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Chamblee's Special Services Districts



Have you ever heard of Special Services Districts (SSD)? Well, the City of Chamblee has two of them, one in our Downtown and the other in the Dresden Drive/Plaster Road area. SSDs are established to provide local government services within a specific set of boundaries for specific purposes, such as additional law enforcement, increased maintenance, certain capital improvements, or other services that are funded through a special tax that is levied within the SSD. The SSD may also be used as a catalyst for economic development opportunities that attract retail and other businesses that would further support a thriving business environment.

Here's how each one operates in the City of Chamblee:

In 2023, the City of Chamblee established its Downtown Entertainment District to promote increased social activities and pedestrian traffic in downtown Chamblee and to expand entertainment options involving alcoholic beverages within the Downtown Entertainment District. This district stretches from Ingersoll Rand Drive to McGaw Drive. As part of the SSD, commercial and multi-family property owners in the Downtown Special Services District pay slightly more in property taxes.

In 2024, the City of Chamblee adopted the Dresden Park Small Area Plan. This plan is the detailed vision and strategic framework for preservation, development, and growth of the Dresden Park area, which includes Buford Highway to the northwest, the Laventure Forest subdivision to the north, Shallowford Road and adjacent properties to the east, Northeast Expressway to the south, and the rear of a series of multifamily apartment complexes along the western boundary. As part of the Dresden/Plaster SSD, commercial property owners in this area pay slightly more in property taxes.



These funds go towards economic development projects, infrastructure improvements, and critical city services. For more information and to view the interactive map of these SSDs, scan the QR Code.



Chamblee Safety Action Plan

Chamblee's Public Works Department is launching a transportation Safety Action Plan, which will aim to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways by fostering a proactive, data-driven, and inclusive approach to transportation safety.

Chamblee was awarded a grant as part of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, which funds initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The Chamblee Safety Action Plan will analyze crash data, assess roadway risks, and gather stakeholder and public input to identify transportation safety issues and develop specific, implementable projects and strategies to advance safe travel for all users of Chamblee's transportation network.

Visit www.chambleega.com/public_works to learn more about the Safety Action Plan and ways to get involved!

City of Chamblee Launches 9-1-1 Services and Emergency Notification with **Smart911**



Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up for the Free Service That Sends Emergency Notifications and Provides Emergency Responders With Key Information.

The City of Chamblee announced that Smart911 is available to all individuals and families. Smart911 is a free service that allows individuals to create a Safety Profile for their household that can include any information they may want 9-1-1 call takers and first responders to have in the event of an emergency, then if they need to dial 9-1-1 their Safety Profile will immediately display on the call taker's screen saving critical seconds and even minutes in response to the emergency. Coupled with Alerts, individuals can receive notifications on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies.

"Smart911 saves critical time in an emergency when seconds count," said Chief Michael Dieppa, Chamblee Police Chief. "The key information provided in a Smart911 Safety Profile enables us to know exactly where we are going and who we are looking for if a child goes missing or any type of emergency, those details can help us respond faster and more efficiently. Sending notifications through Rave Alert allows us to keep the public informed of emergencies and how to be prepared and stay safe."

Smart911 allows individuals to create a Safety Profile for their household at www.smart911.com or on the Smart911 App that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. When a citizen makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically

displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information. Responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously, and now fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms, EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

Individuals can also opt-in for RAVE Alert which allows citizens to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message on their cell phones. Individuals decide how much information they want to provide when they sign up and it is stored on the Smart911 secure online system. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during, and after emergencies.

With Smart911 and RAVE Alert, the community is more aware and better prepared in the event of an emergency. Smart911 enables citizens to link both home and work addresses to mobile phones, which can be passed on to responders in the field for a more detailed, rapid response. All information is optional, and the citizen has the ability to choose what details they would like to include. To sign-up, scan the QR Code.



DeKalb Peachtree Airport, Plane Noise® App for Submitting Noise Complaints



As a reminder, residents living near the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport now have an easy and efficient way to submit noise complaints to airport staff. Plane Noise® allows its users to submit noise complaints via a new and easy to understand webform, a convenient mobile app, and a Noise Hotline. Instructions on how to utilize both the webform and the mobile app are provided at pdkairport.org, and the DeKalb-Peachtree Airport Facebook page.

Please note that **pdknoise@dekalbcountyga.gov** can still be used to submit noise complaints. We do encourage all residents, however, to begin utilizing the Plane Noise system for noise complaints.

