



# Dawsonville Profile

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City Hall now accepts  
credit/debit cards for  
water bill payments

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### Message from the Mayor...

James 1:2-4

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit with all their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and made it out. You see this frog was deaf, unable to hear the others plea and what THEY were saying. He thought they were cheering for him the entire time.

What kind of frog are you? A doer, or one who gives up easily to the crowd of frogs working against you? But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

As you may have observed around the city, there is much going on. New sidewalks are being added and completed. Home building is booming with approximately 100 new homes started or beginning to start. Main Street Park drawings for infrastructure should be complete within 45 days; bids will go out for 30 days and ground breaking should be started in late July, early August. New radio read meters are being added to our water department for better service to you. A new well, # 111 is being drilled to come on line later this year.

Our mission is to serve our citizens. If you have any concerns or would like to compliment our staff, you may do so by calling 706-265-3256 or e-mail [cityhall@dawsonville-ga.gov](mailto:cityhall@dawsonville-ga.gov).

Your Mayor,

*W. James Grogan*



The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has stated that drought conditions have improved in many areas of Georgia. Because of these improvements, the Drought Response Level has been changed from Level 2 to Level 1 for Dawson County.

Please visit <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation> for more information on watering restrictions in your area.

**2017 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.**

- 5PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 9 FEB 6 MAR 6 APR 3 MAY 1 JUN 5 JUL 3 AUG 7 SEP 11 OCT 2 NOV 6 DEC 4
- 5PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 23 FEB 20 MAR 20 APR 17 MAY 15 JUN 19 JUL 17 AUG 21 SEP 18 OCT 16 NOV 20 DEC 18
- 5PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 10 FEB 13 MAR 13 APR 10 MAY 8 JUN 12 JUL 10 AUG 14 SEP 12 OCT 9 NOV 13 DEC 11
- 6PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 20 APR 17 JUN 19 AUG 21 OCT 16 DEC 18
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 9 (6:00 pm) MAR 13 MAY 8 JUN 12 AUG 14 SEP 11 (6:00 pm) NOV 13



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*Message from the City Manager ...*

**WATER ARE YOU DOING ABOUT WATER?**

This play on words should be a reminder not to take our drinking water for granted. Currently, Dawson County is under a Level 1 Drought Response. However, NOAA is predicting unfavorable forecasts for rain across sections of Georgia, including Dawson County for the next few months. When this is coupled with deficits in rainfall for the last six months, we could face a prolonged drought.

As a community, we need to voluntarily be more water aware. Did you know a leak from a ¼" waterline equals a loss of almost 15,000 gallons of water/day, and a leaky commode can lose over 200 gallons per day? Add 12 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank and if color appears in the bowl one hour later, your toilet is leaking. Replace old equipment like toilets, dishwashers, and washing machines with more efficient ones. Take shorter showers, replace showerheads with more efficient models. If it takes a long time for the hot water to reach the shower, use it as an opportunity to collect water for other uses, such as watering plants. Fix leaky faucets. A faucet leaking 60 drops per minute will waste 192 gallons per month. Install efficient faucets and faucet aerators. Wash only full loads of laundry. Limit the use of your garbage disposal. If washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water for washing and rinsing instead of a continuously running faucet. Avoid using running water to thaw food.

Outside, do some research and use water-wise landscaping principles. Collect rainwater in barrels and use for plant irrigation. Properly use mulch to conserve moisture. Sweep outside surfaces with a broom instead of a hose. Use car washes that recycle their water. Set the mower blades 2-3 inches higher, allowing the grass to shade the soil and improve moisture retention helping grass survive. These are just a few examples of ways to save water, a precious gift from God.

Happy Earth Day on April 22nd. Remember what Teddy Roosevelt said, "The nation behaves well if it treats its natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value." -Bob Bolz, City Manager

**\*\*WELCOME OUR NEWEST CITY BUSINESS\*\***

DAWSONVILLE HAIRCUTTERS  
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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,  
 MAY 29th FOR MEMORIAL DAY



**\*\*TRASH PICK UP WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MAY 30th\*\***

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