



# Dawsonville Profile

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

As always, this month has been full of activities that continue to move the city forward. The work that the City staff has put into taking care of our citizens never fails to impress me. While it would take much more space than I have available to cover everything that your staff has accomplished this month, there are a few items that I feel reflect their dedication to providing the highest quality of service to the City.

Of great importance is your City's Comprehensive Plan which was completed and sent to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This is an eighty-three page document that is reviewed and revised every ten years. This is accomplished through an exhaustive process that includes the use of collected data, input solicited during numerous public forums, and committee meetings made up of citizens from within the City. The plan goes into great detail regarding our City's "way forward", establishing a vision statement, goals, and objectives that are directly impacted by a list of community needs and opportunities.

The work that has been conducted on Well #111 has been nothing less than astounding. The utilities department has made this project a priority, while continuing to provide the highest quality of service to their citizens. This has been a project that spanned a period of nearly a year with several complex aspects that have culminated in the completion of the most productive well to date. Not only does this well generate a tremendous amount of water for our citizens, but it frees the city from the need to purchase water from outside of our own production.

An item that cannot be overlooked this month is the work that the Mayor and City Manager put into establishing an open chain of communication with our counterparts at the County. After several meetings involving various City and County staff members and elected officials, a public summit was held to discuss opportunities for collaboration between our two entities. The County Commissioners, County Manager, City Council Members, Mayor, and City Manager, along with clerks from both organizations, had the opportunity to meet and discuss areas of potential cooperation that would improve various aspects of our citizens' daily lives. The forethought and preparation that went into this process, and ultimately the summit, led to a great deal of discussion and identification of joint actions that can be taken in areas of business, housing, services and other areas. We look forward to many more meetings of this nature.



Stephen Tolson

Please take the time to thank our amazing staff as you pay your bill or meet them out and about in the City.



**SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING AND PARADE  
\*\*stay tuned for details!\*\***



**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**

**NOVEMBER 2ND**

**5:00-8:30 PM**

**Bill Elliott St & Tucker Ave.**

**BOUNCY HOUSES, FARMER'S MARKET & MORE!!**



**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, NOV. 12th IN  
OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY**

### 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 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 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 .....*

Despite record breaking heat in September and early October, we all know Fall is approaching. With Fall comes the beautiful leaf colors North Georgia is famous for. Those colors are always there, but the abundance of green chlorophyll masks the reds, yellows and oranges enjoyed by so many. As the days shorten, less green is produced and the other colors stand out. As Fall approaches and the coming holiday season is near, let's all allow our "other colors" that are sometimes masked, stand out. "Colors" like kindness, empathy, love, service of our fellow man, and thanksgiving. These colors are always there but sometimes get masked by day-to-day challenges. Let's each commit to making our part of the world the very best and most colorful it can be.

Fall also brings festivals across North Georgia including our Moonshine Festival. Increased traffic from festival goers and leaf lookers, while it tests our patience, it also brings a boost to our economy and reminds us just how great a place we live in. While we celebrate, please also remember those hit by hurricanes and keep them in your prayers.

The City of Dawsonville is blessed with an outstanding group of employees! I would stack them against any other municipality when it comes to customer service, dedication and commitment. We have a tremendous number of projects, I dare say more than any like-sized city and for that matter, many counties. They continue to strive for excellence, which we all know is a moving target. Our personnel adhere to what Thomas Jefferson said, "Good governing with good intentions is the hallmark of our government. Implementation with integrity should be our core passion." Please join me in the appreciation of our employees and recognition of the tremendous work they are doing for the betterment of the city.

We had our most successful ever Food Truck Night in early October. Stop by City Hall during business hours on Halloween and Trick or Treat. Please join us November 2nd for our next Food Truck Night. Please remember Veteran's Day and recognize all those who have served or are currently serving to ensure our freedom and our way of life. Finally, join us December 1st for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting, Parade, and Jingle Market. Sit with Santa and have your picture taken, enjoy a number of food truck choices and listen to some holiday music as we welcome the Christmas season to our community.

Bob Bolz  
 City Manager



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