From the Chief

On behalf of the members of the Peachtree City Police Department, I want to introduce you to our newest method to continue our communication outreach. Sgt. Kevin Brown, the Community Outreach Coordinator, has put together a newsletter from the police department to inform the citizens of various activities, actions, and information. I hope you find this newsletter informative and serves as a mechanism for you to get to know us better.

Our mission: Safeguarding the quality of life in our community through professional service and community partnerships.

Chief Janet Moon

MYCOP

The “My Community Officer” program (MYCOP) is a partnership between the Peachtree City Police Department and the communities in the city, designed to help strengthen the relationship between our citizens and the department. Each neighborhood has an officer designated as their liaison with the department. Your community officer will serve as your point of contact with the department for non-emergency issues (always call 911 for emergencies!) that need to be addressed. Some types of things for which you may want to contact your officer are:

- Ongoing problems or suspicious activities in specific locations
- Street lights that are in need of repair
- Missing or obstructed signs (street name signs, stop signs, etc)
- Traffic concerns in the neighborhood
- Code enforcement concerns

To find your community officer, click here.
Currently, The Peachtree City Police Department has two K9 teams assigned to the Patrol Division which is headed up by Sgt. Andy Johnson. The first team is K9 Midas, a 6 year old Belgian Malinois that began his service in 2014, handled by Ofc. Adam Pendleton. The second team is K9 Ejmyr, a 5 year old Belgian Malinois that began his service in 2017, handled by Cpl. Jay Hughes. Both K9s are PolizeiSchutzhundprufung (PSP) certified dual purpose K9s that completed their training with their handlers at Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Officer’s Training Center. Both K9s are certified in Narcotic detection trained in the odors of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Heroin, MDMA, LSD, and PCP. Both teams are trained in Tracking and Criminal Apprehension as well. K9 Midas is certified in Evidence Recovery, and K9 Ejmyr is progressing quickly in that area. Our K9 teams have been integrated with the Police Departments Special Response Team for high-risk warrant and other high-risk calls. Our K9 teams are utilized throughout the year for demonstrations at schools, scouting events, department tours, and other community-related events.

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Police K-9’s — “Cave Canem, Custos Nam Homines”

Cybercriminals are exploiting the current coronavirus public health scare with malicious cyber tactics. The World Health Organization (WHO), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) have all issued warnings in recent weeks about the uptick in criminal scams tied to the coronavirus.

- Do not respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits. There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.
- Hang up on robocalls. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Use sites like coronavirus.gov and usa.gov/coronavirus to get the latest information and don’t click on links from sources you don’t know.

If in doubt or you believe you are a victim of a scam contact, Peachtree City Police Department 770-487-8866.

-Det. Sgt. H Scott
Operation Connect

Operation Connect is an opportunity for home and business owners to assist the Peachtree City Police Department in keeping their community safe. It is a community partnership that will help officers investigate incidents within the community more effectively and efficiently. The goal of this program is to help police identify potential sources of video if an incident occurs in your area. Participants can provide pertinent information regarding video surveillance equipment they have at their disposal, which may assist in the timely identification of criminal suspects. Participation in the program is voluntary and does not grant any individual direct access to your surveillance systems. So that we may reach out to you for assistance if an incident occurs in your area. This partnership allows you to have a direct impact on reducing crime in your community. Your participation in protecting the community is greatly appreciated.

For more information, check out our two YouTube Videos: Operation Connect Information Video Operation Connect Interview Video

To register your cameras, go to www.peachtree-city.org/operationconnect

Online Police Reports

We are excited to announce that we are launching a new online reporting system. This system will provide our citizens with the convenience of filing some types non-emergency reports online, through any mobile device. To see if your non-emergency report can be filed online, you can visit the department’s website or any of our social media accounts.

File an online police report here.

HOA Contact List

Peachtree City has a contact list for homeowners associations (HOAs), community associations, or just a neighbor that volunteers to help get the word out to subdivision residents, and it’s time for an update. The information is not required, but it is helpful to several City departments, such as Police, Public Works, and Stormwater, when notices need to go out to residents in a specific subdivision/neighborhood regarding roads, stormwater projects, community outreach events/projects, or anything that might affect a particular area.

Please fill out the HOA Contact List form.

If you have any questions, contact Deputy City Clerk Pam Dufresne or Sgt. Kevin Brown at the Police Department.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

The Peachtree City Police Department’s House Watch program is a community oriented policing program designed to provide our residents peace of mind while away from their homes during vacations, work related travel, or for other reasons. Information submitted by the resident makes it possible for the police department to contact the resident, or their designated key holder, in the event that a problem develops at their residence.

Complete the house watch form here.
Golf Carts Must Stop Prior To Entering Roadway

City Ordinance 78-96 (m) states that any vehicle on the recreation path shall, prior to leaving the path system to enter or cross a public roadway designed for automobile traffic, stop as though a stop sign were present and yield the right of way to said public roadway.

Traffic Stats

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PitStop Robbery

On March 28, 2020, at approximately 9:30pm, two male individuals committed an armed robbery at the Pit Stop on Hwy 74 South. The offenders entered the store, locked the front door behind them, and proceeded to rob the store clerk at gun point. The offenders then fled the store through the back door. During their time inside, they were able to deprive the store of cash from the register and dozens of cigarette cartons. However, they failed to notice one important thing that they left behind. While removing the items of value from behind the register, one of the offenders placed his iPhone on the counter so he could carry more cigarette cartons. He was so excited about his bounty that he forgot to retrieve his cell phone from the counter before running out the back door. Investigators reviewed the contents of said phone and located a great deal of evidence. Most importantly, was a selfie that the owner of the phone took the day of the incident. In this photo he was wearing the same clothing, including the face mask that he used during the robbery. An arrest warrant has been issued for Jonquarious Kindel of Atlanta, GA, in relation to this incident.
Recreation & Special Events

Due to City closures, all events on City property are cancelled at this time. Monitoring of the situation with COVID-19 will continue and updates will be posted on the city’s Facebook page and the City’s website. Facilities closed to the public at this time include Kedron Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center, Glenloch Recreation Center building, and public pools. Parks are open for individual use. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Peachtree City Recreation and Special Events Facebook Page – Check the page for activity ideas and the latest information available on Recreation & Special Events programs.

City Parks Open, Social Distancing Still Applies
City parks opened May 1, for individual users. Social distancing is still important, and large group use is limited at the Peachtree City Athletic Complex (PAC), Drake Field, Meade Field, Riley Field, Braelinn and Glenloch Recreation Complexes, and all City park facilities. Kedron Fieldhouse and Aquatic Center will reopen when all parameters of social distancing have stopped. Social distancing is also encouraged at private recreational facilities.

UPDATE:

Kedron & Glenloch Recreational Facilities:
Kedron and Glenloch Recreational Facilities will remain closed until all parameters of social distancing have stopped.

Library:
The Library will open on May 19th at 2:00 PM.
The scheduled hours are:
Tuesday & Thursday
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sundays and Mondays
Closed

City Hall & Planning:
City Hall and Planning will open May 18th with normal working hours
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Golf Cart Registration
Golf Cart registration continues at this time. For further information, please contact city hall at 770-487-7657.

You can also register online here.