



The Year In Review – 2018 was a good year for our city

By all accounts, 2018 was a banner year for Peachtree Corners. It's been just six 1/2 years since we officially incorporated as Gwinnett County's newest city. I along with our six city council members are proud of the work that has been accomplished since we stood up Peachtree Corners on July 1, 2012. As we usher in a new year, I would like to take time to look back at just some of the city's many accomplishments in 2018.

- **City Street Resurfacing:** Over 4 1/2 miles of city streets were resurfaced this year, and more residential and subdivision streets are scheduled for resurfacing in 2019.
- **New Sidewalks Installed:** Nearly 2 1/2 miles of sidewalks have been installed in the community, with additional sidewalks planned for 2019.
- **Pedestrian Crossings:** Two new crossings on E. Jones Bridge and Winters Chapel roads were installed this year. Both feature flashing beacons and pedestrian islands.
- **Intersection Improvements:** A northbound right turn lane was added on S.R. 140 for traffic turning onto Peachtree Corners Circle. This project was funded by Georgia DOT. Improvements are currently underway on several additional intersections.
- **Crosswalks:** A number of crosswalks throughout Technology Park have been added for additional pedestrian safety.
- **New City App Launched:** Use the new "Corners Connect" app to connect with everything going on in the city from events, dining, entertainment, bus routes, city information, weather and much more. The app is free and available for both iPhone and Android users.
- **Keeping Our City Green:** The City earned its 3rd "Tree City USA" designation this year. Our city was one of 34 cities in Georgia recognized for its commitment to caring for and managing its public trees.
- **Finance Department Earns Budget Award:** The Government Finance Officers Association honored our City with the organization's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. To receive the award the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.
- **New Solid Waste Provider Selected:** With the current contract expiring at the end of 2018, the City issued a bid inviting all solid

waste haulers to bid on a new contract. The City received multiple responses, the lowest was Waste Management, which offered additional benefits, including brand new trucks to service our city.

- **Investing in Intelligent Mobility:** Technology Park will soon be home to a 1.4-mile open test and demonstration track for companies to experiment and show off new and emerging technologies. The city's startup incubator, Prototype Prime, will be home base for companies who need a landing spot for a research project or longer-term space.
- **Retirement Community Plans Approved:** The City Council approved a development for residents 55 years of age and older to be built on the former Fiserv property. The developer plans on building 916 residential units of varying types on the 115-acre property on E. Jones Bridge Road.
- **Town Center Expansion:** The City purchased 5.762 acres adjacent to the Town Center which could possibly be used to add a performing arts facility, expanded town green, events, gallery space and offices.
- **Arts & Culture Master Plan:** The City Council adopted a plan presented in November to enhance public arts in our community. An arts & culture initiative offers communities the ability to create a sense of identity and in turn empower its citizens additional ways to improve civic life and promote diversity.
- **Lights, Camera, Action:** This year the city began working with Tytan Pictures, an Emmy-award winning group, to produce shows that highlight our great community. An accompanying YouTube Channel, PCN Network, was launched where you can find 25+ videos showcasing our city. All the show's hosts either live or work in Peachtree Corners. Take a moment and visit the City's YouTube Channel – you may just end up seeing a friend, neighbor or co-worker starring in one of the shows.

We are blessed to live in a thriving municipality and with your continued support, our city will remain as one of the best places to live, work, play and learn.

Sincerely,
Mike Mason, Mayor



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Gwinnett County's newest and largest city, Peachtree Corners, was founded July 1, 2012 and is located along the Chattahoochee River in the southwest corner of the county. The city is home to over 40,000 residents and 2,300 businesses.

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Improvements to Busy Peachtree Corners Intersection Slated for 2019

