



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville

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### Message from the Mayor....

I hope everyone has been enjoying our interesting winter weather. We have had an enormous amount of rain in the city and in the area during the past few months. This has caused delays in the construction of Main Street Park and other projects going on around the city. Just to update you on the park, we are required to conduct roll tests, which must occur before the contractor can place asphalt on the gravel base that has been down since November. The gravel is so wet that the asphalt will not adhere properly and will crack and crumble if it is not dry underneath. We are working with the contractor to get other options so that we can get the park completed and move on with the playground and bathroom, as well as landscaping. This will hopefully allow citizens of the city and county to enjoy the park during the summer months. We also look forward to having it available during the Moonshine Festival and are considering other options for other events there.

Many other things are occurring in the city. We have a new trash service provider and they are doing a good job. We have many construction projects that being worked on in the city. These include the large development on Hwy 9 South. Also, we have a contractor who has restarted the Crown Point subdivision off Burt Creek Road. Additionally, the Creekstone development, as well as the development on Maple Street, are continuing to build homes.

Our Planning Commission heard from two other developers this week (Feb 11th) concerning developments, one being a 55+ community located off Hwy 53 West just past Howser Mill Road.

The city is growing, and we want to work with you as our citizens to provide you information and ensure that you know what's happening here. We are working to try to develop interest of new businesses to come into the city. The city continues to work on issues pertaining to traffic in the downtown area to include our approaches into the city, to provide a safe area for our students attending school as well as our citizens getting in and out of their residences and subdivisions. Please join us as we work to accomplish this for our community.

Contact myself or any members of the City Council at any time and ask questions about what's going on and we will be glad to provide you that information. The city staff is here to serve the citizens of the city and we encourage you to ask questions and become better informed.



Mike Eason, Mayor



Watch the meetings livestream on our Facebook Page!



### 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 1 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 JUN 17 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



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*A message from your City Manager ...*

Despite the soggy winter weather, a great deal of progress continues to be made by city staff. A very special event is planned for March 28, 2019. Between the hours of 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm City Hall will host the Dawsonville Home and Business Expo. Stop by anytime between these hours. This event is sponsored by the City of Dawsonville, the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce and USDA Rural Development. It will highlight USDA and SBA loans as well as an opportunity to meet with lenders and other service providers who can assist you with your business, such as, start-ups, expansions, business plans, financial projections, environmental information for businesses, farm loans, assistance for public bodies and non-profits, home loans, home repair loans and grants. Business assistance providers, lenders and government officials will be on site to discuss your needs. Information will also be available regarding home repairs or purchases. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Contact: Kathy Forster, Loan Specialist at 770-267-1413 ext. 114, or email her at [katherine.forster@ga.usda.gov](mailto:katherine.forster@ga.usda.gov)



Employee Spotlight:

Gary Barr, Utilities Director

With this newsletter, we will begin introducing you to those who serve you for the city. Utilities Director Gary Barr is this month's spotlight. On March 1, 2019, he begins his 29th year serving as your Utilities Director. He is responsible for all public utilities, water service, sewer service, garbage service and much more. He supervises a staff for four and his efforts have been recognized for excellence on a number of occasions. If you have lived in the city long, you know Gary. He can be counted on to do what's right, work hard and demonstrate remarkable dedication. Gary moved here from Alabama by way of Atlanta in 1969. He was here before Etowah Water & Sewer Authority was created and worked to make that entity possible with Don Gordon and Sandy Adams. Gary is married to Kay and they have four grown sons and four grandchildren. He is also well known for his baseball coaching expertise. We recognize Gary for a job well done and thank him for his continued service.



*Bob Bolz, City Manager*

**ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

Effective February 2019, The City of Dawsonville will be offering **AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS (ACH)** for payment of your utility bill.

Call Tracy at City Hall at 706-265-3256 or visit our website at [www.dawsonville-ga.gov](http://www.dawsonville-ga.gov) for more information



OUR PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS! To make a payment by phone, please call **1-844-611-4023**. You will need your account number and your PIN (located on your utility bill). We will no longer take payments over the phone at City Hall.  
 \*Same convenience fees apply as online payments\*

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