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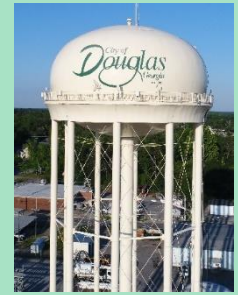
Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings

- *Land Bank Authority, Apr.8, 2pm, Slater House
- *Air Base Preserv. & Dev. Apr. 12, 12pm, via ZOOM
- *City Commission, Apr. 12 & 26, 7pm, CE Weir Center
- *Recreation Commission Apr. 13, 11:45am, Central Square, 384- 5978
- *Downtown Development Authority, Apr. 14, 9am, via Zoom
- *GICH Meeting, No Meeting
- * Mayor's Youth Council, April 15, Youth Center
- *Planning Commission, Apr. 15, 6pm, Ashley Slater House (if needed)
- *Historic Preservation Committee, Apr. 22, 4pm,

*For Zoom information on meetings, please call (912) 383-0277

We have a volunteer vacancy on the Air Base Preservation & Development Committee. For more information, (912)389-3405.

On Saturday, April 10, 2021, the City of Douglas Water Department will be returning Well #4 to operation. The primary area that may be affected is the northside of Douglas. Water Department staff will be flushing the potentially affected areas overnight, however, some customers may experience discolored water. If a customer has rusty or discolored water, faucets should be allowed to run until the water runs clear. If there are questions or concerns, please call the City of Douglas Water Department at 912-389-3444.



CITY OF DOUGLAS PROJECTS ARE PROGRESSING EACH WEEK! City Hall has been completely gutted and demolishing should be completed by end of week. The Premier Sports Complex is coming along nicely! For more photos of the work being accomplished, visit and like our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofDouglasGAGovernment>



City Hall Exterior



4 - Baseball/Softball Fields with Concession Stand



City Hall Interior



Small Football Field



City Hall Interior



2 - Tackle Football Fields

The Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #73 adopted Roundtree Park through Douglas Coffee County Parks and Recreation's Adopt-A-Park program. Over the weekend, members of the Masonic Lodge #73 helped restore and paint four basketball goals on the basketball court in the park. Plans are to refurbish all the goals in the near future. Special thanks to Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #73 and J & T Tire Company for assisting with securely mounting the goals and repainting the goal posts. For more information about the Adopt-A-Park program, please call the Recreation Department at (912)384-5978 or check out their Facebook page.



In March, Douglas Police Department and Broxton Police Department practiced de-escalation exercises. What a great way to work together to protect our communities!



*Ofc. Victoria recruited two new officers to the force from his PACT area!
Welcome aboard Ofc. Garcia and Ofc. Isiah!
Ofc. Victoria supplied both boys with everything they need to start on the job!
Great job Ofc. Victoria!
To find out more about the PACT Program, call (912) 384-2222.*





The Ashley-Slater House grounds experienced some beautification during March. Douglas Utilities helped install new lighted lamp posts throughout the grounds to add to the façade of the historic building and camellia garden. The new lamp posts replace posts that were weather damaged throughout the years. Thanks for the makeover Douglas Utilities!



WWII AIRBASE RECEIVES TREES FOR ARBOR DAY

On Monday, March 22, 2021, members of the City of Douglas Water Department/ESG Operations assisted with planting trees in preparation for an upcoming Arbor Day Ceremony. The trees will provide a buffer between the historic air base and Fairfield Inn and Suites. The WWII Flight Training Air Base Preservation and Development Committee are planning to host an Arbor Day Ceremony at 10am on Friday, April 30, 2021. A very special thank you to everyone who helped with the planting of the trees.



