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Even though this year’s summer heat wave seems to have never-ended, the holiday season will soon be upon us. With that, residents and businesses throughout the city will begin stringing holiday lights. While the city regulates the installation of some lighting, temporary holiday lighting is exempt from permitting requirements. However, state electrical codes limit their long-term usage to a maximum of 90 days to prevent electrical fires. Exceptions to the 90-day rule are not exempt from permitting and may require further permits and inspections from the city.

Even though a permit is not required for temporary, holiday lighting, that doesn’t mean safety precautions should not be followed. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) publishes a list of safety precautions that might be helpful to residents and business owners related to outdoor holiday decorations.

The city’s Code Enforcement Officers monitor all areas in the city for potential violations related to holiday lighting and other city regulations. For more information on city regulations, ways to report a potential violation and other questions, please visit the Code Enforcement webpage at https://www.chambleega.com/213/Code-Enforcement.

We are looking at increasing our presence in the community by kicking off some exciting new initiatives in 2020. Examples include quarterly neighborhood meet and greets, Code Enforcement neighborhood liaison programs and Coffee with a Code Enforcement Officer. Continue visiting the webpage above for more details about these programs.

**Are You Plugged in Safely?**

- Make sure all extension cords and electrical decorations used for outdoor decorating are marked for outdoor use;
- Inspect all lights, decorations and extension cords for damage before using;
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, the house or other firm supports to protect them from wind damage, but take care not to attach the lights in a way that could damage the cord’s insulation;
- Keep all extension cords and light strings clear of standing water;
- Exercise caution when decorating near power lines. Keep yourself and your equipment at least 10 feet from power lines;
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire;
- Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord’s insulation;
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses; and
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

The City of Chamblee will break ground in early 2020 on a new 40,000 square foot public safety building and greenspace at 4445 Buford Highway. The site is the former Jim Hearn Golf Center located south of the DeKalb Peachtree Airport. The new building will stand along the road and house the Chamblee Police Department, Municipal Court and a publicly accessible community room.

Adjacent to the building will be a new recreational park with a community garden, nature trail and open green space. A public parking lot will connect the building and park space as well as provide ample parking for public safety visitors, park attendees and those looking for overflow parking at the adjacent Dresden Park.

The city is financing the project through bonds issued by the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Chamblee (URA). S&P Global Ratings recently assigned its ‘AA+’ long-term rating to the URA series 2019 revenue bonds, giving it a stable outlook. This is the second highest bond rating an agency can earn. As a result of the city’s strong financial position, it was able to secure the bond funding to build the project at an overall interest rate of 2.72% for 30 years.

The city purchased the property at 4445 Buford Highway in November 2017 with the intention of investing in the Buford Highway corridor and providing a community gathering space. The estimated completion date for the project is February 2021, weather permitting. Once the new facility will be completed, the police department will move out of downtown Chamblee into their new offices. The site of the current police department will become the location for a new city hall, which will house city administration services and council chambers.

The city selected Precision Planning through a bid process to design and manage the construction of the site.

For more information on the project and 2019 bond series, visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov).
Giving Back to Yourself: It Can Be as Simple as Calming Your Mind to Cutting Out Snacking

People are very quick today to say, “Live your best life.” With the holidays approaching, and giving topping lists for everyone but you, maybe it’s time to sit back and think about how you can take care of you. “The idea of nurturing yourself and comforting yourself can seem selfish or narcissistic. This is what we are taught to believe. However, loving and caring for yourself from a place devoid of ego is one of the most unselfish things you can do,” say Barb Schmidt and Michelle Maros of Peaceful Mind, Peaceful Life.

Chamblee Parks and Recreation offers a few ways in the upcoming months for you to nurture your mind, body and spirit. Let’s take a look:

**Silver Sneakers**
Instructor: Juanita Black-Roberson

Silver Sneakers cardio and strength class is great for seniors at any fitness level to strengthen the heart and lungs, relieve stress and increase peace of mind. It’s also a great way to feel a sense of accomplishment in managing health conditions.

