



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—FEBRUARY 2023

### Message from your Mayor

Good day, Dawsonville! I hope everything is going well in your lives. We have a lot going on here in the city. We are currently getting ready for warm weather. I know there's been a lot of rain and we're trying to deal with the issues caused by the rains.

We hope to soon have the pickle ball and basketball courts under construction, and the Public Works Department will be getting ready for the grass growing season.

Please be aware as the kids get out of school for spring break the first week of April; there are a lot more children on the roads, so please use extra caution.

Please continue to enjoy our city and the food trucks will start back in May. We are looking forward to seeing you on the first Friday night of each month! The schedule for the Food Truck Friday events is listed below.

Continue to pray for each other, and God Bless you.



Mike Eason



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**



**2023 Food Truck Friday Schedule**

**May 5**

**June 2**

**July 14**

**August 4**

**September 8**

**October 6**



**AMICALOLA REGIONAL FARMERS MARKET**

**OPENING DAY APRIL 29**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until SOLD OUT**

**706-265-2442 for more info**



**NEED ASSISTANCE?** The Place of Dawson County offers a variety of programs to assist seniors, youth, and those in need. Visit our website at: [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov)

Click on: Living Here/Resources Help/The Place of Dawson County, to view assistance programs currently available.

- 2023 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 12 FEB 6 MAR 6 MAY 1 JUN 5 AUG 7 OCT 2 NOV 6 DEC 4
  - 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: MAR 20 APR 17 MAY 15 JUN 19 JUL 17 AUG 21 SEP 18 OCT 16 DEC 18
  - 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 9 FEB 13 MAR 13 APR 10 MAY 8 JUN 12 JUL 10 AUG 14 SEP 11 OCT 9 NOV 13 DEC 11
  - 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 27 APR 24 JUN 26 AUG 28 OCT 23 DEC 5
  - 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 23 MAR 27 MAY 22 JUL 24 SEP 25 NOV 27 \* Watch live on Facebook 



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*A message from your City Manager...*

Happy Valentine's Day from the City of Dawsonville!

Good ole Georgia weather continued to be a challenge, with February cold and wet, as well as February looks like spring weather, from temperatures in the high teens and twenties with snow/sleet to temperatures in the upper 60's. There is still winter weather to come, but the jonquils and daffodils are starting to bloom reminding us that spring is right around the corner.

This month, we kicked off our work on the Comprehensive Plan, one of the most important planning documents that we prepare, with 16 of 25 invited to sit on the steering committee showing up for a great first meeting. This document is done every five years. It addresses quality of life maintenance and improvement. All stakeholders should give input to develop a vision that clearly describes the future of the community and that is shared by all. The Comprehensive Plan should ensure private property rights are protected, economic development is encouraged and supported, and more. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 9th at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our outstanding Planning & Zoning Director, Mr. Harmit Bedi. A true professional planner and great communicator passed away suddenly. He had joined our team in October, had proven his worth, and become a big part of our city family. Please keep his family in your prayers.

The contractors continued work on the telemetry portion of our upgraded water meter system. This change will enable us to locate leaks quickly and pass that information on to our customers. Staff continues work on the Winner's Circle in front of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, and is designing improvements to the front entrance. The space in our facility that most recently housed the Dawsonville Distillery is currently vacant. We are seeking other businesses that would like to lease this superb space. Our goal is to have a restaurant, perhaps a coffee shop, and another distillery in this space. If you are interested in this great business opportunity, please let us know.

We hosted the Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership group for their annual mock City Council meeting. This role playing opportunity introduces students to city government and how it operates, as well as available careers. Staff continues working on various projects and preparing facilities for the upcoming spring season. We encourage you and yours to come out, utilize city facilities and get involved in your community.



*Bob Bolz*

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