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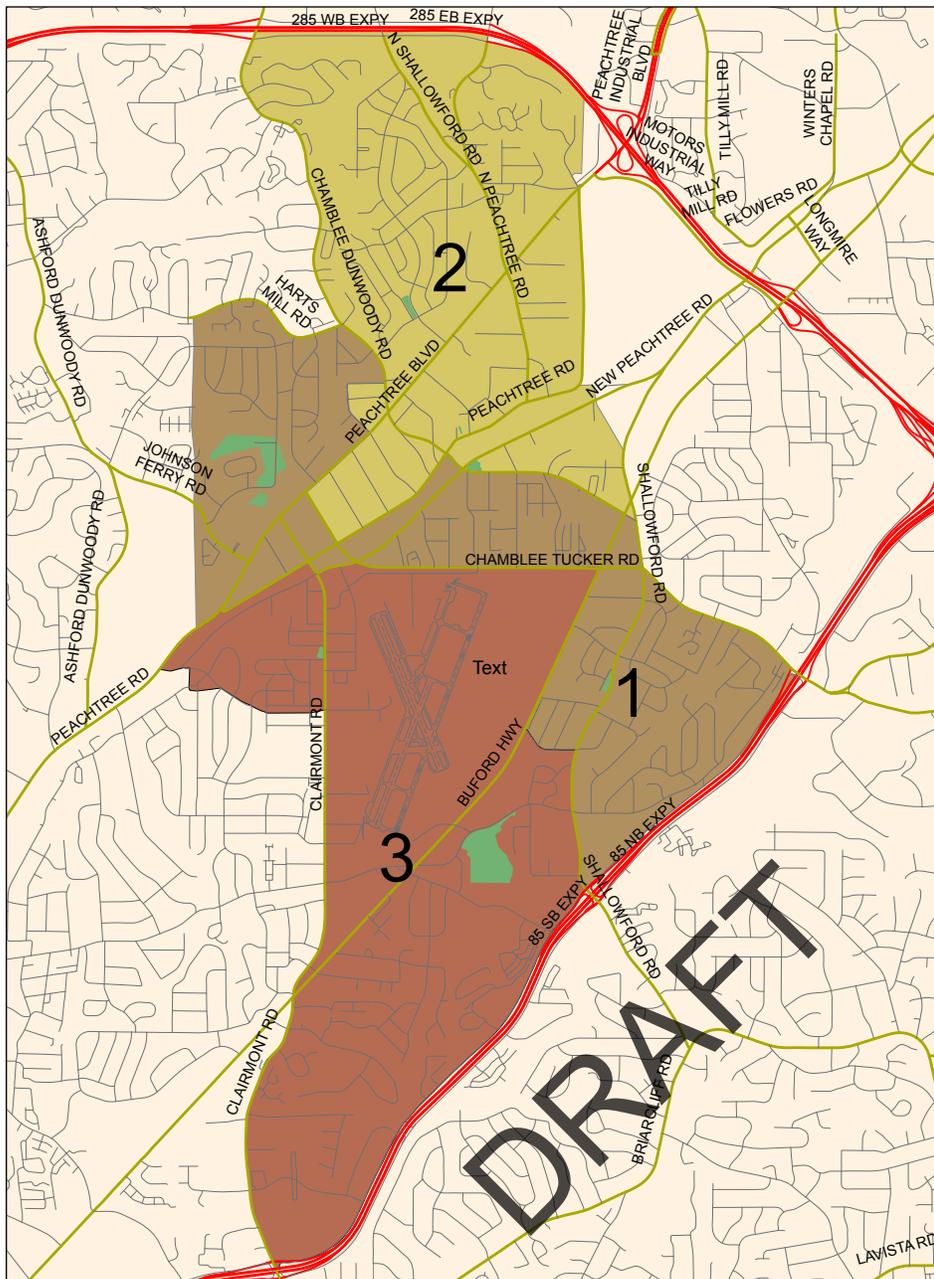
hamblee resident Laura Russo is the winner of Arts Chamblee's first video contest. The group invited filmmakers to "Show off their Chamblee." Laura, a resident of Chamblee and a Chamblee 101 graduate, included time-lapse sequences and still images of the city. You can watch her video at the official Chamblee YouTube channel.



## Election District Map to Include Newly Annexed Area

In the March city council meeting, the council authorized staff to proceed with changing the city charter to provide for revised council districts that take into account the newly annexed area. Council districts are required to be as nearly equal in population as possible. The recently annexed area accounts for about a third of the total size.

In May 2014 the mayor, city manager, and city attorney met with the State Reapportionment Office to develop a map redefining council districts. The map shown below meets all the requirements for redrawing the districts and also manages to keep the three sitting council members, who are not at large, within their current respective districts. The fact that the airport almost divides the city in the middle makes it highly unlikely that there are any other options for redistricting that will provide three districts of equal size.



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District 1 ..... John Mesa  
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At-large ..... Dan Zanger  
At-large ..... Brian Mock

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Chief of Police ..... Donny Williams  
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# AIR SHOW!

On Saturday, May 30, people gathered to see the Good Neighbor Air Show at Peachtree DeKalb Airport. Attractions included a generous supply of antique planes. This free event was fun for the whole family.

## Chamblee Officers Excel at SWAT School

**R**ecently, four Chamblee officers attended and graduated from SWAT Level 1 in Barrow County. This is a challenging course that requires a high degree of physical fitness, tactical skills, and firearms proficiency. After the shooting competition, Chamblee Sgt. Mike Pearson was named “top gun” out of the 24 officers from various agencies in the course.

Chamblee does not operate an active SWAT team and instead relies on the well-respected DeKalb PD SWAT team for critical incidents. However, the course is excellent police training in terms of firearms skill, making tactical decisions under stress, and using teamwork to bring critical incidents to a safe conclusion. Chamblee PD finds great value in the training, and more than 10 Chamblee officers are SWAT certified.



## Officer Participates in U.S. Police Fire Games

**I**n May, Chamblee Police Lt. Sylvester Wiley (in the white shirt above, with colleagues from the San Francisco PD) competed in the U.S. Police Fire Games.

