



# **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

## **City Council Work Session Agenda**

**April 21, 2025, 4:00 PM**

**Gary McCullough Council Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall**

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Vision - Dahlonega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlonega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

1. Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Program - March 2025  
Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Authority Director

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT: <https://dahlonega.gov/category/departments-reports/>**

2. Cemetery Committee Report - March 2025  
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
3. Community Development Report - March 2025  
Allison Martin, City Manager
4. Finance and Administration Department - March 2025  
Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager
5. Police Report - March 2025  
George Albert, Chief of Police
6. Public Works Report - March 2025  
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
7. Water & Wastewater Treatment Report - March 2025  
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director

### **APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

8. Appointment of Robert Becker to the Historic Planning Commission  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
9. Appointment of Valarie Green as a Voting Member to the Cemetery Committee  
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

## **PRESENTATIONS**

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS**

- [10.](#) Request to use Easement - Floyd Wimpy  
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer / Floyd Wimpy, Property Owner

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- [11.](#) Acceptance of Pine Tree Way Dedication  
Doug Parks, City Attorney
- [12.](#) Alcoholic Beverage License - Consumption on Premise - ALIENATED, LLC dba  
Gustavo's  
Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
- [13.](#) Change to Open Container Footprint - Dahlonaga Arts and Wine Festival  
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
- [14.](#) Change to Open Container Footprint - Friends of Lumpkin County Animals &  
Shenanigans  
Doug Parks, City Attorney / Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk
- [15.](#) Election of GMA's District 2 Officers for 2025-2026  
Allison Martin, City Manager

## **COMMENTS - PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Clerk Comments

City Manager Comments

City Attorney Comments

City Council Comments

Mayor Comments

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlonaga will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlonaga commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ...for ALL!

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## Department Report

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Report Title: Dahlenega Downtown Development Authority/Main Street – March 2025  
Report Highlight: Work Plan Items  
Name and Title: Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Director

### Organization:

- Managed all postings for the City of Dahlenega and DDA/Main Street social media for the month.
- Attended an after-action review for the filming projects that occurred last year. Met with the City Police Department, Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office, Tourism/CVB staff, and UNG. Agreed to make Ariel the point person for all city filming projects going forward.
- Attended the City Council Retreat on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville.
- Attended the State of the City and County luncheon.
- Submitted the City's Tree City USA recertification application. We were accepted.
- Planning the groundbreaking ceremony for the Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge.

### Promotion:

- Continue joint advertising efforts between the Chamber, UNG, and Tourism staff.
- The Dahlenega Chocolate Crawl was an overwhelming success. DDA/Main Street staff distributed over 2,800 passports throughout the week.
- Held a pre-event meeting for the Bear on the Square Mountain Music Festival.
- The First Friday Concert Series lineup was solidified. May: The Jonathan Ingram Band, June: The Inconceivable, July: Dock Rock Radio, August: The Radford Windham Band, September: Ugly Cousin, October: Kurt Thomas.
- Scheduled Main Street Movies for June, July, and August in Hancock Park.

### Economic Vitality:

- Received one small business improvement grant application and one façade grant application for review at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> DDA meeting.
- Attended a luncheon for UNG's Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation and the Mike Cottrell College of Business to discuss the needs of small business owners.
- Provided Business Welcome Packets and information on financial incentive programs.
- Fielded questions and met with prospective downtown property owners.

### Design:

- Performed a downtown walkthrough with the DDA/Main Street Board to discuss key properties, including 147 North Park Street. A list of ideas was compiled for Vice Chair Zach Payne to use to create a conceptual framework for discussion at the next meeting.

- Attended the first meeting of the steering committee to review the new zoning draft.
- Finished installing all bear figurines. Informational handouts were delivered and will be available to the public on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—March 2025  
Name and Title: Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer

Recently Completed:

- Installation of three semi-permanent speed monitoring signs like this one on Wimpy Mill



- Large storm drain repair on South Grove at Riley performed by the city's street crew.