DOWNTOWN POCKET PARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

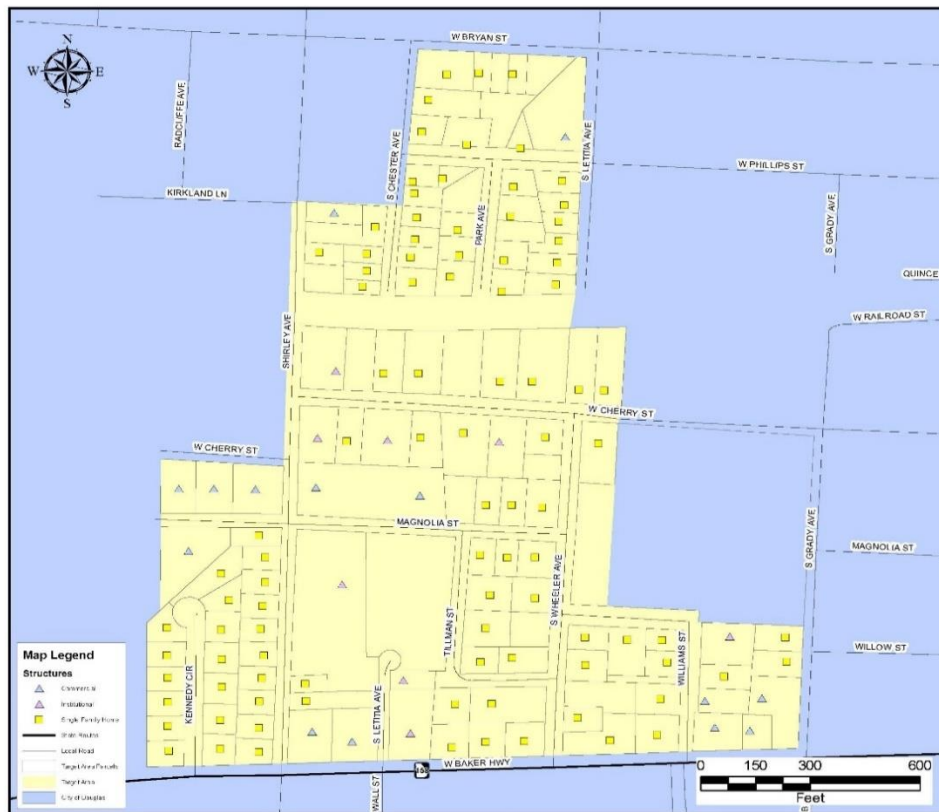
The City of Douglas and the Downtown Development Authority are partnering together for the development of a vacant lot into a usable pocket park in the main street area of the downtown district. Sitework has begun on the lot and once the initial phase is complete the space will be open for use for public and private events. The first phase of the park will create a passive atmosphere with limited amenities for visitors and citizens while shopping and enjoying downtown. “We are excited about this new project downtown,” says Mayor Tony Paulk. “Our downtown is the heart of the City and projects such as these brings new opportunities for growth and leisure enjoyment to our downtown.”



We are still accepting applications for the CDBG Neighborhood Housing Revitalization grant for homeowners in the Mill Quarters area of Douglas. If you already submitted an application, there is no need to submit another. For more information, please contact the Christian in the Community Development Department at (912)383-0277 or cmikell@cityofdouglas.com. Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting at Young's Chapel!



To see if you live in the targeted area, click on the map below.



NUMBER OF UNITS	177
NUMBER OF RESIDENCES (RES.)	174
NUMBER OF OCCUPIED (RES.)	139
PERCENT OF OCCUPIED (RES.)	80%
NUMBER OF OWNER OCCUPIED (RES.)	25
PERCENT OF OWNER OCCUPIED (RES.)	14%
NUMBER OF RENTER OCCUPIED (RES.)	112
PERCENT OF RENTER OCCUPIED (RES.)	65%
NUMBER OF VACANT	35
PERCENT OF VACANT	20%
NUMBER OF UNKNOWN	2
PERCENT OF UNKNOWN	1%
NUMBER OF STANDARD UNITS	132
PERCENT OF STANDARD UNITS	76%
NUMBER OF SUBSTANDARD UNITS	42
PERCENT OF SUBSTANDARD UNITS	24%
NUMBER OF DILAPIDATED UNITS	0
PERCENT OF DILAPIDATED UNITS	0%
TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	292
NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS	31
PERCENT OF WHITE PERSONS	11%
NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS	246
PERCENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS	84%
NUMBER OF HISPANIC PERSONS	15
PERCENT OF HISPANIC PERSONS	5%
NUMBER OF PERSONS LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	273
PERCENT OF PERSONS LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	93%
NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOVE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	19
PERCENT OF PERSONS ABOVE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	7%

*(RES.) - RESIDENCES

**City of Douglas
CDBG 2021
Target Area
Demographics
Map 3 of 9**

Map created January 2021 for general planning purposes only. Refer all questions on data accuracy and availability to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission.

SGRC SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

April 10 & 17, 2021 - 8:30am - 12noon

@ City Pole Yard (670 S. Pearl Ave.)

Customers must be in the drop off line prior to 11:45am

For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.

Would you like to learn about your local city government? If so, you should register for the free Citizens Academy Program (CAP) that will be offered virtually. Students of this program will learn about the day-to-day operations of city government and city departments. Anticipated class dates will be announced and determined once a minimum of 12 participants are registered. For more information or to register for the class, please call 912-383-0277 or email bthomas@cityofdouglas.com.



