



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor.....

Well, Merry Christmas everyone! I hope everyone is prepared for this wonderful holiday season.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Christmas parade on December 7th along with the City of Dawsonville's annual Tree Lighting and this was a great event. I hope you were able to come join in the fun and enjoy all of the festivities we had to offer. Additionally, we had our last Food Truck night for 2019 and it was very well received.

As we conclude 2019, we bid farewell to councilmember Jason Power who has served as a councilmember here in Dawsonville for the past eight years. We appreciate his years of service to the City of Dawsonville and wish him well.

We will also welcome Councilmember-Elect John Walden, who will join us at the council table at our January 6th meeting as the representative for Post 3 from the City of Dawsonville election in November.

There's still a lot going on in the city. We've done the final walk-through for the Farmers' Market and hope to have it turned over to the City very soon. The park is looking great and we hope to have it open to the public by late winter or early spring. The contractors are making it look like a park! We know everyone is anxious to experience the wonderful new playground and we will let everyone know as soon as it is open but as for now, it is still a construction site, so for safety purposes, it will remain closed until all construction areas are complete and safe to open to the public.

Please have safe travels as you visit family and take trips during the Christmas season and remember there will be lots of children out of school, so drive carefully in the city also. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mike Eason

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and closed Tuesday, Dec. 31 & Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 for the New Years holiday



We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



****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.

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

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 you were able to attend our December 7th Christmas Special Event. Over a thousand people came out to enjoy the parade, Jingle Market, a variety of food trucks, pictures at our snow-covered selfie station, marshmallow roasting around an open fire, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and great entertainment that included beautiful singing, a hand bell choir, and some spectacular foot stompin' music. The weather couldn't have been better, and our tree is the prettiest yet. Thank you to those who came out and opened the Christmas season with us.

Main Street Park, Phase I is complete. 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. Georgia Power should be installing street lights in the immediate future as well. Along Allen Street, the Farmers' Market construction is complete, ahead of schedule, with only punch list items remaining.

We open bids for the new sidewalk planned along Perimeter Road from Shoal Creek to the Rain Hill subdivision in mid-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.

From all of us at the City of Dawsonville, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas filled with remembrance of the reason for the season and of course, our very best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Bob Bolz



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

JON DAVIS

Custodian

Jon Davis' job title is Custodian; however, we have found him to be a jack-of-all trades with the ability to fit in and be an asset anywhere within our operation. He is responsible for the clean and immaculate facilities and grounds at City Hall. He has worked our Friday Night Food Truck on several occasions as well as our Christmas Tree Lighting. While injured for a short time, he proved his worth handling the switchboard and taking care of customers at the front desk. He has the capability to fix, repair, and install just about anything. As the Farmer's Market and Main Street Park open soon, it will be his job to care and maintain those as well. Jon's personality, warmth, sincerity and dedication are even greater assets. He has been selected by his peers as Employee of the Month and Employee of the Quarter and we are proud of him and fortunate to have him on our team.

Jon is retired from a previous career with Xerox for 17.5 years and worked for Dawson County facilities for 3.5 years. He also worked with his older brother, Jimmy for 7 years making dentures, crowns, and other bite appliances. When you talk with Jon, you find out he is knowledgeable and interested in a variety of topics. Born in Huntsville, Alabama, and raised in Smyrna, Georgia, Jon lived for a short time in Forsyth County and now lives in Dawsonville with his brother, Jeff. They have a big garden and enjoy working the soil. He enjoys hunting, playing video games and working around the house. He enjoys traveling and his most memorable trip was to Italy. Jon, although afraid of heights, covered the two-mile Mt. Zion Trail in Utah. We are happy Jon settled in our area and works with us to serve the City of Dawsonville. Thank you, Jon, for all your hard work.

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