

MAYOR'S MEMO

THIRD QUARTER 2018



It's hard believe that we are now three-quarters of the way finished with 2018. I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for the support you have shown me over the past nine-plus months. The residents and businesses of the City of Cumming (and throughout all of Forsyth County, for that matter) have made my transition into this role a very pleasant and smooth experience.

I'm again excited to share some of the highlights of the past quarter with all of you. I believe that by working in partnership with the Cumming City Council and City staff, we have again had another great quarter filled with many accomplishments that continue to bring our community closer together.

In the coming months, we will have some big news that will do even more to enhance the community feeling that we are all so proud of.

Stay tuned for updates by following us on Facebook and signing up for our monthly e-newsletter!

Sincerely,

Troy Brumbalow
Mayor

About the Mayor's Memo:

- A publication by the City of Cumming used to help inform our residents, businesses, newcomers, and visitors of all the great things going on in the City of Cumming!
- Presented each quarter of 2018, in addition to the City's monthly e-newsletter.
- Mailed at the close of each quarter in 2018 and shared 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 costs.
- **To stay up-to-date** on the City of Cumming, **please sign up** for our **monthly e-newsletter** by emailing cldeford@cityofcumming.net (Subject Line: E-newsletter Signup) and like us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/cummingcityhall).

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Third Quarter 2018 Highlights

Continued monthly **Food Truck Fridays** through August and **Fridays at the Fairgrounds** through October, as well **summer concerts** in June, July and August. Additionally, the Fairgrounds' first all-day July 4th celebration was held this year. Thousands of people came out to enjoy these new events and the spirit of community they fostered! Thank you to everyone who helped make these new summer events successful!



Joined members of the **Sawnee Association of the Arts** to hold a grand opening for the new **Downtown Arts Center**, located inside the City's historic **Brannon-Heard House (111 Pilgrim Mill Road)** in August. The new Arts Center is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. offering art displays and demonstrations, a range of classes, a gift shop, and bistro serving coffee and tasty treats.

Established the **Cumming Country Fair & Festival Advisory Board**, comprised of 14 community members who will focus on improving the guest experience of the fair. The board's inaugural meeting was held on Aug. 2 and their second meeting is slated for Oct. 24. At that time, members will discuss their ideas for improving the fair and will create a list of recommendations to present to the Mayor and City Council.



Approved an agreement with **Square Ice, Inc.** to present an **outdoor ice skating rink at the Cumming Fairgrounds from Thanksgiving to early January**. The rink will be offered daily and in conjunction with several other **holiday-themed events** throughout the season, including a Jeep holiday event Dec. 1-2, the annual Christmas in Cumming arts and crafts sale Dec. 7-8, and the **City's new Christmas parade through downtown Dec. 15 beginning at 5 p.m. and followed by a Christmas festival at the Fairgrounds with Santa!**

Adopted revisions and additions to the **City's Zoning Ordinance**, including the creation of a new **Planned Unit Development Category** which will allow for more flexibility and creativity of developments within the City.

Adopted revisions to the **City's Sign Ordinance** to help create more pleasing aesthetics throughout the City, and approved advertising for bids for construction of **new Welcome to Cumming signs**, which will feature electronic messaging for City events and paid advertising.

Approved an agreement with Forsyth County regarding **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VIII**, in which the City will receive an estimated \$14.495 million for various capital improvement projects such as new roads and improvements at Dobbs Creek Recreation Center.

Completed several **road repaving projects**, including Hickory Ridge, Ingram Avenue, and Tribble Gap Road.

Launched our **new cityofcumming.net website** which offers a fresh, modern look and new features.

On the Horizon: We'll soon be making a big announcement related to **the creation of our City Center!** Stay up-to-date for this announcement and more City news by following us on Facebook @cummingcityhall!