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## Can you hear us now?



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The Greenfield Hebrew Academy of Atlanta performed a musical program "From Strength to Strength Songs From Our Journey," on Nov. 2, helping the Atlanta Jewish Male Choir celebrate their 10th anniversary. Front row, from left, Gabriella Schakett, Rebecca Robins and Ariel Scher. Middle row, Kinneret Weismark, Elli Russutto and Lydia Miller. Back row, Guy Wainstock, Kira Berzack and Miriam Raggs give it their all. More photos on page 25.

## Alarm program still news to some residents

BY DAN WHISENHUNT

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City Council said during its Nov. 12 meeting that the city's police department must refund fines paid by people who didn't register their security alarms.

The council's was reacting to a report from Police Chief Ken DeSimone about the city's false alarm reduction program. City Council signed a contract with CryWolf that required residents to register alarms with the city by Oct. 1, or face a \$100 fine.

City Council adopted the false alarm program in November of 2012, and has spent nearly a year urging residents to register their alarms, and more than 6,000 have complied. Police are still responding to calls at homes and businesses with unregistered alarms, DeSimone said.

DeSimone said more than half of the alarm calls are generated by alarms not registered with the city.

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## New council, new mayor prepare to take over

BY PATRICK FOX AND DAN WHISENHUNT

There will be new faces when the next City Council takes office in January. And for the first time in the city's short history, there will also be no women holding elected office in the city.

In the meantime, voters must decide who will fill the District 6 seat being vacated by Councilwoman Karen Meinzen McEnergy. No candidate in the race received more than half the votes, so the top two finishers — Andy Bauman and John Stoj — meet in a runoff election Dec. 3.

Patty Berkovitz, who finished third in the voting in District 6,

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Mayor-elect Rusty Paul looks ahead to the next four years

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## Joyful noise

At left, front row, Mollie Glazer and Erin Gabbai, back row, Ilan Cheskes and Ian Maman, members of the Greenfield Hebrew Academy Children's Choir, participate in the musical program "From Strength to Strength Songs From Our Journey," celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Atlanta Jewish Male Choir. Above, from left, Meyer Janet, Trevor Edelson and Bernie Idou, three tenors in the Atlanta Jewish Male Choir, perform during the concert on Nov. 2 in Sandy Springs.

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