Ongoing:

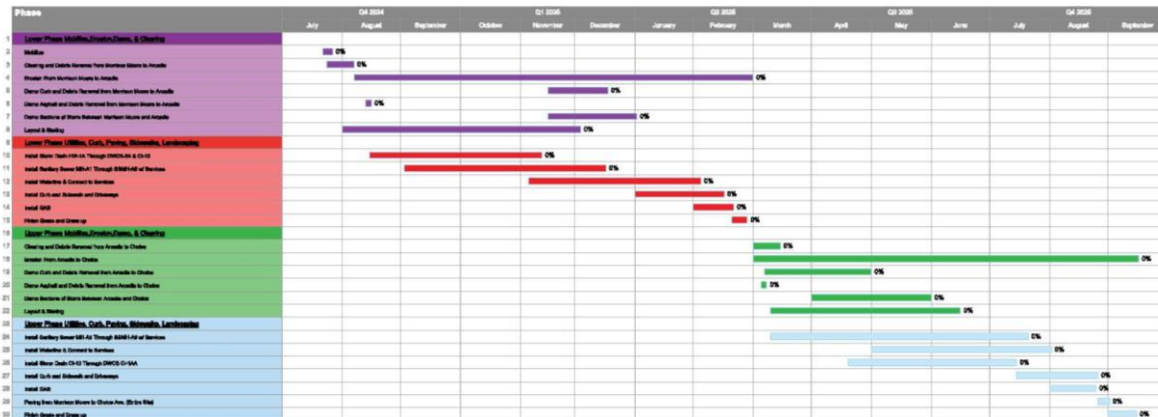
- The standard day-to-day operations by our Streets/Park/Cemeteries Department, Solid Waste team and Water Distribution/Sewer Collection guys. Please don't forget this dedicated group of men, many of whom arrive as early as 5:00AM and work in all kinds of conditions. They also frequently work late into the evening, regularly on weekends and are on-call at all hours. Due to the difficulty and discomfort of all of these positions, employee turnover results in vacancies that are covered by the department supervisors and short-handed employee groups. The beauty of our city, the near flawless delivery of city-provided utilities and the day-in/day-out removal of solid waste is an incredibly difficult task. It requires long hours of hard work and sacrifice and the Public Works guys make it look easy.
- Park Street Utilities Project. Installation of graded aggregate base is currently occurring between Morrison Moore and Arcadia as utilities are being installed further north.



## PARK STREET UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

smartsheet

STRICKLAND & SONS PIPELINE, INC.



Stop by Mark's office if you'd like to see a larger, paper version.

- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk. Notice of Award has been provided to Strickland Pipeline. Groundbreaking will occur April 24.



- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing. Georgia DOT is conducting the preliminary design of the Yahoola bridge near this location. Staff are also coordinating with them to ensure a seamless transition between these two neighboring projects.
- Design and bid services for Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive. Plans are currently under review by GDOT.

Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- North Grove Phase 2 sidewalk construction.



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

The City Council of Dahlonega believes citizen input and specialized skills are valuable assets to the community. All City Residents should consider becoming involved in their City by service on Board or Commission. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Please complete the following and submit it with a resume to [rhansard@dahlonega.gov](mailto:rhansard@dahlonega.gov), by fax to 706-864-4837 or by mail to 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Thank you for your interest in serving.

Name:	Rob Becker
Address:	525 Birch River, Dahlonega
Phone:	646-532-8615
Email:	robertgeorgebecker86@gmail.com
Place of Employment:	Durst Organization
Occupation	Senior Vice President of Business Partnerships
Length of Residence	1 year

**Board or Commission for which you would like to be considered.**

Please note, each of these have different requirements for service, which will be reviewed against your application, training, and work experience.

☐ Main Street / Downtown Development☒ Historic Preservation Commission☐ Planning Commission☐ Dahlonega Housing Authority Board☐ Cemetery Committee☐ Tourism Committee☐ Tree Committee☐ General Volunteer**Interest & Experience**

Why are you interested in serving?
See Exhibit A
What specialized training or experience do you have that would of benefit one of the Boards or Commissions:
See Exhibit B

Professional or Personal References:

Name	Telephone Number
Jonathan Mellon - Director of Historic Preservation & Urban Design	912.651.1453
Bob Cooper	330-285-6665
Matt Fryer	770-364-0231

If you are a general volunteer for events, festivals, etc. you may be asked to sign a waiver of liability.

