



## The Year in Review

The City of Carrollton's leadership and employees work hard each day to provide outstanding service to our citizens and responsibly manage our resources. We continue to grow and thrive. [Let's take a look at what we accomplished in the past fiscal year. >>](#)

We have **maintained the current millage rate of 4.49 mills**, which remains the **lowest rate in our area**, without an increase since 1993.

Only **9.6% of the 2022-2023 budget** is anticipated to be **funded by ad valorem property taxes**.

The city issued **1,642 business licenses**, **126** were for **new businesses**.

**268 building permits** were issued. **176 new single-family homes** were constructed or are under construction at an **estimated value of \$58,282,499**.

The **estimated value** of commercial and industrial construction for FY21-22 was **\$62,162,698.86**.

**David Brooks** was named **city manager** following the retirement of former city manager, Tim Grizzard.

The city, in partnership with Carrollton High School, **created the Carrollton City Youth Council**, a junior city council made up of select students from the high school.

The Fire Department **responded to 6,088 calls** (about 507 per month or 17 per day) with an **average response time of 4:14**.

Firefighters participated in **more than 23,000 hours of training**, performed **more than 1,400 business pre-fire plans** and **more than 1,200 business fire safety inspections**.

The Fire Department's **ISO Class 1 rating** saved property owners in the city's fire district **millions of dollars in insurance premium costs**. This rating is **achieved by less than 1% of fire departments nationwide**.

Fire Chief **Jimmy Bearden** retired after **42 years** with the department. Deputy Fire Chief **Allen English** became fire chief. Battalion Chief **Bill Lambert** became deputy fire chief.

Four fire personnel **attended the Georgia Peace Officer Basic Law Enforcement training academy** and were **sworn in as Carrollton police officers in April**. They will continue to serve as firefighters but will also serve as police medics on the CPD's Specialized Response Team.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in April at the intersection of Central High Road and Centennial Drive for **Fire Station 23**, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2022.

**Four Sutphen fire engines and a Sutphen ladder truck** were ordered. They will arrive in 2023.

The Police Department **answered an estimated 65,000 calls** for service July, 2021 - June, 2022.

We provided 24/7 police coverage **with four patrol shifts working 12 hours**. There are **two day shifts with seven officers each** and **two night shifts with nine officers each**.

Two police officers, one of whom is also a paramedic, are **assigned to the Mental Health Mobile Crisis Unit**. These officers **respond to calls throughout the county with a licensed counselor** to assess and assist those with mental health issues and those who may be experiencing a crisis.

The CPD **offered several community programs to educate residents about law enforcement** and demonstrate how our officers work to engage all members of our community.

The Sanitation Department **collected more than 6,000 tons of household garbage**, **24,000 tons of commercial garbage** and **about 2,400 tons of debris** last year.



We swept and cleaned about 200 miles of road right-of-way.

Our shop mechanics maintained more than 300 vehicles and pieces of equipment.

Systems Upkeep maintained more than 300 miles of water lines, 175 miles of sewer lines and maintained on-call personnel 24/7 to respond to water and sewer problems.

The Water Filter Plant won the GAWP Platinum award for eight years of perfect operations.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant won the GAWP Platinum award for 15 years of perfect operations.

The Carrollton Center for the Arts had 59,771 visitors, patrons and participants.

The Center for the Arts offered 34 performances, 15 exhibitions, 39 classes, 11 workshops, 37 camps and six special events, for a total of 142 programs last year.

According to the Arts Economic Calculator, the Center for the Arts had an estimated economic impact of \$2,437,064 during FY21-22.

We held our annual events downtown, including Art Takeover, Mayfest, Taste of Carrollton, the Summer Concert Series and Carrollton Half Marathon. We also introduced several new events: Art on Tap, Locals Live concerts and Night Market.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintained 425 acres, 29 parks and seven community recreation centers.

Parks and Rec hosted 43 tournaments and more than 2,100 facility rentals.

Parks and Recreation offered new and innovative programs, like an Esports League and three week-long outdoor and safety camps.

Parks and Recreation participation numbers continue to grow post-pandemic.

Plans were initiated for the expansion of Midtown Water Park.

Parks and Recreation submitted their standards to earn their upcoming fifth NRPA Accreditation.

Visitors to Carroll County generated \$150.1 million in direct, domestic traveler expenditures in 2021, an increase of more than twenty-two percent over the previous year.

The tourism industry supported more than 1,512 jobs in 2021.

