

Walnut Grove, GA



2008 Highlights Walnut Grove City Council

- **We adopted a \$1,112,603 budget.**
- **At the end of December 2008 we had a cash balance of \$646,582.**
- **Our indebtedness was reduced by \$ 42,295 from \$227,439 to \$185,144.**
- **The Downtown Development Authority was established.**
- **The Board of Education named the new school Walnut Grove High School.**
- **We took aggressive steps to collect past due “health and sanitation taxes.”**
- **A new playground area was developed and installed in City Park.**
- **We had 3 councilmen attend GMA's Annual meeting in Savannah.**
- **We continued with our plan for the Walnut Grove Parkway which included the acquisition of right of way, development of construction plans and the bidding for the project.**
- **We continued our efforts to negotiate contracts with Integra Water and Walton County which will eventually lead to a waste water treatment system for Walnut Grove.**
- **We appointed Brad Brownlow to serve as judge of the Walnut Grove Municipal Court.**

- **A computer was acquired for the court operations and networked with City Hall.**
- **There were 211 citations issued in 2008 compared to 70 in 2007, a more than 200 percent increase.**
- **We amended our City Charter and various ordinances to facilitate the enforcement and prosecution of violations under our ordinances.**
- **We established the Walnut Grove Library Board.**
- **We utilized SPLOST funds to address street and drainage improvements along Park Street, in Forest Glen and Emerald Cove.**
- **The Walton Division of the American Red Cross occupied Old City Hall**
- **The pavilion at City Park was reserved 47 times.**
- **On a sad note the former Chairman of our Planning and Zoning Commission, Sam Owenby, passed away.**
- **Our staff replace lights on the holiday decorations and lighted the cedar tree on City Hall Grounds.**
- **We were given the rock building which once stood on the Brodnax property fronting on Hwy 138, had it disassembled and moved to City Hall Grounds.**
- **We maintained staff, both in number and individuals.**