



# Johns Creek

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## MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Warren Hutmacher, City Manager  
**Date:** March 26, 2018  
**Subject:** Monthly City Manager Report to Elected Officials – February 2018

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Presented within the framework of the Council's six strategic goals, this report provides progress updates and efforts for the month of February 2018. Additionally, where feasible staff has added forecasts of major milestones to preview March's efforts in addition to February's accomplishments.

### **Transportation: Provide a comprehensive transportation network that facilitates ease of movement throughout the City.**

*Efforts to improve the City's transportation network and movement throughout the City included construction projects to fix operational and capacity issues that cause congestion, planning for potential construction projects, and planning for long-term improvements. Highlights/accomplishments include:*

#### **Active Construction:**

- **Abbotts Bridge** (from Jones to Parsons):
  - What: this project widens Abbotts Bridge from Jones Bridge Road to Parsons Road
  - January Update: Contractor completed the main retaining wall and poured sidewalks.
  - February Update: Contractor poured concrete medians, resurfaced travel lanes, and began adding stacked stone face to main retaining wall – completing about 40% by the end of February.
  - March Forecast: Contractor C.W. Matthews will continue to pour sidewalk and curb, install storm drains and sod, and complete the stacked stone face on the main retaining wall.
  
- **Brumbelow Road** (from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive):
  - What: this project adds a sidewalk and pedestrian bridge along Brumbelow Road filling in a gap from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive and finishing a continuous sidewalk connection from Nesbit Ferry Road to Old Alabama Road and Newtown Park.
  - January Update: Sub-Contractor completed the pedestrian bridge (off site).

- February Update: Contractor accepted delivery of the pedestrian bridge to the site and drove piles for the pedestrian bridge.
- March Forecast: Contractor will begin pouring concrete for the headwall; relocating and repairing water meters; and grading and forming for sidewalk.
  
- **Kimball Bridge Road** (from State Bridge Road to Jones Bridge):
  - What: this project widens Kimball Bridge Road (from State Bridge and Jones Bridge) from two to four lanes and includes adding turn lanes and sidewalks.
  - January Update: Contractor began relocating utilities and installing new drainage.
  - February Update: Contractor worked with Fulton County to complete relocation of the waterline and made progress with Atlanta Gas Light on relocating the gas lines.
  - March Forecast: Contractor Vertical Earth will begin pouring curb and median, begin backfill on curb areas, build storm drain boxes, and install phase one pipe.
  
- **Parsons Road Sidewalks** (from Abbotts Bridge Road to Highgate Manor Court):
  - What: this project adds a sidewalk by filling in five gaps to create a continuous sidewalk connection along Parson Road from Abbotts Bridge Road to Highgate Manor Court.
  - January Update: Contractor installed curb, gutter, and sidewalk on first section.
  - February Update: Contractor installed curb, gutter, and sidewalk on second section.
  - March Forecast: Contractor will install stormwater lines and structures, begin grading for asphalt sidewalk and driveways in the area of redevelopment, and forming and pouring concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
  
- **Taylor Road Lighting**
  - What: This pilot project for improving pedestrian safety, added pedestrian lighting on the south side of Taylor Road from Edgemont Drive to Anclote Drive.
  - January Update: Georgia Power installed the lights (9 fixtures, 15-foot-tall poles, full cutoff fixtures) and transformer. The lights were powered the final week of January. Project complete.

**Planning for Potential Construction:**

- **Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road**
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would improve the intersection of Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road. Presently the engineering and design phase has been authorized.
  - January Update: Staff provided the requested information to GDOT related to the preliminary design and environmental documentation.
  - February Update: Staff met with GDOT and received approval to schedule a Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR).
  - March Forecast: Staff will schedule the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) meeting with GDOT in April.

- **Bell/Boles Corridor**
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would improve the Bell/Boles corridor with operational and safety improvements such as turn lanes, roundabouts, bridge improvements, and sidewalks. Council authorized only the engineering and design phase of this project.
  - January Update: The consultant submitted a draft Traffic Study and the information related to the park was shared at the January 30, 2018 Cauley Creek Park community meeting.
  - February Update: Staff provided comments to revise and finalize the Traffic Study.
  - March Forecast: Staff will receive the finalized Traffic Study. The next major step will be scheduling a neighborhood meeting for those neighborhoods along the Bell/Boles corridor to discuss the study's recommendations.
  
- **Haynes Bridge Road (from Mansell to Old Alabama)**
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen Haynes Bridge (from Mansell to Old Alabama), add a median, and bicycle facilities.
  - January Update: Council authorized the engineering and design phase on January 22, 2018.
  - February Update: Staff met with the engineering consultant to begin applying lessons learned from McGinnis Ferry project such as the need for solid concept renderings and options before meetings with neighborhoods and surrounding businesses (and before adopting the IGA with Alpharetta).
  - March Forecast: Consultant Lowe Engineers will begin gathering traffic data and field survey information to use in preparing the preliminary concept.
  
