

NEW FACES

With the retirement of Kathy Brannon and Becky Craven, the City of Chamblee has reorganized its administrative function and hired a new City Clerk and Finance Director.



Fran Diedrich, the City Clerk, has served in local government for over 20 years. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Relations from the University of Florida and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. Ms. Diedrich will be responsible for the duties of the City Clerk's Office as well as the City's Human Resources and Risk Management functions. Fran can be reached at 770-986-5010 ext 225 or fdiedrich@chambleega.com.

Our new Finance Director, Angela Hudson, comes to the City with over 20 years of accounting and local government experience. She holds a Bachelors degree in Accounting from Brenau University. Angela will be responsible for the operations of the City's overall financial management including accounting, payroll, budgeting, internal auditing, financial record keeping and preparation for the annual external audit. Angela can be reached at 770-986-5010 ext 236 or ahudson@chambleega.com.



RETIREMENTS



The City of Chamblee had a very valuable employee who decided to retire this year. Kathy Brannon worked for the city for 27 years. In 1982, she was hired as a bookkeeper, and then in 1985 she became the City Clerk. When the City changed to a City Manager form of government, Kathy became the City Manager after the original one was terminated for insubordination. So for 14 years, she managed this city.

The wealth of knowledge that Kathy has is going to be sorely missed. Under her leadership, this city changed from an industrial city to an upscale city. The "sense" of community that she created provides the residents of Chamblee something to be proud of. She was easy to work with and had patience with the employees but could get tough when she had to.

Her plans are to "do nothing" for a while and then after selling her house, she will get a part time job somewhere. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures since she has earned it through and through. She will be missed.

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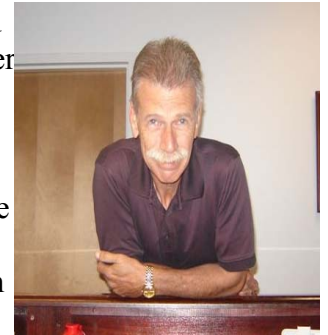
ASSISTANT CHIEF MARK BENDER RETIRES



Assistant Chief Mark Bender started his law enforcement career in the U.S. Army as a Military Police officer with the Georgia Army National Guard. Immediately after completing training Asst. Chief Bender was hired by the City of Stone Mountain Police Department where he remained for three years

before being hired by Chamblee Police Department in January of 1980. Mark started in patrol and was moved to detective in 1987 and remained there until his promotion to Lieutenant back in patrol in 1991. In 1995, Asst. Chief Bender was promoted to Captain and became the Uniform Division Commander. Asst. Chief Bender was given the task of leading the department through its initial State Certification as the department's certification manager. The department received its initial certification in November 2002 and also received re-certification in November of 2007. Mark was promoted to Asst. Chief in January of 2003. Asst. Chief Bender also remained in the Georgia Army National Guard and is a Command Sergeant Major. He recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan where he was the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command-North CSM. Asst. Chief Bender has a degree in Criminal Justice from Madison University and is a graduate of the 204th session, FBI National Academy and the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College 17th class. He resides in Duluth with his wife Paula.

CAPTAIN DAVE PERKINS RETIRES



CPT Dave Perkins started his law enforcement career in the U.S. Army as a Military Police officer stationed in Germany and later as an instructor at the Military Police School at FT McClellan, AL. Upon leaving the Army, Dave started civilian police work in Denmark, SC. CPT Perkins relocated to Atlanta and landed a job with Chamblee Police Department in October of 1980. Dave started in patrol and was then quickly moved into detectives where he remained for the remainder of his 29 years with the city. During his tenure in CID, CPT Perkins investigated many high profile cases including the homicide of Mr. Holley of Holley's Grocery which was located at the time at Carroll Ave and West Hospital Ave. CPT Perkins is a graduate of the 159th session of the FBI National Academy and attended many different crime scene and organized crime classes presented by the Georgia Police Academy and various Federal Agencies. He is currently living the retirement life in North Carolina with his wife Bonnie.

Chamblee Business Association

The Chamblee Business Association (CBA) was proud to sponsor its Business after Hours Gathering Tuesday August 11th from 5:30-8:00 pm at Verde Taqueria located on Dresden Dr. in Brookhaven. It was a great networking opportunity for the business people of Chamblee. Door prizes and gifts were awarded to attendees. The CBA will host another Business after Hours Event in September, TBA.

The CBA was proud to sponsor a groundbreaking ceremony for Deceased Pet Care. Doyle Shugart, owner, held the ceremony on Wednesday morning Aug 26, 2009. The ground breaking begins construction on the largest pet Funeral Home and Crematory in America. In attendance was Mayor Eric Clarkson, City Council Member Tom Hogan, GA Rep. District 81 Jill Chambers, and Brookhaven Bank President, Laurice Tatum. The location of the new building is at 4991 Peachtree Road. In the meantime, it is business "as usual" in temporary office trailers adjacent to the construction site.

The CBA is proud to welcome Maison Robert Fine Chocolates and Patisserie to the Chamblee business community. Maison Robert opened its doors July 20, 2009 at 5256 Peachtree Road, Ste 110. Their business hours are Mon-Fri 8:00 am-6:00 pm and Sat 8:00 am-3:00 pm. For more information, please call Maison Robert at 770-454-6442.

