

# MAYOR'S MEMO

SECOND QUARTER 2021



I can hardly believe that we have already come to the end of another quarter in 2021. One of the highlights of the close of the second quarter has been receiving the City's Annual Audit Report for 2020, which again showed the City of Cumming - despite the many challenges we faced during the pandemic - to be in excellent financial standing.

Since being elected in 2017, ensuring that the City remains fiscally strong has been one of my top priorities. Thanks to combined efforts from City Council, City staff and myself, we have lowered the City's General Fund budget every year since 2017. From 2017 to 2021, the General Fund budget has been cut by more than \$2.3 million, representing a more than 15% reduction over the course of less than four years. Additionally, General Fund expenditures have come in between approximately \$1.2 and \$2.6 million under revenues each year since I began my term in 2018.

While we have continued to strengthen the City's financial position, we have also been able to double the size of the City of Cumming Police Department over the past couple of years, providing better protection to our City of Cumming residents, businesses and visitors! Be sure to read more about the Police Department's improvements on the back page of this Mayor's Memo.

I wish you all a safe and fun summer season!

Sincerely,

Troy Brumbalow  
Mayor

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## Second Quarter 2021 Highlights

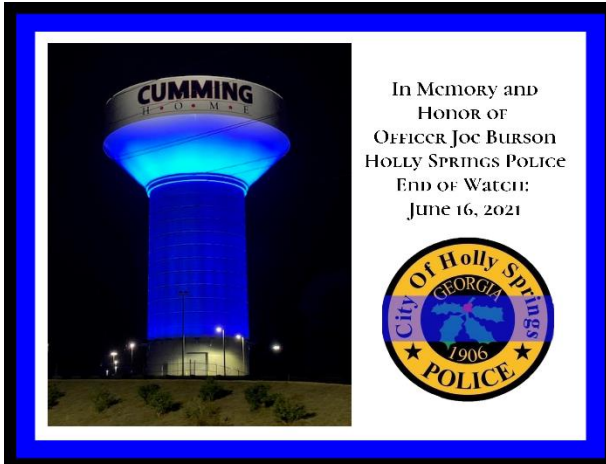


Construction crews continue to work daily at the **City Center** site. We also recently launched the City Center's own **Facebook and Instagram pages, both @cummingcitycenter**. Be sure to like and follow these pages for frequent updates on the all progress being made! So far, we've provided detailed information about the various buildings and now we're focusing on features like pocket parks and landscaping. We are also in the process of creating the **City Center's own website**, which will be launching later this summer!

After a difficult year in 2020, the **Cumming**



**Fairgrounds** has been rejuvenated this spring and summer! One of our community's favorite events, **The Taste**, returned in April, and in early June, the **Cumming Farmers Market** returned to Parking Lot #3. The market is open every Wednesday & Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. through the end of September. In May and June, several new events were added to the schedule, including **Peach State Cats Arena Football**, the **Yaarab Shrine Circus & Fair**, and **Cruisin' at the Fairgrounds**. Be sure to follow the **Fairgrounds' Facebook page, @cummingfair**, for the most up-to-date information on all Fairgrounds events.



In light of the horrible tragedy involving **Holly Springs Police Officer Joe Burson**, I requested that the City's "**Cumming Home**" **water tower**, near Exit 14 off Ga. Hwy. 400, be lit blue from June 21-30 in Officer Burson's memory. At only 24, Officer Burson was tragically killed in the line of duty on June 16th after being dragged by a suspect's vehicle during a traffic stop. The City of Cumming offers our sincere condolences to Officer Burson's family, friends, and fellow officers at the Holly Springs Police Department, as well to all our neighbors to the west in Holly Springs.

One of my pri-

mary goals since becoming mayor has been to support the **Cumming Police Department**. It has been my honor to work with Chief David Marsh since he was hired in July of 2019 to expand and improve the department. We have progressed from an agency that, due to a lack of officers, did not work evenings or overnight hours and turned over all 911 calls during those hours to the Forsyth Sheriff's Office, to one that is now staffed for four full-time patrol shifts as well as a **criminal investigation division**, which handles most person and felony crimes in the City Limits. We have also added **9 new cars** and **1 good-condition used motorcycle** to our fleet. Most importantly, our officers receive **almost three times the amount of training that the state mandates**, making them more capable than ever to serve City of Cumming residents, businesses, and visitors!

