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Chamblee's China Connection

Local Officials Return from Economic, Trade, and Tourism Mission

A delegation of Chamblee officials, local business leaders, and staff from the DeKalb Tourism Bureau recently travelled to China to meet with economic, trade, and tourism officials there. What prompted this trip halfway around the world is mutual interest in developing a Chinatown in Chamblee and resur-

recting the International Village site, and developing a new Chamblee Town Center. Mayor Eric Clarkson, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mock, Councilman John Mesa, Discover DeKalb CEO James Tsismanakis, Discover DeKalb Board member Charlene Fang, and business leaders Jack Chang and Michael Chien all made the trip as guests of the Chi-

nese government and various investors. The trip required no tax dollars.

The visits to Nanjing and Shanghai, in the works for more than a year, came about because Chinese developers and government officials are investigating options regarding investment in

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Brian Mock and Charlene Fang present some of their Chinese hosts with Chamblee and DeKalb T-shirts

Chamblee PD Joins Federal Anti-Crime Task Force

The U.S. Department of Justice recently granted nearly \$500,000 to combat gang violence and drug crime in DeKalb County. The funds will be used to form the DeKalb Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, which will be coordinated by the Atlanta office of the U.S. Attorney General. The DeKalb task force comprises the DeKalb County, Brookhaven, and Chamblee police departments.

According to U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, "Gang violence and gun crime are two of the most formidable obstacles we face in ensuring that every American lives in a safe and secure community." The grants provide resources so that a unified approach to tackling these problems can occur since crime often crosses jurisdiction boundaries.

"The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant will allow the police departments to implement a multi-faceted approach to reducing gang violence and gun-related crimes," said John Horn, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. The task force will implement a highly refined and proven strategy to mitigate gun and gang violence within the three target areas that include Brookhaven, Chamblee, and south DeKalb County.

The task force will focus on crime suppression, education, and prevention working jointly in all three areas. The effort includes enhanced training for officers on gang recognition, gathering evidence, and successful prosecutions. The PSN task force will collect data and analysis conducted by Applied Research Services, a national consulting firm with PSN experience. "We look forward to working with our partners in this initiative to make our communities safer," said Chamblee Police Chief Donny Williams.

As part of the President's 21st Century Task Force on Policing, the Rehoboth Baptist Church in Tucker will provide training to youth in the selected areas. The strength of this initiative is the collaborative approach that brings together the expertise of all the partners to bear on this problem affecting our communities.

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Firewood for Sale

The Public Works Department, 3210 Cumberland Dr., has a limited amount of firewood for sale this year. For those wishing to pick it up at our facility, a pickup truck load is \$65. If you would like it delivered, the cost is \$105. We only deliver to Chamblee residents inside the city limits. Firewood is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call first to check on availability, 770-986-5019.





How Are We Doing, Chamblee?

City Launches Customer Service Survey Program

The City of Chamblee launched a new customer service survey in September. Chamblee residents or visitors who have had a recent interaction with city services or employees are encouraged to rate Chamblee's performance.

The customer service survey can be

taken using iPads at kiosks located in government offices around the city: the police station, parks and recreation, development, and City Hall. The survey is also available online at surveymonkey.com/r/chambleecustomerservicesurvey.

Take the opportunity to tell us how we are doing and how we can continually

improve efforts to provide high quality services. The survey includes 10 questions and takes just a few minutes to complete. You may respond anonymously. Once completed, if you choose to register your email address you will be entered into a prize drawing.

surveymonkey.com/r/chambleecustomerservicesurvey

City Closings & Holiday Trash Pick Up

Veteran's Day – City offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 11. If your trash and recycle day is Friday, pickups will be on Thursday, Nov. 10. Pickups for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will remain the same.

Thanksgiving – City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25. If your trash and recycle day is Thursday, pickups will be on Wednesday, Nov. 25. If your trash and recycle day is Friday, pickups will be on Monday, Nov. 28. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday pickup days will remain the same.

Christmas – City offices will close at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27. There is no change in the schedule for the week of Dec. 19. If your trash and recycle day is Monday, Dec. 26, pickups will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

New Year's 2017 – City offices will close at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3. There is no change in the schedule for the week of Dec. 26. If your trash and recycle day is Monday, Jan. 2, pickups will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Chamblee High Streetscape Update



Equipment On-Site, Safety Cones Up, Improvements and Safer Streets on the Way

Streetscape improvements along Chamblee Dunwoody Road and adjacent to Chamblee High School have begun. When completed, the project will improve the visual appeal of the area and provide a safer crossing for students and other pedestrians going to the school.

The project will include streetscape and intersection improvements along approximately 2,800 linear feet on both sides of Chamblee Dunwoody Road, beginning at Harts Mill Road and ending at Peachtree Boulevard in Chamblee. Among the improvements:

- A new HAWK signal will be added in front of Chamblee High School to provide a safer and a more controlled student crossing of Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Fencing will be added along the front of the high school to channel students to a dedicated crossing point.
- A right turn lane will be added at Harts Mill Road and traffic signals will be modified at that intersection.
- Concrete pedestrian islands and new pedestrian crossing signals will be added at Peachtree Boulevard.
- Streetscapes, lighting, and landscaping will be installed to meet the city's streetscape standard.
- All construction will meet ADA regulations.



