

City of Loganville
2010 State of the City Address
Mayor Ray Nunley
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Tonight it is my honor and duty to present the State of the City report.

It has been my privilege to be your mayor for the last year. During that time much has been accomplished, improved and changed. When challenges arose, we dealt with them in a straight forward manner.

Let me hasten to add these challenges could not be resolved without the cooperation of the City Council. I want to extend my thanks to each of them.

Last year's State of the City report addressed the condition of the state's budget and the impact it had on our City budget. This year we find the economy still in turmoil. The rate of unemployment and foreclosures is reaching record numbers. Because legislators continue to wrestle with the state budget, we can expect more cuts leading to the elimination of programs from the state in the coming year. Such programs include the HTRG and Local Assisted Road Programs.

On a more positive note, we have many good things happening in the City. At the top of the list is the formation of the Business advisory Committee. This committee of 12 is headed up by Ms. Stacy Jones and is made up of business people and community leaders. The committee meets once a month to discuss strategies for making Loganville more business friendly. It is the goal of this committee to bring the tax base ratio to 70% business and 30% residential. This will relieve homeowners of some of their current tax burden. With new business licenses issued by the City up 11% over last year, we are successfully moving in that direction.

We are moving forward on other fronts as well. We recently completed a new fire station on Old Loganville Road. We opened Destination Park on Tuck Road. We have also made improvements to the park on Tommy Lee Fuller. All of these projects were made possible by funding from SPLOST. I would like to thank citizens for supporting SPLOST. It is extremely important to our City.

Plans are 90% complete for our new Transportation Enhancement Project. This project known as the TE Project will enhance the sidewalks and streetscapes of our downtown. While this project has been delayed due to changes within the DOT, we are hopeful it will be underway sometime this year.

The realignment of Pecan Street will begin this month. We will soon see improvements at the intersection of CS Floyd Road and Pecan Street.

Our engineers have submitted plans for the new water tower to be constructed on the Gwinnett County side of our City. Funding is already in place for this project thanks to SPLOST proceeds.

We continue to work toward the expansion of our wastewater treatment facility. We are working with the EPD and our engineers on this project to insure adequate infrastructure is in place to make Loganville ready for the future.

Many of you joined us for the First Annual Autumn Heritage Festival in November. Soon after that, we welcomed Santa Claus to Loganville for the lighting of the City Christmas Tree. I want to recognize Michelle Lynch for her hard work in organizing these events. More events are being planned for this year including the return of the 2010 Christmas Parade.

Tonight I have presented a snapshot depicting the State of our City. As you can see, Loganville is in good shape currently and going forward.

We are prepared, we are committed and together we are Loganville.

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