



**Mayor Gary L. Thrower**

Dear Visitors, Welcome to Milledgeville, the antebellum capital of Georgia. The streets of our city are rich with American history. A stroll through downtown will take you along the same streets once trodden by the great Revolutionary war hero Marquis de Lafayette and later Civil War Gen. William Sherman and his troops on their march to the sea.

The Old Capitol Building where Georgia legislators voted to secede from the union in 1861 is now the centerpiece of the beautiful campus of Georgia Military College. GMC's gothic revival architecture makes it a must-see among southern colleges.

Milledgeville is also home to Georgia's only public liberal arts college, Georgia College and State University, alma mater of one of the most important voices in the history of American literature, Flannery O'Connor. Like the Greek-revival-style downtown mansion which once housed Georgia's governor, GCSU's campus—characterized by magnificent columns—is an architectural wonder.

Take an old time trolley tour through our historic downtown which is now home to a wonderful array of one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants, and don't forget to visit Andalusia, Lake Sinclair, the Oconee River and the Oconee Greenway Riverwalk.

Enjoy Milledgeville, and stay awhile. Once you experience our grand city, affectionately known as "The First Lady of Georgia," you won't want to leave. Contact our offices at City Hall and we'll be happy to serve you.

With warm regards,