Teresa Taylor Takes Job in LaGrange

Teresa Taylor, who joined the Chamblee City Manager's office in 2014 and served as coordinator/editor of the Chamblee Signal during that time, has been appointed assistant city manager for the city of LaGrange, about 85 miles southwest of Chamblee.



During her time in Chamblee, Taylor directed the overhaul of the Signal newsletter and added a Spanish-language component, helped to roll out the city's first mobile app for service requests, and developed a new resident welcome packet. She is a member of the International City-County Management Association, or ICMA, and is currently completing ICMA's two-year leadership program.

She holds a master's degree in public administration from Georgia State University, and has completed ICMA's senior executive institute at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

Dangerous Tree Removal Ongoing at City Parks

A number of dangerous trees are being removed from Chamblee's city parks, following an assessment of tree health conducted by Davey Tree Experts.

Other trees are being trimmed to ease truck access and to address other safety issues. Parks and Recreation Director Jodie Gilfillan asked Davey to conduct a survey of trees in the city parks and develop a list of those that need to be removed or trimmed. Gilfillan said, "All of the trees to be taken down are hazardous to park patrons due to the fact that they are either dead, split, compromised at the base, or leaning. The Parks and Recreation Department makes every effort to save trees and will be looking at areas in the parks where new trees can be planted."

Oh What Fun it Is to Shop with Santa Cop

Every holiday season, Chamblee's Santa Cops select 10 children from the community to go Christmas shopping at a local Walmart. Each gets a \$200 budget to spend on siblings, parents and themselves. The goal is to provide individualized attention and to bring happiness, joy, and the Christmas spirit to at-risk children in DeKalb County. As Officer Chris Poythress says, "Honestly, it's safe to say that our officers enjoy this annual event at least as much as the kids do!"

The event, sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #10, is funded by donations from members of the community. Additional Santa Cop funds are raised by soliciting donations and gathering proceeds from fund raisers such as the Santa Cop Charity Bowling Tournament. Last year, members of the Chamblee Police Department raised \$3,200, which paid for 16 children to participate. For more information or to make a donation, contact Officer Chris Poythress at cpoythress@chambleega.gov.



Parks and Rec Master Plan Update

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, Lose and Associates held the last of several community meetings on the Chamblee Parks and Recreation Ten-Year Master Plan. During the meeting, staff from Lose reviewed their findings and presented their recommendations. Those present were able to ask questions and look at park concepts.

Lose and Associates developed this master plan using demographic data, population projections, assessments of current facilities, national standards, and public input. The document serves as both a strategic plan and an action plan, providing the

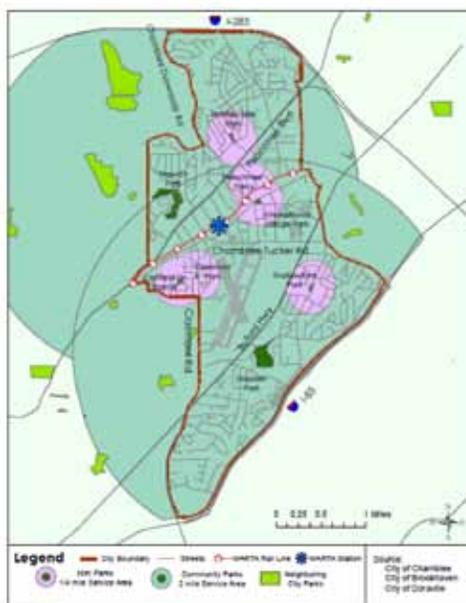
City of Chamblee with guidelines for future program planning efforts and capital improvement projects.

These maps illustrate the service area analysis that shows the city and surrounding parks, gap analysis with existing parks, and the gap analysis with existing parks and proposed search areas. The master plan is to be used as a guide for the delivery of recreation services to the citizens of Chamblee.

Lose and Associates was scheduled to present the plan to the mayor and city council for adoption in October. Learn more about the plan in the next issue of *The Signal*.



