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From the Mayor's Desk

Pedestrian Bridge, Recognizing our HS Graduating Seniors and Signs of Hope

While we're still mostly sheltering in place, building and road construction continues, plans for high school graduations continue, albeit quite differently than originally planned, and signs of hope and inspiration are everywhere.

Following are three Q&As on topics that many of our residents have expressed interest.

Q: There's lots of construction at the pedestrian bridge site between The Forum and the Town Center. Do you have an update on when the bridge will be complete?

A: The project is currently on schedule. I understand that there will be two weekends where S.R. 141 will be closed to traffic. During the closures, Medlock Bridge Road and Peachtree Corners Circle around the Town Center will be used as detours for both northbound and southbound traffic.

The schedule at this point, barring any weather delays, is for the first detour to take place at 9 p.m. Friday, June 5 through 5 a.m. Monday, June 8. The actual bridge span will be installed at this time. The second detour will take place Friday, from 9 p.m. June 12 through 5 a.m. June 15. This time will be used to pour the bridge deck and install the pedestrian panels.

Watch for message boards with the detour schedules which will be installed by May 22. This schedule is, of course, subject to change should bad weather delay the installation plans.

Construction on the pedestrian bridge is expected to be fully completed by the fall. We will continue to update you on the progress.

Q: This year the coronavirus has changed everything for our graduating seniors. Do you know if there are any plans to make sure these young men and women get to enjoy their special moment?

A: For high school seniors, this year is shaping up quite differently than what they and their families envisioned at the beginning of the school year. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, schools have had to rethink how to recognize the young men and women who will celebrate the end of this most significant journey in their young lives.

We know that the public and private schools that serve Peachtree Corners' students are going to extraordinary lengths to make their graduation celebration as meaningful and memorable as possible.

The city of Peachtree Corners is also stepping in to add to this most important moment by creating a video celebration montage for PTC high school seniors. We invite all PTC high school seniors to be part of the city's celebration. At the bottom of this message is a link to the form and instructions for photo and video submission.

We are contacting public and private schools requesting they send out notices to all Peachtree Corners graduating seniors asking they complete a simple form and submit photos for the montage project.

Our goal is to have all submissions by May 15 which will give us time to put together this tribute and post by May 22. We need your help in sharing this request to any graduating high school seniors you know – including those who are homeschooled.

We are excited for our 2020 high school seniors and wish them success as they venture out into the world.

High School Seniors, please [use this link to the information form](#). At the bottom of the form is a link to upload a video and photos. After all is complete, use the SUBMIT button on the bottom right hand side to send.

Q: In these very uncertain times we are living in, we read about efforts and initiatives every day that offer hope and support for our community. The large sign that reads HOPE in all capital letters posted at the S.R. 141/PIB split next to the city's gateway sign is a nice touch. Are there any other initiatives that offer inspiration and support?

A: I am proud of the citizens of our community and the upstanding way all have collectively responded during the pandemic. There's been so many good stories: people sewing facemasks on their home sewing machines to give out to those in need; a citizen who designed a program for a 3D printer that he's using to make face shields which he donates to hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics, a restaurant owner whose "Pay What You Can" initiative allows those who aren't able to pay for a meal to still be able to enjoy a dinner out, and another restaurant owner who lends a helping hand by giving away free bread dough to those who may be having difficulty feeding their families.

I've just learned of a fun way for children of all ages to tap into their creative side. It's called the Create Happiness Chalk Challenge. The folks at Village Park are encouraging everyone to "grab some sidewalk chalk and draw what makes you happy," then post a picture of the artwork on Facebook. Tag your posts with #CreateHappiness and @villageparkpeachtreecorners. This fun event is from May 11-22. The Village Park residents will vote for the winner. The prize is a \$100 gift card and your artwork will be featured on Village Park's blog and social media.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, there are so many more inspiring stories. Support is strong for our city and I am proud to be its mayor.

Stay Safe

Mayor Mike Mason