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Peachtree City UPDATES Week of January 25, 2010

#### Tell us what you think! Resident & Business surveys now online.

The 2010 Resident and Business surveys are now online. The City is seeking input from its residents and from owners & managers of businesses located in the City on a variety of issues, including the 2011 budget, current City service levels, future commercial development, and recycling and outdoor burning. The surveys will be available online through February 15. Residents also received mailed copies of the Resident Survey inside the printed UPDATE Newsletter, but if you have Internet access, taking the survey online will help save tax dollars on staff time to input paper results. Visit the online surveys page . .

## Council Workshop on Cell Phone Towers on February 2

Next Tuesday, February 2, the Mayor and City Council will hold a workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss future cell phone towers in Peachtree City. Public input is desired. Staff will also give the new Council an overview on several ordinances, including the Transition Buffer Yard Ordinance, the Buffer Ordinance for thoroughfares, the Vegetation Protection & Landscape Ordinance, and discuss the possibility of an ordinance requiring owners of vacant property to register with the City. The meeting will also be broadcast live and available on-demand on <a href="https://www.peachtree-city.org/video">www.peachtree-city.org/video</a>.

#### Sewer System Work continues in Glenloch Village – Waterwood Bend

Residents in the Waterwood Bend area of Glenloch Village may see contractors from All Pipeline TV & Air Testing (APT) in the streets, greenbelts, and along the paths. The company has contracted with the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority to inspect and clean the sewer lines in the area. This activity should not impact street or path traffic.

## E-cigarettes – not allowed where standard cigarette smoking is prohibited

Last Thursday, the Mayor and Council voted to add e-cigarettes to the City's smoke free air act. E-cigarettes, or electronic cigarettes, look like regular cigarettes but use battery power to produce a water-based nicotine vapor that is inhaled. This ordinance does *not* ban the new e-cigarettes, but does restrict the locations where they can be "smoked" to the same locations where standard cigarettes can be smoked. The new ordinance takes effect on April 21, 2010.

# Peachtree City Dog Park - under new management

The City has entered a one-year contract (through December 31, 2010) with the Peachtree City Dog Park Association to manage the dog park on McIntosh Trail (located behind the BMX track). Park users will be asked to pay a new fee in association with the management agreement (much like users of the pools, Kedron Fieldhouse, and the Peachtree City Tennis Center help to supplement those operations through fees). The new fees are:

- \$1.00 per visit
  OR
- \$35/family/year for Peachtree City & Fayette County residents and
- \$45/family/year for non-Fayette County residents

Per the terms of the agreement, the City will continue to own the park, perform trash collection, and pay the utilities (water only). The Dog Park Association will forward all out-of-county fees to the City to help defray these costs. *More information* . . .

### Animal Control Ordinance – leashes, tethering, and dangerous dogs

On January 18, Council discussed a citizen request to ban or further regulate certain types of dogs (known as pit bulls). Following a staff presentation on the issue, Council decided not to pursue what is known as "breed specific legislation" or BSL, but asked staff to come back with some modifications to the existing animal control ordinance. The issues staff continues to research are:

- Working with Fayette County to fine-tune the definitions, process, and fines for "dangerous dogs" or "vicious animals"
- Working to bring Peachtree City's ordinance in line with Fayette County's leash law (particularly the "voice command" option currently available in Peachtree City's ordinance)
- Further looking at possible restrictions on tethering unattended dogs (tethered dogs are 2.8 times more likely to bite than un-tethered dogs, according to the U.S. Humane Society)
- Further looking into the spay and neuter laws already in place

If you have questions or concerns, please email <u>Betsy Tyler</u> with comments on this issue. Staff expects to bring recommendations back to the Mayor and City Council some time in March.

#### **Project UPDATES**

- Willowbend Road Both the road and path are now open!
- Flat Creek Bridge approaches. Carts should not cross bridge until path to Parkade Ct. is rebuilt. This should be completed by mid February.
- **CSX Bridge / Path connections.** Construction is underway. Contractor is currently working on retaining wall. The deadline for the contractor to complete the project is February 2.

## Path Rules Reminder - Audible Signal Required

Peachtree City's path system is used by many different age groups and many different modes of transportation. Pedestrians sometimes find themselves at risk of being struck by a golf cart or a cyclist. City Ordinance 78-96(f) requires golf cart drivers and cyclists to give an **audible signal** when approaching pedestrians from behind. So give a honk or a cheery "on your left (or right) as you approach to help keep all our path users safe. *View Peachtree City's Path and Golf Cart Rules Brochure* . . .

# Don't Forget . . .

**Recreation Commission** – *Monday, January* **25**, 6:30 p.m. at The Gathering Place (rescheduled from regular meeting on January 18). Agenda items include Youth Association Agreements, discussion of the Dog Park, Bike Trails at the Baseball/Soccer Complex, and a revision of the Commission's by-laws.

Peachtree City Youth Council – Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. More information . . .

Landlord Training Class - Friday, January 29, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. at City Hall (this session full).

**Karts for Kids Drive** – *Friday, January* **29**, 7:00 p.m. at Drake Field. Cart procession to raise awareness of extreme poverty. *More information* . . .

**Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, January 30,* 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at McIntosh High School Cafeteria. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$5.50 at the door. Annual fundraiser by the Peachtree City Kiwanis Club. *More information . . .* 

City Council Workshop – Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

City Council Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**Father Daughter Dance -** Friday, February 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Bridge Community Center. Registration is underway at the Recreation Department. *More information* . . .

Youth Geography Bee – Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. More information . . .

Adult Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Class - begins Tuesday, February 9, at the PTC Police Department. The classes are every Tuesday evening, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., for 10 weeks, with a Disaster Training Exercise at the end of the session. This is a great way to learn to be prepared for and assist the community during a disaster. A Teen CERT is coming later this spring. <u>Download Adult CERT registration form . . .</u>

**The Fred Series Ticket Renewal Lottery** – Saturday, February 27 (times vary by seating section). More information . . .

**Citizen's Police Academy** – begins Thursday, March 4. Thursdays, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. This ten-week class gives residents and business owners information about the Police Department operations and helps build a partnership between the department and the community. <u>More information & application . . .</u>

**City Council Retreat** – Friday & Saturday, March 12 & 13, at City Hall. The Retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. each morning, ending on Friday at approximately 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday when the agenda is complete. A detailed schedule of discussion topics will be published closer to the Retreat dates.

**Buy Design Jewelry Show -** March 13, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Kedron Fieldhouse. This is a new Recreation Department event, which will feature all hand-crafted jewelry by local artists. It will be held inside the gym, so come by, rain or shine! Still accepting vendor applications. *More information* . . .

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