



Message from the Mayor

July 2016 E-Newsletter

On July 1, our young city celebrated its fourth anniversary. Peachtree Corners has made tremendous strides since incorporating as Gwinnett County's 16th city in 2012.

But I think this might be the ideal time to also reflect back on what our city would have looked like had we not incorporated.

- The 20 acres across from The Forum, which is the site of the city's new Town Center, would have been developed into 267 garden apartments had the city not stepped in to purchase the land. The loss of this site would have eliminated any opportunity to create a special community gathering spot that citizens could enjoy for years to come.
- And the pristine 227 acres of land on which Simpsonwood Retreat & Conference Center was located, would have been the site of 200+ homes. Because the land was already zoned RA-200, developers would have needed no approval to cut down the thick forest and carve out subdivision roads, add utilities and build homes on this beautiful piece of land fronting the Chattahoochee River. Thanks to Gwinnett County and the city, Ms. Ludie Simpson's land has been preserved as a peaceful park for all to enjoy.

These two decisions alone made a huge impact on our new city. Creating a town center and preserving Simpsonwood were implemented based on citizens input when the city developed the Comprehensive Plan. Preserving green space, developing multi-use trails and improving Holcomb Bridge Road were listed by our residents as top priorities. Citizens also identified the need for a pedestrian bridge to tie The Forum and the Town Center.

These actions have resulted in an economic development boom for the city. More businesses are choosing to locate or relocate here. Governor Deal's recent announcement that Comcast selected Peachtree Corners to expand its regional

headquarters is just one example of many businesses choosing to grow Peachtree Corners. Office vacancy rates have dropped from 19.2 percent in 2014 to 16.3 percent in 2015. And the city has become a regional job hub with as many jobs as residents.

Now let's take a look back on some of the innovative and remarkable progress we made over the past 12 months.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

1. Adopted a balanced budget with a zero millage rate
2. Partnered with ATDC to develop a Business Incubator Program
3. Established the first Business Incubator location in Technology Park
4. Assisted with the acquisition of Simpsonwood Park
5. Approved Final Plans for the Town Center and Town Green
6. Developed plans for a Botanical Garden at Town Center
7. Awarded Tree City USA designation
8. Awarded ARC's Green Communities Certification
9. Held first Arbor Day event
10. Installed new sidewalks in various locations including Winters Chapel Rd. and Technology Parkway
11. Completed Holcomb Bridge Road Corridor Study
12. Completed study on Redevelopment Options for Aging Apartments
13. Completed a Multi-Use Trail study
14. Adopted a Trails and Open Space Ordinance
15. Acquired land for the first phase of the Multi-Use Trail and approved trail design
16. Approved new millennial housing in Technology Park
17. Began Traffic Study for S.R. 141
18. Resurfaced numerous streets throughout the city
19. Developed designs for a bridge over Peachtree Parkway
20. Elected new city council member
21. Held 1st storm drain stenciling event

Peachtree Corners has a lot to boast about: a zero millage property rate, superior education choices, excellent amenities, robust property values, an affluent community and educated workforce. Our city by the river has a bright future, and with your help and support, we will continue making Peachtree Corners truly "Innovative and Remarkable."

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