



# Dawsonville Profile

*City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—February 2025*



**John Walden**  
*Mayor*



**Just a reminder...**

If you or someone you know needs assistance, we have expanded our Food Pantry in front of City Hall to better meet the needs of our community.



  
**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**  
**2025 SCHEDULE**  
 May 9  
 June 6  
 July 11  
 August 1  
 September 12  
 October 10

**DID YOU KNOW?** You can sign up for direct withdrawal of your utility payment? Simply sign up, and on the 10th of each month, your payment will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account that you provide. Never worry about your payment being late again! To sign up, come by City Hall or visit our website at [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov). Go to the **“FORMS & PERMITS”** tab and choose **“Water/Sewer/Garbage Form: Direct Payments (ACH Debits) Authorization Agreement** and submit online. It’s easy to do!

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 SEPT 30 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...*

The City of Dawsonville was pleased to host the Chamber of Commerce's Junior and Adult Leadership Dawson groups this month for two mock city council meetings. It was a pleasure meeting these up-and-coming professionals and our rising senior high school students. With those leaders ready to step up, the future looks bright for our community.

Did you attend our Christmas program? Statistical data from Placer AI showed an attendance of 6,000 people at the event. Our 2025 dates for Food Truck Fridays have been set, to include May 9th, June 6th, July 11th, August 1st, September 12th, October 10th, and our annual Christmas tree lighting, parade, Jingle Market, and other events are scheduled for November 22nd. We hope you can come out and join the fun and community fellowship.

The City received a \$20,000.00 grant from AEMC to be used toward construction of a restroom and shelter to serve the pickleball courts and other amenities at that end of the park. This is the third year in a row we have received this gracious award. We are in the process of getting bids on the shelter construction. Patio renovation between the City Hall complex, the Station House, and Granddaddy Mimms Distillery will begin in the next week or two once we get a break in the weather.

Staff published "Why Invest in Downtown Dawsonville" information packet for business recruitment. Visit our website at [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov), click on Departments, click on Downtown Development and you'll see WHY INVEST IN DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE and the 2025 DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE PAMPHLET. Staff has worked with the DDA to contract with 31 downtown businesses to publish a new Downtown Dawsonville brochure with a gamification option. Staff has developed a program to "gamify" the downtown brochure to encourage shopping in Downtown Dawsonville resulting in \$35 spent downtown for every \$1 invested in the program (paid for by downtown businesses). Visit DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE . Staff has published an interactive Downtown Dawsonville Business Map: DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE BUSINESS MAP.

Mother Nature Rules, especially in February and March. Rain, snow, ice, high winds, and "sprinter" weather are common this time of year. The City of Dawsonville Staff works hard to keep our roads open and water/sewer infrastructure up and running. If you see them out working along the roads and sidewalks, please exercise caution.

Finally, the City received a \$7.5 million grant to add to the \$3.3 million grant already approved, with both going towards construction of our new wastewater treatment plant. This project should be put out for bids soon.



*Bob Bolz*

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