



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor.....

I hope everyone is prepared for a great summer. Many of us will be on vacation during the next few months and I wish everyone safe travels.

I hosted a "Coffee with the Mayor" at City Hall on Saturday, May 5th. Many people attended, sitting down to discuss what's going on in our city. I plan on continuing to do this and my next "Coffee with the Mayor" will be on May 26th. I know it's Memorial Day weekend but I will be on vacation during June and wanted an opportunity to hear from you before I leave. The next one will be in July after I get back from my vacation.

Our city is very busy and we enjoyed the first monthly Food Truck Night during the month of May. There was a great turn out and most of our vendors ran out of food, because so many of you showed up. We plan to continue these events and our next Food Truck Night is scheduled for the third Friday night in June, the 22nd. Come out and enjoy the unique foods and the fellowship.

Many people were able to use our downtown sidewalks and walked from their homes to the event. We had the food trucks, ice cream treats, corn hole games, balloons and music. We want to continue to provide a place for you as citizens of Dawsonville and others to come downtown and enjoy yourself. We want to support our local merchants who stayed open that evening and many of you supported them by making purchases and looking through their shops.


Construction is about to begin on the Farmers Market which will be located on Allen Street between City Hall and the Junior High School. This will provide a place for citizens to get fresh homegrown vegetables and provide a place for other gatherings here in the city.

Additionally, we have opened the bids and will be awarding the contract for the development of our Main Street Park which is located behind the Food Lion grocery store. Both of these are funded by Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funding.


This phase of the construction of the Park will accomplish Phase 1 of the park development which should include the streets, the amphitheater basic layout and restrooms. As more SPLOST funds are received, we will continue to add to the design of the park.




As you can see from the things going on in our city, there's a lot happening in your hometown. We encourage you to be a part of it and join us in these upcoming events. Hope to see you on May 26th at City Hall for "Coffee with the Mayor." *Mayor Mike Eason*

 *****PLEASE NOTE*****

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. **Trash pick up will be delayed until Tuesday, May 29th.** Please have your trash can at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning!!



 **COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**
SAT., MAY 26TH, 9:00-10:30 AM at CITY HALL

 **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY !!!** 

In case you missed our last Food Truck Friday Feast & Fun, we will be having our next event on **Friday, June 22nd from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** at the same location (Bill Elliott St. & Tucker Ave.) Check our website for more upcoming details! www.dawsonville-ga.gov and on our Facebook page

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 your City Manager ...

We had a very successful Food Truck Night on May 4th with six food vendors, face painting, a bouncy house and slide, DJ playing music, and other booths. We estimate 500+ in attendance. All the food vendors sold out of food and want to come back to our next event. June 22nd will be our second food truck night.



Bob Bolz

The design concept for the new Farmer’s Market along Allen Street is nearing completion and bids for Main Street Park – Phase I are to be opened later this month.

The fees for the cemetery were recently raised. This was done to enable the city to continue to take care of the cemetery as the cost of perpetual care continues to rise.

Effective January 1st, the City began a contract with a new garbage vendor, Rakestraw. Thus far, comments have been very positive. The following information was listed in our January 2018 Newsletter but for those who missed it, a few reminders for our city garbage customers:

- Trash cans must be out by 6:00 AM on pick-up days.**
- Only trash in cans provided by the city will be accepted.**
- All items in trash cans must be bagged.**

Items of any sort left outside of the can will not be picked up.

Our purveyor is required to pay for the volume of trash taken to the landfill. Their entire bid is based on that fact. However, we still have people who either don’t understand or try to take advantage of this service. (See Picture Below). Our rate, \$13.25/month for one garbage can, is about the cheapest anywhere. We try our best to keep the fees we charge as affordable as possible. All the other providers in the city charge \$20-\$25.00/month. The cities of Cumming charges \$15.00/month and Dahlonega charges \$18.00. In most cities, residents are required to use the service provided by the city or take their trash to the dump themselves.



In the picture above, we will only dump the one city can. The trash in the other can and on the ground around will not be picked up. Residents can pay for a second can or in this case a third or fourth can at the same \$13.25 rate if one can is not enough. It is unfair for those folks who pay for an additional can when others are trying to take advantage of the system.

If you have any questions about garbage service, need additional cans, etc., please don’t hesitate to contact City Hall at 706-265-3256.

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