



# Dawsonville Profile

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*Message from the Mayor...*

James 5:12—But above all, my brethren, "do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No," lest you fall into judgement."

Our speech provides the most revealing glimpse of our spiritual condition; for example, a man's word, "you could take to the bank". Being "honest as the day is long", and "you are who you hang out with", (my mother's personal favorite) are all examples of the common sense approach given to children not that many years ago. We were taught straightforward, honest, plain speech. To speak otherwise was to invite God's judgement. When has it ever been right to lie, cheat and steal? These things seem so common place in today's society that we often overlook the things we do ourselves on a daily basis. How many of us run a red light saying it was just pink, or exceed the speed limit by 5-10 miles per hour because we say the police give the extra MPH. It's just a little over. How about the police allowing that overage? What's the deal in encouraging us to break the law then penalizing us when we do it.? As you can see, we have evolved into this place we are at, where we have become a society of lawlessness due to our own selfish ways. Hey, all is not lost because we can recover.

We live in the best city and county in the country. We are blessed with fresh air, good water, temperate weather, mountains within 15 minutes, lake within 5 minutes, art and entertainment within 45 minutes, huge premium outlet mall, racing galore, and the best people I have had the pleasure to be around. We are not perfect but we are very close. If you come here to live from some other place, try to be a part of this community and enjoy those simple things we have enjoyed for years. Be honest, be healthy, and be helpful to yourselves and this community!

Your Mayor,

*W. James Grogan*

**EPD ISSUES LEVEL 1 DROUGHT RESPONSE**



September 9, 2016—The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has declared a Level 1 Drought Response in 53 Georgia counties. Outdoor watering is permitted daily between 4:00 pm and 10:00 am. The City of Dawsonville encourages citizens to practice water conservation. Information on water conservation is available at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>. Below are some examples of ways to conserve water.

- \*Regularly check for, and repair leaks
- \*Don't leave tap running while shaving, brushing teeth, etc.
- \*Only water landscape when necessary
- \*Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered

**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 12 AUG 8 SEP 13 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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It is with a heavy-heart that I have resigned from the City as your City Manager effective 9/19/2016. The past nine months have been one of the most rewarding times of my extensive career in municipal government. The leadership, staff, and proposed projects for the city has helped me to recognize the vital role our city plays in the future development of the county and most importantly to you, the citizens.

While I am resigning my position with the City, I am not going far. On 9/15/2016, the Board of County Commissioners have voted unanimously to have me serve as the new County Manager. This is a great opportunity both for the City and County. Having served in both government fields, I believe this is what makes me the most uniquely qualified candidate for that job. What I have taken away from the City and what I have experienced from the County, I believe, I can serve all the citizens in our community better.

As we move forward, please keep an eye out for the next Citizen's Discussion Workshop. This is a time for you to bring your issues to the leaders of your local government and have a platform to be heard from. This meeting has been made up of city and county folks for several months. It has been very successful and we will continue to improve on it monthly.

Remember, if you want to run fast, run alone; if you want to run far, run together. The newly elected Dawson County Chairman Billy Thurmond and the Dawson County Commissioners along with your Mayor and Council Members are committed to building the relationship so we, as a community, can run far to enhance our quality of life.

I am excited about our future together and I look forward to God's glory moving forward. I am available and reachable if I can be of service.



David Headley

City Manager

**\*\*WELCOME OUR NEWEST CITY BUSINESSES\*\***

**Vader's Vault—2367 Elliott Family Parkway**

**Brown Bag Bargains—54 Hwy. 9 North, Suite 110**

**Motorsports Capital, LLC— 80 Joe Lane Cox Rd.**

**B & L Transportation, LLC— home business**



**MOUNTAIN MOONSHINE FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 21-23, 2016**

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