



**City of Dawsonville**  
**2023**

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## Mayor and Council



### 2023 Mayor and City Council

Frontrow: Council Member William Illg, Post 2; Mayor Mike Eason; Council Member Mark French, Post 4  
Back row: Council Member John Walden, Post 3; Council Member Caleb Phillips, Post 1

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# 2024 Elections Results

The City of Dawsonville is governed by a Mayor and four Council members, who are elected by a City-wide popular vote. Elected officials serve for terms of four (4) years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

New council members take office and are sworn in on the first Tuesday in December following the November election. The council member who hold posts 1 and 2 shall be elected in the same odd year; the Mayor and Council members who hold posts 3 and 4 shall be elected in the alternating odd year. Mayor and Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council chambers, and a work session is held as needed. Special meetings may be called as necessary. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

City officials are here to serve the needs of the Dawsonville residents.

## Thank you serving our community...



Mayor Mike Eason made the decision to retire as mayor. Mike has served the City of Dawsonville since December 5, 2017. He has been in public service for over 35 years, serving both state and municipal agencies, having served as the Police Chief in Cumming, GA and was a Special Agent in Charge with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in the Gainesville office. His leadership has guided the City of Dawsonville as we navigate and transition through the changes and challenges of growth and progress.

We thank you, Mayor Eason, for your unwavering commitment to those in our community.



Council Member representing Post 3, John Walden has served the City since 2020. Running unopposed, he is now Mayor-Elect.



Running unopposed, Council Member Caleb Phillips will continue to represent Post 1. Mr. Phillips has served the City since 2015.



Running unopposed, Sandy Sawyer will now represent Post 3, which was vacated by John Walden upon his election as Mayor. Ms. Sawyer has served on the Planning Commission since 2021.

# Downtown Dawsonville

*Driven by  
Fun*

*Driven by  
History*

*Simply...  
Driven*

*Eat- Shop- Play*

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A visit from our friends at Robinson Elementary included playing bingo with residents at North Georgia Assisted Living, planting flowers in various locations, making bird feeders for our feathery friends, filling the food pantry, and some impromptu fun on the hill.



## A little help from our friends





*Making memories*



# Veterans Memorial Flags



**Covering a span of approximately 3 miles,  
308 flags are set 3 times per year.**



**City Hall Staff placing veteran memorial markers.**





# DCSO Recruiting Event

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the DCSO held a recruiting event at the Farmers Market. During the event, the Sheriff's Office showcased a variety of vehicles and equipment, shared employment opportunities with interested candidates, and held a child safety seat check.



