



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor.....

Well, it has been one wild weather ride the past month. We have had hot days, springtime days, warm days, cold days, fog days, snow days, flood days, and winter is not over. As they say in Georgia, if you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes and it will change. Hope everyone has enjoyed this mid-winter break from school. This weather has caused many issues in the city from flooded streets, to spreading brine, to keeping the streets clear.

We are continuing to try to finish the Main Street Park and we are almost ready to open the playground. We have received a donation from the Dawsonville Civitan Club to purchase a wheelchair swing, which is a very unusual device offering the experience of swinging to persons of all ages with developmental disabilities or injuries. We really appreciate this large donation. It should be installed in the next month, so watch for the pictures! We also have a date for the first weekly Farmers Market on the Saturday after Easter, April 18th at 8:00 AM until noon or until they run out of goods. Please come out and join us as we enjoy locally grown produce and locally made crafts. I am almost out of honey and can't wait. We have formed a Design Guidelines Committee to meet and review how our city appears to people as they travel to and through our town. This group meets monthly in City Hall and these are public meetings so please check that schedule and try to attend and provide input if you can. Your input is important!

Remember, our City Council meetings this year have been moved to 5:00 PM and are still live streamed on our Facebook page and available on our website the day after each meeting. If you have any issues or questions, please contact me or any member of City Council. We value your ideas.



Mike Eason, Mayor



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DCHS BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS ON A FANTASTIC SEASON!



**GET READY!
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS
WILL BE BACK, STARTING ON
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020. WE WILL NOW HAVE
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT OUR NEW FARMERS
MARKET PAVILION. STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!**



****PLEASE REMEMBER**** At any time that City Hall is closed, you may place your utility payment in the secure blue drop box located to the side of the City Hall building.

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: 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
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 27 MAR 23 MAY 26 JUL 27 SEP 28 NOV 23 * Watch live on Facebook 



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A message from your City Manager.....

I hope everyone has paddled through the record-breaking rainfall we have experienced. We have several projects finishing up and the abundance of rainfall is not helping us out. The Farmers Market is ready and the Amicalola Regional Farmers Market plans to open Saturday, April 18th. We look forward to this opportunity for our community. The Friday night before, Relay for Life will be held at this facility.

Phase II construction, including street lighting, landscape work and fencing, is nearing completion. Weather has severely hampered construction of a new rest room to serve the park. Staff continue to work on a variety of projects for the park, including amphitheater design, street signage, interpretive signs, trail markers, benches, picnic tables, kiosks and bulletin boards, porch-type swings, trash cans, grills, and related amenities. We have marked a potential access trail to the library and possibly Fire Station 1 and will be working with the county for an intergovernmental agreement allowing construction. A small nature trail is being laid out with a Scout troop desiring involvement in its construction as well and staff are identifying and planning some picnic shelters of various sizes. Kare for Kids plans to use a portion of the park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 11th. The dog park engineering and design is underway.

Construction of the sidewalk planned along Perimeter Road from Shoal Creek to the Rain Hill subdivision should be starting in the next few weeks. Preconstruction meetings were also held for upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant and upgrades to our drinking water system. These projects should kick off in the next few weeks as well. Angela Lane, within Maple Heights subdivision, is to be paved as soon as weather permits. In June, in a joint effort with the county, Perimeter Road will be repaved. TSPLOST will be on the ballot in May. Should it pass, several roads within the city and throughout the county will be repaired, repaved and other transportation improvements made. Additionally, work is planned on some of the most dangerous intersections within the city.

We hope everyone enjoyed our 5” snowfall. I want to commend staff for working throughout the snowstorm as well as the substantial flooding and road closures in recent weeks. Staff worked around the clock keeping roads open, mitigating emergencies as they arose, and handling chaos brought on by Momma Nature.



Bob Bolz

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



BLAKE CROFT - Treatment Plant Operator

Our February Employee Spotlight falls on Blake Croft. As a Treatment Plant Operator, he and his teammates are charged with monitoring and maintaining operation of the city’s water distribution system and wastewater collection and treatment facilities, ensuring both are in strict compliance with all public health, environmental protection and other state and federal guidelines. The Utility Department has staff such as Blake working 24-7/365, including responses to emergencies, such as pump failures, power outages, equipment breakdown, turbid water conditions, and mal function of rate controllers, chlorinators and other chemical feeding equipment. A native of Dawsonville and a graduate of DCHS, in his off time, Blake enjoys bow and gun hunting, golf, working out, traveling, especially cruises, and courting. A former Employee of the Month, his commitment to superb customer service, his work ethic, and team first attitude make him a popular member of his department and a tremendous asset to the Utility Department and the City of Dawsonville. Thanks Blake, for a job well done.

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