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Did you know photographing plants, counting birds or using a test kit to sample your neighborhood pond could help professional scientists across the nation? Citizen scientists of all ages can volunteer their time during their summer break, with guardian or parental permission, on real world projects. Whether you prefer to contribute from the comfort of a room with an Internet connection or by joining a team out in the field, volunteering on citizen science partnerships through governmental and non-profit organizations can help students and/or adults explore a variety of subjects including astronomy, biology, ecology, literature, water conservation and more. Here's a list of well-known organizations with year-round open calls for volunteers. Check out Zooniverse.org and these [links](#) for more information on how to get involved.

National Geographic

www.nationalgeographic.org/idea/citizen-science-projects/

- **Observe wildlife:** Upload photographs taken around your community of animals, plants or weather data to a biodiversity database using the iNaturalist app or iNaturalist.org.
- **Search Space:** Want a chance to have an interstellar dust particle named after you? Help NASA by volunteering for Stardust@Home and searching images for tiny interstellar dust impacts. This project is from the University of California at Berkeley, Space Sciences laboratory.
- **Butterfly Census:** Help the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project collect long-term data on larval monarch populations and milkweed to help local decision makers learn how to prevent butterfly decline. See more on the Mayor's Monarch Pledge on page 9 and, visit monarchjointventure.org to find out more.



Chamblee Planning & Development Gets New Digs

The City of Chamblee Planning and Development moved into their new Chamblee office at **5576 Peachtree Road, Ste. 102**, in late February. The former office at 3506 Broad Street, also in Chamblee, is permanently closed.

The functions of the Planning and Development Department include administration of zoning and development regulations, permitting and inspections, and long-range community planning, to promote economic prosperity and neighborhood stability.

Applications or forms may be found on the department's website or by visiting them in person: <https://www.chambleega.com/152/Applications-and-Forms>.

Summer Citizen Science: Creating Opportunities for Summer Fun

Georgia Adopt-a-Stream

www.georgiaadoptastream.com

- The Adopt-A-Stream is Georgia's Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program. Volunteer scientists may perform certain tasks like data entry, geolocation, identification, measurement, observation or photography. The City of Chamblee is part of the Upper Chattahoochee River Watershed.

Atlanta Botanical Gardens

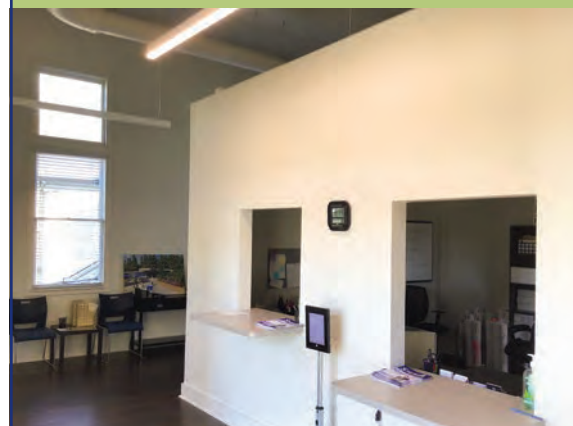
<https://atlantabg.org/conservation-research/outreach-education-and-training/citizen-science/>

- Use treesnap.org to help scientists identify and tag trees in the community. Contributions will create a record of endangered tree locations, characteristics and presence of any disease.

United States Library of Congress

<https://crowd.loc.gov/help-center/>

- Help transcribe the collections of the Library of Congress to make them available online as part of the By the People initiative. Virtual volunteers can explore presidential papers, personal archives of leaders in the women's suffrage movement, work of American poets and more.





Chamblee Celebrates Small Business Week 2020



Events in March changed everything. The COVID-19 pandemic brought life as we know it to a grinding halt. Overnight, folks were working from home, kids were homeschooling, people were losing their jobs and businesses were grappling with the realities of an economic disaster and how to best adapt.

Estimates say there are more than 32.5 million businesses in the United States and 99% of those are categorized as small businesses with 88% of them having fewer than 20 employees. This translates to 53% of the workforce employed by small businesses.

