



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—JULY 2024

## Downtown Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Thank you to all those in our community who participated in the Downtown Dawsonville Comprehensive Strategic Plan process. Your ideas and input helped shape some wonderful future project concepts we are now working to further develop into the implementation and funding phases, primarily through seeking grants. This summer, the City of Dawsonville was fortunate to employ two bright and talented students through the Georgia Tech Center for Innovation PIN Internship program: Joanna Zwemke from UNG, and Andrew Purcell from Berry College. Joanna worked to design a streetscape mural project concept that would both beautify and increase safety for the historic square, as well as link to our local history online story-map (pictured 1). Andrew worked to design art installations intended to interpret local history through public art for our future living history trail, including an interactive display recognizing Dawsonville's national impact and a "Hall of Local Heroes" recognizing individuals who made a local impact (pictured 2). This would also connect to our online storymap and on-going oral history program. To learn more about these projects visit [downtowndawsonville.com](http://downtowndawsonville.com) and Instagram at [@downtown\\_dawsonville](https://www.instagram.com/downtown_dawsonville).



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## FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY



**AUGUST 2**

**5:00– 8:00 P. M.**

**FARMERS MKT. PAVILION**

**86 ALLEN ST. Live music,  
food & fun!**


## PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT

In conjunction with Food Truck Friday on August 2nd, we will celebrate **Public Safety Night!** Come out and see all of these departments:

- \*Meet your School Resource Officer
- \*Dawson Co. Sheriff's Office K-9 unit & police vehicles
- \*Emergency services—ambulance and firetruck
- \*DNR helicopter
- \*Live demonstration by DCSO SWAT team



**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...*

We hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July, with time taken to be thankful for our freedom. Summer has been hot and dry, so I hope you have found a way to stay cool.

To ensure our ISO rating for fire protection is maintained, hydrant testing is underway and should continue one or two days a week through the month of July. This is a required annual event and keeps your homeowner insurance rates down and maintains our ISO Rating of 3. Please be patient with this process, as it may cause some cloudy water. Staff will be working diligently to clear the lines as they go. If you experience any discolored water, you may need to flush your lines. This does not impact drinking water quality in any way. If you have questions, please call City Hall at 706-265-3256.

Four years ago, this month we opened our beautiful Farmers Market. It is open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. through October. A little less than a year later, we opened Main Street Park. Expansion and improvements continue in the park, with the recent additions of four pickleball courts and a basketball court, an expanded skate park, and very soon additional disc golf holes. Renovation and upgrades to the restaurant and the distillery are nearing completion. Tentatively, we expect The Station House Restaurant to open in early August and Granddaddy Mimms Distillery/Brewery soon after. Renovation on the patio between those spaces and Food Lion will begin soon. Please pardon our progress.

Our July Food Truck Friday event was one of our largest crowds ever. Our next event will be August 2nd and will include public safety displays from the Sheriff's Office, EMS, DNR, GSP, and others. We hope you can join us. Speaking of August 2nd, bad news for school age kids as they return to school from summer vacation. Please exercise great caution, extra safety and patience as school traffic starts.

The Dawson County Family Connection's Family Fair will again be held in Main Street Park on August 16th. Stay cool and safe!



***Bob Bolz***

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