

Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—MARCH 2021

Message from your Mayor.....

Thank you for supporting and voting for SPLOST 7. The revenue which is generated from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), which has been in place for over 30 years, will allow the city to pave several subdivision streets in desperate need of repaving. We will also be able to enhance Main Street Park and other programs to help our community.

Thank you for continuing to work to reduce the Covid spread by wearing masks to protect yourself and others. Briefings have indicated that we are approaching the end and we need to continue to be diligent in our precautions.

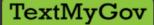
Great news from Main Street Park; we have three separate Eagle Scout projects underway. The dog park is being enhanced by one Eagle candidate. This past Monday, City Council approved another Eagle project to establish a lending library at the playground, focused on younger children. The lending library in front of

City Hall has received more donations for advanced readers, but accepts all books. The third project will allow free and easy movement from the park to the library on a trail being worked on by an Eagle candidate. We are encouraged by our young men and women in the city and their desire to become engaged in community enhancement activities.



My God Bless you and your families.

Mike Eason



Notifications

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Text DAWSONVILLE EVENTS to 91896 to sign up to receive Dawsonville Events text



Get Contact Info Text in keywords: "Animal Control" "Staff



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF MAIN STREET PARK ON FRIDAY, MAY 7TH FROM 5:00-8:30 PM.

WE WILL HAVE FOOD TRUCKS AND A BUTTERFLY RELEASE AT THE RIBBON **CUTTING CEREMONY!**



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE



APRIL NEWSLETTER



2020 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 6 FEB 3 MAR 2 MAY 4 JUN 1 AUG 3 OCT 5 NOV 2 DEC 7
- 5:00pm Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 19 FEB 17 MAR 16 APR 20 MAY 18 JUN 15 JUL 20 AUG 17 SEP 21 OCT 19 NOV 16 DEC 21
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 13 FEB 10 MAR 9 APR 13 MAY 11 JUN 8 JUL 13 AUG 10 SEP 14 OCT 12 NOV 9 DEC 14
- 5:30pm Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 24 APR 27 JUN 22 AUG 24 OCT 26 DEC 28

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City Hall hours:



Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM





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A message from your City Manager......

COVID numbers are improving. Staff continues our pandemic protocol and modified behavior. City Hall reopened on March 1st to the public. We encourage everyone to remain vigilant and practice appropriate efforts.

Public Works staff has filled potholes on Maple Street, the entrance to Burt's Crossing and on Shoal Creek Road. Once the weather stabilizes, a local paver will be doing some deep patch repairs on these areas. The city and the county began a joint paving project on JC Burt Road. This road of shared jurisdiction was in dire need of paving. The city is purchasing the materials and the county is providing the labor to repair and repave this road. Additionally, we plan to send out bid documents for advertisement for the paving of Memory Lane, Maple Street, Main Street and Jack Heard Road. The water tower on JC Burt Road has received a facelift and a new logo will soon be added.

The City Council and the Mayor continue their foresight and leadership by approving the addition of 14 fitness stations, some accessible within Main Street Park along the walkway, providing users a total body workout. Over the next several weeks, city personnel will be ordering and installing these stations. Additionally, there will be two 30' x 40' picnic shelters built in the park, providing visitors a place to get out of the sun or rain for birthday parties and other gatherings. With construction of these shelters, and with continuing decline of COVID numbers, staff hopes to be renting these facilities sometime this summer.

The Amicalola Regional Farmers Market hopes to reopen for the season in mid-April. Tentative plans include being open Wednesday and Friday evenings, as well as the very popular Saturday morning events. Our first food truck night will be May 7th. We will combine a ribbon cutting and grand opening of Main Street Park with this event. This special event will be held in the park and will include some surprises.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT TONY SEABOLT

Public Works Equipment Operator

Bob Bolz

Our March Employee Spotlight falls on Public Works Equipment Operator, Tony Seabolt. He and his Public Works teammates are responsible for everything related to streets, sidewalks, parks, cemeteries, stormwater, and care of our city buildings and facilities. This department manages over 12 miles of roadways, which includes keeping the roads safely open, clean and in good shape, even during the challenging winter months that bring snow and any other severe weather. They maintain over 10 miles of sidewalk, take care of both cemeteries, the Farmers Market, Wallace and Main Street Parks. They also care for the City Hall building complex that includes the GA Racing Hall of Fame. They work with HOA's to install speed bumps, speed limit and directional signs, and other tasks needed to protect our residents. If you've attended a special event, such as food truck night or the Christmas tree lighting, you've seen them hard at work, making sure the events run smoothly.

Tony is our newest team member, having just started this month. He is a Lumpkin County native, but has lived in Dawson County for over 20 years. He and his wife, DeVonna and daughter, Piper are city residents. Tony enjoys hunting every chance he gets, but when the season ends, he is happy to spend his spare time on the golf course.

Pursuant to Ordinance Number 07-2020, an Ordinance to amend Section 2-110 TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED UTILITIES FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, adopted June 1, 2020 at the City Council Regular Meeting, effective January 1, 2021, rates for water and sewer customers will increase slightly.

Please refer to the brochure on our website at www.dawsonville-ga.gov for revised rates. At the home page, go to "Departments", "Utilities" and click on "City of Dawsonville Utility Brochure" at the bottom of the page.

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