Chamblee alone has 2,200+ businesses and nearly all of them are considered small. We always knew how important our business community was, but after the pandemic, we are even more appreciative of our small business community.

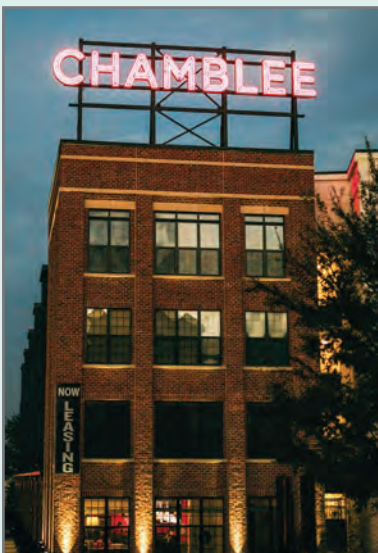
Small businesses not only provide jobs, but they also create culture, cultivate community and capture more capital that stays local than larger, non-local businesses. They are vital to the success of our cities, and they deserve to be celebrated every week, but especially during Small Business Week.

For more than 50 years, the US Small Business Administration (SBA) has designated a week to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of small business owners during Small Business Week. This year, Small Business Week will take place from May 3 through May 9.

We will take time as a city to highlight the importance of entrepreneurs and small businesses making a difference in our community. Follow the city's social media accounts as we highlight various businesses and throw out some good ol' nerdy facts for you about small businesses.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, we encouraged folks to shop small at local businesses in Chamblee, and we'd encourage you once again to show your love, especially now, during Small Business Week. Make sure you tell employees you talk with how appreciative you are for them. Even better: Tip extra if you are able! We know our businesses have been hit hard and any additional thanks is appreciated. Another way you can show some love for your favorite small business is to take a photo and post it to your personal social media. That's a great way to let other folks know where they can find products, services and food they love!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you business leaders, employees and patrons for making our community as amazing as it is! We love and appreciate you. Now go and #ShopChamblee!



Is It Time for a Business Rebrand?

Answers from Kenji Kubota

Every so often, it is a good idea to look at your business's image. Is your logo looking a bit outdated? Is your website missing that extra oomph? Was your headshot last updated when Glamour Shots was a thing? Maybe it's time for a rebranding effort!

Babette and Kenji Kubota, the owners of Kenji Kubota Headshot Photography in Chamblee, know a thing or two about rebranding, so we asked them a few questions to help us better understand the process.



What are the benefits of rebranding, and when should a business consider a rebranding effort?

There's only one reason to rebrand your company: to increase profits and presence. Consider a rebranding when you want to redefine who you are and what you are offering.

Where would you suggest starting with rebranding?

Start with your headshot. Real people buy from real people. Your headshot is the first image people see. Capture the authentic person you are in your images. Post them on your website and social media and change them once per year.

What else do you need to rebrand successfully?

The most important aspect of rebranding is visual. What you see is what you get! Keep your website fresh with new headshots, portraits and videos. These keep customers visiting more often, which translates to higher sales.

Kenji, what was one of your favorite photography experiences and how does that relate to what you do now?

Surfing in El Salvador. Waking up in the morning to fly a drone around a remote bay surf spot was an incredible experience. The only way to film it was by waking up early to film the magnificent sunrise and sky view with the drone. It was literally life changing.

"Every headshot I take is an exciting and unique experience, because each person is uniquely and wonderfully made. I love playing with light and color against many different complexions and expressive eyes."

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Camper Turned Counselor Loves Camp Chamblee



Looking back at Summer Camp, did you have that one counselor that you were extra-specially close to? Did they let you make an extra s'more, have another quiver of arrows or deliver your letters from Mom first? While Camp Chamblee isn't sleep away camp, our counselors go out of their way to make just as big an impact on the lives of their campers.



