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'Coming Soon' signs to be posted at construction sites

The city has a new requirement for developers. All are now required to post a sign when ground has been broken that provides the name of the new development and other pertinent information.



Starting this month, the city will require a free standing sign between 4–6 feet tall and between 16–32 square feet in size to be erected that shows the business name, a short description of the future tenant, an architectural rendering of the project after completion - and at the bottom of the sign, contact information including a name and phone number.

The purpose of the new signage requirements is to make the community aware of upcoming construction activity and inform the public about what is planned for the site.

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Community Events, Meetings**

Sign up today to receive email reminders and information on events going on in your community, city news and meeting reminders. Visit www.peachtreecornersga.gov and click on the link at top of the home page labeled "Notify Me!"



From the Mayor's Desk New Solid Waste Hauler to Take Over Service in 2019

When Peachtree Corners incorporated as a city six years ago, securing a solid waste hauler to provide reliable, low-cost trash and recycling service was one of our top priorities. It was, without a doubt, one of the most pressing concerns for residents with whom we spoke.

In 2013 our current waste hauler was selected and began providing service. However, the current hauler's contract expires the end of this year, so this spring the city issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) inviting all solid waste haulers to bid on the contract.

- The city received multiple responses, all the bids (including the one submitted by the current provider) came in higher than what we now charge for service.
- The current provider had not increased its rates in five years. Its new bid included a rate increase that was higher than the company we finally selected.
- Additionally, all the haulers (including our current provider) proposed a multiple-day pickup schedule to ensure residents' garbage and trash is picked up on their designated day.
- We selected Waste Management which submitted the lowest bid. The company also offered other benefits not included in the other proposals.



Waste Management will begin providing service to Peachtree Corners residents, and the commercial business community, the first week of January 2019.

Waste Management is providing a fleet of brand new quiet-running Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) trucks that are the cleanest burning transportation fuel on the market today and produces the fewest emissions of other fuels to service our city. WM also has the technology to track its trucks while out in the field. This allows the hauler to communicate with its drivers alerting them of any missed pickups or other issues that can be handled the same day.

Other benefits:

- New 96-gallon wheeled garbage carts for all residents and new 64-gallon wheeled recycling carts.
- Preventive maintenance program to ensure safe, clean streets, reduce breakdowns and accidents will be in place.
- On-board computing system which keeps a record of every address that has been collected, by providing real time tracking. This system also tracks when pickups are made to ensure the hauler is not violating the city's noise ordinance by picking up outside the allowed hours.

New City App

Find PTC Events, Restaurants and More on City's New 'Corners Connect' App



Now there's just one source you'll need for everything Peachtree Corners—the "Corners Connect" app. Find events, dining and entertainment, bus routes, city information, news, weather and more on the new app.

You can use the app to report a non-emergency police issue, traffic problem, find links, phone numbers to pay your water bill, county property taxes or to register to vote. The Fix-It App is also accessible through the Corners Connect app.

When the Town Center opens, the parking feature will be activated to help you find a parking spot within the Town Center and provide assistance navigating to available parking spots.

The Corners Connect app is free and available for both iPhones and Android users. Look for the new app in the App Store (iPhone) and Play Store (Android phones). After you've downloaded the new app, give it a test drive and send your feedback via email to app@peachtreecornersga.gov or use the app's suggestion feature.



Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument Association News

Don't Miss the Deadline!

Have you been procrastinating in placing your order for a paver for the Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument? The deadline is fast approaching to order your engraved paver for the construction of the Veterans Monument. We anticipate submitting our construction orders for bricks in late August.

If you are among those who have delayed ordering an engraved paver to honor a member of your extended family or veterans in general, now is the time to place your order. Remember, your honoree does not need to be a resident of Peachtree Corners - your second cousin living in Montana can be honored on our monument with a paver. Visit <https://ptcvets.networkforgood.com/> to place your order.



Autonomous Vehicle Track to be Installed in City

Those of us who have lived in Peachtree Corners for a number of years know that Technology Park has long been synonymous with cutting-edge technology. Four decades ago Tech Park was the center of the technology world in the Atlanta metro area. Innovators such as Dennis Hayes, famous for his work in developing computer modems, established businesses here.

