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The Taste of Chamblee and Garden Tour is the Place to be on May 31st

The City of Chamblee invites you to join in the continued commemoration of their Centennial with a day of celebration on May 31st. Festivities begin with a tour of the Backyard Wildlife Habitat gardens in the Huntley Hills neighborhood. This tour will also feature artists from the Chamblee Arts Alliance demonstrating their wares and talents in various gardens throughout the tour. Tours begin at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Ashe-Simpson Garden Center on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard before the tour or at 3747 Longview Drive on the day of the tour. Please contact Kay Packard with any questions at 770-451-6079 or kpackard@bellsouth.net.

After the tour of the gardens, be sure to join us for the downtown street festival, **THE TASTE OF CHAMBLEE**, from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Vintage Pizza and The Bistro will host an outdoor beer garden. You will be able to enjoy food samples from Chamblee's own restaurants, such as Beyond the Bayou, Galla's Pizza, China Inn, Maison Robert Chocolates, Pig-N-Chik BBQ, Dinho Chinese Restaurant and more. Entertainment will be provided by various street performers, including a mariachi band, Chinese lion dancers and live music performed by a steel drum and percussion trio. From 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Atlanta's own bluesy-rock band, MisConduct, will perform a repertoire of well known songs from the 60's and 70's. Don't let the kids miss the chance to check out the live snake exhibit and get their photos taken with alligators! Visit www.snakesrus.com to get a preview of this fabulous show.

A silent auction benefiting Special Olympics Georgia will be included in the festivities. It provides a great opportunity to give back to our community. Items up for auction are original artwork, gift certificates from local businesses, as well as a hand-woven Persian rug valued at more than \$600. Don't miss your chance to make a bid for a good cause.

The Taste of Chamblee will be an entertaining event for all ages. Tickets for food samples will be on sale at the festival. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at (404) 668-3562 or melissa.c.roberts@gmail.com.

See you at the party!

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR 2008

Pursuant to O.G.C.A. 48-5-32.1, the Governing Authority of the City of Chamblee will hold public hearings on May 13, 2008 at 11:00am and 6:00pm at the Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street. The final public hearing will be held May 20, 2008 at 7:30pm at the Civic Center. The final Millage Rate will be adopted on May 20, 2008 at the regular Council meeting. For further information, call the City Clerk @ 770-986-5013.

My Chamblee: A Photography Exhibit

In celebration of Chamblee's artistic and elegant side, the city is proud to host "**My Chamblee: a Photography Exhibit**". As part of the Centennial series, this event will offer local photographers a chance to share their impressions of Chamblee. Photographs from professionals and community members will be on display in the gallery at Westall Architecture Firm located at 3404 Pierce Drive from June 13th through July 14th. The opening reception on Friday, June 13th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, will be a fine affair with wine, live jazz music and a chance to see all of the photos on display.

The deadline to submit photographs for the juried show is May 1st. The necessary application can be found on the Chamblee website. All community snapshot submissions should be a 5"x7" photo delivered to City Hall by May 30th. Please include name and contact information on the back of the photo. All submissions will be available for pick up after the exhibit.

Please contact Melissa at (404) 668-3562 or melissa.c.roberts@gmail.com with any questions or visit www.chambleega.com for more information.

Chamblee's Centennial Celebration Grand Finale is August 16th; an upcoming planning meeting is set for May 6th

If you would like to participate in the planning of this extra-special celebration of Chamblee's first 100 years, please join us for a community meeting on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:15pm at the Chamblee Civic Center. Together we will have many great ideas for the Grand Finale and are looking forward to your suggestions and help. Take advantage of this invitation to be involved!

CHAMBLEE CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Chamblee Burglar Alarm Registrations

The City of Chamblee requires registration of all burglar alarm systems. If you have recently installed a burglar alarm in your home or business, please go to our website for the registration form. After completing the form, mail it to the address on the bottom of the form. The form can be found in the Police Department page of our website.

In addition to the alarm registration form, the City of Chamblee website contains information about all of our city's departments and schedules of upcoming events. Our web address is www.chambleega.com.

Community Policing News

Just in case you did not know, the Chamblee Police Department sends a weekly email to inform everyone about criminal activities in our community. We want you to know what is happening in Chamblee. If you are not yet receiving our weekly email, please contact us at cops@chambleepd.com and tell us to add you to the email list. We promise you that your email addresses will not be shared with anyone else.

We also want to invite all of you to stop by and visit us during our Fourth of July celebration in Keswick Park. We will have coloring books and toys for the children and we expect to have a surprise visit by McGruff the Crime Dog. You can find our table near the entrance of the park.

CHAMBLEE POLICE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Chamblee Police Department has job openings for the position of Police Officer.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit our website www.chambleega.com. Click on the Government tab and look on the right for the link to Employment Opportunities.

Please be advised that we are still experiencing serious drought conditions. The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) is engaged in several public education initiatives to help educate citizens on the importance of water conservation. They also visit schools to teach children about the importance of water.

DeKalb County is still imposing outdoor water use restrictions with stiff penalties for violations. They are:

- 1st violation - written warning
- 2nd violation - \$250 fine
- 3rd violation - \$500 fine
- 4th violation - termination of water service, a \$1,000 fine and a minimum jail sentence of 24 hours

Here are some things you can do to help conserve water:

1. Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry
2. Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water
3. Take shorter showers
4. Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily
5. Install low-flow fixtures and toilets in your home
6. Avoid running tap water while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes

For more information, contact the DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management at 770-621-7200 or visit their website at www.dekalbwatershed.com.



Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitat

What a beautiful spring we have had – I’ve never seen the cherry trees like this! The rains have helped. Let’s keep hoping there will be plenty more for the summer. Our big news is the Annual Habitat Garden Tour – in conjunction with A Taste of Chamblee- on May 31, 9:00am-3:00pm. Come visit 8 beautiful gardens, see works by Chamblee artists and look over our plant sale. All our gardens are certified habitats with the National Wildlife Federation and are part of the Community Wildlife Habitat. Tickets are \$10 to benefit the Habitat. You can purchase tickets ahead of time at Ashe-Simpson or the day of the tour at the first home, 3747 Longview Drive. Afterward, visit around City Hall and see how many different foods you can find.

The four elements needed to become certified are food, water, shelter and places to raise young. Food can include a seed feeder, but usually the birds rely on berries, nuts and insects that can be found in your yard. Water can be an elaborate pond and waterfall, or a simple birdbath – or even a pot saucer that’s kept clean. Shelter explains itself – a place for refuge during a storm or attack by predators. Evergreen trees and shrubs are a good example. Places to raise young can include the sheltered areas or even a nest box or two. I see where more forest is going to be razed on Johnson Ferry Road behind Lowe’s – I keep thinking of all the birds who have made nests and even laid their eggs there! They need your help, as do we to keep our habitat strong and healthy.

Our meetings have changed to the first Monday of each month. May 5th will bring us Susan Meyers, who leads tours to Mexico to visit the winter home of Monarch butterflies. In addition, she is on the Governor’s panel to work with statewide environmental education. Our meeting location has changed to D’Youville. They have very generously offered us their clubhouse for our meetings. So plan to attend on May 5! ALL are welcome – and this will be one of the best programs yet Tom Reilly is taking over as coordinator, although I am still available for information. Check out our website at www.chambleewildlifehabitat.com

Chamblee’s 9th Annual Road Race will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 8:00am benefiting Special Olympics. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with developmental

July 4th – Chamblee Rocks!

See our insert for a tentative schedule of this year's activities! As our Centennial Celebration nears its finale, I hope you will join us in our most exciting and action packed July 4th ever! Take part in our new Softball Tournament or bring your kids to watch NoJoes Clown Circus. Then dance into the evening with the sounds of Rupert's Band! Please post the schedule on your fridge so you won't forget that in July, Chamblee Rocks!

City Hires New Parks and Recreation Director

The City welcomes Joel Holmes as our new Parks and Recreation Director. Joel was chosen from more than 30 applicants. His previous experience includes Director of the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Department in Palatka, Florida and Athletic Coordinator for Barrow County Leisure Services in Winder, Georgia.

Joel graduated in 1999 from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management with a Minor in Business (Emphasis in Marketing).

He and his wife Jennifer have three children, Sarah age 8, Collin age 4, and Allie age 1.

Please welcome Joel when you have a chance. We can expect some exciting progress in Parks and Recreation under his direction.



He is pict

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Chamblee will hold Public Hearings for Revised Site Plans, May 15, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street. If you any questions, please call

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.

SEASONAL HELP WANTED

Once again, the Parks & Recreational Department is looking to hire two people for part-time seasonal work for 32 hours per week. You will work in various City Parks. Some of the duties will include: mowing, weed eating, lining the ball fields and painting. In order to be considered, applicants must 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license, pass a background check and a drug test. The pay is \$10/hour. Anyone interested should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 770-986-5016.



DYNAMO SWIM CENTER

3119 Shallowford Road, Chamblee, GA 30341

www.dynamoswimclub.com

770.457.7946

-ATTENTION CHAMBLEE CITIZENS-

The Dynamo Swim Center, located at 3119 Shallowford Road is pleased to continue to offer to the citizen's of the City of Chamblee a **20% discount** for the following programs:

To receive these special rates, you will need to cut out the I.D. pass from this flyer (below) and present it each time you use the facility. When you present your pass on the first visit we will laminate it for you. **Please call 770.451.3272 ext.19/ext.18 or 770.457.7946 ext.19/ext.18, stop by our facility or visit our web site for current program information and current times. All programs are offered year round and are open to the public. Please call for our current schedule!**

Recreational Lap Swim

<u>Weekday Hours:</u>	<u>Weekend Hours:</u>
5:30am-8:00am	12:00-5:00pm
9:30am-4:00pm	
7:30pm-9:30pm	
*no evening hours Fri.	

Dynamo Water Aerobic Class

Exercising in the water will strengthen and tone your muscles, increase flexibility, prevent injury and give you energy and stamina. The classes are taught by a certified instructor and are offered in the morning, evening and Saturday. You do not need to know how to swim to participate in this class and you can even participate without getting your hair wet.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8:30am-9:30am
 Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 7:30pm-8:30pm
 Saturday: 8:15am-9:15am

Dynamo Arthritis Aquatics Class

Conducted by an Arthritis Foundation instructor, this class features exercises designed to improve joint flexibility and muscle strength. It is one hour long and takes place in the shallow water pool that is kept between 86-87 degrees. You do need to know how to swim to participate in these classes and you can even participate without getting your hair wet.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday:
 12:00-1:00pm

Dynamo Swim School Swim Lesson:

Group classes are offered year round for ages 4 months to adults. Our DynaBabies program is ages 4 months – 36 months, Preschool program is 3-5 years, Grade School program is 6-14 years and we offer Adult classes. Classes are taught by certified instructors in our indoor heated pool. **Please call, stop by our facility or visit the website for specific class schedules.**

**Dynamo Swim Center
 Chamblee Citizen**

I.D. Pass

