



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Councilman.....

Happy belated New Year and welcome to 2019! While the first part of each year is often comprised of change, the changes that are on the horizon for Dawsonville in 2019 will make this a very exciting one. We have new staff members who are eager to serve our community, staff that have taken on new roles, newly appointed officials that we expect to do great things for the City, and progress on several projects that I believe will truly impress.

If you know any of the newly appointed members of the Dawsonville City Planning Commission or Historic Preservation Commission, please take the time to congratulate them and thank them for volunteering to serve our community. A great deal of work goes into the recommendations that are made by these institutions, to include the Downtown Development Authority. We rely heavily on their ability to properly interpret our ordinances, forecast the needs of our community and its citizens, and make determinations that can have a significant impact on how we progress as a City. Thank you to all of the established and newly appointed members.

Some items that continue to take significant shape after years of conceptualizing, are the Farmer's Market and City Park. Both projects have come a long way in the last year and will see significant progress in the months to come. I believe that, at the heart of every city, there should be a place for its citizens to gather and spend time congregating and enjoying life together. The concept of a community gathering place is the foundation of what we hope to achieve with this park. The staff have taken great care to find new ways of including members of the family that may have been limited in the past due to age, disability, or species (cats and dogs are welcome). I am very excited for the opportunity to share that with each of you.

As a community with its roots in agriculture, it was wonderful to hear everyone so excited to see the groundbreaking and subsequent clearing of land at the future location of our Farmer's Market. We hope to have accommodations that surpass your expectations with a fixed, covered area that can be utilized for a multitude of uses. While not always the most glamorous of amenities, I can't go without mentioning the work that has been put into establishing a great place to address the "call of nature" with a great design team that has ensured impressive results.

We have several other projects that I would love to go into detail about, but I'm limited in space. With that said, none of this could be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the staff of the City of Dawsonville. We are very fortunate to have a group of truly committed staff members who never hesitate to go above and beyond the call, in order to provide the highest quality of service to our citizens. They regularly demonstrate their belief that you deserve nothing less.

I have considered it a true honor and privilege to have served the citizens of Dawsonville for the last year as your District 2 Councilman. I look forward to what this new year will bring as I continue to serve as your Councilman and newly appointed Mayor Pro-tempore. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns.



Stephen Tolson



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 1 AUG 5 SEP 9 OCT 7 NOV 4 DEC 2
- 5:30PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 22 FEB 18 MAR 18 APR 22 MAY 20 JUN 17 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 ...

Happy New Year! It is our wish that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you the very best in 2019.

Your city has a great deal going on and I wanted to give you a brief update on some of the activity underway or that should be expected in the immediate future:

- Main Street Park Phase I Construction continues but has been seriously hampered by rain. The rest room design is nearing completion as is the landscape plan and the destination playground has gone out to bid. We have also begun researching amphitheatres and their operation.
- Farmer’s Market design and planning is nearing completion and should go out to bid this month. Work planned includes grading, parking, paving and concrete work, fencing, landscaping, a rest room and 50’ X 150’ shelter.
- Well #111 is online and working well, well #108 has been upgraded, warranty work is underway on the wireless water meters, and additional storage space for the maintenance facility has been designed and is out to bid.
- Sidewalk planning is underway for several new additions to our system.
- We have been live streaming City Council Meetings for several months; so, if you are interested but are unable to make it to City Hall, you can watch it live or a recorded version.

Our city has a lot of opportunity and a great deal to look forward to. As we work through the winter and look forward to the spring, your city continues efforts to better serve her citizens and make Dawsonville even better.

Bob Bolz, City Manager



COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 8:30 -10:30 AM AT CITY HALL



ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Effective February 2019, The City of Dawsonville will be offering **AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS (ACH)** for payment of your utility bill.

Call Tracy at City Hall at 706-265-3256 or visit our website at www.dawsonville-ga.gov for more information



OUR PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS! To make a payment by phone, please call **1-844-611-4023**

You will need your account number and your PIN (located on your utility bill). We will no longer take payments over the phone at City Hall. *Same convenience fees apply as online payments*

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