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—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—
STATE OF THE CITY KICKS OFF GEORGIA CITIES WEEK
Other Annual Events on Tap to Celebrate

April 11, 2017—The 8th Annual State of the City Address by Mayor Eric Clarkson will be held Thursday, April 20th at 8:00 a.m. at the Marriott Century Center, and it kicks off Chamblee's Georgia Cities Week activities. The mayor will speak about the city's accomplishments in 2016.

Chamblee once again will be participating in Georgia Cities Week. Cities across Georgia will celebrate April 23-29 with the theme "Cities in the Mix." Georgia Cities Week is an opportunity to share information about the valuable services cities provide to residents and how cities have a positive impact on quality of life. Chamblee will be holding a variety of events throughout the week, including a Cleanup Day, the ever-popular paper shredding event, a Rail Trail event, and the Week will culminate with the Chamblee Fun Mud Run. The activities include:

- Saturday, April 15—GA Cities Week begins with the Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) Clean Up Day beginning at 9 a.m. Residents and neighbors are invited to spruce up the Rail Trail that starts at the Wal-Mart area underneath the Clairmont bridge. Keep Chamblee Beautiful is organizing and sponsoring this event. This great walking/biking path will get some much needed "TLC" to get it back to its original glory.
- All Week—KCB also is hosting a Yard Beautification Contest. This annual KCB contest is designed to help motivate, encourage and inspire all residents to improve their own yards. The "after" photo with the most "likes" on Facebook will win. Email your photos to: keepchambleebeautiful@gmail.com. The deadline to enter is Saturday, April 22nd. There is a \$50 CASH prize and Facebook fame to the winner!
- April 22-23—The new Rail Trail Makers Festival is hosted by I.D.E.A. Chamblee and the City of Chamblee. A "Makers" festival celebrates arts, crafts, engineering, science projects and the Do-It-Yourself mindset. The Chamblee Rail Trail Makers Festival will highlight makers and artisans who use old and new technologies to craft useful creations. It will be held at the intersection of Keswick Park and the Rail Trail at Peachtree Blvd. from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Chamblee Trivia Facts will be incorporated in local restaurant's trivia nights:
 - Galla's Wednesday, April 26th at 8 pm
 - Downwind Wednesday, April 26th at 7 pm
 - Wing Factory Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 pm
 - Vintage Pizza Thursday, April 27th at 8 pm

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- Thursday April 27—oXYGen Financial will hold its annual Chamblee Shred-A-Thon. I-Shred, will be at the parking lot at Chamblee Plaza on Peachtree Blvd from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. To protect against identity theft, the FCC recommends shredding receipts, bank statements, expired tax documents, old utility bills, credit card statements and offers and medical records. Even old veterinary records can be used to gain information to access personal information.
- Geocaching ends on April 29—Participants have all week to look for hidden artifacts throughout the city. The, stop by the Chamblee Fun Mud Run to turn in your chits and claim your prize! The event starts at 8 a.m. For cache locations and rules visit <http://www.chambleega.com/index.aspx?nid=402>.
- FINALE—Saturday April 29—CHAMBLEE FUN MUD RUN—Come and join us for the Chamblee Fun Mud Run held on Saturday, April 29 8:00 a.m. at Chamblee Middle School. The event is hosted by the CMS Education Foundation, the City of Chamblee and DeKalb County Fire & Rescue.

For the complete GA Cities Week schedule, please visit 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.