

**Special Points
of Interest:**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, May 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- Saturday, May 10th GRHOF Community yard sale. For info call 706-265-3522.
- Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- Monday, May 26th City Hall is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Mayor's Message: A Thriving Downtown is Vital



More and more downtown property owners are taking the plunge and are rehabilitating their commercial property.

I'd like to personally commend the individuals who have made major capital improvements to their property. Their investment in downtown is a vote of confidence for downtown revitalization.

When you take a moment to look at the inventory of historic buildings in our downtown, there isn't any reason why we should not improve them and make our town as beautiful as our neighbor—the City of Dahlonega.

They successfully rehabilitated their buildings years ago and have created a beautiful downtown, a tourist attraction, jobs for their residents, and help their economy because of all the people who shop there.

While the City is encouraging new commercial growth at the Municipal Complex, historic downtown is vital and must continue to improve. After all, historic downtown is where it all started and was the economic hub of our county for decades.

The most recent fixer-upper has been completed by Pete Hill, of Hill Design Associates Architects, Inc. Pete and his staff did a lot of research on the old Taylor House which is located on Academy Avenue. He found out it is an old Sears & Roebuck Craftsman home from around 1910. They used a historical palette of colors to restore the outside, then contracted with Amicalola Gardens

Natural Landscapes (another downtown business) to do a beautiful landscape job.

It was a substantial investment, but Pete feels downtown is where he needs to be. If he had it to do all over again, he would. He said he is committed for the long-term investment.

Pete also stated that "pedestrian level connectivity" is a positive for downtown. Being able to park in one location and then walk to various places of business is necessary for a healthy downtown.

There are multiple benefits to refurbishing a historic building:

✓ The looks and aesthetics of downtown are changed for the better, making it more inviting.

✓ Property values increase.

✓ Typically rents increase on sublet properties.

✓ A charming or quaint downtown encourages visitors to stop and take a look; in turn it increases our economic base because these people

are eating and shopping in our town.

✓ It creates civic pride; people want a beautiful hometown instead rundown or dilapidated buildings.

✓ Investing in the improvement and rehabilitation of the historic buildings brings quality businesses and services to serve all of our citizens.

The City needs your help. Help in encouraging the rest of the property owners to "take the plunge";



The historic Taylor House—Academy Avenue.
Recently rehabilitated by Hill Design Architects, Inc.

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**City Hall will
be closed Mon-
day, May 26th
in observance
of Memorial
Day.**

City Staff at Your Service

Gary Barr,
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Mayor's Message Continued

invest in downtown. Many of the property owners are what we call "old timers". Meaning their families have been in the city or county for decades or since it was founded.

Encourage them to create a legacy for their families; at the same time they will be paying tribute to their forefathers who gifted them their legacy.

Thank you again to those who have taken the initiative and made that commitment to improve your property; we salute you!

If you would like to discuss downtown revitalization with me, my door is always open. I invite you to come and see me.

Sincerely,

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

New Downtown Businesses

Located next to Fred's and behind the Movie Gallery on Hwy 53 East are two new businesses:

Bella Sol Salon offering a variety of beauty services from haircuts and treatments, tanning, and teeth whitening. Senior Discounts and Gift Certificates are available.

Grill 53 Burgers & More has a great menu that includes Burgers, kabobs, sandwiches, salads, and milk shakes. 706-216-9951.

**Notice of Mandatory Water Restrictions
Effective April 1, 2008 For the City of
Dawsonville**

Exemptions to Level Four drought restrictions

- ★ Hand watering of existing landscape using a garden hose equipped with a standard spray nozzle that automatically turns off when you release the nozzle, up to 25 minutes per day, on designated days (see below).
- ★ Allowed watering hours are within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
Designated Days:
Odd numbered addresses may water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
Even numbered addresses may water Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- ★ There are no restrictions on the filling of swimming pools.

Under current requirements, new landscaping may be installed by anyone (professional or homeowner/property owner) and may be watered as follows:

- ★ Any person who has successfully completed the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program at <http://www.urbanagcouncil.com/> may water their newly installed landscape.
- ★ Allowed watering hours are within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
- ★ Watering is allowed for 30 days during a period of 10 weeks (3 days a week for 10 consecutive weeks on an odd-even schedule).

For any further information please call the City of Dawsonville at (706) 265-3256.

**The Dawson County Arts Council Presents
7TH ANNUAL
Art in the Garden
Festival**

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Garden Accessories, Music and more

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