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CITY OF CHAMBLEE LISTS NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017

February 12, 2018—The City of Chamblee’s commitment to excellent service delivery is evidenced in the banner year the city had in 2017. Long known as “The City on the Right Track,” each of Chamblee’s departments were on the right track and had a variety of successes to report. Some of these include:

Police

- The first Citizens Police Academy took place.
- The “Cop-N-Stuff” organization formed. This non-profit organization conducted fundraising and other activities and provided outreach within Chamblee and relief donations to hurricane victims.
- Shop With a Cop took place through Cop-N-Stuff. Officers took 30 children shopping at Walmart for a Christmas Shopping Spree. Each child purchased \$200 worth of goods. Children selected from this program are all “at risk” kids.
- The Police Department participated in at least 16 events such as “Coffee with a Cop,” “Lunch with a Cop” and Smart 911 sign-ups.
- Police Dept. Officers reversed five overdoses using “Narcan” to counter excessive opioid use.

Parks and Recreation

- The city acquired the Canfield property in 2016, which adds one acre to the existing park space and makes for better pocket park space in the city. The City also added another 26 acres of park land with the purchases of land along Savoy and the former Hearn property.
- More than 350 responses were received through a citizen survey for Dresden Park. Trails, dog parks and field space were the overwhelming choices, along with restroom and concession facilities.
- Play Me Again Pianos installed the city’s first piano, “Irving,” on the Rail Trail under Clairmont Bridge. This was the first piano that was painted by the public and the second in a city park in all of Metro Atlanta.
- Groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at Dresden Park for the DeKalb County Fallen Officers Monument.

Public Works

- Chamblee paved approximately 8.3 miles of roadways in 2017, which is 10.6% of public roads. In addition, Chamblee completed three new

streetscape projects that included an additional one mile of paving and approximately 1.5 miles of new sidewalk.

- Chamblee repaired approximately 2,600 square yards of potholes (590 tons of asphalt) throughout the City in 2017.
- Public Works completed 18 contracted projects. The total storm water project expenditures for 2017 was \$560,000.
- Residents in Chamblee diverted 13.2% of their solid waste to landfill alternatives through the household recycling program.

Development

- The Development Department led a comprehensive update to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
- Chamblee completed a concept plan for Peachtree Road's streetscape and the extension of the Rail Trail, which are key components of the City's vision of a transit-oriented, walkable downtown.
- The Atlanta Regional Commission's Livable Centers Initiative program completed the Buford Highway Masterplan. This plan guides the Buford Highway corridor toward the goals of increasing transportation alternatives, improving accessibility, expanding mixed land uses and supporting development.
- The Development Department implemented significant improvements to the City's permitting process, including moving permit submittals, reviews, payments and inspection requests online. A new interactive online zoning map also was launched.

The Mayor's State of the City of Address on April 26th will highlight more of the City's accomplishments. It will be at the Chamblee Chamber Breakfast at the Marriott Century Center at 7:30 a.m. In addition, the complete listing of accomplishments will be detailed in the City's new annual report published this spring. For more information on the City of Chamblee, please visit 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 for more information.