

Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Councilmember....

Summer officially starts June 21st but May and June weather has been beautiful. Main Street Park will soon be a reality. The destination playground is being installed, the trails are paved, final grading is underway, landscape and fencing have been bid out and the restroom – concession building is out to bid. The park will provide abundant greenspace, picnic areas and shelters, a dog park, future amphitheater and other amenities. This is an exciting project and we look forward to completion.

I am happy to announce the selection of Magnum Contracting out of Jasper, GA has been awarded a contract and will start work on the Farmers' Market the last week in June. This facility will include a 150' x 50' pavilion, a restroom, parking, landscaping and a future Veteran's memorial. The shelter is designed so vendors can back under the pavilion from both sides and customers can walk down the center aisle to view the produce, other farm goods, and handmade crafts. When not being used as the Farmers' Market, the pavilion will be available for birthday parties, reunions and other events.

As a member of your City Council, I want to encourage everyone to reach out to us with suggestions, opinions, ideas, needs and about anything you feel is important to your city.

Whether an HOA or an individual citizen, we care about you and any of your concerns.

Caleb Phillips

Councilmember, District 1



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 12th 5:00-8:00 pm

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

*June's Flava *Jay's Mexican Grill *Gonzo Gourmet *Nana G's Chicken & Waffles *Funnel Cake Guys *Lolocs BBQ *Old Dad's Wings *Frozen Frenzee



City of Dawsonville

2018 Annual Water Quality Report

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

is available at Dawsonville City Hall

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

and online at www.dawsonville-ga.gov



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 ...

Summer means vacations, a break from work and school; however, your city continues to make headway on several projects. New storage shelters for diesel fueling and winter weather equipment, a SPLOST project, were completed. We accepted our first non-paper application for water and sewer service, making our process totally paperless. Bids were sought, and a contractor selected for the Farmers' Market with work scheduled to start before the end of June. Bids for landscape work, irrigation and fencing were received and a recommendation will be made to the City Council and Mayor in July. The bid opening for the Main Street Park rest room is scheduled for June 17th. A new and improved sign was installed at City Hall and planning and design are underway for several sidewalk and parking projects. Development continues at a rapid rate with no less than four subdivisions under construction.

Several residential annexations were approved, growing our city even more and a new vaping ordinance was passed to make our city healthier. We kicked off our very popular Food Truck Friday events in May and the turnout was the best we have ever had. For the June event, the threat of severe thunderstorms made it prudent to cancel the event. Our next Friday Night Food Truck Night is scheduled for July 12th. Come out and enjoy a variety of great food, good fun and fellowship. On May 31st, the Amicalola Regional Farmers' Market kicked off the season. They will be stationed in the City Hall parking lot each Friday afternoon. A lot is happening in our city and we encourage everyone to take advantage of all we have to offer.

To ensure our ISO rating for fire protection is maintained, hydrant testing is underway. This is a required annual event and keeps our homeowner insurance rates down. Please be patient with this process as it may cause some cloudy water. Staff will be working diligently to clear the lines as they go. If you experience any discolored water, you may need to flush your lines. This does not impact the drinkability of the water in any way. If you have questions, please call City Hall at 706-265-3256.



Employee Spotlight: Trampas Hansard

Public Works Operations Manager

Bob Bolz
City Manager

Trampas Hansard is this month's featured employee. He recently began his 12th year in service to the City of Dawsonville. He is responsible for the Public Works Department and supervises four employees in the performance of their duties. Duties include, maintaining over 12 miles of road which includes keeping the roads open, clean and in good shape, even during challenging months that offer snow and ice. They maintain almost 8 miles of sidewalk, take care of the cemetery and Wallace Park. It is their responsibility to maintain all the grass, keep trash picked up, keep stormwater facilities in good shape, and maintain City Hall including the City Council Chambers. Recently, Trampas was selected as the Best Boss in the annual competition sponsored by the Dawson County News. He handles several special projects, which include supervision of the Main Street Park project, new sidewalk construction, and will oversee the Farmers' Market project. He works with HOA's to install speed bumps, speed limit and directional signage and several other tasks. If you have lived in the city very long, you have probably met Trampas and experienced his superb customer service. Trampas has lived in Dawsonville all his life and is a true native. He is well known and respected for his friendly personality and work ethic. He enjoys hunting and fishing and is a committed fitness enthusiast and can be found working out in the gym daily. He and his wife Rhonda live in the city with their Yorky-Poo, Pistol.

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