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CHAMBLEE HIRES A NEW CITY MANAGER

The City of Chamblee welcomes its new City Manager, Dr. Niles Ford, on May 1st. Dr. Ford comes to us from Lincoln, Nebraska, with more than 19 years of local government experience. Before becoming the Fire Chief for Lincoln, he was the Deputy Fire Chief with Fulton County.

Dr. Ford said he is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and meeting new friends. He plans to be active in the Chamblee community and his first order of business will be getting to know the people who live and work here.

He has a passion for youth, serving the community, and most of all for his family. He and his wife Carrie will be celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. They have two daughters, Carrigan, age 12 and Nilia, age 15. While they haven't decided where they will be living yet, Dr. Ford said he will be happy with any house. "As long as Carrie is happy, I am happy," he said. They are both looking forward to moving back to Georgia where they have friends and family.

Mayor Clarkson said he and the City Council are enthusiastic about their decision. They believe that Dr. Ford is exactly the kind of manager the City of Chamblee needs during this time of transition. "We wanted someone who would improve communications, bring stability to the position, and continue operating the City in an efficient and responsive manner. We believe he is the right person for the job today and for many years to come."

Niles has spoken at forums on leadership development, change management, and team development. He holds an Associates of Fire Science from Lawson State Community College, a Bachelors of Science in Public Administration from Athens State University, a Master's of Science in Management from Faulkner University, and he holds a PhD in Organization and Management with emphasis in Human Resources from Capella University.

Building Safety Month – An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures

When you enter a house or building, most likely you assume that it was properly constructed and safe. Fortunately, your local safety experts work hard to assure building safety and fire prevention every day. To help raise awareness of building safety, the City of Chamblee and our inspection team at SAFEbuilt Georgia, proudly celebrate *Building Safety Month* this May. The theme, “An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures” highlights four areas: *Energy and Green Building; Disaster Safety and Mitigation; Fire Safety and Awareness; and Backyard Safety.*

Building safety and fire prevention codes address all aspects of construction, such as structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. To ensure buildings are safe requires the active participation of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

To participate in family-friendly educational activities this month, go to www.buildingsafetymonth.org. There is a link to a different topic for each week in May. During Week One on “Energy & Green Building”, you can learn about eco-friendly products, how to make your home more energy-efficient and 10 tips for green and sustainable buildings. (*Did you know that a programmable thermostat can save you up to \$180 annually in energy costs?*)

During Week Two, the focus is on “Disaster Safety & Mitigation”. Develop a family action plan and share it with everyone in your family. Learn how to make a disaster supply kit and a tornado safe room in your house.

“Fire Safety” is the theme of Week Three. Find out where to place smoke detectors, how to practice an escape plan, and where to place fire extinguishers. (*Approximately 4 out of 10 home fire deaths occur in homes without smoke detectors. Deaths from fires and burns are the third leading cause of fatal home injuries.*)

Week Four highlights “Backyard Safety”. Check out your backyard play equipment for sharp objects, rusty metal pieces, breaks or weakened support pieces. Check for warning signs of an unsafe deck, including loose or wobbly railings or support beams, missing or loose screws that connect a deck to the house, corrosion, rot and cracks. Establish a “No Play Zone” around your outdoor grill. (*If you are considering a swimming pool purchase, check with the City to determine what kinds of permits and safety measures are required.*)

You will find useful info and links to various building safety topics, as well as, family-friendly games for the kids with “CODiE” and “CODEtte” on the Building Safety website.

CHAMBLEE BUSINESSES:

We are in the process of calling all businesses that did not paid their occupational taxes before the due date. (About 350 business) The next step will be to turn the list over to Code Enforcement. If you have not received your Occupational Tax Certificate in the mail, or if your business has closed, please call Linda McDaniel at 770-986-5010 ext 226, or send an e-mail to lmcdaniel@chambleega.com

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Spring is finally here. The flowers are blooming and our residential neighborhoods are looking much greener. Code Enforcement asks that everyone helps keep our neighborhoods looking nice by cutting their yards and keeping them free of clutter. We will be patrolling the neighborhoods and enforcing the property maintenance codes so that Chamblee will remain a wonderful place to live. Enforcement begins with a written warning and notice to correct the violation. Failure to correct a violation within the time allotted will result in a citation to Municipal Court. Please understand that only one warning will be issued. Repeat violators will be cited without additional warning. If you have any questions about code enforcement, or if you need to report a violation, please email us at code_enforcement@chambleepd.com. Or call us at 770-986-5005.

PLAN YOUR JULY 4TH NOW!!!!

Celebrate July 4th with Chamblee!!! Come enjoy activities for the whole family at Keswick Park with great food, music, and fabulous fireworks!

5:00 – Children’s parade begins at Chamblee Middle School

Bring your bicycles, wagons, strollers, scooters, anything with wheels! Decorate and be a part of the event kick off!! All ages are welcome! All participating children receiving a gift bag!

6:00 – Mike Veal Band performs – back by popular demand; this local favorite group will keep your feet moving!

Children’s activities on the field – inflatables, crafts, face painting & more!

Food vendors open – it’s not July 4th without a picnic dinner, come hungry!!

Dark – Fireworks begin! Our Public Works department never disappoints with their amazing displays!!

