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Welcome to Peachtree Corners inaugural quarterly newsletter. Inside you'll find a recap of the news for the first quarter of the year. The city also distributes a monthly e-newsletter. If you'd like to keep up with what's going on around town on a monthly basis, visit the city's website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov, and click on the link on the top right of the homepage marked "Subscribe to Newsletter."



Director Greg Ramsey (left) and the Public Works team.

MEET THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM

Have you noticed a number of areas across the city looking as though they have been spruced up? Well, there is good reason: the City now has its own Public Works Department.

Beginning November 1, 2014, the Mayor and City Council elected to expand the services of the existing CH2M HILL team to include Public Works. The team is responsible for handling the maintenance on city streets and the city's right of way.

Those responsibilities also include managing pavement issues, resurfacing programs, street sign problems, and replacements, as well as mowing grass, and pruning of trees, and bushes in the right of way. The new department is led by Public Works Director, Greg Ramsey.

The City now provides a Citizen Response Center, where calls to city hall's main phone line are answered 24 hours a day. For questions: contact Public Works Director Greg Ramsey at gramsey@peachtreecornersga.gov.

Inside Peachtree Corners



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News from Around the Corners

1st Quarter 2015

Newsletter

Message from the Mayor

New Town Center, New Businesses, Redevelopment Just Tip of the Iceberg for City

Welcome to the city's quarterly issue of "Inside Peachtree Corners." I'd like to take a look back at 2014 which turned out to be a busy year for our city.

We began the year with news that an international shipping company had chosen Peachtree Corners to re-locate its North American headquarters, investing multi-millions of dollars and bringing 160 jobs to the city. Then two more international companies announced their plans to move into the city investing a combined \$8 million and adding 200+ new jobs to our city.

In 2014 we also gained 365 new businesses and processed 2,490 business license renewals, highlighting that business really is booming in Peachtree Corners. City Hall processed 690 commercial construction permits including five new commercial buildings and 420 interior remodels. Residential construction is also on

the upswing; 76 new home permits were processed and in 2015 two new residential neighborhoods will be under construction.

One of the most exciting projects is the city's new town center. Many of you have already seen the plans which include restaurants, retail shops, town homes, a cinébristro, and a two-acre town green which will serve as a community gathering place.

Last fall the city's public works department was established to manage and maintain our city streets. The public works department maintains 122 miles of roads and is responsible for repairing sidewalks, resurfacing roads, cleaning bridges, removing and mowing high weeds and grass and trimming and removing trees. The new department has already made substantial improvements along the city's roadways.

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City to Establish Veterans Memorial

Plans are underway to create a memorial to honor Peachtree Corners veterans as a way to recognize all of those who have served - or are still serving - in the armed forces.

The location has yet to be determined but the plan is to have the Veterans Memorial dedicated during the same time frame that the city's Town Center is expected to be complete, which is the fall of 2017.

We would like to document veterans' stories and honor them at the dedication service but we need your help in identifying our veterans.

If you are a veteran, or a friend or a family member of a veteran, please send in their names and contact information.

Send an email to Judy Putnam, Communications Director at jputnam@peachtreecornersga.gov and include the veteran's name, branch of service and years served. Please include a daytime phone number as well.

You may also call Judy's direct line at 770-609-8821 with the information.

Upcoming Events

Peachtree Corners Festival
June 13-14

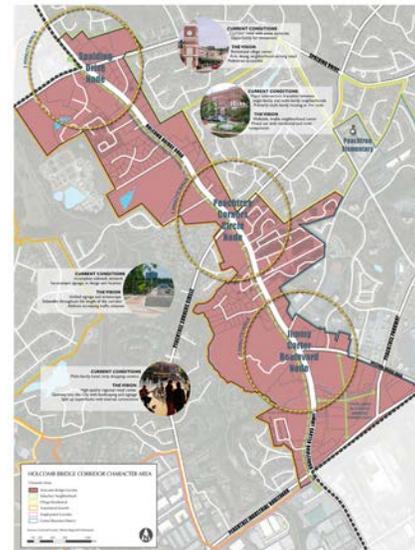
Light Up the Corners Run
August 15

Holiday Parade
November 21

City Studies Ways to Revitalize Holcomb Bridge Road Corridor

Holcomb Bridge Road, once a thriving and bustling area full of popular shops and restaurants, has become a heavily traveled commuter corridor.

City leaders, seeking ways to re-energize the roadway that is considered one of the gateways of the city, have announced plans to hire a planning and design firm to study and recommend ways to connect and enhance the area for both residents and businesses.



"This is an important and vital part of the city," said Mayor Mike Mason. The plans will focus on ways to eliminate the divide that a major roadway such as Holcomb Bridge Road naturally creates. Plans will include creating pedestrian pathways and enhancing the corridor with landscaping, street furniture and other elements.

