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Seeing Green Even in the Winter



If you're still making good on your New Year's resolutions, good for you! If one of those resolutions includes being more sustainable, here's an easy way to check that box: Check out the City's new **Front Yard Tree Program**. Apply today before all the trees are gone.

As part of the City's initiative to help maintain and enhance the existing tree canopy, the Mayor and Chamblee City Council approved a partnership with Trees Atlanta to develop the **Front Yard Tree Program**. The pilot program allows homeowners to choose a variety of Oak trees to be planted in their front yard. The program strives to increase the tree canopy along residential streets providing shade, while decreasing the urban heat island effect. Additional front yard trees also help clean the air and often add to property values.

On December 14, 2019, Trees Atlanta professionals and volunteers met at Keswick Park to kick off the first tree plantings in the program. Trees Atlanta started by educating volunteers on proper planting procedures and maintenance. The group then split up to plant trees at residents' homes throughout the city. In all, 21 trees were successfully planted with the help of volunteers and homeowners. There is still time to apply for a tree, since trees can be planted through the end of March, just in time for spring.

Want your own front yard tree? All you must do is apply through the city's website with a one-time \$25 application fee. After the application has been submitted and reviewed, a professional from Trees Atlanta will visit your property to determine if it would be a good location for a successful tree planting. All trees must be planted within 35 feet of the front property line so that they benefit the community by providing shade for nearby sidewalks and streets.

Once the site visit is complete, another day will be chosen for professionals and volunteers to visit the property to install the tree. Trees Atlanta also will help service the tree for the first two years of its life to ensure viability. This includes one pest control treatment, one fertilizer treatment and one pruning for each newly planted tree. Any trees that die within the first two years, except for trees that die due to vandalism, vehicular accidents or acts of nature, will be replaced at no cost to the homeowner. At the time of application, the property owner may choose which type of tree they would like to have installed from a list of predetermined species. **Front Yard Tree Program** is available to owners of all residentially zoned lots (Neighborhood Residential 1, 2 and 3) within the city limits.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 770-986-5010 or chambleedevelopment@chambleega.gov.

Bridging the Business Gap During Tough Times

Entrepreneurs are an amazing bunch of people. Bringing an idea to life and creating a successful business takes a lot of gumption, time and energy, and the last thing they need is a crisis to derail the business they worked so hard to get started.

Crises can come in many forms: personal illness, the death of a loved one, a key employee gets injured and economic recession are just a few forms crisis can take. If you are in business long enough, it is almost inevitable a crisis will arise at some point. The difference between a crisis and a disaster is in preparation and response. Let's look at some ways to "disaster-proof" your business.

Prepare as best as you

can. No one can predict when a crisis will occur or what the crisis will be, but you can put plans in place during non-crisis times to minimize the impact. Create a physical or digital (with a backup) file outlining basic information to keep the business afloat should someone else need to step into your role. Key accounts, employee payroll information, how and when to pay bills and landlord contact information are all examples of basic information needed to keep the business up and running. Set up any systems you can to put the business into autopilot if an emergency occurs.

Keep organized. Our brains are notorious for malfunctioning when we're overwhelmed. Having an easy to understand and organized file system helps reduce stress when you need to find something quickly or if you need to direct someone else on where to find something. Take time regularly to reorganize if needed.

Ask for help. Friends, family and other employees may be able to step in. Additionally, virtual assistants and mobile marketplaces for freelance labor also can be helpful filling in the gaps.

Communicate, but don't overshare.

At the end of the day, businesses are people serving other people and folks will understand if the situation is communicated properly. Share pertinent information with those who need to know and tailor the information based on your audience. A client may not need to know as much information as an employee might.

Take time. You can't be an effective leader if you're drained. Take the time to process the crisis so you can come back and run your business well.



Know your resources. Find out if there are any organizations available to help small businesses or employees if an emergency arises. For example, restaurants could partner with the **Giving Kitchen** to help provide services to employees who aren't able to work due to an illness or injury.

If there's ever a silver lining, know that with every little bump in the road (aka, crisis) comes lessons learned. You're bright, energetic and full of resources, or you wouldn't have started your business in the first place. You can get anything figured out, and your customers and fellow entrepreneurs will pitch in and help! Think of it as an opportunity to make things better.