Exercises are done seated and/or standing, so you can pump it up or sit it down to get the exercise needed. The main thing is to keep the body moving as you age to remain in the best health, knowing that if you don’t use it, you lose it, says Black-Roberson. Workouts are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

**MEDITATION**
Instructor: Patricia Mahony

“The holidays can be both fun and stressful,” says Patricia Mahony, instructor for the Meditation classes taught for Chamblee Parks and Rec. “One of the best ways to lower your stress is to take time to practice a little self-care through meditation.”
Meditation is simply defined as focusing on an object, a sound or an activity to achieve a calm emotional state and a clear mind. It can be as easy as spending a few quiet minutes a day observing your breath as you inhale and exhale.

Mahony adds that Introduction to Meditation is a course for anyone who wants to explore what meditation is all about. Each week, attendees learn a different type of meditation practice. That way, each person can decide which type of meditation works best depending on what you hope to achieve in your life. She says, “Taking time to meditate offers a lot of benefits too. By meditating you can lower your blood pressure, sleep better, reduce anxiety and improve your focus!”

Meditation can be performed anywhere at any time – at home, on a bicycle, while walking or when you are sitting in your office chair. Plus, it only takes a few minutes before you begin to experience the benefits.

Rep It Up!
Fitness
Instructor: Rachel Kline

After the whirlwind of the holidays pass and we welcome a new year, we feel a sense of renewal and optimism about the year ahead. This is a great time to make healthy lifestyle changes! It's tempting to go “all or nothing,” but I think it’s a better time to plan your goals for the year, one at a time, says Rachel Kline, instructor.

“Research suggests that when we make small, attainable and sustainable goals, we are more successful in the long run. This is relevant to every aspect of our lives, including diet and fitness goals” she adds. “I like to see my clients work every two weeks on one goal that helps get them going in the right direction to meet their bigger goals.”

This might be cutting out late night snacking or taking a 20-minute walk every day. After two weeks of sticking to this small goal, you have created a new habit, and you are ready to take on the next goal. You feel successful and confident that you’re on the right track to meeting your long-term goal—whatever it might be.

Rep It Up Fitness includes high-intensity, fat-burning workouts as well as tools to help organize health and fitness goals, creating a burnout-free plan. High-intensity interval training (HIIT) incorporates full-body exercises that strengthen and tone muscles while altering the metabolism to help burn more calories during workouts and at rest. To sign up for any or all of these programs visit, chambleega.myrec.com.
More Than a Holiday Trend, Chamblee PD is There All Year Long

Calling all Black Friday and Christmas Eve shoppers and even the odd Grinch or two! We all know the holidays are a time of elaborate decorations, creative gift giving and festive traditions. There are plenty of folks who consider themselves the Griswolds of the holidays, but there is one tradition we think should be practiced year-round.

Choosing to focus on giving back during this hectic time of year is a wonderful tradition, but challenge yourself to give back the other 11 months of the year.

In 2017, the Chamblee Police Department launched the nonprofit Cop-N-Stuff. This organization hosts fundraising and other activities around the city and provides outreach and relief to those in need across the globe 365 days of the year!

Turkey Giveaways (November)
Ahhh, the smell of a hot turkey is something we all crave in November. But for some families, Thanksgiving is a difficult time where they struggle to put food on the table. The Chamblee COPS Unit partners with I Care Atlanta annually to distribute free turkeys to families in and around Chamblee.

How to give back: While you’re out doing your Thanksgiving dinner shopping, grab an extra turkey and bring it by the Chamblee Police Department. If the grocery store is too hectic for you, COPS and I Care Atlanta accept monetary donations as well!

Coat Drive (November - January)
Okay, so we all know how inconsistent Georgia weather can be, and we know how fast kids grow out of their coats. Chamblee COPS Unit delivers another solution with the annual coat drive! This collection of youth-sized coats fills up a patrol car and various bins placed throughout the City of Chamblee. The biggest coat delivery to local elementary schools and day cares is right before the holidays, but they supply coats to those in need all winter long.

How to get involved: Whether you are doing your spring cleaning, have some extra dollars to spend in the store or you noticed your little one has grown out of last year’s outer wear, COPS will collect those new and gently used coats any time of year!

