



Andy Welch

2016 Billy Carter Public Service Award

The Billy Carter public service award is presented to an individual, who serves in an elected, appointed or employed public position. The award is based primarily on services and benefits rendered to other people and to the community as a whole – beyond excellence in one’s own position. The recipient must have compiled an extraordinary record of public service in Henry County. Lifetime accomplishments

are considered with particular emphasis on the last five years

Our honoree for this year demonstrates once again the range of public servants that we have in our community. Though born in Atlanta, our recipient was raised in McDonough. Following receipt of a Bachelors degree from Presbyterian College, he generously devoted a year of his time to serving as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana, West Africa.

Following that year of service, he pursued a law degree, graduating with not only a Juris Doctor, but also a Masters of Environmental Law. He began a law career clerking for U.S. Magistrate Judges, followed by practicing law in Syracuse, New York where he specialized in zoning and land use law.

Our recipient has been an outstanding member of the community, providing his talents and expertise to the Henry County Chamber of Commerce where he lead

the Transportation Committee and advocated for improvements in transportation funding. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Chamber as well. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2010 and has represented Henry County as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee of the Public Safety Committee, as well as service on the Judiciary Committee, Code Revision Committee, Juvenile Justice Committee and Regulated Industries Committee.

Outside of his elected position, he serves as an advisory Director to the Henry County Branches of United Community Banks and is an active member of the McDonough Presbyterian Church. Along with his wife, Cara, they are the parents of Caleb, Sadie and Hannah.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Andy Welch, the 2016 Billy Carter Public Service Award winner.