# Utilities Department



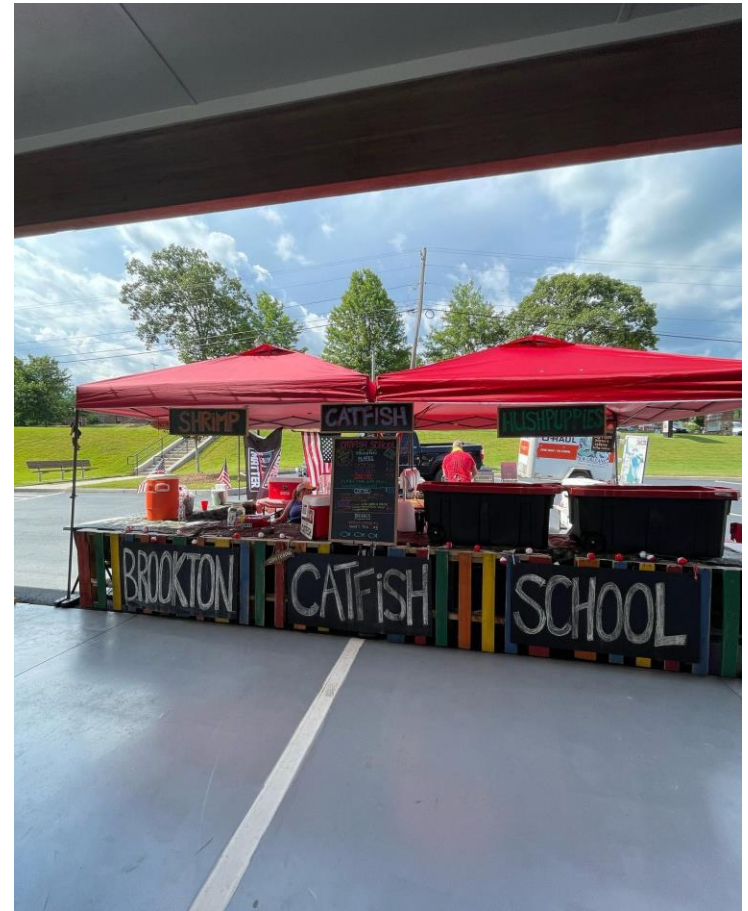
# Public Works Department



# Food Truck Friday



Food Truck Fridays are always a crowd pleaser! The City hosts a rotation of food vendors and entertainment once a month, beginning in May. Be sure to stop by our Farmers Market and enjoy some yummy treats.



# Amicalola Regional Farmers Market



**Amicalola Regional**  
FARMERS MARKET  
DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA

*Market Now Open!*

SATURDAY 8 AM - 1 PM OR SOLD OUT  
WEDNESDAY JUNE/JULY

 @AMICALOLAFARMERSMARKET

City of Dawsonville Farmers Market Pavilion  
86 Allen Street  
Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

# Community

The City is host to numerous community-based events throughout the year. Our goal is to bring neighbors together, make new friends, and share in the feeling of belonging to a community that cares. We hope you will join us in celebrating all that Downtown Dawsonville has to offer.



**KARE FOR KIDS  
COMMUNITY EASTER  
EGG HUNT**  
37TH ANNUAL

40,000 EGGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, 2023  
AT MAIN STREET PARK - DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE

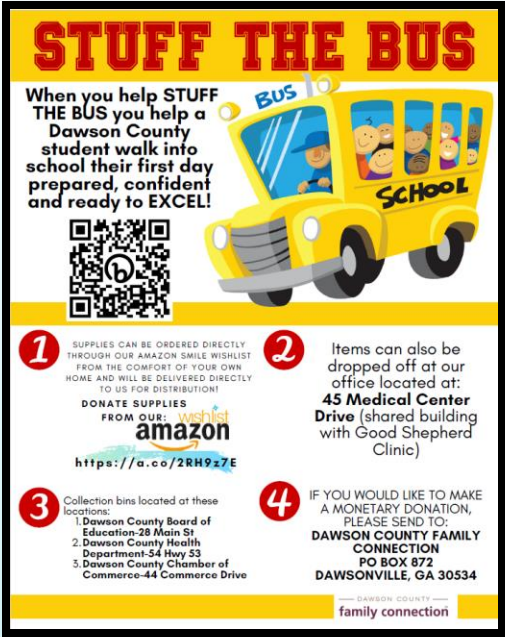
**FREE ADMISSION**

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE BY DAWSON FFA  
PRIZED EGGS, FOUR BOUNCE HOUSES, & KONA ICE

AGE GROUPS  
0-3 (HANDICAP (1 PARENT MAY ASSIST))  
4-6, 7-9, 10-12



FOOD SALES AND ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 12 PM  
EGG HUNT WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 2:30 PM

**KARE** **JOHN MEGEL**  
Presenting Sponsor John Megel



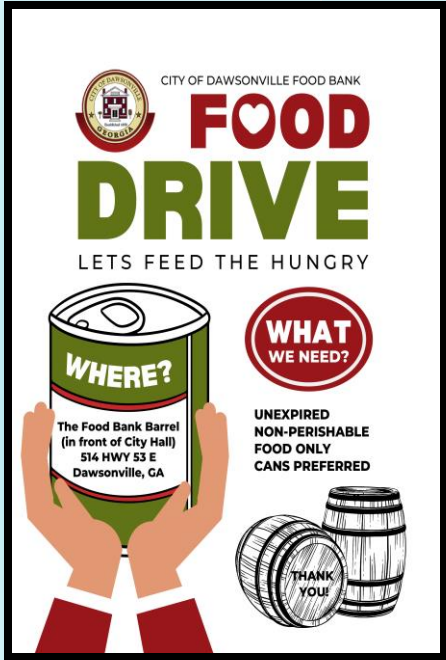
## STUFF THE BUS

When you help **STUFF THE BUS** you help a Dawson County student walk into school their first day prepared, confident and ready to **EXCEL!**