More than 400 participants traveled to San Diego to compete. Wiley competed in 100- and 200-meter sprints and won bronze in both. He also ran with San Francisco PD in 4x100 and 4x400 relays, and they won gold medals in both competitions. The meet was held at the University of California at San Diego track. This is Wiley’s second year competing in the event. The next meet is in June for the World Police Fire Games in Fairfax, Virginia.

## Twenty-Eight Citizens Receive Chamblee 101 Certificates

**Largest class in 10-year history**

**C**hamblee 101, an eight-week program on city government for residents and business owners, had its largest-ever turnout for classes this spring. Thirty-one residents attended, with 28 completing the program and receiving certificates at the Chamblee 101 graduation ceremony, held at the May city council meeting.

The yearly Chamblee 101 program began as an initiative of the mayor and city council in September 2004. It offers discussion and interactive activities on topics that include: an introduction with the mayor and city manager; administration and finance; parks and recreation; police, 911, and court; development and economic development; and public works.

This year's classes were particularly spirited and generated great questions. Classmates bonded, chatting before and after class began. Favorite experiences included a walk through the jail, watching videos of the leaf truck in action, and learning about new developments in Chamblee.

At the May council meeting the graduates received certificates signed by the mayor and shirts commemorating the anniversary of Chamblee 101. After the graduation ceremony they went to Vintage Pizzeria for a reception hosted by the restaurant and the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce.





# Improvements Underway at Keswick Park

**E**xciting improvements and renovations are in the works for Keswick Park. At the May city council meeting, council members voted unanimously on a design-build project for the area of the park between Kim Lane and the new housing development, with a not-to-exceed budget of \$150,000.

The project features streetscape improvements that include an eight-foot sidewalk, a three-foot grass strip, trees, and streetlights. To accommodate the width of the new streetscape the position of the tennis courts will be adjusted and the courts will be completely rebuilt with new surfacing and fences. The basketball court length will be adjusted as well and also resurfaced and repainted along with the cement pad for the tennis rebound wall. The wall itself will get a facelift in the process and all fencing along Keswick Drive will be ornamental metalwork, except around the tennis courts. All of this work will have Keswick Park looking the best it has looked in years!

In addition to the city's efforts, Oak Hall Companies, in accordance with an agreement with the city made last year, will grade, sod, and landscape the existing multipurpose field next to the tennis courts. Oak Hall is also constructing the new housing development in Keswick Park. They have had several meetings with Marc Johnson, city manager, and Jennifer Rackley, Parks and Recreation director, to ensure that the development stays true to the city's vision.

It is everyone's goal to have most, if not all, park improvements completed by July 4. Imagine celebrating our nation's independence with a beautiful, upgraded park!



## Major Plans for Chamblee Coming Soon

**P**lans are underway to improve recreational and economic development options and strategies for our city. Chamblee staff is working on requests for proposals for a Rail Trail Extension, a Parks Master Plan, and an Economic Development Strategic Plan. MARTA is reviewing proposals submitted in June for redevelopment of MARTA Parking Lot 1 on Chamblee-Tucker and Peachtree roads.

### Rail Trail Extension

The objective of this proposal is to extend the multi-use path 1.5 miles along an abandoned former rail line from Peachtree Road at McGaw Drive to Chamblee-Dunwoody Way. This concept involves the relocation of the existing dog walk and the creation of a public amenity on the MARTA retention facility.

### Parks Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Department will soon be developing a comprehensive

master plan to guide decision-making in the areas of operations, maintenance, and capital improvements over the next 10 years. Major goals of the plan include:

- Address the city's role in meeting the recreational needs of the residents of Chamblee.
- Promote best practices and innovative strategies for improvements to parks, operations, and organization.
- Provide a realistic guide for decision-making on park, building, and facility usage; policy; operations; short- and long-term maintenance costs; and future capital improvement expenses.
- Facilitate citizen involvement in the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to ensure the city's future efforts align with citizen's needs and priorities in terms of programs and facilities.

- Address the city's future greenspace and recreational needs and provide recommendations for prioritizing acquisitions and staffing to meet future needs

### Economic Development

Chamblee is also developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the community's economic development for 2015-2020. The project will determine the best and most reasonable strategies, initiatives, methodologies, and techniques, the implementation of which will encourage:

- Private/corporate capital investment
- Increased personal wealth for the local resident population
- Reduced commercial displacement and vacancy trends
- Job creation in appropriate business/industry sectors
- Maximized and sustainable economic growth.

## Welcome, GCCMA Intern Amber-Lee Leslie

**A**mber-Lee Leslie started her internship with us in May. She is a graduate student in public administration at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. She holds a BA from Emory University and has a passion for local government.



Last fall Chamblee was awarded funds for a graduate intern by the Internship Committee of the Georgia City-County Management Association (GCCMA). The internship program is designed to promote interest in local government and city management. Amber's projects with the city will include assisting with the Main Street Program, creating a City Welcome Packet, assisting departments with performance measures and helping with website updates.

We are pleased and excited to have Amber-Lee with us!

## Meet Renaissance Intern Juan Da Silva

**C**hamblee is a 2015 participant in the Georgia Downtown Renaissance Partnership's Downtown Renaissance Fellows program, a summer internship program that assigns a landscape architecture student to provide technical and design services for downtown projects. Our intern for this project is Juan Da Silva. He will work 40 hours per week over a 10-12 week period during the summer from a design studio on the UGA campus and will visit the city as needed.



Examples of projects undertaken by previous Downtown Renaissance Fellows include conceptual designs for streetscape improvements, a courtyard and pocket park, façade restoration, pedestrian links, gateway signage, public wayfinding and signage, and bike rack installation.

The Georgia Downtown Renaissance Partnership consists of the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Cities Foundation, and the University of Georgia in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Downtown Association. Previous programs have been completed in the cities of Gainesville, Milledgeville, and Porterdale in 2013, and the cities of Fitzgerald, Hapeville, and Newnan in 2014.

