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**Peachtree
CORNERS**
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From the Mayor's Desk *City Continues Efforts to Improve Transportation*

City Hall Has Moved

On Monday, Dec. 18, City Hall relocated to its new building at 310 Technology Parkway. The new location is 1/2 mile west of the old building.

All telephone numbers and other contact information remain the same.

Please visit the new City Hall to obtain a building permit, business license or to conduct any other city business. Parking is available in the front and rear of the building.



When the city incorporated five years ago, it inherited traffic congestion problems, intersections that needed improvements, insufficient means for pedestrians to safely cross some streets and a lack of sidewalks making it unsafe for pedestrians to get around our city.

One of the benefits of incorporation has allowed the city to collect SPLOST dollars and invest those monies in transportation improvements within our city. Before incorporation the SPLOST money collected by Gwinnett County was spread throughout the county on numerous projects, not all directly benefiting Peachtree Corners.

Several transportation projects have already been funded through SPLOST. The 2014 SPLOST dollars have been used on two major projects that were designed to improve safety and traffic. S.R. 141 southbound between Holcomb Bridge Road and Jimmy Carter Boulevard was widened to accommodate an additional lane onto S.R. 141. The additional merge lane has reduced congestion at this intersection. The second major project is an intersection improvement at S.R. 140 (Holcomb Bridge Road) and Jimmy Carter Boulevard, which will improve the safety of the turning movements at this location and adjacent intersections, as well as reduce wait times and congestion.



We all know there was a tremendous need to address the issues facing transportation in the city; since incorporation I and the City Council have made reducing traffic congestion throughout the city and pedestrian safety for our residents a top priority.

Here is a look at what we've accomplished in the five short years since cityhood:

- 12 linear miles of sidewalks have been installed.
- 12.5 linear miles of sidewalks are under construction or currently proposed.
- 9.9 lane miles of city streets have been resurfaced.
- 9.4 lane miles of street resurfacing are planned.
- The pedestrian crossing at Peachtree Corners Circle has been completed.
- Pedestrian crossings at East Jones Bridge Road and Winters Chapel Road will soon be under construction.

Notice: Back Entrance to Sprouts to Close Temporarily

Access to Sprouts and adjacent retail shops and restaurants from Medlock Bridge Road is scheduled to be closed while Atlanta Gas Light re-locates the gas lines in the area near the Bush Road intersection.

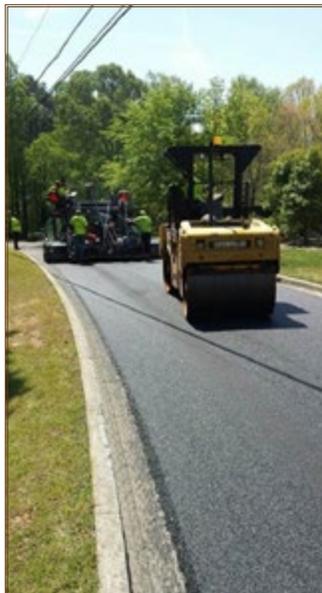
Please use the main entrance at Forum Drive and Peachtree Parkway while the driveway is closed. The Medlock Road entrance will eventually be lined up with Bush Road when construction on the Town Center is complete.



More City Streets Scheduled for Repaving in 2018

The city's 2018 resurfacing program is scheduled to begin in January and be completed by March (depending on weather conditions). Following is a list of streets to be resurfaced:

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| Adriatic Court | Manteo Inlet |
| Atlantic Boulevard | Markham Court |
| Ayers Court | Metric Place |
| Bannor Lane | Outer Banks Drive |
| Cape Klure Court | Parkway Lane |
| Capers Crossing | Parkspring Terrace |
| Cash Court | Parton Court |
| Chapel Glen Court | Peachtree Street |
| Chapel Glen Way | Southpoint Close |
| Data Drive | Southport Crossing |
| Davinci Court | Spalding Lane |
| Fielding Lane | Springfield Court |
| Folly Place | Springfield Drive |
| Fort Fisher Way | Triangle Drive |
| Goose Creek Cove | Triangle Parkway |
| Goose Creek Way | Wetherburn Way |
| Klinect Court | |



For questions contact the Public Works Department at 678-691-1200.

Before Placing Bulk Items for Pickup at the Curb ...

We hear this question quite often: “Can I place large furniture and appliance items at the curb for pickup by my sanitation company?” The answer is yes but there are specific requirements for this type of pickup.

