



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Mayor.....

Well citizens and friends, we're in another month of the coronavirus pandemic. It has been a long period of time for us to be socially distant and maintain a quarantine type status. The governor has continued to ease restrictions and we hope that we are in a very positive state with the number of cases reducing daily.

City Hall plans to re-open at the end of May with some restrictions, and we want to provide the services you need as citizens as soon as possible. When our lobby is able to reopen and available to provide access, please wear a mask when you need to visit. (we will have some available). Our business license and zoning office will continue to work on appointments only until this subsides.

In case you haven't heard, the Farmers Market began on Saturday, May 9th and was providing fresh fruits and vegetables to consumers in our city. It was a cold day here and it continues to be an unusual weather cycle. Please come out every Saturday morning throughout the next several months at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (or until they sell out) to enjoy fresh produce and other items available through our farmers market. There were quite a few vendors this time and being under our new pavilion makes for a very comfortable environment to shop.

Work continues throughout the city, including the completion of the paving on Angela Lane, as well as the sidewalk being installed on Perimeter Road connecting Rainhill to Shoal Creek Road, with the walkway all the way to downtown. We also have other projects scheduled, including a joint project with the county to resurface Perimeter Rd., starting sometime in June. Main Street Park is open for walking trails and use of the open areas, however the playground remains closed and construction is moving forward on the restrooms. Hopefully by the time we are released, this will be able to be available for everyone to enjoy.

Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help you as we face this event. The City staff and council is here and willing to listen to any of your concerns about what needs to happen. The first open City Council meeting will be on June 1. We will be teleconferencing until then and then we will be socially distancing during our meeting with the restrictions on the number of people in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Remember to vote in our election in June and also be sure to complete your 2020 census documents. This is an easy online operation and will help your community and the county as we move forward.



Mike Eason

IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF THE CORONAVIRUS, CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE OUR ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION, PAY BY PHONE BILL SERVICE, THE UTILITY PAYMENT DRIVE UP DROP BOX (located on the side of City Hall) OR SIGN UP FOR ACH DIRECT WITHDRAWAL WHENEVER POSSIBLE. (ACH FORMS ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE AND CAN BE FILLED OUT DIRECTLY FROM THE SITE AND PROCESSED)

ONLINE PAYMENTS: www.dawsonville-ga.gov

PAY BY PHONE: 1-844-611-4023



YOU WILL NEED YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND YOUR PIN NUMBER TO PAY ONLINE OR BY PHONE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THESE, PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AT 706-265-3256 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO YOU.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE DONE BY "GO-TO" MEETINGS, LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

• 5:00PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: MAY 4 JUN 1 AUG 3 OCT 5 NOV 2 DEC 7

• 5:00PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: APR 20 MAY 18 JUN 15 JUL 20 AUG 17 SEP 21 OCT 19 NOV 16 DEC 21



**** PLEASE NOTE—ALL PLANNING COMMISSION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



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A message from your City Manager.....

2020 will go down in history due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those of us who serve you at the City of Dawsonville wish you well and hope you and yours are healthy. We continue steps to protect our customers and personnel while limiting the spread of the virus. City Hall is closed, and we encourage utilization of ACH online payments, pay by phone, or our convenient drop box at City Hall for water/sewer/garbage bills. We tentatively plan to open City Hall toward the end of May but that depends on how the pandemic is playing out. Applications for almost all city services can be done online. Water and sewer service as well as public works will continue normal operations with staggered staff schedules. We have asked citizens to not attend city council meetings but instead watch them via our live streaming efforts on FACEBOOK or the recorded version on our website. A skeleton crew of staff continue to operate within City Hall handling phone calls, emails, processing payments, preparing work orders, setting up inspections, licensing, permitting, and handling all other city business. You can reach us via our website, email or telephone number. All meeting information as they are scheduled will be made available through our website and on social media. We are not approving any event applications until at least mid-June when the Governor’s Executive Order for vulnerable populations ends. If it is extended, we will follow suit. Friday Night Food Truck Night scheduled for June 5th has been cancelled. We will decide as to the July event later. We are evaluating whether to offer the 4th of July Fireworks with the Atlanta Motorsports Park but at this time a decision has not been made. The Amicalola Regional Farmer’s Market opened at their new home, City of Dawsonville Farmers Market. They are practicing social distancing, asking vendors and customers to wear masks, offering no craft merchandise and only offering prepackaged products at various weights for set prices. The Farmer’s Market is planning on being open each Saturday through the season from 8 AM until merchandise is sold out. **WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**

Main Street Park is open except for the playground and the area where the bathroom is under construction. Walking trails and green space are there to be enjoyed from 7:00 AM to sunset. Come on out and get your exercise on. The playground at Wallace Park adjacent to the cemetery remains closed due to COVID-19 as well. Construction of the sidewalk planned along Perimeter Road from Shoal Creek to Rain Hill is almost complete as well as upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant and upgrades to our drinking water system. Angela Lane and Driftwood Trail within the Maple Heights subdivision, received a deep patch repair, milling and new overlay. The same is planned for Perimeter Road and should begin in June.



Bob Bolz

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



ROBBIE IRVIN
Planning Director

Our May Employee Spotlight falls on Planning and Zoning Director, Robbie Irvin. He is responsible for everything related to that department; annexations, rezones, plan review, construction inspection, business licenses, permits of all kinds including event permits, development regulations, infrastructure fees, administrative variances, related ordinances, the Comprehensive Plan, coordination of the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, the new Design Guidelines Committee and much more. Robbie is completing his second year of service to Dawsonville and its citizens.

Robbie was born and raised in North Georgia. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Professionally, he worked for the Dawson County Sheriff’s Office from 1999-2002, at which time he moved to the Dawson County Planning & Zoning Office when they began doing Code Enforcement. Then, when the county created the Marshal’s Office, he transferred there as a Sargent. Later, he moved back to the county’s Planning & Zoning Office. He recently returned to college seeking another degree, this one in Psychology, as he has always been interested in human behavior. Robbie lives in Dahlonega with his two boys, Isaac, 13 and Logan, 5. His hobbies are kayaking and hanging out with his kids.

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