



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—NOVEMBER 2022

Message from your Mayor

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to each of you. As we move quickly into the wonderful time of year, it's often difficult to slow down enough to remember why we celebrate these dates. Thanksgiving is always a special time for me with my family together, eating way too much food and football games playing on the TV in the background. It's great food and a time for relaxing and enjoying each other. Please remember why Thanksgiving is so important. It is the time for giving thanks and acknowledging our blessings and thanking our God.

We at the City pray for each of you to enjoy this time and for those traveling to be with distant families, we wish you travel mercies.

City Hall will be closed November 24 & 25th, spending time like you, enjoying our families.

The City continues to have a lot happening. The City Council just awarded the contracts for construction of four pickleball courts and a basketball court at Main Street Park. We hope these will be completed early in 2023, so more adults can enjoy activities at our park. The disc golf course is very popular and apparently easy to learn, so look it up and come try it.



Mike Eason

We have completed all of our Food Truck Fridays for 2022 and will resume in May 2023, when the weather warms up. Hope to see you there.



Mayor, Council and staff of the City of Dawsonville would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!



HIGHTOWER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOOD & CLOTHING BANKS PRESENTS..

Bless a Child Christmas 2022

We hope you will consider sponsoring a child or family for Christmas. There are so many that are less fortunate, and this is your chance to help those in need.

If you or someone you know are interested in adopting a family or child to purchase Christmas items for, please

contact Kim at: **678-859-7248** or email at **weldyk7268@gmail.com**

or call Jason Power at 770-815-1589



2022 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 5:00PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 6 FEB 7 MAR 7 MAY 2 JUN 6 AUG 1 OCT 3 NOV 7 DEC 5
- 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 20 FEB 21 MAR 21 APR 18 MAY 16 JUN 20 JUL 18 AUG 15 SEP 19 OCT 17 NOV 21 DEC 19
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 10 FEB 14 MAR 14 APR 11 MAY 9 JUN 13 JUL 11 AUG 8 SEP 12 OCT 10 NOV 14 DEC 12
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 28 APR 25 JUN 27 AUG 22 OCT 24 DEC 7
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 24 MAR 28 MAY 23 JUL 25 SEP 26 NOV 28 * Watch live on Facebook 



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A message from your City Manager...

October was a busy month with gorgeous leaf colors and a most successful Moonshine Festival. Most involved with the event agreed that Saturday had the highest one-day attendance ever. Our spider scarecrow received second place in the annual Good Shepherd Clinic contest. We appreciate this effort, as it makes our community look even better.

November in Georgia; as weather went from tropical with record breaking heat, followed by Hurricane Nicole, with serious cold coming in mid-month. Mother Nature is the boss. We were blessed to honor our great veterans on November 11th and thank them one and all for their service.

Even with the days getting shorter, project work continues. Netting was installed between the playground and part of the disc golf course to protect children from errant disc golfer throws. Many thanks to Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation for funding this project. The assisted living home was connected by a new sidewalk funded by the Dawsonville Civitan Club this month, and a new sidewalk was added at the dog park. A new radio-read water meter system that will enable better leak detection and customer service is underway. We also await bids on a new well for which we have also sought a bid for. Very soon, we will be releasing an RFP for a downtown strategic plan. This is funded in part by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Finally, in the immediate future, we will begin the process for revising our Comprehensive Plan.

As Thanksgiving draws closer, I encourage everyone to take a break and reflect on all we have to be thankful for in our community. I am thankful for my Savior, my family, and for the wonderful city personnel and elected leadership I work with every day. Our community is in good hands.



Bob Bolz

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Amanda Edmondson, Downtown Development Director



I would like to introduce Amanda Edmondson as the City of Dawsonville's first Director of Downtown Development, Tourism & Historic Preservation. Amanda is originally from Dacula, Georgia, yet is a long time North Georgia resident after earning an MPA from the UGA School of Public and International Affairs, with a focus in local government administration and public policy. She is passionate about local history, also holding a BA in History from Piedmont University. She has previously worked for other Georgia counties with a focus in both long-range and current planning. Amanda is recognized as a Certified Planner by the American Planning Association (AICP). Amanda also holds a Degree in Applied Science from Lanier Technical Institute, specializing in Interior Architecture, and served as owner and CEO operating a small business for 12 years. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Rainbow Children's Home, is a wife, mom of two, member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, and outdoor enthusiast, and is looking forward to being a part of the City of Dawsonville's great future!

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