



Dawsonville Profile

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER

Over the past few months, I've truly enjoyed the opportunity I have been given to serve on the Dawsonville City Council! While not new to local government, I have learned a great deal since taking office in January. Perhaps the most important lesson I have learned is just how fortunate we, as a City, are to have such an incredible staff. Often these fine individuals' efforts go unnoticed but they are the ones who keep our City running day in and day out. I can assure you they are truly our most valuable asset!

In February, Council Member Tolson and I attended a required newly elected officials training event in Athens. The training, led by the Georgia Municipal Association, was quite beneficial both in terms of the information gained as well as the connections made with other newly elected officials across the State.

As we move forward into spring, the flowers and trees are not the only things beginning to bloom. The City has a number of projects that are beginning to bloom also. Phase I of Main Street Park has been put out for bid and property has been acquired adjacent to City Hall for the site of the Farmers' Market. The City will also be moving forward with livestreaming its meetings on social media in the near future. These projects are very important for the City and could not have been possible without the efforts of the City's outstanding staff and the support of its residents.



Mark French, Council Member



BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!

Make sure to check your newsletter next month for details about our first ever food truck night in May! We will have "Friday Feast & Fun", featuring food trucks, activities for the kids and entertainment. It will be located downtown and we will close off portions of Tucker Ave. and Bill Elliott St. so local residents can use the sidewalks to get there! We will also have designated parking. Many of the downtown businesses will extend their hours for you to browse. Details to come in the April newsletter!

DAWSON HEAD START/EHS



Location: 407 Allen Street, Dawsonville, GA

Taking applications for the 2018-2019 school year

To schedule an appointment, call 706-265-2980

(ages 3 and 4, before September 1, 2018; ages 18 months to age 3 for Early Head Start)

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Child's birth certificate, Immunization Form 3231, Insurance & Social Security Cards (if available), Proof of Residency & Proof of Income (current check stubs, tax forms, W2's, child support, etc.)

*Our program also serves children with disabilities

*We participate in the USDA meal program

*Our center does not provide transportation

2018 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 7PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 8 FEB 5 MAR 5 APR 9 MAY 7 JUN 4 JUL 9 AUG 6 SEP 10 OCT 8 NOV 5 DEC 3
- 7PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 22 FEB 19 MAR 19 APR 23 MAY 21 JUN 18 JUL 23 AUG 20 SEP 24 OCT 22 NOV 26 DEC 17
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 8 FEB 5 MAR 5 APR 9 MAY 7 JUN 4 JUL 9 AUG 6 SEP 10 OCT 8 NOV 5 DEC 3
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 19 APR 23 JUN 18 AUG 20 OCT 22 DEC 17
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 22 MAR 19 MAY 21 JUL 23 SEP 24 NOV 26



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Message from the City Manager ...

The City of Dawsonville is growing, by leaps and bounds. I realize that isn't news to anybody but your city operation is growing as well in an effort to keep up and in some cases, get ahead of this growth and development. New homes are being sold before they break ground. The following is a summary of some of the projects recently completed, project underway, or projects about to start.

Plans are being developed for staff to begin accepting proposals from engineering firms for development of a long range, sewage expansion plan. A new well construction project is underway and it looks to be the best well the city has.

We will soon be live streaming council meetings and as part of that project we are improving the audio-visual capabilities within the Council Chambers.

The sidewalk has been completed from Farmington Woods along Perimeter Road to Hwy 9 S and then into Burt's Crossing. We are negotiating with GDOT for a crosswalk over Hwy 9.

In preparation for winter weather events, the city now has the capability to utilize a brine solution to pre-treat roads, similar to what GDOT does along interstates and state highways. This should make snow and ice removal easier and winter travel safer.

Main Street Park, Phase I construction should go out to bid in March with bids due back 30-days later in hopes of construction starting this summer. Funds available from SPLOST.

With completion of a recent land acquisition, the city now owns two lots along Allen Street that will be developed for a Farmer's Market. Planning for this facility is underway. Funded by SPLOST.

Future sidewalks that should be starting, include, Allen Street to the GRHOF complex and Food Lion shopping center, Shoal Creek to Rain Hill, and from Robinson Elementary to Hwy 9 N. We also hope to take side walk from Rain Hill to Hwy 9 N. Many of these projects need crosswalks and will require continuous negotiations with GDOT any time state routes are involved.

Some of these projects are visible to all and some are happening behind the scenes, but all represent progress in an effort to better serve and ensure your city is prepared for the future. Please remember, City staff are here to serve you, our citizens. Should you have needs or issues, please don't hesitate to give us a call at City Hall. Thank you for your support.

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 Bob Bolz



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