

MAYOR'S MEMO

THIRD QUARTER 2019



From history being made right in front of our eyes, to completion of major projects that will help keep the public safe, the third quarter of 2019 was a big one in the City of Cumming.

Most prominently, the Cumming City Center project has officially begun! Once completed, the Center will provide not only sophisticated retail and restaurant facilities, but also a wide range of public amenities including walking trails, an outdoor amphitheater, picnic areas, and a “town green” area with a prominent water feature. We hope to open the City Center by the close of 2021.

Seeing the City Center start to take shape has been one of my greatest joys since becoming mayor. As I noted during a groundbreaking ceremony on Aug. 7, establishing this facility has been not only my most prominent goal as mayor, but also my heart’s greatest desire, because I believe it will truly become a place where we can all come together to enjoy our community as neighbors and friends just like we used to during simpler times!

I was also very excited to see the installation of the Cumming Fairgrounds’ new pedestrian sky bridge across Castleberry Road. This completely ADA-compliant structure and ramp will allow patrons to safely cross the busy highway while also greatly reducing traffic congestion in this area during major Fairgrounds’ events. If you haven’t yet seen it, be sure to travel down Castleberry soon to check it out!

Sincerely,

Troy Brumbalow
Mayor

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Third Quarter 2019 Highlights



The **City Center** project has begun! On Aug. 7, the City held a groundbreaking ceremony for the project, which is located on an approximately 77-acre site situated behind Forsyth Central High School and between Hwy. 20 and Sawnee Drive. The ceremony began with comments from David Leathers, Chairman of the City of Cumming's Downtown Development Authority. Other speakers included Wesley Ross from the Office of Gov. Brian Kemp;

M. Ryan Miller, Principal/COO of Dwell Design Studio; and Andrew Lovejoy, Principal of Civil Engineering Consultants LLC. I gave the closing comments before leading the official breaking of ground.

I would personally like to thank our City staff members and all of our partners who helped make the event a great success! Civil Engineering Consultants LLC was extremely instrumental in planning and organizing the event with City of Cumming staff. Other event partners included: The Office of Gov. Brian Kemp; Dwell Design Studio LLC; Foresite Group; Engineering 303; North Georgia Pipeline; Miles, Hansford and Tallant; The Bean in the Borough; Highlands Church; and Cumming Home Ministries. Thank you all!



Three projects at the Cumming Fairgrounds took great leaps forward during the third quarter. Most prominently, the **new, completely ADA-compliant, pedestrian sky bridge** has been installed and made its debut at the Cumming Country Fair & Festival! A **new permanent ticket booth** located adjacent to the new bridge also saw its first use during the fair. This ticket booth allows for much speedier entrance to events due to multiple lines, which can be divided among patrons paying with cash, credit cards, or those who have purchased advanced tickets. Additionally, members of the Sawnee Association of the Arts and local art students worked diligently throughout the third quarter on the **Fairgrounds' wall mural**, which features various Cumming and Forsyth County landmarks and covers some 2,000 square feet of wall space! These projects are all wonderful additions to the Fairgrounds.



On the Horizon – The Christmas season is just around the corner, and with it comes our **2nd Annual Cumming Christmas Parade** on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 5 p.m.! We are again seeking student groups, churches, civic clubs, businesses, and any other organization interested in participating. Register by downloading the form at <https://www.cityofcumming.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Christmas-Parade-2019-1.pdf>. Anyone interested in becoming a parade sponsor should email donnac@cityofcumming.net.