Key elements to revitalizing the area include creating pedestrian pathways, and enhancing the corridor with such elements as landscaping, street furniture, and other focal point features.

"The road now is full of fast-moving traffic and not particularly pedestrian friendly," said the mayor. "We want to focus our attention on finding ways to re-connect the community."

The Holcomb Bridge Corridor is defined as the area along Holcomb Bridge Road between the Chattahoochee River and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and includes the area along both sides of Peachtree Corners Circle between Holcomb Bridge Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

Comcast Expands Regional Headquarters in Peachtree Corners

On Tuesday Feb. 17, 2015 Gov. Nathan Deal announced that Comcast, the nation's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone provider to residential customers has selected the City of Peachtree Corners as the site of its new regional headquarters, adding 150 new jobs and relocating the company's existing 532 full-time local employees.

Comcast will occupy four floors of the 7-story Wells building located at 6200 The Corners Parkway. The company is one of the state's largest employers with over 4,000 employees operating nearly 190 facilities, offices and call centers statewide.

The news was jointly announced by the governor's office, the Georgia Department of Economic Development and Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development.



Mayor Mike Mason (first row, second from left) joins in the celebration at the state capitol.

Transportation Improvement City's Top Priority

SPLOST Money to Fund Four Projects

Thanks to nearly \$20 million in SPLOST funds, four (4) road projects will be addressed in 2015.

1. **Peachtree Parkway (S.R. 141) at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard:** The proposed project will create an additional southbound lane on Peachtree Parkway from Holcomb Bridge Road onto the controlled access portion of S.R. 141 and create an additional lane on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard southbound to Winters Chapel Road.
2. **Buford Highway at Jimmy Carter Boulevard:** The project will make right-of-way improvements to the intersection.
3. **Widening of Spalding Drive from Winters Chapel Road to Holcomb Bridge Road:** The work will improve the angle and narrow lanes for vehicle operation and safety and to alleviate a bottleneck leaving and entering the city.
4. **Safety improvements at Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Holcomb Bridge Road:** The project will involve intersection operations, safety improvements for vehicles and pedestrians.



New Businesses Coming to Town

Taco Bell (5460 Peachtree Parkway):

We have a new fast food restaurant under construction within the parking lot with Arby's and Wendy's Peachtree Parkway. This new restaurant will provide fast casual dining.

Slingshot Entertainment (6344 Cash Court):

Slingshot Entertainment is presently under construction within the old BJ Warehouse Club store located at 6344 Cash Court (across from the Zaxby's and Racetrack on Jimmy Carter Blvd). This project consists of a complete interior remodel of the 127,972-foot building to include conference space, a bowling alley, bar and restaurant, indoor electric go-cart track and adult obstacle course.

Noble Fin (5260 Peachtree Parkway):

Located on the old Dreamland BBQ pad in front of Earth Fare will be Noble Fin, a steak and seafood restaurant.

Unfortunately we cannot single out every one of our new businesses in Peachtree Corners, but the above three constitute commitments from their owners to invest in our community. Taco Bell and Noble Fin will be new buildings from the ground up and Slingshot Entertainment is complete interior renovation of a previously vacant large building.

Don Wilkins, Building Official,
dwilkins@peachtreecornersga.gov

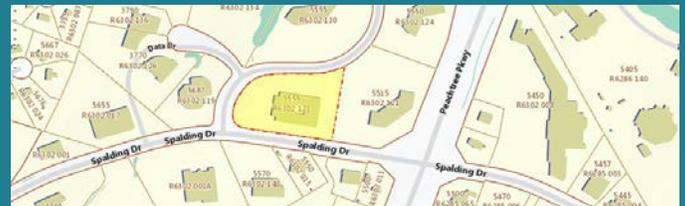


Spalding Terrace Property to be Re-developed into Gated Community

A 20 single-family home development is planned for a 5.1 acre site located on the corner of Spalding Terrace and Spalding Drive.

The detached homes range in size from 3,000 to 4,000 square feet and feature front and rear entry garages and private garden court yards.

The property was assembled from four residential lots in the Spalding Terrace subdivision. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.



New Townhomes Planned for Spalding Drive Property

The City Council recently approved plans for a 25-lot residential townhome development on 4.33 acres on Spalding Drive.

The development has been named Duke Reserve in recognition of Paul Duke who is considered the city's founder.

The townhome development will be located at 5555 Spalding Drive on the former site of an office building that was destroyed by a fire in 2011.

The development is in keeping with the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan which identified the need for more dense housing with smaller lots to appeal to both the millennial generation and the baby boomers who are looking to downsize from their larger homes and expansive yards.



