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INSIDE PEACHTREE CORNERS

3rd Quarter 2017



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Take the Town Green Survey

What activities would you like to see on Town Green?

The city is developing a plan for programming and activities at the Town Green, which is expected to open in late 2018.

Your input is vital in developing a shared vision. Please take the brief 5-question survey using the following link. Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TownGreen



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for e-Notices delivered right to your email box and keep up with what's going on "Around the Corners."

On the city's website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov, click on the link at the top of the homepage labeled "Notify Me."



From the Mayor's Desk What a difference a few years make

When the city incorporated five years ago it had office vacancy problems. But in the short time since Peachtree Corners became a city, we've seen a 64 percent increase in company relocations and a 182 percent increase in the number of jobs that those relocations have brought to our city.

The city has also seen those corporate relocations bring in an investment jump of 1,432 percent in the last five years, including the \$15 million invested by

- Business Licenses: Increased 5 percent
- Number of restaurants: Increased 16 percent
- Residential building Permits: Increased 196 percent
- Commercial building permits: Increased 19 percent

And our progress continues. In our short time as a city we have:

- Planned and broken ground on the Town Center



The 2-acre town green is designed to be a gathering place for the community and will feature an open air pavilion, amphitheater, fire pit, open lawn, café tables and a community garden. It will also be the site of a veterans' monument which will honor our men and women who served or are serving our country.

Crawford & Company, the recently announced relocation, coming to Peachtree Corners from the Perimeter area.

While positive job growth coupled with corporate investments is a major indicator of a city's economic health, there are a number of other areas of expansion.

Since 2012:

- Population: Increased 8 percent
- Number of total jobs: Increased by 15 percent

- Begun the first phase of the city's multi-use trail system
- Launched plans to reimagine Technology Park
- Opened the city's new incubator, Prototype Prime
- Broken ground on Echo Lakeside in Technology Park
- Created an Arts & Culture Master Plan
- Continued to improve transportation throughout the city

City Celebrates 5th Anniversary with Groundbreaking

The City of Peachtree Corners officially turned five on Saturday, July 1, 2017, but celebrated a day earlier with a groundbreaking ceremony on the new Town Center.

City leaders, residents and guests were on hand to take part in Peachtree Corners' 5th anniversary when it officially broke ground on the new 21-acre mixed use development, located near the corner of Peachtree Parkway and Medlock Bridge Road. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2018.

Over 50 guests braved the rain to celebrate the beginning of the town center which will serve as a gathering place for this city of some 40,000 residents. When complete in the fall of 2018, citizens will enjoy entertainment venues, restaurants, retail shops, and a 2-acre town green.

The town green will be the scene of community events, movies on the lawn, festivals and concerts. And thanks to prudent financial management, the city will undertake this large-scale project with no additional cost to tax payers. The city will maintain its zero millage rate.



The Mayor and Council were joined by Fuqua Developer, members of the Downtown Development Authority, and the City Manager in celebrating the beginning of construction on the Town Center.

Regulations for Posting Political Signs

You may have noticed a number of political signs popping up along roadsides and intersections of the city. A municipal election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Council seats for Post 2, 4 and 6 are up for election.

Political signs are permitted without a permit in yards and windows as long as they meet certain size and location requirements.

- Signs may not be located in street rights-of-way, in medians or on any public property (park, library, post office, city hall, etc.)
- Signs may not be attached to traffic control devices such as speed limit or stop signs.
- Roof and moving signs are prohibited.
- No signs may be placed on private property without the owner's permission.

If you see a sign posted illegally – DO NOT REMOVE the sign, call the city's Code Enforcement Department at 470-395-7024. For questions about sign permits and construction, please call the Building Official at 678-691-1207.



What are current water restrictions?

On September 7, 2017, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division lowered the Drought Response Level for Gwinnett and 11 other counties to a Level 1 Drought Response.

Level 1 does not place any restrictions on personal outdoor water use for activities such as washing your car or pressure-washing your house or driveway.

However, restrictions for watering landscaping remains the same: Watering is permitted before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. Grass, groundcover, trees, shrubs and other plants may be watered with an irrigation or sprinkler system during these times. In addition:

- Hand watering with a shut-off nozzle is allowed any time.
- Drip irrigation is allowed any time.
- Newly installed landscaping may be watered any time for the first 30 days following installation.
- Personal food gardens may be watered any time.
- Ornamental water features, such as fountains and waterfalls are allowed to operate.

For additional questions or information, contact Gwinnett Water Resources Department Customer Service at 678-376-6700.



City Adds Almost 100 New Businesses in 3 Months

New restaurants, shops and a myriad of other businesses open nearly every day in Peachtree Corners. In the months of June, July and August the city’s Business License Department processed 99 occupational tax certificates (business licenses).

A wide range of types of businesses applied including landscaping service, fine arts school, interior design and fitness center. Visit the city’s website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov and select the “Businesses” tab, then locate “Business Licenses Issued” for a complete list of businesses by month.



