



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—JUNE 2024

Message from your Councilmember—William Illg

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the warm embrace of the summer season! As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, our wonderful city of Dawsonville comes alive with a plethora of activities perfect for families, friends, and visitors alike. Whether you are looking to explore the great outdoors, enjoy some summer shopping deals, or simply enjoy the vibrant community spirit, there is something for everyone this summer.

One of the highlights of summer in Dawsonville is the variety of fun activities available throughout the city. For those who love adventure, Amicalola Falls State Park is a must-visit. The breathtaking waterfall and scenic hiking trails offer an unforgettable experience for nature enthusiasts. If you prefer staying inside in the cool air-conditioning, make sure to visit some of the beautiful iconic shops in downtown. Fancy Flea is a local favorite because of the rustic charm and inexpensive gifts you can find for others. Are you looking for something a little more thrilling and exciting? Consider taking a trip over to Atlanta Motorsports Park to race their worldclass go-karts on a track that will leave your senses enthralled.

In addition to outdoor fun and shopping, Dawsonville is rich in history and boasts several landmarks that are well worth a visit. The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame celebrates our city's significant contribution to motorsports, honoring legendary drivers and showcasing classic cars that have left their mark on racing history. It is an engaging and educational experience that captures the unique heritage of Dawsonville. The best part is: it offers free admission to residents of Dawson County!

As your City councilman, I encourage you to take full advantage of all that our beautiful city has to offer this summer. From exhilarating outdoor adventures to enriching historical explorations, Dawsonville is brimming with opportunities for fun and discovery. Let's make the most of this season by coming together to celebrate the charm and vibrancy of our community. I look forward to seeing you all out and about at the next Food Truck Friday event!



God bless,
William Illg

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY



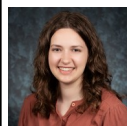
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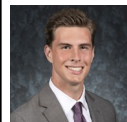
FARMERS MKT. PAVILION

**86 ALLEN ST. Live music,
food & fun!**

The City of Dawsonville is currently participating in an internship program through Georgia Tech's Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PIN) program. They are collaborating on projects from the Downtown Dawsonville Comprehensive Strategic Plan, including developing public space designs and public art concepts. We are pleased to have Joanna Zwemke and Andrew Purcell as our PIN interns.



Joanna Zwemke is currently a senior at UNG in Dahlonega and plans to graduate this December. She grew up mostly in the North Georgia area but attended high school in Germany while her parents served as missionaries there.



Andrew Purcell is a senior at Berry College studying Creative Technologies with an Art minor. He is a part of the ministry Campus Outreach, and he is on the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Team.

2024 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 5:00PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 17 FEB 5 MAR 4 MAY 6 JUN 3 AUG 5 OCT 7 NOV 4 DEC 2
- 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: FEB 19 MAR 18 APR 15 MAY 20 JUN 17 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 16 OCT 21 NOV 18 DEC 16
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: FEB 12 MAR 11 APR 8 MAY 13 JUN 10 JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 9 OCT 14 NOV 12 DEC 9
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 26 APR 22 JUN 24 AUG 26 OCT 28 DEC 3
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 22 MAR 25 MAY 9 JUL 22 SEP 23 NOV 7 * Watch live on Facebook 



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A message from your City Manager...

TSPLOST was passed by the voters on May 21st. Transportation projects will get started community wide in coming months, after funds are collected.

June 7th had one of our best crowds yet at our second Food Truck Friday of the year, with Bebo's Grill (BBQ), Chuy's Tacos, Brookton Catfish School, Old Dad's Wings, Pattykakes, IGY6 Coffee, Best Ice Cream on Wheels, live music, two inflatables – an obstacle course for children and a toddler's bouncy house. Our next event is July 12th. The Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come out and get some fresh produce, flowers, meats, and handcrafted items. A good crowd came out in support of the Chamber of Commerce and our ribbon cutting for the new pickleball and basketball courts, as well as the expanded skate park.

Coming soon to the City Hall complex will be a new restaurant, the Station House, Granddaddy Mimms Distillery and Brewery, and in the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame/Dawsonville History Museum, a new 50's garage exhibit, high tech racing simulators, and an upgraded audio-visual system. Join us on June 22nd for the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Car Show.



Bob Bolz

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

RON HAYNIE



Welcome to Ron Haynie, our new Planning & Zoning Director. He is a native of Michigan, however his ancestral roots are deep in Western North Carolina. He has lived in North Georgia since 1987, with shorter stays in Park City, Utah and Waynesville, NC. He has two sons who were both raised in Cherokee County, where they continue to live and work as they begin families of their own; Caleb, a fire fighter, and Lyndon, a small business owner. In his personal time, he enjoys working outdoors, trout fishing, hiking, and snow skiing. His passion beyond his sons is water. He has worked for several different North GA communities (Holly Springs, Gilmer County, Atlanta, and Milton) as Building Official, Plan Reviewer, City Administrator, and Building Inspector. Welcome to the team, Ron!

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SETH REECE



Welcome to Seth Reece, our newest employee in the Utilities Department. Seth was born and raised here in Dawsonville and has a twin brother. He is an outdoor enthusiast with a passion for adventure and nature. When he's not hitting the trails on his dirt bike, he enjoys fishing and exploring the outdoors. Seth is excited about his new position here at the City and says he plans to learn as much as he can so he can always help keep Dawsonville's water clean. Welcome to the team, Seth!

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