

## Arts and Culture in Peachtree Corners

Since the city's inception, Peachtree Corners has been a supporter of the arts. Not long after the city was incorporated, the city council appointed members to the Peachtree Corners Arts Council. Recognizing the importance of arts and culture as key components of social interaction and economic growth, the Arts Council began planning how to bring more art and culture to Peachtree Corners. In 2017, it worked with the Sizemore Group to develop an Arts and Culture Master Plan for the city. Recommendations called for public art, events, programming and an arts center, and funding strategies were identified. The Arts Council then set to work identifying and organizing public events for the city's new Town Center. The concerts and community events that emerged were extremely popular with residents, businesses and visitors with thousands of people routinely in attendance. The free events continue from May through December.

In 2018, the Arts Council developed the city's Public Art Initiative, creating a visionary map for public art, as well as a mechanism for catalyzing it. As part of the initiative, a resolution was adopted by the city council requiring developers to meet with the Peachtree Corners Arts Council to discuss possibilities for public art on their property. Developers were asked to voluntarily set aside one percent of their project costs for public art, either by including art on their property or contributing money to a public art fund administered by the city.

In 2023, the Arts Council officially formed its own 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization called Peachtree Corners Arts. One of its first projects was assisting in the creation of the Debbie Mason Memorial Garden at the Town Center to honor one of the original members of the Arts Council, Debbie Mason, wife of the first mayor Mike Mason. This colorful, contemplative garden space is nestled in an area of the Town Center along the Botanical Garden Walk, not far the mural on Peachtree Corners Circle. Peachtree Corners Arts has also been a strong supporter of Shakespeare in the Park, and continues to facilitate more murals and other public art in the community.

To learn more about Peachtree Corners Arts, offer support, or get involved, please visit:

<https://ptcartarts.org>