



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—NOVEMBER 2023

Message from your Mayor Pro-Tem

By the time you are reading this newsletter, chances are the Christmas parade and tree lighting have taken place in downtown Dawsonville. We hope that you were able to attend this event to kickoff the holiday season. If you missed it, please make sure you come by City Hall and have your picture taken in front of our Christmas tree or up at the Farmers Market pavilion on our Santa sleigh. If you are traveling this holiday season, please be safe and watch out for the extra traffic so that everyone arrives safely to their destinations. Also, if you are thinking about holiday gift ideas, and are beginning to shop for the perfect gift for loved ones and friends, please consider shopping local to support our community. This is the perfect time of year to show family and friends how much they are loved, as well as reaching out to those in our community who are in need by donating to a great cause, or offering help to those less fortunate.

Also, please keep Mayor Mike Eason in your prayers for some recent health issues. He is at home recovering and appreciates all the thoughts and prayers coming his way. We wish him a speedy recovery!



John Walden



Mayor, Council & Staff of the City of Dawsonville would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday, Nov. 24th

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**



GARBAGE PICKUP CHANGES

Due to the upcoming holidays, garbage pickup days for Christmas and New Years will be as follows:

Thursday, December 28, 2023

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Please have your can out by 6:00 am!

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...

October was a busy month, with gorgeous leaf colors and a most successful Moonshine Festival. Our disco scarecrow received second place in the annual Good Shepherd Clinic contest. We appreciate everyone who voted.

Even with the days getting shorter, project work continues. Work is almost finished on four new pickleball courts and a new basketball court. An enlarged pad has been poured for relocation and expansion of our skate park. We look forward to that project getting underway in early 2024. A shelter and restroom will be constructed on the site of the existing skate park. We are researching shade for portions of the inclusive playground that we hope to have in place before next spring.

Many thanks to Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation for a \$20,000.00 grant for economic development, which will go toward commercial kitchen equipment for the old distillery space. It will be developed into a new brewery/distillery in half the space and a restaurant in the front half. Work is starting on the buildout this month. We have finalized a redesign and upgrade of the patio area outside that space.

Our downtown strategic plan is underway, having already hosted two public meetings as we look to the future development of the recently purchased 17 acres that will connect to the historic downtown and the City Hall/Main Street Park/Farmers Market areas. This is funded in part by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Speaking of the Farmers Market, their last market day was in October, and they enjoyed a very successful season.

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, friends, community, and for the wonderful City personnel and elected leadership I work with every day.



Bob Bolz

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