Do You Know What a Rain Garden Is and Why We Need One in Keswick Park?

Soon the north end of Keswick Park will have a rain garden built between the soccer field and parking lot. So, what is a rain garden, and why is it needed?

Here to talk about this are Chamblee Parks and Recreation Director Jodie Gilfillan and Kim Shorter, Principal Engineer with Sustainable Water Planning and Engineering and contracted storm water engineer to the City of Chamblee.

Jodie (Q): What is a rain garden, and why is the city building one in Keswick Park?

Kim (A): A rain garden is a specific type of Green infrastructure that is designed to filter and treat stormwater. A rain garden is a depressed area that has an underlayer of special soil mixture intended to filter water. In this location, the rain garden will filter stormwater and reduce a park erosion problem that was threatening to create a safety issue. The rain garden will be planted with a native rain garden seed mixture.

Jodie: Can you tell us about the benefits of building a rain garden?

Kim: Rain gardens allow stormwater to replenish the ground water table and mimic filtration that occurred prior to development. The soils naturally cleanse the stormwater and then provide baseflow to local streams, which is Bubbling Creek in the case of the Keswick Park rain garden.

Jodie: Will there be standing water and will it attract/breed mosquitos?

Kim: The rain garden is designed to drain within 24 hours of a storm event. So, there may be a small pool of water for a short period of time after it rains. However, the water will not be there long enough for mosquitos to reproduce.

Jodie: What kind of maintenance is involved with rain gardens?

Kim: Like any landscaped area, weeding and mulching are required. When the vegetation is fully established, the amount of weeding and mulching is lower than during the first few years.

Jodie: How is the rain garden in Keswick Park being funded?

Kim: Approximately 60% of the rain garden construction costs will be funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources under Provisions of Section 319(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.

Jodie: When can we expect the project in Keswick Park to be completed?

Kim: The Keswick Park rain garden will be completed by April 2020.

Jodie: Do you recommend any websites that residents can visit to learn more about rain gardens?

Kim: Rain gardens make great additions to residential landscaping, and there are several resources and how-to videos available online. Listed below are few recommendations.

www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-gardens

www.cleanwateratlanta.org/

EnvironmentalEducation/Reclaim.htm
ugaurbanag.com/rain-gardens/

www.walterreeves.com/landscaping/rain-garden-designing/

This rain garden in an Alpharetta park was planted about five years ago.

Chamblee PD's Got Talent



We bet you didn't know your Chamblee Police Officers have some amazing talents, skills and hobbies! Check out these bad boys!



**Captain Ernesto Ford,
Bataan Memorial Death March Participant**

Can you tell us about the Bataan Memorial Death March?

After the April 9, 1942 U.S. surrender of the Bataan Peninsula on the main Philippine island of Luzon to the Japanese during World War II, approximately 75,000 Filipino and American troops on Bataan were forced to make a strenuous 65-mile march to prison camps. The marchers made the trek in extreme heat and were subjected to harsh treatment by Japanese guards. Thousands perished in what became known as the Bataan Death March. The Bataan Memorial Death March is meant to mark a page in history that included many native sons and affected many families in the state. Since its 1989 inception, the Bataan Memorial Death March's participation has grown from about 100 to about 8,000 marchers. These marchers come from throughout the United States and several foreign countries. While still primarily a military event, many civilians choose to participate in the challenging march. Participants get to choose between two courses: a 14.2-mile route and a 26.2-mile route.

How many years have you participated in the March?

I have participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March for five years. We also have had several other members of the Chamblee Police Department participate, including Lt. Jim Wiley, Detective LaShonda Williams, Tong Ngo, Julieann Garcia, Julie Shrader and Catherine Powe.

Why did you choose the Bataan Memorial Death March?

It's a heartwarming and humbling experience. As an Army retiree, the March allows me to reconnect with members of the military.

How do you prepare for a 26-mile, high desert march?

I begin my training around October by hiking Stone Mountain and hiking from the Police Department along Peachtree Road, Peachtree Boulevard and to Lenox Mall or beyond.

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Lt. Jim Wiley, Competitive Runner

When did you start running competitively?

I started running in competitions as a freshman in high school while I was living in Chicago, Illinois.

How do you stay motivated?