If you are appointed to a City of Dahlonega Board or Commission, you may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City as a condition prior to your appointment. This filing identifies any financial interests you may have with the City of Dahlonega only and if any conflict of interest may exist.

Volunteering for service on a Board or Commission does not guarantee your eventual appointment. Applications on file will be reviewed when vacancies occur, from which the Mayor may review candidates, but the Mayor may, as well, recommend appointments of non-applicants he/she chooses that indicate desirable qualifications and willingness to serve.

**Terms & Conditions**

I hereby attest that all statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be interviewed prior to consideration for recommendation by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Council. I hereby agree that if appointed to serve as a member of a City of Dahlonega Board or Commission, I will spend my time, skills, and energy on the mission of the body to which I am appointed including preparation for and attendance at meetings to remain a member in good standing. Furthermore, I agree that, if appointed, my term will be governed by the By-Laws and/or Rules of Procedure of the entity to which I am appointed.

Applicant's Name: Robert Becker

Applicant's Signature:

**Robert Becker**

Date:

**2/20/25**

## Exhibit A

I strongly about preserving the rich history and architectural heritage of our community. Serving on the Historic Preservation Board would allow me to contribute to the protection and thoughtful protection & restoration of historic landmarks, ensuring that future generations can appreciate and learn from our past. I believe my past experience, perspective and appreciation for historical preservation can help maintain the unique character of our community while balancing progress and tradition.

## Exhibit B

I bring experience in historic preservation and responsible development, having previously served on the Historic Board in Savannah. With over 30 years in commercial real estate, I have a deep understanding of how thoughtful development can complement and protect a community's historic character.

I am committed to ensuring that historical preservation and progress can coexist, preserving the cultural and architectural legacy.

**From:** [Rhonda Hansard](#)  
**To:** [JoAnne Taylor](#)  
**Cc:** [Allison Martin](#); [Mark Buchanan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cemetery Committee Members / Mayor Please Review  
**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2025 3:17:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Mayor Taylor,

Please review the below email. Valarie Green currently serves as a non-voting member of the Cemetery Committee, and the Committee has requested that Council appoint Ms. Green as a voting member. Please let me know if this is something that you would like added to the next Work Session Agenda, April 21. I have copied Mark on this email in case you need additional information.

Since my joining the team on January 6, the Clerk's Office has not received any applications requesting appointment to the Cemetery Committee.

Thank you.

**Rhonda P. Hansard, GCC | City Clerk**  
City of Dahlonega  
465 Riley Road | Dahlonega, Georgia 30533  
(706) 482-2710 *office* | (706) 973-8668 *cell* | (706) 864-4837 *fax*



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**From:** Mark Buchanan <[mbuchanan@dahlonega.gov](mailto:mbuchanan@dahlonega.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 5:53 PM  
**To:** Sarah Waters <[swaters@dahlonega.gov](mailto:swaters@dahlonega.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rick Harris <[rickharris498@gmail.com](mailto:rickharris498@gmail.com)>; cpworick <[cpworick@yahoo.com](mailto:cpworick@yahoo.com)>; robbie@pro-genex.com; Quataunda Armstrong <[quataunda@gmail.com](mailto:quataunda@gmail.com)>; Val Green <[veg21963@gmail.com](mailto:veg21963@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Cemetery Committee Members

The Cemetery Committee had elections tonight. The members are now as follows:

Chairman—Rick Harris  
Vice Chairman—Robbie Rupard  
Secretary—Chris Worick

Other members:

Quataunda Armstrong

Valerie Green (now a voting member).

We'll need Valerie's election to go to City Council as she moves from a non-voting to a voting member.  
Can you help us with that? We will also have 2 vacancies for future non-voting members.

