



VOLUME XII

MAY 2021 E-NEWSLETTER

ISSUE V

Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings

- *Air Base Preserv. & Dev.
May 10, 12pm, via ZOOM
- *City Commission, May 10 & 21, 7pm, CE Weir Center
- *Recreation Commission
May 11, 11:45am, Central Square, 384- 5978
- *Downtown Development Authority, May 12, 9am, via Zoom
- *Land Bank Authority, May 13, 4pm, Ashley Slater
- *Planning Commission, May 20, 6pm, Ashley Slater House (if needed)
- *Historic Preservation Committee, May 27, 4pm,

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR
May 31, 2021

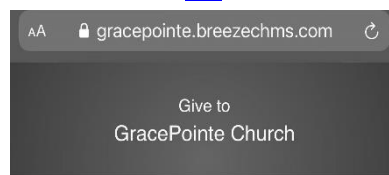


We have volunteer vacancies on the Historic Preservation Committee and Downtown Development Authority. Youth Volunteers are needed for the Douglas Mayor's Youth Council and Teen Court. For more information (912)389-3405.

RELIEF FUND FOR STORM/TORNADO RELIEF

At GracePointe Church, there is an account that is earmarked specifically for storm relief and will be distributed throughout the community as needs continue to arise in the coming weeks. The funds will be used to assist storm relief efforts as well as to assist homeowners without insurance in home repairs. Please refer to the graphic to ensure that you are donating to the right fund marked, LOCAL STORM RECOVERY.

<https://gracepointe.breezechms.com/give/online>.



\$ 0.00



THANK YOU



American Idol
WILLIE SPENCE

Let's all continue to support our hometown favorite, Willie Spence, on his American Idol journey! He's made it to the top 7 and we are so excited for him! Tune in Sunday, May 9, 8pm and remember to vote during the LIVE show! <https://idolvote.abc.com/>

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER FUN WITH DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION!

SIGN UP HERE!

CDBG GRANT DOLLARS AT WORK!!

Grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant are helping with street and drainage improvements to help with flooding issues in the Hollywood Drive area. Five streets in the area, Blakely, Wicker, Ironwood, Marco, and Vista Way will be paved to also help alleviate flooding.



CITY AWARDED TWO GRANTS IN APRIL FROM DCA

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) awarded \$400,000 in grant funds to the City of Douglas through the DCA 2021 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP). The CHIP funds will be used to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing in Douglas.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) also awarded \$1,788,761.00 in grant funds to the City of Douglas through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The CDBG-MIT funds will be used to for street and drainage improvements on West Jefferson Street, Fleetwood Circle, and Sears Street.

Thank you to our residents who participated in public meetings and surveys conducted by city representatives. With your input, we were able to receive these funds to improve housing and/or streets. FMI: <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/>

IMPORTANT: DEADLINE APPROACHING

ATTN: CITY BUSINESS OWNERS
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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that downtown businesses that are located within the RURAL Zone may qualify for tax credits relating to property purchase, rehabilitation costs, and job creation? Find out if your business qualifies at <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/261/RURAL-Zone>.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SPOTLIGHT!

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Douglas!

Here's some of our OUTSTANDING employees that are celebrating employment anniversaries of 5 years or more with the City of Douglas during the month of May!

- Tanya Simpson (Customer Service – 9 yrs.)
- Brandon Haygood (Police Department – 11 yrs.)
- Brittany O'Steen (Police Department – 11 yrs.)
- Randy Thacker (Natural Gas – 16 yrs.)
- Richard Butler (Douglas Utilities – 18 yrs.)
- Randle Parker (Building Inspections – 18 yrs.)
- Donnie Browning (Parks & Recreation – 18 yrs.)
- Scottie Wiggins (Fire Dept. – 19 yrs.)
- Sidney Howell (Parks & Recreation – 23 yrs.)
- Brantly Anderson (Fire Dept. – 24 yrs.)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Full-time Level III Mechanic

(Deadline to Apply: May 11, 5pm)

Police Officer

(open until filled)

Part-Time Volunteer Firefighter

Apply in person at Human Resource Department located at 316 E. Bryan Street (old Gas Dept. building) or online at

<https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/jobs.aspx>

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Marq Roberts – 10 years
Douglas Fire Department

Tammy Wilkerson – 20 yrs.
Human Resource Director



Shirley Ross – 20 yrs.
Douglas Fire Department



Administrative Professional's Day was celebrated throughout City of Douglas offices on April 21, 2021. We send a special thank you to our administrative assistants for all they do to help keep our offices running smoothly.



