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NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF CHAMBLEE'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WINS AWARD

March 6, 2017— The City of Chamblee has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Chamblee Finance Director Travis Sims was primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. He is supported by Kathy Hughes and Cherron Bouie in the Finance Department. The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

“Winning this award is a testament to the dedication of our City to provide accurate information to the residents of Chamblee in a format that can be easily read and understood. It is our desire to provide as much transparency in government as we can,” Sims said.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 18,000 government finance professionals. To view the report, visit www.chambleega.gov.

CHAMBLEE ISSUES RFP FOR PARKS MAINTENANCE

March 6, 2017— The City of Chamblee is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors to provide landscape maintenance services for all city parks, athletic fields and streetscapes. The term of the request for proposals (RFP) is 32 months with two, one-year options. The scope of the proposal includes mowing, turf care, edging and trimming, shrub care, straw and mulching. “Currently the City landscape maintenance is performed by full-time public works and parks workers, however with the addition of 25 acres of park land in 2016 and several new streetscapes, the City wants to move toward contracted maintenance. By contracting the landscaping, the full-time staff will have more time to maintain play spaces and perform general maintenance items, such as picking up trash, painting and pressure washing,” said Jodie Gilfillan, Parks and Works Director. Bidders may come to City Hall for a pre-proposal site visit, although it is not mandatory. Proposals are due on March 31, and contracts will be awarded on April 18, 2017.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR CITY OF CHAMBLEE MURAL UNVEILING

March 6, 2017— The City of Chamblee is excited to announce the unveiling of its second streetscape mural on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Artist Michael Jones has painted scenes and symbols that represent Chamblee’s history and community in a painting style called “Architectural Impressionism.” It suggests a sense of place without directly defining where you are. The Peachtree Road mural is a collaboration between the City of Chamblee, the Chamblee downtown Development Authority, MARTA and IDEA Chamblee, a community nonprofit arts center. Beginning at 1 p.m., the Mayor will cut the ribbon, and other dignitaries will speak about the wall as well as the importance of art in public spaces. Parking will be at the Chamblee MARTA station, and a shuttle will run to the site. Afterwards, everyone is invited to IDEA Chamblee for a reception and special exhibit of Michael Jones’ work. Visit www.chambleega.gov or www.ideachamblee.com for more information.

Michael Jones Biography

Michael Jones was born in Dallas, Texas, where he attended the famed Booker T. Washington High School for Performing and Visual Arts. Jones relocated to Atlanta, Ga., in 1994, where he received his bachelor’s degree in painting and sculpture from Atlanta College of Art (SCAD) in 1998. His focus was in nonobjective, abstract paintings. In his newer work, he uses mixed media, collage and found objects to create shifting images that mirror the constantly changing essence of present life. Jone’s work operates within interior and exterior urban spaces and honors the mundane materials that filter through our day-to-day lives.

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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.chamblee.com for more information.