For more information: [gmanet.com/advice-knowledge/articles-and-resources/downtown-renaissance-partnership-makes-a-differenc.aspx](http://gmanet.com/advice-knowledge/articles-and-resources/downtown-renaissance-partnership-makes-a-differenc.aspx)

## All Good Things Must Come to an ENds!

By Captain Ernesto Ford

After a combined 37 years of faithful service to the City of Chamblee Police Department, brothers Sgt. Andy Ends and Sgt. Brady Ends have decided to move on to greener pastures.

Sgt. Brady Ends joined the department as a dispatcher in 1990 and in 1994 became a police officer. He distinguished himself while being assigned to the uniform patrol division and moved up the ranks. His duty assignments included the Community Oriented Policing Unit (COPS), Uniform Patrol, and Sergeant Uniform Patrol Division.

Sgt. Andy Ends joined the department as a police officer in 2002. He also distinguished himself and was promoted to sergeant. His duty assignments included Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Sergeant Uniform Patrol. Sgt. Andy Ends resigned from the police department in May to pursue a career as a nationwide truck driver.

Both brothers have served the Chamblee community well and will be missed.



Sgt. Andy Ends

## Officer King's Retirement

Officer Cecil King retired from the Chamblee Police Department in May after having served the community for 27 years. Officer King started his law enforcement career with the department in 1988 and has served with distinction and honor. Good luck in your future endeavors, Cecil!



Officer Cecil King

## New Police Officers



**Officer Dylan Cavin**  
Badge #314  
Previously with Georgia Department of Revenue



**Officer Scott Cole**  
Badge #316  
Previously with Cobb County PD



**Officer Sean Chiang**  
Badge #315  
Previously with Atlanta PD/  
Capital Police



**Officer Timothy Hogg**  
Badge #317  
Previously with Albany PD

## COPS CORNER

### Summer Vacation Safety – Special Concerns for Teens

The school year is over, which means that summer vacation has started. For teens, summertime is often split between time home alone, at a job, out with friends, or traveling. It's important for teens to know that even though their summer schedules may allow for more freedom than their academic schedules, they still need to follow rules and understand that negative choices will continue to bring negative consequences. Share these tips with teens to help them stay safe during their summertime ventures.

#### Stay Safe . . . When Home Alone

Remember not to do anything while home alone that you aren't allowed to do when your parents are there. If you use the Internet, engage only in friendly and legal behavior. Be sure not to cyberbully anyone, or download pirated music/videos/software. Do not give any personal information (such as your address or phone number) to anyone you meet online. Never let people you meet online know that you are home alone. Don't let anyone into your home without a parent's permission. If something goes wrong while you're home alone, call a trusted adult or law enforcement officer to help you.

#### . . . at Work

Make sure not to work alone, especially after hours. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation. Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuables with you at all times or locked in a closet, drawer, or locker. Mark other personal items with your name or initials. Know the exit routes and evacuation plans for your building.

#### . . . with Friends

Using alcohol or drugs is illegal and dangerous no matter where you are or who you are with. Using tobacco is dangerous, too. Don't allow yourself to give in to peer pressure or make poor choices. Pay attention to the road when driving with friends. Car accidents are one of the leading causes of death for teens.

#### . . . when Traveling

Carry traveler's checks instead of cash and record information (serial numbers and item name) of any valuables you take on your vacation (such as cameras or MP3 players). Take a copy of the information with you and leave one with a family member or trusted adult. Learn about your vacation destination before you arrive; know what sites you want to visit and how to get there using a safe, well-traveled route. Be sure to lock your room at your lodging place and insist that everyone carry a room key when away. Remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers into your room.

## Chamblee Celebrates Georgia Cities Week

Cities across Georgia celebrated Georgia Cities Week, April 19-25, with the theme “Destination Downtown.” City staff, elected officials, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and residents all participated in our Chamblee’s festivities.

**T**he annual event gives cities an opportunity to share information about the valuable services they provide to residents and the positive impact they have on quality of life. It also offers a way to celebrate community achievements and recognize volunteers and city employees.

This was the first year Chamblee has participated in Georgia Cities Week. City staff worked with a group of active community members to come up with a plan of activities for the event. The group included Chamblee 101 graduates, Recreation Advisory Committee members and representatives from Keep Chamblee Beautiful, the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce, and Arts Chamblee.

The week started with a successful cleanup of Dresden Park co-sponsored by Keep Chamblee Beautiful and the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers collected more than 30 bags of trash. After the Dresden Park cleanup was finished, some of the volunteers headed to the Rail Trail to do more trash collection.

Chamblee kicked off the workweek with daily postings of Chamblee-related trivia questions on the city’s Facebook page. Winners of the contests received Georgia Cities Week shirts. The city also posted daily YouTube videos made by staff members giving virtual tours of their departments.

Chamblee restaurants (Vintage Pizzeria, Downwind, 57th Fighter Group, and Wing Factory) participated in Cities Week by incorporating Chamblee facts into their Trivia Nights.

Arts Chamblee hosted a pop-up gallery and more than 200 people attended. The organization hosted a “Show Us Your Chamblee” video contest and the winner was announced at the first Chamblee Concert of the season in May. Laura Russo, a 2015 Chamblee 101 graduate, took home the \$500 prize.

Inspired by the Gramercy Park yearly contest, Keep Chamblee Beautiful sponsored an all-week-long yard improvement contest to encourage residents to help make their portion of Chamblee cleaner, greener, and more beautiful. Two 2015 Chamblee 101 graduates, Amber Barbee and Greg Schwartz of Huntley Hills, won the contest.

Chamblee closed Cities Week with Family Fun Day downtown, featuring a touch-a-truck event, food trucks, music, and many local vendors geared toward family activities.

To wrap everything up, the city collected more than 100 books for Fiesta DeLibros, a children’s reading program in Plaza Fiesta.





## Assistant City Clerk Linda McDaniel Retires

Linda McDaniel, one of Chamblee's long-term dedicated employees, retired on June 17. Linda started in June 1995 as tax clerk for occupational tax and other municipal taxes. For the past 10 years, she has been the assistant city clerk with responsibilities that include processing and issuing occupation tax certificates and alcohol license renewals as well as processing payments and printing licenses.

Linda describes key aspects of her work: "It has been my responsibility to enter 911 revenue, hotel/motel tax, car rental tax, alcohol excise tax by the drink, and alcohol excise tax from the local distributors. Also revenue generated for advertising in the Signal. I enter this revenue into the accounting system for tracking purposes."

