

### **Dawsonville Profile**

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—AUGUST 2022

#### Message from your Mayor

Well, hello fellow citizens! I hope all is going well. Schools are back in session for the year, and we hope you will pray for our students, teachers and the school staff for their health and safety and a successful school year.

It has rained a lot the past few months, and the grass and trees are green and beautiful. Hope you have been enjoying this beauty that God has provided.

There are a few changes here at the City that you need to be aware of:

- 1. Remember that trash pickup **HAS SHIFTED FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY** at the request of our provider. It seems like a very good change since we had numerous Monday holidays and had to reschedule trash pickup to Tuesdays several times a year.
- 2. Another change is that we are installing new water meters that will allow us to detect leaks quickly. This will save money, and the new meters will also provide readings without City staff having to drive out and read each meter. This change will take place over the next several months and you will be notified when they are switching your meter over.

Please don't forget the Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoons. Also, there are several more Food Truck Fridays scheduled; September 9th, October 7th and the tree lighting on November 19th. Come join us! I hope you have a blessed month!



Mike Eason



FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. FARMERS MARKET

Live music, food & fun

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## WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Beginning Monday, August 15th, we will begin replacing all City water meters with more efficient meters.

Each replacement should take approximately 15 minutes and the entire project should last 3-6 months. This will be done by M & E Construction and their vehicles should be labeled as such. Please call City Hall with any questions.



#### REMEMBER!!

Trash pick up is now on WEDNESDAY. Please have your can out to the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays!

2022 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 7 MAR 7 MAY 2 JUN 6 AUG 1 OCT 3 NOV 7 DEC 5
- 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 20 FEB 21 MAR 21 APR 18 MAY 16 JUN 20 JUL 18 AUG 15 SEP 19 OCT 17 NOV 21 DEC 19
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 10 FEB 14 MAR 14 APR 11 MAY 9 JUN 13 JUL 11 AUG 8 SEP 12 OCT 10 NOV 14 DEC 12
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 28 APR 25 JUN 27 AUG 22 OCT 24 DEC 13
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 24 MAR 28 MAY 23 JUL 25 SEP 26 NOV 28 \* Watch live on Facebook





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

Summer is almost gone as our communities' young people headed back to school. Our August 5th Food Truck Friday event was a great success with music by Wilkes and the Coles and food trucks including, Black Market BBQ, Egg Roll Boyz, Larry & Cris Corner Kitchen, PattyKakes, Chuy's Tacos, and Best Ice Cream on Wheels. A local State Farm agent provided a balloon artist that was a great hit.

The July 29th Family Fair was a huge success, despite heavy rain at the start of the event. From 6:00-11:00 p.m., the event, co-sponsored by the City with the Dawson County Family Connection Community Collaborative, featured non-profits, social services agencies, faith-based organizations, public servants, mental wellness providers, children's service providers, and/or support groups who provide services for substance abuse, parenting, bereavement, etc. The overall goal was to provide these agencies an opportunity to connect with their community in a fun-filled afternoon of activity. Each agency provided a family friendly activity, carnival-like, at their station and their own agency media describing their resources. Free food was available (hotdogs, hamburgers, water, juice, popcorn, cotton candy) and the event culminated with a family friendly movie, Sing 2. Thirty-five service providers showed up. We hope this becomes an annual event.

During the first two weeks in August, Utility Department personnel completed our annual fire hydrant testing. This is required and the results ensure we maintain our ISO rating and protects your homeowner's insurance. The testing started each night after 11:00 p.m. to ensure less disruption of service to our customers. Garbage pick-up was changed at the request of the provider and within terms of their contract, from Monday to Wednesday. Please alert City Hall if you experience any problems. The week of August 15th, the City will begin upgrading our entire water meter system, converting it to radio-read. This three-to-six-month process will provide daily readings and alert us to leak issues so we, in turn, can reach out to customers. It should take less than 30 minutes at each residence.

We were proud to learn this month that the City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the seventh year in a row. We praise our Finance Administrator, Robin Gazaway and all our staff who handle money and manage our budget. This is something we strive for constantly, and it is not an easy win, but one well-deserved.

Bob Bolz

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