

GWINNETT GAZETEER

Snellville
Gwinnett County, Georgia

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located at 33°51'30" North, 84°0'23" West (33.858439, -84.006324.. As of 2000 had 15,000 plus people showing in the census.

Two young men gave up their jobs and left their homes in London, crossed the Atlantic Ocean and finally made their way into Gwinnett County and settled in Cates District where several public roads converged. The time was the eighteen seventies. After getting some experience as farm hands, they entered the mercantile business. They were partners in business for a while. The partnership was dissolved and each operated separate mercantile establishments.

A post office was established there in 1885. The post office was called Snellville, named for one of these men, Thomas Snell, while the other man, James Sawyer, was appointed postmaster.

Snellville is on the paved highway from Atlanta to Athens by way of Stone Mountain, Snellville, Loganville and Monroe. Several mercantile establishments are doing well there. It has its share of filling stations. There is a gin and other public utilities perhaps there.

Attractive homes are numerous. The Snellville Consolidated School bears the reputation of being one of the best schools in the state. Several granite buildings stand on the spacious campus and a library of 8,000 books points to wise and capable leaders who have been at the head of the school.

The Baptists have a new modern building erected out of native granite. The Methodists have erected a new brick parsonage and are assembling funds for a new church building.

Bonds have been issued by the town for installing a water system.

Exciting new developments have occurred in Snellville since the history was written by J. C. Flanigan.

Monday, May 10, 2004

Governor Perdue Signs City Charter Establishing Council-Manager Form of Government The Mayor, Council Members, and several employees were in the Governor's office at the state capitol for the signing of the City's new Charter establishing a Council-Manager form of government. Mayor Oberholtzer was grateful to have had former Mayor **Brett Harrell** and former Mayor Pro Tem **Melvin Everson** present with **Governor Perdue** at the signing. Brett and Melvin have been instrumental in the progress begun in Snellville that our current administration is now building upon. Also in attendance were three of the bills co-sponsors Representatives **Charles Bannister, Donna Sheldon, and John Heard.**

On Monday, May 10th, the Mayor and Council voted current City Administrator Jeff Timler as the City Manager. Jeff has worked full time at Snellville since March 1996. He has been Snellville's planning director and last December was selected as its City Administrator.



Governor Perdue Signs the City Charter
(Photo Courtesy of Cushing Studios and City of Snellville)

2004 Snellville Receives \$2.2 Million for Town Center Project

The Atlanta Regional Commission has awarded a \$2.2 million grant to the City of Snellville for implementation of the Livable Center's Initiative Study. The total project cost is projected at \$2.8 million for infrastructure improvements, such as intersection enhancements and streetscapes. These improvements will complement the \$10 million City Center Development, currently under construction, which encompasses the City Hall and Senior Center Development, as well as Spohntown's \$71 million mixed-use planned development, Wisteria Square. City Administrator Jeff Timler stated, "as important as this money is to implementation, this grant is also an

incredible stamp of approval from the Atlanta Regional Commission regarding our current planning and direction of sustainable development."

On March 22 the Mayor and Council passed a resolution that would allow the citizens to vote on a referendum for liquor by the drink. This special election will be held on Nov. 2, 2004.

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