- 1** SUPPLIES CAN BE ORDERED DIRECTLY THROUGH OUR AMAZON SMILE WISHLIST FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME AND WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO US FOR DISTRIBUTION!  
DONATE SUPPLIES FROM OUR **wish list amazon**  
<https://a.co/2RH9z7E>
- 2** Items can also be dropped off at our office located at:  
**45 Medical Center Drive** (shared building with Good Shepherd Clinic)
- 3** Collection bins located at these locations:  
1. Dawson County Board of Education-28 Main St  
2. Dawson County Health Department-54 Hwy 53  
3. Dawson County Chamber of Commerce-44 Commerce Drive
- 4** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, PLEASE SEND TO:  
**DAWSON COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION**  
PO BOX 872  
DAWSONVILLE, GA 30534

— DAWSON COUNTY —  
family connection



CITY OF DAWSONVILLE FOOD BANK

# FOOD DRIVE

LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY

**WHERE?**  
The Food Bank Barrel  
(in front of City Hall)  
514 HWY 53 E  
Dawsonville, GA

**WHAT WE NEED?**  
UNEXPIRED  
NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ONLY  
CANS PREFERRED

**THANK YOU!**



EAT • SHOP • PLAY  
DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE

DAWSONVILLE

## 2023 FOOD TRUCK Fridays

MAY 5  
JUNE 2  
JULY 14  
AUGUST 4  
SEPTEMBER 8  
OCTOBER 6

5:00PM - 8:00PM  
86 ALLEN STREET  
JOIN US AT THE FARMERS MARKET PAVILION

Brought to you by the City of Dawsonville, GA

**FREE MOVIE FREE FAMILY FUN FREE FOOD**

**A FAMILY FAIR**  
connecting with fun

(MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023**  
**FUN STARTS AT 6PM**

**MAIN STREET PARK DAWSONVILLE**  
(Behind City Hall)

**Everyone Welcome!**

**SCARECROW**  
An INTERACTIVE Family Adventure **fest 2023**

**WHO?** Businesses, schools, offices, individuals, churches, & HOAs Around Dawson Co. Design a scarecrow and display outside your door, entry or storefront.

**WHAT?** An Interactive Opportunity for the community to have SAFE fun and vote, for their favorites. 3 Entry Categories

**WHY?** To benefit The Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County. The Clinic provides crucial health care to people of need in Dawson County.

[www.goodshepherddawsonco.org](http://www.goodshepherddawsonco.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdClinicDawsonCoGA>

**WHEN?** Displays begin Sept 15, 2023  
Facebook voting begins Oct 1-29, 2023  
\*Winners announced Oct 30, 2023

**WHERE?** All around our Dawson County Businesses and Community. Most "Likes" on GoodShepherd's facebook page wins.

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**Benefit The Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County**

**\$100 tax deductible fee to enter**

DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA

**CHRISTMAS IN DAWSONVILLE**

**18TH NOV** EVENT DETAILS

CHRISTMAS PARADE | 4PM  
JINGLE MARKET | 2PM - 8PM  
TREE LIGHTING | 6PM  
FOOD TRUCKS | 4:30PM - 8PM  
"YOU SNAP" SANTA PHOTOS | 4:30PM - 7:30PM

**DAWSONVILLE CITY HALL**  
415 HIGHWAY 53 E

[DawsonChamber.org](http://DawsonChamber.org)

Presenting Sponsor: **Northeast Georgia Health System**

Event Sponsor: **troncalli**

Hosted By: **Dawson County**

Parade Sponsor: **JOHN MEGEL**

**Light-Up DAWSONVILLE**  
COMMUNITY DECORATING CONTEST

**CATEGORIES: WINNERS \$500 EACH**

- BEST INDIVIDUAL HOME | \$25 ENTRY FEE
- BEST BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY | \$100 ENTRY FEE
- BEST NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCE | \$100 ENTRY FEE
- BEST INSTITUTION: SCHOOL OR GOVT | \$100 ENTRY FEE
- BEST CHURCH | \$100 ENTRY FEE