The Chamblee Business Association is a business networking group that meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 am at the Chamblee Civic Center. First time guests can attend for free. A one year membership is \$100 per individual. The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2009. Please call Kim Russell for membership information at 404-504-0813.

**CITY OF CHAMBLEE
NOTICE OF ELECTION, QUALIFYING, AND
REGISTRATION**

The City of Chamblee will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street. Polls will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. This election will be for the following offices:

Mayor – elected at-large
4-year term beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2013

City Council District - #1 (Residency required):
4-year term beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2013

City Council District - Seat-at-Large:
4-year term beginning 01/01/2010 and ending 12/31/2013

In order to qualify for election to fill the office of Mayor or City Council, the person shall be at least 25 years of age, shall be qualified to vote for members of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, shall have been an actual bona fide resident of the City of Chamblee for at least one (1) year before offering for election, and shall be a qualified voter in city elections.

Those wishing to seek office must file notice of their candidacy with the Election Superintendent at Chamblee City Hall, 5468 Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA. Qualifying dates are Tuesday, September 1 through Thursday, September 3, 2009, from 9:00 am until 1:30 pm and from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Qualifying fee for the office of Mayor is \$324.00 and for City Council the qualifying fee is \$216.00 (fee is 3% of the annual salary).

The Absentee Poll will open 45 days prior to the Election (September 21). Both the Absentee Poll and Advance Voting (October 26-30) will be at the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections facility at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA Monday through Friday, 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Voter registration cut-off date is October 5, 2009.

Absentee ballot applications and voter registration forms may be obtained by contacting the DeKalb elections office at 404-298-4020 or www.co.dekalb.ga.us.

This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Official Code of Georgia.

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

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Just email Libby Galvin at lgalvin@chambleega.com and request to be removed from the mailing list by providing your name and your physical mailing address. Your newsletter will then arrive automatically to your email address.

How simple is that?



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.



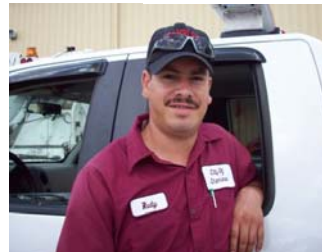
RECYCLING FUN FACTS

Did you ever wonder if recyclable items could be put to good use other than being recycled back into their former state? Here is a list of your typical recyclables that were given a “new life.”

<u>Former State</u>	<u>New Life</u>
Glass.....	Road asphalt
Plastic bottles.....	Shoelaces, diaper bags
Newspapers.....	Wallets, pencils, combs
Tires.....	Handbags, mouse pads
Cassette tapes.....	Gel pens
Computer circuit boards.....	Picture frames, clocks
Bicycle parts.....	CD racks
Vinyl records.....	iPod cases



From Public Works



This month's Public Works employee is Rudy Ruiz. He began working for the City in November of 2008 as a Sanitation Worker. He helps maintain the

beautification of the City by mowing, weed eating, and picking up trash. Rudy and his wife, Cindy, have been married for nine years. They also have a son, Rudy, who is 8 years old. Rudy just purchased his first home and he enjoys spending time with his family.

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 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.

CHAMBLEE COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT

September-October 2009

The number of certified backyard habitats is still growing! Chamblee Middle School is now certified, Huntley Hills School habitat is coming back to life and we are hoping Chamblee High will bring back their habitat and environmental club. We are please to add Patti and David Lankford to our ever growing list of residential Habitats. Certification as you know, is an ongoing project and keep in mind your certification follows you when you move. Many of our residents have recertified their property in states all across the country.

Many of you who have asked, "Why are there so few butterflies this season?" Well this can be a result of many adverse conditions in the weather, destruction of habitat, etc., but I am beginning to see several a day on my butterfly plantings. Hopefully next year will be more normal.

Our habitat/garden club will begin meeting again at 7:30 pm at the D'Youville Condominiums Clubhouse on the following dates:

September 14 Our speaker will be Claire Hayes, director of Dunwoody Nature Center. Claire conducts classes and seminars all over the South and is a very dynamic speaker.

October 5- I hope, will be a return visit by Bobby Wilson of the Extension Service. Bobby has been the most well received speaker we have ever had and I hope he will talk to us about winter vegetable gardening.

November 2 will feature Karen Garland of the Georgia Conservancy, one of the most informed speakers we've had on nocturnal animals. This time she will be speaking on diurnal (daytime) animals. She's fun, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable. It is always a pleasure to see her. Children of all ages are more than welcome and will enjoy her as much as the adults.

Please join with us as we continue to grow and learn.

CHAMBLEE POLICE TIPS

Automobile break-ins are occurring everywhere nowadays so we must all be careful to make our cars less of a target for thieves.



Regardless of where you are, please keep your valuables out of sight. Thieves look through car windows for such things as purses, briefcases, GPS receivers and laptop computers. We suggest that you place such items either in the trunk or under the seat. If a thief can't see them, he probably won't break into your car.