Please remember when submitting a complaint to provide as much information regarding the time, location, type of aircraft if known (Jet, prop, Helicopter) etc. Scan the QR Code to learn more!



Chamblee Recognizes Myositis Awareness Month

City leaders declared May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in the City of Chamblee. Myositis is a group of rare autoimmune diseases that cause inflammation and weakness in the muscles. Myositis is difficult to diagnose and those who suffer from it experience reduced quality of life, especially since a cure hasn't been found. This cause is near and dear to Chamblee resident Rich DeAugustinis who has seen his father battling this disease for over 17 years.

Myositis Awareness Month is organized in May by The Myositis Association. Join the City of Chamblee as we come together to learn more about all forms of Myositis and its symptoms and support the families in our community who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare diseases.



Myositis Awareness Month was declared in the City of Chamblee at the March City Council Meeting. L to R: Councilman John Mesa, Councilwoman Leslie Robson, Councilman Jimmy Furst, Rich DeAugustinis, Mayor Brian Mock, Councilman Paul Stovall, and Councilman Elmer Veith.



City of Chamblee Seeks Input from Business Owners and Managers in Community-Wide Survey



The City of Chamblee has launched a business survey to get input on economic health and business needs in the local economy. The City plans to use this data in its upcoming strategic plan.

The survey allows business owners and managers to participate in shaping that plan and the future of Chamblee.

"We are excited to receive more input from local businesses to guide our strategic plan," said Mayor Brian Mock. "The survey will help us get a baseline understanding of our services and allow us to measure our impact going forward." The National Business Survey (The NBS) was developed by National Research Center at Polco. The survey captures opinions on the business climate, workforce support, workforce readiness, business growth, community amenities, and other elements of Chamblee's overall economy. The results will show Chamblee's strengths, areas of improvement, and what matters most to businesses. The

City will also be able to see how its performance compares to other communities across the country.

Randomly selected businesses will receive mailed survey invitations over the next few weeks. Businesses that receive an invitation are asked to follow the enclosed instructions and complete the survey. Additionally, businesses that were not randomly selected are also invited to participate, and can do so at the following link: <https://polco.us/chamblee25bop>

"We strongly encourage feedback from all businesses for this survey," said Kristen Gorham, City Manager for the City of Chamblee. "The more businesses that participate, the better data we will have to inform our plan. This is an opportunity for all business owners and managers in the community to share their thoughts and shape the future of Chamblee." **The survey closes May 29th.** To complete the survey, scan the QR Code.



City of Chamblee Seeks Input from Residents in Community-Wide Survey



The City of Chamblee announced a resident survey to get input on government services and measure the quality of life in the community. The City plans to use this data in its upcoming strategic plan.

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"We are excited to receive more input from the community to guide our strategic plan," said Mayor Brian Mock. "The survey will help us get a baseline understanding of our services and allow us to measure our impact going forward." The National Community Survey (The NCS) was developed by National Research Center at Polco. The survey captures opinions on the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, inclusivity, engagement, and other elements of Chamblee's overall livability. The results will show Chamblee's strengths, areas of improvement, and what matters most to

residents. The City will also be able to see how its performance compares to other communities across the country.

Randomly selected households will receive mailed survey invitations. Households that receive an invitation are asked to follow the enclosed instructions and complete the survey. All residents will have the opportunity to share their input in a few weeks, when the survey becomes available to the entire community.

"We strongly encourage all residents to take the survey," said City Manager Kristen Gorham. "The more people who participate, the better data we will have to inform our plan. This is an opportunity for everyone in the community to share their thoughts and shape the future of Chamblee."

The National Community Survey runs from May 22nd – July 3rd. For more information on this process, contact the City of Chamblee at 770-986-5010 or **visit chambleega.com**





Community Engagement Department Wins Big at Southeast Festivals and Events Association Conference



The City of Chamblee has the best Community Engagement Department in the region! They racked up several awards at this year's Southeast Festivals and Events Association. Please join us in congratulating them on the following awards:

- (Gold) Best Event Within An Event: Youth Culinary Competition at A Taste of Chamblee
- (Silver) Best Event Series: Live! On Your Block
- (Bronze) Best Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiative by Cultural Affairs Program Coordinator
- Event Professional of the Year: Katie Sears

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to providing quality events and programs to the citizens of Chamblee!

