



September 2017 Newsletter

It has been an extraordinarily busy and productive summer this year with good progress to report. Georgia is thriving and we should be proud. I work with my peers in other states and they are asking what we are doing so they can emulate it. While we still have challenges and opportunities to improve, we can all take a moment to "smell the roses" and celebrate our success.

Ryan turned 15 earlier this summer and has his drivers permit. He is doing great job and is in his second month of 10th grade at Roswell High School and continues to love his job at Chick-fil-A. Our oldest son Will is on track to graduate from UNG this December (a semester early!) and we are excited as he takes the next important step of life. It is hard to believe Kari and I will have an empty nest in the next few years.



9-11 Ceremony

The Roswell Rotary Club and City of Roswell will be hosting the 16th annual September 11th ceremony to honor the fallen. Atlanta radio legend Moby in the Morning is the master of ceremonies as we honor and remember our first responders and lost souls. Please plan to attend with your family and mark your calendars.

Monday, September 11th @ 8:30 am
Mike Gann 9-11 Memorial at the Lake
Roswell Area Park - 10495 Woodstock Rd

September 11, 2001, 2,977 people died - of the fallen were 343 firefighters and 72 police officers. Their actions and sacrifices saved thousands of our families and friends. Please come pay your respects at this important and patriotic community event.



City & Special Elections

All six cities in North Fulton County and the city of Woodstock in Cherokee County will have elections

this November. We will also have a special election for the Fulton County Commission Chairman. You can learn more about voting precincts and questions at the Secretary of State website [HERE](#). Specific information for your county is located via the links below.

Fulton Elections **Cherokee Elections**

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Tax Credit ROI Committee

I sponsored and passed SR 222 this year creating the Georgia Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee. I serve as chair of the six member study committee. Members of the study committee and a team of people are examining the costs and benefits of all state tax exemptions and credits. Additionally, the goal of the study committee is to ensure that each exemption has the potential for a Return on Investment (ROI). The committee is responsible for submitting a report of findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, by 12/31/2017. In addition, the committee will be recommending an ongoing measurement schedule and a business case process for all new proposed legislation.



Patriot Flight

The Roswell Rotary Club will host the second annual Patriot Flight later this month taking our First Responders to the 9-11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.

Our Police Officers and Firefighters need our support and prayers. First Responders are the heroes of our community and put their lives on the line every day. Learn more [HERE](#).

You have two great opportunities to serve our first responders:

Tuesday, 9/26 @ 5:30 am - Woodstock Rd and Canton St. meet by the fire engines and prepare to cheer when the buses pass. Bring a flag if you have one. Give them a heroes departure!

Tuesday, 9/26 @ 11:30 pm - Roswell Area Park, 10495 Woodstock Rd, Roswell. We need another large crowd to welcome home and celebrate our First Responders. Come ready to cheer and bring a flag if you have one.



Legislator of the Year

It was my sincere honor to receive the Legislator of the Year Award from the Georgia State Firefighters Association and the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs for 2017.

“Georgia’s firefighters risk their lives daily to protect our citizens, their lives and property,” said Sen.

Albers. "It is only fitting that we continue to advocate for their rights and access to quality benefits. I want to thank Rep. Gravely and everyone who worked tirelessly to get HB 146 passed and signed into law. I want to thank the Governor for giving us extra time to perfect this legislation and make it the best possible outcome for our local heroes – our firefighters."

"As President of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs it was my pleasure to honor Sen. Albers with this award. Sen. Albers is not only a longtime supporter and champion of the Georgia Fire Service, he is also a brother firefighter," said Dwayne Jamison, President of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chief of Bartow County Fire Rescue. "Along with his busy schedule, he takes time to volunteer with his local fire department and serve his community as a first responder. His hard work on HB 146 to help provide needed cancer insurance coverage for Georgia's firefighters was instrumental in getting this critical legislation passed."



New Business & Community

I am thrilled when new businesses open in my district! Inspired Living at Alpharetta is a new state of the art Senior Living Community off of Old Milton Parkway in Alpharetta. The community has Independent, Assisted Living and Memory Care apartments and at stabilization will employ over 100 associates from the local market and care for over 160 local seniors. Inspired Living is based Validus Senior Living, who own and operate senior living communities across the southeast.



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