



*From the Mayor's Desk*

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## **Looking Ahead to the New Year**

Without question, 2019 was a banner year for our city with the opening of the Town Center, the Veterans Monument and the launch of Curiosity Lab, the city's autonomous vehicle testbed and intelligent mobility center. And we began construction on the pedestrian bridge which is expected to be complete by the fall of this year.

We've not taken our foot off the gas in 2020. Our new Town Center and Town Green will be full of family-friendly activities, live concerts, movies and special events. And remember, they're all free! This year we are continuing our efforts to redevelop the Holcomb Bridge Road corridor – and in 2020 Peachtree Corners will participate in its first U.S. Census since becoming a city.

### **Town Green Events 2020**

#### Exercise on the Green

- Yoga on the Green – begins April 28 – Tuesdays from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
- Pilates on the Green – begins April 30 – Thursdays from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

#### Friday Night Farmers' Market

- The second Friday of each month, beginning in May, enjoy shopping for fresh produce plus live music on the stage.

#### Special Events from May 2 – Dec. 4

- The 2020 lineup features: Derby Party, Mid-Summer Kids Dream, Cornhole & Corndogs, Bark in the Park, Harvest Fest, Veterans Day, Holiday Extravaganza, and more.

#### Big Concerts

The five live concert series begins on May 30 and concludes on Sept. 26. The band lineup hasn't been announced yet, but, be sure to mark your calendar for the last Saturday of every month.

#### Flicks on the Green

The first Saturday of the month beginning May 2 watch five family-friendly movies, the lineup will be announced in the next few months.

Sports on the Screen and Winter, Spring and Fall Cornhole leagues round out the year for a total of 104 events.

And this year, the annual Peachtree Corners Festival will be held on the Town Green. The two-day festival, June 13-14 will kickoff with a live concert on Friday, June 12.

Details on these events will be posted on the City Calendar on the City's website in the coming months.

## **Redeveloping Holcomb Bridge Road**

A major focus this year will be the redevelopment and revitalization of the Holcomb Bridge Road corridor. This important gateway to our city is vital to the city's continued growth and the prosperity of residents and business owners. Because of its strategic location and high traffic count, the area is ripe for attracting new businesses and residential development.

We are continuing our efforts to find additional ways to revitalize this important area of the city and attract reinvestment.

We've begun by making plans to add a new section of the multi-use trails along Crooked Creek which is designed to enhance the area for developers interested in adding new homes. We are expanding our pedestrian safety efforts by adding sidewalks and other pedestrian safety features along this road which sees heavy vehicle traffic.

The council and I will be providing more information on the Holcomb Bridge Road corridor redevelopment efforts in the coming months.

## **Why you should participate in the U.S. Census**

By April 1 of this year, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census is a count of every person living in the United States, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. A census is required by the U.S. Constitution every 10 years.

- The census will provide essential data for determining the location of new schools, hospitals and highways and provide information for tracking the well-being of children, families and the elderly.
- The data are used by transportation planners to evaluate peak volumes of traffic in order to reduce congestion, plan for parking, and develop plans for carpooling and flexible work schedules.
- The data will aid federal, state and local governments in distributing benefits fairly.

## **When will the Census be conducted?**

- The U.S. Census Bureau will mail postcards to every household in the United States starting in March 2020. The postcard will request each household to complete the survey on April 1, 2020.

### **How do I participate?**

- You can complete the census online, by telephone or by mail.
- The census data you provide is confidential. Other government agencies cannot access your responses, and it is illegal for the Census Bureau to share your information. Census information is used for statistical purposes only.
- It is paramount that all Peachtree Corners residents participate. Parents should be sure their children are counted, and college students should be counted according to their residence as of April 1.

We've added a page on the city's website which provides additional information in an easy to read Q&A format and includes links to more resources. I encourage you to take time to peruse the information. To access the page, visit [www.peachtreecornersga.gov](http://www.peachtreecornersga.gov); then under the "Residents" tab, select "2020 Census" in the pull-down menu.

The Council and I wish you a very Happy New Year and send our best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2020.

***Mayor Mike Mason***