



Dawsonville Profile

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Message from your Mayor

Well it's an exciting time of year for the City of Dawsonville and we have a lot of things happening as our season approaches the fall and Dawsonville's famous Moonshine Festival.

Progress is being made on the Main Street Park grading and infrastructure development and hopefully we will soon be seeing roads paved for the park and we are working towards a new playground and restroom facilities.

Bids should go out in the next week or so on the Farmer's Market construction. Our hope is that the Farmer's Market will be open Spring 2019 for the farmers of Dawson County.

For those of you who did not see or listen to the last City Council meeting, we passed an ordinance restructuring how we bill our utilities. This will save staff time and make it more efficient and effective. The biggest problem we have is late payments. Of the approximately 1,300 customers, almost 250 each month are late in paying their bills and it takes approximately half of a day or longer to stuff envelopes with the notice and have them stamped and mailed to those 250 people. We have discontinued that process and if the water bills are not paid on time, they will be subject to cut off. It is the same 200+ people each month that gets a second bill. This has been done out of a courtesy and due to the growth of the city and what is happening here, it is not a factor for our staff to have to rebill a person who has already received a bill. Please work with us to make certain that we don't have to turn off your water and add additional fees to your bill.

As you know, the Moonshine Festival will be here in October and it will be an exciting time for the city. Kare for Kids does a great job preparing for and managing the event. Please try to stop by all the vendors and join us as we go into the downtown area and experience the crafts and the food as well as the entertainment provided and look at some of the automobiles on display. This will be a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all of you there.



Mike Eason
Mayor

Please have a safe and happy month and let's work together to make Dawsonville a better place.

Also, please join me for *Coffee with the Mayor* on Saturday, Sept. 29th from 8:30 am—10:30 am. Let's talk!

SAVE THE DATES !!
Food Truck Fridays
October 5
November 2
December 1



(December event will be in with City Hall Tree Lighting)

*****NOTICE*****

A credit of \$6.12 was issued on your utility bill which represents a half month of garbage service due to service issues over the past month.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Saturday, September 29
8:30 am—10:30 am



City Hall lobby

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

Fall is in the air and we look forward to cooler temperatures in the next few weeks. With October and the leaves changing color comes an increase in traffic. Please be careful and allow yourself a bit more time when traveling places.

The city has a lot going on and I must take a moment and recognize the wonderful group of people you have serving you. In the last few months, they have supervised the construction of a new well, implementation of live streaming of our meetings, a number of upgrades, renovations and additions to City Hall along with supervising the construction of Main Street Park and the Farmer’s Market. Main Street Park - Phase 1 grading is about 60% complete, curbing and paving to start soon with the playground and rest room design underway. Demolition and clearing have started at the new Farmer’s Market along Allen Street, installation of sewage line is completed, engineering complete and the bid package being prepared.

Upcoming projects anticipated in the coming months include, upgrade of our phone system, a new service contract for information technology, an improved website, 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 the downtown area. Additionally, we have many ‘behind the scenes’ projects that ensure a successful future for Dawsonville, such as an upgrade of well #108, and expansion of our sewage capacity.

We apologize for any inconvenience recently with our garbage contractor. There was a considerable amount of confusion surrounding pick-up on Labor Day.

We held our fourth food truck night on September 14th and had our largest crowds yet. Future food truck nights are scheduled for October 5th, and November 2nd. We hope to see you there for some good food, good fun and good fellowship. We will have another on December 1st in conjunction with our annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting all held at the City Hall/ GRHOF Complex.



Bob Bolz
 City Manager

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