



Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville—DECEMBER 2020

Message from your Mayor.....

Merry Christmas from the City of Dawsonville and from the Mayor and City Council. As we finish this Christmas season, we all have much to be thankful for. In particular, we need to remember the reason that we have the season and thank God for our salvation.

Many things are happening in our community and Covid has not left our community. Our schools and everywhere else are experiencing a rise in cases and the City has made the decision to close its doors to non-essential traffic in order to protect your City staff and our customers. The normal operation of the City has not stopped. We are just operating in a manner to ensure the safety of our employees and you, as you do business with the City; and we will continue to perform city business.

Main Street Park is still busy and staff routinely sanitizes public areas with our fogging equipment. The dog park is now open and an Eagle Scout is working to obtain and install amenities for the users. Please feel free to come and enjoy the dog park with your pets.

We shifted to virtual City Council Meetings and invite you to join us live on the links posted on our website. Also, the meeting videos will be available the next business day on our website.

My prayers are for each of you to have a blessed and safe Christmas. Be safe as you travel and social distance as much as possible. **Merry Christmas!**



Mike Eason



Due to rising COVID concerns and in an effort to keep our staff and citizens safe, City Hall will be closed to the public from December 15-January 4.

You may place your utility payment in the blue drop box to the side of the building, pay your bill online at www.dawsonville-ga.gov, sign up for ACH debit, or call our office to pay your bill by phone. If you need to make an appointment for Planning & Zoning, please call our office to schedule. **706-265-3256**

Mayor, City Council and the staff of the City of Dawsonville would like to wish you and your family a very



MERRY CHRISTMAS & a HAPPY NEW YEAR



City Hall will be closed Dec. 24 & 25 and Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 2021

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

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A message from your City Manager.....

2020 has been tough on everyone. COVID continues to present challenges to our health and our lifestyle. With the number of COVID cases spiking, City Hall has closed from December 15-January 4, in an effort to protect our customers and our personnel. Staff will still be working and should be able to handle most needs via phone or email, just as we did earlier this year. Appointments can be made as well. To schedule an appointment or for any questions, please don't hesitate to call City Hall at 706-265-3256.

Kudos to everyone involved with this year's annual Christmas Tree Lighting when Dawsonville welcomed the Christmas season to our community. The Christmas Parade and Jingle Market were a success as were the food trucks, tree lighting and take your own Santa pictures, which probably had our longest line ever. This is of special note when you consider we had to reschedule due to bad weather 24-hours before the actual program.

Progress continues as we work to increase the amenities of Main Street Park. City personnel are working on several possible additions. The dog park has fencing and dog waste stations. We continue working with our Eagle Scout candidate to complete this project. Staff are working with county personnel to develop an IGA allowing the city to build a trail to connect the park to the library. We are researching cost and vendors for fitness trail equipment to be installed along the paved walkways and picnic shelters at locations in the park. Research has begun regarding skate parks for possible consideration as a future amenity. We plan on a grand opening and ribbon cutting for Main Street Park, perhaps in April 2021. The event might include food trucks, a movie night and related events.

We have had some minor problems with vandalism and other issues in the new park. We are asking for your help in bringing this to a stop. If you see something, please say something. If you see vandalism or other criminal activity, please call us at City Hall at the number listed above or dial 911.

Are you seeking ways to gain exposure for your organization? Or how about creative ways to market your business? Partner with the City of Dawsonville by sponsoring facilities, amenities or services to Main Street Park, the Farmers Market, or Wallace Park. There are a variety of opportunities that will heighten the visibility of your business while giving back to your community. If you are interested, please contact City Hall and ask for a copy of our Sponsorship and Donations catalog.

Finally, with Christmas almost here, we at the City of Dawsonville want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We also wish everyone a very Happy New Year and pray that 2021 will be better for the many folks who experienced a variety of challenges in 2020. God bless you and your family.



Bob Bolz



Pursuant to Ordinance Number 07-2020, an Ordinance to amend Section 2-110 TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED UTILITIES FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, adopted June 1, 2020 at the City Council Regular Meeting, effective January 1, 2021, rates for water and sewer customers will increase slightly. Please refer to the brochure on our website at www.dawsonville-ga.gov for revised rates.

At the home page, go to "Departments", "Utilities" and click on "City of Dawsonville Utility Brochure" at the bottom of the page.

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