The world of technology is ever evolving. Now a new wave of technology is taking over—and not only here in the U.S. but worldwide—the emerging technology that is driving the autonomous vehicle industry. The city has already committed significant resources on multi-modal transportation



The 1.4-mile reversible test track and AV shuttle will run along Technology Parkway, beginning at Spalding Drive and ending at Peachtree Parkway.



The monument will be located on the Town Green of the new Town Center, and will feature a brick base to accommodate engraved bricks.

From the Public Works Department

Road Resurfacing, Pedestrian Crossings and Stormwater Updates

The 2018 Resurfacing Project began on March 20 with patching work followed by milling and overlay on a number of city streets. For a complete list, visit www.peachtreecornersga.gov and select “Street Resurfacing” in the pull-down menu under the “Government” tab.

The goal is to resurface approximately five (5) miles of city maintained streets. The exact streets to be repaved will be determined once the contractor is able to plan the logistics and determine resources following patching work.

A major stormwater maintenance project was recently completed along Crooked Creek at Meadow Rue Drive. The work involved removing a number of large trees and debris that were obstructing the natural flow of the creek.

New Pedestrian Crossings have been constructed on East Jones Bridge Road and Winters Chapel Road. Pedestrian actuated rapid flashing beacons, signage and striping are included in these projects.

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



The Crooked Creek at Meadow Rue Drive stormwater maintenance project was recently completed.

Tech Park Office Buildings to be Converted to Trendy Loft Office Space

An Atlanta developer has new plans for the old Honeywell building in Technology Park.

Parkside Partners announced recently it will convert the four 45-year-old existing office buildings, located at 125 Technology Parkway, to trendy loft office space complete with a multi-function green space to be used for outdoor meetings or just casual conversations with colleagues.

Built in the early 1970s, the former Honeywell complex’s nearly 100,000 square-feet will be converted to creative loft offices with exposed brick and high ceilings.

Parkside Partners has named its development “The Bureau” and is working with Brock Hudgins Architects in designing the 8-acre project that will include a 1-acre amenity park named “The Quad” which will be located in the center of the four buildings.

Tenants in the new loft-office development will have access to the city’s new multi-use trail system which will link Technology Park to the new Town Center and to the nearby millennial housing development, Echo Lakeside.



The former Honeywell buildings will be transformed to loft office space complete with a 1-acre park in the center of the four buildings.

Prototype Prime to House Advanced Vehicle Technology Accelerator

The City of Peachtree Corners’ new autonomous vehicle track will be a significant addition to Prototype Prime. The startup incubator will be home to the Advanced Vehicle Technology Accelerator, where companies of all sizes will work together to develop innovative solutions to transportation questions in Atlanta and far beyond.

Startups and corporations interested in being part of the accelerator can email Betsy Plattenburg at betsy@prototypeprime.com for more information. Please check Prototype Prime’s autonomous vehicle website page regularly for updates on the accelerator’s progress at www.prototypeprime.com.





TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™

Gwinnett County sewerage system is designed to dispose of very specific things: water, toilet paper and human waste.

Many things you may think are “flushable” do not disperse or break apart once they are in our sanitary sewer system. As these non-dispersibles collect in the sewer pipe, they can eventually cause blockages that can lead to sanitary sewer backups or overflows.

Using the toilet as a trashcan can result in clogged pipes, tangled pumps and messy sewer backups into creeks, streets, businesses and homes. These backups are harmful to the environment and costly for homeowners and utilities.

What not to flush:

- Keys and cell phones (but we bet you knew that!)
- Baby wipes and diapers
- Bathroom cleaning wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Clothing labels
- Toys
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Cigarette butts
- Hair
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Facial cleansing cloths
- Rags and towels
- Dental floss
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Cleaning sponges
- Any kind of plastic or rubber items
- Sanitary napkins
- Disposable underwear

Volunteers Clean Up Crooked Creek

A big thanks goes to the over 20 volunteers who spent Cinco de Mayo morning removing trash, tires and other debris from Crooked Creek.