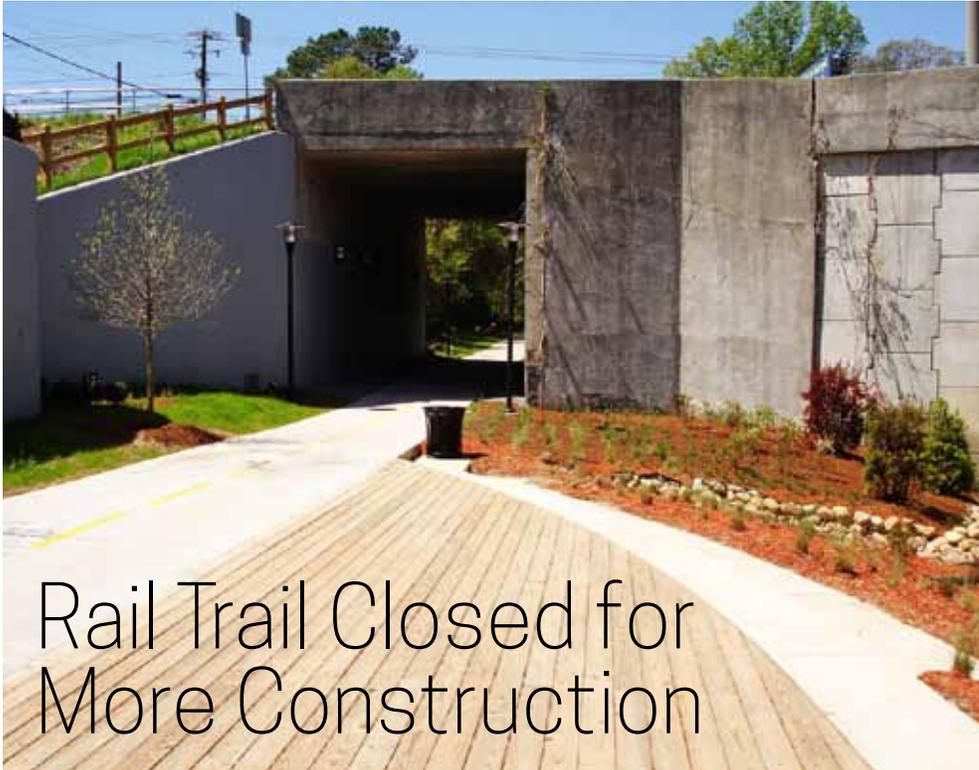
City and surrounding parks



Gap analysis - existing parks



Gap analysis - existing parks and proposed search areas



Rail Trail Closed for More Construction

Chamblee's Rail Trail, recently closed for bridge construction, then re-opened to the public in September, is closed again, between the Peachtree Boulevard underpass and Keswick Park. The developers of the new Parkview on Peachtree project closed the trail in mid-October for the construction of retaining walls.

Construction fencing will be installed for public safety and signs will be posted at each end of the trail to notify pedestrians of the closure. For more information and updates, contact Connolly, developer of the project, at 770-277-8000 or visit parkviewonpeachtree.com.

Development 101 Classes this Fall Register Now

The Development 101 program is hosting a series of classes about development to educate residents and business owners on the Unified Development Ordinance, zoning, permitting and code enforcement. The classes are open to all, but spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The first of the five scheduled classes are:

Nov. 15 • Code Enforcement

Violations and nonconforming uses, who to contact, penalties and actions

Dec. 13 • Land Disturbance Permitting

Types of permits needed, permitting process, site codes (buffers, trees, soil erosion, floodplain, stormwater)

Classes begin at 6:30 and last 90 minutes. Confirmation of registration will be sent by email. It will include notification of the location of the class, which will be determined based on the number of participants. If you are interested in any of the classes, please fill out the registration form online at chambleega.gov/registerdev101.

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification

The City of Chamblee recently sent three employees to Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification training at the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Assistant Chief Mike Beller, Public Works Director Reginald Anderson, and Economic Development Manager Adam Causey completed the week-long training program. This certification program equips graduates to analyze and improve processes and to solve quality problems. Training such as this, which seeks to take government efficiency and customer service to the next level, is a key part of making sure that the City of Chamblee is able to serve its citizens in a responsive and efficient manner.



Mike Beller



Reginald Anderson



Adam Causey

Self-Defense Class at Team Octopus



Officer Chris Poythress conducts the woman's self-defense class



Council member John Mesa assists residents perfecting their self-defense techniques.



The Chamblee Police Department and trainers from Team Octopus hosted a women's self-defense class in September. More than 30 women participated at the Team Octopus facility on Longview Drive.

Parks and Recreation Employees Certified

Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator Chris Madden recently completed the requirements necessary to obtain the distinction of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional. Chris joins an elite group of approximately 4,250 parks and recreation officials nationwide committed to fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of park and recreation programs and services.

Jeremy Hannon of Chamblee's Parks and Recreation Department successfully completed the course and exam to obtain the distinction of Certified Playground Safety Inspector. This certification is the most comprehensive and up to date training on playground safety issues including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods. Jeremy's CPSI credentials make him a leader and role model in the public playground safety community.

Congratulations, Chris and Jeremy!



Chris Madden

Jeremy Hannon

Coffee and Donuts National Community Police Week



On Oct. 3 the Chamblee Police Department held its first Coffee and Donuts event at Dunkin' Donuts. The community was able to meet and chat with Chamblee police officers while enjoying a cup of coffee and donuts before they headed off to work that Monday morning.

Thanks to everyone who stopped in to say hello. Stay tuned for the next Coffee and Donuts event.

Leaf Pickup

Please remember to place limbs, logs, and leaves in separate piles for pickup to ensure proper handling without impeding service times. Do not mix construction debris with yard trimmings. Any of the above items mixed with leaves will damage the impeller inside the leaf machine and this could jeopardize collection times and create unsafe conditions for the workers.

Do place leaves in loose piles on the ground on the residents' side of the curb. They may also be bagged.

The leaf machine runs through the entire city once a week. Because of the volume, there is no set day when it will be in your area. We rotate the starting point of collection each week to ensure equal pickups.

Help Your Teen Drive with PRIDE



Recent participants in a Chamblee Ride with P.R.I.D.E. class

Georgia Teens Ride with P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) is a free, national award-winning two-hour course designed to help parents and their soon-to-be or new drivers, ages 14-16 and older, learn what they need to do during the 40 hours of supervised practice driving time required by Georgia law.

Topics covered include driver attitudes and behaviors, Georgia law, eliminating risk factors, and advice for parents.

For more information about the Ride with P.R.I.D.E. program, and to enroll your young driver, go to chambleega.gov.

