

City of Chamblee
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City Clerk/HR Director

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(770) 986-5019

Development

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Permits & Inspections

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code_enforcement@chambleepd.com

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Thanksgiving

What is the true meaning of Thanksgiving? Is it Pilgrims? Is it turkey dinners? Is it gratitude? Sometimes the answer gets lost. The correct answer is gratitude.

How many people do you know go through life frustrated because they feel like they never seem to be happy or have what they want? How about you? Do you find yourself stressed and unfulfilled? We all have rules of what has to happen in order for us to be happy. For some people, they need money, for others they need health, for others they need friends. Many things are running through your mind right now but the answer is.....Be happy for what you have right now.

Think about what is in your life right now. Think of your family, your friends, your health, and the roof over your head, the car you are driving. Often we get so caught up in our next dream that we forget about what we have right now. We have all heard the saying about not knowing how much something means to us until it is gone. Imagine not having the car you currently drive, or the roof over your head, or the people in your life, or your eyesight, or an arm, or a leg. You may be hating your job right now but imagine losing it tomorrow. We all need to appreciate what we have while we have it.

Think of your family and friends. Everyone has family. Everyone has friends.

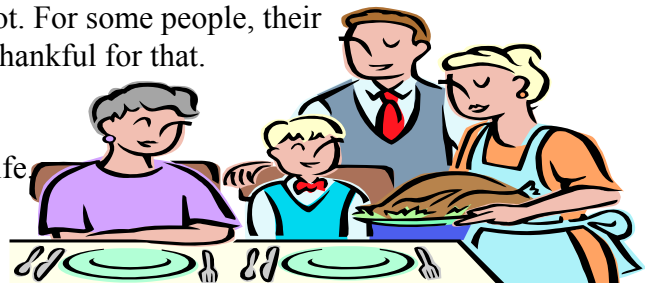
Some are close, some are not. For some people, their friends are their family. Be thankful for that.

You may not get along with or talk to them everyday but they are still a part of your life.

If they "occupy" a thought from you, then they are important to you.

Just imagine the day when you can't talk to them. What then? Say today (and everyday) what you feel. Be thankful for them.

So for this Thanksgiving holiday, remember the meaning of Thanksgiving is to be thankful for what you have and it's a day that's set aside to remind us to be grateful. Whatever you end up doing or end up spending time with this Thanksgiving, be grateful that you have those people in your life.



DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE NOW

If you sustained losses or damage in one of the counties declared a federal disaster area following the September 18 storms and flooding, you may eligible for federal and state disaster aid.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO APPLY BY PHONE OR TO CHECK ON YOUR CLAIM, CALL:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

TTY 1-800-462-7585 (for the speech or hearing impaired)

APPLY ON LINE:

www.disasterassistance.gov

Please have the following information available when you call:

- + A phone number in case we need to call you back
- + Social security number
- + Current mailing address
- + Address of damaged property
- + Brief description of damages
- + Insurance information (if you have insurance)

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE, BUT YOU MUST APPLY

Government disaster assistance covers basic needs only and will not normally compensate you for your entire loss. If you have insurance, the government may help pay for basic needs not covered by an insurance policy. Some disaster aid does not have to be paid back, while forms of help may come in the form of loans. Once you have registered at the above phone numbers or website, **YOU MUST** complete the SBA forms for assistance. This has to be done whether or not you qualify.

Go to www.disastercustomerservicesba.gov or call **1-800-659-2955** to fill the forms out. It is very important to do this so you are protected in the event mold shows up. The deadline to register is Monday, November 23rd.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 3 at the Chamblee Civic Center from 7 am to 7 pm. The following is the sample ballot:

Mayor:

___ R. Eric Clarkson

Write in

City Council District #1

___ Mark Wedge

Write in

City Council District At Large

___ Scott Taylor (incumbent)

___ Charles Rudd

Write in

Absentee ballots are available at

<http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/voter/pdf/absentee.pdf>