Meet Sydney Ford, a long-time camper and counselor for Camp Chamblee! Sydney has been a part of Camp Chamblee for about 11 years. She started in Camp Chamblee as a camper when she was 10 years old and then became a counselor at the age of 15. Sydney has come back to camp as a counselor summer after summer because she loves the friends she makes with other counselors, as well as seeing how much the campers learn throughout the summer and how they've grown both physically and mentally each year. Sydney also is a big fan of the field trips Camp Chamblee takes. Not only are the field trips to places like Stone Mountain Park, SkyZone and LanierWorld fun, but she gets to watch how excited the kids get when they experience new and different things.

Although Camp Chamblee focuses on having fun, getting outside and going on field trips, Sydney is a big supporter of the campers learning life skills like cultivating new friendships, learning how to respect one another and being happy with who they are. Additionally, campers also learn how to do a variety of arts and crafts, science projects and sports. Sydney also enjoys getting to have a fun, laid-back summer after she worked hard in school at Georgia Southern University, where she expects to graduate with a nursing degree, with a focus in labor and delivery in December 2020.

If you are interested in having your child attend Camp Chamblee this summer, Sydney will make sure that your children will have a summer filled with different activities, games and so much more! Camp Chamblee will run weekly from Monday, June 1 through Friday, July 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with planned activities scheduled from about 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Camp field trips include: Bowlmor, Get Air, Stone Mountain Park, Zoo Atlanta and LanierWorld. Registration is currently open and only requires a \$20 deposit for EACH week you would like your child to attend camp. Full payment is due a week out from the attended session. For more information about field trips, session dates, the parent manual and registration, please visit www.chambleerec.com. And who knows, your child may even have Sydney as a counselor!





Chamblee Police...Inspiring a New Cadre of Officers

The Chamblee Police Department (CPD) is inspiring future law enforcement officers in a new way. CPD has introduced the first Public Safety Cadet (PSC) Unit for students aged 14 to 20. The PSC Unit prepares young adults for careers and leadership in public safety. Each cadet will go through various development programs and practical experience activities that accentuate the concept of servant leadership. These programs and experiences not only will better prepare the cadets for a public safety career, but also highlight the role of the first responder in the community.

"I'm truly excited about the opportunity to invest in our youth. This program will allow the Chamblee Police Department to work with young people in our community to bridge the gap of trust, while building healthy relationships," said Chamblee Police Chief Kerry Thomas. "This program also will allow police advisors an opportunity to provide positive mentoring, career exploration, personal development, good citizenship and the enhancement of youth leadership abilities. This is community-oriented policing at its best—our community and police working together for a safer community."

For Chamblee Police officers the new Chamblee Public Safety Cadet Unit is a way to stay connected with local students. For the 11 cadets enrolled, it could help determine their future. Cadets will assist the Chamblee Police Department with traffic and crowd control, support at special events, crime

prevention and community-relation functions and assist as appropriate during major incidents such as natural disasters. These cadets are accountable to the public they serve and are held to a high standard of conduct. They reflect the values and virtues of good citizenship in their personal and professional development.

Working hand-in-hand with Public Safety Cadets, a national, non-sworn non-profit organization founded and managed by active and retired law enforcement officers and business leaders, CPD is dedicated to prepare young adults for careers in public safety. PSC provides the law enforcement profession with an opportunity to further an investment in their own future through constructive relationships with young adults contemplating a career in the field of criminal justice.

Community engagement and support are critical to successfully achieving the mission of the cadet unit. Engaging cadets through agency sponsors to work collaboratively with residents and community organizations will help strengthen relationships, build trust and resolve issues for the well-being of the community.

For more information about the Chamblee Public Safety Cadet Unit, contact Captain Ernesto Ford at cford@chambleega.gov or call 770-986-5005.



