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## 2010 City of Chamblee Budget

We are projecting total revenue for all city funds of \$10,552,522 with total expenditures for all funds of \$10,552,522. The General Fund revenue is projected at \$8,137,150 vs. expenses of \$8,137,150. The budget has a projected general fund surplus of \$444,716. This balance is created due to savings in medical insurance costs and a tax mil increase to rebuild the city reserve fund balance to 25% of general fund operating balance per City policy. At the proposed rate without any unplanned emergencies, it will take three years to meet the 25% goal.

The projected net revenue of \$417,350 from GCIC will be removed from the General Fund and placed as a dedicated Enterprise Fund available only for Capital Equipment Replacement. Spending from this dedicated fund can only be for capital equipment (police cars, sanitation trucks, city vehicles, and computers) and must be authorized by the Mayor and City Council.

To replace the GCIC revenue in the general fund and allow for a rebuilding of the City reserve funds there will be a 1.64 mil increase in the 2010 tax rate. The 1.64 rate will generate new revenue of \$857,270. Total tax rate for 2010 will be 7.95 mils which will generate \$4,157,850

The property value tax digest will be evaluated in May prior to setting the tax rate to ensure 7.95 mils will generate the projected revenue for 2010. Current value of one (1) mil is estimated to be \$523,000.

### Key Impacts for 2010:

1. The City was notified of an increase in 2010 for retirement contributions. The annual cost of the plan for the coming year, including plan changes, administrative charges and pension statements has increased from \$489,019 to \$982,212. The new cost represents 26.16% of the payroll of covered employees, versus 14.64% of covered payroll at the previous valuation.
2. We do not have the renewal bill for workers compensation so we are budgeting based on actual employee salaries and position rates \$165,480 with an estimated increase of \$26,642 for 2010.
3. GMA BCBS announced a 9% increase in the 2010 Plan costs (medical only) for a total of \$966,404 vs. 2009 Plan costs (medical only) \$886,500. The Council preference was to go with BCBS POS-5002 SX as proposed by Peachtree Benefits Group. The new plan will result in a lower premium of \$189,777 vs. the GMA plan for all City funds.

4. After extensive discussion the City Council decided not to reduce funding or personnel for the City's core services, Public Safety, E911, Courts and Public Works & Sanitation. The council will fund vacant positions to ensure staff can maintain the quality and customer service levels expected by our citizens. This will result in authorizing the departments to fill three (3) vacant positions in the Police Department and two (2) vacant positions in the Public Works Department.
5. The 2010 Budget has no salary increases (second year of no increase) or additional personnel over what was approved in 2009.
6. Capital Improvement Projects-None Funded
7. Capital Equipment Funded-\$20,000 debt payment within the general fund; third year of a five year lease for police patrol cameras. \$5,000 of this is the balance of the False Alarm software
8. Staff has included a General Contingency in the 2010 budget of \$87,500. This would cover short-term unplanned emergencies but would need Council approval to access these funds.
9. Staff projects an estimated 2009 year-end unrestricted cash balance of \$500,000. This is significantly less than one (1) quarter (25%) operating expenses which is City Council's policy. One quarter of General Fund operating reserve fund balance would be \$2,033,038.
10. Due to a low year end cash reserve balance, the City will need to obtain a TAN loan early in 2010 to ensure proper cash flow as the property tax revenue does not start coming in until September. Estimated TAN Loan would be for \$1.6 million.
11. Council has instructed staff to look at an alternate retirement system for any employee hired after January 1, 2010. The City will look to go to a defined contribution plan vs. the traditional defined benefit. The City proposes a 10% contribution to a 457b Deferred Compensation Plan vs. 26.16% contribution to the defined benefit plan. This should lead to savings for the City over time.

As we all know, 2009 has been a challenging year and we are still feeling the effects of the economic slow down. Staff worked hard this year to reduce expenses and control costs when possible to meet the economic challenges. While we all hope 2010 is a better year, the signs point to a very slow recovery which has made it a challenge in preparing the 2010 Budget. We will continue to look for ways to save money and economize without sacrificing customer service to our stake holders.