Curbside Yard Trimming Pickup Service Reminder

For an additional charge, Waste Pro will pick up your yard trimmings. If you have added the Pickup Service, please remember it includes up to 10 bags per household.

Residents may also use a labeled container marked “yard trimmings” for yard waste pickup. Also accepted: bundled sticks that are no longer than 3 feet and 50 lbs. per bundle.

Report Road Repairs, Other Issues, on City App or Website

See a pothole that needs repairs or a street light that’s not working? Now reporting it is just a click away on your smartphone or computer.



For those with a smartphone, download the city’s app called “PC Fix-it.” It’s free and available for both Android and iPhones. Browse the app store using the search term “Peachtree Corners” to locate the app.

The app allows you to create service requests and submit photos right from your mobile phone.

You can also submit a service request using the city’s website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov. Locate the “Residents” tab on the homepage then select “Report an Issue – Fix it” in the pull down menu. You can either enter an address or simply point to a spot on the map.

By using one of these two features, you will be notified when the work is complete. For questions on using the app or website page, please call City Hall at 678-691-1200 or send an email to info@peachtreecornersga.gov.

An Update on Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

Carbon Monoxide (CO), often referred to as “the silent killer,” claims hundreds of lives and sickens thousands of individuals every year.

CO is a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas that results from the incomplete burning of common fuels such as natural gas, oil, wood, or coal. When inhaled, CO enters the bloodstream and reduces the ability of the blood to carry oxygen to vital organs such as the heart and brain. When this happens, the body just goes to sleep and you never wake up! (Richard Roberts, Honeywell Life Safety)



In an effort to reduce non-fire related deaths and injuries, the International Code Council now requires that all new

Annual Burn Ban Lifted

The burn ban was officially lifted on October 1. Please be advised that if you are planning on burning you MUST first check with Gwinnett County Fire Marshal as to whether or not it is an allowable burn day.

Many factors come into play that affect whether or not you can burn and this can change on a daily basis. A few of these factors are:

- Prevailing winds that are predicted to be, or are, in excess of 15 miles per hour
- Air pollution episodes
- The National Weather Service issues a “Red Flag Warning” or a “Fire Weather Watch,” when there is fog, rain, or a cloud base that is diffused or ill-defined

These are just some of the factors taken into consideration as to whether it will be an allowable burn day or not. No burning of solid waste or household garbage is allowed. Burning is NOT allowed on Sundays or nights.

This is not the full content of the Gwinnett Department of Fire and Emergency Services “Outdoor and Open Burning Rules” and “Outdoor Burning Ordinance Restrictions” and should not be interpreted as such. For the complete content, please visit the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal site at www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com and click on the tab “Outdoor Burning.”

Remember BEFORE burning, check with Gwinnett County Fire Marshal first at either of the two contacts below: Burn Information Line 678-518-4979 or www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com

The Burn Information line and website are updated daily by 9:00 a.m. If you suspect someone is improperly burning, please report it by calling 678-518-4979 or visit www.gwinnettfiremarshal.com.



construction homes and all homes that undergo alterations, repairs and additions must comply with the new requirements.

A CO alarm must be installed in all new homes in the immediate vicinity outside the door of a bedroom or any room used for sleeping purposes. This is usually in the hallway outside the bedrooms. This can also be, depending on the floor plan, a living room or other such space adjacent to a bedroom.

Additionally, the new requirements specify that if you have an existing home and you are issued a permit to repair, renovate, or add an addition, then the house has to meet the same code requirement as a new house.

This means if you are issued an interior building or electrical permit then you have to upgrade the existing home to meet the same requirements as a new home. Permits for interior plumbing or mechanical work and permits for all types of exterior work are exempt from this requirement.

Within the State of Georgia, these CO alarms may be either battery or AC powered. The AC powered units are available to plug into a standard receptacle or are connected to an electrical circuit similar to a ceiling or wall mounted AC powered smoke detector. There are also combination smoke and CO alarms so you only need one unit rather than separate smoke detector and CO detector. These are very effective especially when tied to smoke detectors installed in each bedroom and on all levels of the home. The industry experts recommend at a minimum installing a CO alarm on each floor of the house as well as within 5-20 feet of the source of CO such as the water heater and furnace.

For questions contact the City’s Building Official at 678-691-1207 or the Building Inspector at 470-395-7027.

***Mike Sargent, Chief Building Official
City of Peachtree Corners***



Learn How You Can Help Protect Chattahoochee River's Water Quality

The City is hosting a workshop on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. for residents who want to learn more about protecting the Chattahoochee River.

Discover how our everyday activities can affect the water quality of this incredible water resource in Peachtree Corners' backyard.

And learn more about the Chattahoochee River Corridor and about the BacteriALERT program from representatives of the Natural Resource Division of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Chattahoochee RiverKeeper, the Gwinnett Department of Water Resources and City Staff.



Businesses Now Required to Display Occupational License

All businesses operating within the city are required to display their occupational tax certificates in a prominent place within public view. Occupational tax certificates are also referred to as business licenses.