Jercandiya McCoggle (Administrative Assistant) and Georgia Henderson (Community Development Director)

Kimberly Tucker (Administrative Assistant, City Clerk/Customer Service Department)



Casey Wright (DFD Fire Chief), Shirley Ross (Administrative Assistant, and Brynson Lott (DFD Captain/Training Officer)

CITY HALL AND POCKET PARK PROJECT UPDATE

The Pocket Park, located in downtown, is experiencing some construction with the addition of areas for seating and plant life. City Hall has framework and underground construction taking place. For more photos of the work being accomplished, visit and like our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofDouglasGAGovernment>

Pocket Park



City Hall



PREMIER SPORTS PARK UPDATE

The Premier Sports Complex continues to move along nicely. It will not be long before grass is planted and some green fields start to appear. This is going to be a fantastic park for sports! For more photos of the work being accomplished, visit and like our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofDouglasGAGovernment>

Concession Stand, Playground & 4 Ballfields



Small Football Field & Small Concession Stand



2-Large Football Fields & Concession Stand



LOTS OF ACTIVITY HAPPENING AT DOUGLAS SQUARE ALSO!!

The ground is moving for the next phase of stores that will be anchored to Hobby Lobby.

Hobby Lobby



L-R: Starbucks, CRMC Urgent Care & Jersey Mike's Subs



CITY RECEIVES CERTIFIED GICH ALUMNI STATUS

Receiving the alumni status will allow the City of Douglas to continue to seek support from the State of Georgia so that residents of the community will continue to benefit from enhanced access to affordable housing. Certified alumni cities enjoy special consideration on DCA program applications. For full press release, <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AIID=1342>



Georgia Initiative for Community Housing

CERTIFIED

The City of Douglas celebrated the importance of animal control on Friday, April 16, 2021 by hosting a small celebration for Douglas' Animal Control Officer, Tim Gay.

The Animal Control Division of the Community Development Department provides an essential community role of helping to educate the public on animal control ordinances which includes proper care of pets, enforcement of Douglas' Animal Control Ordinances, and the protection of citizens from diseases such as rabies. Last year, animal control responded to 726 calls which included rescuing 267 puppies/dogs, 218 kittens/cats, the removal of 138 dead animals and 103 miscellaneous calls.

THANK YOU



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@cityofdouglasga.gov.



Citizen's Academy Program

Douglas, GA 101



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Weazycuttinup, LLC, 1202 Railroad St.
912-493-0327