They collected:

- 27 bags of trash
- 1 shopping cart
- 10 tires
- 1 car fender



On May 5, volunteers, including Councilmember Eric Christ (Post 2), pictured fifth from left, city staff, community volunteers, including Bob and Lori Howard, Robert Nebel, and 12 employees from the Veritive Group (located on Governors Parkway in Peachtree Corners) spent their morning cleaning up the waterway.

Burn Ban Now In Effect

The annual burn ban officially began on May 1 and continues until September 30. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) imposes a total ban on outdoor burning in 54 counties including Gwinnett.



In the metro area, during the summer months, the ozone in the air we breathe can reach unhealthy levels. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has identified open burning as a significant contributor of the pollutants that form ozone.

The burn ban prohibits citizens and businesses from burning yard and land-clearing debris. This rule is in addition to the year-round state ban on the burning of household garbage. Campfires and barbeques are exempt from the ban.



For more information, please contact the Gwinnett Fire Marshal’s office at 678-518-4980.

Have You Checked Out the New ‘PCN’ YouTube Channel?

It’s full of fun and interesting videos about life in “The Corners.” All of the shows are hosted by residents who live right here in Peachtree Corners.

Be sure to visit the city’s new YouTube channel, Peachtree Corners Network at: youtube.com/peachtreecornersnetwork.



Do you have photos of Peachtree Corners' Past?

The city is requesting that anyone with old photos of the Peachtree Corners area, to please consider sharing them with the city to help document the city's history. Your photographs will be used for a book on the history of



Peachtree Corners that is being assembled.

The city has a great story to tell - and historic photos are critical in capturing Peachtree Corners' story. To arrange submission of your photos, contact Judy Putnam, Communications Director via email at jputnam@peachtreecornersga.gov or by phone at 770-609-8821.

Free Photography and Video Classes Offered to Residents

Did you know free photo classes are available for residents or anyone who works in Peachtree Corners? The city is working with Tytan Creates, an Emmy-award-winning company, to provide instruction on a variety of photography and video classes.

The photography classes cover everything from camera basics, lighting techniques, landscape photography to tips for



advanced photographers. Classes for video and filmmaking are also offered along with the basics of photoshop and other editing software options.

Check the city calendar on the city's website for upcoming classes and information on how to register for the classes, location and times.

For questions, contact Judy Putnam, Communications Director, jputnam@peachtreecornersga.gov or 678-691-1200.

Deck Building Tips

Summertime is a good time for building, repairing or replacing a deck. The first and most important of our deck-building tips is to always check first to find out if the work requires a permit. Please call the city's Building Department at (678) 691-1207 to inquire.



Whether you are building the deck yourself or having a contractor do it, pulling a permit comes with some great benefits to ensure a quality deck is built. Your local building department officials will review your plan for any possible structural or safety problems. During plan review they will give you deck building tips to ensure you and your family are safe.

What kinds of things will a building department look for in a deck structure?

- **Footing depths and sizes:** Are the footings deep enough and large enough to support the proposed deck? And will they stay put during winter frosts?
- **Post Sizes:** Are the proposed post supports large enough to support the structure and the intended loads?
- **Beam and Joist sizes and spans:** Will the joist and beam sizes span the distance safely shown on the plans?
- **House Attachment:** Will the methods shown on the plans to tie the deck into the house create any problems?

These are just a few of the things your local building department will review. Remember, these recommendations are in your best interest. Nobody wants to build a deck that is substandard and will need to be torn down or repaired in the near future. Another positive way to look at this plan review is as a consultation. You can look at the permit fee as a consultation fee for helping you build the best deck possible.

Inspections

Part of your deck building permit fee includes a few inspections:

- Footing inspection
- Framing inspection
- Final inspection

Typically, the inspector will check the footing depths before you pour them and inspect framing after everything is complete. Always use your city inspectors as a source of information.

More information on decks can be found on the Peachtree Corners website under Building & Permitting/Forms & Permits/Building Guides. These Building Guides are also available in the licensing and permitting lobby at City Hall.

— Mike Sargent, Building Official

options, and now has made the decision to be a pioneer in investing in the future of the autonomous vehicle technology industry.

