

**CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE**

**Special Points
of Interest:**

- Saturday, August 2nd — GRHOF Yard Sale. For info call: 706-265-3522.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, August 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Dawson County Board of Commissioners regular meeting 6 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at City Hall.
- Dawson County Board of Commissioners work session 4 p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at City Hall.
- Dawson County Planning Commission 7 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

The public is invited to attend any of these meetings.

**Elected Officials
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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Georgia Municipal Association

In June, several members of the City Council attended the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in Savannah.

At the conference, over 500 cities were represented and had a great opportunity to attend classes, lectures, meet and discuss issues with state legislators, and talk with qualified vendors regarding a variety of services they can provide to cities.

Dawsonville council members attended the conference as well as a variety of classes including: "Excellence in Utilities"; "Strengthening Communities"; "Conflict Resolution"; and "Municipal Law".

There were numerous roundtables and concurrent sessions that discussed everything from taking your city "WI-FI" to developing local tourism, all designed to help cities become more knowledgeable about these subjects.

Mayor Cox said "I feel the conference is very beneficial. I always learn a lot; not only from the programs, but from other elected officials who are experiencing similar things as we are. I like to learn about how they are dealing with issues."

Councilmember Linda Grant said she appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference. She learned a great deal from the classes and feels like the education she gains makes her a more effective councilmember.

Mike Sosebee, long-term councilmember for Dawsonville represented the City during the Parade of Flags. Participating cities brought



their city flag and processed through the meeting room as their city was called.

Sosebee, a twenty-seven year veteran of public service to the City of Dawsonville, said attending the annual conference is a great learning experience that all elected officials should attend. He appreciates the knowledge that the professionals have from GMA, Carl Vinson Institute, and the others that teach the classes and did presentations during the general sessions.

Various Senators and members of the House of Representatives also attended, and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle spoke at the general session.



Councilmember Mike Sosebee representing the City of Dawsonville in the **Parade of Flags.**

During the conference, City representatives met with state legislators to make them aware of the challenges that all cities collectively face.

The bottom line is that city leaders face unique and tough choices every day in their efforts to provide the high level services our citizens expect. Some of the challenges directly discussed were the challenges faced from water, sewer, storm water and transportation to police, fire, EMS, recreation and employee health care.

It is tough to provide services when revenue streams are changed through state legislation and even more recently the harsh impact of the economic downturn.

Hopefully legislatures learned the impact they have on local government and will have a better understanding of how cities operate to make our towns the best they can be for our citizens.

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City Staff at Your Service

Gary Barr,
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School Starts August 11th

SCHOOL STARTS BACK MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH. PLEASE ADJUST YOUR DRIVING SCHEDULES TO ACCOMMODATE MORE TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS AND WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Several agencies have teamed up to support the annual Book Bag back to school program. The program is designed to help provide school supplies to Dawson County school children who either are from low-income families, in foster care, or are categorized as "homeless" by the school system.

If you would like to help a child off to a brighter start this school year, please feel free to drop off your donated school supplies at city hall.

**Dawson County Chamber and
Library Events**

Dawson County Library and Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to bring you some great events aimed to help participants find a good job.

Resume Writing & Interview Preparation Class

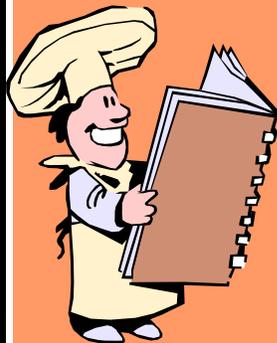
Date: Monday, August 11th
Time: 2-4 p.m.
Where: Library—342 Allen Street
Cost: No Charge
Call to pre-register at 706-344-3690

Job Fair

Held at Dawson County Library
Monday, August 25, 2008 from 3-6 p.m.
Businesses must pre-register 706-344-3690

Both events are no charge and are open to the public.

Great Recipes Wanted!



Did you know that in a little over a year and a half the City will be 150 years old?

In order to celebrate the grand occasion, the staff has "cooked up" the idea of putting together a beautiful cookbook full of hometown recipes

from our citizens. We know that Dawsonville has some really great cooks and we'd like you to submit a couple of your favorite recipes for publication in the cookbook.

Submit your recipes by sending them in to city hall or by email: cityhall@dawsonville.com.

**Welcome Dawson County BOC &
Planning Commission**

The City is pleased to announce that beginning in August, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners regular meetings and work sessions will be held at City Hall in the beautiful G.L. "Pete" Gilleland Council Chambers.

Mayor Cox said he welcomes the Commissioners, stating "it is a great opportunity for the city to share its meeting chambers with the county. The council chambers will provide a setting that is more conducive to the business they conduct."

The Dawson County Planning Commission will also start meeting at City Hall effective in August.

**Notice of Mandatory
Water Restrictions
Effective June 19, 2008—December 31, 2008**

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 December 31, 2008 unless 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 firefighting, 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.

**Back-to-School F.A.I.R.
(Families Accessing Information and Resources)**

Family Connection is planning a Resource Fair to be held August 29th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. to coincide with Parks & Rec's "Movies in the Park" at Rock Creek Park.

The purpose will be to increase community awareness of the many services available to our residents and strengthen the network of our area service providers. Preparing for a successful school year not only includes having the necessary school supplies and clothing, but making plans for after-school care and activities, too. In addition to social service provider representation, participants will include day care providers, 4-H, Bowen Art Center, Public Library, PTA organizations, and individuals offering after-school activities.

Please join us as we prepare for a successful year ahead and enjoy family time with a movie in the park! Call Nancy Stites at Family Connection 706-265-1981 if you have questions or would like to participate.