MAYOR'S MEMO

FIRST QUARTER 2018

Welcome to the **Mayor's Memo**, a publication by the City of Cumming which will be used to help inform our residents, businesses, newcomers, and visitors of all the great things going on in the City of Cumming!

As the City's first new mayor in almost 50 years, one of my greatest desires is to be upfront, honest and completely transparent about all things going on in the City of Cumming. As such, we will be presenting the Mayor's Memo each quarter of 2018, in addition to the City's monthly e-newsletter.

The Mayor's Memo will be mailed to residents within the City Limits at the close of each quarter in 2018. Don't worry – we'll also share every edition electronically at cityofcumming.net and at City of Cumming-City Hall on Facebook.

After 2018, the Mayor's Memo will only be provided digitally to save money. **To stay up to date on the City of Cumming, please sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by emailing cledford@cityofcumming.net (Subject Line: E-newsletter Signup) and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/cummingcityhall).**

I have been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement I have received since being sworn into office on January 2. I truly believe that the City Council and I, by working together, have made some wonderful decisions and changes already this year that will help move our community into its next chapter of success!

I hope all of you will take the time to review this listing, which highlights many of those decisions and also gives you a sampling of some of our goals for the future. May we all work together to make the City of Cumming the greatest place in the country to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

Troy Brumbalow

Mayor

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First Quarter 2018 Highlights

Promoted former Assistant City Administrator **Phil Higgins** to the role of **City Administrator**, following the retirement of the former City Administrator in December; eliminated the Assistant Administrator position to save the City substantial salary and benefit costs.

Bid out several of the City's contract services to lower costs; awarded the garbage pickup services contract for residents within the City Limits to **Red Oak Sanitation**, which will **add curbside recycling** once a week at no additional cost to citizens, while saving the City approximately $160,000/year.

Approved a study to evaluate the City's Planning & Zoning fees to **potentially institute impact fees so new development contributes to increased infrastructure costs**; adopted a temporary building and development moratorium during the approximate 6-month study to allow time to **plan for responsible future development in the City**.

Adopted the City's first **Noise Ordinance** for residents and businesses within the City Limits, and named a **Code Enforcement Officer** to ensure City Ordinances are properly enforced.

Dissolved the Cumming Fair Authority to **return full control of the Cumming Fairgrounds to the Mayor and City Council**; we are currently in the process of establishing a **Fair Advisory Board**, which will be comprised of 5 to 20 members from the community who will make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning ways to improve the Cumming Country Fair & Festival.

Partnered with the Forsyth County School System and Sheriff's Department to hold their annual **Ghost Out and Teen Maze** event on March 24 at the Cumming Fairgrounds at no cost; previously rotated among the 5 public high schools, this venue change allows students from all Forsyth middle and high schools, as well as private and homeschool students and parents, to attend the event.

Established a new Cumming Fairgrounds' event: **Fridays at the Fairgrounds**, which will be held every third Friday during warm-weather months **beginning April 20** featuring food trucks, a cruise-in car show, live music, hot air balloon rides, and inflatables and games for kids.

On the Horizon

Establishing **additional community events**, including a music festival in early summer and expanded July 4th event at the Fairgrounds, as well as a Christmas parade through downtown ending with a large-scale Christmas festival at the Fairgrounds.

Laying groundwork for **creation of the City Center**, a community gathering space featuring walkable retail and restaurant spaces, small-scale event venues, and green spaces.

Looking for **cost-saving measures** across all City Departments, and **fostering community partnerships** to bring positive economic development projects to the City.