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CITY OF CHAMBLEE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

February 12, 2018— The City of Chamblee will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. We encourage members of the community to join us at Dresden Park as we plant one White Fringe tree and as we give away seedlings. The event is open to the public and members of Keep Chamblee Beautiful will be on hand to enhance your “green thumb” by offering a mini course on how to plant the trees.

“We will be planting a White Fringe tree, which blooms in the spring and attracts wildlife,” said Amanda Corr, Chamblee’s arborist. “The flowers turn to leaves providing shade, which in turn provides a great environment for growing other plants or just relaxing. This is perfect for Dresden Park it will enhance the tree canopy there.”

The event is being held in conjunction with Keep Chamblee Beautiful. We will give away 100 seedlings, and the group will show each participant how to care for them from their seedling state to putting them into the ground.

The national Arbor Day celebration is held in April and dates back 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 fifty 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.