



# Dawsonville Profile

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## Message from your Mayor.....

Good day, ladies and gentleman! We are facing a situation that no one could have imagined a mere six months ago. As we face this together, I want to say how proud I am of our citizens, business operators and property owners. We are all trying to deal with a virus threat that no one understands. Our ability to maintain rational behavior during this will help us get to the end of this situation successfully. While no can predict what will happen with this virus, the rules established by our Governor and our President will help guide us hopefully to a successful ending of the threat. As we look at each day, we need to realize how we can adapt to being isolated from work, friends, family and our normal lives. The majority of us are only doing what is essential for us and our families to survive. Our grocery store here is open and most basic needs are readily available to us. The post office and others continue to deliver our needed items (well, bills are not wanted but needed to keep our internet, lights and water available to us). I request that you Shelter in Place and only go out for essential needs. Our park's walking trails are open and we encourage you to use them while remembering to maintain social distancing. Remember our neighbors as we go to the store and ask what you can get for them. Please remember the essential workers and those medical personnel dealing with those afflicted. In accordance with public health recommendations, the Governor has extended the statewide Shelter in Place order through April 30, 2020. All of the provisions of the Shelter in Place order will remain in effect. I want to thank everyone who has followed these directives and I appreciate your patience. All of our work to do what is required will help our God to see us through this. All of it is in God's hands, but we must do what is needed also.

Please remember to complete the **2020 Census** form that you received in the mail. It is critical to our community and our state to have a very accurate count. Please make sure to include your children when completing the form because they count as well. It only takes a few minutes to complete and the data collected is very important in implementing policies and funding for education, housing, transportation, and environmental protection for our community.

City Hall is closed to the public, but we are conducting business as usual inside to keep our city running smoothly. Our phones are manned during regular business hours should you have any questions. I encourage you to utilize the electronic tools available to pay your bill or drop it in our drop box. Please call our office if you need assistance at 706-265-3256.

May God bless you and yours!



Mike Eason

**IN A EFFORT TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF THE CORONAVIRUS, CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE OUR ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION, PAY BY PHONE BILL SERVICE, THE UTILITY PAYMENT DRIVE UP DROP BOX (located on the side of City Hall ) OR SIGN UP FOR ACH DIRECT WITHDRAWAL WHENEVER POSSIBLE. (ACH FORMS ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE AND CAN BE FILLED OUT DIRECTLY FROM THE SITE AND PROCESSED)**

**ONLINE PAYMENTS:** [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov)

**PAY BY PHONE:** 1-844-611-4023



**YOU WILL NEED YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND YOUR PIN NUMBER TO PAY ONLINE OR BY PHONE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THESE, PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AT 706-265-3256 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO YOU.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE DONE BY "GO-TO" MEETINGS, LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**



• 5:00PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: MAY 4 JUN 1 AUG 3 OCT 5 NOV 2 DEC 7

• 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: APR 20 MAY 18 JUN 15 JUL 20 AUG 17 SEP 21 OCT 19 NOV 16 DEC 21

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE—ALL PLANNING COMMISSION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



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**City Hall hours:**

**Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Website: [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov) Like us on Facebook**



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

I hope everyone is adapting to the Shelter in Place guidelines from Governor Kemp’s Executive Order. We continue steps to protect our customers and personnel while limiting the spread of the virus. City Hall is closed, and we encourage utilization of ACH debit, online payments, pay by phone, or our convenient drop box at City Hall for water/sewer/garbage bills. Applications for almost all city services can be done online. Water and sewer service as well as public works will continue normal operations with staggered staff schedules. We are allowing a 60-day grace period for water and sewer bills. We have asked citizens to not attend city meetings but instead watch them via our live streaming efforts on FACEBOOK or the recorded version on our website. A skeleton crew of staff continue to operate within City Hall handling phone calls, emails, processing payments, preparing work orders, setting up inspections, licensing, permitting, and handling all other city business. You can reach us via our website, email or telephone number. All meeting information, as they are scheduled will be made available through our website and on social media. We are cancelling city events, including our popular Food Truck Fridays until at least June. Relay for Life has cancelled their April event and are looking to host it in the fall. Also, the Farmers Market set to open on April 18<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed until a later date. With the wet weather, crops are behind and that coupled with the Governor’s Shelter in Place protocol, make the decision to postpone most prudent. We know times are tough. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

We have opened limited access to Main Street Park. Please utilize caution as there is construction underway on the new bathroom and other projects, which from time to time, might limit access for a short time. For your safety, please keep out of those areas. Walking trails and green space are open for your enjoyment from 7:00 AM to sunset. Unfortunately, the playground will remain closed per recommendation of health experts to prevent possible contamination between children. The playground at Wallace Park adjacent to the cemetery has closed for the same reason. Construction of the sidewalk planned along Perimeter Road from Shoal Creek to the Rain Hill subdivision should start soon, as well as upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant, upgrades to our drinking water system, and repaving of Angela Lane.



**Bob Bolz**



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**

**CODY MASON**

**Roads Equipment Operator**

Our April Employee Spotlight falls on Cody Mason, a member of our outstanding Public Works Department. As an Equipment Operator I, he and his teammates are charged with maintaining over 12 miles of roadway, which includes keeping the roads safely open, clean and in good shape, even during the challenging winter months that bring snow and ice or the recent severe weather. They maintain over 10 miles of sidewalk, take care of the cemeteries, Wallace Park, the new Main Street Park and the Farmers Market. It is their job to maintain all grass, keep trash picked up, and keep stormwater facilities operating and in good shape city-wide. They also take care of the City Hall building complex that includes the GA Racing Hall of Fame and the Distillery as well as City Hall. This crew works with HOA’s to install speed bumps, directional signs and other tasks. Cody has just started his third year of service to Dawsonville and its citizens.

A native of Dawsonville and a graduate of DCHS, he and Hayley Greenway have a baby girl, Peyton. They currently live in Cumming. In his spare time, Cody enjoys pick-up basketball games, riding motorcycles and playing video games. A previous Employee of the Month, Cody is a hard worker, dependable and committed to service. Thank you, Cody for a job well done.

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