

**CITY OF  
DAWSONVILLE**

**Special Points  
of Interest:**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- City Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dawson County Board of Commissioners regular meeting 6 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Dawson County Board of Commissioners work session 4 p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.
- Dawson County Planning Commission 6 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The public is invited to attend any of these meetings which are held at City Hall.

**Elected Officials  
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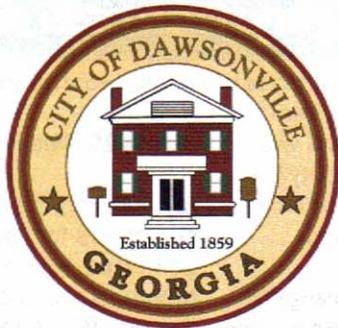
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# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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## Food Lion Grand Opening a Hit with Downtown

Food Lion opened with song and celebration on Wednesday, December 17th. A big crowd gathered for the official ribbon cutting and enjoyed complimentary doughnuts and hot coffee.

Currie Dalton, the store manager, welcomed everyone and let them know that the Food Lion is pleased to have located in downtown Dawsonville and was very happy to present 200 food boxes to the Ric Rack for distribution to families in need. He also presented two \$500 checks to the school system to help buy school supplies for children who do not have ample provisions.



Customers cruising the spacious aisles in the frozen foods section.

While doing their shopping, customers



Kalie Winkler, a resident of Maple Street, shopping at the Grand Opening said she is thankful for the new Food Lion and that it will be very convenient for her family.

were treated to a mini-concert from the Community Chorale as they sang Christmas carols.

Roy Wade, an employee of the Food Lion and local resident, stated that he was thankful for the opportunity to work at the new grocery store and was highly impressed by the

company's commitment to customer service. He said Food Lion is here to support and help their customers.

Food Lion will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. with occasional holiday closings or reduced hours. The store's customer service manager, Nick Nicodemus, who is also a city resident, invites the community to stop in and share their thoughts on the new store with him.

Once the ceremonial ribbon was cut, customers were given a fresh carnation and greeted by friendly employees as they entered the store.

Inside they enjoyed samples of fresh produce and

## Chamber asks Community to Support Local Business



Linda Williams, President, Chamber of Commerce

Here at the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce we urge you to continue to shop locally through the holidays and beyond.

Doing business locally not only supports local business people, but it also keeps valuable sales tax dollars within the city and county for our own use. Each time you do business outside of Dawson County, our city and county governments lose out on valuable revenue.

The Dawson County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members in the downtown area:

- Tenah House/Men of Grace, Inc.**
- Gold Creek Foods, LLC**
- Food Lion, LLC**
- Paper Moon Antiques and More**
- Just Plum Perfect – on their relocation to the downtown square!**
- His Rock Café – on their relocation to the Dawsonville Municipal Complex!**

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Office Hours  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**City Hall will be closed  
on Wednesday,  
December 31st and  
Thursday,  
January 1st in obser-  
vance of the New  
Years holidays. Addi-  
tionally, the City  
Council has author-  
ized the closing of City  
Hall on January 2nd.**

**For after hours  
water or sewer  
system  
emergencies  
please call:  
(706) 974-7688 or  
(706) 429-6211**

**City Staff at Your Service**

Gary Barr,  
Water & Sewer Superintendent

Kim Cornelison,  
City Administrator/Clerk

Steve Holder,  
Planning & Zoning Director



# Utility Billing Payments & Collections



**Joe Lane Cox, Mayor**

The City is in the process of converting to fully integrated software and with that change the utility bills will have a different look starting in February.

The impending change has us looking at existing billing and collections procedures. One positive change coming with the software conversion is that the city will be able to prorate bills. This will affect all new or closing accounts.

Another change will be the collection of payments. The city is examining the possibility of taking debit and credit cards for payment in the near future and I'd like your input on that. The use of "plastic" or credit/debit cards would mean a convenience fee would have to be tacked on to your utility bill. This is because there are fees charged to businesses that accept credit/debit card transactions and those costs would need to be recovered.

The final change will affect delinquent utility accounts. Bills are due upon receipt, and are considered late if not received by the 15th of each month. On the 16th a ten percent late fee is tacked on and late notices are sent to customers giving five days to pay the account.

In the past, staff has worked hard to collect on delinquent accounts sending out late notices, 45-day and 60-day letters and then finally cutting water off. In turn this extra effort had significant costs associated with it due to the added labor, supplies, and postage.

Effective January 1st, staff will no longer be sending out 45 and 60 day letters and will be adhering to the policies outlined in the City Code Sec. 14-25 Meter reading billings and collection.

This doesn't mean that we are not willing to work with our customers on outstanding bills. If you find yourself in this situation, please call or stop by

city hall so that other arrangements may be made.

## **Sec. 14-25. Meter reading billings and collection.**

(a) Mailing, paying, and penalties. Bills to customers for water and sewer service shall be mailed out on such day or days of each month as may be determined as desirable by the city. Bills shall be paid at the City Hall and a failure to receive bills or notices shall not prevent such bills from becoming delinquent nor relieve the consumer from payment of same. The failure of water and/or sewer users to pay charges duly imposed shall result in the automatic imposition of the following penalties:

(1) All water and sewer bills are due upon receipt, and nonpayment within 15 days from the billing date will be subject to a penalty of ten percent of the delinquent account.

(2) Nonpayment by the 15th day of the month from the billing date may result in the water being shut off from the water user's property.

(3) Nonpayment for 60 days after original due date will allow the city, in addition to all other rights and remedies, to terminate agreement, and in such event, the water user shall not be entitled to receive, nor the city obligated to supply, any water under this agreement.

b) Conditions for reconnection. Service disconnected for nonpayment of bills will be restored only after bills are paid in full, such security deposit as may be required by the mayor and council is made, and a service charge in the amount established by resolution paid for each meter reconnected.

(c) Return check fee. A service charge in the amount established by resolution will be charged on all checks returned to the city for insufficient funds, account closed, etc.

## **New Businesses in Downtown Dawsonville**

The Nail Station  
Nail Salon Services  
and  
Just Plum Perfect LLC  
Retail—Gift Shop  
23 Hwy. 9 N.

The Parent Link, Inc.  
Visitation Center  
32 Jack Heard Road

David Wallace &  
Associates, P.C.  
Legal Services  
86 Hwy. 53 West, Suite 100

Dawson Family  
Chiropractic PC  
159 Hwy. 53 West.

RT Lawns  
Lawn Maintenance  
2702 Hickory Lane

Food Lion #2132  
59 Main St.

Nicolai Designs  
Jewelry & Fashion  
252-342-0509