

# Dawsonville Profile

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## Message from your Council Member .......

Since 2012, I have had the pleasure of serving this wonderful city as a council member and have seen many changes and improvements. The city has grown by leaps and bounds, in population, business growth and new additions to the downtown area. We are so excited about the ground breaking of Main Street Park and the Farmer's Market. Both of these will be something that our city will benefit greatly from. The Mayor, City Council and City staff have worked tirelessly to make these newest improvements happen and hope that they will bring enjoyment to residents of all ages. We are also excited about our newest event, Food Truck Fridays. This gives the community a chance to come together in a casual setting, with fun activities for the kids and a variety of food trucks to choose

from. We hope each event brings more and more people out so that we may continue throughout most of the year. As your council member, I am always interested in hearing your ideas, concerns and comments. You can reach me by cell at 770-815-1589 or by email at jason.power@dawsonville-ga.gov.



Jason Power, Council Member



City of Dawsonville
2017 Annual Water Quality Report
Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
is available at Dawsonville City Hall
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
and online at www.dawsonville-ga.gov



City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Water payments may be placed in the blue drop box located on the side of the building.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

### 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 your City Manager ...

The construction of Main Street Park is underway! A ground breaking was held this month and work is underway with silt fence going up first and grading and other construction to start shortly. We are excited to get this project moving forward.

The design concept for the new Farmer's Market along Allen Street is complete and engineering underway. Very soon, crews will begin demolition of the structures on the property and clearing. Once engineering is complete, the grading and construction of the project will be bid out.

We will close out fiscal year 2017-2018 this month and are pleased to report significant increases in all revenue, including LOST, general fund, SPLOST, water and sewer, garbage, and cemetery. These increases make it possible for more work to be done on projects to better serve our citizens. The fiscal year 2019 budget was recently approved by the City Council and we look forward to a great year. Projects anticipated, in addition to Main Street Park and the Farmer's Market, 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.

One challenge we face that needs everyone's help concerns parking along streets within the city limits. We have had incidents recently where emergency service personnel, such as fire and EMS, needed to reach residences to save a life or extinguish a structure fire. However, they had trouble reaching these locations because of vehicles parked along the street. The City Council has instructed staff to work with HOA's and our legal counsel to review our related ordinances to better enable this issue to be resolved. We are also working with HOA's who have expressed concerns for speeding within their subdivisions, whether it be the addition of signs, speed bumps, etc. to make our streets safer. For the next several weeks, we will be testing fire hydrants. This is required to maintain our current 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.

These are exciting times in Dawsonville. We are planning additional food truck nights for August, September, October and November and hope you will be able to join us. We ask that you please bear with us during construction and as we deal with growing pains. We are working on our Comprehensive Plan and if you are interested in participating, please let us know. Thank you for your support of our community and please know that your city staff always remain at your service.



Bob Bolz, City Manager

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