

**CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE**

**Special Points
of Interest:**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, June 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- City Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, June 15, 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**

Congratulations graduates! *On behalf of the Council and Staff we wish you great success and happiness as you pursue your dreams!*

I have been thinking a lot lately. Another school year has come to close and we have a very talented Senior class that will be starting their new lives. Many are going to college, some are going in to the military, some will get married and a few are still finalizing their plans.

All this thinking made me wonder about the future of our city. We have so many bright young people that go to college, achieve their degree, and then enter the workforce. But most of them are not coming back home to work.

That leads to the big question of why?

The top employers in our county are: 1) the Dawson County Board of Education; 2) Wal-mart; and 3) the Dawson County Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Education employees the most degreed individuals while a much smaller percentage is required at the Board of Commissioners and Wal-mart.

This year's senior class has 196 students; according to Marjorie Poss, school counselor, 80 percent of those students plan to acquire post-secondary training. That is two and four year colleges, technical schools, or the military.

But where are the jobs for the young people who are graduating from college or university now? Jobs like doctors and nurses, or engineers and others that require a higher education. You know, the type of job that provides a decent living to raise your family on.

There really isn't much reason for these talented young people to come back here if they can't find equitable employment. Most move on and live, work and raise families in other communities. There are residual effects to them moving away as well—they aren't involved in our community, supporting our local businesses, and aren't taking vital leadership positions within our churches, clubs, organizations and community.

These young people are the next generation of leaders, and quality leadership is a priceless commodity.

We all need to work together to build a community balanced with good jobs and a quality way of life. By all I mean the city, the county, and the citizens.

Community Yard Sale



Saturday, June 6, 2009

**Location: City Hall Parking
Lot—415 Hwy. 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534**

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Yard Sale Spaces \$10.00 each**
- ◆ **Set up at 7 a.m.**
- ◆ **Must provide your own table**
- ◆ **Register & pay before set up**
- ◆ **Not responsible for damages**
- ◆ **Call to reserve space**

(770) 893-3407

Recipe Book Deadline



The deadline for submitting recipes for the City's 150th Celebration Cookbook is June 15, 2009.

While we have received some great recipes, we could always use a few more.

Submit your great recipes via:

- Email: cityhall@dawsonville.com
- Mail: P.O. Box 6, Dawsonville GA 30534
- Fax: (706) 265-4214
- Drop in the curbside water bill drop-box
- Bring in your recipes

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

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

City Staff at Your Service

Gary Barr,
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New Sidewalks for Howser Mill & Dollar General



Thanks to Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) dollars and the new Dollar General store locating on Highway 53 West, there are some new sidewalks in the city.

As a part of the city's development regulations, the Dollar General store installed a section of sidewalk on the west side of the storefront.

The City installed sidewalks from there to the Howser Mill development and then in front of the store along Highway 53 West.

This sidewalk now connects the



subdivision all the way to the highway.

The Mayor has received a lot of calls from Howser Mill residents all stating how pleased they were with the new sidewalks and the connectivity to downtown!

The next big sidewalk project is schedule to begin over the summer. It will include sidewalks along Allen Street connecting the middle school all the way down to Robinson Elementary. Then along Academy Avenue from the Health Department on down to Highway 9 South.

These sidewalks will be funded by a Department of Transportation TE Grant (Transportation Enhancement) and SPLOST dollars. Thank you for supporting SPLOST!



Account Number Change

Reminder — be sure to use the correct account number when paying your utility bill. We want to be sure that we apply your payment to the correct account.

When we changed utility billing software in February, account numbers changed.

Most everyone has caught this, but a few still need to be corrected.

If you use online banking you will have to log-in to your banking account and modify the account number.

Thank you for your attention to this!

**School is out;
please watch
out for children
at play and drive
with caution.**

**City Hall has initiated new
Summer Hours and will be open
as follows:**

**Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**Closed for lunch
Noon—12:30 p.m.**

**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.