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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CITY MANAGER

Welcome to the City of Dawsonville!

Dawsonville is an outstanding place to live, work, raise a family and grow a business. Ours is a personable little town with a big heart and plenty of opportunities. Everywhere you look, you see growth. We had a population of 3,729 at the 2020 census and it is estimated that the next census will show our population increasing to over 4,000 residents. We service over 15 miles of roadways, not including state highways, spread over 18.5 miles. We have two major thoroughfares that pass through and serve our city, each bringing considerable domestic and commercial traffic through our city limits. Our city offers or is near outstanding schools, superb healthcare, numerous opportunities to worship, a wide variety of shopping and dining opportunities as well four major natural resource and recreation areas. We are a place where families go to raise their children or to retire.

However, as we grow, let's not forget the past. Dawsonville has a rich and unique history. We have places that are important to us. Places we care about. Places that matter. We encourage people to celebrate our history and these places that are meaningful to them. Historic preservation provides an opportunity to recognize the important role of history. Historic preservation can be effective, too for economic development, tourism promotion, growth management, neighborhood revitalization, fostering local pride, enhancing livability, and maintaining community character. I believe it is important to celebrate the history of our community as it has shaped our reality today. I encourage everyone to celebrate and appreciate our past while preserving the remembrance for future generations.

Excellence is a moving target, and our City Council and Mayor are to be commended for their commitment to the betterment of our community, their courage and leadership. They are second to none. Also, your city staff are superb, dedicated to their customers/citizens. There is a job that is not 8-5 but instead a 24-hour commitment. These men and women excel at customer service and performing their duties at a high level. They are an extraordinary group of people and adhere to what Thomas Jefferson said, "Good governing with good intentions is the hallmark of our government. Implementation with integrity should be our core passion." I am humbled and blessed to be a part of this team and am thankful every day for their service. The safety and well-being of our citizens is always at the forefront of our activities.

SPLOST dollars continue to exceed expectations and due to exceptional fiscal management, the city has some surplus funds that have been used to better serve our citizens. Combined, these funds have been used for construction of Main Street Park featuring a destination playground, walking trails, dog park, picnic shelters, a skate park, disc golf, an EV charging station, and green space. Additionally, we have a thriving Farmers Market, more sidewalks, improvements to our cemetery, sewage expansion, increased water production, and the resurfacing of several roads. From May to October, we offer once a month Friday Night Food Truck Nights. Please come out and enjoy some good food, great fun, and fellowship.

As our city continues to experience growth, challenges will arise and must be overcome for the growth to be productive, positive, and successful. I would ask all our citizens to join with those of us at your service to ensure Dawsonville's future is bright and one we can all be proud of. I pray for God's guidance and blessings as we move forward. As City Manager, I am thankful for the citizens we serve, our small-town atmosphere, and our friendly people. Get out, get involved and be a part of this wonderful community. I hope to meet each of you.

Sincerely,
Bob Bolz, City Manager