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From the Mayor's Desk

Q&A with Mayor Mason

New trash service, Town Center update and coding school opportunity at Prototype Prime

Q: Why is the city changing to a new waste management service provider?

A: The city's contract with Waste Pro expires at the end of this year which required that the service be put out for bid. Out of all of the solid waste service providers that were invited to offer bids, four (including our current provider Waste Pro) filed RFPs (Request for Proposal). And of those four, Waste Management had the lowest bid.

While the monthly cost of service is going up slightly (by \$3.38 per month), the new rate for Peachtree Corners residents is still lower than the cost for those who live in unincorporated Gwinnett. (Seniors 65 and over will continue receiving a 15% discount on their service.) There are also several perks that come with the new service, new wheeled carts with lids, one for garbage and a second for recycling materials. Additionally, Waste Management will be using brand new trucks to service our city.

Please watch for a special newsletter that will be delivered to each residential home in the coming days that will provide complete details on the new service. The information on the [city's website](#) will also be updated with information on the new service in the coming days.

Q: What's the latest update on the Town Center?

A: As you can see by the aerial photo at the top of this e-newsletter, a lot of work has already been done on our new Town Center. The building exteriors and parking deck are complete, the roads are in and a number of the retail shops and restaurants are completing their interiors. Some of the businesses expect to be open by the end of the year. Construction on the townhomes is expected to begin early next year.

The city is planning on a late spring/early summer 2019 grand opening celebration. We'll be sending out notices and inviting everyone to this long-anticipated event. The Town Center will

be a wonderful place for Peachtree Corners residents, their family and friends to discover new places to eat, shops to explore, or to simply enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the town green.

The 2-acre town green will be the gathering place for our community. Some of the features include an open-air pavilion, amphitheater, open lawn, and children's playground. The town green will also be the site of our veterans' monument to recognize the men and women who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

You can find more information, including a list of restaurants and retail shops that are already making plans to open their businesses and more on a special page for the [Town Center](#) on the city's website.

Q: I've been hearing about a Georgia Tech coding school that will be offered here in Peachtree Corners. Can you give me some details on the classes?

A: Demand for coders is expanding across a broad range of careers. We are finding that here in Peachtree Corners, businesses are seeking avenues to upgrade employees' skills to become coders. We are also hearing from people who are looking for a career change and are considering computer coding as an option. So, we thought what better way to help those interested in computer coding and the businesses in our city, than by offering classes right here in Peachtree Corners.

The city has partnered with Georgia Tech to offer a 24-week coding boot camp that will begin Jan. 28, 2019. The classes will be offered through [Georgia Tech Professional Education](#) (GTPE), an academic division of Georgia Tech. The boot camp classes will be held at [Prototype Prime](#), the startup incubator located in Technology Park.

Students will learn the skills to become proficient in front-end and back-end technologies and hands-on training to master the hard and soft skills needed for web development, data science and analytics. The course is designed to provide students with a wide set of technical skills and a portfolio of projects.

You can find more details and enrollment information at this link on the [city's website](#).

Thank you for continuing to read the city's monthly e-newsletter. Please reach out to City Hall at 678-691-1200 should you need assistance or have any questions. Our city staff is delighted to be of service.

Sincerely,

Mike Mason, Mayor