

## Upcoming Events

### 2019 Doraville State of the City Address presented by Mayor Donna Pittman

Friday, May 3, 2019 | 6:00 p.m.

This year's event will be on the Assembly site. More details to be announced soon.

### Peachtree Creek Greenway Creek Clean Ups

Saturday, April 6, 2019

2 locations: Northcrest Civic Association and North Briarcliff Civic Association in collaboration with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. Time & location TBA. At least two other Peachtree Creek Greenway events will be announced later in the year.

### Upcoming City Council Meetings

Regular Meeting - Monday, March 18, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

Extended Work Session - Monday, April 8, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.

Work Session - Monday, April 15, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting - Monday, April 15, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

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## Projects Underway Around the City

### Spring clean-up

In the parks and neighborhood entrances staff is starting to clean up on days in which we do not have rain. Grass cutting has begun. Fertilizer is beginning to be placed on grassy areas and mulch will be placed under all playground equipment and pressure washing the playground equipment will be later this month. We have begun preparing the sports fields at Honeysuckle Park for the upcoming season. Children are registering for the baseball and soccer leagues.

### Potholes

All winter on warmer days, we have been patching potholes as they are identified. We need residents and visitors to let us know if they see potholes by using the Doraville at Your Service app on your cell phone or by calling DPW at (470) 294-2486 to report any potholes on Doraville streets. If you see potholes on Buford Highway or other GDOT maintained roads we will forward those reports to the proper person at GDOT. During February DPW was able to make a significant, albeit temporary, repairs to Pleasantdale Road, Best Friends Road and McCall Drive using hot asphalt. We are currently designing the permanent repair to Pleasantdale Road which will include a stormwater pipe replacement as that is causing the roadway failure.

### Oakcliff Chicane

While we are waiting for the Oakcliff SPLOST projects to be begin, DPW and City contractor removed the rocks from the center islands and the chicane, installed mulch and placed reflectors. Staff also filled in the ruts at several intersections that were caused by a constrained turn radius.



## City Service Directory

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## Important Contacts

### City of Doraville, Georgia

City Hall	3725 Park Avenue	(770) 451-8745
Police Department	3750 Park Avenue	(770) 455-1000
Municipal Court	3765 Park Avenue	(770) 455-1001
Code Compliance	3725 Park Avenue	(678) 530-2006
Library	3748 Central Avenue	(770) 936-3852
Parks & Recreation	3037 Pleasant Valley Road	(770) 936-3850
Public Works	3774 Central Avenue	(470) 294-2486

### DeKalb County Watershed Management

(Water and sewer matters)

24 Hour Emergencies	(770) 270-6243
Billing	(404) 378-4475

### Georgia Power

Report Outage	(888) 891-0938
Residential Customer Service	(888) 660-5890

### Emergency 911



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## Legislative Update

As of March 12, the Georgia General Assembly will have completed 30 days of its 45 day session. The City of Doraville has been active in monitoring proposed legislation that may impact residents and/or City operations. At its meeting on March 4, the Mayor and City Council took unanimous action on proposed state legislative actions, summarized below. Please call and/or email your state representatives to express your views.

Legislative number	Impact	Mayor & City Council Position
House Bill 302/ Senate Bill 172	Prohibits local governments from regulating "Building design elements" in single- or double family dwellings.	Opposed, because infringes on local control.
House Bill 242	Prohibits regulations of distance requirements between massage therapy establishments.	Opposed, because infringes on local control.
Senate Resolution 55 and 66	Promotes the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.	Supported, the City strives to promote the values of equity and equality.
House Bill 346	Prohibits retaliation by landlord against tenants for reporting code violations, utility problem or joins a tenant association.	Supported, the City strives to promote a positive impact on the health and public safety of our community.

## Doraville State Legislators

### Representative Scott Holcomb

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### Senator Senator Sally Harrell

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## New Faces Around Town Hall

During the last several months the City of Doraville welcomed three new members to its executive management team: City Clerk Raquel D. Gonzalez, Director of Finance Richard Platto, and Director of Public Works Larry King. They have a wealth of knowledge and a passion for public service.



**Raquel D. Gonzalez**  
City Clerk

As the City Clerk, Ms. Gonzalez is responsible for maintaining the official records of the City of Doraville. While her day-to-day duties are broad and ranging, her primary responsibilities include coordinating the City's Open Records process, responding to inquiries and service requests from residents and City Hall patrons, accurately recording actions taken in public meetings, and qualifying candidates running for Doraville public office.