I love to see what I can do and as I get older. It's not so much about beating my competition, but doing the best I can and representing my track team, college, city and the United States to the best of my ability.

Where was your favorite competition location?

I have run all over the world, but for me I love running in San Diego at the United States Police and Fire Championships. Hopefully, my next race will be in Toronto for the World Masters Championships in August.

If you could go on a run with anyone, who would it be? Why?

I would go on a run with my mentor, Marion Harrison. He competed well into his 60s and was one of the top sprinters in the world! We worked out daily for almost 20 years. He was amazing, and I miss him every day.



Officer Ronald House, Actor



What inspired you to be an actor?

I've always loved performing for a crowd. In elementary school, I won a contest and got to perform at a civic center doing a comedy routine.

What roles have you been cast in (movies, TV shows, commercials, etc.)?

I've been cast On Survivors Remorse, Being Mary Jane, The Resident to name a few. Also, I've done five commercials including Costco, Fun Spot America

and Delta Airlines Safety P.S.A. Most currently, I was cast in Bad Boys for Life as a police officer and three episodes of HBO's Outsider, which is currently airing.

We saw your appearance in Bad Boys! How did you prepare for the role?

Preparation was somewhat easy. The police aspect comes natural, but of course the concentration and grind of filming is very taxing. Professional actors make it look easy, but trust me, it's a very tough and challenging job.

If you were to star in a movie, who would you want cast as your co-star?

Will Smith and Kevin Hart without question. Will Smith was a joy and pleasure to work with and be around. His energy is electric, and his talent really makes you reach for your own limits. I haven't had the pleasure of working with Kevin Hart, but I would love to.

What is your favorite movie?

This may seem a little random, but I've watched, You've Got Mail 100 times.

Here's a biggie... Are you a Marvel or DC movie fan?

(Deep Breath) That's a tough one because I really enjoy both, but if I must choose, I'll have to go with Marvel. R.I.P. Stan is the Man.

Do You Have a Hidden Talent?

All of us came into the world with remarkable talents and abilities. Some of us showcase those talents every day and even make a living from it (one word... Beyoncé!). For us normal-folk, we have hobbies and activities that keep us calm and grounded - and surprising enough, we are very good at them!

In Chamblee, we have city staff that are singers, dancers, bee keepers, athletes, entrepreneurs, yogis and more! We want to know what kind of talents you have. Whether your hidden talent is shocking (flame eater) and out of the ordinary (pet whisperer) or strangely human (orange juggler). We want to know about it!

Get your chance to showcase your talent by emailing blindsay@chambleega.gov or tag us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Maybe your hidden talent will be something that will make you incredibly popular or crazy rich!

Keep Clean and Stay Green



The trees are budding and, soon, pollen will be everywhere: welcome to spring in Chamblee! And welcome to "spring cleaning" and getting the yard in shape for summer.

What are easy ways to accomplish "spring cleaning" while reducing the impact of chemicals to you, your family, your pets and to the environment?

Many people have learned to read food package labels to better understand what they are consuming. People also should read the labels on cleaning products because they may be surprised at what information is listed on the can or bottle! Store-bought products labeled **Danger** or **Poison** are typically the most hazardous. Others may be labeled **Caution** or **Warning** because they are skin or eye irritants. Near these words will be a phrase that describes the nature of the hazard, such as "vapors harmful" or "extremely flammable."

Most products have environmentally friendly alternatives that are effective, less costly and much safer for people, pets and the natural world. Some are available in stores or you may make your own "green cleaners."¹

Inside the House

Homemade cleaning solutions typically include combinations of vinegar, borax, baking soda, salt, club soda, dish detergent, hydrogen peroxide and lemon juice. These "green" solutions can clean just about any surface in the bathroom and kitchen. Most homes already have these inexpensive ingredients, and you can add a few drops of lemon, lavender or peppermint essential oil to make them smell nice while you clean.

Combine some of these same ingredients to make laundry detergent and carpet cleaner, too. Here is one tip to remove ink stains from fabric: Make a paste with cold water, one tablespoon of cream of tartar and one tablespoon of lemon juice. Did you know that you could make your own wood furniture polish with olive oil?

Sure, it will take a little time to research the ingredients and proportions, but think about the money you will save by not regularly buying retail metal aerosol cans and plastic squirt bottles. Also think about reducing packaging waste. By using these methods, there will not be as many chemicals in your home, in the air and in the water that goes down the drain!

