

Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Councilmember....

Hello Neighbors! It is a pleasure serving on your City Council. Thanks for the continued trust in me and allowing me to serve for these last seven years since 2012. I am glad to report that the City is functioning as well as I have ever seen it and completing some grand projects that have been planned for some time. We will all soon enjoy our new Main Street Park, Farmers' Market, additional sidewalks, and many other improvements that the community is making. We are also working on planning for the future with less "fun" stuff like water and sewer infrastructure and making sure what we already have is in the best condition.

I am very proud and you should be, too, of every employee (or family, as I think of them) at the City. We are very fortunate to have kind and capable people with the capacity and the ability to do their jobs at the highest level. I can also assure you that the Mayor and Council are very capable and care very much about their duty and work very hard to keep Dawsonville a strong city.

I trust that as my tenure comes to an end serving on the council that the community is left in good hands with a bright future. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve, it has been a blessing from God. I am stepping

down as of December 31st and will tip my hat to John Walden as he comes in to take my seat. Mr. Walden is a great guy and will do a great job. The City of Dawsonville is a wonderful place to live and work and I will see you around.



Jason Power, Councilmember

Godspeed. Jason

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY!!! **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

5:00-8:00 pm

Downtown at Bill Elliott St. & Tucker Avenue *lighted inflatable *Food trucks & dessert trucks WE WILL HAVE LIGHTS!! COME JOIN THE FUN! *TOM & CHEE *SOUTH OF PHILLY *LOLOC'S BBQ *GONZO GOURMET *SWEET JEANIUS *OLD DAD'S WINGS *FUNNEL CAKE GUYS *GIMME SOME SUGAR

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are currently set up for e-bill or have provided us with your e-mail address, you will no longer receive a paper bill beginning on January 1, 2020. If you would prefer to have a paper bill instead of an e-bill, please contact our office and let us know. Call 706-265-3256 or email water@dawsonville-ga.gov

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, THE FEE FOR GARBAGE SERVICE WILL INCREASE TO \$15.50/MONTH.

2019 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend. • 5:30PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 7 FEB 4 MAR 4 APR 8 MAY 6 JUN 3 JUL 8 AUG 5 SEP 9 OCT 7 NOV 4 DEC 2 • 5:30PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 22 FEB 18 MAR 18 APR 22 MAY 20 JUL 15 AUG 19 SEP 23 OCT 21 NOV 18 DEC 16 • 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 14 FEB 11 MAR 11 APR 15 MAY 13 JUN 10 JUL 8 AUG 12 SEP 16 OCT 14 NOV 12 DEC 9 • 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 25 APR 29 JUN 24 AUG 26 OCT 28 DEC 23 • 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 28 MAR 25 MAY 28 JUL 22 SEP 30 NOV 25 * Watch live on Facebook Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember Caleb Phillips Stephen Tolson Jason Power Mark French District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 Cell (706) 968-3142 Cell (706) 748-8005 Cell (770) 815-1589 Cell (706) 429-8859





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

'Sweatember' is behind us and 'Hotober' is upon us and Mother Nature has dealt us record breaking heat and the drought is an ongoing problem. With fall comes the thousands of leaf lookers and visitors to our great city as people travel to Burt's Pumpkin Farm, Amicalola Falls State Park, fall fairs and festivals, corn mazes, sunflowers, and so much more. We encourage you to get out and enjoy our abundant natural and cultural resources. Don't forget the Moonshine Festival scheduled for October 25, 26, and 27. Come on out for a great time! Enhancements to the GA Racing Hall of Fame continue. If you haven't visited it lately, make that trip this fall. Stop by City Hall and take your picture at our selfie station.

After a great September Food Truck Night, our event held on October 4th had a somewhat smaller crowd due to a home football game, the Cumming Fair and this continued sweltering weather but was still a successful event. Our next Food Truck Night is November 1st. By that time, Daylight Savings Time will be ending that weekend and families will be looking forward to Thanksgiving. We will have plenty of lighting at Food Truck Friday so come and join us.

Along Allen Street, the Farmers' Market construction is moving along well ahead of schedule. Phase I work on Main Street Park is nearing completion with additional contracts ready to start for irrigation, substantial landscape work, street lights, fencing, rest room construction and plans for a dog park. The playground is almost done and should open next month. Other projects on the drawing board or underway include a sidewalk ready to bid out along Perimeter Road connecting Shoal Creek to Rain Hill subdivision, work to improve infrastructure for expansion of the water system, several sewage system upgrades, and paving of Maple Street and Angela Lane. Other great news, two new restaurants are about to open in town and residential growth continues at an exponential rate.

It is an exciting time to live in Dawsonville. We encourage citizens to get out and vote in the upcoming city elections and get involved in your community. You are who makes Dawsonville, 'Awesomeville'.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Stacy Harris





 Customer Service Specialist/IT Technician
 City Manager

 October's Employee Spotlight is on Customer Service Specialist/Information Technology Technician, Stacy Harris. A Jack-of-all trades, she is one of the warm, friendly and sincere faces that welcomes folks into City Hall. She handles utility customers, a wide range of administrative duties, answers the phone, assists the City Manager, and several other important duties. 2018's Employee of the Year, Stacy can always be counted on to get the job done and done well.

Stacy also serves as the city staff 'go to' person for everything information technology related. This includes directing our live streaming of all city meetings, operation and management of our meeting room smartboard, dealing with software and hardware computer problems, handling all social media efforts, coordinating with our IT Service provider, preparation of the media projected on the display TV in the lobby, and so much more. Recently, she made major revisions and upgrades to our website. In today's modern world, her IT expertise is critical to the day-to-day functions of the city.

Born and raised in Hickory Flat, Georgia, Stacy and her husband Nathan have one daughter, two sons and one granddaughter. She likes to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoys traveling and loves Disney World. A podcast addict, Stacy is an animal lover and loves caring for her animals. One day she hopes to retire and travel. Stacy is a member of Haw Creek Baptist Church and loves spending time with her church family.

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