Ms. Gonzalez holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Political Science from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. Currently, she is working towards a Georgia Municipal Clerk's certification. Throughout her career as a public administrator, she has supported mayors, city council members, city managers and their senior staff, as well as overseen a variety of special projects and initiatives. Before coming to Doraville, she was Executive Assistant for the City of Sandy Springs, GA.

Since joining the City of Doraville team, she has focused on streamlining the City's open records response processes and records management program. She hopes to build a centralized records management system comprised of a collection of digital and physical documents, moving toward enhancing the City's goal of transparency.

**Richard Platto**  
Director of Finance



As the Finance Director, Mr. Platto is the Chief Financial Officer and oversees the City's finances. Platto manages the accounting and financial matters of all city operations, including payroll, accounts payable, fixed assets, cash and investments, annual financial reports, and budgets.

Mr. Platto graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration, majoring in Accounting. He also obtained his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license from the State of Georgia, and maintains that license by meeting the bi-annual continuing education requirements. His work experience includes a mix of public and private accounting and finance positions. He has worked for Gwinnett County, GA, and he was Controller for the City of Smyrna, GA.

Currently, he is focused on the preparation of the upcoming FY2020 Proposed Budget.

"What we like about Doraville is the sense of community that you get when you interact with anybody associated with Doraville, whether that is employees of the City or citizens."

Raquel D. Gonzalez, Richard Platto,  
Larry King

**Larry King**  
Director of Public Works



As Director of the Department of Public Works, Mr. King is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the City's infrastructure, including buildings, streets, stormwater and parks. He also manages contracts for right of way maintenance, solid waste, and engineering services.

Since coming to Doraville, Mr. King can be seen driving and walking around the City because of his hands-on approach to ensure projects are well-managed to the City's standards.

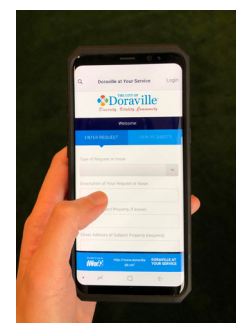
Mr. King holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Tennessee. He brings years of professional experience to Doraville both from the public and private sectors. He has managed public works organizations around the country including the City and County of San Diego, CA, the District of Columbia, Arlington, VA and the City of Atlanta, GA. He managed engineering offices for several large engineering firms including CH2M Hill, Jacobs and CDM.

His major focus at this time is implementing the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) capital improvements program.

## Doraville At Your Service

The iWorQ Service Request app (available on App Store and Google Play) is part of the Doraville At Your Service program for residents.

General issues, such as code violations or potholes, can be reported, and sanitation service requests, including container replacement or bulk item pickup, can be submitted 24/7 through the web portal at [www.talktomycity.com](http://www.talktomycity.com) or the smartphone application. The Agency Code is "Dor01".



Doraville at Your Service, however, is NOT intended for reporting emergency issues. Call 911 for all public safety emergencies that require police, fire or EMS. Other ways to contact City staff:

Doraville City Hall  
3725 Park Avenue  
Doraville, GA 30340.  
Phone: (470) 294-2486  
Email: [support@doravillega.us](mailto:support@doravillega.us)

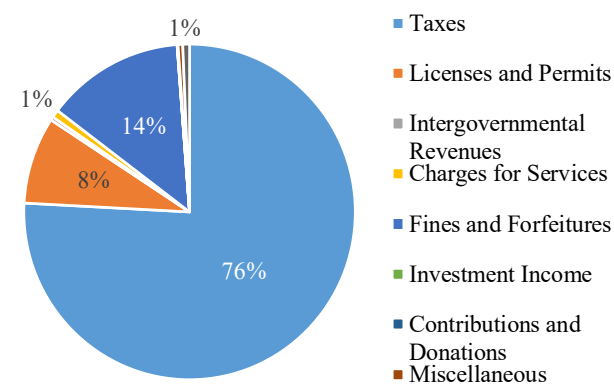
## Financial/ Upcoming Budget

The State of Georgia requires every local government to adopt a balanced operating budget. This process includes setting the millage rate, advertising and conducting public hearings, and adhering to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The City of Doraville's budget process is well underway for Fiscal Year 2020, which refers to the period of time between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

In formulating the annual budget, the city reviews and analyzes current and historical revenues and expenditures, proposed new projects and initiatives, current economic conditions, relevant changes in law, and numerous other factors to project the next fiscal year's revenue and expenditures.

