



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—FEBRUARY 2024

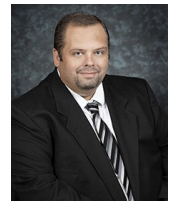
## Message from your Mayor

I wanted to start my message by congratulating Caleb Phillips on his re-election as Councilmember for Post 1, and also congratulate Sandy Sawyer on her election as Councilmember for Post 3. They are an asset to our City Council, and we look forward to the next 4 years having them serving the City.

If you are looking for something to do outdoors, Main Street Park has a little bit of everything for the family to do. Our new basketball and pickleball courts are open and seem to be very popular, especially on some of these nice spring days we've seen. The new skate park is bigger and better, and we have had a great deal of positive feedback for those who have tried it out. As the weather gets warmer, we hope to see the community coming out to enjoy all the park has to offer.

The Amicalola Regional Farmers Market will begin in a few months at the Farmers Market Pavilion on Allen Street. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for details on the opening date.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any City Council member or City Hall staff.



John Walden



**In an effort to provide more efficient service, we will be switching to paperless billing for your utility bill. Please see the pink insert in this mailing for more information!**



## 2024 FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY SCHEDULE

**MAY 3**  
**JUNE 7**  
**JULY 12**

**AUG. 2**  
**SEPT. 6**  
**OCT. 4**



**Please remember to have your trash can at the curb by 6:00 a.m. All trash must be BAGGED AND IN THE CAN. (No loose trash)**

**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...*

Great news! Your new and expanded skate park is open and receiving tremendous use. Your new basketball court and four pickleball courts opened last month and are also receiving great use. 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. Our little Main Street Park receives over 100,000 visitors per year according to conservative cell phone data.

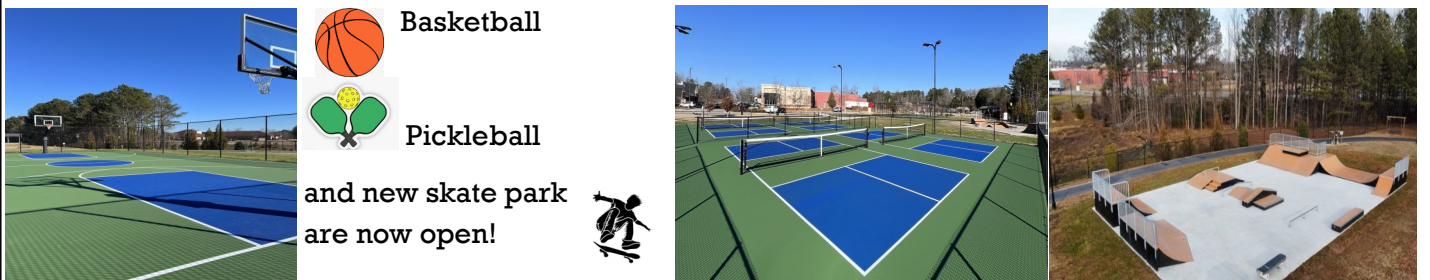
Work is underway preparing for a new distillery and brewery in the City Hall complex as the buildout is nearing completion. Granddaddy Mimms from Blairsville will be the vendor, and they hope to be open in May. Work is also underway on renovation of space in the same complex that will be the home to 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 Director has provided. Please review the following link. **DOWNTOWN DAWSONVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC MEETING #1 RESULTS** (canva.com)

Did you know the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities, with Dawson County's own Kevin Tanner as Commissioner has rolled out their 988 system? 988 is emerging as the 911 of behavioral health. 988 was established for Georgians for suicide prevention and behavioral health crises. Launched in July 2022, callers are connected to a trained staff member who can help address immediate needs and connect the callers to care resources, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. In addition to providing first rate care, it will reduce healthcare spending, and the use of public safety, law enforcement and other safety resources while reimagining how Georgia responds to people in mental health, substance use, and suicide crisis. For more information about 988, visit <https://988ga.org/>



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