who is family-oriented and enjoys networking and meeting new people. On the weekends, you may find her walking Stone Mountain Park.

## Chamblee Next Public Information Meeting Set for July 17

The City of Chamblee Development Department plans to hold a public information meeting on July 17 to present information regarding work in progress on the draft Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The location for this event will be announced at a later date. The UDO will combine the current city zoning ordinance and development regulations into one consolidated document. Attendees at

the meeting will be given an opportunity to review work in progress on the draft ordinance as it relates to revisions and updates to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The UDO update is expected to be finalized by the end of 2014.

The UDO revision will be based on the recommendations of the draft Comprehensive Plan Update, which updates the city's goals, development policies and work program. Chamblee residents, property and business owners provided feedback on elements of the Comprehensive Plan Update through a series of public workshops, including a May 22 open house and an online questionnaire. Since holding the open house, the city has been incorporating public input and finalizing the plan document. In July, the Development Department will submit the Chamblee Next Comprehensive Plan Update to the City Council for approval to transmit the plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission for regional and state review. Adoption of the plan tentatively will take place in September.

Please visit the city's website, [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com), to learn more about the Chamblee 2040 Strategic Development Initiative.



*During a public workshop in April, attendees learned more about the Chamblee Next Comprehensive Plan Update from Gary Cornell, Chamblee's development director.*

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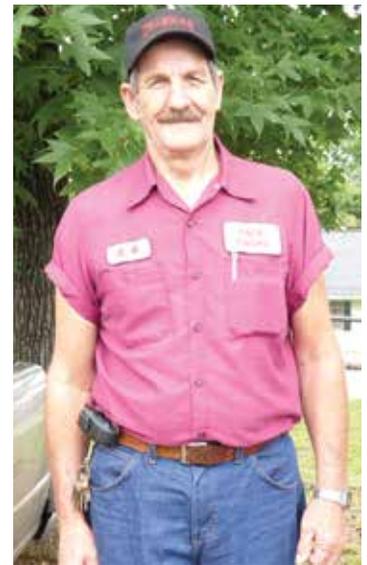
location is nice and it was nice and fun to have the trolley take us there. It was fun to walk and get ice cream after our picnic."



*Jules and Claudette Junker celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary at the kickoff of the 2014 Fourth Friday Concert Series.*

## B.H. Stone Retires from Public Works

You won't find many people who regret *not* being able to start their day at the wee hour of 3 a.m. to get ready for work. Beason Harold Stone — known as B.H. by his co-workers — may be an exception, as he'll find that change in his routine a bit of an adjustment as he settles into his retirement from Chamblee's Public Works department.



Stone marked his final day with the city on June 30, following just under 21 years of service. Public Works held a farewell party for Stone in mid-June.

A Grayson resident, Stone started with Chamblee Public Works in 1993. He held positions of sanitation worker, equipment operator and automotive technician.

Stone has been married to his wife, Patricia, for 38 years. They have four adult children and three grandchildren.

# A ROUND CHAMBLEE

## From Chamblee Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement unit has received its highest volume of complaints ever this year. New officers are joining Code Enforcement, including Officer Oliver Dukes, to help with alleviating some of the growing issues.

If you live near or next door to a vacant property, Code Enforcement asks that you help to identify ownership, as there have been property maintenance issues at some sites: tall grass and unsecured property, for example. Please report these locations through the website: [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com).

More info:

Sgt. J. J. Davis, #234, Code Enforcement Supervisor  
770-986-5005; [jdavis@chambleega.com](mailto:jdavis@chambleega.com)

## 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, July 8 at Oriental Pearl Seafood Restaurant at Atlanta Chinatown Mall.

The organization's monthly breakfast meeting is set for Thursday, July 17 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](mailto:barberchamber@gmail.com) for more details about each date.



## Parks and Recreation

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



### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

This event is full of fun for the entire family and includes one of the best fireworks shows around. There will be live music, food and activities for the family.

#### Event Schedule

5 p.m. Concessions open — The Mad Italian, Frosty Caboose, Chamblee Parks and Recreation

5 p.m. Bike parade from Chamblee Middle School

5 p.m. Activity booths open

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Train rides

6 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament; register online

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Live musical

performance — The Mustangs  
9:15 p.m. or later (after dark)  
Fireworks show

#### Parking

Chamblee Police will coordinate parking for this event. Some handicapped parking will be available at the Keswick Park Community Building, located at 3496 Keswick Drive. Transportation also will be provided through golf carts, for getting attendees from parking locations at the event. Some parking will be available at Chamblee Middle School. For all other parking, please follow the instructions of the officers on-site.

#### Activities

##### Bike Parade — 5 p.m. from Chamblee Middle School

Children have the chance to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons and more in a patriotic manner. All those wishing to show their decorated mode of transportation will meet at Chamblee Middle School on Sexton Woods Drive just before 5 p.m. A Chamblee police officer will be on-site to lead the parade the ¼-mile distance from the middle school to the event stage at Keswick

Park. Once the parade has arrived at Keswick Park each contestant will receive a participation prize and the best decorated prizes will be awarded by judges.

##### Train rides — from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A mini locomotive will be on-site offering free train rides on the park property to those attending the event. Parents and children are welcome to ride.

