

CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE

Special Points
of Interest:

- City Council Meeting
—Monday, September
10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall.
- Downtown Develop-
ment Authority—
Monday, September
17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall.
- City Council Work
Session, Thursday,
September 20, 2007,
at 6:00 p.m. at City
Hall.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Sidewalks – Transportation Enhancement Grant

The city is one step closer to receiving \$162,000 in grant money from the state for more downtown sidewalks. The Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the concept report for installing sidewalks along Allen Street and Academy Avenue.

The Mayor and Council recently received a very nice thank you letter from the Dawson County Board of Education stating that the sidewalks along Perimeter Road are a great improvement that will keep high school students from walking along the edge of the road. The Mayor and Council members believe the school board and parents of students will be just as positive about the sidewalks for Allen Street.

They will be installed directly in front of the new middle school that is currently under construction. The sidewalk will extend down Allen

Street all the way to Robinson Elementary School.

The sidewalks along Academy will tie in to the sidewalk on the corner of Hwy. 9 South and Academy on through to Hwy. 53 West by the Health Department.

The City expects to move forward with the formal plans and bidding process soon, with installation slated for December of this year.

The Transportation Enhancement Grant funds (TE Grant) will pay a portion of the sidewalk projects. The city will need to provide \$315,289 in matching funds towards this project. SPLOST funds will be used to meet most of this match, while approximately \$100,000 will come out of the city's general fund.

The city wishes to continue installing sidewalks throughout town, making Dawsonville a pedestrian friendly



Newest sidewalk along Shoal Creek Rd.

community. With that said, the city will continue to apply for TE Grants to keep these sidewalk projects going forward.

Another source of funding for roads and sidewalks will be SPLOST money. In SPLOST IV, the 1% sales tax that is currently in place, the city received \$500,000 in total. The city continues to negotiate with the county over the next SPLOST referendum – SPLOST V. Funds from SPLOST V would be used towards several projects, including continuing the sidewalk project.

Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Museum Reopens

The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame (GRHOF) has officially re-opened. The museum, which has been recognized by the state legislature as the official home of the Hall of Fame, recognizes prominent members of Georgia's racing heritage.

Museum hours are the same as City Hall's hours: Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers will be onsite to open the museum every weekend from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The best part is that guests



Museum Exhibits

can visit the museum for free—there will be no charge for admission.

Gordon Pirkle, local businessman and long time racing enthusiast, can often be seen taking groups of people through the museum and sharing his love for this segment of Dawsonville's history. Pirkle explains to people how stock car racing roots started in the manufacturing and distribution of moonshine.

Please plan to come to City Hall and visit the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame on your next visit.

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

Notice of Mandatory Water Restrictions Effective May 7, 2007 For the City of Dawsonville

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has declared a level two drought response across the state and requires all Georgians to follow the following outdoor water use schedule.

* Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 12 midnight to 10:00 a.m.

* Even numbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 12 midnight to 10:00 a.m.

* No watering on Fridays.

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

City Staff at Your Service

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Water & Sewer Superintendent

Kim Cornelison,
City Administrator/Clerk

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Planning & Zoning Director



Downtown Business Improvements Continue

The look and feel of historic downtown Dawsonville continues to improve.

Most recently the old Tyson offices located on Highway 9 South are getting a much needed face lift. The old metal structure is getting a beautiful stacked stone and brick façade.

The building, once complete, will have some much needed improved office space available for rent – each of the three offices has approximately 1,100 square foot.

If you ask the property owner, Fouts Properties, why they are improving their holdings downtown they will tell you it is to keep the legacy of Taft Fouts alive.

Taft Fouts was a longtime retailer; he ran Taft Fouts General Merchandise for over 50 years. The mercantile

was located in the same spot where the new restaurant Bella's Bistro is.

Mr. Fouts was recognized for being an upright businessman who did business the old fashioned way. When other property owners sold their retail locations to him through the years, these deals were made with a handshake. People could trust Mr. Fouts to do exactly what he promised to do.

The new and the old businesses have an important role in revitalizing downtown — the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Dawsonville encourages you to support your downtown businesses.

Election Information

October 9, 2007 is the last day to register to vote. Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Hosts Business After Hours

The City hosted Business after Hours (BAH) on August 16th and it was a resounding success with over 120 people in attendance.

Attendees were treated to the re-opening of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, to delicious food catered by Jennifer Mineo of Events by Dezine. Ms. Mineo is also the proprietor of Bella's Bistro located right on the square. Members of the Chamber and several downtown businesses donated door prizes to add a little more fun to the event.



Pam Hamalainen passes a door prize to the drawing winner.

The guests of Business after Hours were also able to take a tour of City

Hall, meet and talk with the Mayor and members of the City Council, and to tour the newly finished offices



People touring the museum at Business after Hours.

and Council Chambers located on the second floor above the existing office area.

Chamber employees said this BAH was the best attended in a long time.

**For after hours
water or sewer
system
emergencies please call:
(706) 974-3197
or
(706) 429-6211**

**City Hall will be
closed on
Monday,
September 3, 2007
in observance of
Labor Day.**

G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers Dedication

Monday, August 6, 2007 was not just another City Council meeting. It was a time to celebrate the life and service of one of Dawsonville's icons.

Former Mayor G.L. "Pete" Gilleland was honored that evening at a dedication ceremony where the new City Council Chambers was dedicated and named for Pete for his twenty-two plus years of service to the citizens of Dawsonville.



Pete Gilleland with his children Sandra & Tim

Pete has been a Councilmember, the Mayor Pro-tem, and the Mayor over the years he served the City. He is an 80-year resident of the City, and can still be seen getting about town and working in his yard.

City residents, family members, and people who have known Pete for years attended the dedication where he received several standing ovations. Pete also received a proclamation dedicating the new council chambers in his honor as well as the Key to the City.

When asked if he would like to say something Pete said, "I'm speechless."