

# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville

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#### Message from your Mayor .......

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer, it's been hot and wet, but we've had a lot of great opportunities to take vacations and enjoy time with our families. It's close to being time for children to go back to school. As a friendly reminder, please drive safe around and near our schools. The city is working with the county, the Board of Education, and the State to reduce speed limits in the city, particularly in the areas around our schools. We are also working to add crosswalks and flashing lights to protect our children as they move about our community. Please help us watch out for our children as you travel in and through the city.

As you know, there is a lot happening here in the City of Dawsonville. Recently, we held the ground breaking of the new Main Street Park, construction equipment is on site and work has started. We are working to provide a place here in Dawsonville for community events, concerts, and many other activities for our citizens. We will soon break ground on the new Farmers Market too. It will provide a great place for our local farmers to sell their fresh produce to citizens of Dawsonville and Dawson County. Both of these projects have been funded with SPLOST funds and we will continue to try to use these funds wisely to enhance our community and help our citizens. We look forward to the completions of these projects, so we can start to use them as a community.

I ask everyone to keep the families who lost their homes and those whose homes were damaged, due to fire in Burt's Crossing Subdivision, in your prayers as they strive to regain their lives; many of them lost everything they owned. We all know this kind of tragedy can happen to any of us at anytime and we need to take every precaution we can as we move about our daily lives to ensure the safety of our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our homes. Please take a moment to reassess what you do each day and try to make sure there is a

It is my hope that you have enjoyed your summer and now let's enjoy the rest of the year. God Bless you.

Mike Eason, Mayor



positive outcome to your actions.

## School starts August 2 Open House - July 31

Elementary schools 4:00-6:00 pm Middle/Jr High 5:00-7:00 pm High School 3:00-5:00 pm

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







PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY EVENT!!

> Friday, August 17th 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Bill Elliott St. & Tucker Ave.

Check our website for more upcoming details! www.dawsonville-ga.gov and on our Facebook page

#### 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
- 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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#### A message from your City Manager .....

The construction of Main Street Park is underway after the ground breaking that was held last month. The design for the new Farmer's Market along Allen Street is complete and engineering is underway with a ground breaking scheduled later this month. Very soon, crews will begin demolition of the structures on the property and clearing.

Upcoming projects anticipated in the coming months include, a sidewalk from Shoal Creek Road along Perimeter Road to the entrance to Rain Hill subdivision, sidewalk from Allen Street to City Hall, various road and parking lot paving, and sidewalk from Allen Street at Perimeter Road past Robinson Elementary to Hwy 9 N. We are researching the development of city streets to allow additional parking and hopefully the site of a public restroom for serving downtown. Additionally, we have many 'behind the scene' projects that ensure a successful future for Dawsonville, such as, development of a new well, upgrade of an existing well, and expansion of our sewage capacity.

Fire hydrant testing continues this month to maintain our ISO rating which keeps your homeowner insurance rates down. Please be patient with this process as it may cause some cloudy water. Staff will be working diligently to clear the lines as they go. If you experience any discolored water, you may need to flush your lines. This does not impact the drinkability of the water in any way. If you have questions, please call City Hall at 706-265-3256.

We welcome Robbie Irvin to our team as our new Planning & Zoning Director. He will begin work on July 25th. He brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to the table and we are excited to have him join our team.

Our second food truck night was held June 22nd and despite the rain, was very successful. Our next food truck night is scheduled for August 17th. We hope to see you there for some good food, good fun and good fellowship.



Farmer's Market design

Bob Bolz City Manager



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