



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor...

Matthew 6:13-14 Two ways of life

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Over the last year, it has come to my mind that anything worth having or doing does not come easy. It requires hard work and perseverance. It's having faith that what you're trying to accomplish requires you to go through many narrow gates. Oh, yes there are easier ways to accomplish the same task, but it would require giving up on your faith. The path there is very wide and many can measure up there, because it only compares you to all the others on that path. Their expectations may be much lower than yours and what looked like a good direction heads to a path of destruction. We have numerous projects on the books for our city and I can assure you that David Headley and myself are on the narrow path to accomplishing the projects. We will not take shortcuts, but will follow the ordinances and regulations established by our City Council. Ours is a path to success.

Building in our city is beginning to rise up in larger numbers. We have seen new businesses come and establish themselves and more are on the horizon. Two new developments are positioning themselves for an additional couple of hundred new homes. The next 5 or so years are very critical for our city. We must prepare for the future with good infrastructure, proper land use applications, enhanced zoning, committing to applying and enforcing our ordinances, and assuring our citizens of the commitment your Mayor, City Manager, City Council, and staff have to this great city.

Remember to come out and involve yourself in the Citizens Workshop coming up again on Wednesday, March 16th. Your input is so valuable to us when we are making plans for our future. Spring is just around the corner so get out and walk our city during this beautiful time of the year.

Your Mayor, *W. James Grogan*

VETERANS AFFAIRS OF DAWSON CO. Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sat., March 19th 8:00am—10:00 am

Dawson Co. Board of Ed.—Prof. Dev. Bldg.

**\$5 ALL YOU CARE TO
EAT PANCAKES**



K.A.R.E. for KIDS

30th annual EASTER EGG HUNT
Sat., March 26th at Veterans Memorial Park

Free Admission

Activities begin at 11:30 a.m.

Egg Hunt begins at 2:30 p.m.

2016 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 4 FEB 1 MAR 7 APR 4 MAY 2 JUN 6 JUL 11 AUG 1 SEP 12 OCT 3 NOV 7 DEC 5
- 5PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 25 FEB 15 MAR 21 APR 18 MAY 16 JUN 20 JUL 18 AUG 15 SEP 19 OCT 17 NOV 21 DEC 19
- 5PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 11 FEB 8 MAR 14 APR 11 MAY 9 JUN 13 JUL TBD AUG 8 SEP TBD OCT 10 NOV 14 DEC 12
- 6PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 15 APR 18 JUN 20 AUG 15 OCT 17 DEC 19
- 5:45PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 11 MAR 14 MAY 9 AUG 8 SEP 12 NOV 14



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To the citizens of Dawsonville, know that each and every one of you have a voice in this community. On the 20th of January, the first Citizens Discussion Workshop was held at City Hall. Each month following that meeting, there will be a get-together held to promote a speaking platform for the citizens. The subject matter is up to the people. It is designed to promote the development of ideas for where the city is currently and where the city is moving towards. This gathering is not restricted to city residents only, it is open to the county residents as well. As outlined, we are a community and every person is critical in building the support, hope and belief that not one person has all the thoughts, but together we share a common goal.

I am excited at the number of citizens who attended the seminar last month. The voter input was vital and will be used to support our next session. This is a movement that has begun to build voter confidence and hope that the days of silencing are nearing its end. This hope will stimulate ideas and cultivate action and I challenge you to get involved. Your involvement will make the quality of life better for everyone in the community. As I stated in my last newsletter "if you want to go fast, go alone but if you want to go far, go together. Let's run together and enjoy the journey!"

I leave you with this brief thought—"a teacher educates hundreds of children and inspires them to lead a meaningful and purposeful life. There is nothing better than devoting your life to make the lives of others flourish."

As we begin looking ahead to spring, let's not forget the how fortunate we were to have benefitted from a quiet winter.

Thanks to everyone for your continuous support and caring input. I look forward to serving as your City Manager moving forward and will continue to work towards making Dawsonville a place of community.

Sincerely and with Great Appreciation,

David Headley



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