She has enjoyed working with business owners and getting to know their stories. She is also especially close with four former city employees. "There are very few jobs where you can make and maintain close friendships – and this was definitely one," she says.

Her future plans are to spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will do special projects, take classes, travel, and do some gardening. She also plans to restore her family sailboat and take it to coastal Georgia. We wish Linda the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

## Parks and Recreation

### Camps, Classes, Events, Athletics, and more

The Chamblee Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality activities, programs, and events that enhance the quality of life for the city's residents.

#### Our mission is to provide:

- ▶ Safe, clean, and wholesome facilities for citizens of all ages and national origins to enjoy
- ▶ Supervised recreation programs in a friendly atmosphere dedicated to fair play
- ▶ Respect for individual effort
- ▶ Opportunities for recreational growth.

#### Parks and Recreation Department

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Twitter: @chambleeparks

Facebook: Chamblee Parks and Recreation

#### Camp Chamblee

We offer day camps for children throughout the year. Though most of the camps are developed by the department, a few are by third parties that partner with us. Summer, spring and winter camps are offered. Third party camps include Forefront Arts Camp and British Soccer Camp. Camps take place at the Keswick Park Community Building, 3496 Keswick Dr.

#### Classes and Programs

We offer many classes and programs throughout the year, including Yoga, Zumba, and an AARP Smart Driver course.

#### Events

We coordinate the major events for the city:

- Daddy Daughter Dance in February
- Georgia Cities Week in April
- Summer Concert Series
- Fourth of July Celebration
- Halloween Spooktacular in October
- Holiday Open Air Market
- Breakfast with Santa in December



Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month. In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives made it official. This July we're celebrating 30 years of Park and Recreation month and the enduring power of parks and recreation for the world.

Various research studies confirm that **community parks and recreation, green space, and time outdoors** are critical for creating **healthy, active, and sustainable communities**. You can experience the benefits by visiting your community parks and recreation facilities any time of the year, and especially during Park and Recreation Month.

To find out about all the **Park and Recreation Month** initiatives and locate participating parks and recreation areas in your community, visit [nrpa.org/july](http://nrpa.org/july).

## Parks

Chamblee has six parks – Clairmont, Huntley Hills, Keswick, Peachtree, Shallowford, and Village. These parks offer a variety of features: playgrounds, ball fields, barbecue grills, pavilions/picnic areas, walking trails, and seating areas.

All of the parks except Keswick are designed as neighborhood green spaces to be used by those living within biking or walking distance. Because of this, they offer limited parking for automobiles, or no parking at all. Keswick Park, however, was created to serve as a community park with plenty of parking, ball fields, and a community building.

## Athletics

Chamblee Parks and Recreation offers youth and adult sports programs throughout the year. Currently, we offer youth baseball and T-ball, youth soccer, and adult softball. Sport seasons are spring and fall. Chamblee youth sports provide a noncompetitive recreational activity for children. Through the programs offered, we seek to teach children the values of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and the fundamental skills of their sport.

## Recreation Advisory Committee

Chamblee Parks and Recreation has a Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) made up of six Chamblee residents (may have up to two nonresidents). RAC serves as a voice for the Chamblee Parks and Recreation staff, both in bringing in ideas from the community and in disseminating information to the community.

## Parks and Recreation Month

July marks 30 years of Park and Recreation Month and the enduring importance of parks and recreation for the world. This July, let's celebrate the past, present, and future of Parks and Rec!

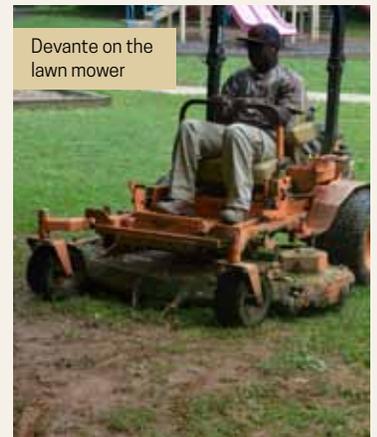
Two camp counselors with Anna Templeman, camp director



Parks staff: Kevin Farrow, John Carel, Davon Autry, Devante Frost, and Jeremy Hannen



Casinius Moore, athletic coordinator; Jennifer Rackley, director; and Chris Madden, program coordinator



Devante on the lawn mower



## Join Main Street and Keep Chamblee Thriving



**W**ant to learn about and participate in efforts to promote downtown Chamblee? Then please join one of our Main Street committees! Chamblee is a Georgia Main Street city, in partnership with Georgia's Department of Community Affairs. The Main Street program helps cities, towns, and villages revitalize their downtown and neighborhood business districts via the Main Street Four-Point Approach:

- Good organization
- Economic restructuring
- Design
- Promotional practices that leverage local assets.

Chamblee's Main Street committees are based on these four points. Our Main Street program is directed by the Downtown Development Authority and coordinated by Economic Development Manager Adam Causey.

### **Organization Committee**

The focus is on building partnerships among the various groups that have a stake in the commercial district. Through volunteer recruitment and collaboration

with partners representing a broad cross section of the community the program can incorporate a wide range of perspectives into its efforts.

### **Economic Restructuring Committee**

This committee works to strengthen Chamblee's existing economic assets while diversifying its economic base. It evaluates how to retain and expand successful businesses to provide a balanced commercial mix. It seeks to sharpen the competitiveness and merchandising skills of business owners and to attract new businesses that the market can support.

### **Design Committee**

The goal of this committee is to get downtown Chamblee into top physical shape, preserving its historic character while creating a safe and inviting environment for shoppers, workers, and visitors. The committee will direct attention to all of the physical elements: public and private buildings, storefronts, signs, public spaces, parking areas, street furniture, public art, landscaping, merchandising, window displays, and promotional materials.

Design activities include instilling good

maintenance practices in the commercial district, enhancing the district's physical appearance through the rehabilitation of historic buildings, encouraging appropriate new construction, developing sensitive design management systems, educating business and property owners about design quality, and long-term planning.