Citizen's Academy Program

Douglas, GA 101



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

- A-I Million Liquidation Store, 800 S. Madison Ave.
 - Beautifully Bronzed Tan Salon, 1402 W. Baker Hwy. 912-384-8267
 - Lucy's Snack Bar, 802 S. Peterson Ave. 912-850-4561
 - Delores Dooley, 912 Juanita St., 912-393-1054
 - Global Financial Services, 515 S. Peterson Ave. 912-384-2274
 - Queens of Wholesale, 1114 Evergreen Ave. 912-309-9667
 - Coffee Print Co., 902 S.W. Bowens Mill Rd., 912-292-9089
 - 912 Auto Sales, 1138 S.W. Bowens Mill Rd, 912- 384-2886
 - F.L.Y. Fitness, 114 North St., 912-384-9272
 - Amin Surgery Center for Women, 1150 Kirkland Lane, 912-384-6630
 - Fast Check Foods, 1204 W. Ward St.
 - Red Beard Cargo, 1303 N. Peterson Ave. 912-327-8864
 - R.B Brown Lawn Care & Service, 709 E. Baker Hwy. 912-292-6705
 - Swain Drug Co., 855 E. S.W. Bowens Mill Rd. 912-381-1119
 - Sweet Life Nutrition, 1380 W. Baker Hwy., 912-850-4487
 - Daily Dose Nutrition, 118 E. Bryan St., 912-347-1750
- FMI: Call the Code Enforcement office at (912) 389-3462



WE ARE HIRING!

CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM/JOBS
(912) 389-3494

FULL TIME – CITY PLANNER
FULL TIME – POLICE OFFICER
PART-TIME - SUMMER WORKERS

- Youth Program Assistant
- Youth Program Worker
- Swim Team Coach

Apply online www.cityofdouglas.com or in person at 316 E. Bryan Street.
FMI: (912) 389-3494



BID OPPORTUNITIES
cityofdouglas.com/bids
(912)389-3453

- East Gordon Street Drainage Improvements

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you own a business in the City of Douglas, your Occupational Tax Certificate (business license) should be paid on or before Monday, May 31, 2021. After May 31, 2021, a 10% penalty will be applied. For more information, call 912-389-3462.



GRACE PERIOD INFORMATION FOR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS THAT OWE DELINQUENT PROPERTY OR PERSONAL TAXES

At the City Commission meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, the City of Douglas Mayor and Commission approved an extended grace period for business owners and/or property owners to pay delinquent personal and property taxes owed to the City, County, and School Board. The grace period will be now through February 28, 2022.

WHAT DOES THIS EXTENSION MEAN FOR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS?

This extension will allow more time to pay debt owed for personal/property taxes. However, the extension of time by the City of Douglas, does not alter any collections, sales, or plans by the Coffee County Commission.

DO BUSINESSES STILL HAVE TO PURCHASE OR RENEW A BUSINESS LICENSE PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 2021?

YES, all businesses operating in the City of Douglas, whether they owe back taxes or not, need to pay their 2021 license fee on or before May 31, 2021. Each year, business licenses expire on December 31st. The normal renewal period is November 1 through February 28, to avoid a 10% penalty, which begins on March 1.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

City staff will issue provisional occupational tax certificate (business license) for the individuals or businesses provided the business/property owner signs an agreement with terms outlined by the City of Douglas.

If, after signing the agreement, a business or property owner does not bring their tax delinquency current on or before February 28, 2022; effective March 1, 2022, the business or property owner will be charged a 10% penalty. The business owner/property owner may also face a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day, if found to be operating without an occupational tax license from the City of Douglas.


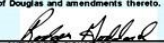


WHERE DO WE GO TO PAY DELINQUENT PROPERTY OR PERSONAL TAX?

To settle delinquent taxes, the business owner or property owner will need to visit the Tax Commissioner's Office at the Coffee County Courthouse.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE OF THE GRACE PERIOD?

Delinquent personal and property taxes, must be paid on or before February 28, 2022, to avoid a 10% penalty, which will begin on March 1, 2022.