L to R: Joshua Duarte, Brittney Lindsay and Katie Sears holding their awards.

Atlanta International Night Market Returns to Downtown Chamblee

Whether you're a foodie eager to explore global flavors, a music enthusiast seeking captivating performances, or a family looking for a fun-filled weekend outing, the Atlanta International Night Market has something for everyone!

Downtown Chamblee will be covered in a lively atmosphere brimming with colorful stalls offering delectable cuisines from around the world, artisans showcasing their crafts, and live performances featuring traditional dances and music from various cultures. The event is pet-friendly, so your furry family members are more than welcome to indulge in the festivities! Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of togetherness, discovery, and celebration at the Atlanta International Night Market on **Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th.**

THE INTERNATIONAL Night Market ATLANTA

ATTENTION CHAMBLEE RESIDENTS!

Get ready for the upcoming Atlanta International Night Market!

The hours are 5pm-10pm on Friday and 2pm-10pm on Saturday at Chamblee City Hall!



Chamblee Unveils New Wrapped Trailer for Community Events



Residents and visitors attending our events will soon notice a new and improved addition: a fully wrapped trailer designed to serve as a mobile hub for community engagement. The eye-catching trailer, branded with vibrant photos and graphics, represents the city's culture and identity and will make its debut at all city events. It's outfitted with informational materials, swag items, t-shirts, and is a space for city officials to connect with the public. When you see it, don't be a stranger. Come by and say hi!

Plaza Fiesta's Cinco de Mayo Festival



The City of Chamblee continues to be a proud sponsor of Plaza Fiesta's annual Cinco de Mayo Festival. Enjoy the festivities on Sunday, May 4th from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Plaza Fiesta, located at 4166 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341.

PLAZA FIESTA
5 de MAYO 2025
Entrada Gratis
Invitados Especiales:
LA PODEROSA BANDA SAN JUAN
Domingo, 4 de Mayo / 12:00 PM

PRESENTING SPONSOR: **BADER LAW**
BRONZE SPONSOR: **Talpa**, **Señorial**, **Del Fruta**, **CITY OF CHAMBLEE**, **TELEMUNDO ATLANTA**, **AVideo**



Mayor Brian Mock, Councilman Elmer Veith, and Councilman Paul Stovall join Talpa owners Louis Cardenas, Eder Cifuentes, and David Herrera for their official ribbon cutting ceremony.



Talpa Supermercados Opens in Chamblee

We are excited to have Talpa Supermercados open their 15th location right here in Chamblee! The owners were joined by Chamblee's City leaders on April 1st for its official ribbon cutting at its new location at Plaza Fiesta, located at 4166 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341.

Talpa Supermercados has all of your grocery needs from meats, seafood, fruits, vegetables, a bakery, and more! Check it out and show your support!



Deep Roots Wine Market, The Social Studio and Kin Coffee Co. Launch "Chamblee Social Junction"



Mayor Brian Mock, Councilman Jimmy Furst, Councilman John Mesa, and Councilman Paul Stovall with Lynn Hale (Owner of Deep Roots Wine Market), Kiera Palmer (Owner of The Social Studio), and Phil Byun and John Theoharis (Co-owners of Kin Coffee Co.). Grand Opening Photo by Moetos Photography.

Make your way to Downtown Chamblee to "Chamblee Social Junction." This is where you'll find some of our newest downtown businesses! April 5th was the official ribbon cutting for neighboring businesses Deep Roots Wine Market and Tasting Room, The Social Studio, and Kin Coffee Co. Their location on Peachtree Rd is now known as "Chamblee Social Junction."

Deep Roots Wine Market & Tasting Room

5348 Peachtree Rd,
Chamblee, GA 30341

The Social Studio

5350 Peachtree Rd,
Chamblee, GA 30341

Kin Coffee Co.

5352 Peachtree Rd,
Chamblee, GA 30341

CHAMBLEE Biz News



Sign-Up for the Chamblee Business Newsletter

Attention Chamblee business owners! Stay informed and connected - sign up for the Chamblee Business Newsletter to get the latest updates, resources, and opportunities delivered straight to your inbox. Scan the QR Code to Sign-up!



