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## NAME OUR NEW MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL FOR US !!!!

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**Police Emergency - 911**



*Trail before construction began in 2008*

and it has finally been done! Future plans are in the making to continue to lengthen it to allow even more areas of Chamblee to be accessed on foot or by bicycle! Paved along former Norfolk Southern train rails, this trail has cleaned up a City eye sore. Graffiti has been removed and the landscaping creates a warm and inviting area to relax with your friends and family.

Join us on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the trail to officially cut the ribbon! Parking is available at the Keswick Park Softball Field and Community Building.

## What shall we call it?!

The City Council has given our residents an opportunity - **NAME OUR NEW TRAIL!** Submit all ideas to [jholmes@chambleega.com](mailto:jholmes@chambleega.com) or call 770-986-5016. Be as creative and fun as you want!

The deadline for all submissions is May 14<sup>th</sup> so they can be presented at the next Council Meeting!



*Trail after completion on 2009*

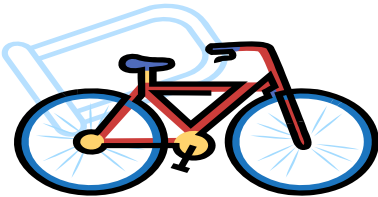
## Tips for Trail Safety

The new city park trail is completed. This new trail begins at Keswick Park and ends behind the WalMart.

Smart trail use includes adherence to some basic safety practices. The trail is a shared recreation amenity and is accessed by a variety of users at the same time. Please be courteous to all users, and remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way. All trail users should stay to the right on the trail.

- Never use the trails at dark and always follow posted regulations.
- Bicyclists approaching pedestrians should make an advanced noise using voice, bell, or horn to avoid startling walkers.
- Bicyclists should always wear a helmet and ride at speeds that do not exceed 12 miles per hour.
- With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trail.
- Pets should be kept on short leash and people must clean up after their pets.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Tell friends or family the route you'll be taking and always travel with a partner when possible.
- Stay alert, be observant about your surroundings and avoid areas where visibility is poor.
- Never wear headsets.
- Use discretion when acknowledging strangers and follow your intuition about unfamiliar people and areas.

The trail is available for use from sunrise to one-half hour past sunset each day. Please call 911 if you see any suspicious activity on, or near the trail.



### NOTES:

#### Senior Connections

Senior Connections, a nonprofit organization located in DeKalb County, has opened Connections Café. Patrons of Connections Café can choose from many healthy meal options such as soup and salads, fresh fruit and sandwiches at a reasonable cost. Mixed with its cafeteria setting, Connections Café also offers a lounge and computer area for its guests.

Connections Café is located directly across from the Chamblee Marta Station at 5238 Peachtree Road in Chamblee. Lunch hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 2pm. For more information on Connections Café or any services provided by Senior Connections, please call 770-455-7602, or visit [www.srconn.org](http://www.srconn.org).

Chamblee Business Association meets May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8-9 am at the Chamblee Civic Center.

Millage Rate Hearings Schedule is as follows:

May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am and 6:00pm

All meetings are at the Civic Center at 3540 Broad Street.

### CHAMBLEE CENTENNIAL ITEMS FOR SALE:

Now that the Centennial celebration is over, we have numerous items for sale. They include: T-Shirts (men's, women's and kid sizes), welcome mats with the Centennial logo, etched sun catchers and/or ornaments, and the Chamblee History book.

The Chamblee history book covers 100 years of how Chamblee arrived at where we are today. The changes from an agriculture city to the vibrant, "in town" location are amazing. This book is one that will capture your interest once you start reading it.

Come by City Hall Monday thru Friday to pick up any of these great items for only \$5.00. That's right, only \$5.00. Come and get yours while the supplies last.

**BUSINESS OWNERS:**

If you relocate your business within the jurisdiction of Chamblee during 2009, you will need to complete the following steps to update our records:









1. Complete a new Occupation Tax Application, the website is [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com) and look for license information; or you can come by City Hall and pick up an application at 5468 Peachtree Road
2. DeKalb County Fire Marshall approval for the new address @ 404-371-2611
3. Current executed lease in the business owner's name

Please do not wait until you renew for 2010, it will delay the renewal process and your Certificate will be held until all documentation has been completed and approved by the City Manager. If you have any questions, please call Linda McDaniel at 770-986-5010 ext 226 or email [lmcdaniel@chambleega.com](mailto:lmcdaniel@chambleega.com).



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

This color chart will help determine which utilities have marked their underground utility lines:

	White – Proposed excavation
	Pink – Temporary survey markings
	Red – Electric power lines, conduit and lighting cables
	Yellow – Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
	Orange – Communications, alarm or signal lines
	Blue – Potable water lines
	Purple – Reclaimed water, irrigation or slurry lines
	Green – Sewer lines

**Cleaning Out the Garage?**

Spring fever often results in frenzied attempts to clear out all the old junk in your storage areas, sometimes just to make room for new “stuff”! While you are preparing to have a yard sale to convert your used treasures into cash, keep in mind the restrictions for signs placed in the neighborhood to advertise your sale.