- **McGinnis Ferry (from Union Hill to Sargent)**
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen McGinnis Ferry Road from Sargent to GA-400; the Johns Creek portion of the project is from Sargent to Union Hill Road. Council authorized the engineering and design phase of the project on September 25, 2017.
  - January Update: Staff awaited response from Forsyth (comments to improve drainage plans to limit impacts on Johns Creek submitted in December).
  - February Forecast: Staff awaited response from Forsyth.
  - March Forecast: Staff anticipates receiving a response from Forsyth regarding drainage.
  
- **New Road (from Bell Road to Technology Park)**
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would add a local connection from Bell Road to Technology Park. Council authorized the engineering / design phase on November 27, 2017.
  - January Update: Staff met with Alcon to discuss the incorporation of their feedback.
  - February Update: Staff analyzed feedback received from Alcon and prior feedback received from the adjacent neighborhood to determine a balance between the different perspectives and priorities of these two major stakeholder groups.
  - March Forecast: The next major step will be scheduling a meeting with the adjacent neighborhood and businesses to discuss preliminary concepts for the project.

- **Rogers Bridge** (pedestrian bridge/trail across the Chattahoochee River)
  - What: this Parks Bond funded project would replace the existing structurally unsound bridge with a replica that looks like the existing bridge but is structurally sound. An application for \$5M in federal funding was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission in May 2017.
  - January Updates: GDOT approved the concept. ARC closed public comment on the preliminary funding without changing the funding award (proposed \$3.68M in December 2017) for Rogers Bridge. Staff met with project partners to discuss the construction logistics.
  - February Update: Staff reviewed the construction schedule / major milestones with partners. In late February, in response to outside inquiries, GDOT's Office of Environmental Services decided to revisit the existing bridge's historic eligibility. If the bridge is determined to be a historic structure, it will add to the project timeline and project cost).
  - March Forecast: The State Historic Preservation Office will review facts and findings from GDOT's Office of Environmental Services and the project team to determine the existing bridge's historic significance.
  
- **State Bridge** (from Medlock Bridge to the Chattahoochee River)
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen State Bridge Road from the Whole Foods entrance to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett with a pedestrian bridge over the Chattahoochee. Council authorized the engineering / design phase on September 25, 2017.
  - January Update: On January 22, 2018, Council approved an IGA with Gwinnett County allowing Johns Creek to lead the engineering effort on the pedestrian bridge that crosses the River with Gwinnett reimbursing the City for 50% of the costs (up to \$750K).
  - February Update: Initial concept drawings were prepared and a neighborhood meeting with the adjacent Ammersee neighborhood was scheduled for late March.
  - March Forecast: Staff has prepared the preliminary concept to review with the adjacent Ammersee neighborhood on March 21, 2018. Staff will reach out to nearby businesses.

**Traffic Calming Improvements:**

- **Azure Drive Neighborhood**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding on Azure Drive.
  - March Forecast: Speed signs will be installed to gather data and collect information
  
- **Falls at Autry Mill Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Falls at Autry Mill subdivision.
  - January Update: Staff installed speed signs to gather data and collect information. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for drivers was 28 miles per hour (higher than the posted 25 mph but not excessive to the point of triggering the need for traffic calming per the adopted policy thresholds).
  - February Update: Staff met with the neighborhood to review the collected information and discuss issues with the entrance. The neighbors requested that the signs be relocated. Staff relocated and

reinstalled the signs.

- March Forecast: Data gathered from the signs will be pulled the week of March 19, 2018.
- **Foxworth Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Foxworth subdivision.
  - February Update: Speed signs were installed to gather data and collect information.
  - March Forecast: Staff will analyze the data and send a letter to the neighborhood with the results.
- **Long Indian Creek Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding and cut-through traffic on Long Indian Creek. After studying speed and volume, staff installed a number of interim traffic control measures (traffic circle, chicane, center island, intersection medians) in different configurations and then surveyed the residents regarding effectiveness.
  - January Update: Considering a majority of negative feedback to all interim traffic control measures except curve reflectors, all interim traffic calming measures (except curve reflectors) were removed from Long Indian Creek and the holes were patched/repared. At the January 8, 2018 Work Session, Council requested options for sidewalks and additional information about vertical traffic calming options used in surrounding communities.
  - February Update: Council discussed sidewalk options to improve pedestrian safety and vertical options (speed bumps, humps, cushions, etc.) that could be added to the Traffic Calming Policy.
  - March Forecast: Staff will prepare an amendment to the list of traffic calming options to accompany the Traffic Calming Policy. Council discussion is anticipated in April. Staff is working on developing a survey to gauge resident's opinions on a proposed sidewalk installation.
- **River Farm Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the River Farm subdivision.
  - January Update: No speed signs were available, but once data collection completed in other neighborhoods will be installed in River Farm.
  - February Update: Speed signs were installed to gather data / collect information in stealth mode.
  - March Forecast: Speed signs will gather data and collect in active mode.
- **Silver Ridge Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Silver Ridge subdivision.
  - February Update: No speed signs were available, but once data collection completed in other neighborhoods will be installed in Silver Ridge.
  - March Forecast: Staff will send in three damaged speed signs for repair.
- **Wellington Subdivision**
  - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Wellington subdivision.
  - January Update: In response to December's feedback the install location was less than ideal, speed signs were reinstalled and additional data was collected.
  - February Update: Staff pulled the data from the collection and analyze the information. The data

shows the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for drivers was 31 miles per hour (higher than the posted 25 mph but not excessive to the point of triggering the need for traffic calming per the adopted policy).

