



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—OCTOBER 2022

## Message from your Mayor

Hello Citizens of Dawsonville!

Hopefully, you have planned to come, or went to the Moonshine Festival sponsored by Kare 4 Kids, which was moved to Main Street Park by your City Council, to consolidate and allow the heavy traffic to move easier. By keeping the roads open, it allows our downtown businesses to continue to operate and run business as usual during the event.

This is a fund raising event for needy children in our county, and paid for by the sponsors and vendors who attend and offer goods for sale.

As you know from trying to go anywhere in north Georgia this time of the year, traffic jams are routine. The leaves are falling and apples are selling all over our area. Please be safe if you travel, and be patient with the leaf watchers. This will pass soon.



Mike Eason

## Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade

**Saturday, Nov. 19th**

**Parade at 4:00 p.m.**

**Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m.**

**“you snap” Pictures with Santa**

**Food Trucks**

**Jingle Market**

**Live Entertainment**



Food trucks will begin serving at 4:30; Photos with Santa will begin after Santa arrives from the parade; Jingle Market will begin at 4:00 in the City Hall parking lot. **SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR DETAILS!**



**Having trouble receiving your bill by mail?**

**Sign up now for e-bill!**  
**Email us at:**  
**water@dawsonville-ga.gov**  
**to sign up**

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...*

Fall is here, the temperatures are cooling off in a delightful way, our area is flooded with visitors to enjoy the leaves changing or attend a festival, and the holiday season and winter are just down the road. With these annual changes, we also face some seasonal challenges. With cooler temperatures, there is a great deal of outdoor activity, walking, biking, and fall sports. While operating a vehicle, it is our accepted responsibility to look for pedestrians. Please exercise special caution in school zones, along sidewalks, and near our parks. Yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Watch for stopped school buses. Do not get distracted by electronic devices, and be cautious of slick roads due to rain, colder weather, and falling leaves.

Halloween requires thought about safety as well. Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen. When possible, use face make-up instead of masks. Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight and add reflective tape to costumes and treat bags. Use flame-resistant costumes. Know where your kids are going, and young children should be accompanied by an adult. Be cautious around animals. Walk, don't run. Only visit homes that have the porch light on and always respect the property of others. Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. When crossing the street, look both ways and never cross between parked cars. Drivers use extra caution. If accepting trick-or-treaters, light your area well so they can see. Keep your walkways and steps clear of leaves and other trip obstacles. A grown-up should check the goodies before allowing consumption. Throw out loose candy, open packages and choking hazards. Be wary of brand name that you are not familiar with.

October is Fire Prevention Week, and the theme is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." Make sure smoke alarms are in place and operating, and test them once a month. When you change your clocks this fall, change your smoke alarm batteries. Did you know that Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, the day before Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas Eve? Unattended cooking was by far the lead contributor to cooking fires and fire deaths. This time of year, we tend to start using our fireplaces. Clean your fire box after every fire, keep your chimney maintained, use a fireplace screen, never leave a fire unattended, keep a carbon monoxide detector in your home, and always keep a working fire extinguisher nearby. Yes, this is a great time of year, but let's all stay safe! Happy fall y'all.



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**

*Annette Watson, Custodian*



This month's Employee Spotlight is on one of our newest staff members, Annette Watson. She is responsible for the cleaning care of City Hall, the Public Works Maintenance Office, and our Main St. Park facilities. Annette does a superb job of making sure these spaces are clean and sanitized for use. Raised in Forsyth County, Annette lived in Cherokee County with her late husband for 28 years. She has a daughter and a grandson, and loves to cook and work in her garden. She loves to spend time with her grandson and attend his ball games. Welcome, Annette!

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