Or write: 4380 Memorial Drive

Suite 300

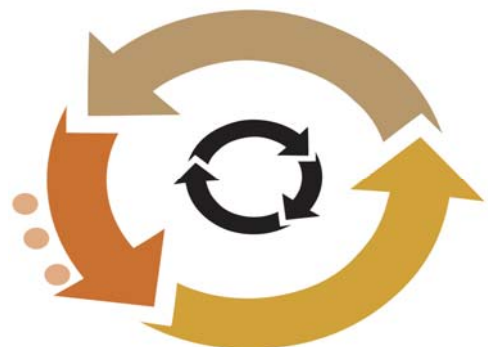
Decatur, GA 30032

Phone: 404-298-4020

Fax: 404-298-4038

Electronic Recycling Program

Chamblee Public Works has an electronic recycling Program available to the residents of Chamblee. For the complete list of electronic items that are accepted, please visit our website at www.chambleega.com. The list can be found under the Public Works Department along with the times that we accept these items.



BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHAMBLEE

A PROCLAMATION
FAMILY MONTH

WHEREAS: The City of Chamblee recognizes the family as the fundamental unit of society and an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric that comprises our communities; and

WHEREAS: Throughout Georgia's history, families have been the foundation of our society and a source of stability and love for every generation; and

WHEREAS: Strong families teach children to live moral lives and help pass down the values that define a caring society. Families provide children with the encouragement, support and love they need to become confident, compassionate and successful members of society; and

WHEREAS: Upholding the timeless values that have sustained our social order throughout history will result in the enhancement of the health and security of Georgia's families; and

WHEREAS: Spending more family time together facilitates the development of positive and open relationships between parents and children. These relationships help parents encourage their children to make positive choices; now

THEREFORE: I, R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor of the City of Chamblee, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as Family Month in Chamblee and urge all citizens to spend quality time with family members to strengthen relationships between parents and children.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



R. Eric Clarkson

Mayor

Fran Diedrich

City Clerk

CITY OF CHAMBLEE

The goal of city staff is to ensure each stakeholder receives the highest level of customer service when you visit City Hall. We want to ensure proper staff is available to meet your needs so we request you make an appointment. Please call or e-mail M-F for an appointment with the following departments:

City Manager: 770-986-5013

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Jim Gleason - jgleason@chambleega.com

City Clerk: 770-986-5018

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Fran Diedrich - fdiedrich@chambleega.com

Development Dept: 770-986-5010 x223

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Dan Schultz - dschultz@chambleega.com

Building Permits: 770-986-5024

9:00 am-11:30 am

1:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Marci Hooper-Smith – mhooper-smith@chambleega.com

Julie Eikoos - jeikoos@chambleega.com

Business Licenses: 770-986-5010 x226

8:30 am-12:00 pm

1:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Linda McDaniel - lmcdaniel@chambleega.com

RESIDENTIAL RENOVATIONS /
ADDITIONS

New forms, instructions and educational materials have recently been added to the Chamblee website for the Development Department / Permits & Inspections Office. Look under the "Departments" tab on the main page for the City. Click on Permit Forms and you will find detailed Guides on Room Additions, Basement Finishes, Pools and Spas, and building Decks and Porches. A guide for Residential Re-Roofing will be added soon. The permit forms, fee schedule and instruction sheets for plan review submittal can be downloaded, along with information for contractors and homeowners regarding inspections. We will be adding more forms and information to the site so keep checking at www.chambleega.com.

REMINDER: TAX DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

The deadline for the final installment of DeKalb County taxes is November 15, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

William D'Onofrio, of Diamond Plaza LLC, is requesting a variance at 5030 Buford Hwy. The variance is to allow a loading space to face a public street (Chamblee Dunwoody Rd). Section 908.D.3. does not allow a loading area to face a public street.

Chad McGee is requesting a variance from the zoning ordinance at 1887 Hickory Rd. The variance is a request to allow an addition to the home to project more than three feet in front of the front door threshold. Section 512 of the zoning ordinance does not allow a new home or addition to project further than three feet beyond the front door threshold.