Day Legal Consultants, 603 Briarwood Rd
904-447-8260

Sierra And Company, 611 Peachtree Rd.
912-501-9442

Care Medical Center, 306 Shirley Ave,
229-300-7200

Georgia Ag Services, 1642 S. Peterson Ave.,
912-384-3255

Royalty Trailers, 1410 W. Baker Hwy, 912-260-1041

Selflove Salon & Boutique, 805 N. Peterson Ave.,
912-347-6600

Alterations Plus, 708 E. Baker Hwy., 912-501-9158

Ga. Boyz Marine, 1138 S.E. Bowens Mill Rd.,
912-850-5529

The Cold Mess, 770 Greenwillow Dr., 912-389-2555

FMI: Call the Code Enforcement office at
(912) 389-3462



BID OPPORTUNITIES

cityofdouglasga.gov
(912)389-3463

- **Football/Soccer Equipment**
- **New Pool House**

WWII AIR BASE COMMITTEE HOLDS ARBOR DAY AND TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

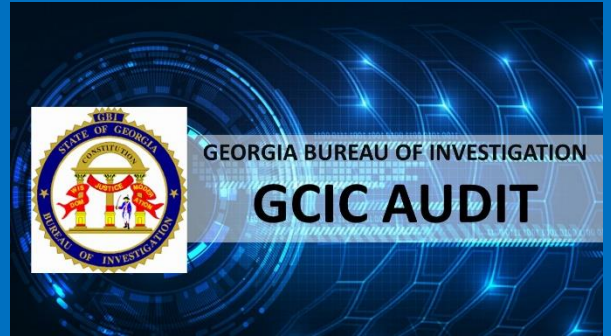
The WWII Flight Training Air Base Preservation and Development Committee held an Arbor Day and Tree Dedication Ceremony on April 30, 2021 in honor of longtime committee member and retired city employee, Ken Hayes. Ken was instrumental in the development of the committee and played a major role with the WWII Air Base being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Hayes passed away earlier this year after battling cancer. The 80+ trees that are planted on the Air Base will serve as buffer between the Air Base and Fairfield Inn and Suites. Special guests were members of Ken's family: his daughter Heather McDonald, son Kenneth & Sarah Hayes, sister Shari & Charles Watson, and Ken's grandchildren (Addison McDonald, Lucas McDonald, Sklar Hayes and Zander Hayes). Special thanks to Dr. Patel, American Legion Post 515, and Georgia Forestry Commission.



Pictured (L-R): Dr. Carl McDonald (Air Base Committee Chairman), Mayor Tony Paulk, Kenneth Hayes, Skylar Hayes, Zander Hayes, Sarah Hayes, Charles Watson, Shari Watson, Addison McDonald, Heather McDonald, and Lucas McDonald

DPD AND MARSHAL'S OFFICE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE GCIC AUDIT

During the last week of April 2021, the Douglas Police Department and City Marshal's office were evaluated by the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) during their FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) audit. Both law enforcement offices satisfactorily passed the audit. The purpose of the audit is to ensure that each agency is following CJIS and GCIC policy in order to keep using the database. The City of Douglas uses the system to run criminal histories, tags, licenses, and to enter wanted/missing people. www.cityofdouglasga.gov



MAY IS BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Tony Paulk proclaimed May as Brain Tumor Awareness Month. Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children ages 0-14 years.

Picture 1: Mayor Paulk signing the Proclamation

Picture 2: City Clerk Wynetta Bolder and Cole Hall

(Pediatric stroke and low grade glioma brain tumor survivor)

Residential Junk **Drop-Off** Day

May 15, 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.

The City of Douglas is seeking 1 member to serve on the Downtown Development Authority. For all qualifications and to apply, visit the City Clerk's office, located at 800 S. Peterson Avenue. FMI: (912) 384-3302 or www.cityofdouglas.com

The City of Douglas is seeking (1) member to serve on the Historic Preservation Committee. For qualifications and to apply, volunteer applications may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office located at 800 S. Peterson Ave.

For More Information: (912) 384-3302 or www.cityofdouglas.com

DOUGLAS

COFFEE COUNTY • GA

Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Authority



COFFEE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT JOB FAIR



WHEN: Thursday, May 13
8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

WHERE: Coffee High School Gym

*To participate, please complete
the registration below
on or before
Friday, May 7th*

Job Fair Setup

- Please arrive by 8:00 a.m. for scheduled set up scheduled 8:00 – 8:15.
- Park in the designated area near CHS Gym steps.
- CHS Academy Ambassadors will greet you outside the gym and provide guidance into the building.
- 8 ft. table will be provided for each company.
- Minimum age requirements for your company will be posted at your table and visible for students based on your response to the survey.

Preparations

- Expect an estimate of 1000 students to attend the job fair between 8:30 – 11:15
- Prepare your company's information to provide students OR have a **QR code** for students to scan for information.

Who will attend the job fair?

- On the day of the job fair, there will be only 1 week of school remaining.
 - Some students may be graduating and ready to enter the workforce.
 - Some students may be seeking summer employment only.
 - Some students may be seeking summer employment and/or after-school employment fall semester.
 - Some students may be participating in *Work-Based Learning.

* What is Work-Based Learning(WBL)

- ✓ Students who would like to participate in WBL must be at least 16 years old *and* in 11th or 12th grade.
- ✓ WBL placements are career-related educational experiences and should be directly related to a student's chosen pathway.
- ✓ WBL students can be released for employment one or more blocks daily. (1 block=90 minutes)

SHE'S READY TO DIG!

HAVE YOU CALLED 811 YET?

