



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Mayor....

Well it's been a hot summer with lots of rain and I hope everyone has had great vacations and ready to get back to their normal routines. Remember, school starts August 2 and everyone needs to use caution as the students come and go from their schools.

It's been a busy summer here in the city. Lots of work on the Main Street Park and the Famers' Market is well under-way. We have been busy in staff and council meetings getting new and updated ordinances passed and processed. We made some revisions to some of our ordinances, in particular the Smoking and Vaping Ordinance; the changes pertaining to the sale of vaping products by our local merchants. It requires them to control the vaping products much like tobacco. We want to work with our schools and parents to protect your children from these products.

Building of new homes continues to boom in the city. A new subdivision is well underway at Perimeter Road and Hwy 9 South. The Creekstone and Crown Pointe subdivisions are building rapidly and new residents are coming into our city weekly. Please join us as we welcome them to our community.

The food truck nights will continue for several more months, please join us the first Friday of each month and enjoy the many vendors who provide their specialty foods.

Please let me, City Council and your city staff know if we can help you in any way.

Mike Eason
Mayor



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY!!!

FRIDAY, August 2

5:00-8:00 pm

Downtown at Bill Elliott St. & Tucker Avenue

- *inflatables *face painting *crazy hair
- *cornhole *Farmer's Market vendors



WATCH US LIVE ON FACEBOOK



SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 2ND



	Start	End
Elementary	8:10 am	3:05 pm
Middle	7:45 am	2:45 pm
Junior	7:40 am	2:30 pm
High	7:40 am	2:30 pm

OPEN HOUSE: Elementary 7/31 4:00-7:00 pm

DCMS/DCJHS/DCHS 7/31 3:00-6:00 pm

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



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A message from your City Manager ...

Summer is almost over, and the kids will soon be returning to school. It seems like just yesterday school got out for the summer. I hope everyone had a great summer vacation. I ask all of us to please drive safely as the new school year starts, especially those first few weeks. Please look for buses, students walking to and from school, new parents seeing their child off to kindergarten for the first time, and all the other traffic that comes with the school year.

Magnum Contracting is the general contractor for the Farmers' Market and work has started. The water, sewer and storm water systems are in with curb and gutter to follow the last week in July. A SPLOST VI project, we look forward to having this space available by spring of next year. The Amicalola Regional Farmers' Market has been setting up each Friday afternoon at City Hall and will continue to do so through the season. Come on out and check out their fine produce, flowers, honey and other handmade goodies.

Main Street Park is becoming a reality with much of Phase I nearing completion. The playground should be completed in August, final grading is underway, all the trails are paved with final paving of parking lots and the road expected any time. A contractor was selected for irrigation and landscaping, which should start in September. We are re-bidding the fence contract and are finalizing design of the first rest room. Shelters and the dog park will soon follow. Stay tuned as this great addition to our community becomes a reality.

Planning and design are underway for several sidewalk and parking projects. Development continues at a rapid rate with no less than four subdivisions under construction. To ensure our ISO rating for fire protection is maintained, hydrant testing has been completed.

Our very popular Food Truck Fridays continue with the next event scheduled for August 2nd. After the first day of school, we hope everyone will come out and enjoy a variety of great food, good fun and fellowship.



Employee Spotlight:
Nalita Copeland
Zoning Administrator



Bob Bolz
City Manager

If you have dealt with permits, business licenses or anything dealing with our Planning and Zoning Department, you have probably met Nalita. She has been with the City of Dawsonville since May 2011, starting out as a Permit Technician. She is a valued member of our team and a Jill-Of-All Trades. During a great portion of the time she has been with the Planning & Zoning, the department was without a Director. Each time, Nalita stepped up and filled that role in addition to her many other duties as Zoning Administrator, such as, processing and advertising zoning requests, developing the agenda and keeping the records for the Planning Commission Meetings, processing alcohol licenses and special event permits, handling records for the City's Historic Preservation Commission, as well as a wide variety of other duties.

Recently the P&Z office moved upstairs at City Hall to provide more room, better storage and improved facilities to ensure great customer service. Prior to moving upstairs, Nalita worked in the downstairs administrative area and in addition to her zoning duties, she handled utility payments, telephone calls, and frontline customer service. She is quite capable in these areas as well.

Nalita is a fifth generation native of Dawson County. She and her husband, Bill Whittington have four daughters and six grandchildren. Her intimate knowledge of our community is priceless and she is committed to giving back and providing the best service possible while maintaining the integrity of our historic and rapidly growing community. A former Employee of the Month winner, our city is blessed to have Nalita Copeland as one of its public servants. Thank you, Nalita for a job very well done!

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