¹Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2708&q=323956&deepNav_GID=1763



Mayor Eric Clarkson

City of Chamblee



By Eric Clarkson, Atlanta Regional Commission State of the Region Speech, November 8, 2019

When you visit Chamblee today, you'll find a lively, vibrant place. People are walking or biking to restaurants, shops, their homes and our local MARTA station. There's an energy and a buzz that's exciting and filled with promise. Chamblee's transformation didn't happen suddenly. It took time. We like to call it our 20-year overnight success story. What do I mean by that?

I'll explain by referring to the three "Ps" that guided our approach: **Planning, Place and Perseverance**.

First: Chamblee believes in **planning**. Planning has been critical to our success. Parcel by parcel, block by block, year after year, and in some cases, minute by minute – the dedication to a vision must be there if you are serious about making change a reality.

In 2001, I was elected to the Chamblee City Council. We developed a bold vision to become a leader in transit-oriented, new urban development. Around this same time Chamblee was an original recipient of an Atlanta Regional Commission Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) planning grant.

The LCI plan we created led to a number innovative ideas for our city and planted the seeds for our Chamblee Rail Trail, pocket parks and other public amenities. We also adopted new zoning ordinances for the LCI area. The first projects proposed under this new code were primarily multi-family developments with no real ground floor activity centers. We realized our new ordinances needed to be updated to require first floor retail, office, restaurants and other amenities.

It became increasingly apparent that not everyone was embracing the changes that were taking shape in our city. We would need to provide more communication and education if we were going to keep moving forward. In 2005 I took this message back on the campaign trail, and I won the election for mayor of our great city.



Now, on to our second “P”—**place**. Chamblee is deliberate about creating place. We had to stick to our vision of the place we wanted to create, even when the Great Recession hit in 2008.

We were sometimes ridiculed by many for having the audacity to think that we were anything other than state highways lined with strip malls, outparcels and tired industrial properties.

Do you know how many times when being presented with a development idea I heard, “But it’s better than what’s there now?” Well, better than what’s there now is not good enough for us. We were determined to create place in Chamblee, a place that is truly visionary.

And that also meant working closely with our neighbors. In 2014 I proposed the idea of the formation of a 501c6, like Aerotropolis Atlanta, comprised of Brookhaven, Dunwoody, Doraville and Chamblee, PDK airport and private stakeholders of the area. The Peachtree Gateway Partnership is fostering a large interconnected trail system and what’s now become a well-coordinated effort to potentially add transit and trails to the Georgia Department of Transportation’s top-end 285 managed lane project.

And lastly, Chamblee’s story is one of **perseverance**.

We’re a place defined by our rich history, dating back to the 1800s. From an agricultural beginning to a Southern rail town and later an industrial center. More recently, our community has welcomed the arrival of many new immigrants to our city. Chamblee has truly represented this past century’s greatest eras of progress.

In keeping with that progress our autonomous vehicle study was funded this year, and a pilot program soon could set the tone for the region and beyond, way beyond.

Chamblee now has the opportunity to re-develop even further into a modern city while maintaining the small-town charm that lured so many here in the past and will continue to draw others to this city in the future. The city is working hard to create a sense of place, complete with bike and pedestrian trails, landscaped streets and architectural designs that invite people to stroll down wide sidewalks and gather at festivals.

Through it all, we never stopped believing in our vision.

As I look out at this room at today’s State of the Region breakfast, I ask all of you: Are you preparing for that first, second or third chance for a door to open? Do you know who you are and who you want to be? Will you be prepared to answer when opportunity knocks?

Take advantage of the resources that you have and for sure don’t waste them. Have a plan that is visionary, unique and bold! Understand that you can’t go at it alone. You will need many partners.

And most importantly, stick to your vision, parcel by parcel, block by block, year after year! Chamblee has.

Now, get started, and you can create the next 20-year overnight success story.



Chamblee has a story to tell. It is a story of constant rebirth and how being open to change can lead to amazing transformations that create new energy and life. From a countryside of dairy producers to a railroad junction, military base and heavy industrial manufacturing center – Chamblee embraced change. The most recent transformation is underway, from manufacturing center to urban center, and began about 35 years ago when the MARTA heavy rail station was located in the heart of the city. Soon after that station was completed, city leaders began the planning efforts that resulted in new developments along Peachtree Road and Peachtree Boulevard.