Safe digging is no accident.
One easy call to 811 gets utility
lines in your yard marked and
helps protect you from injury
and expense.

www.call811.com



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

Join Us

**FIRST
SATURDAYS
IN
DOWNTOWN
DOUGLAS**





MAY IS
Mental
Health
Awareness
Month



GO
GREEN
IN MAY FOR
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



We are encouraging the community to **GO GREEN** for mental health awareness month by wearing green every Friday this month!

Make sure to take a picture in your green attire and tag us on social media!

#UnisonBH #MentalHealthAwareness



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:



\$70 PER WEEK

Camps ARE LIMITED!

KIDS Summer CAMP

We will follow all safty guid lines

AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD

JUNE 7-24, 2021

REGISTRATION: online or at office (912)383-7332 www.cityofdouglas.com

Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation
200-C S. Madison Ave. Douglas, Ga.

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Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation

MY TIME SUMMER CAMP

Fun

Creative

Tumbling

Fitness, Crafts, Music, Tumbling, Dress up Time, Mini Trampoline and Lots of FUN!

- Costs is \$50 City/Con. OOC \$60
- Registration Tuesday, May 4th online or Parks & Recreation 200-C South Madison Ave. *AGES: 4-6
- 3 pm - 6 pm
- Camp Dates June 28- 30 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am to 12 noon
- Art Center 200-E S Madison Ave. North end

HURRY UP CALL NOW 912-383-7332 www.cityofdouglas.com

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SOUTHEASTERN SWE WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

SWE Presents

"ENCOUNTER YOUR WILD SIDE" Wildlife Camp

Field Trip

Games

Arts & Crafts

Lessons

LIVE ANIMALS

FEAT: TYLER "GATORBOY" LOTT

June 28-30 8am-12pm

Age: 8yr+ \$75 per kid

For more info: (912)592-4563 Swencounters.com SWE on Facebook

Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation Dept.

TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THESE SUMMER CAMPS OR FOR ANY SPORTS CAMPS, PLEASE GO TO [HTTPS://HOSTEDPR.TYL](https://hostedpr.tylertech.com/parksrec) [ERTECH.COM/PARKSREC](https://hostedpr.tylertech.com/parksrec) [DOUGLASGA.LIVE/HOME](https://hostedpr.tylertech.com/parksrec) OR SIGN UP IN PERSON AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 200 S. MADISON AVENUE, DOUGLAS! FMI: 912-384-5978 OR 912-383-7332.



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 Flowers"!

FREE event! Call By May 17 to Reg
your Car...912-383-7332

1st- 3rd Places

Big Bend Paddlers

Bloomin' Paddle & Walking Tour of Broxton Rocks May 15, 2021

Launch location: Barr's Bluff Landing (Coffee County)
Take-out location: Flat Tub Landing (Jeff Davis County)
(7.2 miles)

For more information about times,
paddle fees and pre-registration or
day-of registration:
telfairco.org/bigbendpaddlers.html

Chamber of Commerce:

Ph (229) 868-6365

Email: rogers@telfairco.org

Big Bend Paddlers
T-Shirts

Available during on-site
Registration: \$15 each
while supplies last

Paddlers must provide their own watercraft & paddle, life jacket, snacks & drinks during the paddle. In addition, bring a sack lunch to enjoy at take-out.

Drinks for sack lunch will be provided. After lunch, using your personal vehicles, we will travel to the Broxton Rocks for a guided walking tour. For

more information about the Broxton Rocks, go to:

www.nature.org and enter Broxton Rocks in the search bar.

Be sure to bring bug spray and sunscreen for paddle and walking tour!



Big Bend Paddlers is a paddle group organized under the guidance of
the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak Street | McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-6365

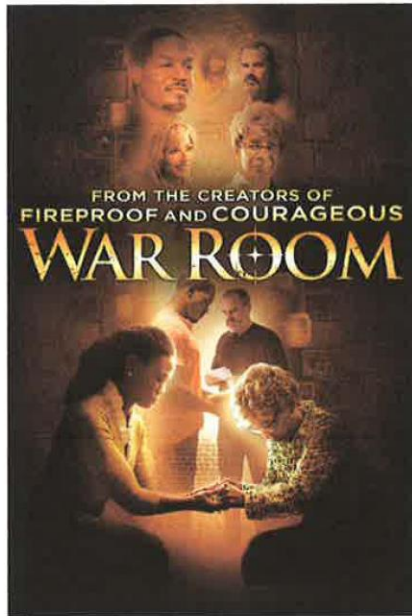
For information about being a member of
Big Bend Paddlers:

www.telfairco.org/bigbendpaddlers.html

GATHERED IN
HIS  NAME
OUTREACH MATTHEW 18:20

Free Movie Event!!

