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CITY OF CHAMBLEE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

January 30, 2019— The City of Chamblee will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, February 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. We encourage members of the community to join us at Clairmont Park as we plant trees, we give away 50 three-gallon Redbud trees and read the Arbor Day proclamation.

“This year we will be planting Redbuds and Willow oaks at Clairmont Park. The Redbud is an understory tree that has showy blossoms in the spring and heart-shaped leaves that emerge as a red color and then turn dark green. The Willow oak is a handsome shade tree with a striking appearance and fast growth,” said Amanda Corr, Chamblee’s arborist.

Staff will be able to tell recipients how to care for their seedling and how to plant it. The trees are provided by Trees Atlanta.

The national Arbor Day celebration is held in April and dates to 1872 when J. Sterling Morton, a journalist and editor of Nebraska’s first newspaper, established Arbor Day in the state of Nebraska. Morton was concerned about the loss of trees cleared for farms and houses and spread information to his fellow pioneers about the benefits of trees in creating windbreaks, providing fuel and building materials and providing shade from the hot prairie sun. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture accepted a resolution passed by Morton “to set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit.” Today Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states but is celebrated during different months according to the best planting season in each state. In Georgia, the best planting season is from November through February.

For more information on the City of Chamblee please visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) or call 770-986-5010.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) for more information.