 City of Douglas, GA <small>P.O. Box 470 Douglas, GA 31534</small> Occupational Tax Certificate		EXPIRATION DATE 12/31/2021
100 Main Street <small>LOCATION OF BUSINESS</small>	<small>DATE ISSUED</small> 1/01/2021	<small>LICENSE NUMBER</small> 1855000
<small>This license is to be displayed conspicuously at the location of business, and is not transferable or assignable.</small>		LICENSE FOR GENERAL BUSINESS
Douglas Business 100 Main Street DOUGLAS GA 31533		<small>This license is issued pursuant to the provisions of all ordinances of the City of Douglas and amendments thereto.</small>  <small>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</small>

To pay business license fees, customers should go to the Community Development Department – Code Enforcement office which is located at the Ashley-Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue. For more information concerning renewal of business licenses or operating a business within the City of Douglas, please call the Code Enforcement Division, (912)389-3460 or email City Marshal Rodger Goddard, rgoddard@cityofdouglas.com.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

2021 Revitalization Area Strategy

The City of Douglas is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the designation of a Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS) within the City's Urban Redevelopment Area.

The Revitalization Area Strategies designation provides incentives to communities who implement comprehensive redevelopment activities for targeted areas in their city or county. The program rewards innovative local strategies and a commitment to redevelop a targeted area with a comprehensive, collaborative approach that includes public and private partners. More specific details regarding the RAS program will be provided at a public hearing, which will be held at 10:00 A.M. on April 23, 2021, at the Douglas Teen Center, Central Square Complex, 200-G Madison Avenue, South, Douglas, Georgia, 31533.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the RAS application. The City of Douglas is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language should contact Ms. Georgia Henderson, before April 23, 2021. This person can be located at the City of Douglas Community Development Department, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue, Douglas, Georgia 31533, and is available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, or you may call 912-383-0277. Persons with hearing disabilities may consider using the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 800-255-0056 or (Voice) 800-255-0135.

[En Espanol](#) (PDF)



AIRBASE PRESERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*The City of Douglas is seeking one (1) member to serve on the Airbase Preservation and Economic Development, with preferred aviation knowledge or experience. Volunteer applications can be picked up at City Clerk, Customer Care Center, 800 S. Peterson Avenue
For More Information: (912) 384-3302*

GEORGIA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you're a Georgia renter who has fallen behind on rent payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may qualify for assistance. The Georgia Rental Assistance Program can provide up to 15 months of rental assistance and utility assistance, paid directly to landlords and service providers on behalf of tenants. To see if you qualify, <https://georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov/>



YOU'RE INVITED TO

ARBOR DAY TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

HISTORIC WWII FLIGHT TRAINING AIR BASE

APRIL 30, 2021 | STARTS AT 10 A.M.
1 AIRPORT CIRCLE, DOUGLAS, GA

PLEASE JOIN US AS THE WWII AIR BASE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CITY OF DOUGLAS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY WITH THE PLANTING AND DEDICATION OF LEYLAND CYPRESS TREES ON THE HISTORIC AIR BASE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, (912)384-1873

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION

For Georgia Residents Age 16 & older* 

There will be no out-of-pocket costs.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit: www.coffeeregional.org/coronavirus

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY DRIVE-THRU or WALK-UP VACCINATION CLINIC

Central Square Complex Gym : 216 S Madison Ave., Douglas, Ga

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8 am to 1 pm



A photo ID is required.



Masks are required to be worn by everyone.



EMS will be on hand at all times while vaccinations are administered.



Please allow at least 30 minutes for your appointment.

*Georgia is now vaccinating all individuals aged 16 and older. Those under the age of 18 must receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as it is the only vaccine approved for use in individuals 16 and older. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines both have been approved for use in individuals 18 and older.

Brought to you by:



For the latest COVID-19 Executive Orders from Governor Brian Kemp, [click here!](#)



GRATIS Vacuna COVID-19

para las personas que viven en Georgia* 

No habrá gastos de bolsillo. Solamente califican personas mayores de 16 años. Para obtener más información sobre la vacuna COVID-19, visite : www.coffeeregional.org/coronavirus

No es Necesario hacer una Cita

Servicio al coche o puede venir a la clínica

Central Square Complex Gym : 216 S Madison Ave., Douglas, Ga

Martes & Miércoles 8 am hasta 1 pm



Se requiere una identificación con foto.



Se requiere que todos usen sus máscaras.



Los médicos estarán disponibles en todo momento mientras se administran las vacunas.



Por favor, espere al menos 30 minutos para su cita.

*Georgia ahora está vacunando a todas las personas mayores de 16 años. Los menores de 18 años deben recibir la vacuna Pfizer COVID-19, ya que es la única vacuna aprobada para su uso en personas mayores de 16 años. Las vacunas Moderna y Johnson & Johnson han sido aprobadas para su uso en personas mayores de 18 años.