The date of the public hearing is November 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Chamblee Civic Center (3540 Broad St) and the Council Meeting will be on November 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Chamblee Civic Center. For more information please contact Dan Schultz, Development Director at (770) 986-5010 ext 223 or dschultz@chambleega.com

#1 AND #2 PLASTICS

Our recycling carrier will only accept #1 and #2 plastics to be put into your recycling bins. You can find the number by looking on the bottom of the plastic item. There will be a triangle with a number in it. If there is a number 1 or 2 in that triangle, you can put it in your recycle bin. Any number higher than 2 can be thrown in with your regular trash.

Chamblee residents who wish to recycle may pick up recycle bins at the Public Works Dept., 3210 Cumberland Drive. There is a \$5 deposit per bin. We only accept checks or money orders at this location. If you would like to pay by cash or credit card, please pay at City Hall, 5468 Peachtree Road.



EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

From Public Works

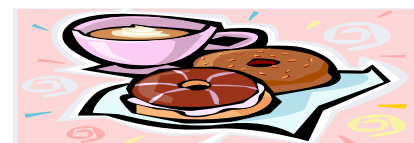


Tim Mathis is Public Works Employee of the Month. He was hired in 2007 as an Equipment Operator and has worked his way into the Storm Water Department.

Tim is responsible for the maintenance and rebuilding of the City's storm drains. He also is responsible for the pouring of sidewalks and fills in where needed in other Departments. Tim has two sons, ages 19 and 15. His spare time is spent enjoying the outdoors by camping and motorcycle riding.

CHAMBLEE BREAKFAST CLUB

The reorganized Chamblee Breakfast Club for senior citizens will hold their November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009. This meeting will feature holiday crafts by Betty Robinson. These creative creations will be available, by raffle, after the presentation. Also, that day, reservations may be made and dues paid for the Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 holiday covered dish brunch. It would be appreciated if dues (\$2.00 per month per person) for both months could be collected in November. If you are not called or signed up on a sheet, found at various locations asking for your reservation, you must make a reservation by calling or e-mailing Evelyn Kennedy at 770-451-4891 or email erdken@bellsouth.net or Becky Craven at 770-457-3834 or email rmcraven@bellsouth.net Monday, November 1, 2009 is the cut-off date for reservations. We hope to see you on Thursday, the fifth.



PLUMBING POINTERS

No FOG - No CLOG

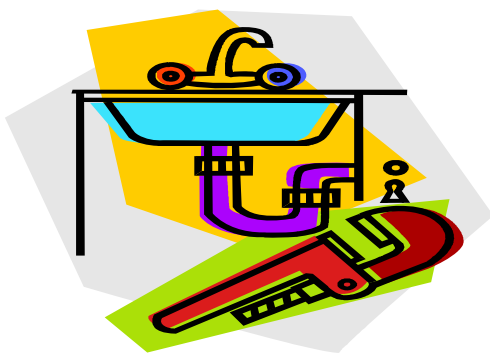
FOG is the term DeKalb County uses to refer to all the **Fats, Oils and Greases** that enter the plumbing pipes through garbage disposals, sinks and toilets at homes, apartments and businesses -- especially food service establishments like restaurants. FOG comes from meat fats, lard, cooking oil, food scraps, dairy products, butter/margarine, sauces, shortenings and baking goods. It coats the inside of the pipes and enters into the County sewer system.

Food service establishments are required to have grease traps or interceptors to collect these pipeline pollutants before they reach the sewer system. These systems must be cleaned out and inspected by the County regularly in order for the business to remain open.

For residents, here are three simple guidelines to help you keep household fats, oils and greases from clogging up your pipes which will prevent costly sewer line repairs:

1. Do NOT pour fats, oils or grease down the drain or the toilet. Pour them into a sealable container, allow it to cool and then throw it in the trash.
2. Scrape plates and cookware before washing. Do not throw greasy food scraps of any kind down the drain. Instead, place them in waste containers or garbage bags.
3. Wipe excess fat, oily, greasy food from all plates, pots, pans, utensils, and surfaces before washing. Throw the greasy paper towels away.

