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Dear Citizens of Chamblee,

I wish to thank you for electing me to serve on the City Council of Chamblee. In the 12 years I have lived in Chamblee, I have been delighted and impressed by your warmth and friendliness, your positive community spirit, your love for your city along with your deep care and concern for the environment. It is my desire as your representative to preserve and enhance these very attributes as we, the City Council, your chosen representatives, guide Chamblee through the Development Years" into the premier GA community and world class city it is destined to be.

Your Humble Servant
Leslie Robson
City Councilwoman
District 2

Thanks for your support

I would like to offer the Citizens of Chamblee my sincere appreciation for electing me to the District 3 seat on City Council, last November. I promise to work hard to fulfill the faith you have expressed in me as your Representative. I am dedicated to helping produce meaningful research and policy and to supporting further efforts that may help make our community a safe and enriching place to live, work and play.

I welcome your comments and questions on any issues you may find important. The best way to reach me is to either send me an e-mail at thogan@chambleega.com, or call me directly at (404) 372-2932. I will always welcome your questions, comments, and/or concerns.

In closing I would like to thank my opponent Mr. Gary King for his years of service to the City.

Thomas Hogan
Council Member
District #3

As the dust settles on my second election to City Council in less than a year the time has come to say, Thank You.

Thank you to my friends, neighbors and fellow Chamblee citizens for having the faith in me to represent you on the City Council.

In February of 2007 I was elected to fill the un-expired term (9 months) of then Councilman Art Gibert. Then, after the election in November I took the oath of office for my 1st full (4 year) term starting January 2008.

We continue to educate ourselves on policy issues from the state and county governments as well. We regularly attend training classes offered by the Georgia Municipal Association, the Atlanta Regional Commission and the GA Dept of Community Affairs. Remember that the members of the City Council represent

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you to the local government not the other way around. So please take the time to read your newsletter every month.

Sign up for e-mail alerts from our City Manager and use our web-site to let your opinion be heard.

There are great things happening **right now** in the City of Chamblee and still more important issues that will face us in the near future.

I am excited and honored to represent you as we continue to grow and move forward. Please feel free to contact me for any reason. My personal e-mail address is zangeratl@bellsouth.net and my phone is 404-606-8759

Dan Zanger
Council Member
District 4 (At-Large)

My Fellow Citizens,

As many of you may know, I have retired as the Director of Parks and Recreation. I enjoyed my time with the City because of so many wonderful employees I worked with plus those I met during the activities we attended together. It is difficult if not impossible to name everyone and every event; so I will only mention a couple. I treasure my time I spent on senior citizen trips, adult softball games, youth soccer and baseball games. The Independence Day Celebration was without a doubt the most stressful and at the same time the most rewarding. The Recreation Advisory Committee and the department employees made my job a joy.

The City employees and the wonderful people I spent time with will always be in my mind and heart. Thank you for allowing me the time we spent together.

Sincerely,
Steve Anderson

Dear Chamblee Citizens,

I would like to take this time to say thank you to everyone in Chamblee that has supported me as a City Council member. I am proud to say that the city saw a lot of changes over the twelve years that I was in office. We came from a town that was based on manufacturing plants, many of them closed and the buildings empty, to a city that is redeveloping into a vibrant city of retail and commercial businesses along with residential property. Over the last twelve years we replaced, remodeled or redeveloped all of the city buildings and parks, along with new signs, new sidewalks and streetscapes. This has improved the quality of life in Chamblee and attracted the redevelopment that you see happening all over the city. Without the wonderful employees we have in the city so many of these improvements would never have happened. I see a bright future for the city of Chamblee, one that will continue to be a great place to live, work and raise a family. I plan to continue to live and work in Chamblee with my family, because I can think of no place I would rather live.

Jim Copeland

Assistant Chief Mark Bender Headed to Afghanistan

Assistant Chief Mark Bender is being deployed to Afghanistan. Asst. Chief Bender is a Command Sergeant Major in the Georgia Army National Guard. He is being deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Command Sergeant Major of an Infantry Embedded Training Team. The team consists of twenty one soldiers trained in various disciplines that are common to infantry brigades and battalions. Chief Bender will be working with and training the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police forces. The duties of his team will be to train, advise and accompany the forces on combat patrols in search of Taliban and insurgent forces in Afghanistan.