- March Forecast: A letter will be sent out to the neighborhood with the results.

### Noise Abatement / Improvement Projects

- **Abbotts Bridge** (from Jones to Parsons):
  - What: This active construction project widens Abbotts Bridge (from Jones Bridge Road to Parsons Road). The majority of construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2018. As a GDOT project, limited landscaping and no sound abatement is planned or budgeted at this time.
  - January Update: At the January 22, 2018 Work Session, Council reviewed staff's recommendation for a double-sided wooden fence with acoustic matting and a mixture of landscaping trees on the outside of the road and median. Council indicated a consensus to invest in sound abatement and landscaping, and asked staff to begin design and prepare for a neighborhood engagement process.
  - February Update: Staff reviewed the existing FY2018 Budget to find the needed \$50K for design funds and engaged consultant Lowe Engineers for design work.
  - March Forecast: Consultant Lowe Engineers will begin reviewing surveys and road construction plans to draw concepts for sound abatement and landscaping along this state route.
- **McGinnis Ferry** (from Union Hill to Sargent)
  - What: this TSPLOST funded project is currently in engineering and design phase but preliminary meetings and discussions have indicated a potential need for noise.
  - Current Status: As reported above (on page 3), staff is awaiting feedback to drainage plans to refine the concept. Settling the concept for the road is a necessary precursor to a noise abatement / improvement project.

### Planning Studies for Long-Term Improvements:

- **Master Transportation Plan**
  - What: companion document to the Comprehensive Plan – focused on projects within Johns Creek that can improve the transportation network.
  - January Update: The Master Transportation Plan was included in its entirety as an Appendix to the redrafted Comprehensive Plan.
  - February Forecast: The Master Transportation Plan was released with the draft Comprehensive Plan on February 26, 2018.
  - March Forecast: Eight area community meetings have been scheduled throughout March and April to gather feedback on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan including the transportation elements and projects.
- **North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

- What: regional planning effort updates the 2010 plan between Sandy Springs, Roswell, Alpharetta, Milton, Mountain Park, and Johns Creek; layers on top of the Master Transportation Plan as traffic does not follow city boundaries.
  - January Update: KHA continued to meet with City Councilmembers to gather feedback and comments to the draft plan presented in November 2017.
  - February Update: Consultant Kimley Horn and Associates returned to both Council Work Sessions in February to review how the requested changes have been incorporated into the plan and refine the Johns Creek project list. By the end of February, four of the partner cities had adopted the NFCTP.
  - March Forecast: Further Council discussion of the Johns Creek project list is anticipated at both Council Work Sessions in March.
- **Fulton Transit Plan**
    - What: larger regional planning effort – all of Fulton (outside the City of Atlanta) to consider transit (in its many forms) and regional transit picture. The plan recommends a mix of bus rapid transit and arterial rapid transit in both the northern and southern parts of the county.
    - January Update: After four public input meetings to gather feedback to the December 2017 plan, on January 29, 2018, Fulton County Commissioners met with Mayors and, with the notable exception of Johns Creek, expressed consensus in asking the General Assembly to call for a referendum to increase the sales tax to pay for the improvements. On January 30, 2018, Mayor Bodker released a statement imploring other Fulton County leaders to determine if the investments would deliver a measurable return on investment (in the form of congestion relief) before calling for a referendum and asking citizens to invest tax money.
    - February Update: Council formally adopted a Resolution against taxation to expand transit in Fulton County on March 12, 2018 and discussed inviting Fulton County and MARTA to a community meeting to discuss with the Council and answer questions from residents.
    - March Forecast: Staff will continue to monitor the active bills in the Georgia General Assembly related to transit governance and transit taxation (HB 930 and SB 386).

**Recreation and Parks: Ensure a complete recreation and parks system that aligns to the goals and needs of the community.**

*Efforts to ensure a complete recreation and parks system included a combination of recreation programming, park improvement project construction, and planning for future park construction projects. Highlights/accomplishments include:*

**Programming**

- Park Place Programming\* - 77 Classes/Programs offered, 1,004 participants
- Adaptive Recreation: Adaptive Recreation Bocce Ball – two events, 20 combined attendance
- Clubhouse Fitness Program - 8 weekly classes, 74 participants registered and 4 free classes

(beginning of the year push to get more people participating) with 40 participants

- Rentals: 14 rentals of athletic (grass) fields, 33 rentals of athletic (turf) fields, 11 rentals of pavilions, 6 rentals of tennis courts and 5 rentals of Newtown Clubhouse

\*majority of programming held at the Newtown Clubhouse due to pipe bursting at Park Place (see below for renovation progress)

### Renovation Project

- **Park Place – Renovation following flooding**
  - What: On January 18, 2018, a fire sprinkler/water line burst and flooded Park Place overnight.
  - January Update: Standing water was removed, floors dried, and damage remediated but the main meeting room floors buckled and had to be replaced. In the meantime, as many activities and programs as possible have been relocated to the Newtown Community Clubhouse.
  - February Update: The damaged flooring was removed and the waterlogged drywall in the walls and ceiling were removed in February.
  - March Forecast: Full detailed clean of the building anticipated for mid-March with soft opening of Park Place planned for March 21, 2018 with full re-opening scheduled for the end of March.