COPS CORNER

Calling 911? Remember these Tips

- ▶ Do NOT hang up if you reach a recording. Stay on the line and your call will be answered in order.
- ▶ If the police answer your call when you're reporting a fire or medical emergency, they'll transfer your call – stay on the line while the call is transferred.
- ▶ Answer ALL the dispatcher's questions. Do not yell. If the emergency is such that you can only dial 911 but not talk, the police will respond to the address that pops up on their 911-computer screen.
- ▶ Don't get upset if they're "taking too long" or "asking too many questions." While one dispatcher is talking to you, another dispatcher is alerting emergency responders.
- ▶ After you've stated your needs, if you must rush off to deal with the emergency, do not hang up the phone so the dispatcher can still hear you in the background.
- ▶ Remember that the average response time nationwide is NINE minutes.
- ▶ The dispatcher might give you directions on what to do. Follow each step exactly.
- ▶ Do NOT hang up until the dispatcher says it's OK to do so.
- ▶ If you get disconnected while talking to 911, always call back.
- ▶ Secure any dogs that may interfere with emergency responders.



Crime Prevention Tips For Seniors

C rime prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just a job for law enforcement. Seniors can learn how to protect themselves from crime by following these simple, common sense suggestions. Share these tips with your neighbors and friends, to make it tough for criminals to work in your neighborhood.

Tips for When You Are at Home

- ▶ Never open your door automatically. Install and use a peephole.
- ▶ Lock your doors and windows.
- ▶ Vary your daily routine.
- ▶ Use "Neighbor Watch" to keep an eye on your neighborhood.
- ▶ Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- ▶ Leave lights on when going out at night; use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are away for an extended period.
- ▶ Notify neighbors and the police when going away on a trip. Cancel deliveries such as newspapers and arrange for someone to mow the lawn if necessary. Arrange for your mail to be held by the post office.
- ▶ Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.
- ▶ Install deadbolt locks on all your doors.
- ▶ Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out; keep curtains closed.
- ▶ Ask for proper identification from delivery persons or strangers.
- ▶ Never let a stranger into your home.
- ▶ Do not hide your keys under the mat or in other conspicuous places.
- ▶ Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- ▶ If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, DON'T GO IN. Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime.

Walking

- ▶ If you are attacked on the street, make as much noise as possible by calling for help or blowing a whistle. Do not pursue your attacker. Call 911 and report the crime as soon as possible.
- ▶ Avoid walking alone at night. Try to have a friend accompany you in high risk areas even during the daytime. Avoid carrying weapons; they may be used against you. Always plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings. Walk confidently.



Mock in Taiwan



Mock and Fang in Taipei



James Tsismanakis, Brian Mock, Eric Clarkson, John Mesa



Dim sum with new friends

CHINA *continued from page 1*

Chamblee. The development of a Chinatown is especially intriguing to all parties because Atlanta does not have an official Chinatown. The closest ones are in Chicago and Washington, D.C. The current Chinatown Mall area in Chamblee is already a strong regional attraction, serving customers from as far away as Florida and the Carolinas. Chamblee is easily accessible by MARTA and Interstates 85 and 285, and the area is actively marketed by DeKalb Tourism as the Atlanta region's unofficial Chinatown.

The large local Asian-American population and Asian-owned businesses along Buford Highway also strengthen the Chinese developers' interest because there is a built-in customer base. "With our very own Chinatown already in Chamblee, it makes a lot of sense for us to have increased talks about product development with our Chinese partners," said Tsismanakis. Later this year, and in early 2017, additional groups from China will visit to take a look at Chamblee and see all that it has to offer.

Mock and Fang extended their visit to meet with Taiwanese leaders in Taipei and Taichung City, who had previously visited Chamblee and expressed strong interest in green energy and quality-of-life developments in the city. They plan to return here soon as well.

"Halfway around the world, the language isn't the same, but hospitality and friendship transcend any language barriers," said Mock. "People do business with people they know and like, so making this trip was a no-brainer. We've opened the door and rolled out the welcome mat, and I am hopeful our new friends will make Chamblee their new home away from home."

► "One of Chamblee's greatest assets is its international diversity. And with the current joint Chamblee/Doraville LCI study of the Buford Highway corridor, there has never been a better time to explore economic development opportunities for this area of our city."

— Mayor Eric Clarkson

Convoy of Care

Community Donations Delivered by Chamblee Police Support Flood Victims in Baton Rouge

In August, law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia partnered together to help the flood-ravaged community of Baton Rouge, La. The goal of the Convoy of Care was to help the people there get through this tragedy by sending a truck convoy of water, clothes, toiletries, and other supplies to assist the displaced.

The Chamblee Police Department accepted donations on a weekend in August, then delivered the collected material to the Atlanta Civic Center parking lot, along with other supplies collected by police departments and sheriff's offices from around the state.

"I think this is a historic event and I am excited to really show what Georgia Governor Nathan Deal talks about as being 'One Georgia,'" said Clarence Cox, national vice president of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, which helped to organize the effort.

According to Louisiana news sources, more than 100,000 people were affected in the state. Many lost their homes to the flood and others were displaced until flood waters receded. Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards said 40,000 homes were damaged to varying degrees and some 30,000 people had to be rescued from their homes.



Chamblee Welcomes New Employees



Michael Irizarry
Police officer



Cody Donaby
Police officer



Sammy John Jr.
Police officer



Justin Whittrack
Public Works



Rene Garcia
Parks and Recreation

'Chamblee Connected' Celebrates City's Diversity

City Staff Connects with All Citizens

The men and women who work for the City of Chamblee recently reached out to embrace citizens from all of the community's populations.