Chief Bender will start training on March 17th and will leave for Fort Riley, Kansas on May 27th. While at Fort Riley Chief Bender will attend specialized training on various topics such as

working with foreign forces, (to include NATO Forces), immediate action drills, foreign weapons training and combat casualty medical training. He will return to the police department in the summer of 2009 after the completion of his tour of duty.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Chamblee will hold Public Hearings on Thursday, March 13, 2008 @ 6:00pm at the Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street for the following:

Amend Chapter 93, Section 93-1(d) "Development Regulations", LEED Certification
Amend Chapter 94, Appendix A, "Zoning", Article II, Administration, Section 203, Subparagraph F, "LEED Analysis"

Deceased Pet Care at 3678 Peachtree Road is requesting a variance to reduce the rear yard setback for a new building.

Diamond Plaza at 5030 Buford Highway is requesting a modification to a previously approved Planned Unit Development.

2008 BUDGET ADOPTED

On February 14, 2008, the City Council adopted the 2008 operating budget. The following notes accompany the budget:

- Fund 1 - the General Fund, has projected revenue of \$8,466,450 and appropriated expenditures of \$8,184,808. The general operations budget projects surplus funds of \$281,642 for 2008.
- Dedicated revenues with associated expenditures are reflected in Funds 2,3,5,6 and 7. Total expenditures from all funds will appropriate \$901,844 from surplus funds for capital equipment and projects including LCI matching grant funds for sidewalk improvements (\$657,404) which are appropriated from the surplus funds reserved for capital improvements.
- Rental car tax revenue is dedicated to retire the debt on the public safety facility.

- The Emergency 911 fund is supplemented \$522,000 by the general fund; however \$177,000 is for capital equipment.
- Hotel/motel tax revenue is by law dedicated to advertising and will fund the web site (\$7,000) and the centennial celebration (\$35,000).
- Any fees not used for the City storm water utility are transferred to the County utility for system repairs and improvements.
- For budget purposes, the millage rate remains at 5.0 mills; final rate will be set by Council after a public hearing in May 2008 when assessment numbers are received from DeKalb County. Projected revenue from property tax is \$2,700,000 which represents approximately 32% of non-dedicated revenues; 85% from commercial properties, 15% from residential. Senior and disabled citizens remain exempt from city tax and sanitation fees; homestead exemption is \$30,000.
- The budget includes an increase in residential sanitation fees. Per unit residential fees are increased from \$150 to \$200 per year per unit; fees are billed with property tax.
- 911 fees and 911 Wireless fees remain at \$1.50.
- Appropriations include \$40,000 to put AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) in 16 police cars, 4 City buildings and Keswick Park along with training by the American Heart Assoc. for all City employees on how to use these life-saving devices. Also included are salary increases for all Full-time employees at an average of 5.4%.
- Pre-audit surplus/reserve fund balance is estimated to be \$4,200,000 with \$1,500,000 reserved for Capital Improvement Projects including grant matches for LCI sidewalk projects. The Mayor and City Council will set the budget for 2008 Capital Improvement projects in March.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the line-item budget you should contact the City Manager, Kathy Brannon, at 770-986-5018, kbrannon@chambleega.com.

2008 CHAMBLEE SERVICE AWARDS:

Chamblee would like to recognize the following people for their service to the City of Chamblee:

5 Years Service: Andrew Ends, Jason Jones and Tong Ngo

10 Years Service: Eric Stephens, Mike Beller

20 Years Service: Steve Harris

25 Years Service: Kathy Brannon and Tillman Hannon

5 Years Dedicated Part Time Service in the Police Criminal History Section: Gail Nuemann, Greg Skeeter and Diane Smith

Police Officer of the Year: Sgt. Tim Manrow

Civilian Employee of the Year 2007 in the Police Department: Tashiba Chisom

Parks & Recreation Volunteer of the Year: Greg Williams

Parks & Recreation Good Corporate Neighbor: Smoothie King

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

There is exciting news to report as the City of Chamblee continues to celebrate our Centennial Year. Please read more for details on our upcoming events, including dates and ways you can be involved.