Visitors were responsible for \$10.9 million in state and local tax revenues in Carroll. Each household in the county would need to be taxed an additional \$258 per year to replace taxes generated by tourism.

## Recycle Services

While our curbside recycling service remains unavailable, there are still ways you can recycle locally:

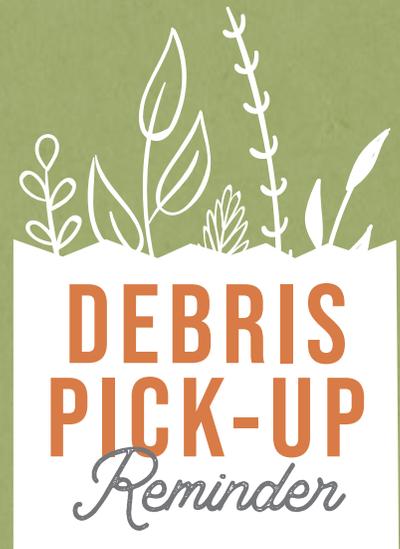
- » The county has ten convenience centers that accept recyclable materials. Find a list of sites and the items they accept at [carrollcountygga.com](http://carrollcountygga.com).
- » Keep Carroll Beautiful offers many recycling options and events throughout the year. Learn more at [keepcarrollbeautiful.org](http://keepcarrollbeautiful.org).



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

FY2021-2022

- The **Bankhead Highway Streetscape** project was completed in November.
- Phase 1 of the **Brown Street Sidewalk** project was completed in December.
- The **Lake Carroll Track resurfacing** project was completed in June.
- The **Dixie Street Sewer Rehabilitation** project was completed in June.
- The **Train Depot / Bradley Street Landscaping** project was completed in June.
- **Lake Carroll Park Phase 1** was completed in July, adding three pavilions, grills, multi-use fields and a playground. The Phase 2 expansion of the park will begin in the Fall of 2022.
- The **Alabama Street Parks** were completed in July. The two parks were constructed in conjunction with the Alabama Street Greenbelt Spur.
- The **Alabama Street Greenbelt Spur**, which begins at Little Tallapoosa River trailhead and ends at Fourth Street, was completed.
- The city **completed miscellaneous water, sewer, stormwater, sidewalk and asphalt repair projects** at various locations. These miscellaneous projects are often minor, but they reflect the City's continuing efforts to maintain public utilities, roadways and other infrastructure.



Brown bins, bagged debris and limbs should be placed on the curb **BY 7AM** on the **MONDAY MORNING** of your scheduled pick-up week.

**Debris placed out after crews have collected will not be picked up until your next scheduled collection week.**

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### FIRE CHIEF ALLEN ENGLISH

Get to know the team committed to making the City of Carrollton altogether exceptional. In this issue, **meet our new fire chief, Allen English.**

Allen was promoted to fire chief after former chief, Jimmy Bearden, retired. Chief English is a 27-year employee of the City of Carrollton.

He graduated from Bremen High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from the Southern College of Technology. English joined the Carrollton Fire Department in 1995 where he has served as lieutenant, battalion chief and deputy fire chief. English also serves as a Carrollton police officer. He has overseen the department's Pre-Fire Planning and Fire Safety Inspection programs and the city's Fire Hydrant Inspection Program.

"The City of Carrollton and the Carrollton Fire Department have been a good fit for me," said English. "I am excited about our future. An introduction to this profession in the late 1980s by my stepfather planted a love of helping people in my heart and I have never thought of doing anything else."

English said he values having a job where he is able to make a difference in people's lives.

"We constantly deal with people on the worst day of their life and every positive outcome is a memorable event for me," he said.



# CHRISTMAS IN CARROLLTON

altogether  
merry

Lights sparkling on the downtown square. Concerts and carols. The aroma of freshly baked treats in the air. A warm cup of cocoa in your hands. The perfect gift found in a unique shop. A wave and heartfelt season's greetings from a neighbor - or a stranger - passing by on the sidewalk. Raising a glass of good cheer with friends. 'Tis the season to celebrate Christmas in Carrollton.



### SMALL PACKAGES EXHIBITION

November 3 -  
December 15



### NUTCRACKER BALLET

November 18-20



### PRESENTED BY CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNITY THEATRE

December 1-4



### CHRISTMAS IN CARROLLTON: PARADE & MARKET

December 3

### CHRISTMAS IN CARROLLTON CHORUS CONCERT

December 9-10



### WIND ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 13



### CHRISTMAS WITH THE CARROLLTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA

December 15

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