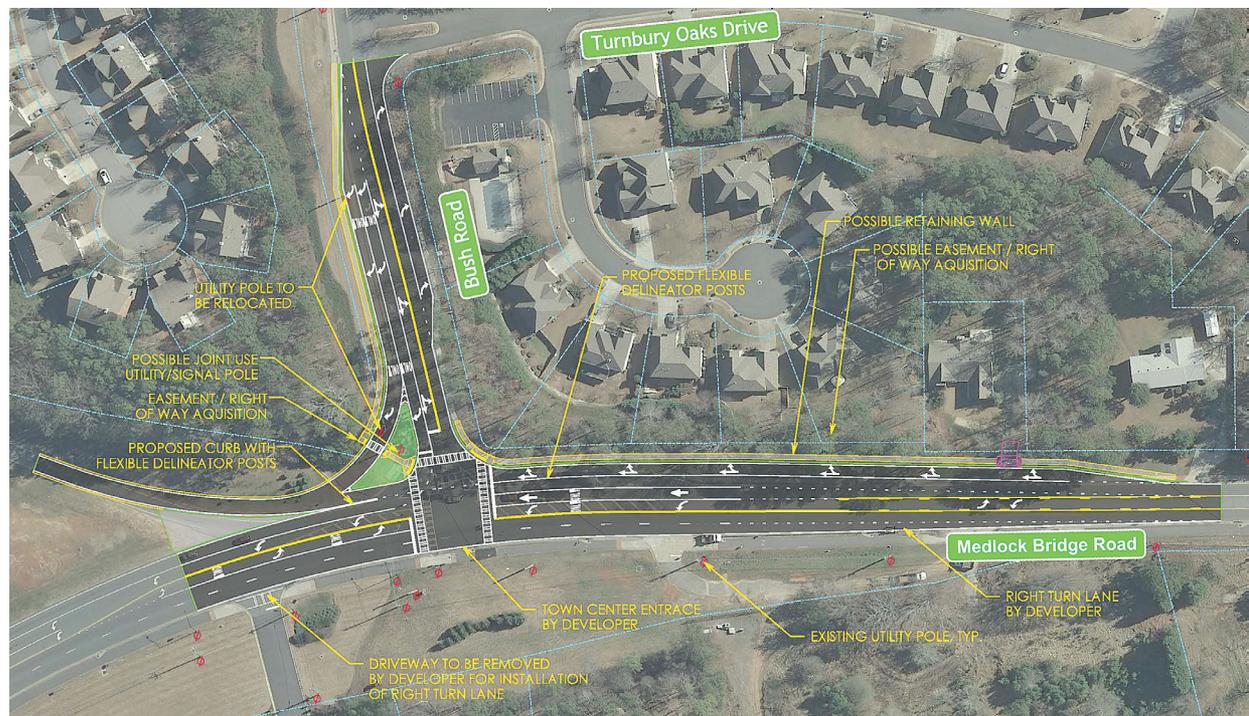
Gwinnett County and the City will partner on the project

Relief is on the way for residents and commuters who regularly navigate the intersection of Medlock Bridge and Bush roads. Improvements for this busy intersection, in which over 25,000 vehicles pass daily, is expected to begin within the next few months.

The improvements include adding dedicated thru lanes and extending turn lanes to increase capacity on both Bush and Medlock Bridge roads. Additionally, the dedicated right-turn lane on Bush Road for northbound traffic on S.R. 141 will be separated by a raised median to allow a continuous flow of traffic.

Pedestrian safety features will also be enhanced and will include upgrading signals and crosswalks and adding a pedestrian island.

The project for these two county-maintained roads will be funded through a joint inter-governmental agreement with Gwinnett County



and the city of Peachtree Corners utilizing SPLOST funds.

The final construction costs for this project are still being developed. Once the construction documents are finalized, construction could be underway as soon as spring 2019. The project is estimated to take 15 months to complete.

“Improving traffic flow throughout the

community has been one of our main objectives since we incorporated in 2012,” said Peachtree Corners Councilmember Alex Wright (Post 3). “We are happy to be able to work with Gwinnett County on these intersection improvements as we continue our focus on reducing traffic congestion throughout our city.” ■

Traffic Roundabout to be Installed at Busy Peachtree Corners Intersection

To reduce traffic backups and keep traffic moving at the intersection of Peachtree Corners Circle and Medlock Bridge Road, the “T” intersection is being converted to a roundabout.

Currently traffic on Peachtree Corners Circle is controlled by a stop sign at this intersection that has a daily traffic count of over 25,000 vehicles. The decision to install a roundabout rather than a traffic light was made due to several factors including increased safety. Studies show that roundabouts are safer than signalized intersections as it reduces conflict points and prevents the severity of accidents as it eliminates any crossing points.



“Roundabouts promote a continuous flow of traffic in all directions versus a traditional traffic signal that stops at least one direction at all times,” said Public Works Director Greg Ramsey. “The roundabout allows for a greater volume of traffic through an intersection while minimizing delays, particularly during off peak hours.”