A TASTE OF CHAMBLEE & GARDEN TOUR IS SET FOR MAY 31ST!

On May 31st, Chamblee will host the first annual Taste of Chamblee! Plans are in the works to have a garden tour and an international food festival that day. Please mark your calendars for this exciting time to enjoy the beauty, diversity and delicious offerings of our city. Applications are now being accepted for restaurants and street performers.

Volunteers are also needed. Please call Melissa at (404) 668-3562 for more information.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: FILMING TO BEGIN SOON

If you are interested in being a part of Chamblee's oral history video project, please let us know. Please contact Melissa Roberts at (404) 668-3562 by March 20th. Look for a showing of the finished video at the Grand Finale event on August 16th.

"MY CHAMBLEE" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT, JUNE 13TH: CALL FOR COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

What does *your* Chamblee look like? On June 13th, local Chamblee artists will share their answers at the opening of a photography exhibit celebrating the Centennial. In addition to professional photographers, we are looking for community submissions. So take a minute to ask yourself "What does Chamblee mean to you?" Then get out your camera and go to work. All submissions should be a 5"x7" photo delivered to City Hall by May 30th. Please include name and contact information on back of photo. All submissions will be available for pick up after the exhibit.

CENTENNIAL GRAND FINALE: AUGUST 16TH!

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for this very special celebration of Chamblee's first 100 years!

Look for more updates each month. If you have any questions or want to be involved, please feel free to contact Melissa Roberts, Centennial Project Manager, at melissa.c.roberts@gmail.com or (404) 668-3562.

NEW PHASE ADDED TO THE RECYCLING PROGRAM

BRING YOUR RECYCLING TO US!

The Public Works Department added a new phase to the recycling program, available to the businesses and residents of Chamblee. With this new phase the following items may be recycled: ALL computer components, batteries of all types, small appliances, cd/dvd players, cell phones, pagers, lawn equipment and power tools. For a complete list, please contact the Public Works Department.

You can bring items to be recycled to the Chamblee Public Works Department at 3210 Cumberland Drive. Please call 770-986-5019 with any questions.

MEET THIS MONTHS PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

This months Public Works employee is Danny Hendrix. He has worked for the City for over twenty years. He started in our Parks department when Parks was part of Public Works. Danny then moved to the city garage as a mechanics helper. In 1988, he became a driver/equipment operator. His duties consist of running the street sweeper, tractor and various other trucks.



Danny is a native of Georgia. He enjoys riding his 2007 Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle and he likes camping along the Blue Ridge Parkway. His biggest passion is working on cars.

CLEAN THOSE GUTTERS!

As you make up your list of things to do, put gutter cleaning on your list. You can do it yourself or you can hire a professional that is licensed and insured. Don't take the chance of someone falling off your roof and legally suing you for damage because you knew they were uninsured. Be very cautious of someone with a truck and a ladder. Keeping your rain gutters clean is vital to protect your home from water damage caused by clogged gutters. Gutters and downspouts are a key element in protecting your

home during heavy rains. Gutters will prevent your roof's fascia boards from getting wet and rotting. They also protect the underneath side of your roof from letting water in and doing more damage. Downspouts prevent water from pooling beside your foundation and seeping into your basement. Obviously, gutter and downspout cleaning will keep your gutters cleaned out and prevent water from backing up and causing this type of damage. Water flows smoothly through the gutter channel and out the downspouts and away from your home. Cleaning is recommended to at least twice a year. So whether you take it on yourself or hire a professional, don't neglect the importance of gutter and downspout cleaning. It will help you avoid any costly future repairs for years to come.

