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CHAMBLEE 101 - FALL 2008 CLASS REGISTRATION OPEN

Once again, the Mayor and City Council will sponsor a 6-week course designed to increase the number of informed and involved citizens in the City and to connect our citizens with their government.

The course will be offered October 1 through October 29, 2008 on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The six, two-hour sessions will focus on the following:

October 1st - Parks & Recreation and Public Works: There will be a discussion of recreation programs as well as park facilities. Discussions will be lead by: Joel Holmes, Parks & Recreation Director and Jennifer Rackley, Recreation Coordinator. Members of the Recreation Advisory Committee will be invited to participate. The group will meet at the Keswick Park Community Building and then board a bus which will visit all City Parks and the Public Works Facility.

Tillman Hannon, Public Works Director, will review numbers on the amount of solid waste collected, recycled waste, along with unique services provided to Chamblee like street sweeping, leaf machine, etc. Participants will be invited to tour the Public Works facility.

October 8th - Planning & Zoning: From City Hall, there will be a bus tour of some of the major re-development sites. Dan Schultz, Development Director, will brief the participants on future planning and zoning efforts. Marci Hooper-Smith, Permits and Inspections Director, will cover building codes and the process and requirements for obtaining permits.

October 15th - Form of Government and Administration: At City Hall, Kathy Brannon, City Manager will give an explanation of the City Charter, form of government, open meetings/records laws; review the mission/vision statement, and review the budget. Becky Craven, City Clerk will discuss administrative department duties such as tax and license billing and collection. Participants will be invited to tour City Hall and participate in a question/answer session with Mayor Clarkson and City Council members, Mark Wedge, Leslie Robson, Tom Hogan, Scott Taylor and Dan Zanger.

October 22nd & 29th - Police & Courts (2 weeks): Duties, mission, department organization, code enforcement and emergency preparedness/homeland security. Discussion of court procedures, what cases are tried in City Court, how fines are determined. Discussions will be led by: Marc Johnson, Chief of Police, along with other members of the Department including Sgt. Pollock, who is in charge of Code Enforcement. Location is the Public Safety building and a tour of the facility is included.

Certificates will be awarded to all participants at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council on November 18, 2008.

Deadline for registration is September 19, 2008. We must have a minimum of 12 participants. You may register by sending your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address to: Chamblee 101- City Hall,
5468 Peachtree Rd.
Chamblee, GA 30341

Or by sending the same information via e-mail to the City Manager at kbrannon@chambleega.com, subject Chamblee 101.

National Preparedness Month

The Mayor and City Council have adopted a resolution that beginning this year, September will be National Preparedness Month.

National Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies.

Individuals can prepare themselves and their families by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats and getting involved in preparing their community. This can help save lives.

The Department of Homeland Security is working with other Federal, State and local governments to prevent, respond to and recover from all types of emergencies.

Feel free to visit our website, chambleega.com or come by City Hall, for information of how to prepare a Basic Emergency Supply kit and how to prepare your family for an emergency plan. Your children are the most important thing in your life and need to be included in this training.

We encourage all Chamblee citizens to visit ready.gov and citizencorps.gov to learn more about emergency preparedness and tools to take action.

Employee of the Month - Public Works



The Public Works employee of the Month is Mikal Baker. He is one of our grounds maintenance crew and began working for the City in April, 2004. Some of his responsibilities are: grass cutting, operating the leaf machine, along with keeping street signs clear from tree limbs and debris.

Mikal enjoys shooting pool, traveling, and reading. He purchased a home last year and has been spending his free time renovating it. He is getting married September 13th. The Public Works Department sends their best wishes for a lifetime of marital bliss!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Chamblee, Georgia will hold a Public Hearings September 11, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street. If you have any questions, please call Dan Schultz 770-986-5010 x 223.

1. 5000 Peachtree Blvd.-four variances:
 - (1) having a car wash in front of a building,
 - (2) reducing the sidewalk zone
 - (3) reducing the landscape zone
 - (4) having a storefront less than 18 feet high on a storefront street.
2. 3655 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. – variance to reduce the setbacks for a cell tower to allow the removal of the existing cell tower with a monopole tower.
3. Amend Zoning Ordinances: Chapter 94-Storefronts Street Requirements and fenestration

Chamblee Business Owners

Thanks to each one of you that responded to my letter requesting documentation to update your files. I appreciate your time and effort to help me complete this task in a timely manner.

Linda McDaniel
Assistant City Clerk
Occupation Tax Department

Notice of September Meeting Change:

Due to the Labor Holiday, our September meeting has been pushed back one week.

Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat/Garden Club

When: Sept. 8, 2008 @ 7:30 pm.

Where: D'Youville Condominiums

Speaker: Karen Lindauer

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

In our continuing effort to reduce landfill use and promote responsible re-use of electronic waste, the following items can now be brought to the Public Works facility at 3210 Cumberland Drive for recycling. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 6:30pm. For your convenience, we are also open on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00am to 12 noon. For more details, call 770-986-5019.

- ◆ Computer monitors
- ◆ Computer towers
- ◆ Computer desktops
- ◆ Laptops
- ◆ Batteries of all types
- ◆ Keyboards
- ◆ Cables
- ◆ Printers
- ◆ Computer mice
- ◆ Small appliances
- ◆ CD/DVD players
- ◆ Cell phones
- ◆ Pagers
- ◆ Lawn equipment
- ◆ Power tools
- ◆ Hard drives (we **DO NOT** erase your hard drives)



Please make sure all of the information stored on your hard drive has been completely erased before it is brought to us. **We will not be responsible for any confidential information left in your computer.**

More Recycling News

As many of you are aware, the Gwinnett County recycling facility was destroyed by fire. The Chamblee Public Works Dept. is now working with a new recycling facility in Atlanta, Pratt Industries. Residents and businesses, who currently participate in the Chamblee recycling program, can now put more items in their green bins.