The proposed roundabout will also incorporate pedestrian crosswalks and additional signage to alert drivers of the state law which requires that all traffic must stop when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk.

“The roundabout will be a big improvement for this busy intersection,” said Mayor Mike Mason. “The pedestrian safety features are certainly timely as we expect foot traffic to increase once the city’s Town Center opens this spring.”

While the construction costs for roundabouts and signalized intersections are similar, the cost to maintain a roundabout is considerably less. The project is funded through the City’s SPLOST funds. The final construction cost is about \$1.2 million. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. ■

Community Celebrates Completion of Winters Chapel Sidewalk Project

On a Sunday afternoon in November a host of civic leaders and residents gathered along a newly completed section of sidewalks located on a busy section of Winters Chapel Road to celebrate the completion of the Gwinnett County SPLOST project.

The ½ mile of new sidewalk that runs along Winters Chapel Road from Newton Drive to Spalding Glen Drive completed a project that was

designed to provide a continuous end-to-end sidewalk from Winters Chapel Road at Spalding Drive to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The area was previously un-accessible to pedestrians due to the dense trees that grew almost to the edge of the road.

“When Peachtree Corners became a city in 2012, Winters Chapel Road had very few sidewalks to support its 13 residential communities,” said Councilmember Sadd. “On average, over 15,000 vehicles travel on this road each day, and it was not a safe place to walk. We are delighted to be able to celebrate the completion of the project. The community now has a safe place to walk. It also expands the walkable footprint and improves street appearance.”



City Adopts Public Art Initiative ►

A new initiative adopted by the Peachtree Corners City Council on Nov. 27 will encourage developers and property owners to include sculpture and other visual art in development projects.

Designed to enliven the city's visual and cultural landscape, the Peachtree Corners Public Art (PAI) Initiative, will require those planning construction or redevelopment projects to collaborate with the city's Arts Council.

"Places where there is strong public art are places people want to be," said Diana Wheeler, the city's community development director. "This plan is inspired by the city's desire to evolve into an increasingly interconnected, collaborative place to live and work, and to encourage a unique cultural environment."

Earlier this year, the city hired Todd Bressi, a Philadelphia place-making expert to assist in development of the plan, which includes a vision map to help city officials, developers and the community envision possible art locations. The map offers an inventory of opportunities for public art throughout the city and provides background on the types of projects that should be encouraged.

All developers and private property owners in the building and permitting process will be required to discuss possibilities for public art on their property with the city's Arts Council. Developers will be asked to voluntarily set aside one percent of their total project costs for public art, either by including public art on their site or contributing money to a public art fund administered by the city. ■



Arts Council members and consultant Todd Bressi discuss themes for public art.



Community Development Director Diana Wheeler (2nd from left) accepts the award on behalf of the City. She is joined by Sean Williams representing MXD, the consulting firm that assisted with the plan. They are flanked by two GPA representatives.



The project had been on a list of recommended projects presented by Gwinnett County's 2014 SPLOST Citizens Review Committee. The citizens committee was established to assist the county in developing a list of transportation projects for the Board of Commissioners to consider; Hilton and Kaplan, both Peachtree Corners residents, had served on the committee.

Attending the celebration: Former Gwinnett County Commissioner Lynette Howard (Dist. 2) along with Peachtree Corners Mayor Mike Mason and Councilmembers Phil Sadd (Post 1), Eric Christ (Post 2) and Lorri Christopher (Post 5). Also attending was former State Representative Scott Hilton (Dist. 95) and Alan Kaplan, a member of the city's Planning Commission. Spalding Glen Home Owners Association president Michael Windsor and Lockridge Forest president Joan Smith attended as well. ■

City Wins Prestigious Award for its Tech Park Master Plan ▲

The City of Peachtree Corners was recently presented the "Outstanding Innovation" award from the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The city's Innovation Hub Master Plan was recognized as the top project in Georgia from among numerous applications. The Innovation Hub Master Plan is a document that serves as a blueprint for re-envisioning Technology Park and re-positioning it from a suburban office park into a living laboratory for innovation.