Tuesday, May 18th



Doors Open: 6pm
Movie Begins: 7pm

Location:
Rockin' 8 Cinemas

**Donations
Welcome**

To Reserve Your Seats, Contact
Ginny Carver @ 912-381-8972

Filled with heart, humor, and wit, WAR ROOM follows Tony and Elizabeth Jordan, a couple who seemingly have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, their dream home. But appearances can be deceiving. In reality, their marriage has become a war zone and their daughter is collateral damage. With guidance from Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman, Elizabeth discovers she can start fighting for her family instead of against them. As the power of prayer and Elizabeth's newly energized faith transform her life, will Tony join the fight and become the man he knows he needs to be? Together, their real enemy doesn't have a prayer.

Rated PG for thematic elements throughout

Sponsor: Westwood Baptist Church
2650 Youngie Fussell Rd
Ambrose, GA

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



COMMUNITIES OF STRENGTH: MAY 2021

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SOUTHERN GEORGIA
REGIONAL COMMISSION

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FLYER



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The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) and the Southern Georgia CARE-NET would like to invite you to the next Southern Georgia CARE-NET Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021
from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Via Conference Call
Dial-in Phone Number: (605) 313-5738
Meeting Access Code: 835324#**

Guest Speaker will be Briana Chapman, Regional Administrator of Georgia Living Senior Home Care and charter member of the Senior Healthcare Professionals of Waycross.

For more information, please call Connie Miss or Kimberly Rodgers at 912-285-6097.

Celebrating Older American's (OAM) Month

This year, the SGRC-AAA is celebrating OAM by encouraging community members to share their experiences. Together, we can find strength and create a stronger future. Here are some ways to share:

- Look for joy in the everyday
- Reach out to neighbors
- Build new skills
- Share your story

*Join us on Facebook for the celebration:
Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging*



www.acl.gov



**Tifton Meeting: May 18, 2021 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am
at the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce
100 Central Ave S Tifton, GA 31794**

**Waycross Meeting: May 26, 2021 at 8:00 am to 9:00 am
at the James Carl Jones Family Center
809 Beacon St. Waycross, GA 31501**

See above two networking collaboratives for professionals who work with local senior citizens. Both meetings help attendees stay up-to-date and informed on all of the resources available to seniors within the Tifton and Waycross communities and in surrounding areas.

*The purpose of this publication is to share resources and information, it is not paid advertisement nor is it an endorsement of any service, provider, or company featured. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging (SGRC-AAA) develops, provides, coordinates, and advocates for services that assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in the eighteen counties of Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, and Ware. Contact the AAA's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 912-287-5888 or 1-888-732-4464. Visit the website: www.sgrc.us/aaa.html; Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SouthernGeorgiaAreaAgencyonAging/

**Coffee Cause for Paws
Invites You and Your Family Pup
to a Fun Family Event**

**\$1
Donation
for
Admission**

JUNE 5, 2021

**Central Square Gym B • Douglas, Georgia
10:00 am**

**2021
Pups
ON Parade**
A DOG SHOW FOR ALL DOGS

**\$10
per category
to enter**

Enter your dog in the following categories
Tallest Dog Best Smile Wiggly Butt
Tiniest Dog Best Trick Golden Oldie
Wackiest Hair Quirkiest Ears Most Obedient
Looks Most Like Owner

**Enter
by
June 1st**

**Immediately following the Dog Show . . .
come see our lovable dogs available for adoption at
Coffee Cause for Paws Adoption Event**

Furry Friends Expo
Including animal friendly vendors
Door Prizes and much more . . .

**For more information, Watch our Facebook page
for Entry Forms email us at CCFPpupsOnParade@gmail.com**