This information and much more, is available on the DeKalb County Watershed Management website.



LOW-FLOW PLUMBING FIXTURES

Another program implemented by the County is the "Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Plan". In 1992, the National Energy Policy Act (NEPA) required plumbing fixture manufacturers to produce water efficient products to help conserve our valuable water resources. Local governments then put in place deadlines for compliance with these new standards. As of January 1, 2009, ALL properties in DeKalb County, residential and commercial, MUST show proof of compliance for any building constructed prior to 1993. This is generally triggered upon resale of the property. Since 1993, manufacturers have provided low-flow products for the new construction market, so certification is not required for newer buildings.

Properties that are exempted from this requirement are: foreclosures, properties to be demolished, properties conveyed legally to a spouse or children, and certified historic properties.

The low-flow plumbing fixtures must be certified as meeting the appropriate American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidelines:

- toilets (max 1.6 gallons water/flush)
- urinals (max 1.0 gallon water/flush)
- shower heads (max 2.5 gallons water/minute)
- bathroom faucets (max 2.0 gallons water/minute)
- kitchen faucets (max 2.2 gallons water/minute)

Water and sewer service in the City of Chamblee is provided by DeKalb County, so proof of having the compliant fixtures is required before obtaining new water and sewer service. The new homeowner or commercial property/business owner must submit a certificate of compliance signed by a home inspector, licensed plumber, or a Department of Watershed Management inspector in order to set up a new water/sewer service account with the Water Department. Additional details and the Compliance forms can be found on DeKalb's website: www.dekalbwatershed.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our annual Christmas kick-off is being held on Saturday, December 12th at the Chamblee Civic Center (3540 Broad St.) Reservations are required but Santa has time for 100 children each hour! Make note – we are offering different time slots this year – 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am. Also, we will be charging \$5 to cover the photography fee since we now have beautiful digital prints to take home! These are better than you can get at any mall. Come join us and enjoy:

A hot breakfast courtesy of McDonald's
 Arts & crafts
 Face painting
 Entertainment
 A visit with the big man himself, Santa Claus!

Call 770-986-5016 or visit www.chambleega.com to make your reservation! Start your holidays with a great event for all ages!



CAMP CHAMBLEE FOR WINTER BREAK!

All the stores are doing it so why not us – let's plan for the holidays early!

Chamblee will be hosting 6 days of



winter camp for your children ages 6-12 to keep them busy while the parents finish up their holiday shopping and wrapping!

Camp will offer many arts & crafts projects, a field trip to 300 Atlanta for bowling, and lots of games and fun! Camp is Dec 21-23 and 28-30 and the hours are 8:30 am – 3:30 pm but we do offer extended hours for working parents. The cost will be \$20 each day (\$30 on field trip day TBA). Our summer campers had a ball and winter will be no exception! Please call 770-986-5016 for more details.

Registration for winter camp will open on Monday, November 2.

OCCUPATION TAX RENEWAL UPDATE FOR 2010

Once again, the time of the year approaches for all businesses operating in Chamblee to renew their Occupational Tax Certificate. The renewal information will be mailed November 16, 2009.

◆◆◆ If you relocated your business within the city limits of Chamblee in 2009, you will have to complete a new business license application. You cannot renew with your old business address.

Please remember, if you do not complete all of the information, your return will be mailed back to you and the renewal process will be delayed. If you do not receive your renewal form by December 15, 2009 you can go to our website to download the renewal form at www.chambleega.com or come by City Hall to pick one up.

If you are in the contracting business and need your 2010 Occupation Tax Certificate number for permits in January 2010, you will need to renew before December 31, 2009.

We now accept VISA, MASTER CARD and DISCOVERCARD; however, you will have to come to City Hall if you choose to pay the \$60.00 renewal fee by credit card.

Complete your renewal form and mail as soon as possible; you have until January 31, 2010 before a 10% penalty is added. Call 770-986-5010 ext 226 with questions or send an email to lmcdaniel@chambleega.com