



# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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### Special points of interest:

- City Council Meeting — Monday, February 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Planning Commission Meeting—Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Elected Officials Contact Information

### Contact Information

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## Preparing for the Future

As more people choose to make Dawsonville their home, the City is making plans to ensure that water and sewer capacity is available for all residents.

The Dawsonville Land Application System (LAS), or wastewater treatment facility, was built in 1963 and while capacity was expanded in 1997 from 60,000 gallons per day to 120,000 gallons per day, the plant had not been upgraded until the City requested a permit in 2004. The upgrade began in September 2006 and it will allow for much greater treatment Capacity.

Once wastewater reaches Dawsonville's treatment facility, it goes through physical and biological processes to clean it and control or-

ganisms that can cause disease, such as viruses and parasites.

After the wastewater has gone through the treatment process, the final treated wastewater is applied to enclosed spray fields where the nitrogen, phosphorous and trace elements are absorbed as fertilizer by the trees and vegetation grown there.

The first stage of the treatment facility upgrade is designed to remove the bottom layer of sediment in the stabilization pond, and that work was scheduled to be complete by December 2006. Unfortunately, con-



struction constraints and heavy rain caused delays that interrupted the normal wastewater treatment processes, killing some of the beneficial bacteria and algae that help clean the wastewater. The City has installed aerators that mixed oxygen into the system and restored the correct environment for beneficial bacteria and algae, and that helped eliminate the unusual odors.

On January 11, 2007, the Georgia Department of

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## Mayor's Message

Happy New Year from the City of Dawsonville and welcome to the first edition of our newsletter Dawsonville Profile.

Everyone at City Hall is working to improve the lives of Dawsonville residents, and we hope this newsletter will

give you more information about how the City is looking after your interests.

In the article above, you can read how the City is expanding wastewater treatment capacity to accommodate the future needs of those who move to our beautiful

hometown. In coming issues, we will let you know about other ways the City is working hard for you. As the Mayor of Dawson-



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**January is National  
Mentoring Month. Pass  
it on—mentor a child.  
For information contact  
706-265-1981.**

**City Staff at Your Service**

Gary Barr,  
Water & Sewer Superintendent

Kim Cornelison,  
City Administrator/Clerk

Steve Holder,  
Planning & Zoning Director



**Mayor's Message Continued ...**

ville, I want to be your first point of contact when you have questions or concerns about any issue relating to the City. You can reach me at City Hall by calling 706-265-3256, or you can reach me on my mobile phone at 706-344-2969. My first priority is to serve the interests of all Dawsonville citizens, and I want to know about any concerns you may have.

Another way in which you can participate in City issues is to attend the City Council and Planning Commission meetings held at City Hall each month. Your City Council members and Planning Commission members oversee issues relating to Dawsonville's government and growth when they meet each month, and

feedback from our residents is always welcome.

Please join us at our next City Council meeting on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7 p.m. The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7 p.m. If you have not yet met your City Council or Planning Commission members, we have included a list of their names in this newsletter.

The residents of Dawsonville have elected me to guide the City through a period of unprecedented growth, and I am making sure that I do the very best job for Dawsonville both now and in the future. Please know that I always have the best interests of Dawsonville at heart, and I

want to hear from you.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Dawsonville Profile, and you can also find information about Dawsonville on our web site [www.dawsonville.com](http://www.dawsonville.com).

Sincerely,

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

**City Council Members**  
Council members are listed on the front page with their contact information.

**Planning Commission  
Members**

Claire Sharp, Chairperson  
B.J. Farley, Vice-Chairperson  
Ken Breeden  
Jimmy Castleberry  
Vacant Position

**Preparing for the Future Continued...**

Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division notified the City of Dawsonville that the City has taken all appropriate measures to minimize the odors and that no violations have occurred with the upgrade of the City's wastewater treatment facility. By January 31, 2007 the first stage of the upgrade is scheduled to be complete.

To prepare for future growth, the City's upgrade and expansion of the wastewater treatment facility will increase capacity from 120,000 gallons per day to 400,000 gallons per day. The City also has purchased an additional 127 acres of land for use as spray fields. The

facility upgrade and expansion is scheduled to be complete in summer 2007 at a cost of \$5.3 million in loans and Federal grants.

In August 2006 the Dawsonville LAS received the highest rating in the Compliance Evaluation Inspection conducted by the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division, and City employees are working hard to make sure that the treatment facility upgrade will have little negative impact.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the City of Dawsonville at 706-265-3265. We want to hear from you!

**Qualifying Fees Set**

Pursuant to state law, O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(a)(1), the City of Dawsonville has set qualifying fees for the November 6, 2007 general election for the following offices due to expiration of the term of these offices:

Mayor:	\$216.00
Councilmember:	\$108.00
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Qualifying will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., August 27 through August 31, 2007 in the office of the City Clerk, 415 Hwy. 53 East, Suite 100, Dawsonville.

Individuals interested in becoming a candidate are encouraged to attend a State Ethics Class to be held March 28, 2007. Contact City Clerk for information.