Mark



Mark Buchanan, PE  
City Engineer & Public Works Director  
465 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533  
Office: 706-482-2712  
Cell: 706-973-7801  
Email: [mbuchanan@dahlonega.gov](mailto:mbuchanan@dahlonega.gov)



# City Council Agenda Memo

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**DATE:** 4/14/2025  
**TITLE:** Request to Use Easement – Floyd Wimpy  
**PRESENTED BY:** Mark Buchanan, City Engineer; Floyd Wimpy, Property Owner  
**PRIORITY** Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

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## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Request to Use Easement – Floyd Wimpy

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## HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Parcel 060B 089 has a recorded easement which grants the City of Dahlonega access to cross the southern end of the parcel to access the former water works infrastructure. The original easement does not connect to Sky Country Road as it was originally intended for use only by the City. The property owner would like to have an easement that connects to Sky Country Road that would run in the general area of the words "L-93". This general area provides the safest and easiest access to the parcel.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to grant the easement to the property owner with the property owner covering all costs associated with the removal of guard rail and construction of the easement.

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## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

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## ATTACHMENTS

Letter, Property Record Card, Plat

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FLOYD  
WIMPY

706-265-9700

455 Miller Calhoun Road  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to be put on the City Council agenda to be heard about parcel 060B 089 I own in the Sky Country Subdivision which is adjoining to a parcel that the City of Dahlonega owns, Parcel Number - 078 122. Part of that property which has a pond located on it, was once owned by me, and years ago I sold to the city. Both properties were given easement to an old road bed that is accessible by both Parcels of property. The road bed is the clear and safe entry onto the property as it gives the best view to enter and exit the property on and off of sky county road. The road old bed is also the most efficient way to access both of the properties as the road would only need minor grading and excavating compared to other parts of the property. As to the guardrail currently in the curve, I am sure that we can safely re-design it with an entry to access the road bed as a driveway. This would also allow easier access to the parcel in which the city owns. I am asking to be heard at the next city council meeting on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Floyd Wimp*

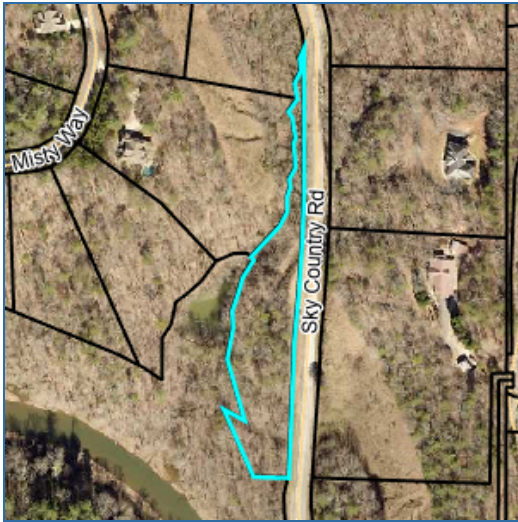
# Lumpkin County, GA

## Summary

**Parcel Number** 060B 089  
**Location Address** SKY COUNTRY ROAD  
**Legal Description** SKY COUNTRY S/D PHASE 5 LOT #150 1.70 AC  
(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)  
**Class** R3-Residential  
(Note: This is for tax purposes only. Not to be used for zoning.)  
**Character Area** R1  
**Tax District** Dahlonega (District 02)  
**Millage Rate** 28.825  
**Acres** 1.7  
**Neighborhood** SKY COUNTRY LAKE (00693)  
**Homestead Exemption** No (S0)  
**Landlot/District** 980 / 12

[View Map](#)

## Map



## Owner

[WIMPY FLOYD](#)  
 455 MILLER CALHOUN ROAD  
 DAHLONEGA, GA 30533

## Land

Type	Description	Calculation Method	Square Footage	Frontage	Depth	Acres	Lots
Residential	SKY COUNTRY LAKE	Lot	0	0	0	1.7	1

## Sales

Sale Date	Deed Book / Page	Plat Book / Page	Sale Price	Reason	Grantor	Grantee
12/2/2004	U34 737	1-88 147	\$20,000	Developer	CENTURY PROPERTIES & DEVELOPME	WIMPY FLOYD
1/3/2001	X20 318	28 65	\$200,000	Improved Since Sale	GREENWAY J D	CENTURY PROPERTIES & DEVELOPMENT

Area Sales Report

Sale date range:

From: 04/14/2022

To: 04/14/2025

Sales by Neighborhood

Sales by Area

Distance: 1500

Feet

Sales by Distance

Valuation

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Previous Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Land Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
+ Improvement Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
+ Accessory Value	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
= Current Value	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000

Tax Collector

Tax Collector Website

Mailing Labels

Distance:

100

Feet

Use Address From:

☒ Owner

☐ Property

Select export file format:

Address labels (5160)

☒ Show All Owners

☐ Show Parcel ID on Label

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No data available for the following modules: Rural Land, Conservation Use Rural Land, Residential Improvement Information, Commercial Improvement Information, Mobile Homes, Prebill Mobile Homes, Accessory Information, Permits, Photos, Sketches.