Yard and garage sales are permitted only in the residential districts for family use and are limited to three per year. Signs do not need to be permitted prior to placement, but they must be in compliance with the following requirements:

1. Signs must be out of the right of way.
2. Signs can be on private property with the property owners consent.
3. Signs are NOT allowed on telephone poles, trees or traffic sign posts.
4. You can put out a maximum of ten signs, each no larger than four square feet.
5. Signs may be displayed two days prior to the sale and must be removed the day after the sale and/or by 8:00am Monday morning.

**Call before you dig**

Because even relatively minor excavations projects like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing and/or buried utility lines, always contact your state One-Call center before engaging in any excavation, construction, farming or digging. Most states require a 48 hour notice to the One-Call Center to allow utility operators to mark their pipelines and utilities at your proposed digging site. In fact, most serious damage done to pipelines is done when a third party inadvertently excavates, blasts or drills within a pipeline right-of-way.

811 is a federally-mandated number designated by the FCC to consolidate all local “Call before you Dig” numbers and help save lives by minimizing damages to underground utilities. One easy phone call to 811 starts the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for FREE. When you call 811 from anywhere in the country, your call will be routed to your state One-Call Center. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you will know the approximate location of your pipelines and utility lines, and can continue your project by digging with care and respecting the marks. More information regarding 811 can be found at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

## RECYCLING NEWS

The Public Works Department has been receiving phone calls regarding the disposal of fluorescent light bulbs. Do not put them in your recycle bins or trash cans; we do not accept them. If you have fluorescent light bulbs, please take them to The Home Depot for proper disposal. They are located at 4343 Tilly Mill Rd. in Doraville. Their phone number is 770-452-8858.

### Re-use Commonly Dumped Items

- ☞ Save those wine corks! You can make a trivet by wrapping the corks with wire.
- ☞ Use the plastic liners from cereal boxes to wrap sandwiches and snacks.
- ☞ You can put those worn out loofah sponges to work by using them to scrub your tub.
- ☞ Affix a scratched CD or DVD to the back of a child's bicycle as a safety reflector.

### Did You Know. . . .

- ☞ If you recycled your Sunday paper every week, you could keep 4 trees alive per year.
- ☞ If you recycle a 6-pack of aluminum cans each week, enough energy would be saved to power a television for 936 hours.
- ☞ If you cut 5 minutes from your shower each day, you could save up to 9,000 gallons of water.



## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

In our continuing effort to reduce landfill use and promote responsible re-use of electronic waste, the following items can be brought to the Public Works facility at 3210 Cumberland Drive for recycling. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. For your convenience, we are also open on the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 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.**

## EMPLOYEE of the MONTH FOR PUBLIC WORKS

This month's Public Works employee is Dennis Snezek. He began working for the City in 2000 as a Building Maintenance Technician and is now involved with the Storm Water Department. He is responsible for the maintenance



and rebuilding of the storm drains, the pouring of sidewalks and fills in where needed in other departments. Dennis and his wife, Lee Ann, have been married for 21 years. They have two sons and two grandchildren. Dennis enjoys riding motorcycles and hunting.

## UPDATED WATER RESTRICTIONS

The state eased outdoor water restrictions in time for spring planting that allows home and business owners to water their flowers, vegetables, shrubs, trees – but not grass – using either drip irrigation or soaker hoses for up to one hour three days a week, before 10 am.

- ➔ Odd-numbered addresses can water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; even-numbered addresses can water Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- ➔ Home Depot sells a 100-foot soaker hose and timer for about \$42, according to the store's website. The hose has hundreds of holes in it that sends water slowly and directly to the plant's roots. Drip irrigation is usually installed by professionals.
- ➔ As before, additional watering is allowed on new landscapes for up to 10 weeks for those who register with the Georgia Urban Agricultural Council at [www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com).

## Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat May 2009

Saturday's stream clean-up was a success! Be sure to watch for Heather Dyke's announcements on upcoming clean water events and special thanks for all those who participated.

As always, we keep getting new habitats each quarter. I believe Jim & Myrlliss Copeland and Bill Thompson are our newest certifications. This provides us an opportunity to include new gardens in our annual Garden Tour. Speaking of which, the tour is scheduled at the end of this month on Saturday, May 30, from 10 am- 4 pm. We have nine gardens signed up and five of these have never been on tour before! Three others have not been on for several years. As usual, Leslie Robson's home at 3764 Longview Drive will be the first garden on tour. Being a landscape designer and installer keeps Leslie busy with her own garden as well as those of her many customers. There's always something new to see and this year is no different!

We will have artists at many of our homes from the Chamblee Artists' Association and their work will be for sale. Also, we will have our plant sale at Leslie's. Plants may be purchased at the beginning of the tour and picked up afterward. Tickets can be purchased at Leslie's on the day of the tour, at Ashe-Simpson Nursery on Peachtree Blvd., or by calling 770-451-6079 or 770-458-4294. The cost of \$10.00 benefits the Chamblee Wildlife Habitat's continuing education program.