### Park Pre-Construction Projects

- **Autrey Mill – Farm Museum**
  - What: this renovation to Farm Museum addresses both asset maintenance of the historic structure as well as additions to open the building to the public as a working museum.
  - January Update: Bid documents were finalized with the approved project components.
  - February Update: Invitation to bid was released on February 2, 2018.
  - March Forecast: Bids were received on March 2, 2018 and Council awarded the construction contract to Peachtree Construction Services at the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting.
- **Newtown Park – Trail Lighting Improvements**
  - What: this lighting installation would improve the visibility along the existing perimeter loop trail at Newtown Park from Field One to the Newtown Pond. The final lighting placement and shielding will be improved with feedback and involvement from the adjoining neighborhood (Chartwell).
  - December Update: Based on the feedback to the lighting demonstration (part of the 11/30/17 Tree and Dreidel Lighting), design began on the preliminary light placement and shielding.
  - January Update: Staff reviewed light specifications and discussed preliminary light placement with lighting consultant Musco.
  - February Update: In February, staff met with Musco to refine preliminary light placement.
  - March Forecast: Staff will meet with Musco on March 22, 2018 to review the refined preliminary light placement. The next step will be to schedule a meeting with the Chartwell neighborhood.
- **Ocee Park – Additional Restroom**
  - What: this additional restroom would serve the lower fields at Ocee Park.
  - January Update: Hydrant flow test was conducted for a second time as the original data from



December was bad. Construction bid documents were finalized.

- February Update: Based on recommendation from the architect, the project was divided between the site construction (water, sewer connections, site preparation) and the restroom construction and released as separate invitation for bids in February.
- March Forecast: Bids were received in March but due to the low number of responses, staff anticipates combining the two project elements and re-releasing for bids.

### **Planning for Future Park Construction:**

- **Bell/Boles Pocket Park**

- What: this 2-acre future park at the Bell-Boles Road roundabout is envisioned as a pastoral, orchard-themed passive park with a small parking lot, community garden, shade structures/pavilion, small playground area and small restroom facility
- January Update: End of January, construction documents were approximately 45% complete.
- February Update: End of February, construction documents were approximately 50% complete.
- March Forecast: Staff will meet with consultant Pond again in March to review progress. If the plans are 60% complete they will be presented to Council in April for a final approval to complete construction documents.

- **Cauley Creek / Quail Hollow**

- What: this combined roughly 200-acre future park off of Bell Road has direct frontage to the Chattahoochee River, adjacency to Rogers Bridge Trail and to-be-replaced bridge over the Chattahoochee, and is situated between two National Park Service properties. Park planning remains in the preliminary concept/design stage. The City has hired Barge Design (formerly BWSC) to assist with the process.
- January Update: A community meeting was held on January 30, 2018 to solicit input and community feedback to the preliminary concept for Cauley Creek combined with Quail Hollow. The preliminary concept includes four multi-purpose (rectangular) fields, two baseball diamonds, passive open play fields, a 3.1 mile trail (perfect 5K loop), a disc golf course, a dog park, pickleball and futsal courts, and other elements. The traffic study and analysis recommended installation of a roundabout at the park entrance and shielding to limit light trespass from proposed lighting. Approximately 65 residents attended the meeting and shared verbal and written feedback with staff and the consultants.
- February Update: Staff reached out to HOA presidents with the four neighborhoods nearest the future park and conducted additional citywide outreach through the website and social media.
- March Forecast: The first of four additional outreach meetings with the four neighborhoods nearest to the future park (Homestead, Quail Hollow, Olde Taylor Farms, and Parkside) is scheduled for March 19, 2018.

- **Linear Park**

- What: this 20-acre linear park in Technology Park is anchored by two significant lakes that serve as retention facilities. The future park will lower the water level in the lakes in order to reclaim

- needed passive play areas that could be utilized for festivals, free play and other activities.
- January Update: A kickoff meeting with consultant Clark Patterson Lee was held on January 9, 2018 and work on construction documents. The construction documents were approximately 20% complete at the end of January.
- February Update: End of February, construction documents were approximately 30% complete.
- March Forecast: Staff will meet with consultant Clark Patterson Lee again in March to review progress.
  
- **Morton Road Neighborhood Park**
  - What: this 4-acre future park at East Morton Road, east of the northerly intersection with State Bridge, is envisioned as a neighborhood park with a small splash pad, pavilion, picnic shelters, rubber-surfaced earth mounds, open play area, multi-use path and half-court basketball.
  - January Update: End of January, construction documents were approximately 40% complete.
  - February Update: Hydrology study was completed to determine what water detention facilities are needed within the park and advance the construction documents.
  - March Forecast: Staff will meet with consultant Pond again in March to review progress. If the plans are 60% complete they will be presented to Council in April for a final approval to complete construction documents.
  