Christmas Trees to Families in Need (December)
Did you see that Chamblee police officer in a blue Santa hat? They’re just your neighborhood police officers on a mission to spread some holiday cheer by giving trees to families in need.

How to give back: When you’re looking for the perfect tree, have a conversation with the owner or manager about collaborating with the Chamblee COPS Unit and I Care Atlanta to donate a few trees. I Care Atlanta accepts boxed tree donations (please no Charlie Brown trees!) and COPS accepts monetary donations.

Cop-N-Stuff’s Shop with a Cop (December)
Shop with a Cop is a Cop-N-Stuff signature initiative. It’s a fun-filled day for Chamblee kids and fosters positive relationships with law enforcement. The kids are paired with a Chamblee officer and head to Walmart to do a little holiday shopping after a great breakfast. Seriously, were not sure who has the most fun: the officers or the kids!

How to give back: Want to join in on the holiday fun? Cop-N-Stuff accepts monetary donations throughout the year.

Cop-N-Stuff’s Back to School Bash (August)
For the past three years, Cop-N-Stuff has been throwing one of the largest end-of-summer celebrations in the

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Ahhh, the leaves have turned beautiful colors, football games are on TV, there’s a crispness in the air, and it’s time for pumpkin spice … anything! And, ready or not, that means the holidays are quickly approaching. This is the time of year when we spend a lot more time with family and friends (and some folks take the time to exchange gifts with one another). Here are a few tips to help get through the holidays in a more sustainable way:

**Selecting Gifts:**
Consider these sustainable alternatives tailored to the loved ones in your life:

- **Make Gifts!** Thoughtful gifts are more meaningful than haphazard purchases of “stuff,” so knit, sew, paint, bake, build, whittle … whatever your talents are, they are sure to be appreciated. There are lots of home-made ideas at on-line craft blogs to inspire your own creativity.
- **Give Gift Cards** to a person’s favorite local restaurant, store, theater, sports team or symphony.
- **Give the Gift of a Class:** pottery, painting, language, gardening and yoga classes abound. Create fun memories by taking the class together!
- **Give a Sustainable Gift** like a native tree, bush or flower that will be enjoyed for years in your loved one’s garden. Even a lovely indoor plant can bring cheer and happy thoughts.
- **Give a Charitable Gift** to honor of someone. There are many charities with fantastic service opportunities that align with just about anyone’s interest in helping others.
- **Volunteer** as a group to help others in need: work at a soup kitchen, do a coat drive, fund an Angel Tree Family, etc.

**Re-Use and Reduce Wrapping:**

- Save and reuse gift bows, gift bags, bottle bags, etc. These don’t have to be single-use items.
- Local Chamblee thrift stores are great places to search for decorative gift boxes, baskets and gift wrap.
- Consider eco-friendly packaging. If possible, avoid Styrofoam, over-packaged and hard plastic encased items.
- If you shop on-line, search for fair-trade, eco-friendly or zero-waste websites and combine purchases into one delivery to save on cardboard boxes and fees.
- Consider the type of power something needs – using a lot of batteries isn’t a good long-term zero-waste idea.

**Recycling After the Holidays:**

- Recycle used gift wrap and cardboard boxes in your household recycling can.
- Recycle the Christmas tree at “Bring One for the Chipper” on Jan 4, 2020.
- Recycle Christmas tree string lights at Lowe’s.

By: Keep Chamblee Beautiful Volunteers
A medley of holiday events, Chamblee Holiday Hoopla is a mixture of music, shopping, photos with Santa and more! Starting with Shop Small Saturday at the end of November, Holiday Hoopla is a month-long celebration of what makes winter great. Check out the events taking place, and keep an eye on the city’s social media outlets for complete details!

**Shop Small Saturday**
Saturday, November 30th
Move over Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Shop Small Saturday is near! This year, the City of Chamblee is celebrating our many and uniquely diverse small businesses by hosting our 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt.