One of the things that make Chamblee beautiful is its racial and cultural diversity. To celebrate this diversity, the city hosted Chamblee Connected, the first event of its kind, at Dresden Park in September. Chamblee Connected was created to help make a connection between city programs and Chamblee's Hispanic community. Those in attendance enjoyed a day of fun activities, giveaways and information about the city and its resources.



Officer Hidalgo addresses members of Chamblee's Hispanic community.

Officer Craig Yarbrough and Officer Angel Hidalgo with a group of Chamblee youth



“Chamblee Connected began as an idea that occurred when I saw the need to build bridges with our Hispanic residents,” said Claudia Colichon, the organizer of the event. “In conjunction with Officer Poythress, we brought all the departments from the City of Chamblee together and made this idea a reality.”

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— Claudia Colichon

The officers of the Chamblee Police Department showed up with giveaways and games for the attendees. The police officers mingled with the delighted event-goers. When Officer Angel gave a speech, attendees listened attentively and participated. It was a successful day for our officers and our residents.

Chamblee Connected was attended by a number of state and local dignitaries, including a special visit by the Minister and Peru Consul General, Miguel Aleman Urteaga, and Victor Pelaez-Millan, consul for political, economic and cultural affairs at the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta. We were also honored with the presence of the ex-Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta, Teodoro Maus. Without a doubt, it was a day that our state and local political leaders didn't want to miss!

The City of Chamblee embraces our changing environment, and is committed to creating a community that welcomes all residents.



Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mock; Council Member District 2 Leslie C. Robson; City Administrator Jon Walker; Claudia Colichon; Victor Pelaez-Millan, consul for political, economic and cultural affairs at the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta; and Miguel Aleman Urteaga, Minister and Peru Consul General



Half-Marathon Raises \$4,800 for Local Charities; Packs BuHi with Visitors

Community fitness event organized by IWeLife

The inaugural Buford Highway International Half-Marathon, 10K, 5K and 2-Mile Stroll attracted more than 700 participants and volunteers to the Buford Highway corridor on a Sunday in October. The event raised \$4,800 for local charities, and citizens from 14 states participated.

The courses led runners (and walkers) along a six-mile stretch of Buford Highway through Brookhaven, Chamblee, and Doraville. All three cities worked to ensure the success of the event.

“We wanted to bring people to Buford Highway who have never been, as well as those who have been in the area, and already appreciate its offerings,” said IWeLife Director Sean Pfister. “We want participants to experience the variety of family-owned restaurants and shops along the route and demonstrate that Buford Highway can be used for recreational and fitness purposes through tri-city partnerships.”

The event highlighted the international culture and cuisine of Buford Highway while promoting fitness and raising funds for local charities. Volunteers from 10 local charities were on hand to work the event. “Our charity volunteers provided critical support for us,” said Charity Coordinator Erin McGurk. “We are proud to have them as partners and to help each organization raise funds to fulfill their missions.” Ten food partners: Cien Puras Tortas, Lee’s Bakery, The Buford Highway Farmers Market, La Mei Zi, Xela Pan, Tempoe Doeloe, Las Delicias De La Abuela, Hong Kong Bakery, Penang, and Northern China Eatery were on hand at the Plaza Fiesta finish line with tasty food samples for participants.

The Half Marathon was won by Jonathan Corso, 47, of Decatur, in 1:20:19. Lily Ye, 38, of Atlanta, was the half marathon female champion, covering the course in



The event highlighted the international culture and cuisine of Buford Highway while promoting fitness and raising funds for local charities.

a time of 1:37:37. All race results can be found at buhihalf.com/results.html.

In addition to race awards the event had two raffle prizes. Briana Camelo won a \$700 bike from sponsor Snyder Cycles in Tucker, and Sheelagh O’Malley won a large Big Green Egg from sponsor Ace Hardware Toco Hills.

The BuHi Half team gives a special thanks to Sgt. Justin Young of the Brookhaven Police Department, Lt. Jim Wiley of the Chamblee Police Department, and Major Chuck Atkinson of the Doraville Police Department for their work in ensuring a safe, well-managed

event. “The planning and organization efforts provided by these officers on behalf of their respective departments was unparalleled in my experience as a race director,” said Pfister.

IWeLife is an Atlanta-based fitness event company with a mission of creating events that matter while actively engaging partners through strategic planning, program production and event promotion.

The event was sponsored by Sports DeKalb, Telemundo Atlanta, Xfinity, Atlanta Eats, We Love BuHi, WowNow, Olmstead Chamblee, Bai Juice, Ace Hardware Toco Hills, and Snyder Cycles.



The Chamblee Police Department was well represented at the Atlanta Police Foundation's recent Atlanta's Finest 5K. Chamblee law enforcement officers Captain Ernesto Ford, Sgt. Tong Ngo, Capt. Paul Klerlein, Detective Lashonda Williams, and Officer Wayne Gatlin all competed. The race is a fundraiser for Crime Stoppers Atlanta, which provides cash incentives for anonymous information used in bringing criminals to justice.



Former Mayor Evelyn Kennedy assists with the magic show at the Senior Breakfast.

Two-time magician of the year Jim Chester performed his stand up magic routine for the Chamblee Breakfast Club in September. The next meeting will be a special luncheon at the Chamblee Civic Center, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.