And, with the holiday season upon us – for many it will be out with the old and in with the new. So, before you place the “old” at the curb, please follow these requirements:

- 1–2 large items per week are allowed.
- Furniture and appliances are permitted.
- Call Waste Pro office to schedule – 770-451-9395.
- Call by the Wednesday prior to your service day. Advance notice is needed for scheduling pickup.
- Items cannot be placed at curb any earlier than 24 hours prior to the scheduled day of pickup.
- The following types are some of the items that will not be picked up: construction/remodeling debris, auto parts, tires, batteries, liquid paints, and toilets.
- **NOTE:** To be absolutely certain the items for curbside pickup are allowed — **CALL** Waste Pro **PRIOR** to placing anything at the curb. Waste Pro will verify it is an allowable item and schedule the pickup date.

If you have an item to dispose of that is not accepted by Waste Pro, visit the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful website. On the page under “search” type in “landfills.” At the bottom of the page you will find a list of local landfills and the items those landfills accept. There is also a “Recycling” drop down with “Where to Recycle.” Under that drop down, enter the name of the material you are trying to dispose of and a list of who/where accepts that item will be displayed.

City Wins ‘Green Government’ Award

Peachtree Corners has long been a good steward of the environment. For years its citizens have gathered each spring to participate in Gwinnett County’s Great Days of Service and Keep American Beautiful campaigns. And on Wednesday, Oct. 11, the City of Peachtree Corners was recognized for its efforts at the 11th Annual Environmental Address and Luncheon hosted by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful.

Incorporated just five years ago, the city received the Green Government of the Year award for 2017 at the event that featured special guest speaker Gov. Nathan Deal. Over 600 local business and community leaders attended the address held at the Infinite Energy Center in Duluth.

“We are extremely proud to be recognized as a Green Government,” said Mayor Mike Mason. “Our community has always worked to create a greener, cleaner more livable city. Our hats are off to all of the citizens who volunteer each spring during the annual clean up to ensure we continue to preserve the natural beauty of our city.”

Listed among the criteria to be awarded the Green Government honor, the winner must: demonstrate that it has worked to create a greener, cleaner more livable Gwinnett; show continued efforts rather than conduct one-time projects; improve community and environmental practices; and improve awareness of environmental stewardship.

During the annual event Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful also presented awards for: Green Business Leader of the Year, Green Community Partner of the Year and Green Educator of the Year.



Mayor Mike Mason accepted the Green City Award during 11th Annual Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful event.

It's 'Lights, Camera, Action' in Peachtree Corners

The city is working with a local production film company, Tytan Pictures, to produce two light news and entertainment web-based series about the City of Peachtree Corners. The shows are expected to debut within the next few months.

The first show, "Peachtree Positive," is a news magazine-style show featuring uplifting stories, news, people, events and businesses around town making a positive difference.



The second, an entertainment weekly show titled "The Corners," features, fashion, food, lifestyle, DIY, glamour, sports, fitness, entertainment and interesting people.

To find the on-air talent for the shows, Tytan Pictures held two casting calls in October. Peachtree Corners wanted local talent for the shows so those selected had to either reside or work in the city. Over 120 auditioned. The casting call included an on-the-fly interview complete with microphone and lights to simulate an on-air experience. Ultimately four co-hosts and eight correspondents were selected for the two shows.

"We had a tremendous response and discovered that Peachtree Corners has a remarkable pool of talent," said Jim Stone, Tytan Picture's owner.

Production is expected to begin in January. The shows will be available on the city's Vimeo and YouTube channels. Watch for more details soon. Don't be surprised if you see one of your neighbors or co-workers hosting one of the shows.

If you have a story idea for "Peachtree Positive" or "The Corners" show, please send in your idea to Judy Putnam, Communications Director at jputnam@peachtreecornersga.gov.

Recording Our City's History

Although Peachtree Corners is a new city, our community has a rich past that stretches back centuries. From the Cherokee and Creek Indians that roamed the area, and the settlers who chose to set up a home and farm the rich land surrounding the Chattahoochee River, to Paul Duke and his vision for a community where people could live, work and play, we have an amazing past.

Most of us have seen the old Jones Bridge that once spanned the Chattahoochee River, and we've heard the names "Pinckneyville," "Neely Farm," and "Medlock," but do you know the history behind these familiar names? Recording our own history is paramount in preserving our past and that is why the city has taken the steps to begin recording the community's history. And we would like your help.

We're collecting old images to help document the history of our city. Your photographs will be used for a book on the history of Peachtree Corners that we are assembling.



The Mechanicsville Schoolhouse, a one-room wooden structure still stands today. Photo Credit: Courtesy of Gwinnett Historical Society.

The book will be a remarkable journey that we can share with our families, our children—and it will be a memorable way to record our city's history to be shared and handed down to the generations that follow us.



The barn and silo were located on a 1930s era farm owned by Frank H. Neely. Today the land is part of the Nelly Farm subdivision. Photo Credit: Courtesy of Gwinnett Historical Society.

We are excited about this project and look forward to presenting a history book which the entire community can take pride in and cherish.

Please send an email to info@peachtreecornersga.gov to arrange to drop off your photos which will be considered for publication.