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

CAN YOU FIND THE CENTENNIAL EGG?? It's time again for Chamblee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and it's our special Centennial edition!! Join us Saturday, March 15th at 10:00am at the Community Building in Keswick Park and meet the Easter Bunny. This free event is open to all children ages 10 and under. Each egg has a small prize inside but if you can find one of our special eggs - you win a Grand Prize! We'll have face painting, games, arts & crafts, and this year come and learn about how Easter was celebrated 100 years ago! For more information call 770-986-5016.

CAMP, CAMP, AND MORE CAMP

Chamblee's Summer Camp is not just day camp anymore, it's a whole series!

M&M Soccer Camp – June 2 - 6
 July 28 – Aug 1
 Chamblee Day Camp – May 27 – June 27
 July 7 -11
 July 21 – Aug 1

No Joe's Clown Camp – July 14 – 18
 Sign up for one or all of our fun and exciting camps this summer!

M&M Soccer Camp is in it's 2nd year. This is a

half day camp from 8:30am – 12:30pm with early drop off availability at 8am. M&M caters to children ages 5-12. The cost is \$80 per child. M&M Soccer Camp is run by coaches Mike Mey of Olgethorpe University and Dunwoody High School and Mike Fleming of Dunwoody High School.

Chamblee Day Camp is ready for another exciting summer with Michelle Morriss as its fearless leader!

Day Camp is camp is for children ages 6-12 and cost \$45 per week for Chamblee residents, \$90 per week for non residents. Camp hours are from 8:30am-3:30pm but has pre-camp (7:30-8:30) available for an extra \$5 per week and post camp (3:30 – 6:00) for an extra \$10. Camp offers trips to Dynamo each week for swimming, a variety of field trips throughout the summer, and a chance for kids to learn a multitude of different games, sports, and art techniques.

No Joe's Clown Camp is our newest camp addition.

No Joe's caters to everyone ages 8-108 so even parents and grandparents can get involved! This camp experience will teach you every aspect of running a circus from performing to back stage lighting. Topics will include comedic writing, movement, dance, juggling, make-up, mime, sets, and so much more!! At the end of the week, campers will perform their very own circus for the community! We hope many of you will take advantage of this very exciting opportunity. (See a sneak preview of No Joe's at their performance at our July 4th celebration!) The cost of this camp is \$130 per camper which includes a professional make-up pallet, professional set of juggling balls, theatre quality clown nose, and graduation certificate. This camp will fill up fast so don't miss out!

All camps will provide a t-shirt! Registration for all camps will begin on April 7 for Chamblee residents and April 14 for everyone else. Registration is held at the Parks & Recreation offices in the Civic Center at 3540 Broad St. Please call 770-986-5016 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Greg Williams has been a coach with Chamblee for over 10 years. He currently coaches not one but two

soccer teams in our program, teaching both of his daughters valuable life lessons in the process. Before that he coached teams in our tee-ball and girls' softball leagues. In addition to our programs, he has volunteered as a football coach in Rock Chapel and Lilburn even though he has no children in those programs.

Greg is always enthusiastic, energetic, and a positive influence on the kids. His love for the players and the game is apparent in the number of requests from players to be placed on his team. Greg is dedicated to teaching the kids the sports regardless if he has a winning or a losing team. He approaches each obstacle with a positive attitude and shows respect to the players, officials, and fellow coaches.

It is Greg William's tireless dedication to youth sports and teamwork that grants him this award as Parks & Recreation's Volunteer of the Year for 2007.

GOOD CORPORATE NEIGHBOR AWARD

From the moment David and Teesha Skinner joined the Chamblee community, they were committed to being good corporate neighbors. Before the doors of their Smoothie King store had opened, they called and offered to help. Since then they have been a part of almost every special event that Parks & Recreation has hosted including the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th and Casino Night. In addition to being a presence at Chamblee events, David and his smoothies can be seen at Senior Connections, Dynamo, soccer camps, and even the Dave FM radio station! The Skinners go above and beyond to serve their community and make it known that they are good corporate neighbors. It is certain that they can be counted on in the future. Whether they be donating or selling their wares, the Smoothie King will always be a valuable neighbor to the City.



