

CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE

Special Points
of Interest:

- City Council Meeting, Monday, April 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting, Monday, March 31, and April 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Planning Department is seeking public input in developing the City's Comprehensive Plan. Please attend this very important meeting.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Message from the Mayor



During the week of April 20-26, the City of Dawsonville will join other cities across Georgia in celebrating Georgia Cities Week. This week has been set aside to recognize the many services city governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Georgia. Our Theme, "Living It Up Downtown!" pays tribute to the role cities play in contributing to Georgia's quality of life.

City government is truly government of, by and for the people—the people who are making the decisions about our community are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. City government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment to carry out its responsibilities.

During this week, we want to recognize the roll city government plays in our lives: from historic preservation to trash collection to water and sewer service to promoting area culture and events. We hope you will join us in this celebration and learn more about your city and how it operates for you.

I invite you to stop in any time, my door is always open to listen to your concerns and ideas.

Sincerely,


Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

p.s. I'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to fill out the surveys sent in our last newsletter. We got a lot of valuable information from them.

Living It Up Downtown

This year the City of Dawsonville will be joining cities across the state in celebrating Georgia Cities Week from April 20-26th.

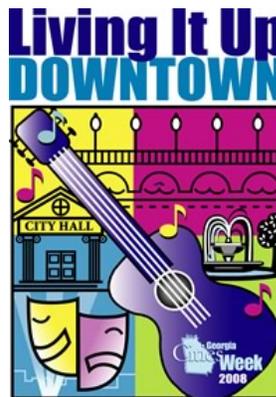
There are various activities planned to recognize the week and you are invited to join in and participate in them.

City staff recently met with Riverview Middle School Principal, Janice Darnell to kick off an essay contest for sixth graders. The theme of the contest is: "If I were Mayor, I would ...". Essays must be 250 words and will need to be turned in to City Hall by April 10th. Local newspaper editors Stephanie Griffin and Linda Carder will judge the essays and gift cards to Wal-mart will be awarded to the top three essays. Both editors will be publishing essays in their respective newspapers as well. Essay winners will be announced April 22nd.

Residents are encouraged to completed the enclosed City Search-a-word Puzzle, fill out the bottom with your name, address, and contact information, then turn the whole page in to

City Hall to have your name included in a drawing for a gift certificate. Three names will be drawn and the lucky winner will get a gift certificate to one of the following downtown restaurants: Fajita Grill; El Rios Mexican Café, or Bella's Bistro. Entries must be received before noon on April 23rd.

Drawing will be held at 2 p.m., April 23rd. Winners will be contacted.



Everyone, young and old, is invited to help brighten up City Hall! Enclosed with this newsletter is a **Living It Up Downtown** poster. You are invited to color or paint or decorate the poster and then either bring it in or mail it to City Hall. We will hang them in the main hall for everyone to enjoy. If you need more copies you can

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8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**For after hours
water or sewer
system
emergencies
please call:
(706) 974-3197 or
(706) 429-6211**

The 7th Annual Art in the Garden Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd & Sunday, May 4th from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. each day. Rain or shine.

Event coordinator Nancy King is accepting vendor applications now.

For more info contact her at 706-216-4306 or via email at Nking10099@aol.com

City Staff at Your Service

Gary Barr,
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stop by City Hall or download them from the city's web site: www.dawsonville.com. Please submit art work by April 21st.

The first 100 people to stop in City Hall during Georgia Cities Week (April 21-25) will receive a three-pack of Vinca flowers grown by the Dawson County High School Agricultural class.

Lastly, the week's events will culminate at a recognition reception to be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 24th, at Peach Brandy Cottage. We will recognize all of the contest winners as well as recognize downtown businesses, organizations, and individuals that have made a significant impact towards improving our city.

Light refreshments will be served and you are invited to join in the celebration.

**Free Adult
CPR Training**



The American Red Cross has teamed up with Peach Brandy Cottage to offer FREE adult CPR certification classes. The Cottage is located off Hwy. 9 S at 3 Shepherds Lane, just south of the historic downtown district.

Classes are Sat., April 5th and will last approximately 2½ hours; to register call 770-532-8453 x29.



From now through November, GRHOF will be hosting a **Community Yard Sale**. Spaces are \$10 each and you can set up at 7 a.m. The next few yard sales are April 5, May 10, & June 7.

Music Fest Live Entertainment

Free Admission—Fun for the whole family!

April 5th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall

Featured Entertainment

Redeeming River Band

New Hope Baptist Church Choir & Trio

For more information about these events contact Charles & Annie Dean Samples: 706-265-3522

New Downtown Businesses

Wall to Wall Designs

33 Hwy. 53 West—770-781-3690

Business Description: Retail floor covering sales.

Ultra Bright of Atlanta, Inc.

Home based—706-265-9899

Business Description: Self administered cosmetic products.

Parker's Petz

Home based—770-833-6670

Business Description: Pet Sitting.

Support your Local Small Business



Article by: Linda Williams,
President, Dawson County
Chamber of Commerce.

The City Council will adopt a proclamation recognizing the importance of small businesses at their April 7th meeting.

As we recognize small businesses, it is the perfect time to remind everyone about the importance of shopping locally. The most obvious reason is you are

supporting a local businessperson and someone who may be providing jobs to others. The paychecks generated by the local businesses are then deposited in our local banks, those deposits become loans for others, interest is generated, and the economic cycle continues.

When you support a local business, don't forget that three percent of your sales tax comes right back into Dawson County. LOST, SPLOST, and ELOST are all variations of local option sales tax that are spent for the benefit of Dawson County citizens. These sales taxes may be designated for use by the local governments for their budget needs, or they may be used for capital improvement projects and wonderful amenities we all enjoy, such as the library, recreational facilities and more. They also fund a significant portion of our public school facilities. By funding these necessary projects with sales tax dollars, the property owners do not have to bear as much of the responsibility financially.

Another good reason to shop locally is simply a payback to the businesses that support so many of the activities in our county. Think of all the business sponsor signs and recognition banners you see at sports events at the schools, recreation department, Relay for Life, United Way and so many, many other events. By doing business locally, you are supporting a business that is in turn supporting a local program or charity.

While some items you need may not be available locally, much of what we buy is right here in our community. When you are tempted to shop a catalog or go online, remind yourself that these far away companies are not contributing to the local sports teams, our churches, Dawson County's Relay for Life, United Way for Dawson County, the local scout troops, and so much more. Support for all of these programs comes primarily from our local business owners!

Notice of Mandatory Water Restrictions effective October 1, 2007 for the City of Dawsonville

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has declared a level four drought response across the state and requires all Georgians to follow the following outdoor water use schedule: Total outdoor watering ban. For any further information please call the City of Dawsonville at (706) 265-3256.