Keep Chamblee Beautiful recently coordinated an all-day work and play session at Keswick Park. Volunteers completed beautification projects and cleaned up the nature preserve, and then relaxed with a cornhole tournament. KCB board member Andrew Galucki spearheaded the event, and extended a big thank-you to Chamblee Parks and Recreation for planning,

support and equipment; Our Lady of Assumption Church and Pack 21 Knights Den for spreading mulch, removing trash, and painting; TerraCraft homes for a generous donation to buy additional benches for the park; Vintage Pizza for feeding hungry volunteers; and Hop Stix Brewery for adult refreshments at the end of a long day of work.

An inside view of a Chamblee event and what it does to add value to the city

FOOD!
MUSIC!
FUN!

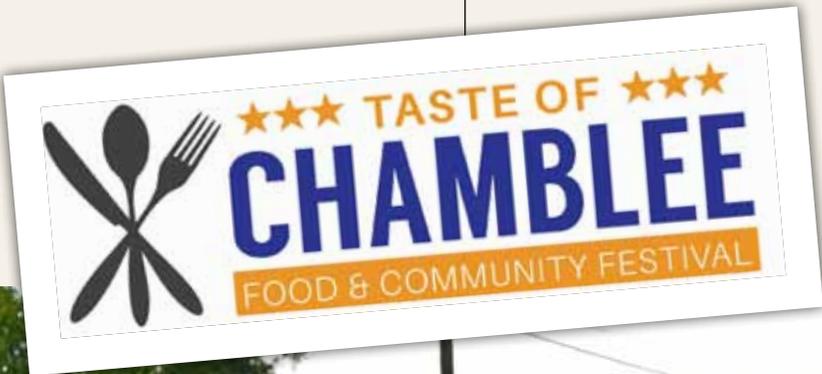
Taste of Chamblee Returns for an Evening of Delights

by Chris Madden

The downtown Chamblee air was filled with the scents of delicious food and the sounds of great music, and community members enjoyed the wonderful weather during the Taste of Chamblee on Oct. 1. More than 15 of Chamblee's finest restaurants showed off their most delicious offerings to the crowd of thousands of attendees who brought downtown Chamblee to life on the second Saturday of autumn.

Tents lined Peachtree Road and the Chamblee City Hall parking lot as artists, vendors, sponsors, and civic organizations joined the festivities to help showcase not only the best food in Chamblee, but the best of all that Chamblee has to offer.

Great music was enjoyed by all, with performances on the Discover DeKalb stage throughout the event.



Ramiro Castro, Julia Cole, Chris Madden (organizer of this year's event), Claudia Colichon, Nasri Srouji



Georgia Shine Band, which includes the Chamblee Police Department's own Kevin Taylor on guitar, started the entertainment off in style. The AJ Ghent band followed with their blues-infused tunes, followed by the amazingly talented folk-rockers Have Gun, Will Travel.

One of the most popular changes to this year's festival was the free Kid Zone. Parents were able to let their children play without worrying about using all of their tickets before having the chance to sample the delicious cuisine. The new event time, moving from the afternoon to 5-9 p.m., was also popular with many festival-goers.

"This was the best year ever! There was a good selection of restaurants and vendors, and the music was great," said Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mock. "I love the new evening format. The staff did a wonderful job!"

Since 2008, Taste of Chamblee has brought residents and visitors together to showcase the area's finest culinary offerings. The festival has been paired with the city's Summer Concert Series since 2015, and residents can look forward to more great community events from the City of Chamblee in the near future!

Thank you to the restaurants that helped bring thousands of attendees to downtown Chamblee during this year's Taste of Chamblee Festival:

- Crawfish Shack
- Frosty Caboose
- Galla's Pizza
- Galley Gourmet
- Hello Gorgeous Café
- JARDÍ Chocolates
- King of Pops
- Chilango's Group
- Shane's Rib Shack
- The Mad Italian
- Warren Technical College
- Hovan
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Thanks also to Taste of Chamblee's presenting sponsor, Discover DeKalb.



"This was the best year ever! There was a good selection of restaurants and vendors, and the music was great. I love the new evening format. The staff did a wonderful job!"

— Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mock



Shop for Textile Treasures

Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 6, noon-4 p.m.

The Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance invites you to the annual Fiber Arts Sale at its new Chamblee location, 3420 W. Hospital Ave., on Nov. 5 and 6.

Admission to the sale is free. It will feature a wide range of items hand-crafted by local artisans — whimsical fiber creatures, hand-knit accessories, handbags, wall hung art, intricate beaded jewelry, and more.

Now in its fifth year, the Fiber Art Sale grows and changes each year as new artists participate, each offering new works. Whether you are shopping for a unique holiday gift or for your own textile treasure, you will find a variety of artworks and price points for every budget.

The Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and promoting all fiber art forms from appliqué through weaving. They do so by providing diverse and comprehensive fiber art classes, workshops, events, and exhibitions and by cultivating a vibrant regional fiber arts community.

Stop in any Tuesday or Thursday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for free open studio sessions. Learn more at fiberartsalliance.org, or email info@fiberartsalliance.org.

To learn more about the Fiber Art Sale, contact Chrissy Weeks at 678-235-4328 or email sale@fiberartsalliance.org.



Holiday Parade Dec. 11

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the city and Plaza Fiesta are hosting a holiday parade from Plaster Road to Buford Highway at Plaza Fiesta. Details at chambleega.gov.

