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CHAMBLEE WINS INAUGURAL VISIONARY AWARD

January 27, 2020—The City of Chamblee won the inaugural Visionary City Award presented by Georgia Trend magazine and the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) during the association’s Cities United Summit in Atlanta on Sunday, January 26, 2020. It is one of nine cities from across Georgia to receive the accomplishment. Chamblee won in the large population category. Judges noted the city created positive community change through effective civic engagement and their collaboration fostered healthy working relationships making Chamblee a place where people truly love to live and work.

“These cities exemplify what it means to be forward-thinking for their residents and generations to come,” said GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson. “It’s our privilege to honor the elected officials, city staff and community leaders of these nine cities who’ve led these initiatives and projects. They also serve as inspiring examples of civility, collaboration and creating communities of positive change across Georgia.”

Chamblee was recognized for its Mid-City and Town Center Strolls, an engaging approach to gathering community feedback and spreading awareness about city projects. Other winners in this category include Marietta and Sugar Hill.

“Chamblee seeks to be on the cutting edge of community engagement and awareness. Through the strolls, we took the feedback from our stakeholders and made important decisions,” said Mayor Eric Clarkson. The strolls highlighted proposed improvements with tactical urbanism and demonstration projects that allowed people to experience the corridors as it exists today as well as how they would look and feel after the projects were completed.

Judges for the 2020 Visionary City Award represented influential entities including Georgia Power, the Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission. In addition to being recognized during GMA’s Cities United Summit, winning cities will be highlighted in the February issue of Georgia Trend.

Hogansville, Donalsonville and Winterville won in the “Small City Category. In the “Medium City Category,” Adel, Thomasville and Decatur took home the honors.

For more information on the City of Chamblee visit www.chambleega.gov. Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 538 member cities.

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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.