

**CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE**



Mayor and City Council

Voting meeting at 5:00 p.m.
First Monday
of every month
(unless a holiday)

Work Sessions at 4:00 p.m.
Third Monday
of every month
(as needed)

City Planning Commission

Meeting at 5:00p.m.
Third Monday
of every month
(as needed)

NOTE: All meetings are held at
City Hall upstairs in the G.L. "Pete"
Gilleland Council Chambers.
The public is invited to attend.



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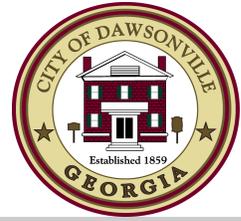
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Dawsonville Profile



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Message from the Mayor



W. James Grogan
Mayor

It is not the critic who counts. Not the one who points out how the strong stumble; or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the one who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows great enthusiasm and great devotion; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while DARING GREATLY; so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.

T. Roosevelt

Looking back on 2014 I realized that the words spoken above reflect our year in a nutshell. We had some wins, some losses, but we were in the trenches fighting every day. It took us over a year to refinance our bonds, saving the city over a million dollars in interest. We looked at our liability insurance and discovered an error on our carriers part that brought back \$125,000 in overcharges and a reduction in our overall rate. We are in process to enhance our wastewater treatment plant, paint one water tower, drill another well along with line upgrades, which came about after a two year process. We added a turn lane to Highway 53E coming out of town and the courthouse roundabout. Sidewalk addition from the new court house to old court house was done. The cities net position increased by \$194,105 for the year ending June 30, 2014. General fund revenues were up \$143,980 while spending was down \$221,099 less than budgeted. We also had a \$282,935 reduction in our long term debt obligations, just to name a few. We also negotiated a SPLOST agreement with the county, receiving a 15% cut of the total revenues expected to be collected. Those revenues will allow us to work on Main Street Park, downtown revitalization, infrastructure enhancements, road equipment and building, resurfacing city streets, and adding new business to downtown. Dawsonville Antiques, Sweet Treats by Leigh, Pick-N-Grin are three new additions to our downtown landscape. If you haven't visited these businesses, please go by and introduce yourself and maybe buy a little something. We need to support these new business as well as our older businesses. It's a slow arduous process to achieve all the things before us but my hope is in Your word.

Romans 5:5 says: Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. 2015 looks to be a great year in the City of Dawsonville. Stop by City Hall and say hi when you're in town.

Your Mayor,

W. James Grogan



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CLICK ON "CITY NEWSLETTER" AND ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**



PLEASE NOTE

Due to a software change to better serve our customers, our online payment site will be down the last week in January through most of February.

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ON-LINE WITH A CREDIT CARD

Go to: www.dawsonville-ga.gov with your Account # and PIN #
Click on: PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL (on left side under Popular Links)
(Your account number and PIN # are located on your bill)



Pay Your Utility Bill



Please join us in welcoming our new city businesses!

Taylor House Weddings & Events, 436 Academy Avenue
Affordable weddings

Flying Fig, LLC
Graphic Design Studio

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Etowah Masonic Lodge #222

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

February 28, 2015

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*East First St., Dawsonville, GA
(behind El Rio)*

\$7.00 per plate

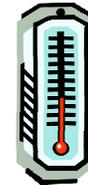


PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

As we prepare for freezing temperatures, remember to protect your pipes from freezing by following a few easy tips:



- *Let a trickle of hot and cold water drip overnight
- *Keep your thermostat at the same temperature both day and night; colder temps are at night when most tend to turn their thermostats down
- *Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls



AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015, your new garbage service provider will be ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES. Your trash pickup day will remain on Monday, and pick up times may vary, so please have your can curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning!!



2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS STARTING AT 5:00 P.M.

**JAN 5
JUL 6**

**FEB 2
AUG 3**

**MAR 2
SEP 14**

**APR 6
OCT 5**

**MAY 4
NOV 2**

**JUN 1
DEC 7**

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE 2nd FLOOR OF CITY HALL



The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame museum is open 7 days a week, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more info call 706-216-7223.

The Dawsonville Moonshine Distillery is open Tuesday through Sunday. Stop in for a free sample!! For more info, call 770-401-1211.

*Shop local for all
your
Valentine's
Day needs!*