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# City Council Agenda Memo

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**DATE:** 4/21/2025  
**TITLE:** Acceptance of Pine Tree Way Dedication  
**PRESENTED BY:** Doug Parks, City Attorney  
**PRIORITY** Strategic Priority - Communication

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## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Acceptance of Pine Tree Right of Way Dedication.

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## HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

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## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to approve at next available voting meeting.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Right of Way Deed for Pine Tree Way between Lumpkin County and City of Dahlonega.

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After recording return to:  
City of Dahlonega  
465 Riley Rd  
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Re: **Pine Tree Way**

**RIGHT OF WAY DEED**

STATE OF GEORGIA,  
LUMPKIN COUNTY.

THIS INDENTURE, made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, between **LUMPKIN COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, as Grantor, and **CITY OF DAHLONEGA**, a municipal corporation of the State of Georgia, as Grantee.

WHEREAS, the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners approved the conveyance of the real property described herein to the City of Dahlonega at a regular meeting on December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, following said meeting, a right of way deed was executed by Lumpkin County conveying said property to the City of Dahlonega; however, said deed was lost and never recorded; and

WHEREAS, this Right of Way Deed is given to replace the previously executed Right of Way Deed;

WITNESSETH that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, the Grantor does grant and convey unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns, the following described property:

Page Two  
Right of Way Deed  
Re: Pine Tree Way

ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 998 & 1033 of the 12th District, 1st Section of Lumpkin County, being in the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning, a 5/8" iron pin set at the north east corner of the existing 40' right of way for Pinetree Way; thence North 70°48'35" West, a distance of 469.71 feet along the existing right of way of Pinetree Way; thence North 19°11'25" East, a distance of 20.00 feet; thence South 70°48'35" East, a distance of 469.83 feet; thence South 19°31'14" West, a distance of 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.2157 Acres, more or less.

To have and to hold the bargained premises unto Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, in Fee Simple.

Grantor will warrant and defend the title to the bargained premises unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, against all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this deed the day and year above written.

LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BY:

Chris Dockery, Chairman

(SEAL)

Attest:

Melissa Z. Witcher (SEAL)  
Melissa Z. Witcher, Lumpkin County Clerk

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public

Commission expires: 02/02/2026





# City Council Agenda Memo

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**DATE:** 4/14/2025  
**TITLE:** Alcoholic Beverage License - Consumption on Premise - ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's  
**PRESENTED BY:** Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk  
**PRIORITIES** Strategic Priorities - Communication

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## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's, located at 16 Public Square #A, has recently been purchased by a new owner. They are requesting on-premises alcoholic beverage licenses for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink. The alcoholic beverage application meets all requirements.

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## HISTORY/PAST ACTION

No prior history

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

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## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of a consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage license for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink.

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## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Motion to approve a consumption on-premises alcoholic beverage license to the ALIENATED, LLC dba Gustavo's for beer, wine, and liquor by the drink.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Alcoholic beverage license consumption on-premises application

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# City Council Agenda Memo

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**DATE:** 4/15/2025  
**TITLE:** Change to Open Container Footprint - Dahlonaga Arts and Wine Festival  
**PRESENTED BY:** Doug Parks, City Attorney, Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk  
**PRIORITY** Strategic Priority - Communication

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## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in a specific area at the Dahlonaga Arts and Wine Festival so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages from Hancock Park to the food court area across North Park Street. This event will be held May 17 & 18, 2025.

