



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—JANUARY 2024

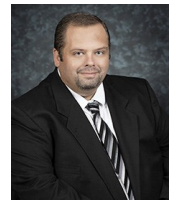
Message from your Mayor

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and have had a great start to the new year. I am looking forward to serving the city as your new Mayor. I would like to thank Mayor Mike Eason for his service to the City of Dawsonville and hope he is enjoying his retirement.

The new pickleball and basketball courts are now open and I hope you will take an opportunity to come out and enjoy these new additions to our Main St. Park. Hopefully soon, the new skate park will be up and running bigger and better for the skaters, as soon as all of the new equipment arrives. Also, the disc golf course will be expanding soon, so keep a lookout for additional holes/baskets.

Granddaddy Mimms will be opening in the near future at City Hall beside the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, and we are excited to have them and can't wait to see what all they will have to offer.

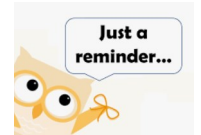
A lot of great things are going on here in the city, and I'm excited for other things to come on the horizon that I can share with you at a later date. As always, stay safe and take care of one another. God Bless everyone.



John Walden

DAWSONVILLE FOOD BANK

If you, or someone you know is in need, the City of Dawsonville Food Bank is located right outside of City Hall. The barrel is replenished daily with non-perishable items. If you would like to donate, please bring any non-perishable or toiletry items inside City Hall. Items needed are canned meat, powdered milk, and macaroni and cheese. These items seem to be selected the most from the barrel.



Please remember to have your trash can at the curb by 6:00 a.m. All trash must be BAGGED AND IN THE CAN. Bags on top or to the side of the can will NOT be picked up!

2024 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 17 FEB 5 MAR 4 MAY 6 JUN 3 AUG 5 OCT 7 NOV 4 DEC 2
- 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: FEB 19 MAR 18 APR 15 MAY 20 JUN 17 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 16 OCT 21 NOV 18 DEC 16
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: FEB 12 MAR 11 APR 8 MAY 13 JUN 10 JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 9 OCT 14 NOV 12 DEC 9
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 26 APR 22 JUN 24 AUG 26 OCT 28 DEC 3
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 22 MAR 25 MAY 9 JUL 22 SEP 23 NOV 7 * Watch live on Facebook 



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A message from your City Manager...

Mother Nature rules. In January so far, we have had two severe rain events, high winds, flooding, thunderstorms, ideal conditions for tornadoes, potential snow/ice events, bitter cold, and the month is just half over. Your city personnel maintain a constant readiness for response to severe weather, whether it's spraying brine on roads, plowing snow, cutting downed trees, or maintaining water/sewer infrastructure during power outages.

We are excited to welcome newly elected Mayor John Walden, newly elected Council member Sandy Sawyer, and re-elected Council member Caleb Phillips. We recently re-elected Council members Mark French and William Illg; our community is in good hands. Their dedication and leadership is of great benefit, and we appreciate their commitment and hard work.

In case you haven't heard, our new basketball court and four pickle ball courts in Main Street Park are open and already receiving great use. The expansion of the skate park to a new, much larger pad, relocation of existing equipment, and the addition of other elements will take place February 5th - 13th. We have an executed IGA with Dawson County Schools for use of a portion of their property that adjoins Main Street Park for expansion of our very popular disc golf. We will begin laying out the course in the next several weeks. We are excited about these new recreation opportunities.

Work is underway preparing for a new distillery and brewery in the City Hall complex as the buildout is nearing completion. Granddaddy Mimms from Blairsville will be the vendor, and they hope to be open in May. Work is also underway on renovation of space in the same complex that will be the home to a new restaurant. The city was awarded a \$20,000.00 grant for this project from Amicalola EMC. Additionally, the patio area on the Food Lion side of the complex will be renovated and upgraded. The Dawsonville History Museum/GA Racing Hall of Fame has been notified of an award of a \$500,000.00 grant that will be used for a new exhibit, upgraded audio-visual improvements, and racing simulators. Keep an eye out for more information.

TSW and City staff have been hard at work on developing a Strategic Plan for downtown. Public meetings have been held. The presentation and feedback are available, which our Downtown Development Director has provided. This will be a portion of the community visioning stage of strategic planning. Our next meeting is January 25th at 6 PM. Please review the following link.

[DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC MEETING #1 RESULTS \(canva.com\)](#)



Bob Bolz




Basketball &




Pickleball courts are now open!

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