Pollinators 101

By: Keep Chamblee Beautiful Volunteers

**Pollinator Week is
June 22-28, 2020**

Most people know that pollinators include bees, butterflies and moths, but did you know that ants, bats, beetles, birds, flies, mosquitoes and wasps also are considered pollinators? As a group, these pollinators assist more than 75% of the world's flowering plants to reproduce. The other 25% is attributed to small mammals, wind and rain. Pollinators are the reason we end up with fruit on fruit trees and vegetables in vegetable gardens. They play a role in 150+ food crops just in the US!

Nearly \$20 billion of US produce each year could be lost without pollinator interaction. Worldwide, approximately 1,000 types of plants are grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices and medicines - all of which need pollinators. Here are ways to help:

Create a Pollinator Garden

As you plan your home's summer flowerbeds or even containers on an apartment balcony, include native and pollinator-friendly plants. A complete pollinator garden provides not only nectar from flowering plants but places for insects to dwell, lay eggs and support larval growth. Check out this three-part series by a local Georgia native plant expert for a complete introduction to creating pollinator habitats in Georgia: <http://usinggeorgianativeplants.blogspot.com/2019/03/so-you-want-to-support-pollinators-part.html>.

Don't Disturb Bees!

Around 4,000 bee species call the US home, and it might surprise you to know that 90% of our bees lead solitary lives and nest in the ground or alone in cavities of hollow plant stems or dead logs. Because solitary bees do not make honey and do not have a hive to protect, they rarely sting. If they do, you can be sure it is a female, and she must have been threatened or provoked. **Fun fact: male honeybees also do not have stingers!** Solitary bees typically do not need to be removed because they are non-aggressive and do not swarm or form large beehives. If you find that bees have built their nest in your home or other structure, call a wildlife removal specialist to help you. Another bee fact that may surprise you is that our beloved honeybees are not native. European settlers brought them to America in the 1600s.

Avoid Using Pesticides

Only a small number of insects are pests. Unfortunately, pesticides that control unwanted insects don't know the difference in beneficial insects and harmful ones. Indiscriminate pesticide uses often cause unintended consequences and disrupt the natural systems that sustain us. Please avoid outdoor insecticides, particularly mosquito spraying.



Take the Pledge!



The Mayor's Monarch Pledge is an attempt to create habitat for the iconic monarch butterfly whose population has declined by 90% in the last 20 years. To help Chamblee fulfill its pledge, plant milkweed - the Monarch's favorite food - in a corner of your garden or even in a pot on



your patio or balcony. One caterpillar can consume an entire milkweed plant during its two-week life span. So plant more than one and keep them pesticide free!

Count Your Pollinators!

The Great Georgia Pollinator Census, coordinated by UGA Extension, will take place August 21-22. Visit ggapc.org for a guide, and sign up to participate in this annual event.

Help Chamblee Become a Bee City!

As the global pollinator population continues to decline, communities across the US are invited to be certified as a Bee City USA. Since the word "bee" rhymes with ChamBLEE ... let's help Chamblee become a "Bee City USA"! If you'd like to help, please write to info@keepchambleebeautiful.org.



An effective and pollinator-friendly way to control mosquito populations is to kill them at the larval stage. To do this, add Mosquito Bits® or Mosquito Dunks® to one or more buckets of water containing straw and place them around your yard. Mosquitos will breed here, and larva will then eat the active ingredient, Bacillus thuringiensis, which kills them before they can mature.



A Salute to Our Public Works Professionals

National Public Works Week (NPWW), May 17 - 23, is a celebration of the many thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in our communities. The NPWW event takes place each year during the third full week of May.

THE
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OF
PUBLIC WORKS

Our Chamblee Public Works team provides important city services such as: solid waste collection, recycling, stormwater system maintenance, street cleaning, road maintenance and fleet and city building maintenance. Last year they picked up:

Sweeper Dirt	185 tons
Household Trash.....	4,826 tons
Household Recycle	616 tons
Yard Waste (Leaves and Grass)	497 tons
Yard Waste (Brush).....	9,120 cubic yards

For that, we thank and honor them this week and all year!