**Holiday Hoopla Celebration**
Saturday, December 7th
The streets of downtown Chamblee will come alive for this inaugural holiday experience. Downtown Chamblee will celebrate the holiday season with our small businesses, unique shops offering specials and treats, a Christmas tree lighting ceremony, a menorah lighting, holiday stories, music, photos with Santa and will finish with a classic holiday movie.

**Antique Row’s Holiday Open House**
Saturday, December 7th through Sunday, December 8th
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Enjoy free refreshments and specials as you journey back to a simpler time while browsing for the perfect holiday gift in our unique antiquing neighborhood.

**Plaza Fiesta Christmas Parade**
Sunday, December 8th
Celebrate the holidays at the Defile Navideño, Plaza Fiesta Holiday Parade.

**Chamblee First United’s Breakfast with Santa**
Saturday, December 14th
Santa is visiting Chamblee First! Enjoy a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, and be sure to have your Christmas list ready for Santa. A photographer will snap your annual holiday family photo.

**Ugly Sweater Kickball Tournament**
Saturday, December 14th
12:00 p.m. - Keswick Park
Who said kickball was just for kids? Form a team, don your ugliest holiday sweater, and join Chamblee Parks and Recreation for a fun day of kickball!

### How else can you help?
Glad you asked! The answer is simple, whenever you see a post on Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram or anywhere else, share it on your social media pages, print copies for your PTA meeting or include the flyer in your next community newsletter. You can give back by clicking on your mobile device or just by having a conversation with your neighbors!

For more information, please contact Officer Oliver Dukes at odukes@chambleega.gov or Officer Chris Poythress at cpoythress@chambleega.gov.

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**Stuff-a-truck Events** (Year Round)
When natural disasters strike, you can count on the Chamblee COPS Unit. They collect much needed supplies to deliver to disaster areas in person or through partnership with WSB-TV’s Convoy of Care. In some instances, you can see COPS hitting the roadways getting their boots on the ground and their hands dirty in restoring destroyed areas.

**How to give back:** When you hear about a natural disaster striking, check out the City of Chamblee and the Chamblee Police Department’s social media pages to see if COPS is hosting a Stuff-a-Truck event. Review the requested supply list, head to the store and bring your items to the patrol car identified and stationed in the PD’s parking lot.

**Car Seat Donations** (Year Round)
Car seats? Yes, Cop-N-Stuff has a giveaway program for those too! Kids grow in a blink of an eye, and they grow out of their car seats even faster. Cop-N-Stuff makes various appearances at city day care centers that have families in need of brand new car seats.

**How can you give back:** Cop-N-Stuff accepts new (unboxed) car seats. Please note, they do not accept recalled car seats.

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For more information, please visit http://chambleeumc.org/events-2/.

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**Area**
We’re talking giveaways of more than 800 book bags stuffed with school supplies plus free food, kids’ activities, music and games. The Back to School Bash is held the final Saturday before school starts each year.

**How to give back:** The Back to School Bash collects school supplies and book bags for ages K5 to 5th grade. Are you more hands on? No worries! Come lend a helping hand on event day.

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Since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, research shows the levels of six common pollutants are lower and people have experienced a better quality of life, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Nearly 50 years later, and in the same vein, the Chamblee City Council passed a Clean Air Ordinance, which among other things does the following in the City of Chamblee:

- Bans smoking within: 1) Fifty feet of any outside entrance, operable window, or ventilation system of a common area, public place, place of employment or outdoor recreational public place. 2) Fifty feet of any outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants. 3) Fifty feet of any service line.
- Bans smoking in a public park: this means any public park, playground, greenspace, plaza or outdoor recreation area maintained and operated by the city.
- Bans smoking at a place of Employment: this means any enclosed area under the control of an employer which employees frequent during employment including, but not limited to, work areas, restrooms, hallways, employee lounges, cafeterias, snack bars, conference and meeting rooms, lobbies and reception areas.
- Prohibits smoking in buildings and vehicles owned or leased by the City of Chamblee.
- Bans smoking in an outdoor recreational public place: this means any outdoor area of a place where the public is invited or where the public is permitted that is used or intended to be used as a recreational area.
- Bans smoking in a common public place: this means any enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including common areas of apartments, townhomes, etc.
- Bans smoking in any public places such as grocery stores, pharmacies, dry cleaners, banks, hotels, restaurants and other stores that sell merchandise.

