



**December 2018**

***From the Mayor's Desk***

**The Year In Review – 2018 has been good year for our city**

By all accounts, it's been a banner year for Peachtree Corners. It's been just six 1/2 years since we officially incorporated as Gwinnett County's newest city. I along with our six city council members are proud of the work that has been accomplished since we stood up Peachtree Corners on July 1, 2012. As we usher in a new year, I would like to take time to look back at just some of the city's many accomplishments in 2018.

- City Street Resurfacing: Over 4 ½ miles of city streets were resurfaced this year, and more residential and subdivision streets are scheduled for resurfacing in 2019.
- New Sidewalks Installed: Nearly 2 ½ miles of sidewalks have been installed in the community, with additional sidewalks planned for 2019.
- Pedestrian Crossings: Two new crossings on E. Jones Bridge and Winters Chapel roads were installed this year. Both feature flashing beacons and pedestrian islands.
- Intersection Improvements: A northbound right turn lane was added on S.R. 140 for traffic turning onto Peachtree Corners Circle. This project was funded by Georgia DOT. Improvements are currently underway on several additional intersections.
- Crosswalks: A number of crosswalks throughout Technology Park have been added for additional pedestrian safety.
- New City App Launched: Use the new "Corners Connect" app to connect with everything going on in the city from events, dining, entertainment, bus routes, city information, weather and much more. The app is free and available for both iPhone and Android users.
- Keeping Our City Green: The City earned its 3<sup>rd</sup> "Tree City USA" designation this year. Our city was one of 34 cities in Georgia recognized for its commitment to caring for and managing its public trees.
- Finance Department Earns Budget Award: The Government Finance Officers Association honored our City with the organization's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. To receive the award the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

- New Solid Waste Provider Selected: With the current contract expiring at the end of 2018, the City issued a bid inviting all solid waste haulers to bid on a new contract. The City received multiple responses, the lowest was Waste Management, which offered additional benefits, including brand new trucks to service our city.
- Investing in Intelligent Mobility: Technology Park will soon be home to a 1.4-mile open test and demonstration track for companies to experiment and show off new and emerging technologies. The city's startup incubator, [\*\*Prototype Prime\*\*](#), will be home base for companies who need a landing spot for a research project or longer-term space.
- Retirement Community Plans Approved: The City Council approved a development for residents 55 years of age and older to be built on the former Fiserv property. The developer plans on building 916 residential units of varying types on the 115-acre property on E. Jones Bridge Road.
- Town Center Expansion: The City purchased 5.762 acres adjacent to the Town Center which could possibly be used to add a performing arts facility, expanded town green, events, gallery space and offices.
- [\*\*Arts & Culture Master Plan\*\*](#): The City Council adopted a plan presented in November to enhance public arts in our community. An arts & culture initiative offers communities the ability to create a sense of identity and in turn empower its citizens additional ways to improve civic life and promote diversity.
- Lights, Camera, Action: This year the city began working with Tytan Pictures, an Emmy-award winning group, to produce shows that highlight our great community. An accompanying YouTube Channel, [\*\*PCN Network\*\*](#), was launched where you can find 25+ videos showcasing our city. All the show's hosts either live or work in Peachtree Corners. Take a moment and visit the City's YouTube Channel – you may just end up seeing a friend, neighbor or co-worker starring in one of the shows.

We are blessed to live in a thriving municipality. As 2019 approaches, the City Council and I wish you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year. Together, we will ensure our city remains one of the best places to live, work, play and learn.

***Happy Holidays,***

***Mike Mason, Mayor***