- **State Bridge Pocket Park**
  - What: this 4-acre future park at State Bridge, (south of Windsor Park Drive) is envisioned as a passive, nature-themed park with elevated walkways including a canopy walk and picnic areas.
  - January Update: End of January, construction documents were approximately 30% complete.
  - February Update: End of February, construction documents were approximately 35% complete.
  - March Forecast: Staff will meet with consultant Pond again in March to review progress.
  
- **Parks Advisory Committee**
  - What: this 15-member committee of citizens is a sounding board for regular community feedback on planned improvements to the recreation and parks system.
  - January Update: Mayor finalized his nominees for the committee.
  - February Update: City Council concurred with the Mayor's appointments and seated the committee at the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting.
  - March Forecast: The new committee will be welcomed with a letter from the Mayor and staff will work to set up a regular monthly meeting date (tentatively the third Wednesday). Council will discuss providing direction to the committee in April.

**Economic Development: Implement a holistic economic development plan approach that addresses infrastructure, workforce, community, and land development needs.**

*Efforts to implement the economic development plan were co-led by City staff and Johns Creek Advantage. Highlights/accomplishments include:*

- **City Hall (Lakefield Drive)**

- What: in February 2017, the City announced the purchase of address Lakefield Drive to serve as a City Hall / Municipal Complex – combining the current leased spaces for City Hall, fire administration, police, and court – into a single owned building. Based on the experiences of surrounding cities, investment into a City Hall building will have a positive halo effect type of economic development in the surrounding area (in this case – Technology Park).
- January Update: Staff worked with the construction manager and architect on the floor plan, building façade, and construction schedule. End of January, the floor plan was approximately 50% complete.
- February Update: Floor plan was finalized. Staff worked with construction manager and architect on exterior façade and schematic pricing components for the Guaranteed Maximum Price.
- March Forecast: Staff will continue working with the construction manager and architect on exterior façade and schematic pricing components for the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

- **iHeartJohnsCreek Initiative**

- What: a citizen-led initiative to focus implementation of the Strategic Economic Development Plan through the lens of healthcare and wellness and embrace that as part of the City's identity.
- January Update: Councilman Broadbent and Councilwoman Endres worked with Anand Thacker, the citizen leading the iHeartJohnsCreek initiative, to draft a Resolution by which the Council could formally support focusing economic development efforts through the lens of health and wellness.
- February Update: Council discussed at a Work Session in February adopt a Resolution embracing the iHeartJohnsCreek identity at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting.
- March Forecast: Staff will work to incorporate the iHeartJohnsCreek identity into economic development efforts.

- **Johns Creek Advantage**

- What: Johns Creek Advantage has served as the City's economic development arm since 2013.
- December Update: In light of the Executive Director of JCA leaving, City staff is working to ensure continuation of day-to-day operations (recruitment and retention of businesses).
- January Update: On January 25, 2018 the JCA Board of Directors conducted their Board Retreat.
- February Update: The JCA Board contracted with the Pendleton Group for economic development assistance on an interim basis.
- March Forecast: JCA will conduct their monthly Board Meeting on March 22, 2018.

- **Strategic Economic Development Plan (SEDP) Implementation**

- What: in February 2016 Council adopted the Strategic Economic Development Plan (SEDP) to help the city identify and implement strategies to foster a successful business environment.
- January Update: With a majority of SEDP initiatives hinge upon adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan, re-draft released to the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- February Update: Comprehensive Plan re-draft was presented to Council on February 26, 2018.
- March Forecast: Staff will begin gathering input and feedback from the community in response to the re-drafted Comprehensive Plan including community meetings in each of the eight community areas.

*Additionally, Fulton County continues work on the re-use water project.*

- **Barnwell Road and Holcomb Bridge Road Re-Use Water Line**

- What: this Fulton-managed project installs a reuse water main on Boles Road, Barnwell Road, and Old Alabama Road to allow for reactivation of the reuse water system.
- January Update: Fulton County concluded overnight work installing pipe on Barnwell and Holcomb Bridge roads and approximately 80% of the resurfacing of the roadways was completed.
- February Forecast: Crews resurfaced Barnwell Road and began restoring the right-of-way to the preconstruction conditions. The City worked with adjacent homeowners on attractive screening and landscaping for the exposed above ground pipe crossing a roadside creek.
- March Forecast: Contractor Reynolds Construction will adjust manholes in the roadway and adjust valves, install bridge screening and monument signs, grade shoulders, and backfill pavement.

## **Government Efficiency: Develop an innovative and cost-effective approach to exceptional service delivery.**

*Efforts to develop an innovative and cost-effective approach to exceptional service delivery cross departments and can be seen throughout the City's service areas. Highlights/accomplishments include:*

### **Innovations for Exceptional Service Delivery:**

- **Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures**

- What: Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) is the gathering of high-resolution data from advanced signal controllers and detection devices in the field. GDOT began doing ATSPM in 2017 as an effort to better regulate, manage, and evaluate the system. Their system can be accessed online at: <https://traffic.dot.ga.gov/ATSPM/>. Johns Creek has been gathering ATSPM data since 2012 with the Council's approval of the Centrac system purchase and subsequent Intelligent Traffic System upgrades as a tool to improve our traffic signal performance.
- January Update: The North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan (NFCTP) includes mention of the ATSPM effort and encourages coordinated efforts.
- February Update: As part of the February 12, 2018 Council discussion of the NFCTP, Council

requested additional information about the ATSPM program.

