

CITY OF  
DAWSONVILLE

Special Points  
of Interest:

- City Council Meeting — Monday, May 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Kiwanis Fun Run—May 5, 2007 at City Hall.
- GRHOF Car Show, Music Fest and Community Yard Sale —Saturday, May 12, 2007.
- Planning Commission Meeting—Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- City Council Work Session, Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Stars, Cars & BBQ—Friday, May 25th cruise-in 5-9 pm. May 26th Car Show , Live Music, & Vendors 9 am—8 pm.

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# Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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## New Parking Lot for City Hall

The City is pleased with the progress on a new parking lot directly in front of City Hall. This is the first segment of the project which will be three segments in all. The front parking lot is expected to open this week once the striping has been completed. The contractor is expected to complete the striping the last week in April.

Mayor Cox, working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, secured \$152,000.00 in funding to pay for the parking lot improvements.

When this building was acquired for the new home of City Hall, the purchase included the building and six acres of property. The property included in the purchase is the area directly in front of the building abutting Hwy. 53 East, which includes the frontage along Hwy. 53 adjoining Allen Street. It also includes the property directly behind the building that abuts the road.

Immediately after the City acquired the building, an Urban

Redevelopment Plan was developed and adopted by the City Council to help revitalize the 38 acres associated with the Thunder Road Complex.

A part of that plan included creating parking around the perimeter of the building so that citizens may have easier access to the offices, restaurant, and events that take place at City Hall.

In the interim, the City signed a cross utilization agreement to temporarily use the existing parking lot until the property was sold or developed.

The catalyst for the parking project to take place this year is because the property owner has notified the City that they are in serious negotiations with a grocery store and other potential vendors to build on this site. With the impending sale and construction of those retail and office locations, the City needed



to provide parking for its own building.

The expanded parking lot has three segments to the project. The first being the front parking lot, the second segment will include the construction of a lot behind the City Hall. The contractor has already begun this portion of the project.

Once it is near completion, then the third segment will begin which consists of adding curbside parking on the east side of the building close to the restaurant and bingo hall.

"The parking improvements will really help our seniors and disabled citizens to more easily access the restaurant and the offices of the City", said Mayor Cox.

## Mayor's Message



### Posting of the Memorial Wreath—2006 service.

Last year the City was pleased to host a tremendous Memorial Day Service dedicated to those men

and women who have served our country and paid the ultimate price. The keynote speakers had a powerful message and everyone who attended really enjoyed the whole service.

This year the Memorial Day Service will be held at Dawson County Park & Recreation on Hwy. 9 North.

The keynote speaker is Major Leon Millholland, a local citizen of Dawson County and a Resource Officer at Robinson Elementary School. Major Millholland is a

reservist in the Marines and has completed one tour to Iraq; his unit has been reactivated and he will be going back to Iraq this June.



I would like to personally encourage everyone to come out to this service and pay tribute to our service men and women.

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**6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Art in the Garden Festival**

Fine Arts, Quilts,  
Photography, Plants, Garden  
and Porch Accessories, Music

**May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
10am-5pm**

Dawsonville Municipal Complex  
415 Hwy 53 W, Dawsonville  
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**City Staff at Your Service**

Gary Barr,  
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Steve Holder,  
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**Adult Learning Center is a PLUS for Dawsonville**

The Adult Learning Center is a wonderful outreach in our City that helps people empower themselves by completing their GED.

Once a student has completed their GED it often equates to better job opportunities; it can also be the catalyst for a student to continue their education by attending a college, university or technical school.

The Adult Learning Center is located at 223 Allen Street, and is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anyone 16 or older can stop by during those hours for information or to enroll in the GED preparation classes.

You will need to bring a driver's license or state pedestrian ID.

Everyone 16 to 19 will need additional documentation after classes begin. The first step is an evaluation to determine if the student needs to review any subjects before taking the GED test.

Applicants should plan to spend around three hours for the initial evaluation. After that, if review is necessary, the student can schedule a class to study any areas they need to address. Once a student is prepared, instructors will sign the student up for the next available GED test.

**All books and services are free of charge.**



**Bulletin board of Adult Learning Center Graduates.**

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are held Tuesday—Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the second floor of the new Lanier Tech building.

Students can arrive during those hours and sign up in the class.

For additional information please contact Kathy Davis, Interim Director, at 706-265-1690.

**Mayor's Message Cont... Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades**



**Marine Color Guard at the 2006 Memorial Day Service.**

We need to keep those who are currently serving in Iraq in our thoughts and prayers. We want them to all return home safely to their families.

The Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 28, 2007 starting at 3:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Wall at Dawson County Park.

Sincerely,

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

**City Hall will be  
Closed  
Monday, May 28, 2007  
in observance of  
Memorial Day.**

The Mayor and City Council would like to take a moment to thank the citizens of the City for their patience and understanding.

"I know the odor has been difficult for everyone to put up with," said Mayor Cox. "But the upgrades were necessary because the pond was filling up with waste product. The pond can only hold so much material before it can no longer function. We were fortunate in applying for federal funds to help with the upgrades. The City has received 2.2 million in grant funds that won't have to be paid back; and 3.1 million in a low interest long-term loan from United States Department of Agriculture—Rural Development."

The good news is that most of the upgrades to the wastewater

treatment pond are complete and the new aerators have been installed. All of the upgrades are scheduled to be completed by June, 2007.

The aerators infuse massive amounts of oxygen into the pond, and are a critical factor in reducing the odor associated with a treatment pond.

The pond was originally installed back in 1963; this was the first time the pond has been de-sludged. De-sludging is a necessary step in the maintenance of a treatment pond; the unfortunate side affect is the odor that the de-sludging process creates.

All of the work done at the pond has been under the watchful eye of the Environmental Protection Agency.



**New aerators in service at the treatment pond.**