While on the subject of cars, we also recommend that you keep your car doors locked anytime you are away from your car. This includes when it is parked in your driveway at night. There have been thieves that go around at night looking for unlocked cars to loot.

CHAMBLEE BREAKFAST CLUB

The Chamblee Breakfast Club for senior citizens is reorganizing and returning to the Chamblee Civic Center at 3540 Broad Street in Chamblee. Senior Connections in Chamblee has been graciously hosting these monthly meetings for the past few years. We will try to notify those who have attended in the past by telephone announcing the first meeting at 10 am, Thursday, Sept 3, 2009. Jim Gleason, City Manager of Chamblee, will be the speaker. Programs at the monthly meetings will be varied and interesting. Trips will be planned and coordinated with Senior Connections. The cost (\$2.00) will remain as the previous year, but reservations must be made by calling or emailing Evelyn Kennedy, 770-451-4891, erdken@bellsouth.net or Becky Craven, 770-457-3834, rmcraven@bellsouth.net.



BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

We often get calls from residents or business tenants asking us to clarify what types of work need building permits in the City. Here is an easy guide to most permit requirements.

The following **DO** require building permits from the City:

1. Building an accessory structure, (i.e. shed, detached garage)
2. Replacing appliances that are hard-wired to a circuit
3. Constructing new commercial or residential buildings
4. Changing a building's use or occupancy classification
5. New deck/patio/porch construction or structural repairs
6. Enlarging the footprint of the existing driveway
7. Installing new doors/windows requiring structural alterations
8. Repair or replacing electrical service lines
9. Adding new electrical circuits
10. Installing a new fireplace or wood-burning stove
11. Interior remodeling including drywall, lighting and/or non-structural framing (adding or taking out walls)
12. Replacement of a furnace or air conditioning system
13. Replacement of a hot water heater
14. Replacement of duct work
15. Installing plumbing fixtures requiring piping alterations
16. Installing/moving gas lines
17. Building a swimming pool or spa
18. Replacing the roof covering (shingles, tiles, metal, etc.)
19. Installing a retaining/landscaping wall OVER 48 inches
20. Replacing/changing exterior siding, masonry or stucco finish
21. Installing fences
22. Tree removal - on commercial properties

The following **DO NOT** require permits:

1. Building a children's playhouse
2. Replacing appliances with plug-in devices
3. Repair/replacement of plumbing fixtures where no new piping is needed
4. Simple deck repairs (non-structural)
5. Repair/replacement of the existing driveway in the same footprint
6. Window or door replacement not requiring structural alterations (making opening bigger or smaller)
7. Interior "cosmetic" projects such as painting, tiling, flooring and trim work
8. Garage door repair or replacement
9. Minor repairs to roof covering
10. Retaining/landscaping walls less than 48 inches high without surcharge
11. Minor repairs to damaged siding, masonry or stucco

If your proposed project is not on the list, please **call the Development Department (770-986-5024)** and we will be happy to discuss your plans. We will soon be adding forms and instructions for residential and commercial projects to our website, www.chambleega.com along with educational and informational materials that will help guide you through the construction processes.



FIRE SAFETY 101

To minimize the chances of death or injury from a fire in your home (or business), follow these important Fire Safety Rules.

1. **Install smoke detectors.** They are required in every bedroom, in the hallway outside the bedroom and on each floor of your home (basement included). On new homes, detectors have to be hard-wired in so that all alarms will sound off when one detects smoke. For older homes, battery powered detectors are easily installed, inexpensive and available at the local building supply stores. Be sure you test your detectors often by pushing the test button and replace the batteries at least once a year. Pick a day that is easy to remember like January 1st or your birthday.
2. Have one or more fully charged **fire extinguishers** readily available. You may be able to put out small fires before they do much damage, but if the fire is out of control - GET OUT of the building.
3. Every bedroom on every level must have an **exit window or a door** with direct access to the outside of the house. The windows need to be at least 20 inches wide by 24 inches high and no more than 44 inches off the floor. If going through a door is the fastest exit, be sure it has a thumb latch opener from inside, not a key.
4. Keep burning **candles** away from combustible materials, like curtains, bedding, papers or clothes.
5. If you use a **space heater**, be sure it is at least 3 feet from any combustible material and has an automatic shut-off in case it is tipped over. Turn the unit off while you are gone.
6. Review your **fire escape plan** often with your family, roommates (or employees) so that everyone knows the fastest way out and where to meet. Remember, the heat and smoke are more deadly than the flames, so stay close to the floor and cover your mouth while escaping. Do NOT return to a burning building.

The rules for businesses are similar. Be sure your employees know where the fire extinguishers are and how to operate them. Have your electrical wiring and service conductors checked by a licensed electrician so that you can prevent fires from worn or improper wiring. Do not store combustible items near electrical panels, furnaces or water heaters. Do not use extension cords for equipment or fixtures; have an electrician install outlets where needed.

If you should experience fire damage, please contact the Development Department at your earliest opportunity so that an evaluation can be done by the Building Inspector to determine if the structure is safe to re-occupy and what types of permits will be required to make repairs. **Call 770-986-5024 if you have any questions.**