Chamblee Celebrates Grand Reopening of Village Park



On March 28th, the community celebrated new upgrades at one of our neighborhood parks! Chamblee

hosted Live! On Your Block, a neighborhood block party, to celebrate improvements at Village Park. The park underwent extensive renovations to replace grass turf with artificial turf in its multi-use field, along with adding three new shade structures, and a new walkway to the community garden with a new fence and slate chips. Funding to improve the park was awarded to the City of Chamblee in 2023 from the Georgia Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant. Chamblee was awarded \$422,391.20 to improve neighborhood assets such as parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access in communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The City of Chamblee is excited to showcase the new upgrades made at Village Park and have already seen an increase in park visitors since the completion of the artificial turf," said Parks, Recreation and Arts Director, Jodie Gilfillan.

The event included an outdoor movie screening of Moana 2, games, a food truck, and free popsicles for the first 100 people. You can check out the new improvements at Village Park, located at 3397 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Chamblee, GA 30341.



Top: Special Events Coordinator Katie Sears passing out free soccer balls to the youth.
Bottom: Councilman Paul Stovall, Mayor Brian Mock, and Councilman Jimmy Furst at the grand reopening of Village Park.



NEW SIDEWALK MURAL “BLOOMS” IN DOWNTOWN CHAMBLEE

Our community just got a little brighter with a stunning new sidewalk mural featuring vibrant flowers in full bloom by Artsy Elaine at the corner of Peachtree Rd and Miller Drive. Next time you're out for a walk, be sure to check it out and snap a photo!

Experience Pacific Island Culture at Chamblee's “Performance in the Park”

Mahealani's Polynesian Revue is coming to Chamblee!

Join us on Sunday, May 18th at 11am & 3pm for an unforgettable free, family-friendly celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Experience the vibrant sights and sounds of the Pacific Islands — Hawai'i, Tahiti, New Zealand, and Samoa — with award-winning performances by Mahealani's Polynesian Revue.

Enjoy:

- Live cultural dances and music
- Hands-on cultural learning stations
- Fun photo ops
- Local eats & sweet treats
- And a few surprise delights!

Grab your picnic blanket, head to the green space at Chamblee City Hall, and settle in for a day of culture, community, and celebration.





CHAMBLEE SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is underway for Chamblee's 2025 Youth Summer Camps!

The City of Chamblee offers a variety of engaging summer camps for children ages 3-14 at Keswick Park and Arrow Creek Park. Campers can enjoy art, theatre, soccer, ultimate frisbee, becoming a rockstar, self-defense, educational camps and more! The camps are led by fun and talented instructors who are dedicated to helping campers discover and enhance their skills and talents. Registration is currently open at chambleerec.com. Scan the QR Code to register.





Thinking About Taking a Tree Down?

All about the City's policies on tree removal and the new tree removal public notice requirement

Tree removal permits are being handled differently this year! This is because the Mayor and City Council recently approved an ordinance that enables the public to see where tree removals have been approved.

Ordinance 832, a revision of Section 320-34 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), states that a city-approved tree removal permit must be displayed on a public notice yard sign at least five days prior to tree removal. This article provides a summary of tree removal permitting in Chamblee and explains how the new requirement for public notice yard signs will be administered.

About tree removals

The first thing to know is that homeowners can remove up to five non-specimen trees per calendar year without a permit. That raises the question: what is a specimen tree?

According to our code, a specimen tree is one that meets criteria measured from a height of 4.5 feet:

- Hardwood trees, such as oak or maple, that are 24 inches or greater in diameter.
- Softwood trees, such as pine, that are 30 inches or greater in diameter.
- Understory trees, such as dogwood and redbud, that grow under larger ones, that are 4 inches or greater in diameter.
- A smaller tree can be considered a specimen tree if it is a rare or unusual species, of exceptional or unique quality, or of historical significance.

How can I apply for a tree removal permit and the public notice sign that goes with it?

You can start your application by visiting our online permitting system at: www.chambleega.com/planning_and_development/applications_and_forms.php

1. Look for the Building Permit Forms and Instructions Tab.
2. Click on the Tree Removal Permit Application.
3. Complete the Form.

A complete tree removal application includes several items:

- Application form
- Sketch or site plan of the property, showing:
 - Property lines
 - Lot size (acres or square feet)
 - Location of house and any other structures
 - Location, species, and diameter at breast height of all existing trees
 - Trees to be removed marked with an X

- Photos of the trees to be removed
- A statement from a registered Landscape Architect or Certified Arborist explaining why the tree needs to be removed (the tree removal contractor may be able to provide this)
- Contractor's business license and certificate of liability Insurance
- Permit fee

The site plan allows the reviewers to have a clear idea of the property layout and make informed decisions regarding the permit. The photos serve the same purpose. To avoid delays in the application process, applicants should ensure that their submittals are complete with all required documents.