The Plan addresses mixed-use development, enhanced educational opportunities, and transportation initiatives. Recommendations from the plan have already inspired projects such as the Autonomous Vehicle Test Track and Georgia Tech's Coding School. ■

Environmental Friendly Car Care Tips

Vehicle maintenance and repair activities are potentially significant sources of stormwater runoff pollution. Stormwater runoff flows from rooftops, driveways, paved roads, bare soil, and lawns into stormwater drainage systems, which includes catch basins, yard inlets, pipes, ditches, ponds and streams. It picks up pollutants and transports them directly to our waterways where they are discharged with no treatment and are detrimental to our environment.

Engine repair and service, brake and transmission work, parts cleaning, replacement of vehicle fluids, and outdoor vehicle storage can all contribute contaminants to stormwater runoff such as detergents, detailing chemicals, toxic hydrocarbons (motor oil, gasoline, diesel fuel and greases), heavy metals such as lead, copper and zinc, antifreeze solvents and other toxic chemicals that can harm water quality.

HELPFUL POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Repair and Maintenance Activities:

- Vehicle maintenance and repair activities should be done in an indoor garage or vehicle maintenance area whenever possible.
- Never work on a vehicle in the street or near a stormwater drain or drainage ditch, or anywhere that contaminants could come into contact with rain or stormwater runoff.
- For maintenance work being done outdoors, always use a tarp, drip pan, ground cloth, sheet of plywood, cardboard or newspaper under the vehicle to capture any leaks or spills. Choose to work on a flat surface where you can easily clean up accidental spills. Always use a funnel when pouring liquids products or wastes to avoid spills.
- Capture vehicle fluids in separate drip pans or containers. Do not mix fluids in the same container as it limits the ability to recycle them.
- Immediately clean up vehicle fluid spills with rags or other absorbent materials such as kitty litter, saw dust or oil absorbent.
- Many brake pads contain copper, which wears off as the pads wear. Use shop cloths to wipe as much brake dust as possible from rotors and drums before using brake cleaner fluid. Do not hose down brake pads, rotors or drums.

Material and Waste Handling:

- Collect used oil, antifreeze, and other vehicle fluids in separate containers with tight fitting lids and properly recycle at a nearby auto parts store or service station.
- Drain and recycle used oil filters. Poke holes in the filter and place in a funnel over a waste oil container for several hours before recycling.
- Place used, cracked or leaking batteries in a non-leaking secondary container and dispose of properly at recycling or household hazardous waste facilities.
- Place oily and used rags and absorbent pads in a plastic bag and place in the trash.
- Sweep up any used kitty litter, sawdust or oil absorbent used to clean up a fluid spill and dispose in trash.
- Never pour liquid vehicle wastes to floor drains, sinks, or into any other sanitary sewer connection, and do not dispose of liquid wastes to a stormwater drain or drainage ditch.



For questions, contact the Peachtree Corners Stormwater Department at 678-691-1200 or via email to kfrancesconi@peachtreecornersga.gov ■



Construction on Veterans Monument Underway

Despite the rainy weather, construction on the city's Veterans Monument is progressing. The target date for completion is Feb. 15, 2019.

When complete, the 3,000 square-foot monument will feature seven sculptures, a central pillar topped with sculpture of an eagle atop the globe to represent the presence of the U.S. Armed Forces across the world.

Engraved pavers to honor or memorialize veterans of the families and friends will be installed along the walkways.

Visit the PCVMA website at www.ptcvets.net to purchase a brick paver or to make a donation. You may find more information at www.ptcvets.net. ■



A new sidewalk project along The Corners Parkway was recently completed.

More New Sidewalks Coming

Work is expected to begin in early 2019 on six new sidewalks. The combined projects total 2.4 miles.

- Data Drive (from Triangle Parkway to 3795 Data Drive)
- E. Jones Bridge Road (existing sidewalks to Jones Bridge Park sidewalks)
- Lou Ivy Road (from S. Old Peachtree Road to Bush Road)
- Metric Place (from triangle Parkway to 5430 Metric Drive)
- Triangle Parkway (existing sidewalks to Peachtree Corners Circle)
- Westech Drive (from Technology Parkway to Peachtree Parkway)

For additional information on the city's plans for road and intersection improvements, and sidewalk projects:

1. Visit the city's website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov
2. Locate the "Government" tab
3. Select "Capital Improvement Projects" in the pull-down menu

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



School Children Lend Their Hands to Unique Town Center Project

Long after the ribbon has been cut on the new Town Center and the last vestiges of the grand opening ceremony have disappeared, a group of children are set to leave a lasting memory of the Town Center's early days.