Chamblee Nonprofits Proud to Participate in Georgia Gives Day

Local Community Agencies Make Chamblee Proud

On Nov. 17, charities across Georgia will unite in the fifth annual Georgia Gives Day — a statewide online fundraiser that drives awareness and donations for nonprofits, encouraging residents to come together for a day of giving. Since its inception, Georgia Gives Day has raised more than \$9 million dollars for Georgia charities. A number of Chamblee charities participate in the effort, bringing the spotlight to the city's broad-based giving community.

“Chamblee is home to us,” says Debra Furtado, CEO of Senior Connections, a Meals On Wheels provider. “Many of our volunteers and donors live and work in Chamblee, including businesses and churches. For us, Georgia Gives Day is a way to attract new supporters and volunteers, particularly younger people, because this is a strictly online giving campaign.”

Senior Connections has participated

in Georgia Gives Day since its inception in 2012. Other Chamblee nonprofits that participate annually include the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, which provides access to vision and hearing services throughout the state and is headquartered in Chamblee. Last year, with the help of 28 partner clinics and volunteer medical professionals, it helped more than 7,500 Georgians.

The programs of Chamblee's Elaine Clark Center enable children of all abilities to become confident and contributing citizens of the community through an innovative model of education, therapeutic play, and experiential opportunities.

The DeKalb Library Foundation, which supports the Chamblee Library along with branches throughout DeKalb County, is



currently promoting its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, an exciting new way to start children early on the path to daily reading.

Also participating this year from the Chamblee region are Angel Flight Soars, Inc., Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance, Inc., Warrior to Citizens, Inc., Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, Soccer in the Streets, PAGE Foundation, Center for Pan Asian Community Services Inc., and Community Health Charities of Southeast, Inc.

To learn more about Georgia Gives Day, the Chamblee charities participating, or to make a donation to your favorite charity, visit gagivesday.org on or before Nov. 17.

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town . . . for Breakfast!

Our favorite jolly ol' elf is returning to visit his favorite city for breakfast on Dec. 10! Bring your children for a fun-filled morning to celebrate the Christmas season when the Chamblee Civic

Center is transformed into Santa's workshop. Children can visit with Santa Claus himself, and also will enjoy a variety of activities including art projects and storytelling. Admission is just \$5 per child (parents are free but may purchase additional breakfasts for \$3 each). Spots fill up quickly so please make your reservations early. Sixty children are admitted each hour. Registration will begin in early November at chambleega.gov.



Walk Among the Art and Artists Nov. 9

The Chamblee Art Walk, brain-child of I.D.E.A. Gallery owners Peter Dyer and Amy Spanier, along with their Above Ground artists and Irvindale Studios friends, promotes the local art scene. Artists invite the community into their studios to meet and greet, and to see and discuss new works. The first Art Walk was held on September 14, and the goal is for the event to become a regular open house evening anchored at the I.D.E.A. Gallery on Peachtree Road. Planned future art walks will include participation by local downtown restaurants and other businesses as interest continues to grow. The next Art Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at I.D.E.A. Gallery, 5346A Peachtree Rd.



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NOTICIAS DE LA CIUDAD

Programa de sanitización durante los días de feriado

Día de los Veteranos — Las oficinas cerraran el día 11 de Noviembre. Si su día de basura y reciclaje es el día Viernes, sera recogido el Jueves.

Día de Accion de Gracias — Las oficinas de la ciudad cerraran el día Jueves y Viernes, 24 y 25 de Noviembre. Si su día de basura y reciclaje es el Jueves, sera recogido el Miercoles

Navidad — Las oficinas de la ciudad cerraran a las 12:30 pm el día viernes 23 de Diciembre. Las oficinas tambien cerraran el Lunes 26 de Diciembre. Si su día de basura y reciclaje es el Lunes, 26 de Diciembre, sera recogido el martes, 27 de Diciembre.

Año nuevo 2017— Las oficinas de la ciudad cerraran a las 12:30 pm el día viernes 30 de Diciembre. Las oficinas tambien cerraran el Lunes 2 de Enero.

EVENTOS

Santa de Policia!

Cada año, miembros del departamento de policia de Chamblee participan en un evento llamado "Santa Policia." El objetivo de Santa Policia es traer felicidad a los niños mas vulnerables del condado de DeKalb. El evento es patrocinado por Fraternal Order Police (Lodge #10) y a travez de donaciones de los miembros de la comunidad permite que el departamento de policía de Chamblee seleccione 10 niños del área de Chamblee y los lleven a comprar regalos. Cada niño recibe \$200 por hogar. A cada niño se le dice que puede gastar los \$200 en ellos, sus hermanos, o sus padres en el Walmart de Tucker.

Pronto tendremos el Santa Cop Charity Bowling tournament que es un torneo de bolos donde el dinero recolectado va para la causa mencionada.

Si gusta saber mas información, contactarse con el Oficial Poythress: cpoythress@chambleega.gov.

NOTICIAS DE LA CIUDAD

Departamento de desarrollo

El Departamento de desarrollo de Chamblee esta trabajando para educar a los residentes y dueños de locales de la ciudad de Chamblee sobre nuestros codigos de construccion, permisos y zonificacion. Si usted desea asistir a clases gratuitas en español, por favor comunicarse con Claudia Eva Colichon, al correo: ccolichon@chambleega.gov

FOCO

Chamblee Connected

Chamblee Connected nace con el objetivo de generar confianza y fortalecer el tejido social de la municipalidad de Chamblee y de su comunidad – sobretodo de la comunidad Latina.