I want to thank all Staff Members, Mayor, Council and our Citizens for their collaboration and cooperation in crafting the 2010 Budget.

Jim Gleason  
City Manager

## Recycle Schedule

Please remember that recyclable materials are collected on the 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 Holidays, that will be your recycle day. Please call the Public Works Department with any questions at 770-986-5019.

## Electronic Recycling Program

The City of Chamblee Public Works Department has an ongoing Electronic Recycling program. We will accept anything electronic such as: computer equipment, televisions, batteries, small appliances, lawn mowers, and phones. **We will not be responsible for any confidential information left in your computer.** Feel free to drop-off your items at our facility located at 3210 Cumberland Drive. 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 until 12 noon. For more details, call 770-986-5019.



## SENIOR HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION

Resident homeowners 65 and over may apply for a Senior Homeowner Tax Exemption within the City of Chamblee. Those qualified are exempt from city taxes. In order to qualify, you must meet the following basic requirements:

- All parties listed as owners on the property deed must be 65 years or older **before** January 1, 2010.
- You must have a current Homestead Exemption on your property designating it as your primary residence.
- You must be able to supply proof of age (driver's license or other identification) for all owners listed on the deed.
- You must apply for the exemption between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> by filling out a simple form, **in person**, at City Hall, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

You can only apply for this City exemption at City Hall. Your application will be processed and notification of the exemption will be sent to DeKalb County for the 2010 tax year. The exemption will be applied to your 2010 Property Tax Statement and you will not be billed for city taxes; however, you will be required to pay stormwater & sanitation fees. You have to file for this exemption one time if you do not have any changes.

Additional exemptions that you may be qualified for from DeKalb County must be filed with the County separately. Check with the County Tax Commissioner's Office at 404-298-4000 to make sure you are getting all the county exemptions you are entitled to.

Person's who have 100% disability status from the Social Security Administration or the Veteran's Administration, are also eligible for this city exemption.

For more information, please call Linda McDaniel, Assistant City Clerk, at 770-986-5010, ext. 226.

### GO PAPERLESS:

You can save paper by receiving this newsletter online. And better yet, the online version is in COLOR!

Just email Libby Galvin at [lgalvin@chambleega.com](mailto: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?

## 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](mailto:jgleason@chambleega.com)

**City Clerk:** 770-986-5018

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Nancy Williams- [nwilliams@chambleega.com](mailto:nwilliams@chambleega.com)

**Development Dept:** 770-986-5010 x223

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Dan Schultz - [dschultz@chambleega.com](mailto:dschultz@chambleega.com)

**Building Permits:** 770-986-5024

9:00 am-11:30 am

1:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Marci Hooper-Smith – [mhooper-](mailto:mhooper-smith@chambleega.com)

[smith@chambleega.com](mailto:smith@chambleega.com)

Julie Eikoos - [jeikoos@chambleega.com](mailto:jeikoos@chambleega.com)

**Business Licenses:** 770-986-5010 x226

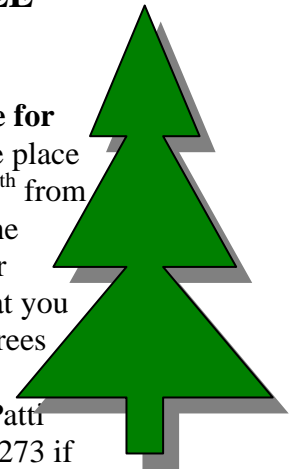
8:30 am-12:00 pm

1:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Linda McDaniel - [lmcdaniel@chambleega.com](mailto:lmcdaniel@chambleega.com)

## KEEP CHAMBLEE BEAUTIFUL

The annual “**Bring one for the Chipper**” will take place on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Chamblee Civic Center parking lot. We ask that you bring your Christmas trees and phone books for recycling. Please call Patti Lankford at 770-455-0273 if you have any questions.



## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Three variances for 4906 Peachtree Blvd. This parcel is part of the Lowes parking lot on Peachtree Blvd. The proposed use is a Zaxby's Restaurant. The variances are to allow the driveway to go between the building and the street, to allow the building facade to be less than 24 feet, and to allow the first floor to ceiling height be less than 18 feet.

The date of the Public Hearing is January 14, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Chamblee Civic Center (3540 Broad St) and the Council Meeting will be on January 19, 2010 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](mailto:dschultz@chambleega.com)

## A Reminder From The Public Works Department

Please remember to **place rocks, limbs, logs, garbage and leaves in separate piles for pickup.** All these items are recycled and have different end users and are collected by different trucks. Therefore, they must be piled separately to ensure proper handling without impeding service times. Do not mix construction debris with yard trimmings. Any of the above items mixed with leaves will damage the impeller inside the leaf machine and this could jeopardize collection times and create unsafe conditions for the workers. Leaves are to be placed in loose piles on the ground on the residents' side of the curb. The leaf machine picks up leaves in the City once a week.

Also, please do not put plastic bags of any kind in your recycle bins. The only bags allowed in recycle bins are brown paper bags. Please have your trash at the curb by 8:00 am. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Dept. at 770-986-5019



### From Public Works

This month's Public Works employee is Wayne Smith. He began working for the City July 28, 2006. He is one of our Equipment Operators and drives one of the sanitation trucks. He and his wife, Lecia, have four children, ages 12, 10, 7 and 2. Wayne was an electronics technician for 15 years and enjoys spending time on his computer. He also likes running, reading and spending time with his children.

## 2010 Public Works Residential Holiday Sanitation Schedule

**New Year's 2010** – Closing Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at noon & closed Friday, Jan., 1<sup>st</sup>

*Wk of Dec. 27: M-Th will be Mon only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only*

**MLK Jr. Day** – Closed Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Jan. 17: M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr*

**President's Day** – Closed Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Feb. 14: M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr*

**Memorial Day** – Closed Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Wk of May 30: M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr*

**Independence Day** – Closed Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of July 4: M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr*

**Labor Day** – Closed Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Sept. 5: M-Th will be Tu-Th; Tu-Fr will be W-Fr*

**Veteran's Day** – Closed Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Nov. 7: M-Th will be M-W; Tu-Fr no change*

**Thanksgiving** – Closed Thursday & Friday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Nov. 21: M-Th will be Mon only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only*

**Christmas** – Closed Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

*Wk of Dec. 19: M-Th will be Mon only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only*

**New Years 2011** – Closed Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

*Wk of Dec. 26: M-Th will be Mon only; Tu-Fr will be Tu only*

## CLOTHES DRYER SAFETY –

### Tips from the Chamblee Development Dept.

For most of us, a clothes dryer has become an appliance of convenience and necessity. It is one of the most expensive appliances in your home to operate but, if it is not running efficiently, you are wasting money and potentially creating a serious threat to the safety of your home and family.

Information put out by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that there are about 15,500 fires associated with clothes dryers annually; resulting in 10 deaths, 310 injuries and over \$84 million in property damage. While today's equipment is designed to be safer, people are not cleaning the lint traps as often as they should nor are they checking and cleaning vent systems on a regular basis.

The lint filter should be cleaned before or after every load and the rear of the dryer should be checked for any lint build-up. The interior of the dryer and venting system should also be cleaned periodically. Plastic or vinyl vent hoses should be replaced with flexible or rigid metal venting. Do not put improper items in the dryer, such as foam-backed rugs, athletic shoes or fabric that has any flammable substances on it (alcohol, cooking oils, gasoline, solvents, etc).

For more safety information on dryers and other consumer products (air heaters, carbon monoxide alarms, smoke detectors, extension cords, GFCIs, fire extinguishers, ladders, spas, turkey fryers, etc.), visit the UL Product Safety website at [www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/offerings/perspectives/consumer/productsafety/](http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/offerings/perspectives/consumer/productsafety/).