Items allowed in the bins are: newspapers, magazines, corrugated boxes, cardboard, office paper, telephone books, junk mail, food boxes (plastic removed), #1 through #7 plastics, plastic drink bottles, milk jugs, washing detergent bottles, glass bottles and jars.

The above items can be mixed and do not have to be separated. If you have any questions, please call 770-986-5016.

Chamblee Business gets Organized

In July, the face of Business in Chamblee changed. The organization known for years as the Chamblee Area Business and Professional Coalition decided to change its name in favor of something a bit more conventional, **The Chamblee Business Association**. Other notable changes include the location of the meetings and the cost to attend. The meetings are now held at the Chamblee Civic Center on the third Thursday of each month. The doors open at 7:30am for networking, and the meeting starts at 8:00. While first time guests are free, visitors and members are charged only \$5.00, very reasonable for the continental breakfast provided by our Coffee Sponsor, Get Coffee.

Each meeting provides time for networking as well as an opportunity to learn about Chamblee business happenings and other interesting topics. In July, our guest speaker was Georgia's Secretary of State, Karen Handel, and in August, Billy Parrish, Director of the Office of Downtown Development spoke about how a Downtown Development Authority may be a useful tool for Chamblee, as the business community considers its options for the creation of a meaningful downtown.

In addition to general meetings scheduled for September 18th and October 16th, the first annual Chamblee Business Expo will be held in early November. The business expo is certain to be a success. Area residents and business people can attend and learn about the various major real estate development projects that are slated for Chamblee, as well as meet other Chamblee businesses. Adding to an already loaded evening of events, our Mayor, R. Eric Clarkson, is scheduled to deliver a State of the City address.

The new group is incorporating the best of the former group as well as creating new initiatives that will continue to showcase the growth and success of Chamblee. Please join us. Committee positions are still available. For information, please contact Cheryl Finke, CBA President, at finkec@yahoo.com.

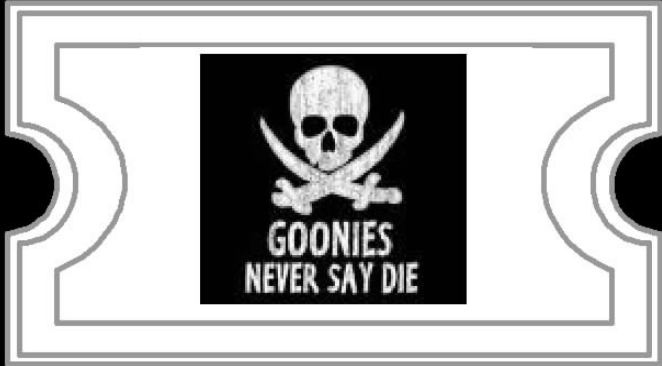


Movie In The Park
 City of Chamblee Parks & Recreation
 presents Steven Spielberg's Classic

The Goonies

Saturday, September 6
Keswick Park Soccer Field

Movie Trivia with Prizes - 7:30pm
Movie begins at 9:00pm
Concessions will be available but
admission is FREE!!



Call 770-986-5016 for more details

Centennial Items for Sale:

The City of Chamblee has some nice items for sale that commemorate our centennial.

For the Women we have red, turquoise, and black T-shirts along with beige polo's. For the Men we have white, beige, and black T-shirts along with beige polo's. All shirts have the Chamblee logo sewn on the shirts in various colors.

There is also the etched ornament/suncatcher and Centennial doormats.

WATCH FOR THE DATE:

The "History of Chamblee" documentary will be shown free of charge at the Civic Center. Don't miss your chance to see this intriguing film.

Also, the 100 years of Chamblee will be published in a book. Please reserve your copy today at City Hall.

Jack-O-Lantern Festival:

Join us for our annual Jack-O-Lantern Festival in Keswick Park. On Saturday, October 18, have fun with a variety of carnival games and contests for the kids with lots of prizes available. See if your kids can find the most eggs in our special Halloween Egg Hay Haunt (try saying that three times fast!) Dress up the whole family for the costume contest. We will have prizes for the top three costumes in three children's age groups, plus prizes for the Scariest, Prettiest, Most Original, and Best Adult Costume. Come hungry and enjoy some fresh, hot popcorn or some cold, creamy smoothies from Smoothie King at our concession stand.

Schedule of activities is as follows:

- 3:00pm - Carnival Games Begin
- 3:30pm - Egg Haunt
- 4:30pm - Costume Contest judging
- 5:00pm - Costume winners announced

Face painting, photo "booth", and arts & crafts will also be available! Don't miss all the fun!! Call 770-986-5016 for more details.

A Note from Melissa Roberts:

I would like to thank everyone in the City of Chamblee for allowing me the opportunity to work as the Centennial Project Manager. Over the past seven months, I have been fortunate to meet many incredible people who worked alongside me as volunteers and community supporters. The City of Chamblee is a strongly connected community, filled with history, diversity and many future ambitions. It is this community who helped me create and produce successful events with lasting impacts. These assets will make future events in the City a continued success. I would like to personally congratulate you on the past 100 years and wish you well on the next 100!

Melissa Roberts
 Centennial Project Manager