Sheldon Day

Sheldon Day has served as mayor of the City of Thomasville (Alabama) since 1996. He graduated from Thomasville High School in 1978 and attended Patrick Henry Jr. College (now Alabama Southern Community College) in Monroeville, Alabama, before beginning a career in retail management. He managed stores for TG&Y, Inc., for seven years and spent the next seven years with Walmart Stores, Inc., as a Division 1 store manager in Thomasville and as a SuperCenter director in Thomasville and in Georgia. Sheldon was a member of the Thomasville City Council for two terms during his time with Walmart Stores, Inc. Sheldon is a small business owner and works daily to build new business potential in Thomasville and southwest Alabama.

Sheldon is a member of the Alabama Technology Network Advisory Board at Alabama Southern Community College; a past member of the board of directors of the Southwest Alabama Medical Center; a member of the Southwest Alabama United Way Advisory Board; a member of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council; founding member of the Clarke County Community Development Foundation; and a member and past president of the Thomasville, Alabama, Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Day is a graduate of the 2005 Leadership Alabama class and a past member of the Leadership Alabama Executive Board. He is also a graduate of the Auburn University Economic Development Institute.

Beyond the borders of Thomasville, Sheldon is active in the areas of politics and economic development. He currently serves on the Alabama League of Municipalities Executive Committee, as co-chairman of Governor Bentley’s Black Belt Commission; and he served as a panelist from 2005 through 2012 for the Delta Regional Authority Congressional Caucus on Rural Issues in Washington, D.C. He has been invited to many states across the United States to tell the “Thomasville Success Story” and provide input on rural issues. Mayor Day has participated in numerous business missions in the United States and abroad including to Cuba, China, South Korea, and Brazil.

During Mayor Day’s 19 years of mayoral service, the City of Thomasville and surrounding rural area has seen over $700 million in capital investment and the creation of more than 1,000 new manufacturing and service sector jobs. In addition, the city government and schools have partnered to bring high quality education and innovative career technical programs that have become a model for the state of Alabama and the southeastern United States.