

**CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE**

**Special Points
of Interest:**

- City Council Meeting — Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Glen Wallace Park Dedication—Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Behind the Water Tower, just off Mills Ford Road.
- Adult Health & Wellness Expo (for ages 55 & over). Friday, March 22, 2007 at Rock Creek Park. For info: 706-344-3646 X222
- City Council Work Session, Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Planning Commission Meeting—Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Emory Flight Lands in Dawsonville for Trial Run

Emory Flight, the air transportation service of Emory Healthcare System, is now on a 90-day trial in Dawsonville.

For several years, the Emory Flight helicopters that transport critically ill or injured patients have been using Elliott Field as a refueling point. Now it's possible the lifesaving transport system will have a permanent home in northern Dawsonville at the private airstrip owned and operated by the Elliott family.

In January, the City of Dawsonville issued a business license to Emory Flight, which is owned by Air Methods Corporation/LifeNet Georgia, and the life-saving service went on duty at Elliott Field earlier this month. Emory Flight provides a 24/7 emergency medical response for patients who require expert medical care and rapid



transportation to the nearest and most appropriate medical center. Each Emory Flight helicopter is staffed with a pilot, a critical care flight nurse and a flight paramedic to offer critically ill and injured patients the best chance of survival.

Previously, Emory Flight had permanent bases in Cartersville, Griffin and Jefferson, using Dawsonville an average of 20 times each month to refuel. With a full-time base at Elliott Field, Dawsonville will be home to the professionals

who can assist patients during the "Golden Hour," the first 60 minutes after a patient is critically injured. Emory Flight personnel will work with Dawson Emergency Medical Services staff to ensure that any critically ill patients in the local area receive the best and most timely treatment.

The Emory Flight service area is a 150-mile radius of the base location, with the capability to transport a patient an additional 150 miles to the

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residents with helpful information about how your City government works for you. This month, I'd like to explain the process of property annexation.

Mayor's Message

When a property owner decides he or she would like to have their land become a part of the City, then the owner has specific steps to follow to have the request considered. Also, the property must border the existing city limit.

The first step is to complete the Annexation Petition. In that petition, the property owner provides information including the legal description, a copy of the recorded legal

survey, and the existing and intended uses of the property.

Once the annexation petition is completed and all the appropriate paperwork has been filed, public hearings are held.

Prior to the public hearing, legal notices of the upcoming hearing are published in the local newspaper designated as the City's legal organ.

Annexation petitions are

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Art in the Garden is scheduled for May 5 & 6; vendor applications are being accepted now. For information call the Arts Center at 706-216-2787.

HELP WANTED

General Laborer position available at City of Dawsonville. Job description and Applications are available on line (www.dawsonville.com) or at City Hall.

City Staff at Your Service

Gary Barr,
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City Administrator/Clerk

Steve Holder,
Planning & Zoning Director



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heard at two public hearings of the City Council. However, if a zoning classification change is made, then the annexation is heard by the Planning Commission before it is presented to the City Council.

During the public hearings, time is designated for the Council to hear public comments on each annexation petition. The public comment segment is for statements from citizens interested in a particular annexation, and City Council members are not subject to questions during that time.

The City of Dawsonville solely uses the 100% method of annexation which is strictly voluntary. The annexation of property has never been a "power grab" or "to increase city revenues." On the contrary, the City recognizes a property owner's right to annex if they elect to.

I believe both the county and city recognizes that growth does impact services. The crucial difference here is who is doing the impacting and how it can be improved. It is known that increased density provides easier access to services and requires less infrastructure for the same number of citizens. A city is the typical environment that provides for more density.

Another point I'd like to share is that in the past two years, the bulk of annexations were raw land, zoned agricultural in the county.

Like most cities, our city does not have an agricultural zoning classification. In compliance with the city zoning ordinance, the properties were brought in at R-1 (residential – one acre lots), unless the property owner requested a different zoning classification.

Up to this point, only one

parcel of annexed raw land has submitted development plans. The plan includes both a residential and commercial component; to date, this development has not broken ground. The rest of the annexed raw property remains as is – unimproved.

Please know that the City Council recognizes that the Dawsonville residents have placed their trust in the Council, and we always have the best interests of Dawsonville in mind when considering each and every annexation petition.

Sincerely,

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

**Park Dedication
Invitation**

You are invited to attend the dedication of the City's first public park. The "Glen Wallace Park" dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007. The event is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. with food, fun, and fellowship—bring the family! The park is located behind the water tower, just off of Mills Ford Road.

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medical facility best suited to the patient's needs.

The emergency service can mean the difference between life and death for patients who suffer severe trauma, head or spinal injuries, severe burns, industrial accidents or motor vehicle accidents. Patients with cardiac or respiratory emergencies or those who need to be transferred from one hospital to another can also benefit from the life-saving services of Emory Flight.

Medical air transport is beneficial in reducing the time a patient is away from critical medical care and also leaves local ambulances available for emergency calls in Dawson County.

Emory Flight is the only air medical transport provider in the state accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). You can find more information about Emory Flight at the website www.emoryflight.com.

Garbage Rate Slight Increase

The high cost of fuel is taking a small toll on garbage collection rates in Dawsonville.

Advanced Disposal, the City's collection agent, notified the City of the need to increase rates to defray higher fuel costs.

Advanced Disposal proposed using the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index to determine the amount of the rate increase. The Consumer Price Index lists data each month to show what consumers in all parts of the country are paying for goods and services.

The rate increase will add 30 cents to monthly service which means the average monthly cost will increase from \$12.95 per month to \$13.25.

The rate increase is scheduled to take effect in April.