

MAYOR'S MEMO

FIRST QUARTER 2019



My second year as mayor of the City of Cumming is off to a great start! We have already made progress on several important projects for 2019, including road work and improvements at the Cumming Fairgrounds.

We also keep moving toward my long-term goal of creating our beautiful community gathering place, the Cumming City Center. My hope is to break ground on this facility by the close of 2019.

Along the lines of community gatherings, this spring and summer we'll be bringing back the events that we loved in 2018 - Fridays at the Fairgrounds, Food Truck Fridays, extended July 4th festivities, and our summer music series. And, we'll be making them even bigger and better for 2019! Stay posted by following us on Facebook and subscribing to 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 in addition to the City's monthly e-newsletter.
- Mailed at the close of each quarter and shared electronically at cityofcumming.net and at City of Cumming-City Hall on Facebook.
- **To stay up-to-date** on the City of Cumming, **please sign up** for our **monthly e-newsletter** by emailing clford@cityofcumming.net (Subject Line: E-newsletter Signup) and like us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/cummingcityhall).

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First Quarter 2019 Highlights



2019 began with two City of Cumming departments being honored by readers of the Forsyth County News in the newspaper's annual **Best of Forsyth** program. The **Cumming Country Fair & Festival** was again named "**Best Community Event**" and **Cumming Recreation & Parks Department's** gymnastics training was named "**Best Gymnastics Program.**" Congratulations to all staff members of the **Cumming Fairgrounds** and the **Cumming Recreation and Parks Department!** And thank you to all the Forsyth County News readers who voted for our City of Cumming facilities and events!

Several **road resurfacing projects** have begun in recent weeks, with others to begin soon. **Allen Street, Castleberry Road, and Kelly Mill Road** are currently being resurfaced, and the resurfacing of **Market Place Boulevard** will begin in the next few weeks. Additionally, Cumming Utilities' 36-inch waterline installation along **Hutchinson Road** will soon be complete. Later this year, **Industrial Park Drive** will be extended to connect Veterans Memorial Boulevard and Castleberry Road to help with traffic during large Fairgrounds' events and to serve as a bypass around downtown to the south during peak traffic hours.



The **City's general fund** came in **\$2,965,000 under budget for 2018** – that's **20%**! Myself, City Council and City staff all work very hard to take care of your money and we are proud to be good stewards of these funds. I would also like to thank the previous administration for leaving the City in great financial shape. I will continue to work hard to ensure the City's financial condition is stronger than ever.

Contracts have been awarded to Flex Fab and Vertical Earth to soon begin work on the new **pedestrian bridge at the Fairgrounds**. This project will be constructed over Castleberry Road, connecting Parking Lot #3 to the ticket booth nearest the covered arena. The **ticket booth will also be upgraded** to include separate lines for patrons paying with cash and those paying with credit cards. We hope to have these projects completed by late summer.



On the Horizon – **Fridays at the Fairgrounds** return every third Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. April to October, and **Food Truck Fridays** return to School Street every first Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in May, June, and August!