El evento donde los participantes pudieron conocer a sus representantes y a otras figuras importantes en nuestra comunidad se dio el 24 de Septiembre en el parque de Dresden.

Los participantes gozaron de un día lleno de juegos infantiles, show de payasos, y regalos.

El departamento de policia se encargo de traer buena energia y regalos para los niños y adultos. Al mismo tiempo, uno de nuestros oficiales, el oficial Angel Hidalgo, dio una breve charla en donde expreso la necesidad de tener al publico del lado de nuestros oficiales para combatir el crimen de una manera eficiente. Tambien hablo sobre la importancia de mantener los lazos con la comunidad. Los participantes tuvieron la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y estas fueron constestadas.

Durante el evento, Chamblee Connected, contamos con la distinguida presencia del Consul General del Peru en Georgia, Miguel Aleman Urteaga, el ex-Consul General de Mexico Teodoro Maus, el consul de asuntos de politica, economia y cultura de la embajada de Mexico en Atlanta, Victor Pelaez-Millan y los representantes de la Ciudad de Chamblee.

Esperamos tener mas eventos como este. Si tienen alguna sugerencia para la ciudad de Chamblee, no duden en contactar a Claudia Eva Colichon a ccolichon@chambleega.gov

FOCO

Taste of Chamblee

En el aire de Downtown Chamblee se podia apreciar distintos aromas de diferentes restaurantes, sonidos de musica de una banda conocida y las voces de los miembros de la comunidad que asistieron a Taste of Chamblee. El evento Taste of Chamblee regreso a la ciudad de Chamblee el primero de Octubre. Mas de 15 restaurantes hicieron presencia en este evento y demostraron sus habilidades culinarias.

Muchas de las personas que atendieron a el evento quedaron satisfechas y recomiendan el evento para los que aun no han asistido.

Desde el 2008 Taste of Chamblee a unido residentes y visitantes para que ambos degusten de las distintas maravillas culinarias que se encuentran en nuestra ciudad.



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		1 Chamblee Architectural Review Board meeting, 7-9 pm, City Hall	2 Chamblee Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Community Building at Keswick Park	3 Chamblee Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Community Building at Keswick Park	4	5
6	7 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center Chamblee Main Street Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall DECA Board, 7 pm, American Legion	8 Election Day. More info at mvp.sos.ga.gov Development 101 Class, Code Enforcement, 6:30 pm - 8 pm	9 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	10 Chamblee City Council Public Hearing Work Session, 6 pm, Civic Center	11 Veterans Day, City Offices Closed	12
13	14 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	15 Chamblee Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Chamblee Civic Center	16	17 Chamber Bfast Meeting, 7:30 am, Civic Center Senior Lunch, 11:30 am, Civic Center Court, 6 pm, Civic Center Chamblee DDA Meeting 6:30 pm City Hall	18 DECA Diners, Location TBD, 7 pm	19 Electronics Recycling Day, 8 am-noon, Public Works St. Pius X HS Holiday Marketplace, 9 am-4 pm, St. Pius X High School
20	21	22 Chamblee DDA Meeting 6:30 pm, City Hall	23	24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, City offices closed	25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, City offices closed	26
27	28 Court, 6 pm, Civic Center	29	30			



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				<p>1</p> <p>Senior Brunch, 10:30 am, Civic Center</p> <p>Court, 6 pm, Civic Center</p> <p>Recreation Advisory Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Conference Room</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Chamblee Antique Row Open House, 11 am-5 pm. More info at antiquerow.com</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Chamblee Antique Row Open House, noon-5 pm. More info at antiquerow.com</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Court, 6 pm, Civic Center</p> <p>Main Street Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm, City Hall</p> <p>DECA Board Meeting, 7 pm, American Legion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Architectural Review Board meeting, 7-9 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Court, 6 pm, Civic Center</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa, 8 am, Civic Center, \$5 per child</p>
<p>11</p> <p>International Holiday Parade, 10 am, start at Plaster Road by St. Pius X High School and end at Plaza Fiesta on Buford Highway</p>	<p>12</p> <p>DECA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, American Legion</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Development 101 Class - Land Disturbance Permitting, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Chamblee Chamber Luncheon, time TBA, Civic Center</p> <p>City Council Public Hearing & Work Session, 6 pm, Civic Center</p>	<p>16</p> <p>DECA Diners, 7 pm, Location TBD</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Electronics Recycling Day, 8 am-noon, Public Works</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Chamblee City Council Meeting, 7:30-9 pm, Chamblee Civic Center</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>City offices close at 12:30 pm for Christmas</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE HANUKKAH begins</p>
<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, City offices closed</p> <p>KWANZA begins</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>City offices close at 12:30 pm for New Year</p>	<p>31</p>



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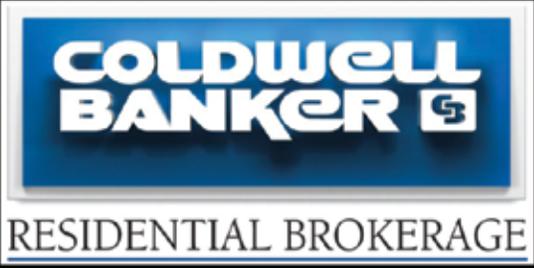
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