Traído a usted por:



Coffee County Ministerial Association

NATIONAL
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ PRAY WITH AMERICA ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
DAY of PRAYER

May 6, 2021 – 6:30pm
Central Square Complex
FMI: 678-698-1017

DOUGLAS
MAIN STREET *Market*



First Saturday
of each month
8:00 – 2:00

Homemade
Handmade
Homegrown



CENTRAL SQUARE PARKING LOT

Corner of Madison Avenue and Ashley Street



Munch and Music 2021

Emma Ward Park

12:00-1:00 p.m.

April 7	The Archers
April 14	Coffee High Show Choir
April 21	Terri Bailey and Blair Brawner
April 28	Josh McLemore

Bring your lunch and join us for some great music! Drinks and cookies will be available for purchase. Social distancing will be maintained. In case of rain, the performance will be cancelled.



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RIVERKEEPER®

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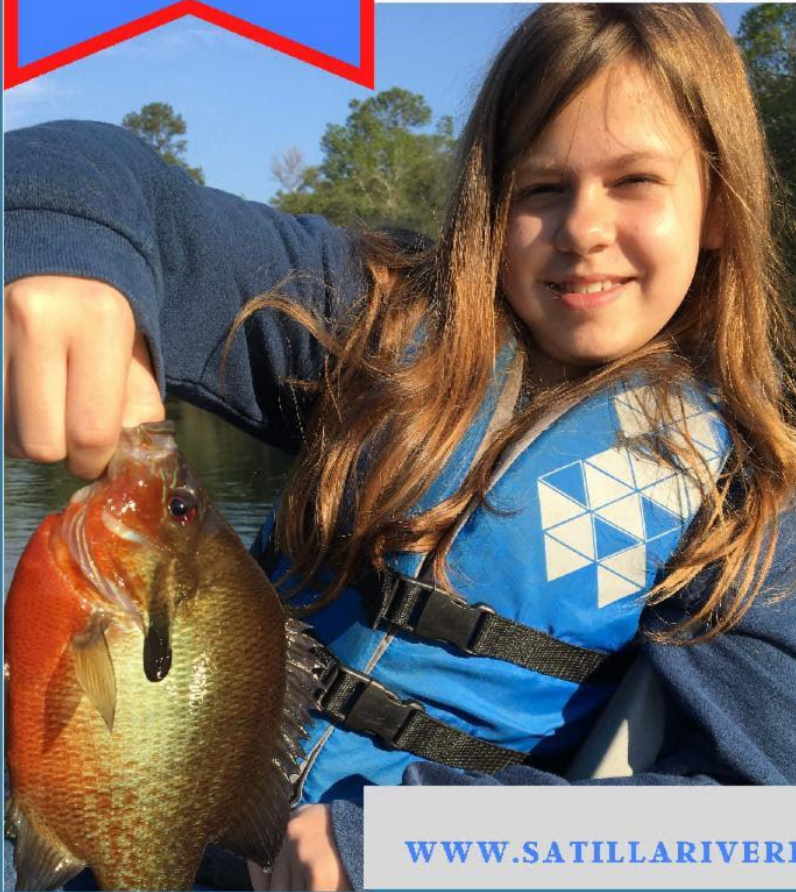
SATILLA RIVER FISHING TOURNAMENT

\$1,000

*in cash
prizes!*

There's an app for that!

APRIL 17 -25, 2021



**DOWNLOAD THE APP
"FISHDONKEY"
TO COMPETE**

ENTRY FEE: \$23

**KIDS UNDER 16 FISH
FREE W/REGISTERED
ADULT**

**SPECIES: REDBREAST,
OTHER PANFISH,
NATIVE CATFISH,
LARGEMOUTH BASS**

MORE INFO:

WWW.SATILLARIVERKEEPER.ORG/TOURNAMENT



DRESS YOUR CAR
A Gift & Trophy

celebrate with us!

5/20/2021

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation

200-C S Madison Ave.

Parking lott



Bring everthing you need to dress
your car up as "May F'lowers"!
FREE event! Call By May 17 to Reg
your Car...912-383-7332

1st- 3rd Places

Coming Soon!