APPROVED TREE REMOVAL

Public Notice

This public notice sign has been placed in accordance with requirements of the City of Chamblee, Unified Development Ordinance, Section 320-34. The flagged three (or trees) on this property has been approved for removal.



Tree removal permits are issued by the Planning and Development Department from **8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday**. Once your permit has been approved, staff will prepare and set up a public notice yard sign (pictured here). The green city-issued public notice sign must be staked in a location in the property

which is visible and legible from a frontage street. Your job as an applicant is to clearly mark each tree to be removed with ribbon no later than when the sign is posted on the property.

Keep in mind, the pre-posting requirement applies to all tree removals except for those exempt from permitting requirements under Section 320-30(b)(2) of the UDO such as emergency tree removals. Tree removals are specifically explained in Section 320-34 of the UDO.

Resources

The Planning and Development Department is here to help with the new public notice sign requirement. For more information, contact us at **770.986.5010** or visit the department website, www.chambleega.com/planning_and_development/index.php. You may also visit us in person on the first floor of **City Hall from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**



Chamblee Police Hosts Two-Day Autism Training in Recognition of Autism Awareness Month



To kick-off Autism Awareness Month in April, the Chamblee Police Department hosted a specialized autism training for their officers. The training was led by Bart Barta of Autism Safety 101, an organization dedicated to providing first responders with the tools and tactics they need to achieve the best outcomes when interacting with citizens on the autism spectrum and to help individuals with autism live and work safely in their communities. Barta is a proud father of an adult with autism and a retired law enforcement commander with over 31 years of experience. The training aimed to enhance understanding, improve interactions, and ensure the safety of individuals on the autism spectrum in our community.

"As a department committed to serving and protecting all members of our community, we recognize the importance of understanding autism and adapting our approach to ensure positive and safe interactions," said Chief Michael Dieppa, Chamblee Police Department. "This training equips our officers with the knowledge and skills needed to respond with empathy and awareness."

Chamblee Police Officers learned best practices for recognizing signs of autism, effective communication strategies, and de-escalation techniques tailored to individuals with sensory sensitivities and communication challenges.



Chamblee Code Enforcement Guide Now Available in Spanish

Chamblee is making it easier for all residents and businesses to understand local regulations by releasing its Code Enforcement Guide in Spanish. Written by Code Enforcement Division Director William Robbins, the goal is to reach a wider audience and be inclusive. Robbins wrote the first ever code enforcement guide for Chamblee to help residents and business owners understand their responsibilities, avoid violations, and maintain safe, clean properties. The Code Enforcement Guide provides a brief overview of the most common code violations and questions as well as the applicable section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). To read the guide, scan the QR Code.





LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!



**Don't become a victim!
Help us keep Chamblee safe!**



- ▶ **Lock Your Car:** Always lock your doors and close all windows, even if you're just stepping away for a moment.
- ▶ **Take Your Keys:** Never leave your keys or key fob inside your vehicle. Don't leave valet keys in the glove box.
- ▶ **Hide Valuables:** Store purses, electronics, and other valuables out of sight or take them with you.
- ▶ **Park Smart:** Choose well-lit, high-traffic areas whenever possible.
- ▶ **Stay Alert:** Report suspicious activity to the police immediately by calling 9-1-1.
- ▶ **Be Proactive:** Purchase anti-theft devices such as Club Steering Wheel Locks or LoJack GPS for your vehicle.



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Police Department



Public Works Appreciation Week

A Message from the Directors



Public Works Managers and Directors.

Join us **May 19th – May 23rd** as we recognize and celebrate the hardworking employees of Chamblee Public Works! This week is dedicated to showing appreciation for their dedication and contributions to keeping our city running smoothly. From maintaining infrastructure to ensuring sanitation services, their work is essential to our community's success. Let's take this time to thank them for all they do! #ChambleePublicWorks #EmployeeAppreciation



Did you know that the City of Chamblee offers electronics recycling? It happens every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drop off your used, broken or obsolete electronics at Chamblee Public Works, 3210 Cumberland Drive, Chamblee, GA 30341.

A \$10 fee is required for TV and computer monitors. Residents may also drop off their household recycling.