- March Forecast: Staff will coordinate with GDOT to schedule a representative from their Regional Transportation Operations Program (RTOP) to discuss with Council at an April Work Session.
- **Budget – GFOA Presentation**
  - What: Rather than just check the box with the adopted FY2018 Budget, the Communications Department took the adopted FY2018 Budget and reformatted to address GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) criteria and add context within the City's broader goals and efforts.
  - December Update: Staff completed the GFOA Budget presentation and submitted it for judging.
  - Current Status: GFOA takes an average of four to six months to review a GFOA Budget submission. Results are anticipated between April and June 2018.
- **Finance Innovation – 10-Year Financial Model**
  - What: In 2016 Council challenged staff to think beyond annual budgets and develop a 10-year forecast which with budget and scenario testing could be completed to consider long-range impacts of policy decisions and alternatives. Programming, development, and integration of the 10-Year Financial Model continues as Council considers new policy choices.
  - January Update: The 10-year financial model has been updated related to operational and maintenance costs for future parks based on the preliminary concepts/drafts. As plans for the parks are finalized the model will be updated further.
  - February Update: With the January 22, 2018 contract for land for a fourth fire station, the construction, operational, and maintenance costs were revisited, updated within the 10-year model, and presented to Council at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting.
  - March Forecast: Staff will work to update the 10-year model to include sound abatement and landscaping projects related to on-going or proposed road widening.
- **Traffic Signal Monitoring Improvements – Pilot Project on State Bridge Road**
  - What: Staff is working with company Applied Information to conduct a pilot program to test automated/connected vehicle technology along State Bridge Road. The intersection status and monitoring system devices were installed on three intersections along State Bridge (intersections of State Bridge/Medlock Bridge, State Bridge/Target/Publix, and State Bridge/Medlock Bridge Crossing).
  - January Update: The signal monitoring devices began broadcasting signal timing information to the Travel Safety Application. The broadcasting is in beta stage for testing.
  - February Update: Beta testing and fine-tuning on the application continued throughout February.
  - March Forecast: Improvements to the application related to the “preparing for green” feature will be rolled out and beta testing will continue on other features such as alerting drivers to nearby pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Waze and Responding to Incidents**
  - What: In 2015, the City partnered with Waze, the world's largest crowd-sourced traffic navigation

application. The City continues to share real-time road closure and construction information with Waze to help drivers improve their commute. In 2016, the City shared business locations so that Waze users could also search and navigate to businesses in Johns Creek.

- February Update: A newer innovation in the Waze partnership is as drivers report accidents and incidents, the Traffic Control Center now receives an e-mail alert allowing the City to pull up the area on the screens at the Traffic Control Center and dispatch the Traffic Response Vehicle to assist. Similarly, as drivers report potholes or roadway challenges, the Traffic Control Center receives an e-mail alert so we can address those issues with our maintenance efforts.
- March Forecast: To improve the city use of Waze data, using the existing Geographic Information Services (GIS) platform, staff is creating a Waze dashboard map – similar to GDOT's GA511 but just Johns Creek based on information reported by Waze users to display active traffic reports and average traffic delays citywide: <https://gis.johnscreekga.gov/webapps/wazedata.html>. In addition to accidents and signal issues, the city can use the tool to be more aware of other issues such as reports of potholes and roadkill that the citizen might not otherwise directly tell the City.

#### **Cost-Effective Efforts for Service Delivery:**

- **\$3.68M Grant Award for Rogers Bridge** (pedestrian bridge/trail across the Chattahoochee River)
  - What: this project is a partnership between Johns Creek, Duluth, National Park Service, Gwinnett, and Fulton to replace the existing structurally unsound bridge with a replica that looks like the existing bridge but is structurally sound. An application for \$5M in federal funding was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission by the City of Duluth in May 2017.
  - December Update: ARC announced preliminary funding award of \$3.68M. The required 20% match will be split between the partners and our portion can be covered Parks Bond funds.
  - January Updates: On January 16, ARC closed public comment on the preliminary funding without changing the funding award for Rogers Bridge.
  - February Update: ARC committees (Transportation Coordinating Committee, Transportation & Air Quality Committee) voted affirmatively on grant award.
  - March Forecast: ARC will update the Regional Transportation Plan (2018-2023) Transportation Improvement Project List to reflect the grant award
  
- **\$5.6M Grant Award for Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road**
  - What: this project would improve the intersection of Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road.
  - December Update: ARC announced preliminary federal funding award of \$1.6 M in right-of-way funds in ARC FY2019 (starts July 1, 2018) and \$4 M in construction funds in ARC FY2021. The required 20% match will be less than the funds budgeted in TSPLOST for the project.
  - January Updates: On January 16, ARC closed public comment on the preliminary funding without changing the funding award for Barnwell at Holcomb Bridge.
  - February Update: ARC committees (Transportation Coordinating Committee, Transportation & Air Quality Committee) voted affirmatively on grant award.
  - March Forecast: ARC will update the Regional Transportation Plan (2018-2023) Transportation

