



# Dawsonville Profile

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER...

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Human beings are creatures of habit, that are often more comfortable with "the way things are". The funny thing is that change is inevitable. Whether it is the change in the seasons that bring with it unique weather conditions, or the change in family with the shifting of the dynamics in the home, we are unavoidably faced with the requirements to adapt. While we do not always happily welcome change, we are designed to be capable of doing so with a little preparation. It has been my experience that, once we have had the time to settle-in and familiarize ourselves with our new reality, we often end up with a better situation than was present before.

As Councilman Mark French and I sat through the required Georgia Municipal Association training in Athens over the weekend, we realized just how much Dawsonville has to look forward to in the near future. We spoke with Council Members and Mayors from cities all throughout Georgia and gained a great deal of insight into the changes that are inevitably headed our way. We used this opportunity to discuss how we could prepare for, and use these changes to benefit our citizens. What steps were taken? What went right or wrong? What would they do differently as a community to better prepare, if given the opportunity?

Dawsonville is growing in both size and population. Our amazing city staff are working diligently to prepare for these changes in a way that will only benefit our city and its residents. I encourage each of you to come out and learn more about the changes that we see on the horizon and what we are doing as a city to meet the demands of the future and grow our community in a way that makes people want to live, work, and play right here.

Ezekiel 38:7 "Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."

Stephen Tolson, Council Member



### CITY OF DAWSONVILLE 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION



#### ON THE BALLOT: CANDIDATES TO FILL THE POSITION OF THE MAYOR OF DAWSONVILLE

- ◆ MICHAEL M. EASON, Incumbent
- ◆ W. JAMES GROGAN

\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\*

**ELECTION DAY—MARCH 20TH - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.**

**ADVANCE VOTING—FEBRUARY 26TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH - POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 PM. (MON-FRI)**

**\*\*ALL VOTING TAKES PLACE AT THE DAWSON CO. BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 96 ACADEMY AVE., 706-344-3640\*\***

### 2018 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 7PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 8 FEB 5 MAR 5 APR 9 MAY 7 JUN 4 JUL 9 AUG 6 SEP 10 OCT 8 NOV 5 DEC 3
- 7PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 22 FEB 19 MAR 19 APR 23 MAY 21 JUN 18 JUL 23 AUG 20 SEP 24 OCT 22 NOV 26 DEC 17
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 8 FEB 5 MAR 5 APR 9 MAY 7 JUN 4 JUL 9 AUG 6 SEP 10 OCT 8 NOV 5 DEC 3
- 5:30PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 19 APR 23 JUN 18 AUG 20 OCT 22 DEC 17
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 22 MAR 19 MAY 21 JUL 23 SEP 24 NOV 26



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*Message from the City Manager ...*

Public safety is something all of us should be concerned about. However, often we take it for granted, especially when our local fire/EMS and law enforcement resources are so dedicated and responsible. It should be something each of us make a conscious effort to be aware of daily. With that in mind, I want to mention a public safety issue of concern within our city limits.

Recently a fire occurred in a local neighborhood home. Fire fighters responded within minutes as they always do. Unfortunately, they almost couldn't make it to the scene because of cars parked along both sides of the street of the subdivision. Imagine if this had been your home and the fire engine, ambulance or police car had been unable to reach you or your loved ones.

I am asking everyone to please keep this in mind as they decide where to park. On streets owned by the city, our personnel can write citations. In most subdivisions, the HOA's have rules against parking in the streets. The bottom line is public safety. Please help keep you and your neighbors safe by paying close attention to where and how you park. It would be a tragedy to see lives lost or great damage or loss of property because of cars parked inappropriately or illegally. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Finally, as we get hints of spring, I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the many new sidewalks that have been provided throughout our city. Get some exercise while making new friends or renewing past acquaintances.

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 Bob Bolz



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