It is the story of those planning efforts, and Chamblee’s commitment to implementing those plans, that have garnered regional attention and admiration. The region itself began the Vision 2020 project in the 1990s to address the metro region’s rapid sprawl and associated air quality concerns. The City of Chamblee was able to connect to and use some of the resources from this effort, including becoming one of the first recipients of a Livable Cities Initiative planning grant, to chart its own path forward. Once the plan was in place, the City has remained dedicated to its implementation.

Mayor Clarkson was asked to speak at the 2019 State of the Region breakfast to highlight that dedication, which resulted in the city’s 20-year “overnight success.” His speech is retold here in the Signal and can be viewed on the Atlanta Regional Commission’s website.



Chamblee Wins First Visionary Award From GMA



Mayor Clarkson accepts the inaugural Visionary Award with Councilmembers Karen Lupton (L) and Leslie Robson (R).

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. We are 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 collaboration that 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 Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission. In addition to being recognized during GMA's Cities United Summit, winning cities are 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.



Chamblee Hosts Inaugural Restaurant Week

Imagine for a moment, a Chamblee without restaurants. No Southbound Chamblee Hot Chicken, no Gu's Handmade Sweet and Spicy Thick Noodles, Banh Mis from Lee's Bakery and no Mad Italian Cheesesteak. What a boring place this would be!

Thankfully, Chamblee is full of delicious places to satisfy our cravings, with new ones opening regularly. Beginning at Buford Highway, traveling through the center of town, and down Peachtree Boulevard, you would be hard pressed to find a more diverse dining destination.

This April, chomp, chew and chug (water of course!) your way through Chamblee Restaurant Week. This inaugural week-long experience will celebrate one of the great things about the City of Chamblee – the restaurants! Participating restaurants will showcase some of their best dishes or explore new fares at set prices, allowing you to sample food and drink from some of the best, most talked about restaurants in Georgia.

The city's restaurant scene was originally put on the map because of the well-known Buford Highway corridor, which is home to the best food markets and restaurants in the region. Recently, the City of Chamblee experienced a dining boom. Icons such as Taqueria del Sol can be found, as well as a long list of local favorites like Bluetop and Food Terminal. You also will find long-running favorites like Himalaya's Indian Fine Dining, Pho Bac and Vintage Pizzeria. Whatever your appetite, you are guaranteed to find it in Chamblee!

Restaurants make up more than 7.5% of all businesses in the City of Chamblee and are a huge driver of the economy by employing many folks and attracting visitors to our flavorful city. The Georgia Restaurant Association estimates every dollar spent in a sit-down restaurant contributes \$1.97 to the state economy, and every dollar spent in a limited-service restaurant contributes \$1.74 to the state economy.

In the spring of 2018, the City of Chamblee conducted a business survey and discovered the month of April was one of the slower months for restaurants in Chamblee. This discovery sparked the idea of Chamblee Restaurant Week, and we're excited to celebrate our restaurants this April with a week of fun, fanciful, food fare!



Each of the participating restaurants for 2020 Chamblee Restaurant Week will have a pre-selected menu with a set price. Menus may include an appetizer, entrée, dessert and/or beverage. Some restaurants will choose their popular menu items, and others will test new fare.

Are you already dreaming about all the delightful dishes you could consume that week? Follow along on our Chamblee Restaurant Week website at **ChambleeRestaurantWeek.net** to find more information and see which restaurants will be participating.

Restaurants interested in joining the fun also can visit **ChambleeRestaurantWeek.net** and can complete the registration form by clicking "Sign Up." You also can contact Brittney Lindsay (blindsay@chambleega.gov), Chamblee's Special Events Manager, to find out more information. Additionally, restaurants have the option to pre-register for Taste of Chamblee, which will be held on October 3rd, along Peachtree Road. What a great way to show off what you've got cookin'!

Whether you are a foodie looking for something new or a restaurant hoping to spice things up, mark your calendar for April 13th through April 18th and join us for Chamblee Restaurant Week. Your taste buds will thank you!

