

THE SIGNAL



"A City on the Right Track"

Vol. 11 No. 1

A Publication of the City of Chamblee

January 2009

Chamblee is Changing:

City of Chamblee
5468 Peachtree Road
Chamblee, GA 30341-2330
(770) 986-5010
Fax: (770) 986-5014

Website:
www.chambleega.com

Mayor

R. Eric Clarkson

District 1

Mark Wedge

District 2

Leslie Robson

District 3

Tom Hogan

District 4, At-Large

Dan Zanger

District 5, At-Large

Scott M. Taylor

City Manager

Jim Gleason

Chief of Police

Marc Johnson

City Clerk

Kathy Brannon

Parks & Recreation

Joel Holmes

Development

Dan Schultz

Permits & Inspections

Marci Hooper-Smith

Public Works

Tillman Hannon

City Hall

(770) 986-5010

Public Works/Animal Control

(770) 986-5019

Development

(770) 986-5010

Permits & Inspections

(770) 986-5024

Parks & Recreation

(770) 986-5016

Police Department

(770) 986-5005

Municipal Court

(770) 986-5004

Code Enforcement

(770) 986-5005

code_enforcement@chambleepd.com

Police Emergency - 911



Starting on January 1st, 2009, the City of Chamblee will have a new City Manager. James P. (Jim) Gleason will be replacing long time City Manager Kathy Brannon. Until she retires later this year, Ms. Brannon will be working in the role of City Clerk to replace retiring current City Clerk, Becky Craven.

After a long and exhaustive search, the council voted unanimously to offer the position to Mr. Gleason. He comes to Chamblee from a recent stint as a City Advisor Manager in Local Governance for ICMA in Kirkuk, Iraq. Previous to that Mr. Gleason worked as the City Manager for Woodstock, Georgia, and prior to that he served as the City Manager for Ocoee, Florida. Mr. Gleason has stated that "My goal is to continually build a high-performance, citizen-friendly government with a focus on customer service."

Please join me the rest of the City Council and Staff in welcoming Jim to our great city!

R. Eric Clarkson
Mayor
City of Chamblee

For Becky Craven, the drive to work has not been a long one for the past 22 years. A resident of Chamblee for more than 30 years, her commute to City Hall as the City Clerk was a short one. But on December 31, Becky made her last trip down Peachtree Road to celebrate her retirement and to share memories of how much her hometown of Chamblee had changed.

"It's incredible to see the changes of this city specifically in my in my old neighborhood," explained Craven. "I'm part of the old

"buyout" neighborhood near the airport, and so I really saw the impact, both good and bad, that government can make on the residents of a town."

Becky joined the City of Chamblee in 1986 as a member of the finance staff. In 1994, she became the City Clerk. As City Clerk she was responsible for the management of the administrative staff, human resources, accounting, elections and the city court clerks. She served as the clerk for the elected officials and documented more than 1000 hours of official city meetings during her tenure.

During this time she also achieved designation as a Certified Municipal Clerk and became an active member of the International Clerk Association, serving as a member of the Host Committee for the 2008 International Clerk's Conference in Atlanta

Maybe her short commute for the past two decades explains why she's now ready to hit the road to start traveling around the country and the world. "In metro Atlanta, it's not often that you get to live and work in the same community," said Craven. "I was fortunate enough to get to serve the business people and neighbors I grew up around. So many people don't get that opportunity, but now I'm ready to spend time seeing the world."

Congratulations Becky on your years of achievement and good luck in your travels!



NOTES:

January 31, 2009 is the deadline to renew your Occupation Tax Certificate for 2009.

Seniors that qualify for the Chamblee Senior Exemption for 2009 can register at City Hall after January 1, 2009. Effective in 2009, these senior citizens are not excluded from sanitation fees.

Chamblee Business Association meets January 15th from 8-9 am at the Chamblee Civic Center.

Budget Work Session - The session is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th. Time TBA.

BRING ONE FOR THE CHIPPER!! Bring your Christmas tree on Saturday January 3rd from 8:00am till 1:00pm to the Civic Center.

Open Mic Night At Get Coffee

01/27/09

Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 pm

*Get Coffee, 5336 Peachtree Road, Chamblee 30341 (at Pierce)
678.580.2263*

Poets, Writers, Singers, Comedians, Politicians & anyone who has ever wanted to grab the mic - call now!