Councilmember Brian Mock proposed the ordinance because he said families should be able to enjoy dinner on a restaurant patio without having smoke drifting in their faces. Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke. “Smokers have every right to smoke but not to subject those around them to its harmful effects. It’s simply a quality of life issue, most folks want to get out and enjoy Chamblee without having to deal with cigarette smoke,” Mock added.

The definition of smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette, oral smoking device, pipe or any other lighted or heated product for inhalation, in any manner or any form. This includes vaping.

Exceptions include: retail tobacco stores, hookah bars and lounges, adult entertainment establishments, designated smoking rooms at hotels and motels and outdoor areas of places of employment, except where owners declare a smoke-free environment.

The ordinance went into effect in October. Full text of it is online: www.chambleecityga.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx.

You Can Now Breathe Freely in Chamblee
Each year, just before Thanksgiving, we all begin to assemble our holiday shopping lists. From significant others to siblings to parents and friends, gifts for everyone can really add up. In fact, in 2018, the average household spent more than $600 just on gifts.

While we know the season isn’t about the gifts, finding the perfect gift for a loved one can be an incredible joy, but that doesn’t mean it has to break the bank. What if we told you it’s possible to find something for everyone on your list here in Chamblee and maintain your budget; would you believe us?

I went on a mission to find gifts for five people on my list and a holiday outfit for myself all totaling $100 or less. Did I succeed? Let’s find out!

First, I set out to find the perfect little black dress for a holiday soiree. Between St. Vincent de Paul, the Assistance League and the Suthers Center, I knew I could find something. While they all had some fabulous finds, I ultimately ended up finding two White House Black Market dresses at the Suthers Center for less than $15, total—a complete steal! Keep in mind, these stores change their inventory daily and are completely dependent upon donations, so check back to see if something new catches your eye. That’s the fun of shopping in thrift stores—you never know what you’ll find.

I then turned my attention to a gift for my significant other. I love a sweet romantic gesture and what better way to commemorate where we’re putting down roots than the Georgia map from Hello Gorgeous ($25). On the other hand, cooking spices from Cooks Warehouse ($9) and a Grow Your Own kit from Ace Hardware ($12) paired with a new recipe could be the perfect in-home date night.

As for my parents, quality family time is paramount. A Swedish log ($20) from Ace Hardware brings the family together for conversation and s’mores over a cozy, long-burning flame. Also, I considered a retro bun warmer I happened upon at St. Vincent de Paul for $5. If you haven’t seen one of these, they’re a real treat to keep those holiday rolls warm throughout dinner, and it happens to be quite a nostalgic item for my parents.

Along the same sentimental lines, backyard games for my fun brother seemed like the perfect gift. I stumbled upon a vintage croquet set ($32) at Simple Finds, perfect for when the Georgia weather once again warms up. I also found quite a few travel-sized backyard games ($17) at DAS Outfitters for the sibling who’s always on the move.

For my sister, the “Flea Market Style” book from Dutchman’s seemed to fit her style. Both economical and incredibly cute, she could find inspiration for décor on every page. I also spotted a seven-piece serving bowl ($25) at Simple Finds perfect for the hostess with the “mostest.”

Lastly, no one wants to show up empty handed for holiday parties. Hello Gorgeous came through with an adorable tea towel ($11). Broad Street Mercantile was a close contender with a delicately scented candle ($10). Any host would be delighted with either of those gifts.

Chamblee boasts great places to shop for the holidays for all budgets, and this is just a small sampling of the items you can find. Have fun, get creative and enjoy the hunt! After all, the thought is what really counts!
KCB volunteers hope this information provides helpful ideas to show how much your loved ones mean to you. You mean so much to our community, so thank you in advance for thinking conservation – Refuse, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Replant and Re-connect. Have a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at KCB events in 2020.

