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City to Celebrate Past, Showcase Future of Technology Park

Pioneers who established Technology Park, Georgia Tech's President to be part of celebration.

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, July 30, 2018 – Technology Park Atlanta has a long history of churning out new businesses that later became giants in the world of technology. Dennis Hayes of Hayes Modems, Allen Ecker of Scientific Atlanta, Leland Strange, founder of Quadram Corporation, all with ties to Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), were responsible for developing Technology Park Atlanta into a technology and economic powerhouse in the 1970s and '80s.

Today, Technology Park Atlanta continues to be at the forefront of technology innovation. The renowned office park, developed by Georgia Tech alum Paul Duke and located in Peachtree Corners, is now home to several incubators and accelerators that support entrepreneurs entering the vast field of technology. The list includes Prototype Prime, a startup incubator that supports hardware and software companies, and an accelerator, Advanced Vehicle Accelerator, a research and development center for autonomous vehicle technology, also based at Prototype Prime. In addition, Tech Park is home to several other incubators and accelerators.

Since it opened its doors in October 2016, Prototype Prime and Georgia Tech's Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) have partnered to support early stage software and hardware technology startups.

To celebrate Technology Park's past and to get a peek into its future, Prototype Prime will hold a special event on Thursday, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Aug. 2, 2018. During the celebration, Hayes, Ecker, Strange and others will be recognized as "Pioneers of Technology Park." Mayor Mike Mason will unveil the 12,500 square-foot expansion of Prototype Prime and Georgia Tech's president, Dr. George "Bud" Peterson will announce a new partnership with Prototype Prime.

The City of Peachtree Corners, Prototype Prime and Georgia Tech invite you to join in celebrating Tech Park's history and its future.

Location: 147 Technology Parkway, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

Agenda:

- 4:30 – 4:45 p.m. – Guests check in (lower level)
- 4:45 p.m. – Guests assemble in the special events room
- 5:00 p.m. – Welcome by Mayor Mike Mason followed by Georgia Tech’s President Bud Peterson to talk about the school’s alumni who played a large role in Tech Park Atlanta, its current partnership with Prototype Prime and its future as an autonomous vehicle testbed. The president will also announce a new partnership with Georgia Tech Professional Education.
- 6:00 p.m. - Program ends

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[About Prototype Prime](#)

Located in Peachtree Corners, Prototype Prime is an early stage technology incubator located in Peachtree Corners that focuses on hardware and software startups. The 26,000 square-foot facility features a design & development lab, autonomous vehicle test track, flexible lease office space, classrooms, and a special events facility.

[About Georgia Institute of Technology](#)

Located in Atlanta, Georgia, the Georgia Institute of Technology, also known as Georgia Tech, is a top-ranked public college and one of the leading research universities in the USA. Georgia Tech is organized into six colleges and contains about 31 departments/units, with emphasis on science and technology. It is well recognized for its degree programs in engineering, computing, business administration, the sciences, design, and liberal arts.

[About City of Peachtree Corners](#)

Situated in Gwinnett County, one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia, Peachtree Corners is conveniently located to major highways, I-85, I-285 and GA 400 and just 30 minutes northeast of Atlanta. Founded on July 1, 2012, it is the largest and newest city in the county. Peachtree Corners is home to over 40,000 residents and over 17 square miles in size. Located in the southwest corner of the county, seven miles of the Chattahoochee River define its western border.