Senior Living Center Set to Open this Spring

An aging-in-place facility is one residential component that's been missing in Peachtree Corners. But that need will be filled within a few months with the opening of Noble Village Senior Living Center on Spalding Drive.

The facility, expected to open this spring, will offer cottages, apartments for independent living as well as assisted living for up to 200 residents age 55 and over. It's welcome news for the city which had identified a need for housing for its aging population of empty nesters and retirees.

One of the fastest segments of the city's population is those over 65 – and that age group is expected to grow by over 50 percent in the next 20 years. That fact has huge implications on the city's plans for housing, transportation, parks and creating a pedestrian-friendly community.

Noble Village is within the Livable Center Initiative study area where work are underway to develop a plan for a central business district and town center, which will essentially be the design for the heart of the city.

Noble Village is located at 5701 Spalding Drive, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. For more information: call 770-416-0502, or visit www.noblevillage-spalding.com.

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Two Projects Underway to Repair Eroding Bank Streams

Work has begun on two projects to address several eroding stream banks that feed into the Chattahoochee River. The first project focuses on streams located in the Peachtree Station and River Valley Estate subdivisions.

The work is part of a watershed improvement project begun by Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources in coordination with the City of Peachtree Corners.

The project will stabilize erosion, increase flood-storage capacity and restore aquatic habitat along with protecting sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

The project will reconfigure and stabilize approximately 2,100 linear feet of stream along three interconnected tributaries in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

The work includes site clearing, grading new stream channels and installing in-stream structures, site stabilization with erosion control matting. The county expects to have the project completed by the end of the year.



Examples of stream conditions before and after restoration.

The second project, located in Gran River and River Place subdivisions, will reconfigure and stabilize approximately 3,500 linear feet of stream along two tributaries. The project is being implemented by Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources in coordination with the City of Peachtree Corners.

Over the next seven (7) months, the project will move through the construction process including: clearing the site, grading the channel, installing in-stream rock and log habitat structures, stabilizing the site with erosion control matting, and vegetating the area with native trees, shrubs, and grasses.

The project is part of Gwinnett County's ongoing Watershed Improvement Program, which began in 2001, and has the purpose of reducing pollutants and total suspended solids in streams and restoring aquatic and riparian habitat.

For questions please contact Public Works Director Greg Ramsey via email at gramsey@peachtreecornersga.gov or by phone, 470-395-7021.



Use City's 'Fix It' App to Report an Issue



See a pothole that needs fixing, high grass or weeds that need mowing or a broken street light - now you can report these issues and more right from your smart phone.

Use the city's "Fix It" app to upload a photo or video and location of the problem.

The free app may be downloaded to your iPhone, Android, Blackberry or Windows smartphone. Search for "Peachtree Corners" in the app store.

Don't have a smartphone? You can report problems using your computer through the "Fix It" link on the city's website.

City Building Inspectors Q&A

Frequently Asked Questions of the City's Building Department

- Q.** Do I need a permit to re-roof my house?
- A.** Yes. The purpose of a permit is to verify code compliance. Ultimately this is meant to protect your family and your home, which is possibly your largest financial investment.
- Q.** Do I have to completely strip my roof in order to re-roof?
- A.** Maybe. The International Residential Code (IRC) requires that ALL existing roof covering be removed when any of the following conditions exist.
1. If your roof or roof covering has become water soaked or has deteriorated to the point that it will not act as an adequate base for additional covering. You must strip all of the roof covering material off and repair the wood sheathing or plywood as necessary.
 2. You may not re-roof over wood shake, slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tiles. If your roof has one of these types of roof coverings, you must strip your roof down to the sheathing or plywood and re-roof from a clean surface.
 3. If your existing roof has two or more applications of any type of roof covering you must strip the roof completely down to the bare roof sheathing or plywood and re-roof.
- Q.** What inspections are required for a re-roof permit?
- A.** If you are required to strip your roof down to the sheathing, we look at the stripped roof and the sheathing to verify that it is structurally sound. The next inspection is a final inspection to verify that the roof is complete, the flashing in place around your vents and chimneys, the drip edge has been installed, and the site is free of roofing debris.
- Q.** I plan on building a deck when the weather warms up, do I need permit to construct a deck?
- A.** Yes, a permit is required and inspections during the course of construction will be performed by Peachtree Corners Building Division staff.

Unfortunately, improperly constructed and/or maintained decks fail at an alarming rate; however, the design of a safe deck is as simple as following the guidelines of the International Residential Code (IRC). The State of Georgia has done the heavy lifting for you and placed all of the information within the Prescriptive Deck Details handout. This document guides you through the design process for a code compliant deck.

If you would like to submit a question for publication or would like to discuss a construction project in Peachtree Corners, please feel free to contact me via email; dwilkins@peachtreecornersga.gov or by phone; Office (678) 691-1207; Cell (678) 928-1132.

