



# Dawsonville Profile

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Message from the Mayor...

Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

" You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by wearing the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves." These words were spoken by Abraham Lincoln over 200 years ago. They are as true today as they were then.

Our city and county were built on these principles. As a young boy growing up in Dawsonville, I knew I could count on friends and neighbors to watch over me. Today we have to form a committee to carry dinner to a sick elderly person in need. Somewhere along the way we have lost the ability to care about our neighbors on a personal basis. When I left my house on Highway 9 N., I knew I had to be on my best behavior. If I wasn't Mrs. Clara, Mrs. Plennie, Mr. Pete and Bernice, my grandparents Herman and Monnie Grogan, the Stowers, the Smiths, Harbins, Grace Parks, Mrs. Clista, Mrs. Bonnell Patterson and of course our high school principal, Mr. Herbert Robinson were all available for correction. Guess what? My parents were not offended that these people looked after me. My parents did the same for theirs. We were a community that held to the belief in God, country, and apple pie. I was taught to say " yes sir, no sir, yes ma'am, no ma'am", to give up my seat to those older than me, respect my elders, go to church regularly, work hard, save for a rainy day, honor my father and mother, obey those in authority, and live by the "Golden Rule". Some would call that old fashioned and out of date for this day and age, but good manners are never outdated. I believe with all my heart that is what has made this community what it is today and I still believe in those ideals.

This newsletter came about after Sharon Faucett and I had a conversation at her mom's house on Valentine's Day. We talked about our childhood in Dawsonville, the people that influenced our lives and the losses that go with it, the proposed demolition of Mrs. Plennie Robinson's house, passing of Mr. Herbert Robinson, Joe Lane Cox, Pete Gilleland ( all former Mayors), Lois Harben, Bonnell Patterson, Christine Grogan ( all former teachers) and Mrs. Clista Castleberry, ( former school superintendent ) and many others, but these all lived on a small stretch of Highway 9 North and they contributed greatly to mine and Sharon's life. Thanks, Sharon for the neighborly conversation!!

Your Mayor,

*W. James Grogan*

2017 Government Meetings held at City Hall upstairs in the G.L."Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

- 5PM Mayor & City Council Regular Mtgs: JAN 9 FEB 6 MAR 6 APR 3 MAY 1 JUN 5 JUL 3 AUG 7 SEP 11 OCT 2 NOV 6 DEC 4
- 5PM Mayor & Council Work Sessions: JAN 23 FEB 20 MAR 20 APR 17 MAY 15 JUN 19 JUL 17 AUG 21 SEP 18 OCT 16 NOV 20 DEC 18
- 5PM Dawsonville Planning Commission: JAN 10 FEB 13 MAR 13 APR 10 MAY 8 JUN 12 JUL 10 AUG 14 SEP 12 OCT 9 NOV 13 DEC 11
- 6PM Historic Preservation Commission: FEB 20 APR 17 JUN 19 AUG 21 OCT 16 DEC 18
- 5:30PM Dawsonville Downtown Development Authority: JAN 9 (6:00 pm) MAR 13 MAY 8 JUN 12 AUG 14 SEP 11 (6:00 pm) NOV 13



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*Message from the City Manager ...*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine’s Day and were able to spend some quality time with those you love. City personnel took advantage of unusually warm weather in February to accomplish a great deal of project work in addition to their routine duties, including: sidewalk project along Howser Mill Road was completed except for some punch list work, sidewalk project began along Perimeter Road in front of the Dawson County High School, work continued on the additional sewage treatment pond, several dangerous trees were removed throughout the city, engineering began on the Main Street Park project, and repairs were made to the six signs that welcome people to Dawsonville. We look forward to the promise of spring while realizing that winter still may offer some weather challenges.



Bob Bolz, City Manager

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