**note: Because of publication deadlines, restaurants mentioned in the article may or may not be participating in Chamblee Restaurant Week. Follow our website and social media accounts to see which restaurants will be participating as CRW gets closer.*



The Census: Counting Everyone Once and in the Right Place

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Step up and be counted. It means \$1.75 billion and 55 programs to DeKalb County. Between the Census in 2000 and the Census in 2010, DeKalb County lost \$300 million because of uncounted residents. There are several locations in DeKalb County that are very high profile because they have been identified by the Census Bureau as being "hard to count," and they want to make sure every person is counted in 2020.

Because the Census is conducted in a rapidly changing environment, it requires constant enhancement to perfect the process. Officials work extensively with trusted community leaders to learn what makes it difficult for people to respond, so they can count everyone. We need your help to be successful.

There is a plan to make sure each person in the county and country is counted, and counted confidentially...it goes like this: The Integrated Partnership and Communications (IPC) Operation will reach every household in the nation. As important as the IPC is to the efforts to count the entire population, it is only one in a series of steps taken to make sure everyone is reached.

- Census workers make sure to identify where people live and then they build the address list. This includes what is called "hidden housing units," housing units that may not be easy to identify – if they cannot locate a housing unit, they cannot count the occupants.
- When the 2020 Census begins in March 2020, for the first time, there are three response options: internet, telephone and paper.
- Census takers will knock on the door of those who do not respond only. They will be hired from the communities they work in, so they are familiar with, and speak the language of, the neighborhoods where they are working.
- Census workers go to great lengths to count those who are experiencing homelessness. They work with partners to identify service-based locations like emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens, mobile food vans and targeted non-sheltered outdoor locations, which include sites under bridges and cemeteries. Then they implement specially designed operations to count the people they find in these places.

The 2020 Census is designed for the 21st century. Census workers are relying on advances in technology and available data to reduce cost, maximize quality, minimize risk and do an even better job protecting respondent confidentiality," says

Steve Dillingham, director of the US Census. "This month, up to 40,000 temporary field staff began reviewing and updating the nation's address list for 35% of the country – about 50 million addresses."

It's imperative when you get the Census notice in March that you fill it out. More than \$883 billion in federal funding is distributed to the states each year—\$23.8 billion to Georgia. These funds support vital community programs that help fire departments, hospitals, housing and food assistance. This information also determines how many seats Georgia is allocated in the House of Representatives. Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.

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DeKalb County receives \$2,314 in Federal dollars for every person counted—money used to build new parks, schools, hospitals, and roads.

COUNT EVERY PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD ON **APRIL 1, 2020**

www.DEKALBCOUNTS2020.org

Remember...The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Social Security numbers;
- Bank or credit card account numbers;
- Money or donations—it's a free service; and
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

#UniteAndConquer

for First Atlanta United Watch Party



#UniteAndConquer with us on Saturday, March 21 at Plaza Fiesta. Your Atlanta United FC team is back, and we will be there in the front parking lot of Plaza Fiesta on Buford Highway for Chamblee's first Watch Party. The City of Chamblee has partnered with Plaza Fiesta to bring you a family-friendly afternoon of food, fun and football (European football that is). We will be giving away some ATL UTD swag while supplies lasts, so early arrival is highly suggested.

The celebration will begin at 2:30 p.m. for the pre-match coverage on a 15' x 25' foot jumbotron, and there will be interactive games, vendors and - of course - food and a beer garden! Break out your chairs, put on your jersey, grab your friends, and get ready to #UniteAndConquer as Atlanta United FC takes on Chicago Fire FC.

Oh, did we mention, Atlanta United has given us some ultra-special merchandise to raffle? We promise, this is a watch party you don't want to miss! For more info, visit chambleeatlantaunitedwatchparty.net.

Chamblee Team are Earth Advocates


Plastic waste is becoming a major problem for the planet we know and love. It's now being detected in the air we breathe, the food we eat and the water we drink via microplastic deposits. There's a lot you can do to reduce waste and support your local Chamblee residents.

The Chamblee mother and son team of Diana and Kenneth Mitchell have embarked on their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs, and they have dubbed themselves Earth Advocates by building their brand, Gaia's Eco Kitchen. They crafted specialty eco-friendly kitchen products that will help you reduce your carbon footprint. Currently, they sell reusable silicone food storage bags and Beeswax Wraps. You can purchase their eco-friendly products on Amazon. Also be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Gaia's Eco Kitchen is on a mission to encourage you to reduce your need for plastic products. Dub yourself an Earth Advocate by supporting your local Chamblee residents and reducing your use of plastic.

