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CHAMBLEE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

October 2, 2019—Chamblee’s Parks and Recreation Department (CPRD) won big at the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) District 6 Annual Awards Banquet. CPRD was named District 6 Agency of the Year, and in addition to winning Agency of the Year, Chamblee Recreation Coordinator Katie Sears won the District 6 Distinguished Young Professional Award.

“To win these awards at the district level is a big deal,” said Chamblee Parks and Recreation Department Director Jodie Gilfillan. “At the district level there is only one winner and no population category, so you are competing against large departments, with large numbers of parks, staff and budgets. It is equally competitive to win the distinguished professional award and Ms. Sears has earned every bit of this award by serving on several local and state committees, completing GRPA leadership classes, earning certifications and more than doubling the number of programs offered in Chamblee.”

The agency of the year award nomination entry includes information about the agency, budgeting, facilities, acreage, use of social media, and the nominees are judged on major accomplishments made within the last year as well as new and outstanding programs offered.

CPRD now offers 22 programs in the park system, completed construction of the first ever restroom facility in Keswick Park, began construction of Village and Canfield Parks and Phase II of the Rail Trail.

For more info on the City of Chamblee or its Parks and Recreation programs, visit <https://www.chambleega.gov>.

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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 for more information.