



# The Year in Review

CITY OF CARROLLTON | 2023

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 rolled back the millage rate to 4.082, which remains the lowest rate in our area, without an increase since 1993.

Only 10% of the 2023-2024 budget is anticipated to be funded by ad valorem property taxes.

The city issued 1,676 business licenses, 158 were for new businesses.

We issued 56 non-residential permits (commercial and industrial) with a total estimated value of \$51,834,218.40.

The city issued 134 residential permits (single and multifamily) - 64 were for new, single-family residential - with a total estimated value of \$14,128,452.10.

Fire Station 23 opened in May on Central High Road at Centennial Drive with a larger, more modern living area, a two-truck fire engine bay and a medical helicopter landing pad.

Firefighters participated in more than 24,000 hours of training, performed more than 1,400 business pre-fire plans and more than 1,200 business fire safety inspections.

The Fire Department responded to 6,157 calls (about 513 per month or 17 per day) with an average response time of 4:30.

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.

CFD partnered with the American Red Cross and installed approximately 200 smoke detectors in April and another 75 over the Fourth of July holiday with plans to install them once a month in other areas around the city.

The CFD presented more than 1,000 hours of fire safety education classes to local schools, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and businesses last year.

The Police Department answered an estimated 44,000 calls for service July, 2022 - June, 2023.

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.

The CPD is comprised of the following units: Uniform Patrol Services, Traffic, Community Oriented Policing Services, Criminal Investigation and ACE. We also provide four school resource officers for Carrollton City Schools.

CPD has an investigator assigned to the GBI West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office.

CPD provides two officers - one of whom is also a paramedic - to the Mental Health Mobile Crisis Unit who respond to calls throughout the county with a licensed counselor to assist those with mental health issues.

We maintain a positive relationship with the community through programs like the Citizens Police Academy and summer camps that educate residents about law enforcement.

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.



CITY OF CARROLLTON MAYOR BETTY CASON  
CITY COUNCILMEMBERS JACQUELENE BRIDGES, BRETT LEDBETTER, BOB UGLUM, JIM WATTERS  
CITY MANAGER DAVID BROOKS

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

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

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

The Wastewater Treatment Plant **won the GAWP Platinum award for 16 years of perfect operations.**

The city **completed the renovation** of the Maple Street water tank.

The Carrollton Center for the Arts **celebrated its 20 year anniversary.**

The Center for the Arts **offered 74 performances, 15 exhibitions, 45 classes, 20 workshops, 35 camps and 8 special events, for a total of 197 programs last year.**

The center had **approximately 63,335 visitors, patrons and participants.**

According to the Arts Economic Calculator, the Center for the Arts **had an estimated economic impact of \$2,570,729 during FY22-23.**

We held more than **50 events downtown**, including Art Takeover, Mayfest, Taste of Carrollton and the Amp Concert Series. We also hosted Night Markets, Locals Live and 20 musicians on the square.

Visitors spent **\$161.8 million in the county** in 2022 and generated \$12.1 million in state and local taxes, **saving each Carroll household \$283.**

Tourism supported **more than 1,484 Carroll County jobs.**

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.**

Carrollton Bluefin **Blakely Thomas broke the GRPA state swimming record** (6-8 years old) with a **31:59 second time** at the meet in Moultrie.

Parks and Recreation offered **three weeks of summer camps** - all with great participation.

We **partnered with the City Schools to offer free swim lessons** to more than 250 kids.

The Senior Center **programming and membership increased.**

Planning is underway for the **renovation and expansion of Midtown Water Park** after the city **received a \$2.2 million dollar grant for the project.**

**Carrollton Youth Council** held monthly meetings and attended Carrollton City Council meetings. Members attended the **GMA Cities United Summit** in Atlanta and visited the **Georgia State Capitol** and the **Governor's Mansion.**

# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

FY2022 - 2023

- Fire Station #23: Completed May 2023
- Legends West Parking Expansion: Completed June 2023
- Lake Carroll Park Phase 2: Scheduled to be completed November 2023. The expansion will feature an expanded boat ramp, boardwalks, sidewalks, pavilions and a waterfront event space.

