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—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—  
CITY OF CHAMBLEE CELEBRATES GEORGIA CITIES WEEK  
*Mayor to Give Annual State of the City*

April 18, 2019—The 10th Annual State of the City Address by Mayor Eric Clarkson will be held Tuesday, April 23rd at 8 a.m. at the Marriott Century Center and will be a part of the “Georgia Cities Week” celebration, which is taking place April 21-27, 2019.

The theme of this year’s Georgia Cities Week is “True Colors,” highlighting cities’ important role in Georgia’s history, economy and every-day activities of residents.

Events planned for the week give an opportunity to share information about the valuable services the City of Chamblee provides to residents and how the city has a positive impact on quality of life. Activities include:

- Monday, April 22nd - Plogging in the Park
  - Location: Any Park in Chamblee, All Day
  - Celebrate Earth Day by grabbing your tennis shoes, picking up a trash bag and jogging (or walking) one of our beautiful parks! Plogging, a play on the Swedish ‘plocka upp’ (meaning ‘pick up) and ‘jogging,’ is the act of picking up litter while running. Show your love of exercising and Chamblee by combining a jog with intermittent squatting - plogging offers exercise benefits - while supporting your community and the environment.
  
- Tuesday, April 23rd - State of the City Address
  - Location: Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
  - Join us as Mayor Eric Clarkson reflects on Chamblee’s current development trends as well as the city’s accomplishments, opportunities and goals. Register today at <http://bit.ly/Chamblee2019StateoftheCity/>.
  
- Wednesday, April 24th - Women’s Self Defense Workshop
  - Location: Chamblee Civic Center, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  - The Chamblee Police Department is hosting a self-defense class for the women in our community. This course teaches women to take an active role in their own defense and psychological well-being. Register for this free class at <http://www.freshtix.com/events/womensselfdefense>.

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- Thursday, April 25th - Car Seat Safety Check
  - Location: Chamblee Plaza, 5446 Peachtree Blvd, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
  - Parents, we know it can feel like you need an engineering degree to install a car seat; they can be a challenge but work best when they are installed correctly. The Chamblee Police Department will be at Chamblee Plaza to inspect the installation of your car seats and to ensure your little ones are safely buckled for any car ride.
  
- Friday, April 26th - Chamblee Fun Mud Run Food Truck Night
  - Location: Keswick Park, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
  - Enjoy music and great food in celebration of our community and to get everyone pumped for the Mud Run on Saturday! If you're a runner, pick up your race bag at the Community Center and feed the family. Not a runner? Not a problem! Food Truck Night is open to everyone, so spread the word and get ready for food, tunes and fun! For more information, visit [www.chambleefunmudrun.com](http://www.chambleefunmudrun.com).
  
- Saturday, April 27th - Chamblee Fun Mud Run
  - Location: Chamblee Middle School, 8:00 a.m.
  - The Chamblee Fun Mud Run is an approximately 2.5 mile fun, fast obstacle course with water and mud, benefitting the Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation. Register today at [www.chambleefunmudrun.com](http://www.chambleefunmudrun.com).

This will be the fifth year the City of Chamblee has participated in Georgia Cities Week and the 20th year it has been celebrated in the state of Georgia.

Cities across Georgia will be celebrating Georgia Cities Week, sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), to showcase and celebrate cities and the many services they provide. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and consulting services to its 521 member cities.

For the complete Georgia Cities Week schedule or for more information, 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.