### **Promotion Committee**

This committee aims to communicate Downtown Chamblee's unique characteristics – cultural traditions, architecture, history, activities, and opportunities – within and beyond our city limits. The goal is to create a positive image that renews community pride and attracts shoppers, investors, potential businesses, property owners, and visitors to our city.

The Downtown Development Authority board members will serve as initial committee chairs, but anyone is welcome to serve on a committee. Meeting dates, times, and locations will vary depending on the committee but all meetings are public and will be advertised and promoted in advance. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, contact Adam Causey, [acuasey@chambleega.gov](mailto:acuasey@chambleega.gov), 770-986-5010.

# Public Works Roll Out

## Service in Recently Annexed Areas Begins July 1

**C**hamblee will begin to provide sanitation service to the recently annexed areas on July 1. Pickups will be on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday based on street. Leaf and brush pick up will be weekly – with no specific day, due to fluctuation in quantity.

### WEDNESDAY

AAlcoa Ct	Frontier Ct.	Ortega Way
Arrow Cir.	Frontier Trail	Pioneer Ct.
Arrow Creek Dr.	Harrow Dr.	Quantum Way
Beverly Hills Dr. (2397-2490)	Hilltop Dr.	Shallowford Pl.
Buford Dr.	Janice Cir.	Shallowford Rd.
Chamblee-Tucker Rd.	Janice Ct.	Shallowford Terr.
Coral Way	Lake Ct.	Trafalgar Way
Dresden Way	Laventure Dr. (3266-3320)	Villa Esta Dr.
Eaton Pl.	Meadow Mere E.	Woodside Way (2404-2314)
Flindt Ct.	Meadow Mere W.	

### THURSDAY

Appling Cir.	Dresden Dr.	Plaster Rd.
Appling Dr.	Dresden Square	Stratford Arms Dr.
Appling Pl.	Dresden Way	Westchester Ln.
Appling Way	Kammeyer Ln.	Whispering Hills Ct.
Ascot Ct.	Laventure Dr. (2499-3231)	Whispering Hills Dr..
Beverly Hills Dr. (2512-2604)	Marlin Cir.	Woodgreen Dr.
Bragg St.	Marlin Dr.	Woodside Way (2431-2499)
Clairmont Rd.	Marlin Way	West Hardee
Cliffway Dr.	Meadowood Ln.	Young Rd.
Dresden Ct.	Mural Dr.	

### FRIDAY

Battle Dr.	Doverhill Pl.	Rosecrest Pl.
Capehart Cir.	Dresden Parc Cir.	Shalimar Dr.
Capehart Pl.	Emerald Ridge Ct.	Skyline Ln.
Century Blvd.	Gregory Run	Tanglewood Cir.
Century Cir.	Greystone Oaks Way	Vance Dr.
Century Pkwy.	Johnson Cir.	Variations Dr.
Century Pl.	Johnson Rd.	Warwick Cir.
Clairmeade Valley Rd.	Jordan Terr.	Wellona Pl.
Clairmont Terr.	Malabar Dr.	Wentworth Dr.
Clairmont North	McJenkin Dr.	Woodacres Rd.
Dering Cir.	Medfield Trail	Warwick Cir.
Dering Ct.	Radar Rd.	
Dering Pl.	Rhineland Ct.	

## Annexation

# Chamblee Welcomes Highwoods Properties

In December 2013 Chamblee annexed the area southeast of the city known to many as the DECA area. Highwoods Properties, in the commercial area of Century Center, challenged the annexation in court, but the DeKalb Superior Court, the State Court of Appeals, and the State Supreme Court have agreed that the annexation stands.

In April, the Georgia Supreme Court declined a request made by attorneys for Highwoods Properties to reconsider the courts' unanimous decision that effectively confirmed Century Center is in the City of Chamblee. This ruling means the lawsuit between Highwoods and Chamblee is over.

On April 31, Mayor Clarkson sat down with the vice president of Highwoods, Jim Bacchetta, and they both agreed they are committed to making a joint effort to move forward together. The City of Chamblee began providing services to the property in May and now formally welcomes the Highwoods Properties into the city.

## Holiday Sanitation Schedule

### Independence Day

City offices will be closed Friday, July 3. Friday trash and recycling services will be Thursday, July 2. All other trash and recycle pickup days will remain the same.

## Anniversaries and a Grand Opening

Spring brought business grand openings and ribbon cuttings, which kept the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce busy facilitating the festivities. Value Place hosted a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting in May. The new hotel is at 2877 Dresden Dr., Atlanta, GA 30341. The hotel offers three extended stay hotel room options, all with kitchens, and 24/7 access to vending and guest laundry.

Also in May, the Chamber hosted an Arrow Exterminators 50 Year Anniversary and ribbon cutting. Arrow is at 3966 Clairmont Rd. in Chamblee.

Another business that celebrated a milestone this year is Aerial Innovations of Georgia Commercial Photography, 3374 Hardee Ave., which celebrated 24 years in business. Aerial Innovations provides commercial and aerial photography for advertising, marketing and other companies and vendors.

Cutting the ribbon to salute Arrow Exterminators' 50 years in Chamblee



Cutting the ribbon at the new Value Place hotel on Dresden Drive



# Save the Date!

**Saturday, Sept. 12**



The ninth Taste of Chamblee community and food festival will take place in downtown Chamblee on Sept. 12, noon-7 p.m. Returning as co-hosts and beneficiaries are local nonprofits the Georgia Lions Lighthouse (501c3) and the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce (501c6). The festival will celebrate the diverse community of Chamblee with local restaurants, artists, businesses, and live entertainment.

Applications are now being accepted for restaurants, sponsors, and vendors. Restaurants, contact Barbara Barber, executive director, Chamblee Chamber of Commerce, [bbarber@chambee-chamber.org](mailto:bbarber@chambee-chamber.org); sponsorships, artists, and other vendors, contact Kembra Landry, CDO, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, [klandry@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:klandry@lionslighthouse.org).

