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Dropping Anchor in Peachtree Corners

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, April 8, 2015 -- Those who travel Peachtree Parkway regularly have undoubtedly noticed the giant ship's anchor that has been installed on the front lawn of [United Arab Shipping Company's](#) (UASC) office building located at the Spalding Drive intersection.

Adding the behemoth piece of cast iron in front of [UASC's office, which had relocated its northern headquarters](#) to [Peachtree Corners](#) in October, 2014, was a project started by the company's retiring President Anil Vitarana.

"With the merging of all of our U.S. offices in one place, he had the idea of 'dropping anchor' in the literal and figurative sense," explained Gerard Bradley, spokesman for the company.

It was no easy feat, moving an object that weighs over 9 and 1/2 tons. Bradley said it wouldn't have been possible without the Georgia Port authority which was instrumental in getting the anchor loaded and delivered from the Savannah port to the Peachtree Corners location.

Here are a few fast facts about the city's newest landmark:

- Total weight: 8775 kilograms, (that's a little over 19,000 pounds)
- It's made of cast iron
- Technically it's called a "stockless" or "patent" anchor because it does not have a cross beam at the top
- It measures 16 feet long and about 10 feet wide
- It was originally from one of UASC's "A4" container vessels
- The anchor was loaded in Jebel Ali (A port town, located southwest of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates
- And discharged in Savannah and delivered to Peachtree Corners on March 7
- The anchor is bolted to a two-foot thick concrete slab

Bradley said that over the next few weeks, the anchor will be sanded, primed and painted a dark marine gray color and the surrounding area will be landscaped.

Many of you may be familiar with Marietta's "big chicken" - now Peachtree Corners can make a claim of its own – home to what may be the biggest anchor this side of the Mississippi.

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