



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—MAY 2024

Message from your Councilmember—Mark French

Each month, the City’s newsletter typically features a section highlighting on-going or future City projects. However, as we will celebrate Memorial Day on May 27th, I felt it important to focus upon the countless individuals to whom we owe a debt far greater than we could ever hope to repay.

Memorial Day is a uniquely American Holiday observed on the last Monday of each May. It is a day set aside to honor the courageous men and women who have given their last full measure of devotion in service to our great nation.

Towards the close of the 1860s, Americans across the growing nation began holding springtime tributes to countless fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and offering prayers. May 30th, 1868 was designated as the first Decoration Day, as it was then known. On this day, General James Garfield, and future President of the United States, made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia where more than 5,000 participants decorated the graves of more than 20,000 fallen soldiers buried there.

During the turbulent years of the first World War, Decoration Day evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. It wasn’t until 1968 when the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was passed by the US Congress that the day formerly known as Decoration Day officially became the Federal holiday we now know as Memorial Day. This act went into effect in 1971 and established the last Monday of each May as Memorial Day.

All across our nation, cities and towns host Memorial Day parades and other events each year. These events feature military personnel along with members of veterans’ organizations. Many Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some even wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war, a tradition which dates back to World War I.

As Memorial Day is approaching, I encourage everyone to set aside time to honor and remember those who have fallen on behalf of our nation. Always remember, freedom is not free, it has been paid for by the blood of many and they are truly deserving of our appreciation.



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

JUNE 7

5:00– 8:00 P. M.

FARMERS MKT. PAVILION

86 ALLEN ST. Live music!



**Dawson County Fire and
Emergency Services reminds
you to test smoke alarms
every month.
Stay alert, stay alive!**



*****PLEASE NOTE*****

**Trash pick up will be delayed
by one day due to the
Memorial Day holiday . Please
have your can out by 6:00 am
on Thursday, May 30th.**

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...

May has been a busy month with the Farmers Market open each Saturday to a packed house. We hosted our first Food Truck Friday on May 3rd to great attendance, live music, two bouncy houses, and eight food trucks including Old Dad's Wings, Burger 21, King of Spice, Egg Roll Boyz, Sweet Cheeks Barbeque, Eskimo Kisses Ice Cream, Mimi's Bagels and More, and IGY6 Coffee. Our next food truck night is scheduled for June 7th.

We hope you were able to join us for our inaugural Gospel in the Park special event that featured five food trucks, sponsor tents, artist merchandise tents, arts and craft vendors and great music by Randy and Mary Perry, the Raven Welch Band, Jaden's Call, Karen Peck and New River. Josh Sims of Premier Rendition provided sound. We hope to make this an annual special event.

Coming soon to the City Hall complex will be a new restaurant, The Station House, Granddaddy Mimms Distillery and Brewery, and in the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame/Dawsonville History Museum, a new 50's garage exhibit, high tech racing simulators, an upgraded audio-visual system, and their Memorial Day Car Show on May 25th.

School's out on May 21st, meaning more traffic and children out and about. Please exercise caution when traveling around our community.

We honor and mourn those U.S. military personnel who have died serving our country protecting our freedom on Memorial Day. Please take a moment to count those blessings and remember what this holiday stands for.



Bob Bolz

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

KENNETH SMITH



This month's Employee Spotlight is one of our newest staff members, Kenneth Smith. Kenneth will be working in our Planning & Zoning department as Inspector. In his spare time, he enjoys camping with his family at Bald Ridge Park in Cumming. He and his wife, Gail, have a daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. His hobbies include antique tractors, cars and trucks. He enjoys hanging out with his grandchildren and his grand dog, Duke. Welcome to the team, Kenneth!

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CALEB REECE



This month's Employee Spotlight is also another one of our newest staff members, Caleb Reece. Caleb will be working in our Public Works Department, taking care of our city streets and parks. He is a Dawsonville native and attended Dawson Co. High School. In his spare time, Caleb loves to be outdoors. He enjoys fishing, riding ATVs and dirt bikes. Lastly, he LOVES to eat!! Welcome to the team, Caleb!

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