**PLUS A GIFT BASKET FOR THE "PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER"**

**ENTER BY DECEMBER 11TH**  
**WINNERS ANNOUNCED ONLINE**  
**DECEMBER 18TH**

[LightUpDawsonville@Dawson.org](http://LightUpDawsonville@Dawson.org)

**THE PLACE**  
Participation helps to bring joy and supports your community!

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

**PATTERSON MOORE BUTLER** AFFIRMATIONS & REGULATIONS  
**SAWNEE** "We're More Than Electricity. We're Service."

**McEver** SIGHT & GRAPHICS  
**True** Natural Gas  
**Dawson County**  
**John Megel**

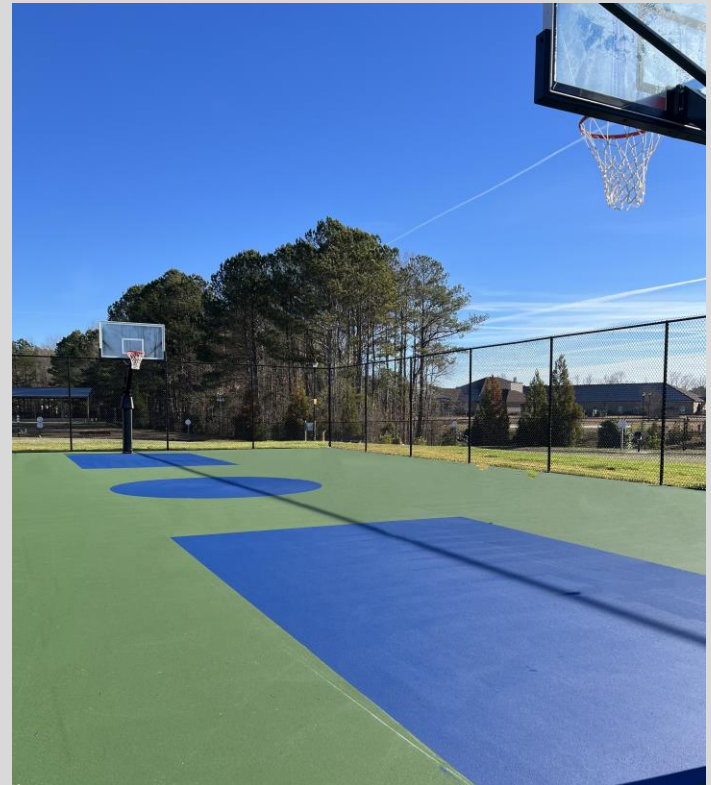
**100% of the entry fees goes to "The Place" to help Dawson County residents with food & other basic needs.**

## Main Street Park saw the addition of pickleball courts...





**...and basketball courts...**





**Our Skate Park, located in Main Street Park, has received so much usage we have decided to expand it! To make room for the new features, we have moved the park to a new location within the park grounds. The concrete is poured, and we are waiting for the new elements. Once they arrive, everything will be moved to the Memory Lane location. The park expansion should be complete in 2024.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**2024 Meetings of the City of Dawsonville**

The City of Dawsonville City Council, DDA, Planning Commission and HPC shall conduct regular meetings on the dates and time below:

**2024 City Council Regular Meetings at 5:00 pm**

JAN 11 FEB 5 MAR 4 MAY 6 JUN 3  
AUG 5 OCT 7 NOV 4 DEC 2

**2024 City Council Regular Meetings and Work Sessions at 5:00 pm**

FEB 19 MAR 18 APR 15 MAY 20 JUN 17  
JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 16 OCT 21 NOV 18 DEC 16

**2024 Planning Commission Meetings at 5:30 pm**

JAN 8 FEB 12 MAR 11 APR 8 MAY 13 JUN 10  
JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 9 OCT 14 NOV 12 DEC 9

**2024 Historic Preservation Commission Meetings at 5:30 pm**

FEB 26 APR 22 JUN 24 AUG 26 OCT 28 DEC 3

**2024 Downtown Development Authority Meetings at 5:30 pm**

JAN 22 MAR 25 MAY 9 JUL 22 SEP 23 NOV 7

All meetings according to the dates set forth above will be upstairs in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers at City Hall located at 415 HWY 53 E, Dawsonville, GA. The public is invited to attend all of these meetings.