City Receives Redevelopment Award for Echo Lakeside

A new housing community in Peachtree Corners recently received recognition from the Gwinnett Chamber as an outstanding example of redevelopment, following the demolition of two 38-year-old office buildings. The removal of the buildings made room for Echo Lakeside, a 295-unit high end apartment complex that will offer interconnected hiking and biking trails, lake access with a dock and a dog park.

In recognition of its redevelopment efforts, the city of Peachtree Corners and developer Brand Properties received the community redevelopment award Oct. 13 for Echo Lakeside. The workforce housing project is currently under construction off Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

The award was presented by Partnership Gwinnett, a public-private initiative of the Gwinnett Chamber dedicated to economic development in Gwinnett County.

“Echo Lakeside is an important investment for the city of Peachtree Corners in terms of livability for a millennial workforce, many of whom are expected to hold technology-based jobs in Technology Park,” said Mayor Mike Mason. “The project encompasses more than a valuable contribution to workforce housing. It is expected to catalyze future projects and provide greater public access to the lakes and surrounding wooded areas in Technology Park.”

The project was more than a straight-forward housing development. It involved a number of entities and public-private partnerships. The developer worked with city leadership in the assemblage of 10 parcels in the Technology Park area. Through land donations and the transfer of density credits, the project was made financially feasible. The land donations were made to the city for the construction of a multi-use trail system and trail hub.

Project partners also included project architect Niles Bolton & Associates; general contractor Oxford Construction; landscape architect HGOR, and property manager Woodward Management Partners.



Councilmembers Weare Gratwick (2nd from left) and Jeanne Aulbach (2nd from right) accepted the Redevelopment Award for the city.

How to Protect Your Home When Lightning Strikes

The National Weather Service brochure *Georgia's Underrated Killer, Facts and ways to keep you and your home safe*, lists Georgia as the 8th highest state in terms of density of lightning strikes per square mile. In Georgia, over 1,500 fires per year are caused by lightning and some 2 million acres of forest are lost. Between 2000 and 2007, over 175 people have been injured or killed by lightning in Georgia. Statewide property damage estimates are over \$50 million for that same period.



In 2009, across the U.S. there were 185,789 lightning insurance claims costing over \$798 million. The average insurance claim was \$4,296. These losses ranged from damage to expensive electronic equipment to structural fires that destroyed entire homes. In Peachtree Corners, we have had an apartment building and several residences struck by lightning which resulted in heavy damage due to fire. One home is almost a total loss. Luckily, we have had no reported deaths or injuries.

A few Lightning Facts: Lightning is a powerful burst of electricity that occurs in all thunderstorms. On average, a single lightning bolt is hotter than the surface of the sun and can reach temperatures around 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. A lightning bolt has enough electricity to power a 100-watt light bulb for three months! One quarter of all lightning strikes are from the cloud to the ground. When lightning strikes the ground, it seeks out the shortest path to something with a positive charge, which might be a tree, building, house, or even you.

What can you do to help reduce the chance of damage to your home or injury to you and your family? The Lightning Protection Institute (LPI) recommends protecting your valuable electronic equipment by using dependable Surge Protectors (not the \$5 power strip) listed for lightning protection for both the power and cable/phone. The cost of point of use surge protectors will vary from around

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More Sidewalks, Pedestrian Safety Projects Coming

The city's Public Works Department, in cooperation with Gwinnett DOT, recently finished a number of sidewalk projects:

1. Technology Parkway South from Technology Parkway to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
2. Technology Parkway from Westech Drive to Spalding Drive
3. Peachtree Corners Circle, some gap fill areas between S.R. 141 toward Medlock Bridge Road
4. Corners Parkway, some gap fills between Woodhill Drive and Crooked Creek Road
5. Frank Neely Road, from Spalding Drive to the north
6. Scientific Drive, from S.R. 141 to Technology Parkway
7. Technology Parkway, from S.R. 141 to the north to the Hampton Inn
8. Winters Chapel Road, from Newton Drive to Spalding Drive
9. Crooked Creek Road, gaps between Jay Bird Alley and Spalding Drive
10. Jay Bird Alley, gaps between Crooked Creek Road and Spalding Drive
11. Holcomb Bridge Road, gaps between Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Spalding Drive
12. Jimmy Carter Boulevard, gaps between Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Holcomb Bridge Road



In addition, pedestrian improvement projects are also underway at East Jones Bridge Road near Rebel Ridge Court as well as a pedestrian crossing and traffic operations project along Winters Chapel Road near the DeKalb Reservoir.

For questions contact the Public Works Department at 678-691-1200.

City Wins National Award for 'Best Website'

Its tagline is "Innovative and Remarkable" and apparently so is the city's website.