Don Wilkins, Peachtree Corners Building Official

Simpsonwood Becomes County's Newest Park

Gwinnett County has closed on the \$14 million purchase of Simpsonwood from the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Funded by SPLOST, the Simpsonwood acquisition preserves green space and provides passive recreational opportunities for Gwinnett residents.

A timeline has not yet been established for planned improvements to the park property. The first step in the process is to develop a park master plan, which is anticipated to begin within the year.

For more information contact Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation Department, 770-822-8840.

(This news was first posted on the Gwinnett County website, www.gwinnettcounty.com.)

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The Faces of Peachtree Corners

2014 Peachtree Corners Festival



2014 Light Up the Corners



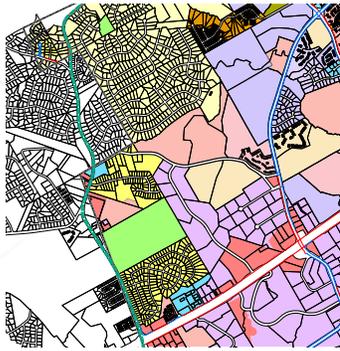
2014 Peachtree Corners Holiday Parade

Winters Chapel Corridor Study Draws Big Crowd

Nearly 200 residents participate in the joint Peachtree Corners/Dunwoody workshop



The Fellowship Hall of the Winters Chapel United Methodist Church was brimming with activity recently with nearly 200 residents and business owners and operators from both Peachtree Corners and Dunwoody. They came to participate in a workshop to provide their input on ways to improve Winters Chapel Road, the heavily traveled corridor that winds its way through both cities.



The cities of Peachtree Corners and Dunwoody launched the joint study this year to discover ways to improve pedestrian safety, increase road safety and enhance the appearance of the 2 ½ mile road that runs from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Spalding Drive.

Along with improving pedestrian and automobile safety, the study will seek ways to make the area look like one community by incorporating the same style of streetlights and street furniture as an example.

“I know I speak for Dunwoody’s mayor Mike Davis when I say how important this area is to both of our cities,” said Mayor Mike Mason.

During the workshop, participants were encouraged to study the series of maps and use the maps to jot down the improvements they would like to see incorporated into the plan.

After the study is complete, Pond & Company, the urban planners hired by the two cities, will present its study findings to the Planning Commissions of the two cities, during a City Council work session then will go before the two City Councils for approval.

Electric Recharge Station Now Available at City Hall

Thanks to a grant from the Georgia Environmental Authority, City Hall now has an electric car recharge station.

In October the City announced it had been awarded an \$9,863 grant to install a recharging station. The charging station is available to the public 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The dual station uses the Chargepoint system and requires a Chargepoint card for use. For information on Chargepoint visit, www.chargepoint.com/get-started.

It Pays to Recycle

Did you know that each time Peachtree Corners households recycles, they are eligible to receive valuable coupons and savings offers from local merchants?

Here’s how it works: A RFID chip is attached to your recycle bin that is coded with your address which gets scanned each time you place your recyclables out to be collected.

Once your household bin is scanned as an active recycler, you’ll be eligible for savings certificates and prizes.

Visit www.wasteprorewards.com for more information or to sign up for the recycling program. The recycling rewards program is managed by Waste Pro.

Five Common Code Violations

One of the services the City of Peachtree Corners provides is code enforcement. Following are five of the most common code violations in the city.

1. Tall grass and weeds on residential property.
2. Signs posted on the city right-of-way.
3. Building without the required permits.
4. RVs and non-motor vehicles in driveway.
5. Open or outdoor storage.

Please call City Hall, 678-691-1200 for additional information.

What is Your Mailing Address?

The U.S. Post Office announced last summer that it now officially recognizes Peachtree Corners as a City.

What does that mean for residents and businesses in Peachtree Corners? It means if your ZIP code is 30092, 30096, 30097 or 30071 and your home or business is within the city limits, Peachtree Corners should now be part of your address.

However, Peachtree Corners residents and businesses with a 30360 ZIP code will have to wait a bit longer due to limitations by the USPS.

Peachtree Corners soon will be celebrating its third anniversary in July. Join the city in its “Proud to Be Peachtree Corners” campaign by using Peachtree Corners in your mailing address.

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Gwinnett County Police Department: 770-513-5000
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Message from the Mayor

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The city has also launched studies for the Holcomb Bridge and Winters Chapel road corridors to discover ways to improve pedestrian safety and enhance these two important arteries. City planners are also working on creating a downtown district and adding more pedestrian-friendly features to connect the area.

We've got a lot to look forward to in 2015 - and the years ahead. Watch for more news as we move forward with these projects.

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