## Merchants form Chamblee Roundtable

The owners of Duett Design and Hello Gorgeous Boutique and Café are seeking other Chamblee merchants to join their Chamblee Merchant Roundtable, a forum for expressing merchant-related concerns and collaborating on marketing materials for Chamblee as a shopping destination. Membership in the group is free. Meetings are scheduled 7-9 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. To learn more, contact Katja Lauterback, [katja@duett-design.com](mailto:katja@duett-design.com)

## Lions Club Adopts Peachtree Road through Downtown Chamblee

The recently formed Chamblee-Lighthouse Lions Club, started by Georgia Lions Lighthouse staff and community volunteers, has adopted the road from the Lighthouse (5582 Peachtree Rd.) to the intersection of Peachtree and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

The club adopted the stretch of road through DeKalb County's Keep DeKalb Beautiful/Adopt-A-Road program. The litter-reduction-and-prevention program gives environmentally conscious individuals the opportunity to help their local community by collecting litter and beautifying the streets in their neighborhoods, maintaining DeKalb's reputation as one of the nation's "Best Nature-Friendly Places to Live."

The club conducted its first clean-up project on May 30, working in groups to cover the 2.9-mile length of road, picking up trash and recyclable litter from the sidewalks and street. They plan to host a clean-up event every month to reduce excess litter and promote recycling in the downtown Chamblee community.

All community members are welcome to join the Chamblee-Lighthouse Lions Club. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Ruthy Stephens, membership chair, [rstephens@lionslighthouse.org](mailto:rstephens@lionslighthouse.org).



## Keeping Chamblee Beautiful

**Park Cleanup, Yard Improvement, Mailbox Beautification, and More**

Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) is moving right along, continuing to help make Chamblee a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live, work, and play. In April KCB helped organize a cleanup of Dresden Park and a portion of the Rail Trail. In May KCB volunteers were at the PDK air show selling plants and giving away free flower and vegetable seed packets.

Huntley Hills residents Amber Barbree and Greg Schwartz won the KCB Yard Improvement contest for the improvements and additions they made to their backyard pathways. Check the KCB Facebook photo album to see all the entries.

Coming up – Chamblee's Most Beautiful Mailbox contest. KCB will also install several Legacy Benches this fall. Many other fun and exciting events are planned for the remainder of 2015 and beyond. Check out [keepchambleebeautiful.org](http://keepchambleebeautiful.org) for news and updates.

## Chamblee Chamber Update

### Chamblee COC Settles in Chinatown Mall

The Chamblee Chamber of Commerce has relocated to Chinatown Mall, 5383 New Peachtree Rd., thanks to a generous offer by Mr. Peter Chang, developer of the mall and a Founding Gold chamber member. The new location will introduce the chamber to a global community and allow us to share the benefits of membership with many new cultures and businesses.

The new office will open on July 1. Stop in and say “hi” to Executive Director Barbara Barber and Office Administrator Aurora Santana.

### Summer Concerts

The Chamblee Summer Concert Series is a great way to meet other local residents and enjoy terrific entertainment (see page 23). The Chamblee Chamber is delighted to host the Wine Tent. Please support your chamber and enjoy a glass of wine.

### Volunteers Needed

Chamblee is growing! Many exciting projects are breaking ground in our great city. The very best nonprofit organizations, such as our chamber, are rich with volunteers. We need your help. Our Events Committee is responsible for the monthly Business After Hours and Breakfast meetings. We all agree that additional fun events are a great way to network and become involved.

### Join Us!

Membership is the life blood of our existence. The bigger the chamber, the more we can do for our members. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Events and Membership committees. Make your chamber work for you – volunteer. Life is about relationships – most of my friends, personal and professional, I’ve met when I raised my hand and volunteered.



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## New Website for Antique Row



Chamblee's Antique Row District is largest and most distinctive antiques collection in the Southeast!

The DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau has released the new website for Chamblee's Antique Row. Chamblee partners with the DeKalb CVB to promote events and make our city a destination spot. Check out [antiquerow.com](http://antiquerow.com).

## Upcoming Chamber Events

**July 14, 5:30 p.m.**

Business After Hours – Vintage Pizzeria with ice cream from the Frosty Caboose

**July 23, 7:30 a.m.**

Breakfast – Susan Gilbert, dean of Mercer University School of Business – Civic Center

**July 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Summer Concert – Wine Tent

**Aug. 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Business After Hours – Hands-on Wellness

**Aug. 20, 7:30 a.m.**

Breakfast – Doug Hooker, Atlanta Regional Commission – Civic Center

**Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Summer Concert – Wine Tent

## Chef Alexis Participates in another Cutthroat Kitchen

Our local celebrity Chef Alexis, competed in Cutthroat Kitchen's new tournament "Evilicious!" Sixteen of the fiercest, most competitive chefs returned to the Cutthroat arena to dish out chaos and pain. Our chef, Alexis Hernandez, is one of those chefs. The show aired in May and he won second place. His buddy Chef Jernard came by and had lunch at the restaurant, Union Hill Kitchen.



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# Chamblee Is Awesome!

## Mayor Clarkson's State of the City Address for 2015

On May 19, Mayor Clarkson delivered the 2015 State of the City address. He opened with the enthusiastic statement "The State of the City of Chamblee is awesome and the future has never looked brighter!" He continued, "Today we are once again in the process of building a new Chamblee!"



