

CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE

Special Points
of Interest:

- City Council Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- City Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, May 18, 2009 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.

NOTE: All meetings are held at City Hall in the G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Mayor's Corner



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Over the past few months I have received over 500 emails, letters, calls, and visits from various people both for and against the Atlanta Motorsports Park project.

For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with this project, it is a membership based performance driving country club. The concern for those opposed was the rezoning of the 153 acre tract of land located off of Duck Thurmond Road, from residential to commercial/industrial. For those in favor, the increased tax revenue, jobs, and residual affect on existing business was important, as well as the potential for other new businesses that could come as a result of the park.

I want to assure you that the council, staff and city attorney have thoroughly reviewed this application. It took months of careful review, first by the Planning Commission and subsequently the City Council. The council made their decision based on the facts presented to them from staff, the applicant, engineering reports, and those both for and against the project.

After careful consideration they approved the rezoning

request and placed an unprecedented 22 stipulations on the development.

I encourage you to get the facts if you are concerned about this project. We have heard everything from it is a NASCAR track to a ponzi scheme. It is neither. The patrons of the motorsports park are required to have mufflers on their vehicles; subsequently the motorsports park will suffer stiff penalties if they fail to adhere to the stipulations the council put in place.

I think the staff and council did a good job weighing all of the facts, listening to everyone's concerns, and coming up with the stipulations which are designed to help mitigate the impact of the park. It is, in my opinion, a workable business for that property.

What we all have to understand is that all property is subject to development; and it is the council's responsibility to consider development applications when they are presented. It is just not realistic to expect private property owners to never develop their land just because some people don't want it to change.

Please stop by City Hall for a copy of the stipulations. I think you may agree—they are pretty comprehensive.

Lifelong Learning at Your Library

May 7, 1-3pm Internet E-mail- Students will learn to compose, open, send, and forward e-mail. Practice will include how to send and view attachments.

May 13, 3:00pm Teen Gaming- Are you a Guitar Hero? Test your Wii skills on the big screen! (Games vary per session)

May 16, 10:30am-1pm Microsoft Excel Basics- Students will become familiar with spreadsheets-what they are and common uses for them. Hands-on exercises will let students create a simple spreadsheet. This class assumes the student has some experience with Windows and using a mouse.

May 19, 7:00pm- Book Discussion Group- The Page Turners- The Page Turners is a book club for

anyone interested in literary discussion. If you love books and love talking, this is the club for you! The book that will be discussed at the meeting will be *The Piano Teacher*, Janice Lee and is available to check out at the library.

The above programs take place at the Dawson County Library, 342 Allen Street, Dawsonville and are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information about these programs you may call the library at 706-344-3690 or on our website at

**City Hall will be closed on
Monday, May 25th in
observance of
Memorial Day**

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

RECIPE DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting recipes for the City's 150th Celebration Cookbook is August, 31, 2009.



Recipes can be turned in to City Hall. For more info call 706-265-3256.

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



Arts Council Events



May 2 & 3, 2009

Lot's of plans are

in the works for your favorite events plus exciting new events at multiple sites! Events will be on both the Middle school and City Hall Complex.

Entertainment at the amphitheatre behind the Bowen Center for the Arts as well as the Quilt Show inside the Center.

Arts, Crafts & Garden Booths Galore!

- Dawson Rotary Bike Ride
- Kiwanis 5K, 10K and a Fun Run
- Kare For Kids Classic Car Show
- Humane Society Dog & Cat Activities
- DCAC Children's Fun Activities
- DCAC Food, Fun & Entertainment!
- Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Tent
- Heart in Hand Quilt Show

North Georgia Chamber Symphony to Perform at City Hall - May 21st

The North Georgia Chamber Symphony directed by Laurin Smith will be in concert May 21, 2009 7:30 pm at the Dawsonville City Hall.

The Chamber provides fine classical music with many of our local musicians. Admission free, reception following performance.

Please join us in a wonderful evening with the North Georgia Chamber Symphony.

Cat & Dog Food Drive

Venture Crew Scout member Amanda C. would like to invite city residents to help the Humane Society. She has organized a cat and dog food drive to help feed the many pets being left at the Humane Society.



The Humane Society is committed to helping take care of the animals left in their care, but they need our help.

Amanda is asking for the following donations:

Wet dog & cat food, rags, treats, and newspaper.



Collection boxes are located inside city hall by the front desk.

Please drop your donations off by Wednesday, May 27th. **Thank you!**

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 25th at 3 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park (Hwy. 9 North)**

Bowen Arts Center and the Heart in Hand Quilt Guild present

"Reach for the Stars . . . but don't touch the quilts."

**Annual Quilt Show
May 1st thru May 29th**

Come view the artistry of quilters from Dawsonville & Big Canoe. Admission is free.

**Reception:
Friday, May 8th
5-7:30 pm
Refreshments will be served.**



"FOR MEN ONLY" June 3-27

The Mail Carrier by Anthony Abreu, one of featured artists.

We are proud to feature our male artists, with work that may interest the entire family.

Ladies don't be left out... you will really enjoy what the guys are featuring. Maybe you want to learn how to tie a Fly or cast a reel.



Gentlemen! Sign up for class events now! Artists Reception Saturday, June 6, 5:00pm to 7:00PM

Notice of Mandatory Water Restrictions Effective March 3, 2009 until further notice for the City of Dawsonville

Level IV b Drought Response Modifications

The City of Dawsonville applied for and received some relief from state mandated watering restrictions.

The following is in effect until further notice is received from the state DNR.

All outdoor water uses are allowed on an odd/even basis, two days per week between midnight and 10:00 a.m.

*Odd addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays.

*Even addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The following uses are still prohibited:

*Using hydrants for any purpose other than fire-fighting, public health, safety or flushing; and

*Washing Hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways except when necessary for public health and safety.

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