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## HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The festival permit was previously approved and held in Hancock Park.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to allow the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

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## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

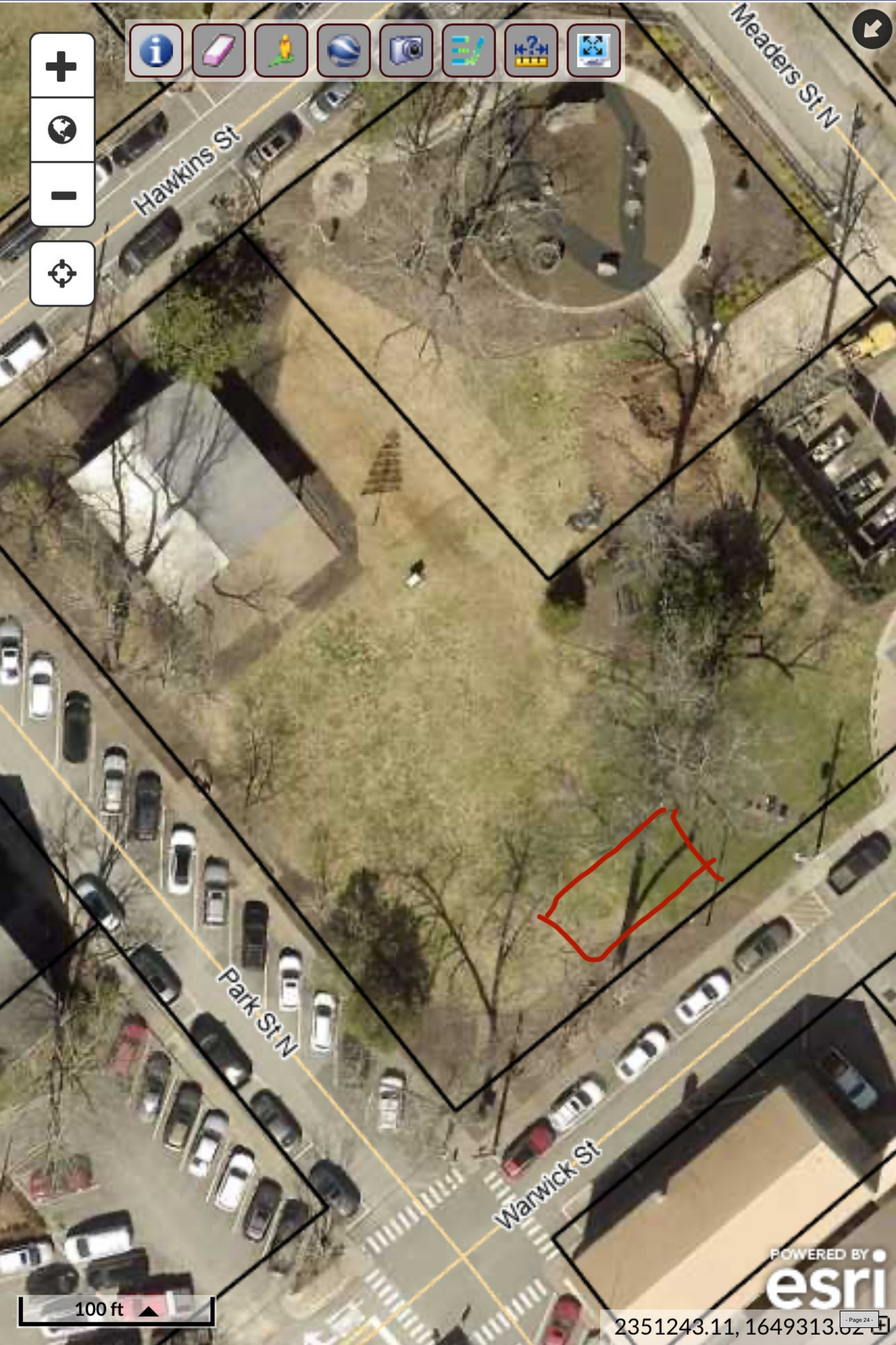
I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonaga including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonaga, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to Dahlonaga Arts and Wine Festival, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Dahlonaga Arts and Wine Festival Special Event Alcohol Boundary Map

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## City of Dahlonega Request for Temporary Special Event Alcohol License

Name of Special Event:	PAWS IN THE PARK
Civic Group or Association:	FRIENDS OF LUMPKEN COUNTY ANNUAL
Name of Applicant:	DEB ROWE (SHANNON GOCH) + SHANNON GOCH (FOUCAS) SHELTER
Street Address of Applicant:	87 N CHESTNUT ST
City and State of Applicant:	DAHLONEGA GA 30533
Applicant Contact Numbers:	678-617-2410
Location of Special Event:	HANCOCK PARK
Date of Special Event:	MAY 10 2025
Circle the type of alcohol being served:	Distilled Liquor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
This application once approved by the City Council, City Police Department, and as needed by the Planning Department will be submitted for approval by DOR at the Centralized Alcohol Portal. Payment to City will be obtained after State Approval. Class J - Temporary Special Events Alcohol License, \$100.00 per day.	