Improvement Project List to reflect the grant award

- **Building Permit Requirements**

- What: As a feedback loop to further inform potential changes to building permit and fee requirements, at the October 16 Work Session staff agreed to Council's suggestion of hosting a community summit to gather additional feedback as to which projects should or should not require a building permit.
- January Update: Staff began planning for the community summit.
- February Update: Staff advertised the community summit, prepared the introductory presentation, created informational videos, and planned for feedback mechanism and opportunities.
- March Forecast: Building Permit Summit is scheduled for March 5, 2018. Staff will give an introductory presentation and gather feedback to each of the currently required permit types. Following the summit the information will be posted to the website to gather additional feedback.

**Public Safety: Provide leading levels of public safety.**

*Efforts to provide leading levels of public safety are led by the Fire Department and Police Department.*

- **Fire – Station #64**

- What: Council reached consensus in 2017 to move forward with efforts to add a fourth fire station in an effort to improve response time. The FY2018 Budget was adopted with \$392,514 for land acquisition and \$250,000 for design and engineering for the proposed station.
- January Update: On January 22, 2018 Council approved entering a Purchase and Sale Agreement which put 1.8 acres at 4795 Kimball Bridge Road under contract for \$379,000. During the 60-day "free look" the City will conduct the necessary due diligence.
- February Update: Due diligence activities started including the phase I, survey, title insurance, appraisal, engineering feasibility and financial modeling for capital and operations.
- March Forecast: All due diligence activities were completed on or before March 12, 2018. Closing is tentatively scheduled for the week of March 27, 2018.

- **Fire Engine Push-in Ceremony**

- What: In FY2017 the City budgeted for its first replacement on a fire engine (all current engines and trucks were purchased with the original department and are ten years old). After roughly a year of assembly and manufacturing, the 32-foot long custom Pierce Enforcer Pumper has 2,000 gallons per minute pump capacity and weighs more than 38,000 pounds.
- January Update: Straight from the Pierce manufacturer, the Fire Department received the engine and completed an intense final delivery inspection.
- February Update: The "push-in" ceremony (tradition of Fire Department personnel moving the truck into the station) for the new fire engine was held on February 15, 2018 and it was placed in service.

- **Fire Ladder Truck Replacement with Tiller Truck**

- What: In FY2017, the City budgeted for the replacement of an original (roughly ten years old) ladder truck with a tiller truck. Unlike the traditional ladder truck, the tiller truck's front and rear wheels are controlled by separate steering wheels, which increases the maneuverability – allowing the truck to navigate narrow streets, curvilinear streets, and tight commercial areas. After roughly a year of assembly and manufacturing, the 58-foot long custom Pierce Enforcer weighs more than 71,000 pounds and comes equipped with 50-foot ground ladders.
- February Update: Straight from the Pierce manufacturer, the Fire Department received the tiller truck and completed an intense final delivery inspection.
- March Forecast: The Fire Apparatus Operators will begin training on the new tiller truck and practicing the different navigation style required (coordinating between the front and back drivers and learning the new maneuverability).

- **Fire Multi-Year Plan**

- What: Last revised in August 2016, the Fire Department maintains a multi-year plan for staffing, apparatus, and service delivery.
- January Update: As part of the approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Fire Station #64, Council requested staff update the financial model showing options for Council to see funding needs for construction, maintenance, and operations against anticipated revenues and expenses.
- February Update: At the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting, staff reviewed the proposed strategy to shift an engine and associated personnel from Station 63 to Station 64 thus reducing on-going costs while decreasing response times to calls for service.
- March Forecast: Staff will begin updating the Multi-Year Plan to reflect both the proposed strategy for staffing and maintaining Station 64 as well as with updated population data and forecasts from the Comprehensive Plan and updated call statistics from calendar year 2017.

- **Staffing**

- Police: Two sworn vacancies and one open civilian position (Executive Assistant). Quarterly recruitment is planned for March 27 and 28, 2018.
- Fire: Two vacancies. Interviews were conducted in February. Finalists went through additional screening (background test, physical, drug test, psychological examination), and formal offer letters will go out in March to fill both vacancies.

- **Hands Free Device Legislation**

- What: Distracted driving is a major contributing factor in the rise of traffic fatalities in Georgia. State law prohibits texting while driving but in practice, it is difficult for law enforcement to tell whether a driver is texting or just making a phone call. A few cities around Atlanta have adopted local "hands free" ordinances. House Bill (HB) 673 (active in the General Assembly) and would



set statewide parameters for prohibiting the use of handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle.

- January Update: On January 2, 2018, the City of Smyrna adopted an ordinance prohibiting the use of cell phones without employing “hands free” features while driving a car. The ordinance goes into effect April 1, 2018. Staff reviewed the Ordinance.
- February Update: On February 14, 2018, the City of Marietta adopted an ordinance similar to the City of Smyrna’s that prohibits the use of cell phones without employing “hands free” features. On February 28, 2018, the House Passed/Adopted HB 673 by substitute.
- March Forecast: HB 673 will be passed to the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration.