### Revenues

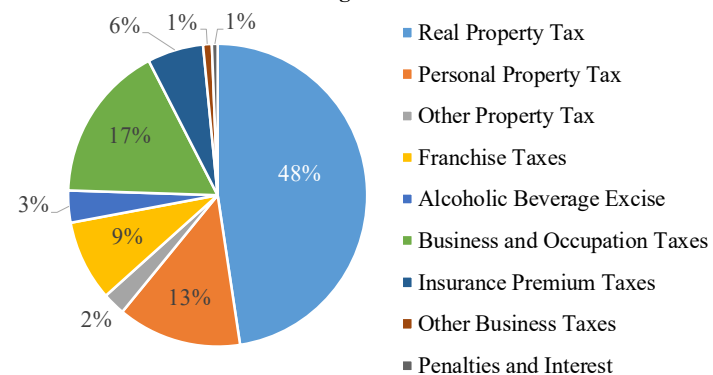
**Where Does the City Get Its Revenues (FY2019 Revenue Budget - by Source)**



The City's primary General Fund revenue sources include Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Property Taxes, Utility Franchise Fees, various Business Licenses and Taxes, Fines and Forfeitures, and other miscellaneous revenues.

Since approved by the voters in November 2017, the City also receives substantial sales tax revenue for certain capital purposes through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) which helps reduce the financial pressures on the General Fund.

**FY2019 Revenue Budget - Breakdown of Taxes**



Property tax revenue is based on the City's tax digest and an adopted millage rate. At approximately \$693 million, the City's assessed tax digest is stable and healthy. The City has a well-rounded tax digest with a good mixture of residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

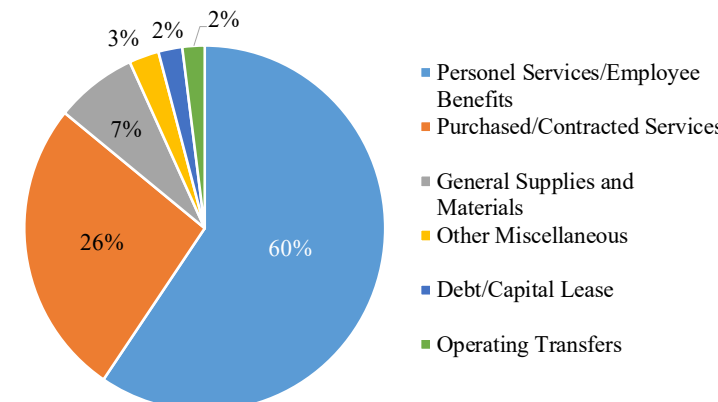
## Homestead Exemptions

The City also offers two exemptions to residents – a basic homestead exemption of \$25,000 and an exemption available to senior citizens age 70 and older which allows them to receive a 100% city tax exemption. The basic homestead exemption lowers the City's tax digest by approx. \$27 million, while the senior person's exemption lowers the tax digest by approx. \$17 million.

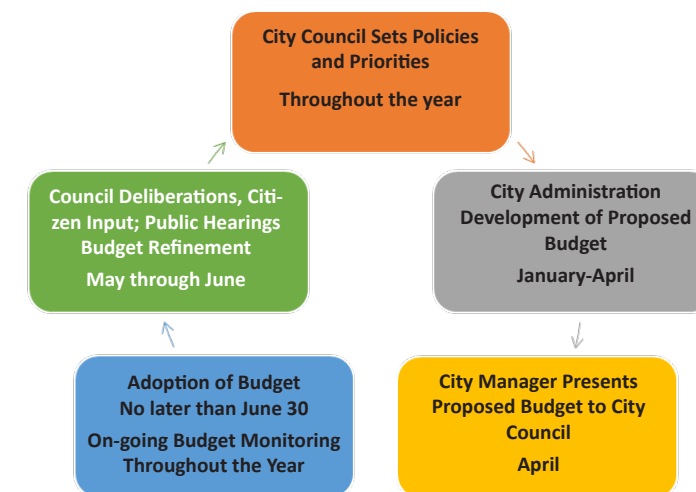
Homestead exemptions require the owner to occupy the home in order to qualify for the relief programs. Residents can learn more and apply for these exemptions with DeKalb County directly.

**Expenditures** for the General Fund include costs for personnel, supplies, materials, equipment, utilities, professional and contracted services, and other items. Personnel costs represent the single largest category of expenditures.

**How Does the City Spend Its Revenues (FY2019 Operating Budget - by Category)**



## Budget Schedule



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