

**CITY OF
DAWSONVILLE**

**Special Points
of Interest:**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
- City Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, February 16 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.

The public is invited to attend any of these meetings which are held at City Hall.

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Dawsonville Profile

City News for the Residents of Dawsonville.

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Change is Inevitable



Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

coming to our community.

Changes in our president, changes in our economy, and significant changes in our world. Some of these changes are like no other I have experienced in my life. Change also makes a good many of us uncomfortable, uneasy about what is happening or what the future holds.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to do a few things: First, pray. Pray for your elected leaders. All of them, from the President down to those of us on the local level.

Second, get involved in your community. There are so many local agencies that need great volunteers and help and you could make a huge difference in someone's life. If you have trouble finding a place to volunteer, call me and I'll be glad to help

In the recent past we have seen a lot of change. Changes to our little town, many being extremely positive. Things like sidewalks, property owners refurbishing historic district stores, and new businesses like Food Lion and Family Dollar

you find something that works for you.

If you are not already associated with a church, then get involved in a church of your choice. Our local churches have many outreach ministries that help those right here at home.

Third, communicate with your local public servants. I recently had a great opportunity to talk with Mr. Bennett, a city resident from Red Hawk subdivision. He made me aware of an issue that bothered him, as it should all of us—litter.

Mr. Bennett is an avid walker, regularly walking 5 miles around town. He took an issue and turned it in to an opportunity and has volunteered to pick up trash along the route as he walks. For his willingness to help improve our hometown, I am thankful.

Starting with February's utility bill, you will see another change. We are in the process of converting to new software which means a change to how your monthly bill will look.

Remember, change is inevitable. We never know what each day is going to bring. Issues are often opportunities if we are only willing to be open to them.

Child Care available Downtown

Lil' Angels Learning Academy, formerly Dawson County Child Development opened October 1, 2007 to serve children six weeks to 12 years in the Dawson, Lumpkin, and Forsyth areas.

Ann Mullinax, the owner, and her staff have over 30 years of combined child care experience. Lil' Angels strives to provide children a comfortable safe place to learn and grow. The center meets both the physical and

educational needs of children by providing educated, first-aid trained instructors to lead an innovative curriculum. Open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Lil' Angels provides USDA approved meals and snacks, a private pre-

K program, and after school care with homework help and tutoring. Art and music are part of all classes. Keypad entry affords children a safe place

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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,
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Planning & Zoning Director



Utility Billing Payments & Collections Policy

Sec. 14-25. Meter reading billings and collection. from the water user's property.

(a) Mailing, paying, and penalties. Bills to customers for water and sewer service shall be mailed out on such day or days of each month as may be determined as desirable by the city. Bills shall be paid at the City Hall and a failure to receive bills or notices shall not prevent such bills from becoming delinquent nor relieve the consumer from payment of same. The failure of water and/or sewer users to pay charges duly imposed shall result in the automatic imposition of the following penalties:

(1) All water and sewer bills are due upon receipt, and nonpayment within 15 days from the billing date will be subject to a penalty of ten percent of the delinquent account.

(2) Nonpayment by the 15th day of the month from the billing date may result in the water being shut off

(3) Nonpayment for 60 days after original due date will allow the city, in addition to all other rights and remedies, to terminate agreement, and in such event, the water user shall not be entitled to receive, nor the city obligated to supply, any water under this agreement.

b) Conditions for reconnection. Service disconnected for nonpayment of bills will be restored only after bills are paid in full, such security deposit as may be required by the mayor and council is made, and a service charge in the amount established by resolution paid for each meter reconnected.

(c) Return check fee. A service charge in the amount established by resolution will be charged on all checks returned to the city for insufficient funds, account closed, etc.

Winter Tips

Winter or rather freezing temperatures can create problems homeowners. City employees have helped several homeowners cut off their water and help find leaks that developed from the freezing temperatures.



If you need help call city hall at 706-265-3256. In the meantime, here's a couple homeowner tips to help you avoid some of the problems associated with cold weather.

- Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by repairing broken windows, insulating walls, closing off crawl spaces and eliminating drafts near doors.
- Unhook hoses from outside spigots.
- Unoccupied areas (like crawl spaces or base-

ments) need to have the temperature kept above freezing.

- Know where your main water shut-off valve is. If a pipe freezes or bursts, shut the water off immediately.
- If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe.
- When you are away have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check your property to insure the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen. Turn your thermostat down, just don't turn it off.
- Replace or clean your furnace filter. This will keep the air in your house cleaner, make your furnace more efficient, and help lower your heating bills.
- If your home has a programmable thermostat, set it for reasonable times and temperatures, i.e. reduce the heat slightly for night time hours, about 4 to 5 degrees cooler than your daytime temperature. If you don't own a programmable thermostat, consider having one installed; they do help reduce heating costs.
- Have your chimney inspected and thoroughly cleaned. A professional chimney-cleaning service will perform a intensive inspection of your chimney and reduce the risk of gas leaks, system failures, even small explosions.
- Be sure your smoke detectors are working.

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to learn and play while giving their parents peace of mind.

Lil' Angels Learning Academy currently has openings and parents interested in enrollment can visit the center at 96 Academy Ave. (the corner of Academy Ave. and Maple St.) in Dawsonville, call (706) 265-3218, or for more information visit www.lilangelslearningacademy.com.

Those who enroll by the end of March for at least eight weeks will receive their 1st and 5th weeks free.