##### Corn Hole Tournament — 6 p.m.

This tournament will be open to the first eight teams that register. There will be an elimination bracket and prizes awarded to the top competitors. Rules will be available for those who sign up to participate. There is no cost to participate in the tournament.

##### Live music — from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Mustangs will perform for this event.

##### Fireworks Show

The Chamblee fireworks show at Keswick Park has been known to compete with Atlanta fireworks displays, including the annual Lenox Square Mall display. Chamblee's show lasts

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## Parks and Recreation

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roughly 25 minutes and features a wide variety of fireworks. There's no need to find yourself stuck in Atlanta traffic to be able to see a phenomenal fireworks display!

### Food

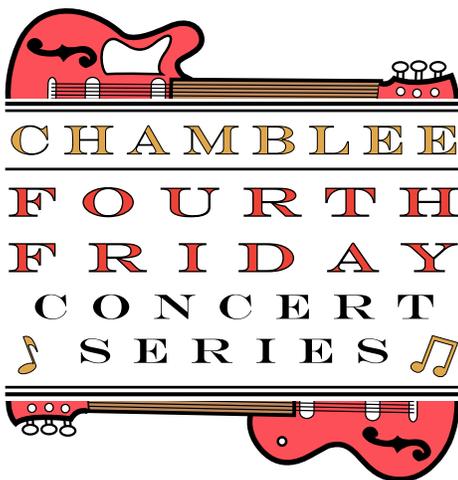
**The Mad Italian** — cheese steaks

**Frosty Caboose** — ice cream

**Chamblee Parks and Recreation** — hot dogs, drinks, nachos, popcorn and candy

Attendees may bring in personal food and beverages (excluding alcoholic beverages).

## FOURTH FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES



**July 25, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**A1A:** The Official and Original Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show — Since 1992 A1A showcases a high-energy, four-hour concert composed of nothing except Buffett's best songs spanning



every era of his career. A1A is the only tribute band personally sanctioned by Jimmy Buffett.



**August 22, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

### Yacht Rock Schooner

Yacht Rock Schooner throws the smoothest dance party on the high seas, taking you and your guests on a journey to a time when good-times music had heart and musical integrity. The eight-man group specializes in the smooth sounds of the late '70s and early '80s. It's a party that spans generations, and the band is comprised of some of Atlanta's top players with a dual keyboard setup, multiple ace vocalists and, of course, a sax man. If you're a big fan of Hall & Oates, Steely Dan, Kenny Loggins and Michael McDonald, this is the band for you.

### Parking

Parking will be available at the Chamblee Plaza Shopping Center (on

Peachtree Boulevard across from Broad Street). An Olde Time Trolley will be traveling back and forth between Downtown Chamblee and Chamblee Plaza to transport concert goers. The trolley will run from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Park and ride the trolley for no additional charge! Please use the parking area between Dunkin' Donuts and the Citgo gas station. The trolley stop will be located in the front of the lot between those two locations. Handicapped parking will be available at Chamblee Bistro next to City Hall. After 5 p.m. Peachtree Road will be closed in front of City Hall in Downtown Chamblee.

### Food

Food service begins at 6 p.m. Food, beverages and beer will be available for purchase on-site. Options include:

**The Mad Italian** — Beer and wine, cheese steaks

**Chamblee Parks and Recreation** — hot dogs, soft drinks, water, chips, nachos, popcorn and candy

**Frosty Caboose** — ice cream (located within one block of concert location)

### VIP Tables

Concert VIP Tables provide up-front seating for up to eight people, and save you the trouble of bringing out your chairs and blankets. Tables cost \$200; payments are due at the time of reservation. Reservations should be made no later than the Wednesday prior to each concert. Tables are limited, so be sure to reserve yours in advance.

## YOUTH SPORTS

**R**egistration for both youth soccer and youth baseball began on Monday, June 23.

# JULY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 All meetings will take place at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street, unless otherwise noted. * Location for these events: <i>Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Drive</i>	<b>1</b> Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Architectural Advisory Review Board, 7 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. Recreation Advisory Committee,* 7 p.m.	<b>4</b> Independence Day; City Offices Closed Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Keswick Park soccer field 	<b>5</b> Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Chamblee Chamber Business after Hours Mixer, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Public Hearing and Work Session, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Court, 6 p.m.	<b>15</b> Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Compost and Recycle 8 a.m. to noon, 3210 Cumberland Drive Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Court, 6 p.m.	<b>22</b> Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., City Hall Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Court, 6 p.m. Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> Fourth Friday Concert Series A1A, Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Outside City Hall 	<b>26</b> Boot Camp,* 9 a.m.
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Boot Camp,* 6:30 p.m.		

# COMMUNITY NOTES



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## From Public Works

### SUMMER HOURS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

**P**ublic Works will maintain new hours from June 2 to October 1. Hours of operation during those dates are: Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The department plans to return to normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 1, 2014.

If you have questions, please call Public Works at 770-986-5019.

### HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

**Independence Day**— Offices will be closed Friday, July 4.

**Week of June 30:** Monday and Thursday pickups will take place on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday and Friday pickups will take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

If your recycle day is Friday, July 4, your recycling pickup day will be Wednesday, July 2. There are no changes to all other recycle days.

**Yard Waste**— With the Fourth of July holiday falling on a Friday, expect yard waste collections to take place the following week.