Stormwater Information



Chamblee maintains a system of stormwater infrastructure to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff that can cause street flooding and erosion. The City recently completed a major stormwater repair and improvement project on N. Peachtree Road at Perimeter Park, replacing a 60-inch pipe and rebuilding several structures to stabilize a culvert just upstream of Nancy Creek.

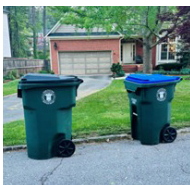


Sanitation Information

How to Make A Sanitation Request

Residents of Chamblee can request special pickups for bulky items and yard debris through the Public Works Department. To schedule a pickup, complete the Special Pickup Request Form available on the city's sanitation webpage or call 770-986-5019. Fees include a \$75 base charge, with additional costs depending on the item: refrigerators (\$100), washing machines and dryers (\$85), couches and recliners (\$85), and yard debris over 5 feet in length (minimum \$85). Payments must be made prior to removal. For a comprehensive list of fees and guidelines, please visit the Special Pickups & Yard Waste page on the City of Chamblee's website.

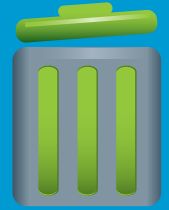
Sanitation Notice for Residents



To ensure efficient waste collection, please place your carts with the arrows facing out toward the street. This helps our sanitation crew identify carts that still need to be serviced.

After collection, our sanitation crew will turn the cart to the side, indicating that it has been picked up. Please do not turn your sanitation cart back to its original state after our sanitation crew has picked it up; If your cart has already been serviced it will show a false indication that our sanitation crew missed a task and will slow down our service for other residents. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community clean!

2025 Holiday Sanitation Schedule



Memorial Day:

Monday, May 26th

Monday's route will be collected on Wednesday, May 28th

Juneteenth:

Thursday, June 19th

Thursday's route will be collected on Wednesday, June 18th

Independence Day:

Friday, July 4th

Friday's route will be collected on Monday, July 7th

Labor Day:

Monday, September 1st

Monday's route will be collected on Wednesday, September 3rd

Staff Appreciation Day:

Monday, October 13th

Monday's route will be collected on Wednesday, October 15th

Veteran's Day:

Tuesday, November 11th

Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 12th

Thanksgiving Holiday:

Thursday and Friday, November 27th and November 28th

Thursday's route will be collected on Wednesday, November 26th

Friday's route will be collected on Monday, December 1st

Christmas Holiday:

Wednesday and Thursday, December 24th and December 25th

Thursday's route will be collected on Friday, December 26th

Yard debris, leaf collection, and special pickups are suspended during each holiday week.

Transportation Accomplishments



The Chamblee Transportation Division has made significant improvements throughout the city, enhancing safety and accessibility. Recent accomplishments include the installation of bollards to improve pedestrian protection, parking lot and bike lane striping for better traffic organization, and the placement of new signage to guide residents and visitors. These upgrades reflect Chamblee's commitment to a safer, more navigable community for all.

Safe Streets for All Program:

With injuries and fatalities related to roadway crashes on the rise, it has become vital to change our paradigm with respect to addressing road safety. The Chamblee Mobility Plan is a comprehensive transportation plan for the City of Chamblee. It provides a data-driven, community-supported framework for how Chamblee should invest in its transportation system over the next 20 years. The City of Chamblee is seeking to develop a Safety Action Plan to coordinate existing efforts and develop new streets, bicycle lanes, pedestrian paths and adjust the street network at key locations. This Action Plan will place an emphasis on equity, ensuring that the prioritization of vulnerable groups is written into policies and procedures. These groups include historically disadvantaged communities as well as people walking, biking, riding transit, and using micro mobility.

The project will be led by the City of Chamblee's Public Works Department. Federal funds will be used to procure a professional consultant(s) to assist with the safety



analysis, community engagement, and a written plan with measurements and specific project recommendations based on data and public input. The primary deliverable will be a publicly available Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The scope of the project is to develop a Safety Action Plan with a Vision Zero basis. The goal of the Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users. The Safety Action Plan must include all the components laid out by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) in the SS4A grant notice of funding availability.

Cross Keys High School *Skills USA State Winners*

Congratulations to Cross Keys High School's Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Class of 2025 students: Parker Deems (Chamblee Resident), Mahtabeen Hossain, and Hazima Ishaq. These dedicated individuals have consistently demonstrated a commitment to learning, skill-building, and active participation in public safety events within the Criminal Justice field.