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, a group of 25 students from Peachtree Elementary School gathered on the Town Center plaza and placed their handprints in the wet cement along a circular concrete pad that will be dedicated as a Children's Plaza when the Town Center opens next year. The children, who were all born in 2012, are a nod to the city's founding date, July 1, 2012.

Despite the chilly weather, the children were eager to add their handprints thus cementing their contribution to the city's Town Center. The Children's Plaza, still under construction, is located near the town green. Teachers and parent volunteers assisted in ensuring each little handprint was set to leave a lasting impression.

"This will be a wonderful addition to our Town Center," said Mayor Mike Mason. "Years from now these 25 pairs of handprints will be a reminder of just how far we've come since we incorporated as a city just 6 ½ years ago."

The Peachtree Corners Town Center, which is expected to open in spring 2019, is a 21-acre mixed-use development located on the 5200 block of Peachtree Parkway and features entertainment venues, restaurants, shops, townhomes and a 2-acre town green. The town green, designed to be the heart of the Town Center, will include two open-air pavilions, large oval-shaped lawn, performance stage, large screen TVs and café tables. It will also be the site of a veterans' monument which will honor our men and women who served or are serving our country.

For additional information on the Town Center, including a list of restaurants, retail shops and entertainment venues, please visit the city's website, www.peachtreecornersga.gov, and select the link marked "Town Center News" on the top right side of the homepage. ■

Who to Contact for Streetlight, Water, Road Issues

The city of Peachtree Corners works together with state and county governments and utility companies to ensure roads are maintained, water service is provided, and streetlights are working properly.

Check below for telephone numbers and website links to report an issue or outage.

For issues on Gwinnett County or State maintained roads:

Contact Gwinnett County: 770-822-7474

<https://www.gwinnettcountry.com/web/gwinnett/Services/CitizenSelfService/>

The following roads are maintained by Gwinnett County or the state of Georgia, however all requests should be reported to Gwinnett County's Department of Transportation:

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| ■ Holcomb Bridge Road | ■ Winters Chapel Road | ■ Jones Mill Road | ■ Bridge roads |
| ■ Peachtree Industrial Boulevard | ■ Spalding Drive | ■ Peachtree Corners Circle | ■ S. Berkeley Lake Road |
| ■ Peachtree Parkway | ■ Amwiler Road | ■ Jimmy Carter Blvd | ■ Langford Road |
| ■ Medlock Bridge Road | ■ S. Old Peachtree Road | ■ West and East Jones | ■ Buford Highway |
| | ■ Crooked Creek Road | | ■ Bush Road |

Issues include: Potholes, sinkholes, damaged signs, high grass, sidewalk and curb damage, damaged or missing traffic signs, traffic signal issues, tree removal.

For water-related issues or concerns:

Contact the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources: Telephone - 678-376-7000

Issues Include:

- Sewer Issues
- Interruption of water service
- Loss of pressure
- Streetlight outage
- Running or Leaking Fire Hydrants
- Concerns regarding water taste, color or odor

For electric power, street light outages:

Contact Georgia Power: 1-888-655-5888

<https://www.georgiapower.com/community/outages-and-stormcenter/power-outage-overview/street-light-outage.html>

Issues include:

- Power outages
- Power interruptions
- Downed power lines
- Streetlight outage

All other request should come through the city's fix it app or you may call the Public Works line at 470-395-7020.

The Fix-It-app, app is free and available for both iPhones and Android users. Look for the app in the App Store (iPhone) and Play Store (Android phones) using "Peachtree Corners" as the search term. ■

Avoid Costly Repairs, Maintain Your Home's Gutters, Roof

Each Autumn leaves and pine needles fall and often clog our homes gutters and accumulate on roofs. Per City code roof drains, gutters and downspouts need to be maintained in good repair and free from vegetation and obstruction.

The gutters on your home divert rainwater from the roof and siding. However, if your gutters are clogged with dead leaves, pine needles and other outdoor debris, this can cause the water to back up in the gutter. When this happens, a myriad of problems can result including water creeping up under the roof shingles and leaks in the ceiling which can then cause entire sections of the gutter system to sag due to the increased weight.

Inspecting and keeping your roof and gutters clean and clear can help you avoid possible costly repairs. ■