The city has committed to investing \$2 million for an autonomous vehicle test track which will be located along Technology Parkway. By developing an AV test track, our city will be in a leading position to attract the myriad of emerging industries that will be part of the AV industry. Keeping our city viable and attractive to emerging businesses results in more jobs for our citizens, fills office space and underpins the property values of our homes.

The 1.4-mile test track will include an AV shuttle which will run along Technology Parkway, beginning at Spalding Drive and ending at Peachtree Parkway. The test track will provide a means to test and evaluate next-generation modes of transportation. The emphasis



The 1.4-mile test track will be used for designing and testing new autonomous vehicle technology.

will not be on the shuttle or ridership but the track itself which will be used for designing and testing new AV technology.

Prototype Prime, the city's startup incubator, which is located on Technology Parkway, ½ mile from City Hall, will be collaborating with the project by launching an Advanced Vehicle Accelerator to foster collaboration among companies within the advanced vehicle ecosystem. It will be partnering with TechConnectHub.com, which will assist in matching research and startup communities with corporate partners.

Self-driving vehicles will employ sensors, cameras, radar, high performance GPS, light detection and ranging (LIDAR) artificial intelligence. With a test track readily available, it will undoubtedly attract new and existing AV companies to Peachtree Corners.

Technology Parkway was already scheduled for resurfacing within the next couple of years so some of the cost of putting in this track was already in the budget. Collectively, Peachtree Corners can fill the shoes of the late Paul Duke, who originally conceived Technology Park and created the concept of Peachtree Corners. Now the city hopes to add more value to what he anticipated as we work to bring more economic development to Peachtree Corners.

Retirement Community Approved for Former Fiserv Property

At the May 22 meeting the City Council approved plans for a new development on the former Fiserve property, located on East Jones Bridge Road.

The 115-acre tract is located on the north side of East Jones Bridge Road between Riverfield Drive and Sunburst Drive and fronts the Chattahoochee River to the north. East Jones Bridge LLC is the developer.

The community will accommodate persons 55 years of age and older and will offer on-site health care services with greater levels of care over time which will provide residents the ability to age in place. The Planning Commission and city staff had recommended the plans with conditions.

The Council approval came after the public hearing on May 22, 2018 during the monthly city council meeting. The development will include a mixture of housing options; for independent living, assisted living, memory care and 24-hour nursing care.

The developer will build 916 residential units of varying types through the re-use of some of the existing buildings and new construction of others. The developer requested a variance to allow for up to 7-story new construction which was approved.

The primary one-way entrance and exit roadways will remain in its current configuration along with some new, internal roadways. In addition, new recreational walking trails will be added to the property along with three small parks.

For additional information, please contact the Community Development Director's office at 678-691-1200.



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Highlights of the new service:

- To maximize collection efficiency, the city will be divided into five zones and pickup will be Monday – Friday.
- There will be a slight cost increase to \$14.88 per month. Residents will continue to be billed annually on Gwinnett County's property tax bill. Residents age 65 and over will be eligible for a 15% discount. The cost for yard waste pickup will be \$6.25 (for 10 bags).
- Backdoor services will be provided to those disabled or physically incapable of taking the cart to the road.

None of the proposals included glass as an approved material for curb-side recycling. WM will offer two locations where residents may take glass for recycling. Details will be provided at a later date.

By comparison, the new monthly rate of \$14.88 (\$12.65 senior rate) and yard waste service (\$6.25) is still less expensive than what Gwinnett County charges residents in the unincorporated areas of the county. The county's regular rate is \$17.91 (Senior rate \$13.75) and yard waste service (the cost varies, the maximum charge is \$10.00).

The cost of trash and recycling service – and the quality of that service -- was an important factor in our decision to select a new solid waste hauler. Although residents will see a slight increase, WM's commitment to quality service, while still offering a competitive rate, was the deciding factor in the Council's decision to award Waste Management the contract.

Much more information will be forthcoming in the future months that will help with the transition to the new service, but the Council and I wanted to let you know well in advance of the new service that will take effect in January 2019.

— *Mike Mason, Mayor*



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