Modern Service at 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.
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DECEMBER 14
Breakfast with Santa
Christmas Journeys Concert, 3 p.m.

DECEMBER 15
Live Nativity, 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE
3:00, 6:00 & 11:00 p.m.
The holiday season is upon us. As we gear up for the festivities let’s take a moment to consider the health and safety of our beloved pets. Holiday frivolity, decorations, guests, gifts and specifically foods can prove challenging or dangerous to our furry friends. Here’s a brief rundown of common threats that could prompt a visit to the veterinary office.

**Food:** Beware the dreaded fruitcake! A common but often unwanted gift, fruitcake is a triple danger. Sugar, raisins and alcohol all pose a threat if consumed by cats or dogs. If you receive a fruitcake, keep it out of reach or re-gift it to a petless household. Let’s face it, crazy Uncle Roger most probably re-gifted it to you, so pass it on. Other common holiday foods such as chocolate, nuts, coconut, alcohol, grapes, raisins and any foods sweetened with xylitol also pose a danger. Check labels! For a full list of verboten foods and other tips, visit www.ASPCA.org or call the ASPCA Poison Control if in doubt: (888) 426-4435.

**Decorations:** Christmas trees and decorations also can pose a danger (think National Lampoon Christmas Vacation). To keep your cat from tipping over the tree, anchor it to the floor or ceiling. Refrain from using additives in the tree water as any bowl on the floor is fair game. Avoid decorating with holly, poinsettias and mistletoe, all of which are poisonous if ingested. Purchase non-breakable, inedible ornaments, and skip the tinsel, which is dangerous if swallowed. Believe me, you don’t want the stress of waiting for the tinsel to reappear, nor do you want the unpleasant job of having to tug!

**Gifts:** Assume your dog or cat will eventually tear up their gift. Actually, that’s what gives them joy. The hunt and play naturally results in annihilation. Check toys for sharp edges and consider what’s inside before purchasing. Take a minute and check Google for recalls. And for heaven’s sake DO BUY a few holiday hats, scarves or outfits because every pet loves to do the fashion show strut and photo shoot. Check out our model, Rhea. She’s obviously over the moon in her holiday attire! After her glamorous photo shoot, Rhea expected a special something-something for her efforts.

Off we go to Hollywood Feed in the Peachtree Station shopping center. Hollywood Feed offers a wide selection of locally made, natural and holistic pet offerings as well as toys and necessities. Visit hollywoodfeed.com for more information.

**Adoption:** If planning on gifting a pet this season, please adopt! Chamblee is home to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter located at 3280 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. The shelter offers adoption services for cats and dogs for a nominal fee that includes: spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip, deworming and heartworm test. Call 404-294-2949 or visit www.dekalbanimalservices.com
The 2020 Census is coming in April of next year, and Chamblee wants you to stand up and be counted! Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone or by mail.

**IT’S VITAL THAT EVERYONE BE COUNTED BECAUSE:**

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress, and the information is used to redraw district boundaries.
- Businesses use this data to determine where to set up shop.
- Communities rely on these statistics for new roads, schools, hospitals and emergency services.
- It’s in the US Constitution. Each year Chamblee gets its part of more than $675 billion the federal government distributes for these services.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. If you haven’t responded by one of the three means above, expect a visit from a Census taker. People also can respond in 12 non-English languages over the phone or via the internet.

Census takers make great efforts to count those that are determined to be “hard to count.” They have a special operation for people who live in prisons, nursing homes, college/university housing and other group homes. Census takers also work with the Chamblee Police Department and go to great lengths to count those who are experiencing homelessness.

The US Census Bureau is the federal government’s largest statistical agency. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects. Please stand up, and be counted! For more information, visit census.gov.
The City of Chamblee has launched a new texting service called “Citibot.” Anyone can use their mobile phones’ existing texting service to make requests, report issues or find answers to common city-related questions.

TEXT “HELLO” TO 470.450.2533

Chamblee Launches New Texting Service

BUYING OR SELLING A HOME IS FLAWLESS WITH THE HART GROUP.

Let us help you with the marketing and sale of your home, or the purchase of a new home this fall!
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