CHAMBLEE WILL ROCK WITH THE CONCERT SERIES

The past few months have been a whirlwind of teleworking, conference calls, canceled events, home schooling and so much more. Summer has arrived, and we are still practicing our social distancing and sheltering in place, and we are longing for the days of the Chamblee Summer Concert Series. Your safety is our first priority, so we have made the decision to reschedule as many concerts as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. The May concert is canceled; the June concert is rescheduled for a later date this year; and the July and August concerts are tentative. Dates of the concerts will be announced as we continue to progress through this uneasy time. Keep an eye on our social media and website for the announcement of show dates and times. We will not continue to leave you hanging in suspense, check out the 2020 lineup!

Vertical Horizon



We are excited to announce **Vertical Horizon** as the headliner for the 2020 Concert Series! Founded in the early 1990s as a duo, Vertical Horizon released three independent albums and toured extensively. In 1999, the band signed with RCA Records and experienced meteoric success with "Everything You Want," selling more than two million copies. The title song captured the #1 spot on "Billboard's Hot 100" and Adult Top 40 charts and went on to become the most played single of 2000. Having carved out a page in the archives of music, the band garnered further radio attention with "You're a God" (#4 on "Billboard's Adult Chart") and "Best I Ever Had," which became a 2005 top 20 country hit for country star, Gary Allan.

The Atlanta-made **Sundogs** and powerhouse **Farewell Angelina** will take the stage during the Chamblee Concert Series. Brothers Lee and Will Haraway formed The Sundogs during the early 2000s and quickly earned attention for their melodic Americana Rock and Roll sound of their records and for their high-energy performances. The six-piece lineup also includes renowned Atlanta gunslinger Benji Shanks, ace Hammond keyboardist Kevin Thomas and drummer Will Groth. Collectively, they have shared stages with Jason Isbell, Zac Brown Band, Derek Trucks, The BoDeans, The Wood Bros and many more.



Sundogs

Named after a Bob Dylan song, Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group with four powerhouse vocalists, dynamic songwriters and accomplished multi-instrumentalists. Their stellar blend of heart-stopping harmonies over blazing double violins and guitars earned soaring praise across the board. "Rolling Stone" says, "Wickedly smart songwriting delivered with a healthy dash of sass... deft playing... into one sonic knockout punch." The superstar act has opened shows for the likes of Kenny Chesney, Old Dominion, Frankie Ballard, Jake Owen, Billy Currington, Maroon 5 and Trace Adkins.



Farewell Angelina



Rumours

"Don't stop thinking about tomorrow, don't stop, it'll soon be here!" That's right, **Rumours - a Fleetwood Mac Tribute** band will be performing some of our favorite tunes. Formed in 2014, Rumours has taken the US by storm with their stage scorching renditions of Fleetwood Mac performances. In nearly six years, they landed themselves the reputation of being the best Fleetwood Mac tribute band and have made fans internationally. With their specially crafted shows that do not leave a single detail out, Rumours will make you dance and sing along at the top of your lungs, and they'll even teach you something new about Fleetwood Mac during each performance.

The 4th of July has always been a celebration and **The Block Party Experience** will bring high energy and great music to the Chamblee Concert Series stage in Keswick Park. The Block Party Experience is a young and diverse Atlanta-Based party band, and they are ready to give you a 4th of July celebration to remember! Don't forget, the Chamblee Summer Concert Series brings you the largest fireworks show in North DeKalb County every year.

We can't wait to come together as family, friends and neighbors to show how **#ChambleeRocks**. Until then, stay up-to-date with concert dates and notices by checking out our social media pages and visiting our website at **chambleerocks.net!**



Keep On Counting... Census Deadline Moved to October

The Census Bureau recently took steps to protect the health and safety of the American public, Census Bureau employees and temporary Census taker positions during the recent



pandemic, urging people to complete forms online. The bureau also pushed back the deadline to complete forms from mid-August to October 31 and will limit in-person contact as much as possible.

The Census Bureau paused field operations, and they continued to evaluate all 2020 Census operations. In late May, Census takers around the nation are scheduled to begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help complete the count. However, they will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 outbreak and will adjust Census taker and survey operations as necessary to follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities.