If you have any talents or want to give a special highlight to a Chamblee resident, email blindsay@chambleega.gov.











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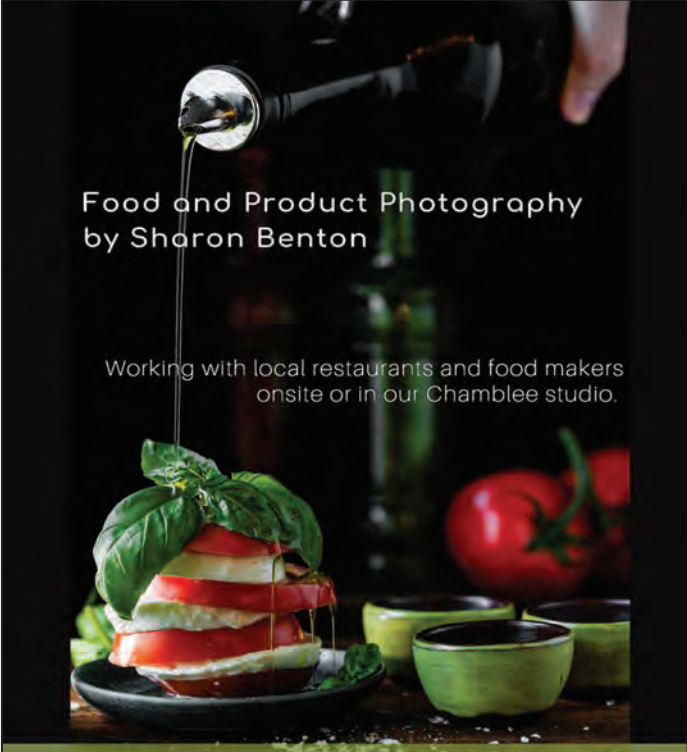
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March 2020

- 7** CHaRM Recycle Day, Lowe's, 8:00 am - 12 pm
- 9** Court, Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 10** Chamblee Chamber Non-Profit Roundtable, 11:45 am
- 11** Court, Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 12** City Council Public Hearing and Work Session
Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 16** Chamblee Chamber Cheers, Balloonacy by Holland, 5:30 pm
- 16** Court, Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 17** City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7:30 pm
- 19** Chamblee Chamber Annual Member's Meeting
The Factory Atlanta, 7:30 am
- 19** Court, Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 21** Electronics Recycling, Public Works Building
3210 Cumberland Dr., 8:00 am - 12 pm
- 21** Atlanta United Watch Party, Plaza Fiesta, 3:30 pm
- 24** Downtown Development Authority Meeting
City Hall Conference Room, 6:30 pm
- 26** Chamblee Chamber HR Law and Best Practices Roundtable
Chamblee Civic Center, 8:00 am



City Council

Mayor: R. Eric Clarkson

District 1: John Mesa

District 2: Leslie C. Robson

District 3: Karen Lupton

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Brian Mock

At-large: Darron Kusman

City Staff

City Manager: Jon Walker

Dep City Manager: Al Wiggins

Chief of Police: Kerry Thomas

City Clerk: Emmie Niethammer

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Public Relations: Tisa Moore

**Planning & Development
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April 2020

- 1** Architectural Design Review Board
City Hall Conference Room, 7:00 pm
- 2** Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, Civic Center, 7:00 pm
- 4** CHaRM Recycle Day, Location TBD, 8:00 am - 12 pm
- 6** Court, Civic Center, 10:00 am
- 9** Court, Civic Center, 10:00 am
- 10** Staff Work Day, City Offices Closed
- 13** Court, Civic Center, 10:00 am
- 15** Court, Civic Center, 10:00 am
- 16** City Council Public Hearing and Work Session
Civic Center, 6:00 pm
- 18** Electronics Recycling, Public Works Building
3210 Cumberland Dr., 8:00 am - 12 noon
- 21** City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7:30 pm
- 28** Downtown Development Authority Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 29** Architectural Design Review Board
City Hall Conference Room, 7:00 pm



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