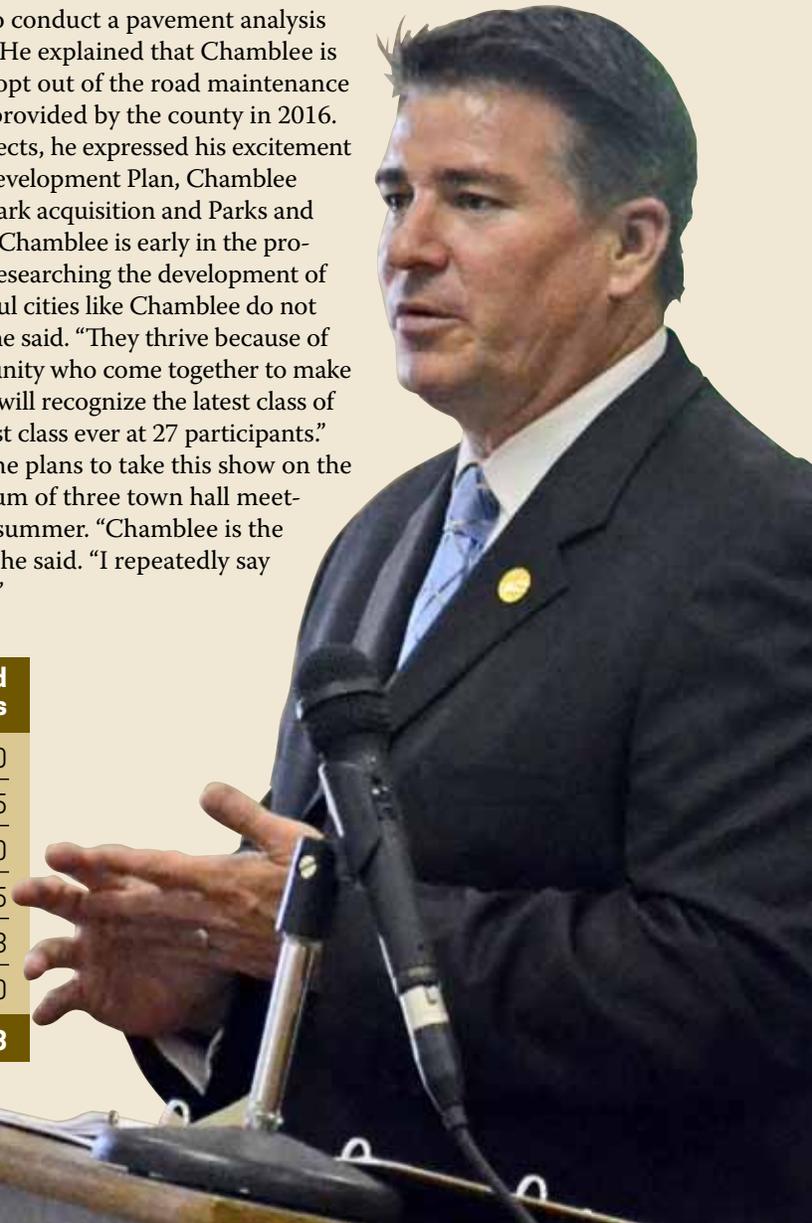
The mayor said this was a great time to host the State of the City, since the 2013 annexation of areas south of the airport was now official. He focused on some major changes that took place in 2014-15, such as hiring new employees and creating new positions, the Main Street program designation, and sanitation changes. He stated, "Last year I talked about building a new Chamblee, and called for an economic development plan and set a goal to create 1,000 new jobs in Chamblee before Dec. 2016. And to begin the process of creating a new town center in the city core. This year we have continued to work towards doing just that. New developments in the city, when they're completed, will bring more than 700 new jobs to Chamblee."

He noted substantial increases in employees due to the annexation last year and said, "Our total will be around 155 full-time employees."

Discussing the ongoing challenge of road maintenance, Mayor Clarkson said that the city has signed a contract with Infrastructure Management Services to conduct a pavement analysis and sidewalk inventory. He explained that Chamblee is considering whether to opt out of the road maintenance and traffic engineering provided by the county in 2016.

Discussing future projects, he expressed his excitement for a future Economic Development Plan, Chamblee Town Center, Dresden Park acquisition and Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Chamblee is early in the process of envisioning and researching the development of a town center. "Wonderful cities like Chamblee do not just happen by chance," he said. "They thrive because of the people of the community who come together to make a difference. Tonight we will recognize the latest class of Chamblee 101, the largest class ever at 27 participants."

Mayor Clarkson said he plans to take this show on the road – hosting a minimum of three town hall meetings across the city this summer. "Chamblee is the Center of the Universe," he said. "I repeatedly say this because I believe it!"



Project	Total Investment	Estimated Jobs
Peachtree Crossing/Whole Foods	\$60,000,000	280
Parkview on Peachtree	\$120,000,000	175
The Olmsted	\$48,000,000	50
City Farmers Market	\$20,000,000	125
Mercy Park	\$24,000,000	78
Perimeter Park	\$81,450,000	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$353,450,000</b>	<b>728</b>

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## Senior Connections Kicks off Summer

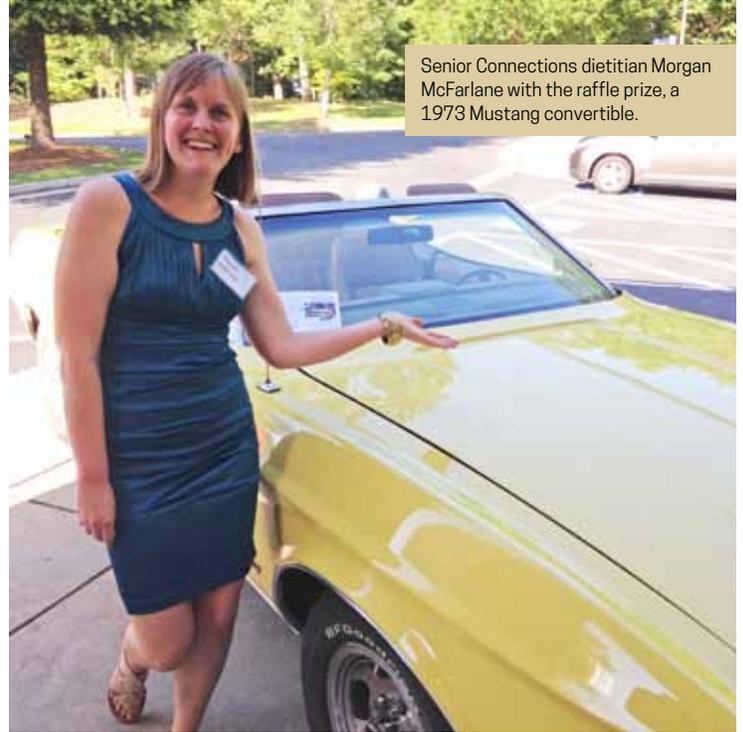
# Mustang Raffle and Volunteer Drive

**S**enior Connections kicks off summer with a raffle for a 1973 Mustang convertible. Ticket sales will support senior services across Atlanta like Meals on Wheels, in-home care, and home repairs for low-income seniors – some right here in Chamblee. Tickets are \$100 and only 300 will be sold. For more information visit [seniorconnectionsatl.org](http://seniorconnectionsatl.org).