The City of Peachtree Corners has received the 2017 Pinnacle Award for best website by the National Association of Government Web Professionals (NAGW). The organization selects winners by category based on population. The City of Peachtree Corners took top honors for the 40,001-95,000 population category.

"We are extremely pleased to learn that the Peachtree Corners website received this national recognition," said Councilmember Jeanne Aulbach. "The city launched the new site just two and half years ago and the staff has worked diligently to ensure the site has pertinent information posted for our residents and businesses."

The awards are judged by a group of web professionals inside and outside of the government web industry and are awarded based on specific criteria that included content, organization, design, performance and flexibility, responsive design, accessibility standards and interactivity.

To be considered for the award, a written entry focusing on a 10-criteria checklist was required. The entry had to prove how the website met each of the criteria. Michael Powell, the city's Website Content Specialist, submitted a three-plus page application in June. The announcement that the City of Peachtree Corners had been selected as the winner for its category was made on Sept. 21 during the NAGW organization's awards banquet at its annual conference held in San Diego, California.

Awards were presented this year in each of four population categories for cities and counties as well as a Pinnacle award for state/federal agencies, microsites and special site features.

"It is commendable that the city's communications department has been recognized for its outstanding website," said City Manager Brian Johnson. "Our entire staff works daily to check that the website is up-to-date and provides information, news and announcements that the community can use."



Paper Shredding and Electronics 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.

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\$50.00 to \$150.00 depending on if you add battery back-up capability.

To protect your property, it is recommended that you install a Lightning Protection System (lightning rods on your roof). A good lightning protection system for the house can run \$2,500.00 to over \$4,000.00. Georgia Power offers a surge protection system called Surge Defender installed for \$9.95 a month, added to your Georgia Power bill. This will help protect your appliances and electronics but will not stop the threat of fire from a direct strike. There is an informative video produced by This Old House and lots of valuable information about Lightning Protection Systems on the LPI website.

How lightning protection systems work: A home lightning protection system consists of air terminals, conductor cables, and ground rods. The air terminals, which are also referred to as lightning rods, serve as the strike receptor. They come in many shapes and sizes.

The conductor cables are heavy braided copper or aluminum cables connected to the air terminals and run across the top edges of the roof and down the side of the structure to the ground rods. They carry the lightning current from the air terminals to the ground rods.

The ground rods are thick heavy rods buried deep to provide the lightning strike a safe place for the energy to discharge and dissipate without damaging your structure. The cables and ground rods are the most important components in the system and accomplish the main objective of diverting lightning currents safely past a structure.

Hopefully none of us will ever have to deal with the effect of a lightning strike. However, in the words of a famous actor.... Do you feel lucky? Well do you?

For questions, contact Building Official Mike Sargent at 678-691-1207.

Be Part of the Solution to Pollution

Did you know that anything that goes down storm drains flows right into our streams, rivers and lakes. This storm water can cause pollution if more than rain goes down the storm drain.



Recently volunteers placed "No Dumping, Drains to River" on a total of eight storm drain catch basins throughout Spalding Bluff Subdivision.

Door hangers were placed on 33 homes with information on how Peachtree Corners residents can do their part to help in the clean water campaign.



For more information contact Josh Davidson, Stormwater Construction Manager via email at jdavidson@peachtreecornersga.gov or by phone, 678-691-1200.

Honoring Our U.S. Veterans

Are you a U.S. veteran or do you know someone who has served our country? You can show your support by purchasing a brick or making a donation to the city's veterans monument.

The monument is expected to be complete next year. Find more details, purchase a brick or make a donation on the Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument Association's (PCVMA) website, www.ptcvets.net



The 2,500 square-foot veterans monument will be located on the town green.

The PCVMA is asking Peachtree Corners residents who are U.S. veterans to please send an email to the city's Communications Director, Judy Putnam at jputnam@peachtreecornersga.gov with your full name, branch of service, dates of service and daytime phone number to be added to the veterans roster.

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In addition, the city has:

- adopted a Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- begun two studies, the S.R. 141 Corridor Study and Innovative District Trails Study which are currently underway
- begun improvements on Holcomb Bridge Road at Jimmy Carter Boulevard which have been substantially completed
- initiated right-of-way acquisition for a roundabout at Peachtree Corners Circle and Medlock Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in 2018.

The 2017 SPLOST program will include several major traffic improvements:

1. Widening S.R. 141 between S.R. 140 and Winters Chapel Road from three lanes to four which will greatly increase capacity
2. Widening Spalding Drive between Winters Chapel Road and S.R. 140 (Holcomb Bridge Road)
3. Intersection improvements to reduce congestion and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians at Bush and Medlock Bridge roads. The improvements could include a separate Bush Road right-turn lane to northbound S.R. 141.

We will continue our transportation improvement efforts with 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.

Stay tuned for transportation updates as we strive to continue reducing congestion throughout our city.

Mike Mason, Mayor



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