The public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online, via smartphone or tablet, and you can respond by phone or mail, so Census workers do not have to visit you in person. Respond to the 2020 Census as soon as you receive the invitation. When finished, urge friends and families to respond as well.

It has never been easier to respond to the Census, and the 2020 Census will count everyone accurately and in one place. Once again, Census officials encourage everyone to respond online at **2020Census.gov**. With the flexibility and support of the American people, the Census will be complete and accurate and will help guide funding decisions for things like hospitals, roads and emergency services. Respondents also can respond by calling the number provided in their invitation or by mail once they have received a paper form. For more info: **2020census.gov**.



Take Time Out for a Great Cookout



By: Nealey Dozier Thompson, The Cook's Warehouse

We think we know a thing or two about grilling at **The Cook's Warehouse**, and we love to talk shop with anyone who will listen! We get a lot of questions, and we have a lot of answers. We thought we'd share our very best tips and tricks to set you up for summer cooking success. **Here it goes!**

● **Consider the marinade.** An overnight soak can tenderize and boost the flavor of any meat. A marinade usually consists of an acid (citrus juice or vinegar), fat (oil) and maybe a mix of garlic, herbs and/or spices. Some contain a sweetener, such as sugar, honey or maple syrup. Many marinades also work as sauces on the side, just be sure to portion some out separately from any raw foods.

● **Experiment with rubs.** There are so many great brands to play with, like Dizzy Pig, Lane's BBQ and Meat Church, in a wide variety of flavor profiles. Season your meat aggressively and be generous with salt. You lose a lot of the spices once the meat hits the grates.

● **Have the right tools ready to go.** We recommend the following: long tongs, a grilling spatula, stainless grill brush, basting brush and heavy-duty oven mitts. Keep a couple of clean half sheet pans nearby and ready to transfer raw and cooked meat.

● **Invest in a high-end thermometer.** A five-degree swing in the internal temperature of your food can be the difference maker between dry and flavorless food or sheer perfection. Whether it is an instant read thermometer (such as Thermapen) or a Wi-Fi probe (such as iKamand), be sure to insert the probe into the thickest part of the meat and avoid touching any bone, which may give a false read.

● **Think about your zones.** If you are cooking a thick cut, you will need direct and indirect heat. You want to start your food over direct heat to get the crispy, golden crust. Once you've seared to perfection, you will need to move it to a cooler spot to finish cooking without burning the exterior. On a gas grill, you can just turn off the flame, but for charcoal, it's all about how you arrange the coals.

Always bring your meat to room temperature for at least 30 minutes before cooking. If you put cold meat on the grill, the surface will burn before the center has a chance to cook. The bigger the cut, the longer you should let it sit out. (A whole beef tenderloin needs longer than a strip steak.)

While your meat is coming to room temperature, take the time to get the grill to the proper temperature. Don't get impatient. Your food will cook much more evenly if you've allowed time for the grates to get screaming hot. Once the grates are sizzling, give them a scrub with a stainless steel brush to make sure they are squeaky clean from the previous cooking session. Grates are much, much easier to clean when hot. Once your grates are clean, it's time to give them a once over with oil. Pour a healthy glug of neutral oil, such as canola, in a bowl. Use long tongs to dip a folded paper towel into the oil and then rub down the grates a few times to get them coated. Now it's time to get cooking!

When the meat hits the grill, leave it alone. Don't poke, prod or nudge it, and please, please, please never, ever mash it. If you let meat hang out unbothered, it will develop a beautiful crust and deep, golden grill marks. Taking the time to properly sear it yields a huge flavor payoff.

● **Keep the grill lid on.** Basically, you are creating an outdoor oven. You don't cook with your oven door open, do you? Keep. It. Closed.

When it is time for the meat to come off the heat, the resting period is crucial. By letting the meat relax for about five to ten minutes before digging in, the moisture can reabsorb into the meat instead of running right out onto the cutting board. Juicy steaks and burgers, here you come!

