



PEACHTREE CITY **UPDATES**
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Peachtree City again recognized in Top 10 CNN/Money Best Places to Live

Once again, Peachtree City has ranked in the top ten best places to live, as published by CNN Money Magazine. Peachtree City ranked eighth in 2009, resuming the place it held in 2005. Peachtree City was ranked in the top 100 for 2007 (the magazine ranks larger cities in even years). See the full article at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2009/top100/> and the video at http://money.cnn.com/video/pf/2009/07/09/pf_best_places_peachtree.moneymag/. The video should also be running on CNN and Headline News in the coming week.

“Harmless” Summer Pranks

Last summer it was graffiti. This seems to be the summer of stolen street signs – fifty of them so far. There is an obvious financial impact for replacing these signs, which cost \$55 each in materials and man hours to make and install the signs. That cost increases to \$165 per sign if the signpost has been damaged and must also be replaced. What may not be so evident is the actual harm these pranks can cause – firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and police officers may not be able to respond to an emergency if they can’t find the correct address. Removing traffic direction signs like stop signs can be even more immediately dangerous. Parents – please talk to your teens about the cost, and potential harm, these types of pranks can cause. Please report missing signs and return any signs you may find to Public Works on McIntosh Trail, 770-487-5183 or online at www.peachtree-city.org under Online Services.

Library Use on the Rise, new hours begin August 10

The Georgia PINES Library System reports that the Peachtree City Library had the third largest circulation in the State for Pines Libraries in FY 2009, with 439,038 transactions. Athens and Covington ranked first and second, with 576,080 and 560,878 transactions respectively. Last year, Peachtree City ranked fourth, but surpassed Rome in FY 2009. PINES is a consortium of over 265 libraries state-wide, and does not include some larger library systems such as the City of Atlanta and Cobb County.

Following a survey of patrons, the Library will implement new seasonal hours on August 10. The hours will be Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. These hours will remain in effect during the school year to accommodate students studying and doing research. The hours will be adjusted for earlier openings and closings in June 2010 after the school year ends.

PD Hosting Fall CERT Class – Application deadline is August 27

The PTC Police Department will host a basic Community Emergency Response Team class beginning September 3. The classes will be held each Thursday for 10 weeks from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The CERT Program offers valuable insight into the first few critical hours following an emergency or disaster and how individuals can better prepare to sustain themselves and their families.

Applicants (18 and older Georgia Residents) must sign a Waiver of Liability form and undergo a criminal history background check. There is no charge to attend this class; however, the class size will be limited. Visit www.peachtree-city.org/police for more information and applications. Applications are also available at the Library, City Hall, and the Police Department. The deadline to apply is August 27.

Don't Forget . . .

July 16 City Council Meeting – 7 PM at City Hall. Topics include FY 2010 Budget Public Hearing, Kedron Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center reduction in workforce and fees for swim teams, several variance requests, the Step 1 Annexation Request for Southern Pines Plantation, and bids for the Battery Way Park spillway and Lakeside drainage project. The full agenda and information packet is available at www.peachtree-city.org under the events calendar and the Mayor & Council page.

The Spinners – Friday & Saturday, July 17 & 18 at The Fred. Their hits include "Then Came You," "I'll Be Around," "One Of A Kind (Love Affair)," "Games People Play," and "Working My Way Back to You." Visit www.amphitheater.org .

Twilight Theater presents "Oliver!" – Fridays & Saturdays, July 24, 25, 31 & August 1 at The Fred. Visit www.amphitheater.org .

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