

Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville

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Message from the Mayor....

Well it's summer time in Dawsonville, Georgia. I hope everyone has had a great year so far and as school lets out we need to be very cautious about all of the children who are not in school during the day. As we know, these children play on our streets and walk on our sidewalks. Each of us need to be very cautious and observant.

There's still a lot going on with construction in the city. Main Street Park is continuing to move forward and we have the new playground almost ready to install. We have the park fencing and landscaping projects going on at this time. Additionally, the Farmers' Market will be bid out for construction in early June. The Council is forming a new Design Committee to help establish standard appearance for new commercial construction and to enhance the look of our city. We want to retain the historical theme which is very special to everyone. You will be asked in the not too distant future to comment and you are welcome to attend any of their meetings when they establish a schedule.

As many of us take our summer vacations, I urge you to use caution on your travels and wish you safe travels and wonderful adventures. I look forward to seeing you after the summer break. We have a few schedule changes to our City Council meeting calendar to facilitate holidays and vacations, so check the updated schedule for our meeting during the summer.



Please let me or any member of council or staff know of any concerns or suggestions you have about our city.

Mike Eason, Mayor



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY!!!

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th 5:00-8:00 pm

Downtown at Bill Elliott St. & **Tucker Avenue**

*Nana G's Chicken & Waffles *Tom + Chee

*Jay's Mexican Grill *Old Dad's Wings *Lolocs BBQ

*Mo Pho Express *Funnel Cake Guys *sno-cones



***PLEASE NOTE ***

DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, TRASH PICK UP WILL



BE DELAYED UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

PLEASE HAVE YOUR TRASH CAN OUT BY 6:00 A.M.



Watch the meetings livestream on our Facebook Page!



2019 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 5:30pm Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 7 FEB 4 MAR 4 APR 8 MAY 6 JUN 3 JUL 8 AUG 5 SEP 9 OCT 7 NOV 4
- 5:30PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 22 FEB 18 MAR 18 APR 22 MAY 20 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 23 OCT 21 NOV 18 DEC 16
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 14 FEB 11 MAR 11 APR 15 MAY 13 JUN 10 JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 16 OCT 14 NOV 12 DEC 9
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 25 APR 29 JUN 24 AUG 26 OCT 28 DEC 23
- 5:30pm Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 28 MAR 25 MAY 28 JUL 22 SEP 30 NOV 25



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A message from your City Manager ...

May has come and has almost passed so fast, it is unbelievable. We hosted our first Food Truck Friday of this year and it was our best ever, despite heavy rains at the start. Work continues on Main Street Park as we finally got a break from Mother Nature and heavy rain. The area for the new destination playground is almost complete with installation of the equipment to occur in early June.

We put the Farmers' Market project out to bid with bids due March 28th. We are excited about this project and look forward to work getting underway. Also, Phase I landscaping, irrigation and fencing for Main Street Park was put out to bid with a deadline of May 29th for bid opening. The next important project is the rest room for Main Street Park. Design and engineering is almost done and the project should also go out to bid this month.

Behind the scenes, the Utilities Department dealt with a number of broken waterlines under Hwy 53 and were able to make repairs without disturbing the asphalt or traffic. The Public Works Department discovered and repaired a sink hole adjacent to downtown. We celebrated City Clerk's Week, Water Professionals Week, Public Works Week and National Accounting Day. You have a tremendous staff working to serve you the City of Dawsonville and I am very proud to take any opportunity to offer them some recognition.

Come out and join us for our June 7th Friday Night Food Truck Night, as it is sure to be a fun time with good food and good fellowship.

Bob Bolz, City Manager



Employee Spotlight:
Sara Beacham
Accounts Payable/Event Coordinator

Sara Beacham is in this month's Employee Spotlight. Sara was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia and moved to Dawsonville with her husband, Tim Beacham and their two daughters, Chloe and Kaylie in 2008. She has been employed by the City of Dawsonville since November of 2008. She started as a part time employee as Accounts Payable Technician and as the City's event calendar grew, she became the Event Coordinator. She began full time employment in January and along with the Accounts Payable duties and Event Coordinator responsibilities, she handles accounts receivable, cemetery plot sales, travel and training scheduling for employees, Council members, Mayor and City Manager, preparing Proclamations, assists the City Manager and is the coordinator of our Food Truck Fridays. Sara loves to hike, spend time with her family and her dogs, jeep riding, geocaching and spending as much time at the beach as possible. If you have enjoyed one of the city's Christmas events or Friday Night Food Truck Night, you have Sara to thank for it. Her customer service skills are superb, and she has the rare talent that makes people feel welcome and appreciated. Her pleasant personality coupled with her jack-of-all-administrative skills make her valuable to our efforts. A former Employee of the Month, Employee of the Quarter, and Employee of the Year, our city is fortunate to have Sara on our team and at your service.

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