



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor.....

I would personally like to thank each and every citizen in the City of Dawsonville for their vote in the November election for Mayor. I know not everyone voted for me as your Mayor, but I want you to know that I represent each and every citizen in the city, regardless of how you voted or whether you voted at all. Thank you.

As we approach this holiday season, please remember our children who will be out of school for several weeks during Thanksgiving and Christmas and playing and walking near our streets during this time. Everyone seems like they are in a hurry during the Christmas season and it's even more important to be diligent as we move around in our community.

There's a lot going on in the city and I hope that each of you will try to join us on Saturday, December 7th for our annual Christmas parade with the Chamber of Commerce through downtown and also for our Christmas tree lighting and food truck event at City Hall that evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you have had an opportunity to drive down Allen Street, you've seen the progress that's being made on the Farmers' Market and the improvements that are visible in Main Street Park. We are excited about these projects coming to completion and hope that by early spring the park will be fully opened and the Farmers' Market should be finished by the first of this year. I will be resuming my Coffee with Mayor meetings on one Saturday of each month. Those will start as soon as the legislative session is over and State Representative Tanner concludes his weekly series of legislative update meetings.



Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you have or thoughts that would benefit the city. I look forward to working with each of you for the next four years.

Mike Eason, Mayor



Please join us on Sat., Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm for our annual Christmas tree lighting!

- *FOOD TRUCKS
- *FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
- *JINGLE MARKET

*LIVE ENTERTAINMENT *FIRE PIT

ONE FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA



IMPORTANT NOTICE



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



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

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



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A message from your City Manager.....

From summer to winter, or at least that is what it appears Mother Nature did at the first of the month. Our November Food Truck Night, although well attended, total attendance was down some from previous months due to the first cold spell of the year.

Even with the days getting shorter, project work continues. Main Street Park, Phase I is nearing completion with only punch list items remaining. The next round of contractors has begun work, and these include, irrigation and landscape, fencing, paver installation, and very soon, work on the new rest room. In the meantime, staff has been hard at work carrying out required stipulations to the DNR Trails Grant that will go towards Main Street Park. This includes interpretive and Braille signage, lesson plan development, advertisement, and some basic amenities, such as benches, kiosks, trash cans, etc. Other amenities have been ordered as well, such as entrance signs, grills, picnic tables, etc. Georgia Power should be installing street lights in the immediate future as well.

Along Allen Street, the Farmers’ Market construction is moving along well ahead of schedule. Finished work is underway in the pavilion and inside the rest room. The landscape and irrigation work is done and contractors should be applying the final paving soon.

A lot is going on as Dawsonville grows. We have a new sidewalk planned along Perimeter Road from Shoal Creek to the Rain Hill subdivision. Bids are due back in December with work to start soon after. Currently, some spot road patching is underway. We are finalizing plans to grind and repave Angela Lane in early winter and Perimeter Road from Highway 9N to 9S in June. Behind the scenes, we have several water and sewer projects underway or about to start to make sure our city is ready for the future.

As Thanksgiving draws closer, I encourage everyone to take a break and reflect on all we have to be thankful for in our community. I am thankful for my Savior, my family, and for the wonderful city personnel and elected leadership I work with every day. Our community is in good hands.



Bob Bolz



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

HAYDEN WIGGINS

Finance Administrator

November’s Employee Spotlight is on Finance Administrator Hayden Wiggins. Hayden joined our team just over two years ago and is doing a great job managing our revenue and expenditure. It is his job to ensure the city is responsible in all its fiscal dealings. He comes to us after years as an auditor with extensive experience reviewing government and non-profit organizations. A graduate of the University of North Georgia, Hayden has updated our financial policies, streamlined our accounts payable, improved our accounts receivables, and so much more.

Born and raised in the North Hall area of Gainesville, Georgia, the son of two educators, Hayden and his wife, Kate are expecting their first baby in early December. They enjoy watching movies, sports, walks with their dog, Stella, attending Lakewood Baptist Church, and exploring new cities. An avid fan of the Dawgs, Falcons, Braves, and Hawks; we can always count on Hayden to keep us up to date on scores, standings and the playoffs. We wish him and Kate congratulations and best wishes on the start of their family. Thank you, Hayden for your commitment and the outstanding job you do.

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