Their team advanced to the State-Level Skills USA competition by winning the Skills USA Region 4 championship. Cross Keys is proud to announce that the team won the Bronze Medal in Crime Scene Investigations, making them among the top three teams in the state of Georgia!

When this focus-driven team is not making history, they are each involved in additional commendable activities. In particular, Parker is one of the Voices of CK's announcement team and serves as the Student President of SkillsUSA.

Cross Keys High School would also like to congratulate Skills USA State Winner Kevin Brown (Chamblee Resident) who won the Bronze medal for Information Technology Pathway T-Shirt Design!



Kevin Brown is pictured on the left with his Bronze Skills USA medal.



Parker Deems is featured in the middle holding her Bronze Skills USA medal.



Huntley Hills Students Attend DeKalb Elementary Honors Orchestra 2025

Congratulations to the 4th and 5th grade Huntley Hills Elementary students who were selected to attend the DeKalb Elementary Honors Orchestra on March 29th. The Honors Orchestra is selected from the top students from across the county who show excellence in performance, leadership, and behavior throughout the school year. The students gather together to put together a special program with adjudicators that specialize in strings education. Students from 4th, 5th and 6th grade programs from all of the Elementary and Middle Schools with active strings programs are represented in this event, and they all work together to learn a whole concert in one day! Pictured are students from Huntley Hills Elementary School (Huntley Hills Tigers) represented at this special event this year. Students learned to play together!



Huntley Hills Tigers Honors Orchestra.



Scan the QR code to enjoy this video of the program!

When a Toddler Trash Can Changed Everything

Chamblee Parents Launch Etsy Hit Avicado Baby

By Dara & Dion Thomas-Rose, Founders of Avicado Baby

Two Halloweens ago, when our toddler was just two and a half, he didn't want to be an astronaut or a cartoon character — he wanted to be a sanitation worker. He was deep in his “trash truck” era (if you know, you know), and all he wanted was to live that dream. **SO WE BUILT IT.**

A mini rolling trash can and pint-sized safety vest — complete with his name on the front and our city's logo (used with permission) proudly displayed across the bin. We used real wheels, a wooden handle, and the best materials we could find to make it feel as real as possible. That Halloween, he proudly marched up and down the driveway, wheeling his little can behind him like he'd been on the job for years. **But something shifted after that day.**

It wasn't just a costume anymore. That trash can became part of his world — his work. He began taking responsibility for where things go in our home, mimicking the job he so admired. Before any trash-related activity, he'd make sure to grab his safety vest. It became a ritual.

There was something profound in watching our tiny human take ownership of something so practical, all because the tools matched the scale of his enthusiasm. That's when we realized: this isn't just cute — it's developmental.

We're inspired by Montessori principles. We believe children thrive when they're given real, functional tools that reflect their interests. That's where confidence is born — not in pretending, but in doing. So, we listed our handmade Mini Trash Can on Etsy. We thought maybe a few other parents might relate. Over 500 sales and 130+ five-star reviews later, it became something of a parenting moment — Montessori meets real life, meets “that's so adorable I could cry.” And yet, behind every order was something deeper: parents who saw themselves in the story, and kids who saw their abilities reflected back at them.

Our son's next obsession? Construction. You can imagine what happened next. We sourced a toddler-sized tool belt, safety goggles, orange vest, hard hat — all personalized to fit. This past Halloween, he didn't just look the part — he became

the part. He fixes everything with us now. He suits up: vest first, tool belt buckled, hat adjusted, goggles in place. The whole thing. Because, to him, it's real. Screws in air vents. Measures baseboards. Tells us when something's “structurally unstable.”

It's hilarious. And it's meaningful.

As parents, we know how hard it is to bring those kinds of immersive experiences to life

— especially when you're juggling full-time work, a million tabs open in your brain, and a toddler asking 37 questions about garbage trucks before 8am.

That's why we're building more. This Halloween, our Etsy shop will feature a full Trash Professional and Construction Suite for toddlers: thoughtfully designed, hard-to-find accessories — built by hand. Because every kid deserves to step into their dreams... even if those dreams begin with a hard hat, a safety vest, and a trash can on wheels. Thanks for cheering us on, Chamblee. You helped us turn one little obsession into something surprisingly meaningful (and ridiculously adorable).





Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance to Host Fiber Flea Market 2025

The Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance (SEFAA) is hosting a Fiber Flea Market on June 7th from 10:00 am- 3:30 p.m. as a fun and cheap way to stock up on textile supplies at amazing prices. Search for bargains on yarn, thread, fiber, fabric, notions, tools, patterns, books, magazines, tools, and equipment at this textile-only sale. Our vendors are bringing treasures, one-of-a-kind finds, and plenty of too-good-to-leave-behind/I-will-use-this-someday goodies. Entry is free, so grab a friend, come on down, and shop till you drop!

Want to help out at the event? Volunteer to help set up the SEFAA Center for the sale on Friday and/or for a 2-hour shift while you hang out with friends at Fiber Flea Market 2025! Depending on which shift you volunteer for, your duties may include helping customers and vendors, staffing the SEFAA sales area, and setup/takedown. Scan the QR Code to sign-up.

Questions? Just email: fleamarket@fiberartsalliance.org.



Fiber Flea Market

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We're calling on you — our members, neighbors, and friends — to help us honor this legacy. If you have stories, photographs, documents, or memories connected to Chamblee First UMC, we'd love to include them in our celebration. Please scan and email your contributions to bicentennial@chambleeumc.org.

Whether part of the city, part of the church, or both, let's come together to celebrate the enduring spirit of Chamblee. Join us as we look back with gratitude — and look forward with hope.

Chamblee High's Flag Football Program on the Rise: Building a Legacy of Growth and Grit



Chamblee High School flag football head coach Erica Harris is entering her third season in this role. Thanks to a \$2,000 grant from the Atlanta Falcons, the Chamblee High School flag football program was established in 2023, and the Atlanta Falcons have played a crucial role in promoting flag football for girls throughout Georgia. As the fastest-growing sport in the nation, flag football has gained significant momentum, with the Atlanta Falcons providing clinics for both coaches and athletes. After dedicating 20 years to coaching basketball, cross country, and track and field, Coach Harris retired but was inspired to take on the flag football program after learning about its inaugural season. In the first season, there were

25 girls at tryouts, while last year saw over 80 girls eager to join. This growth led to a total of 45 girls making the team, but unfortunately, more than 40 girls had to be cut from the program. Due to the increasing interest, a junior varsity team was added last year. Additionally, flag football has recently been announced as one of five sports to be included in the 2028 Olympics.

Please Join Us in Congratulating Our Newest Chamblee 101 Graduates!



We had 30 graduates to complete the 11-week course where they got a behind-the-scenes look at how the City of Chamblee operates. A special thanks to the Community Engagement Department, our City leaders and City staff for coordinating and participating in another successful year of Chamblee 101!

Here is your 2025 Chamblee 101 Graduating Class:

Brian Abrams
Lindsay Allward-theimer
Manuel Barcenas
Lisa Barker
Tonya Burnley
Daria Chryssochoos

Chris Clark
Aileen de la Torre-Hughes
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Tonya Tekie
Joyce Tuttle
Mike Wolf



Chamblee Happenings

May

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Plaza Fiesta's Cinco de Mayo

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Electronics Recycling

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Mahealani's Polynesian Revue

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Coffee With The City Manager

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City Offices Closed for Memorial Day

June

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June Summer Concert Series

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City Offices Closed for Juneteenth Holiday

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Electronics Recycling

27 & 28

Atlanta International Night Market

City Meetings

Chamblee City Council Meetings

Tues., May 20

Tues. June 17

(City Council Regular Meeting)

Tues., May 15

Thurs., June 12

(Public Hearing and Work Session)

Chamblee City Hall | 6:00 PM

Discover Chamblee Advisory Committee Meeting

Wed., June 25

Chamblee City Hall | 12:00 PM

Downtown Development Authority Meetings

Tues., May 27

Tues., June 24

Chamblee City Hall | 6:30 PM

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Wed., May 28

Wed., June 25

Chamblee Police Department | 7:00 PM

Public Art Commission Meetings

Thurs., May 22

Thurs., June 26

Chamblee City Hall | 6:00 PM



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District 2: Leslie C. Robson

District 3: Paul Stovall

District 4: Elmer Veith

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Kristen Gorham

Assistant City Manager:

Vivian Vakili

Finance Director:

Julie Pero

Chief of Police:

Michael Dieppa

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Cherron Bouie

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Jodie Gilfillan

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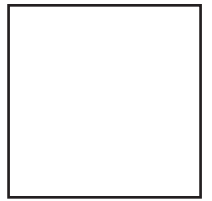
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