### **Sense of Community: Preserve our residential character and enhance our sense of community.**

*Efforts to preserve the residential character and enhance the sense of community are often spearheaded by the Community Development Department and Communications Department but multiple departments host events that enhance our community. Highlights/accomplishments include:*

- **Active Shooter Training**
  - What: The Johns Creek Police Department routinely hosts Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) courses to teach best practices when dealing with an active shooter event.
  - February Update: A terrible act of violence was perpetrated on February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The Police Department began planning for additional Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events CRASE courses in March.
  - March Forecast: CRASE courses are planned for March 13, 2018 and March 20, 2018.
- **Car Seat Check-up**
  - What: Children under eight must ride in an approved child restraint system. Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that 59 percent of car seats are not installed correctly. In an effort to keep kids safe, for years the Johns Creek Fire Department has had at least one certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (currently has 17) and offered car seat check-ups to demonstrate and educate parents on proper car seat installation.
  - January Update: Interested parents or caregivers scheduled appointments through the website (<https://www.johnscreekga.gov/Services-Resources/Forms/Fire/Install-Car-Seat.aspx>) to meet with a certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and learn about proper installation.
  - February Update: The Fire Department hosted a Car Seat Check-up event on February 25, 2018 at Fire Station 61 and 26 residents participated.
- **Citizens Fire Academy**
  - What: To give residents a detailed look at how the department operates, the Fire Department

offers a Citizen Fire Academy. The nine classes include instruction (equipment, fire prevention); demonstrations (CPR, investigation techniques); and practical exercises (fire ground training, emergency medical exercises).

- January Update: The Fire Department received applications from residents interested in participating in the Citizens Fire Academy.
- February Update: On February 20, 2018 the Fire Department kicked off its 2018 Citizen Fire Academy with 18 residents involved and met again on February 27, 2018.
- March Forecast: The academy will meet four times in March and three additional meetings over the course of April and May 2018.
  
- **Comprehensive Plan Update**
  - What: The Comprehensive Plan is the foundational planning document for the City – setting a vision of what the community wants to be like for the next ten years. The Community Development Department is leading the process to update the original 2008 Comprehensive Plan the assistance of community feedback and guidance from the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). In October, staff began re-drafting the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the public comments and CAC feedback received since the original draft was released in June 2017.
  - January Update: The re-drafted Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Citizen Advisory Committee and further refined to reflect their comments and feedback.
  - February Update: The re-drafted Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Mayor and Council at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting and plans for further community involvement. The updated draft was posted to the City website with direct links to each community area section.
  - March Forecast: Five of the eight additional community area meetings are scheduled to occur in March (Tech Park, River Estates, Medlock, Autrey Mill, and Johns Creek North).
  
- **Document Shredding**
  - What: The City, Keep Johns Creek Beautiful, and Panera Bread (on Medlock Bridge) offer document-shredding events. Documents are shredded on-site (shredded paper is then recycled). Donated clothing and shoes go to American Kidney Services.
  - January Update: Staff worked with Keep Johns Creek Beautiful to plan and publicize the event.
  - February Update: The City hosted a document shredding event on February 17, 2018. The event collected 15.96 tons of documents shredded, more than 1,000 pounds of cardboard, 58 gallons of Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG), more than 200 fluorescent and CFL bulbs, and 750 pounds of clothing and shoes.
  
- **International Festival**
  - What: The International Festival is a celebration of the best traditional food, music, and art from around the world. The inaugural event will be held on April 21, 2018 at the Atlanta Athletic Club's Heisman Field. The Communications Department is working with Leadership Johns Creek and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to plan for the International Festival.

- January Update: As of the end of January, 19 food vendors (including Indian, Japanese, Hungarian, Mexican, American, Irish, Mediterranean, Thai, and Cajun), 49 performance applications, 23 retail vendors, and 11 sponsors had been secured.
- February Update: As of the end of February, 23 food vendors (including Indian, German, Puerto Rican, Hungarian, Greek, Irish, Japanese, Chinese, Cajun, Brazilian, French, and Italian), 10 cultural displays, 39 retail vendors, and 27 sponsors have been secured. The 30 performers have been selected and include Caribbean/Cuban Salsa dancers, Indian Yoga, Chinese musicians, Korean K Pop groups, Persian folk dancing, a yo-yo group, Irish dancers, a cricket demonstration and others.
- March Forecast: All performance and vendor applications are closed but the festival is still accepting sponsorships.
  
- **Walk to School Wednesday**
  - What: Walking and biking to school correlates with healthier students, quieter streets, and connected neighborhoods. Starting as a pilot program at Dolvin and Ocee Elementary Schools, with a vision to grow throughout Johns Creek, students have been participating in "Walk to School Wednesdays."
  - January Update: To identify walking barriers and potential improvements, Walk Audits were conducted at both Dolvin and Ocee Elementary.
  - February Update: "Walk to School Wednesdays" are anticipated to continue in February and for the rest of the school year. The City will help spread the word on Facebook and other social media outlets.
  - March Forecast: Georgia Walks to School Day is planned for Wednesday, March 7, 2018.