### SECTION 57: ELIGIBILITY FOR ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE

A) A temporary license may be issued to any person, firm, or corporation, for a period not to exceed the maximum number of days available pursuant to State of Georgia regulations in any one year for an approved special event, but not to exceed three consecutive days at any one time regardless of State regulations. The person, firm or corporation must make the application and pay the fee that may be required by the ordinances and shall be required to comply with all the general ordinances and the licensing and regulations for consumption on the premises establishment with the exception of the Full-service kitchen requirement.

B) The special event should be noticed to the City of Dahlonega Police Department for approval of any necessary crowd control and security measures.

- 1) The special event must be associated with and benefit the cause of a charitable, local trade or civic organization.
- 2) The special event must receive approval from the City of Dahlonega Police Department on crowd control and security measures.
- 3) The special event must receive approval from the City Council, on traffic control measures and such other regulations of the City of Dahlonega as applicable.
- 4) The location at which the special event is to take place must be properly zoned and approved by the City of Dahlonega Planning Department.
- 5) The premises at which the special event is to take place must be approved by the City Council.

C) Any employee or volunteer of the special event licensee, working the special event in any position dispensing, selling, serving, taking orders or mixing alcoholic beverages shall not be required to obtain a pouring permit for the special event.

D) The City Council or its designee may immediately revoke any temporary license for a special event if continued alcohol sales may endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public.

E) As a condition on the issuance of a temporary special event license, the licensee may be required to provide insurance satisfactory to the city and/or to indemnify and hold the City of Dahlonega harmless from claims, demand or cause of action that may arise from activities associated with the special event.

F) The fee for this permit shall be as established by the City Council.

Signature D. Rowe

Date 4/16/25



# City Council Agenda Memo

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**DATE:** 4/16/2025  
**TITLE:** Change to Open Container Footprint - Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans  
**PRESENTED BY:** Doug Parks, City Attorney & Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk  
**PRIORITY** Strategic Priority - Communication

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## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Proposal to suspend the enforcement of open containers in the Hancock Park area at the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans event so that festivalgoers may carry their alcoholic beverages around Hancock Park.

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## HISTORY/PAST ACTION

None.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff to allow the suspension of the appropriate ordinances for this event.

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## SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to suspend enforcement of the open container laws of the City of Dahlonega including but not limited to the following: The Code of the City of Dahlonega, Georgia, Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32, Section 22-33, Section 22-34, Section 22-35, within the geographical area set aside for alcohol sales and consumption within that certain festival special event permit application granted by the City to the Friends of Lumpkin County Animals & Shenanigans organizer, the duration of the suspension to run concurrently with the duration of the permit granted.

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## ATTACHMENTS

Temporary Special Event Permit & Alcohol Footprint

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# ELECTION OF GMA'S DISTRICT 2 OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

## BALLOT

The nominating committee comprised of current District 2 officers and three additional elected officials nominated the following city officials as GMA's District 2 Officers for 2025-2026:

- President Matt Fields, Councilmember, Royston
- First Vice President Mark C. Reed, Commissioner, Cornelia
- Second Vice President Courtney, Umbehant, Mayor, Lavonia
- Third Vice President Josh Turner, Mayor, City of Cleveland

Is your city in favor of the nominees for positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Third Vice President

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information:

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

**I affirm that I am authorized to vote on behalf of the city:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or email ballot by May 23 to:**

Pete Pyrzenski, Georgia Municipal Association, P.O. Box 105377, Atlanta, GA 30348; email at [ppyrzenski@gacities.com](mailto:ppyrzenski@gacities.com) .