We look forward to seeing you at the Garden Tour. In the meantime, enjoy this great spring weather by working in the garden!

The Habitat/Garden Club does not meet during the summer except for possible field trips. We will start again in September, the Monday after Labor Day. Annual dues are \$10.00. We hope you will join with us as we learn from our excellent program presenters. In the meantime, get to work on those habitats and see [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) on how to become certified online!

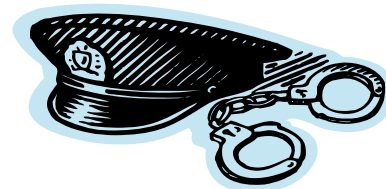


## Chamblee Police Safety Checks:

This is the time of the year when we all start thinking about taking a much needed vacation. The Chamblee Police Department wants to remind everyone that we do provide a house check service.

Before you leave, please call us at 770-986-5005 and ask to be placed on the house check list. Our staff will ask a few questions such as what cars will be parked in the driveway, what lights will be left on and how can we reach you in case of an emergency. Once you are on our house check list, we will check your home every day. One note though, please call us immediately if you return home earlier than expected. We don't want to think that you are a burglar.

Another service provided by the Chamblee Police Department is our weekly email crime report. Just send an email to us at [cops@chambleepd.com](mailto:cops@chambleepd.com) and we will add you to the email list. This is a great way to stay informed about what is happening in our community. But be assured that we will not divulge your email address to anyone.



Spring is finally here. The flowers are blooming and our residential neighborhoods are looking much greener. Code Enforcement asks that everyone helps keep our neighborhoods looking nice by cutting their yards and keeping them free of clutter. We will be patrolling the neighborhoods and enforcing the property maintenance codes so that Chamblee will remain a wonderful place to live. Enforcement begins with a written warning and notice to correct the violation. Failure to correct a violation within the time allotted will result in a citation to Municipal Court. Please understand that only one warning will be issued. Repeat violators will be cited without additional warning. If you have any questions about code enforcement, or if you need to report a violation, please email us at [code\\_enforcement@chambleepd.com](mailto:code_enforcement@chambleepd.com). Or call us at 770-986-5005.

## Chamblee Road Race

It's not too late to sign up for this event for the whole family! If you register before May 12, the registration fee for is only \$15 per runner. It costs \$20 after that.

It's a simple 5K route that is fun, easy and rewarding! It begins and ends at the Peachtree DeKalb Airport and features free food, drink, music for all and awards to the top finishers.

Download the registration form, view the route, or register on our website at [www.chambleega.com](http://www.chambleega.com).

Call 770-986-5016 for more information or to set up your online account.

Chamblee's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Road Race will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 8:00am.

See you there!



## Sodas for Scholarships

Parks & Recreation receives many requests for scholarships for children participating in our sports and camp programs. But there's a problem – no money! Help us solve that by purchasing Coca-Cola products! Stock up for Memorial Day or for summer picnics. We have everything you need:

Carbonated drinks including, Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Vault, Etc.  
Minute Maid Refreshment drinks  
Power Ade  
Dasani water  
Vitamin Water  
Minute Maid 100% Juices – Apple & Orange  
Fuze – Strawberry Melon (12 bottles in a case)

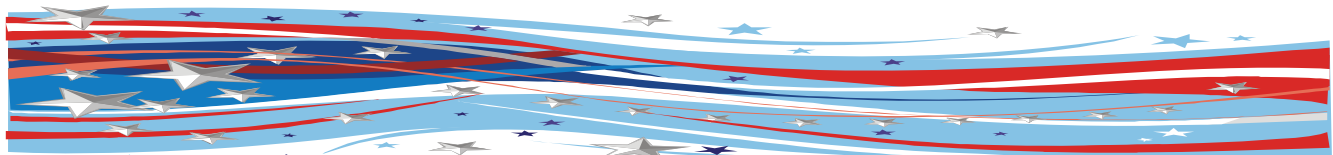
All for only \$20 per case of 24 bottles (20 oz.). That's only 83 cents a bottle – the best deal around!

Support the lower income families in this area and give the kids the fun and exercise that they need and crave!

Sales will be open from May 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at the Parks & Rec offices at 3540 Broad St.

Special Saturday sales at the soccer field in Keswick Park on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 4pm.

The pickup dates are May 20<sup>th</sup> 3-7pm, 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-7pm, and 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9am-4pm at the Chamblee Civic Center. Call 770-986-5016 for more details.



## Plan Ahead! On July 4<sup>th</sup> - Chamblee Rocks!

A slow economy can't slow us down! Join us in Keswick Park for our annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4!

Activities will include a bigger and better children's parade that will travel from Chamblee Middle School to Keswick Park, food vendors, kids' games and activities, a DJ for dancing and as always, the best fireworks display around! Activities will begin at 6:00 PM.

Call 770-986-5016 for more details. Rain-out date is July 5<sup>th</sup> with fireworks only. Show up early to get a good parking space!