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## CHAMBLEE BREAKFAST CLUB



The January meeting of the Chamblee Breakfast Club for Seniors will be held on January 7, 2010 at the Civic Center at 3540 Broad Street at 10:00 am. The program will include showing the video made by local citizens for the Centennial celebration. Monthly dues are \$2.00 for each person attending. If you do not receive a phone call or an e-mail, please contact either Evelyn Kennedy at 770-451-4891 or Becky Craven at 770-457-3834 by January 4th. Do plan to join the group for this interesting meeting.



## CHAMBLEE'S NEW CITY CLERK

Nancy Williams has recently been appointed as Chamblee's new City Clerk. She has over 25 years of government experience and has served in various positions throughout her career in the military and local government. She obtained her GA State Certification as a Municipal Clerk in 1996 and her International Certification through IIMC in 1998. She is ever mindful of the oath of office she took for her profession. She has sworn to uphold the law; to have high standards of quality and integrity so that her office shall be above reproach and to merit public confidence in our community; to be ever mindful of her neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; to record what is true and to preserve what is entrusted to her; and to constantly strive to improve the administration of her office through sound management practices. She can be reached at 770-986-5018 or [nwilliams@chambleega.com](mailto:nwilliams@chambleega.com).

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## CHAMBLEE COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT

January 2010

Well, have you seen enough rain yet? At least we should have a beautiful spring, providing nothing rots! It's time to get your bulbs in the ground. This month is also the time to cut back liriope (monkey grass) and start thinking about the butterfly bushes. February is the big pruning month – anything that blooms in the Summer or fall should be cut back AFTER blooming. Their buds are already set for this year.

The Habitat/Garden Club is now meeting at the Chamblee United Methodist Church at 4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd., at 7:30 PM on the first Monday night of the month. January 4 will bring us our own Leslie Robson. Be sure to bring all your gardening questions! In February, Karen Garland of the Georgia Conservancy will bring her delightful self and share with us program on daytime wildlife. Keep a check on our new website – [www.chambleecommunitywildlifehabitat.org](http://www.chambleecommunitywildlifehabitat.org) for news and future programs. All are welcome- please come for a visit!

## CHAMBLEE ROAD RACE –

### NEW BEGINNINGS!

Our annual 5K has had a facelift! This year we have added a very special element to our event – wheelchairs! Not those speedy guys either; this race is for anyone willing to participate whether in a manual or motorized wheelchair. From now on it will be known as the Chamblee Run & Roll and will have all profits go towards The Shepherd Center, one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the nation. Already several organizations are behind us including the The Rotary Club, Shepherd Center, Muscular Dystrophy Association, The Atlanta Track Club, and so many more! Pat Epps of Epps Aviation has graciously donated the use of one of his hangars at Peachtree DeKalb Airport to host the start & finish of the race. All these wonderful additions mean one thing though – we need help! Volunteers are needed to help with planning, marketing, fundraising, and basic race logistics. Bring your talents and time to us starting on January 12 at 6:00pm at the Civic Center (3540 Broad St.) That marks the day of our first public meeting to get started on our biggest and best race ever! If you would like more details, please call 770-986-5016. The race will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> so there is no time to lose!

## DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Spoil that special lady in your life for Valentine's Day by attending our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Dance. On Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Dads can twirl their daughters around the dance floor.

This semi-formal dance will be held at the Civic Center from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Reservations are required and cost only \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. This dance is for girls in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or younger.

There will be a photographer on site to capture the memory of this event as well as great food. Brush up on your swinging and singing for our dance contest!! Everyone had a sensational time last year; don't miss out on this year's dance!

Please call 770-986-5016 to make your reservation or for more information.



## Youth Sports Registration:

It's time again for Spring youth sports in Chamblee! Proof of age is required for all participants.

### Soccer:



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

January 4-Feb 5: Chamblee Residents

January 11-Feb 5: 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 3-4, coach pitch for ages 5-6, and **introducing** a new baseball league for ages 7-8.

February 2 - 27: Chamblee Residents only

February 9 - 27: All players

Tee-ball and Baseball is just \$40 and includes replica 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](http://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!