



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—SEPTEMBER 2023

## Message from your Mayor

Hello folks, wanted to give you some news. The City has conducted qualifying for the election scheduled for November 2023. There were three positions scheduled for election; two city council seats and Mayor. I have decided to retire in 2024, and I did not seek re-election as your Mayor. I have served since December 2017, and have enjoyed the time I've been in office. I have met many wonderful people and have made many new friends. I hope you have been satisfied with the job I have done over the past six years.

During the open qualifying period for the three seats up for election, only one person qualified for each office. Each seat was unopposed, therefore, the City will not have to bear the expense of paying for an election.

I want to congratulate Mayor Elect John Walden who has served for the past four years on the City Council, and also as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the past two years (back up for Mayor for many functions). Prior to that, he served on the Planning Commission. I would also like to congratulate Council Member Caleb Phillips, who has retained his City Council seat; and to the newest member, City Council Member- Elect Sandy Sawyer, who joins the Council after serving on our Planning Commission.

I hope each of you will support these three individuals as well as Council Members Mark French and William Illg, who will continue to serve for the next two years.

In other news, the pickleball and basketball courts should be completed in the next few weeks and open for use before the end of the year. Everyone is gearing up for the Mountain Moonshine Festival which will take place in October and thanks to your City Council for working with KARE for Kids to move it to the Main Street Park and along Allen Street to allow the opening of our busy highways.

Please take care, and watch out for our children and the leaf watchers who will be traveling through our community.

Have a blessed month.



Mike Eason



## FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:00-8:00 P.M.

FARMERS MKT. PAVILION

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & FUN!

## Need to rent a pavilion at Main St. Park?



Visit our website at:

[www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov)

Go to: *Living here/Community/City Parks/*  
*Park reservations*

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, November 18**

**Christmas parade and  
tree lighting**

**Downtown Dawsonville**

- **Jingle Market 2:00 pm**
- **Parade 4:00 pm**
- **Tree lighting 6:00 pm**

## 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...*

As the sun crosses the equator from north to south on September 23rd, it is directly above the equator. Traditionally, this has marked the end of summer and the start of fall in our Northern Hemisphere. At this time, the hours of daylight and dark are almost equal. In the next several weeks, as the days get shorter, Mother Nature will begin painting the beautiful fall leaves. Of course, scientifically, we know that as the days shorten, less sunlight means less production of chlorophyll which makes leaves green. The carotenoids and anthocyanins that are always present, but masked by the green, show their beauty. The leaf colors we so enjoy, such as the red and brown oaks, the golden bronze hickories, the golden yellow poplar, the purplish red dogwoods, the light tan beech trees, the crimson sourwoods, the brilliant scarlet red maples, the orange-red sugar maples, and the glowing yellow of the black maples will be evident soon. People come from all over to enjoy the brilliant North Georgia color that we often take for granted. I encourage everyone to slow down and enjoy the colors this year.

With the changing seasons, visitors come to Amicalola Falls State Park, Burt's Pumpkin Farm, corn mazes, fall festivals, and many other special attractions. Some city events to remember include:

October 6 – Food Truck Friday

October 6-7 – Haunted House at the GA Racing Hall of Fame sponsored by the Dawson County High School CTAE program

~~October 20-22 – The popular Haunted Ghost Walk that the GA Racing Hall of Fame hosts~~

October 27-29 – Moonshine Festival

November 18 – Downtown Dawsonville Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, Jingle Market, Food Trucks

Cooler temperatures, gorgeous scenery, abundant natural and cultural resources along with opportunities for good food and fellowship are on the horizon. Happy Fall, Y'all!



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