- WTP Raw Water Holding Pond is under construction and is scheduled for completion in June 2024
- Corporate Drive Storm Repair: Completed
- Canterbury Drive Culvert Repair: Started September 2023
- Optimist Park Improvement Project: New playground equipment completed and new pavilion is scheduled to be completed December 2023
- Downtown Improvements Completed: Amp Alley closure/walkway conversion, Amp Alley dumpster upgrades, Bradley Street Parklet

# Recycle Right



**ALL 10 CARROLL COUNTY CONVENIENCE CENTERS** accept cardboard and mixed paper for recycling, household garbage, furniture and appliances – no Freon. Other materials are only accepted at specific locations.

## HIGHWAY 5 WEST TYUS

3059 GA-5, Bowdon

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 7am-7pm



## HIGHWAY 5 EAST LOWELL

3048 State Hwy 5, Carrollton

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 7am-7pm



## SAMMY DUKE RD WHITESBURG

201 Sammy Duke Rd, Whitesburg

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 7am-7pm



## NEW HOPE RD BOWDON

200 New Hope Rd, Bowdon

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 7am-7pm



## SIMONTON MILL RD

439 Simonton Mill Rd, Carrollton

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 7am-7pm



## NEWNAN RD AT ROUNDABOUT

1107 Newnan Rd, Carrollton

Monday-Saturday: 7am-7pm, Sunday: 12pm-6pm



## KANSAS-JAKE RD BOWDON

101 Kansas-Jake Rd, Bowdon

Monday: 7am-3pm, Wednesday: 11am-7pm, Saturday: 7am-7pm



## DYER RD

25 Dyer Rd, Carrollton

Monday-Saturday: 7am-7pm, Sunday: 12pm-6pm



## HOLLY SPRINGS RD BOWDON JUNCTION

Holly Springs Rd, Carrollton

Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday: 7am-7pm



## OLD VILLA RICA RD TEMPLE

53 Old Villa Rica Rd, Temple

Monday-Saturday: 7am-7pm, Sunday: 12pm-6pm



### MATERIALS KEY



# In the Spotlight



## JIM TRIPLETT

Finance Officer Jim Triplett recently retired after nearly three decades managing the city's purse strings. Among his many duties, Triplett oversaw the day-to-day financial operation of the city, the formulation of the city's annual operating budget and the city's annual audit.

"My time with the city has been very blessed," he said. "Time has gone by so fast. It seems like yesterday I was reporting to work for the first day."

Jim began working for Carrollton in 1994 after serving as finance director for the City of Smyrna. Since then, a lot has changed at the city.

"Most notably the advancement of technology and how we use it in our day to day operations," he said. "All facets of our operations are so different than they were 30 years ago, all due to technology advancements."

According to Jim, two of the most notable projects of his career were the implementation of the annual budget process in 1995 – where city departments develop and submit their annual budget requests – and the initial conversion to Incode financial software in 2005 – 2006. Both were big changes that were supported by city staff and allowed Carrollton to do things from a financial management standpoint that it would otherwise not have been able to do.

Triplett grew up in Anniston, Alabama, graduated from Saks High School and is married to the former Kristi Kiser of Carrollton. They have three children – Kimberly, Kelly and son-in-law, Hunter, Drew and daughter-in-law Nathalie – and grandchildren Owen and Livvy.

Kevin Bush has been named the new finance director. He has worked as the assistant finance director since June 2020.





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.

# Christmas

## MARKET & PARADE

### DECEMBER 2 | DOWNTOWN

- 10AM-3PM** Christmas Market
- 4PM** SEC Championship Game at the Amp
- 5:30PM** An Old Fashioned Christmas Parade

- SMALL PACKAGES EXHIBIT & SHOP**  
November 2- December 14  
Center for the Arts
- COMMUNITY THEATRE: LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO**  
December 1-3  
Center for the Arts
- CHRISTMAS CAROL PUPPET SHOW**  
December 7 - 9  
Center for the Arts

- CHRISTMAS IN CARROLLTON CHORUS CONCERT**  
December 8 - 9  
Center for the Arts
- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
December 9  
Fire Station #24
- WIND ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
December 12  
Center for the Arts

- CHRISTMAS WITH THE CARROLLTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
December 14  
Center for the Arts
- HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS**  
December 15  
The Amp
- SWIM WITH THE GRINCH**  
December 16  
Lakeshore Pool

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