



## PROJECT UPDATE

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### **City Participates in McEachern High School Career Development Program**

The McEachern High School Career Development program offers students the opportunities to learn and develop necessary skills to be successful in the business world. With a three tier program focused on resume building, interview training and business networking, the students have the opportunity to learn and develop these skills at workshops in February and then put these skills into action at the spring Career Fair as they seek potential job, internships, apprenticeships and/or career guidance with local businesses. This opportunity introduced us to students who might be available to participate in the City's summer youth intern program. Last summer the City was able to hire 3 interns for a six-week period. Our plans are the same for this summer.

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### **Building Assets in our Youth - City Youth Ambassadors**

The City's youth ambassadors – GIPS-n-GAPS (Growing In Powder Springs/Growing Ambassadors in Powder Springs) – announced the 2017 Summer Enrichment Program to be held Mondays through Thursdays from June 19 to June 29, 2017. The program is open to Powder Springs rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The GIPS –n – GAPS youth ambassadors are looking for volunteers and sponsors. If you would like to volunteer or just simply sponsor a child for this summer program, then please contact Trudy Crunkleton at the City or Pastor Roger Vest with Powder Springs First United Methodist Church. The camp will offer sessions in music production, art, performing arts, language and math.

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### **Community Emergency Response Team training**

"You can't predict but you can prepare". Graduates of the City's Academy had the opportunity to expand their preparedness February at the Powder Springs Police Department. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> session of a long-term goal to establish a civic CERT program within plan to host two training events each year, and sessions will be announced on our website and marquee signage.



Citizen Police training in training the City. We

### **Resurfacing**

The City and Cobb County have joined together to resurface Hopkins Road and Macedonia Road. Hopkins Road is currently underway and Macedonia is scheduled to begin this summer. The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program is funding these resurfacing projects. The City's share is \$77,000 for Hopkins Road and \$142,000 for Macedonia Road.



## Recreation

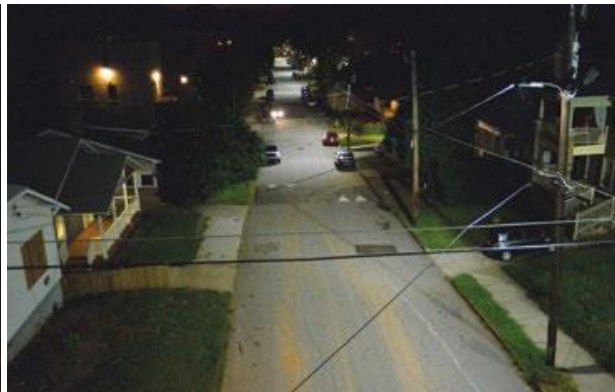
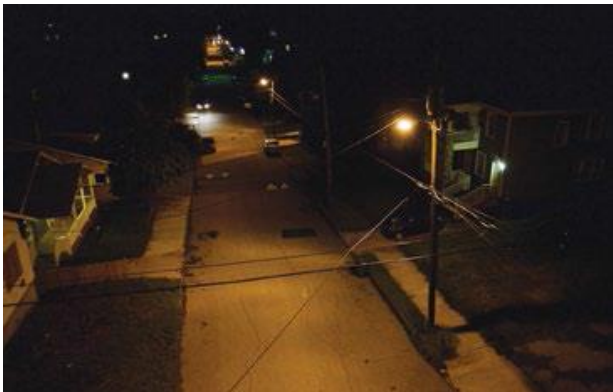
**Linear Park continues development** Construction continues at the Silver Comet Trail Linear Park adjacent to Richard D. Sailors Parkway. The special needs playground addition is underway and is substantially complete. We will have a ribbon cutting on May 17 at the playground to open the park for use. The Council recently approved a contract to begin construction on a covered basketball court and additional parking. That work is expected to begin by June and completed by the fall.

## Floodplain properties

The City applied for grant assistance to purchase a couple of properties that have been flooded several times in order to remove the structures from the floodplain in order to protect public safety. We also applied for funding assistance to install some passive uses on properties the City purchased in 2005 and 2009. The applications proposed a sand volley ball court, a disk golf area, tetherball and picnic tables and benches. We expect a decision on those applications before the end of summer.

## Public Works projects

The SPLOST sidewalk projects on Lindley Circle, Louise Street and Parks Drive have been completed and minor punch list items are being addressed. The sewer repair and resurfacing on Lindley has been completed. Within the next six months, Georgia Power will begin the LED roadway lighting conversion in Powder Springs. The Lighting Services division plans to convert high-pressure sodium roadway lights to LED over the next four years.





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### Public Arts Initiative

For those of you who don't know, the City partnered with the South Cobb Arts Alliance to open an art Gallery in our council chambers building. This new Gallery features rotating exhibits from local artists and this month begins a quarterly showing of art work from McEachern High School Students. The gallery is open every day during business hours and we encourage you to visit. For those of you who walk or bike the Wildhorse Trail, you've had an opportunity to enjoy art work from our local middle school teacher and a few of his students who have provided a fun and visual experience along the entire length of the trail with paintings of wildlife.

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### Springs Fest

The Powder Springs Business Group hosted a successful springs fest this past weekend on the town square to showcase local businesses and promote the Buy Local Live Local campaign. They had a great turnout and we could not have asked for better weather. The PSBG has been organized for less than one year and they did a great job with this community event.

### Run for Food

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Run for Food was another success. This event was hosted by our police department to raise money for MUST ministries. We met our goal of 100 participants to help during the summer when school is not in session our local children who are on free or reduced lunches. The City also helped Sweetwater Mission in its annual Spring Chicken Run Race Against Hunger last month on the Lucille Trail. It is part of the City's tourism partnership event.

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### Performing Arts

Another element of our tourism program are the performances at our theater. We showcased the theater with a city hosted comedy show late last year, and we will host a musical performance series this year beginning June 17. The theater provided a venue to a performance in April called WHERE IT ALL GOES DOWN. This was an inspirational stage play focusing on women in the workplace and their dealings with everyday life; seen and unseen. Powder Springs Elementary produced A LION KING in March and the Board of Directors has been developing a marketing plan to attract regular performances.



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### Beautification & Clean Up

With help from our ambassador volunteers and residents, we removed 101 bags of trash from the rights of way on our local roads. The Pick It Up clean up event was held on April 22 in recognition of Earth Day. Over 150 students from McEachern High School, Tapp Middle School and Compton Elementary joined other volunteers to make this a continued success. Each volunteer group noted that the amount of trash was less than the first even in April of 2016, which is due in part to the clean up efforts by a staff person dedicated solely to picking up trash. This was a request we heard during the town hall meeting last year, the City responded by forming a volunteer ambassador committee to lead this effort. The volunteerism of our residents has made a difference in how our community looks.

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### July 4

Our annual July 4 event is scheduled to begin at 7 pm on the town square. We will have live entertainment, food and activities for children to enjoy. Fireworks will begin about 9:30. Plan to celebrate Independence Day with us on the 4<sup>th</sup>.