Summer is also a great time to get involved with our volunteer program. Our kitchen operates Monday through Friday, producing nearly 15,000 meals each week, and we require volunteers to keep it humming. The minimum age is 12 (with a chaperone) or 16 for unsupervised volunteers. Another great volunteer opportunity is delivering meals – all ages are welcome, but the driver must be at least 18, have a valid driver's license and insurance, and pass a background check. For more information visit [seniorconnectionsatl.org/volunteer](http://seniorconnectionsatl.org/volunteer).



Delivering meals is a great activity for all ages



Senior Connections dietitian Morgan McFarlane with the raffle prize, a 1973 Mustang convertible.

Stay tuned for our inaugural bowling tournament at Midtown Bowl. On Aug. 8, teams will compete for cash and prizes while benefitting senior services in Atlanta. All ages and skills welcome! Register online at [seniorconnectionsatl.org/events](http://seniorconnectionsatl.org/events). Sponsorships available as well.

# Know Your Natural Environment

**T**he Atlanta metro area (including Chamblee) is home to the largest urban forest on earth. There are 15 types of forest in North America, ranging along the east coast from the tundra, alpine meadows, and ice regions of the far north to the Southeastern Coastal Plains forests in the south. We live in a Southern Oak-Hickory-Pine forest, with Eastern deciduous forest just above us.

A walk in the woods can be enormously enhanced by knowing just a few basic facts. Pine forests going back some 130 million years give way to hardwood forests going back some 40 million years. Once pine forests give way to hardwoods, most hardwood trees are “deciduous,” because they “decide” to drop their leaves in the fall. Other hardwoods are “evergreen.”



Most people still know that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, but fewer know that the sun rises and sets at different points on the horizon depending on how far from the sun the Earth tilts as it revolves around the sun, giving us our

cold and warm seasons. Individual trees in a forest are usually identified by their bark, their leaves, and their nuts and fruits. An upright dead tree is referred to as a “snag.” A fallen dead tree is referred to as a “log.”

Most wildlife lives less than five years in the wild. To survive at all, animals need four things: food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. Most wildlife activity takes place on the edge: The edge of the clearing, the edge of the creek, the edge of the woods, the edge of the day or night.

There is no life or death in the forest, only change from one state to another. There is no “them” in nature, because everything is connected to and dependent upon everything else.

— Tom Reilly, *National Wildlife Federation*

## Fourth of July Celebration

**T**he Chamblee Independence Day Celebration begins at 5 p.m. on July 4 with a bike parade from Chamblee Middle School to the Keswick Park soccer field. The Mad Italian, Frosty Caboose, and food truck vendors will be set up near the soccer field at 5 p.m. and there will be games and activities for the kids, including bounce houses, a train ride, contests, a cornhole tournament, and live music beginning at 6 p.m.

Rupert's Orchestra will headline, to be followed by a top-notch fireworks display when it gets dark. Attendees can bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the show, as well as outside food and drink (excluding alcohol). In the event of rain, a makeup date for the fireworks only will be announced.

Handicap parking will be available at the community building. There will also be limited parking at the softball field and on the T-ball field, as well as street parking and a limited number of spaces at the middle school.



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# CHAMBLEEGOV JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <b>Recreation Advisory Committee</b> , 7 pm, Community Building <b>Trash and Recycling</b> for Thursday and Friday routes	3 City offices closed for Independence Day	4 <b>4th of July Summer Concert</b> <b>Rupert's Orchestra</b> , 6:30-10:30 pm, Keswick Park
5	6 <b>Youth sports registration</b> open for residents	7 <b>Architectural Advisory Review Board</b> , 7-9 pm, Chamblee City Hall Conference Room	8 <b>Yoga</b> , 5 & 6:15 pm, Civic Center	9	10	11
12	13 <b>Youth sports registration</b> open for nonresidents <b>Court</b> , 6 pm, Civic Center	14 <b>Chamblee Chamber Business After Hours Meeting</b> , 5:30-7:30 pm, Vintage Pizzeria	15 <b>Court</b> , 6 pm, Civic Center	16 <b>City Council Work Session</b> , 6 pm, Civic Center	17	18 <b>Compost and Electronics Recycling Day</b> , 8 am-noon, Public Works
19	20 <b>Court</b> , 6 pm, Civic Center	21 <b>City Council Meeting</b> , 7:30 pm, Civic Center	22 <b>Yoga</b> , 5 pm, Civic Center	23 <b>Chamblee Chamber Breakfast Meeting</b> , 7:30-9 am, Civic Center <b>Court</b> , 6 pm, Civic Center	24 <b>Summer Concert: Drivin' n' Cryin'</b> , 6:30-10:30 pm, City Hall Park	25
26	27	28 <b>Downtown Development Authority Meeting</b> , 6:30 pm, Chamblee City Hall	29 <b>Merchant Roundtable</b> , 7 pm, Hello Gorgeous Boutique and Café <b>Yoga</b> , 5 pm, Civic Center	30	31	



# Calendar

# CHAMBLEE.GOV AUGUST 2015

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## Summer Concert Series Continues

**July 4 ▪ Rupert's Orchestra**

**July 24 ▪ Drivin' n' Cryin'**

**Aug. 28 ▪ Ricochet**

**C**hamblee's Summer Concert Series presents its second concert, featuring Rupert's Orchestra, during the city's Fourth of July Celebration at Keswick Park. On July 24, the series returns to downtown Chamblee and welcomes back a favorite rock and roll band, Drivin' n' Cryin'. The concert series will wrap up on Aug. 28 with a performance by country super group Ricochet. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and join us for these free concerts.

The first show in the series took place in May. Families in attendance delighted in the classic rock of China Grove as they played many favorites from the Doobie Brothers. Children and adults alike took advantage of the wonderful weather to toss Frisbees and play cornhole while listening to the live music and sampling food from the Mad Italian and the Atlanta Chamos Grill and Loaded Burger food trucks. Beer sales by the Mad Italian and wine sales by the Chamblee Chamber helped make the event a great way to unwind from the workweek for those in attendance.





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