“As a general rule, it is always good business practice for businesses to post their licenses for public viewing,” said City Manager Brian Johnson. “Posting your license for the public assures your clients and customers that you are legitimately licensed.”

To operate a for-profit or non-profit business in Peachtree Corners, including a home-based business, you must have a current occupational tax certificate. Other permits and licenses may also be required, depending on what type of business you plan to operate.

Additional information on obtaining an occupational tax certificate is located on the city's website, at www.peachtreecornersga.gov under the “Business” tab. For new businesses, the city also offers a handy “Startup Guide,” which is available online.

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	DATE ISSUED: MM/DD/YYYY EXPIRES: 03/31/2018	DESCRIPTION: "BUSINESS ACTIVITY"
BUSINESS LOCATION "PHYSICAL BUSINESS ADDRESS"	MAIL TO: "BUSINESS OWNER'S NAME" SPECIFIED MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP	

DISPLAY THIS CERTIFICATE FOR PUBLIC VIEW

Shredding and Recycling Event Planned for Spring

The city will hold its second shredding and recycling event in Spring 2018. A date has not yet been determined, but will likely be scheduled on the Saturday before Earth Day 2018, which is April 22.

In the meantime, start gathering those documents and unwanted electronics. This service is provided to Peachtree Corners residents only.

To ensure you don't miss the event, sign up to receive an e-notice delivered direct to your email box. Visit the city's website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov, then select the “Notify Me” link at the top of the homepage.



Be All You Can Be and Join PCVMA

The Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument Association is in search for a few more good men and women to help with its fall fundraising drive.

Be all you can be and join PCVMA executive director Bob Ballagh and other members of the Monument team to be part of the fundraising effort.

Contact Bob Ballagh at pcvma@comcast.net and visit www.ptcvets.net to learn more about this exciting project.



The 3,000 square-foot monument will feature five sculptures to represent each of the Armed Forces.

Join Prototype Prime's 1st Anniversary Party

Mark your calendars and join Prototype Prime's first birthday celebration on Thursday, October 26 from 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Tour the startup incubator's amazing space and meet the owners of the innovative companies at Prototype Prime. Enjoy good company, food and, of course, cupcakes!

RSVP required: Visit prototypeprime.wufoo.com/forms/prototype-primess-1st-birthday-party



From the Mayor's Desk
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The groundbreaking of the new **town center** on June 30, represented a tremendous step in the city's development. The 21-acre mixed use development will serve as Peachtree Corners' city center, where the community gathers and events take place.

And we are also proud to announce that the original \$11.5 million loan to purchase the land has been paid in full and the monies needed for construction has been placed in escrow. The city expects to hold a ribbon cutting to officially open the Town Center in December 2018.

The city's 11.5 mile **multi-use trail system** will crisscross through office parks, restaurants, retail centers and the new town center and surrounding neighborhoods. The trail system will be used as another transportation alternative as the city presents other modes of transportation for its residents and workforce.

We recently held an Open House Trail Study for residents and those in the business community to provide their input on the multi-use trail plans. The information gleaned will be used to produce the design and specific placement of trails that link existing residential areas to job centers within the central business district. Watch for more on this project in the near future.

The city plans to reimagine **Technology Park** into an innovation hub encompassing **Prototype Prime**, the city's startup incubator, the multi-use trails and **Echo Lakeside**, a new high-end apartment development designed for millennials and aimed at offering a convenient location within Tech Park. The master plan for the project is aimed at re-invigorating and re-branding this well-known technology office park into a destination for creativity, technology and a unique, fun lifestyle. The plans include adding a secondary education component in the near future.

It's well documented that a city with a strong arts-centered community provides many benefits including adding to economic development, personal enhancement for residents, building stronger connections within the community and improving community identity. Peachtree Corners has developed an **Arts & Culture Master Plan**. Watch for more on this exciting opportunity.

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Since incorporating, we have tirelessly worked to **improve transportation** and pedestrian safety throughout the community and have made a number of intersection, pedestrian safety and road improvements including:

- Installing additional sidewalks and streetlights
- Adding a merge lane to S.R. 141 at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- Adding pedestrian crossings at Peachtree Corners Circle at Eastman Drive

And there are plans to:

- Widen Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from three to four lanes from Jimmy Carter Boulevard to Winters Chapel Road
- Add a roundabout at Peachtree Corners Circle and Medlock Bridge Road (Spring 2018)
- Add pedestrian crossings at East Jones Bridge Road and Winters Chapel Road
- Improve a section of Winters Chapel Road to provide dedicated left-turn lanes for a stretch of the road that runs in front of the reservoir.

We will continue our transportation improvement efforts using information gleaned from the recent comprehensive Transportation Plan and the S.R. 141 Corridor Study. The city is also working on a multimodal transportation plan that will study the most practical transportation methods and look into the feasibility of autonomous vehicles, bike sharing and other modes of transportation.

The city has made tremendous progress in just five years. I look forward to the next five years in our city. With your continued support and assistance, we can indeed expect Peachtree Corners to continue as a city where you can live, work, play, and learn.

Mike Mason, Mayor



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