**To schedule a 5 minute slot, contact Brian Baker* 770.986.0907 or rbbakeratl@aol.com*

*Meet your neighbors and fellow artists!
Bring your biz cards, CD's and books to sell!*

*Sponsored by Get Coffee www.getcoffee.com
and the Chamblee Arts Alliance www.chambleearts.org*

The Chamblee Arts Alliance is a non-profit community arts organization. To help sponsor community arts events such as this, and to have your business information on event announcements, please call the CAA at 770.458.6184 to learn about sponsorship levels.

CHAMBLEE CENTENNIAL Electronic Library is up and running!

As those of you who attended the City's centennial year finale celebration on August 16th know, the City commissioned a documentary film maker to capture some of the City's current and past residents' memories. More than 20 hours of interviews and hundreds of photographs are documented on the electronic library that is set up and running at City Hall. Feel free to call and make an appointment for the viewing of this information. You will be impressed at the growth and progress of our City.

The Centennial history book has gone to the printer. The City plans to have the book available for initial purchase at an evening event in January that will include another screening of the film. If you would like to be on the contact list for the event and/or a copy of the book, please contact the City Clerk, Kathy Brannon at 770-986-5018 or

kbrannon@chambleega.com.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Please remember that recyclable materials are collected on your **last** pickup day of the week. In other words, if your trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday, your recycle day is Thursday. If your trash is picked up on Tuesday and Friday, your recycle day is Friday. If you only get one trash pickup on holiday weeks, then that will be your recycle day. Please call the Public Works Department with any questions at 770-986-5019.



EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

FOR PUBLIC WORKS



Scott Megill, Building Maintenance Technician, is our employee of the Month. He and his family relocated to Georgia from New Jersey in November of 2007 when he started working for the City.

He worked for the Public Works Dept. there and was also a volunteer firefighter for 24 years. He and his wife, Mindy, have two children, Dylan, 11 and Hannah, 8. Scott enjoys collecting autographed sports memorabilia from all sports. He has a few vintage autographs -Joe DiMaggio, Pete Rose and Herschel Walker- to name a few.

2009 PUBLIC WORKS RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

New Year's 2009 – Closed Thursday, January 1st
Wk of Dec. 28 – Only change: M-Th will be M-W

MLK Jr. Day – Closed Monday, January 19th
Wk of Jan. 18 – M-Th will be T-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr

President's Day – Closed Monday, February 16th
Wk of Feb. 15 – M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr

Memorial Day – Closed Monday, May 25th
Wk of May 24 – M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr

Independence Day – Closed Friday, July 3rd
Wk of June 28 – M-Th will be M only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only

Labor Day – Closed Monday, September 7th
Wk of Sept. 6 – M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr

Veteran's Day – Closed Wednesday, November 11th
Wk of Nov. 8 – No changes to the schedule

Thanksgiving – Closed Thursday & Friday Nov. 26th & 27th
Wk of Nov. 22– M-Th will be M. only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only

Christmas – Closed Noon Thursday & All day Friday, December 24th & 25th
Wk of Dec. 20– M-Th will be M only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only

New Years 2010- Closed Noon Thursday & All Day Friday, December 31st & January 1st
Wk of Dec. 27-M-Th will be M only; Tu- Fr will be Tu only

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 6:30 pm. For your convenience, we are also open on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 am 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.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Chamblee, Georgia will hold Public Hearings on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street for the following:

Gary Gilmer is seeking four variances to construct an ice-cream shop at 5435 and 5437 Peachtree Road. The four variances are to allow a roof sign, additional signage, non-paved parking, and allow a metal building.

The Council meeting will be on January 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the City Civic Center.

For more information please contact Dan Schultz, Development Director at (770) 986-5010 or dschultz@chambleega.com.

Review of January Holidays

The City has two January holidays and we would like to review these with you.

All city offices will be closed on these days. Please look at the monthly calendars for the sanitation schedule. If you have any questions regarding sanitation during a holiday week, feel free to call 770-986-5019.

New Years Day – January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 19th

As always, please do not drink & drive.

Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat January 2009

Happy New Year to all of you! It's been a good year for us and quite a few new habitats have been certified. Tom Reilly has been working diligently with Chamblee Middle School. The ground is hard as a rock – so he may have to go with raised bed gardening. If you are interested in helping Tom and the Science Department please call Tom at 770-457-4070 on this most worthwhile project. The kids are anxious to get started.

We have some great programs lined up. On January 5 at 7:30 PM, at D'Youville, Dave Smith with Sauls, will be giving a program on "Bulletproof Plants". Dave KNOWS plants and has been with us before, so I know you will be delighted with this program. Please come out and join us for a most interesting meeting. February is still open. March will bring us Claire Hayes from Dunwoody Nature Center. For April 6, get ALL the children, grandchildren, AND adults ready for a SUPER program. Tom will introduce us to a real Indian Chief, Jim Yellow Horse Man, from Dalton, who will come in full attire. The Chief will bring along some crafts. There will be some great stories about the Indians and wildlife. Put this on your calendar now.

I still know there are those of you who haven't become certified - it's SO easy. Visit NWF.org and follow the links to Certified Habitats, or call (770-451-6079) to join us! For more information on being added to the newsletter list, where the meetings are, events, etc., just call!

Remember – February is pruning month!

Chamblee Business Association lends a Holiday Helping Hand

In one of the many examples of giving and community spirit that is the hallmark of our city, the Chamblee Business Association kicks off its first annual **1000 Can Drive**. Begun just two weeks ago, the effort is exceeding expectations. Residents can pitch in by donating canned food at convenient locations, including Get Coffee, Chik-fil-a, City Hall, Georgia Power and Wal-Mart. Proceeds will benefit the ongoing efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in aiding those in need. The **1000 Can Drive** is scheduled to run through January 14th.

The CBA's community involvement has been channeled in a specific way as well. This year, the Association has 'adopted' a family in the community. During the Association's December meeting, an Angel Tree was set up and decorated with ornaments, specified items needed by the family, such as clothing and toys. Members and guests quickly claimed all the ornaments adorning the angel--causing President Cheryl Finke to make *extra* ornaments to accommodate demand!

Donations will be left with Get Coffee, and given to the family before Christmas.

The CBA would like to thank the Chamblee High School Ensemble Choir for providing a moving and lively holiday program of carols.

Get Twitterpated

Are you on Twitter? Follow Chamblee Parks and get the information live! Be the first to hear about upcoming events, registrations, and details on vendors and performers! Get reminders on deadlines and prices. Tell your friends and follow us!

Visit www.twitter.com/chambleeparks to see Chamblee Parks updates on Twitter.

What is Twitter? Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: **What are you doing?**

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

Dads can treat their most special Valentines at our annual Daddy Daughter Dance! On Friday, February 13th dad's can twirl their daughters around the dance floor. This semi-formal dance will be held at the Civic Center at 3540 Broad St. Reservations are required and cost only \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. Dancing from 6-8pm is open to daddies and their daughters younger than age 6 and the floor is open to girls ages 7-13. There will be a photographer on site to capture the memory of this event as well as great food. Brush up on your singing for the return of Daddy Daughter Karaoke!! Please call 770-986-5016 to make your reservation or for more information. Reservations can be made online at www.chambleega.com.



Youth Sports Registration:

It's time again for spring youth sports in Chamblee! Proof of age is required for all participants. Prices have been increased slightly this season but do not fear – we are still the best deal in town!

Soccer:



Soccer is available for children ages 4 – 14. Registration dates are as follows:

January 5 - 30: Chamblee Residents only

January 12 - 30: All players

City of Chamblee residents will pay only \$60 for a season of soccer and that includes all new uniforms for all players! Non residents pay only \$90.

Tee-ball/Baseball:



Tee-ball for kids ages 3 – 5, coach pitch baseball for kids 6-8

February 2 - 27: Chamblee Residents only

February 9 - 27: All players

Tee-ball and Baseball has been increased to just \$40 and includes replicas jerseys of major league teams! Non residents pay only \$80.

Call 770-986-5016 to set up a family account and use our new online registration at www.chambleega.com. Or visit our offices at 3540 Broad St. to sign up. Please call for more information. No late registrations will be accepted!