



# Dawsonville Profile

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*Message from the Mayor...*

Prov.16:2-3

“All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits. Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.”

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will; when the road you're trudging seems all uphill; when the funds are low and the debts are high; and you want to smile, but you have to sigh; when care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns, as every one of us sometimes learns; and many a person turns about, when they might have won had they stuck it out.

Don't give up though the pace seems slow; you may succeed with another blow.

Often the struggler has given up, when he might have captured the victor's cup; and he learned too late when the night came down, how close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out; so stick to the fight when your hardest hit; it's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

Please join me in welcoming our new City Manager, David Headley to our staff. David brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our city. David will be working on many of the projects which were in the works, but with his help, we will see these projects move along at a faster pace. Projects such as Main Street Park, downtown revitalization, infrastructure and the new Citizens Workshop are just a few of the many projects for 2016. Keep David and your Mayor in your prayers as we enter a new era in Dawsonville Government.

Your Mayor,

**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

**2016 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.**

- 5PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 4 FEB 1 MAR 7 APR 4 MAY 2 JUN 6 JUL 11 AUG 1 SEP 12 OCT 3 NOV 7 DEC 5
- 5PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 25 FEB 15 MAR 21 APR 18 MAY 16 JUN 20 JUL 18 AUG 15 SEP 19 OCT 17 NOV 21 DEC 19
- 5PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 11 FEB 8 MAR 14 APR 11 MAY 9 JUN 13 JUL TBD AUG 8 SEP TBD OCT 10 NOV 14 DEC 12
- 6PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 15 APR 18 JUN 20 AUG 15 OCT 17 DEC 19
- 5:45PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 11 MAR 14 MAY 9 AUG 8 SEP 12 NOV 14



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Let me start by saying what a privilege it is to have been selected to serve as your city of Dawsonville's City Manager. For those of you who are unfamiliar with me or my background, I have served Dawson County for ten (10) years as the county's Engineer, Public Works and Community Development Director. Prior to that, I was the Director of Land Acquisition for seven (7) years along with many other departmental management positions in Brevard County Florida totaling twenty three (23) years. Having an extensive background in government, I believe will assist you in the services of administration, management, directorship, controls, governance, stewardship but most importantly leadership. My philosophy has always been "If you want to go fast go alone but if you want to go far, go together." The success of this job depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of sound leadership, management practices and going together. Throughout my career, I have come to understand that "In school you get your lessons first and then your test but in life you get your test first and then your lesson," it is the service and commitment to the citizens that make a community great.

I am proud to serve alongside the current leadership body of Dawsonville. In a time where leadership has been re-defined, I find it refreshing and stimulating to see leadership in its true sense of the word, service to community. Dawsonville is a city on the threshold of prosperity and growth. The city leadership has their finger on the pulse. The opportunity for Planned growth, is among us. Projects such as the revitalization of the downtown area master plan, trails, parks, infrastructure upgrades and utility enhancement projects are coming.

Beginning 1/20/2016, a citizen workshop will be held in the Joe Lane Cox room at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall as advertised, unfortunately this meeting will have been held by the time you receive this newsletter. The good news, is this meeting will be held every month in order to give the citizens a platform to speak and be heard. This is an opportunity for both City and County folks to be involved and apart of the exciting journey ahead. It is requested, these meetings be held in a constructive atmosphere so all points of view can be considered.

To the citizens of Dawsonville know that each and every one of you have a voice and my contact information will always be available at any time weekends, evenings, holidays and my door will always be open for you but most importantly, know I am here to serve you.

Sincerely and with Great Appreciation,

David Headley, Dawsonville City Manager



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