Save the Date

COFFEE CAUSE FOR PAWS

PRESENTS

2021
Pups
ON
Parade
A DOG SHOW FOR ALL DOGS



JUNE 5, 2021

Central Square Gym B

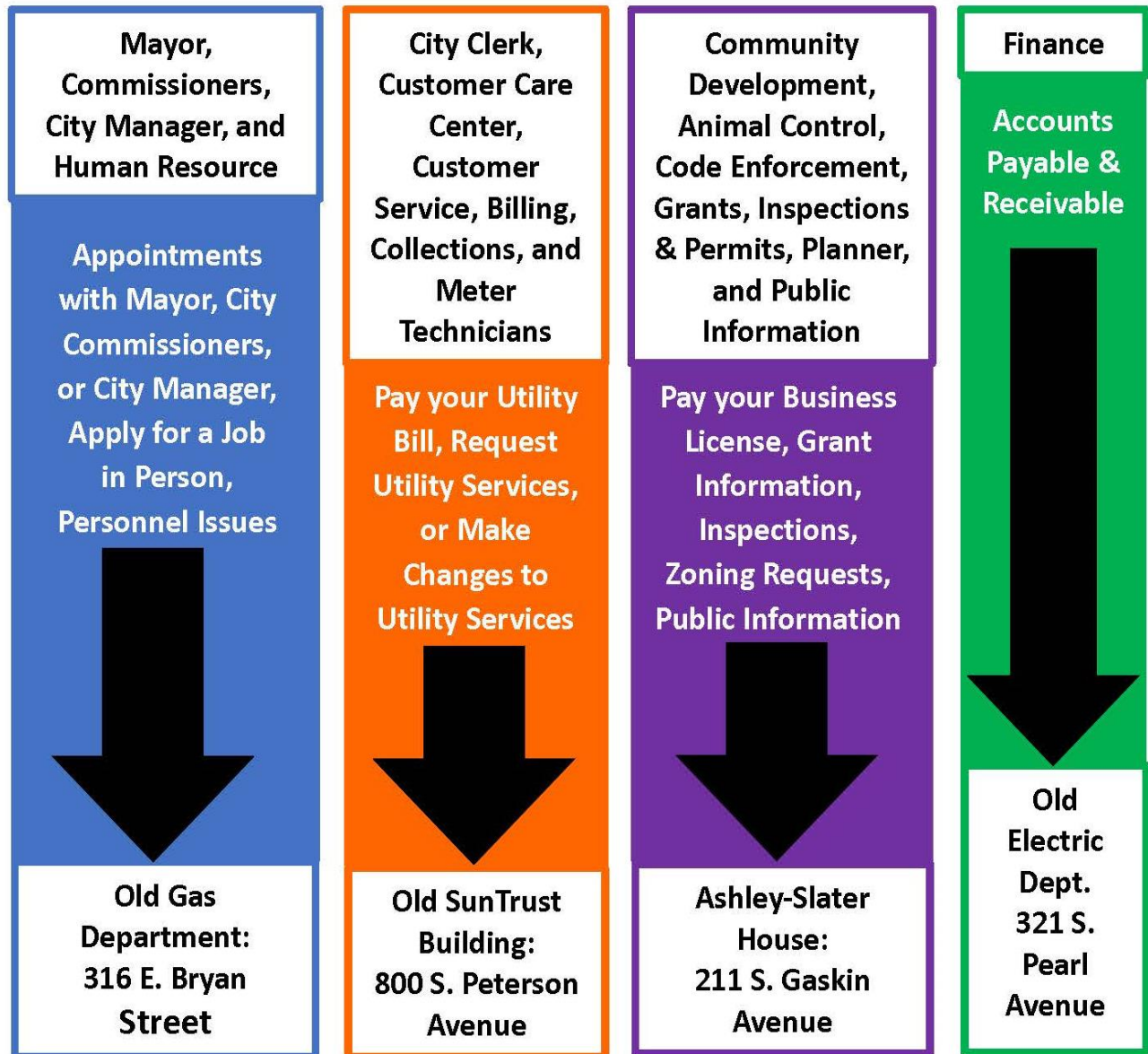
Douglas, Georgia

10:00 - 3:30

**For more information, Watch our Facebook page
or email us at CCFPPupsOnParade@gmail.com**

WE HAVE MOVED!

ATTN: CITIZENS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021, CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE OPEN AND RELOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:



Bid openings will be held at the new Douglas Utilities building meeting room located at the Municipal Services Complex, 100 Public Works Way. City Commission meetings will continue to be held at the C.E. Weir Center (307 E. Bryan St.) on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month, unless otherwise publicized. At times, phone lines may be temporarily out of order and citizens are encouraged to remain patient as this transition is underway.

For more information, (912)384-3302.