

Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—OCTOBER 2023

Message from your Mayor Pro-Tem

As the fall and holiday seasons are quickly approaching, please be safe while traveling and be aware of your surroundings. Our city will be crowded with leaf-lookers, festival goers, and just crowds in general to enjoy our beautiful area. Next month, we hope you will be able to join us for the Christmas parade and Tree Lighting festivities on November 18th. This time of year is usually a joyous time for family get togethers and to spend time with each other. Also, it's not such a joyous time for those who are less fortunate and may not have family near. So, take this time to let your family know how much you love and care about them. At the same time, if you know anyone who is less fortunate and doesn't have family near or is in need, please take a little time to share some kindness and love with them. That can go a long way!



John Walden

**Light-Up
DAWSONVILLE**
COMMUNITY DECORATING CONTEST
CATEGORIES: WINNERS \$500 EACH

Stay tuned for details about our Christmas decorating contest for businesses, neighborhoods, churches, schools and individuals

All proceeds will benefit The Place



Need to rent a pavilion at Main St. Park?



Visit our website at:
www.dawsonville-ga.gov

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

Saturday, November 18




Christmas parade and Tree Lighting
Downtown Dawsonville

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

See attached flyer for details

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 9 * Watch live on Facebook 

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A message from your City Manager...

Fall is here, and winter and the holidays are just around the corner. There is a lot going on in the city. The Ghost Walk hosted by the GA Racing Hall of Fame has been cancelled, but plans to return next year. The Moonshine Festival is October 28th-29th, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Parade, Jingle Market, Santa pictures, live entertainment, and food trucks is scheduled for November 18th. We are working with The Place to start an annual Christmas decoration contest this year. Please be on the lookout for how your residence, business, school, church, or subdivision entrance can participate. Cash prizes and gift bags will be offered to the winners.

Our Comprehensive Plan, a process we must go through every five years, is complete and has been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. TSW and City staff hosted a very successful Strategic Plan Kick-off Meeting on September 7th, with over 50 people in attendance. Our next meeting is November 2nd at 6 PM. Please review the presentation and feedback at

DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC MEETING #1 RESULTS ([canva.com](https://www.canva.com))

The following is a partial list of what to expect in the coming months. The Dawson County Civitan Club donated \$10,000.00 to the city, which will be used to install shade over inclusive portions of the Main Street Park playground. Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation donated \$20,000.00 to the city for economic development. Our entry in the Good Shepherd Clinic Scarecrow Contest is Disco Scarecrows; please go to social media and vote/like it and share it. The pickleball courts and basketball court are nearing completion. We have started work on expanding and relocating the skate park. We hope to begin expansion of disc golf soon, thanks to the Board of Education allowing use of some of their property. A mural is underway on the back wall of the GA Racing Hall of Fame, funded in part by a \$500,000.00 grant they were awarded. An RFP will soon be awarded to conduct a historical survey of Dawsonville, paid for by a \$6,000.00 grant. Soon, work will start at City Hall on the space for Granddaddy Mimms Distillery and Brewery, space for a new restaurant, and renovation to the patio area outside.

Finally, with the delightful fall weather, we encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the city. Come enjoy the Moonshine Festival, use our walking trails, play a round of disc golf, use our fitness stations, or the skate park.



Bob Bolz

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emergencies, call (706) 265-3256**

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

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