There is always more to learn. **The Cook's Warehouse** offers grilling 101 and advanced grilling classes at both of our Atlanta locations. Come fire up the grill and let us give you Every Excuse to Cook!





A Message on COVID-19 from Mayor Eric Clarkson

The past two months have been trying times for our city and nation. I can tell you that this has been one of the most stressful periods of my life as mayor. We are all anxious about the future. I know many people have expressed concern during the response to the COVID-19 virus, both at the national and local level. With that in mind, I wanted to share with you the values that drove my decisions as this emergency unfolded.

As mayor, I ask before making any decision, "What is in the best interest of the City of Chamblee, both long term and short term?" With the current pandemic, I had to understand the issue. I followed (and continue to follow) various news sources, so I understand and share everyone's concern. I am thankful for the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), who quickly pulled together meetings for mayors with top health officials and policy experts. The data and analysis provided much greater context for my decisions.

I also rely heavily on the city charter; specifically, what it allows and what it does not allow. Additionally, I rely on state law and exactly what it says in regards to our actions. While the city does not have health experts on staff, we have some of the best legal and subject matter experts that diligently research policies to make sure we comply with the law. The City of Chamblee is fortunate that we already had a section in our charter that allows the mayor to declare a State of Emergency and issue related Executive Orders. I issued a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 on March 16, one of the first local governments in the state to do so. Our first need for the State of Emergency Order was the need to be able to conduct meetings virtually. This allowed us to continue to conduct meetings and pass orders to keep the city working during a period when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was recommending social distancing and that no groups of more than 50 people be allowed to gather together.

As I gained a better understanding of the issue from briefings with health experts and conversations with state leadership, I began to discuss our options with councilmembers and staff. When I signed the first Executive Order, I weighed the current CDC recommendations with the individual rights that we all enjoy. I also weighed the impact of those recommendations on the health of our community with the financial ramifications of those recommendations on our residents and business owners. With the Executive Order, I made the decision to close certain businesses and ban dine-in service. The order also stated that it was unlawful for more than 10 or more unrelated persons to gather in one place. That was a difficult decision, because I know the impact it has on local businesses. Almost

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a week later, we received new information about the deadly impact of the virus in New York and a health policy expert provided updated data from the GMA. After receiving that information, we clarified many aspects of the Executive Order and added some stronger language, including requiring any business remaining open to provide hand sanitizer stations and to conduct more cleaning.

We have made some tough decisions recently to protect our community. We relied on the expertise from the governor and his staff, the DeKalb County Board of Health and GMA to help make these decisions. I also talked with mayors from neighboring jurisdictions, because it is important to understand how the actions of our neighbors affect us and how our actions affect our neighbors. I can say I have never seen anything like this in my time. The recession in 2007/08 was similar economically but incomparable in so many other ways. Maybe it was a bit like 9/11. But then, unlike it, because we had a visible enemy. Today we are fighting an invisible beast (as a recent article called it) that some people may not even know they carry.

I am proud as I watch our community coming together to keep each other safe, support our businesses and each other. The human spirit is resilient indeed. In addition, I am very proud

of the way our staff and city council rallied during these trying times to bring you a high level of service while working to provide a healthy and safe environment. We had an awesome team of council and staff prior to COVID-19, and this experience has only hardened our resolve to be even better! Our police officers and sanitation workers have families also and experience the stress of protecting us as well as their loved ones when they go home.

I have the safety, health and well-being of our community always at heart. My family and I continue to navigate these uncertain times with some anxiety, some hope and a lot of conviction. Remember, we are still in this together. Because of decades of proper planning, Chamblee is poised to emerge from this stronger than other local governments across the country. I expect that, as financial situations allow, all of the projects, both private and public, planned for Chamblee will continue as intended.

Please understand that all of our actions were collaborative. And it was never easy! We will come out of this stronger than ever!

Mayor Eric Clarkson
City of Chamblee

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