Call 770-986-5016 for more details. We’ll see you there!

CAMP CAMP CAMP!

There are plenty of spots left to give your kids (ages 6-12) a fun and entertaining summer at Camp Chamblee!! We will keep your children busy with sports, games, art projects, field trips, and swimming trips to Murphy Candler pool every Friday! Camp runs for 10 weeks beginning May 23.

There will be no camp the week of July 4 and the last day of camp will be August 5. The cost is the best deal in town at only \$60 per week for our City residents and \$90 for non-residents! Camp hours are 8:30am-3:30pm. Drop off is 7:30am-8:30am and pick up is 3:30pm-6:00pm. There is no extra cost for the extended hours. Please visit recreation.chambleega.com for weekly details, camp guidelines, and field trip information!

Camp Chamblee Summer Sessions:

May 23 – 27

May 31 – June 3 (we are closed Memorial Day)

June 6 – 10

June 13 – 17

June 20 – 24

June 27 – July 1

NO CAMP July 4 – 8

July 11 – 15

July 18 – 22

August 1 – 5



Please call 770-986-5016 for more details.

SIMPLE STEPS CAN REDUCE MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME

Summer in Georgia is not complete without lots of heat, lots of humidity and lots of mosquitoes. Although there is very little you can do about the heat and humidity, there are a few simple steps that you can take to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home.

According to Bert Tyler, a mosquito expert with the DeKalb County Board of Health, “The best way to eliminate mosquitoes is to get rid of the places they can breed.” “Mosquitoes need standing water to breed,” Tyler explained. “By simply eliminating the stagnant water around your home, you will have an enormous impact on the mosquito population.”

The most common breeding sites include bird baths, clogged gutters, unused wading pools, bottle caps, buckets, flower pots and pet dishes. By replacing the water in things like bird baths and pet dishes at least twice a week, you can prevent thousands of mosquitoes from being born.

Since there is no way to completely wipe out mosquitoes, there are some simple things that you can do for protection like using mosquito repellent and wearing light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors.

For more information, contact the DeKalb County Board of Health, on-line at www.dekalbhealth.net and by phone at 404-508-7871.

CHAMBLEE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



The Chamblee Business Association monthly meeting will be held on May 19th. Speaking at the meeting will be Sandra Elizabeth Ford, District Health Director, DeKalb County Board of Health. Dr. Ford manages all public health programs in DeKalb County.

Meetings are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Chamblee Civic Center, located at 3540 Broad St. Chamblee, GA 30341. Doors open at 7:30am and the program begins at 8:00am. There is no charge for first-time guests, returning guest are \$10, and members are \$5. A continental breakfast will be served.

Please join us for our Business After Hours Networking Event on Tuesday, May 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant 3829 Clairmont Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

Appetizers will be provided (thanks to the 57th Fighter group) as well as a full Cash Bar. The event is free for CBA members and guests.

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 and request to be removed from the mailing list by providing your name and your physical mailing address. The newsletter will then be sent automatically to your email address.

How simple is that?

CHAMBLEE ALLIANCE FOR ART & CULTURE

The Chamblee Alliance for Art & Culture has just launched a new website dedicated to local arts, music, performance and community interest events. Check out local events at www.chambleearts.org, or contact us to add your event to the calendar. Visitors can bookmark the site or join our Facebook page from the site to find out about art and cultural happenings in the Chamblee area on a regular basis. And we're adding more daily events as we receive them.

If you wish to advertise your business, you can become a paid sponsor of the site and have an ad posted there. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit institution, so it's a tax deductible contribution! Contact us at info@chambleearts.org for more information.

ATLANTA REAL YOGA

Chamblee Parks & Recreation is proud to offer yoga classes for ages 12 and up beginning May 11! These all-levels classes will be taught by Chamblee resident Maggie Anderson, owner of ARY, and a certified yoga instructor through the Yoga Alliance. Classes are suitable for students of any size, shape, or fitness level. Appropriate modifications are given where required. We create a safe and open environment where laughter, acceptance, and questions are encouraged. This is REAL yoga for REAL lives. No chanting, contorted pretzel poses, or headstands required! For reasons of hygiene, we do require that each student bring their own mat to class. Nothing else is required ... just comfortable clothes and a willing attitude! Classes will be taught in the Chamblee Civic Center (3540 Broad St.) in 8 week sessions. Sign up for Wednesday evening sessions or Saturday morning sessions – or both! Just \$70 per session, that's less than \$10 per class! Call 770-986-5016 for more details or visit the Parks & Recreation Programs page at www.chambleega.com.

Benefits of yoga

- Improved concentration
- Increased immunity to disease
- Improved sleep patterns with resultant decreased fatigue
- Decreased symptoms of anxiety and depression
- Improved physical comfort at work and play
- Improved muscle tone and flexibility

CHAMBLEE BREAKFAST CLUB

The May meeting of the Chamblee Breakfast Club for Seniors will be held on May 5 at the Civic Center 3540 Broad Street at 10:30 a.m. Joe Dabney, a local author, will be our speaker and I'm sure will bring copies of his many books. Monthly dues are \$2.00 per person. Contact Evelyn Kennedy at 770-451-4891 or Becky Craven at 770-457-3834. Hope to see you there.