



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—JUNE 2021

Message from your Councilmember.....

I heard a joke one time that said, “Do you want to know how to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans.” I think this is the very essence of the scripture in Proverbs 16 that says, “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

If you haven’t heard yet, my name is William Illg and I am your new City Councilmember. I have a wife named Cassie and a five-year-old son named Beckett. My son goes to Robinson Elementary School and my wife owns a bakery called Cassie Cakes. Until May of this year, I never thought of going into local politics. I work full-time as an Investment Advisor and I also work full-time in ministry. Taking on yet another responsibility? No way. Enter God.

Whenever something unforeseen happens in this life, I know He’s typically up to something. Sometimes it’s the trials of life that help to conform me into His image; other times, it’s more fun and completely unexpected. I lived in the City of Dawsonville from 2017 - 2019 in the Rainhill subdivision. I moved back to Dawsonville in 2020 to Stonewall, which is the subdivision directly in front of the high school. I love this city... not because of the reasons that you may think. It’s not because we are at the foothills of the mountains; it’s not the Racing Hall of Fame or even the Food Truck Fridays. I love this city because I love the PEOPLE in this city, and this position gives me the opportunity to represent the people that I love. I represent you.

So, in the limited time I have left in this seat, I plan on giving it everything I’ve got. I could definitely use your prayers. Until the next time we meet – God bless you, your family and the great City of Dawsonville. Feel free to join my Facebook page for “behind-the-scenes” information about the City.



William Illg

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Sign up to receive texts to let you know about upcoming events!!



Notifications

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



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY & MOVIE NIGHT

(showing Disney’s “MOANA”)

FRIDAY, JULY 9 at 5:00-8:30 PM

***FOOD TRUCKS will be at Farmers Mkt. Pavilion**

***MOVIE WILL START AT 9:00 pm at Main St. Park**

***BRING YOUR BLANKET/CHAIRS**

***Movie sponsored by local church**

2021 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 4 FEB 1 MAR 1 MAY 3 JUN 7 AUG 2 OCT 4 NOV 1 DEC 6
- 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 19 FEB 15 MAR 15 APR 19 MAY 17 JUN 21 JUL 19 AUG 16 SEP 20 OCT 18 NOV 15 DEC 20
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 11 FEB 8 MAR 8 APR 12 MAY 10 JUN 14 JUL 12 AUG 9 SEP 13 OCT 11 NOV 8 DEC 13
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 22 APR 26 JUN 28 AUG 23 OCT 25 DEC 14
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 25 MAR 22 MAY 24 JUL 26 SEP 27 NOV 22 * Watch live on Facebook 



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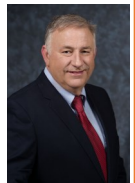


A message from your City Manager.....

Main Street Park continues to grow while receiving tremendous use during summer weather. The City Council approved the purchase and installation of a modular skate park. Very soon, the concrete pad should be poured with installation of the elements later this summer. Two new picnic shelters have been constructed should receive electricity and concrete floors soon. Fourteen fitness stations have been received and staff will be pouring pads and installing the equipment in the coming weeks. Our new dog park, located just down Memory Lane from Main Street Park, is open and receiving a great deal of use.

Our June 11th Food Truck Friday was moved to the Farmers Market due to forecasted rain, and we had our biggest crowd ever with an estimated 650 people in attendance. The July 9th event, originally scheduled to be held in Main Street Park, has been moved to the Farmers Market due to the need for shade in the heat of summer. After the event, a movie night paid for and sponsored by Local Church Dawsonville Campus, formally Mountain Lake Church, will be held on the amphitheater lawn. The classic Disney movie, Moana, will be shown.

Family visiting for the summer and want to see the sights? Looking for somewhere cool to take the kids? The GRHOF/ Dawsonville History Museum fits the bill for both. Dawsonville is the birthplace of stockcar racing. The Dawsonville History Museum is home to the newly renovated Georgia Racing Hall of Fame which displays many Georgian men and women who pioneered the beginning of NASCAR with their great contributions to the safety and raw talent of racing. From the likes of Red Byron, who met on Dec. 14, 1947, to create a national stock car sanctioning organization that would later be called NASCAR to his car owner, Raymond Parks, who won the inaugural NASCAR strictly stock series championship (NASCAR) in 1949. We have the engineer who designed the first double guard safety rail system for racetracks, Alf Knight and NASCAR's 1st technical chairman, Charles "Ed" Samples. The Georgia Tech graduate and five-time IMSA Champion, Jim Downing, who's greatest contribution to motorsports is his work developing the head and neck restraint device known as the HANS device. We also have Gene White, driver, innovator, tire distributor and car owner, who led the way to developing the crushable fuel cell with safety check valve which saved many drivers from fiery crashes. We have the first driver to win on both the old Daytona road and beach courses, Jack Smith, and perhaps one of the most unique shout outs would be Sara Christian, the very first female competitor in a NASCAR stock car sanctioned race and the ONLY husband and wife team ever, Frank Christian, the winner of two Daytona Championships with the Gober Sosebee team. I could go on and on.... and I'll bet most of you only know Dawsonville to be the home of our current NASCAR Champion, Chase Elliott, who has our newest exhibit on display with his championship trophy and trophies from the 2020 season, and the all-time Most Popular Driver, Bill Elliott, who's career from beginning to end (in trophies) is on display in the Elliott Family Room.



Bob Bolz



SCAN ME

We are currently excited to unveil our newest interactive exhibit on July 1st, for students, where they will be able to slide into the driver's seat in a drivers suit, and watch their friends try to jack the car, change a tire, and fuel it as fast as they are able. Please check out our website for dates of our upcoming events such as, Food truck and cruise-ins, Corn Hole Tournaments, car shows and more. Go to <http://www.georgiaracinghof.com>. or scan the QR code to your left to visit the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame website to learn more!



Dawson County Library

342 Allen St., Dawsonville

*Read for a chance for big prizes!

*Sign up beginning June 1st

*Stop by the Dawson Co. Library

Or visit our Beanstack Site:

chestateelibrary.beanstack.org

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

June 9 —Arthur Atsma, magician

June 16—Wildlife Wonders/live animals

June 23—Lee Bryan, puppet guy

June 30 —Smithgall Woods, snakes!

July 14—Jennifer Daniels, musician

July 21—Mr. Damon's Shadow Puppets

TEEN PROGRAMS

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

June 9—Tie Dye Extravaganza

June 16—DIY terrariums/succulent

June 23—Pottery Painting

June 30—Game Day with VR

July 14—Local Author/Tracey Walker

July 21—Water Wars