



VOLUME XII

## JULY 2021 E-NEWSLETTER

ISSUE VII

### Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings

- \*Land Bank Authority, July 8, 4pm, Slater House
- \*Air Base Preserv. & Dev. July 12, 12pm, Airport
- \*City Commission, July 12 & 26, 7pm, Weir Center
- \*Recreation Commission July 13, 11:45am, Central Square, 384- 5978
- \*Downtown Development Authority, July 14, 9am, Slater House
- \*Airport Commission, July 14, Airport
- \*Veterans Park Committee, July 21, Airport
- \*Historic Preservation Committee, July 22, 4pm, Slater House
- \*History At High Noon, July 28, 12Noon, Museum

Youth Volunteers are needed for Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court.

For more information (912)389-3405.

**DAVIS WADE PARK IMPROVEMENTS WILL BEGIN SOON - CITY WILL NOT BE DEMOLISHING TENNIS COURTS**  
 Several citizens have contacted the City of Douglas expressing concerns for the renovations that will soon be taking place at Davis Wade Park.

Davis Wade Park has six tennis courts that will not be demolished and will remain for public use while the Miracle Field and Swimming Pool construction is taking place. Parking for the tennis courts will be in the city parking lot on Letitia Avenue and W. Ashley Street. For full release, [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com).



**Citizen's Academy Program**

Douglas, GA 101

Sign up is now underway for the Douglas 101: Citizen's Academy Program. Click here for more information or to download your registration form!



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**  
 We love this nighttime shot of the Douglas Fire Department Ladder Truck!

DFD encourages everyone to practice safety with fireworks when celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

**FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS**

Douglas-Coffee County, GA

# 4TH *at* JULY

## *Freedom Fest*

July 3, 2021-6pm  
JC ADAMS MUNICIPAL PARK  
JARDINE STADIUM  
*Music—Food—Fun*

For more information, call (912)389-3401 or (912)383-0277.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY



Charles Lewis Construction—Premium Peanut—Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce

Julian and Ada Meeks—Brooks Auto Parts

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 GRPA 14U Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament State Runner-Up team! This Douglas-Coffee County Allstar team battled with teams from across the state on June 22-25, 2021 and had a record of 6-2 to take the State Runner-Up spot! WAY TO GO!!**  
**Coaches: Ashley Day, Andy Thomas**  
**Roster: Brylee Clements, Ansley Day, Emerson Day, Abby Dockery, Gracy Floyd, Amelia Gibson, Ryli Nipper, Imori Paulk, Erin Robinson, Karlee Thomas**



The Douglas Senior Citizen's Club held their June luncheon on June 24, 2021 at the CE Weir Center. Special thanks to the Douglas Fire Department for joining us at our luncheon and for all they do for our community. We invite all senior citizens to join us and enjoy great food, fun and fellowship on the third Thursday of each month! If you would like to get involved with the Douglas Senior Citizen's Club, please contact Gina Gibbs, Fitness/Special Programs Coordinator, at 912-383-7332.

Congratulations to the DCCPRD Track All-Stars that competed at the GRPA State Track Meet! These young athletes were recently recognized during the City Commission meeting on June 14, 2021. Thanks for representing Douglas and Coffee County!!



(Front Row L – R) Serenity Moses- 4th in Long Jump, Tycorian Ellerton- 5th in 400 meters, 6th in 800 meters, Donderian Simpson – 8th in 50 meters, Aaliyah Tinner – 8th in 200 meters, Tylisa White – 3rd in 200 meters, 3rd in long jump, 1st in 400 meters, Kevyn Murphy- 6th in 50 meters, Ethan Harrell- future track star  
 (Back Row L – R) Coach Ronnie Graham, Mayor Tony Paulk, Isaiah Harrell – 5th in long jump, Antrania Kennedy – 2nd in long jump, Comm Cindy McNeil, Kalonnie Freeman – 2nd in long jump, 8th in 100 meters, Coach Brandi Harrell



**BID OPPORTUNITIES**  
**cityofdouglasga.gov**  
**(912)389-3463**

- Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse Outpatient Facility
- Airfield Electrical Replacement

## Residential Junk **Drop-Off** Day

**July 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.**

# 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 July!

- John Clayton (8 years – Police)
- Jan McLarnon (9 years – Customer Service)
- Michael Hudson (12 years – Douglas Utilities Director)
- Lee Clements (22 years – Fire Department)
- Allen Dennison (23 years – Customer Service)

# MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Dennis Trowell – 25 years  
Vehicle Maintenance  
Department



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**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>

Each year, the City of Douglas holds an appreciation luncheon for city employees. During the luncheon, employees with 20+ years of service are recognized, and all employees are treated to great food, door prizes, and more fun. Elected officials and the City Manager are allowed time to share their appreciation to all employees and join in on the fun. City employees who are on the FISH! Committee organize, setup/cleanup, and prepare the food for the luncheon. The FISH! Committee is a group of employees who help to improve morale among co-workers by using the FISH! philosophy.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the luncheon this year! For more photos from the luncheon, please LIKE our Facebook page, [CityofDouglasGAGovernment](https://www.facebook.com/CityofDouglasGAGovernment).



City Employees with 20 years of Service are pictured with City Commissioner Cindy McNeill. L-R: Charles Davis (City Manager), Tammy Wilkerson (Human Resources), Shirley Ross (Fire), Curtis Gasque (Fire), Hollis McKinnon (Electric)  
Not pictured: Stacey Williams (Police)

City Employees with 25 years of service, Charlie Purcell (Electric) and Georgia Henderson (Community Development Director), are pictured with City Commissioner Cindy McNeill and City Manager Charlie Davis.



City Employees with 30 years of service, Jerome Perkins (Police) and Bart McCulloch (Police), are pictured with City Commissioner Cindy McNeill and City Manager Charlie Davis.



## POCKET PARK, CITY HALL, AND PREMIER SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT UPDATES 6-28-2021

Pocket Park – In June, we had the addition of overhead lighting, the installation of a flagpole, irrigation, sod, Crepe Myrtle trees and greenery. Thanks for the beautiful job, Greenscapes Landscaping!



*(Photo courtesy of Dawson Adams Photography)*

Caboose Restoration – In June, we had the addition of overhead lighting and concrete pads for step accessibility.



PREMIER SPORTS PARK – Continued construction with infields receiving clay fencing, and parking lots are paved.



4- Baseball/Softball Fields with Concession Stand & Playground and parking area



2- Football Fields with Concession Stand and parking areas. Practice field & additional parking is in background of photo.

**Hobby Lobby is looking great with work continuing on the interior with the addition of peg board, lighting, HVAC, and work on restrooms has begun. We may see an opening date coming as soon!**



**Thanks for doing business in the City of Douglas and Coffee County!**



**Swain's Pharmacy located at 855 Bowens Mill Rd SW Suite E, Douglas, GA 31533 912-260-1064**

## **Douglas Police Department Teen Police Academy**

**July 26, 2021 - July 30, 2021**

**6:00pm-8:00pm (M-F)**

**Ages 13-18**

**To apply, contact Cpl. Patrick West at (912)384-2222.**

**We are missing our favorites at Danny's since it closed on June 26, but, we can't wait to what's in store as remodeling project begins!**



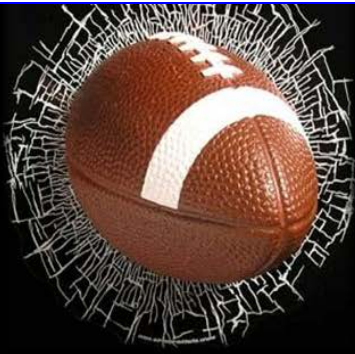
👉 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR 👈  
CITY OF DOUGLAS BUSINESS OWNERS

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - If you have not renewed your 2021 business license, it is urgent that you contact Code Enforcement to purchase your business license as soon as possible. Business owners who are operating their business without a City of Douglas Occupational Tax license, will be fined a 10% penalty and may also face a separate fine, per day, not to exceed \$1,000. FMI:(912)389-3460 OR (912)389-3462**

## **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 12 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/>**





**Douglas-Coffee County  
Parks and Recreation  
Football Registrations  
Age control date prior to  
Sept. 1, 2021**

**Early Registration:  
June 14 – July 16**

**Flag: \$40 City/County, OOC \$80  
Tackle \$ 40 City/County, OOC \$80**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978**



**Douglas-Coffee County  
Parks and Recreation  
Cheer Registration**



**Ages: 5-10 – Age Control Date September 1, 2021**

**Early Regular Registration: June 14<sup>th</sup> - July 16<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$35.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978**



# Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Soccer Registration

**Ages: 5-17 (Co-ed)**

**Early Registration:**

**June 14 - July 16, 2021**

**Cost: \$35.00 City/County,  
Out of County \$80.00**

**Age control prior to  
September 1, 2021**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 912-384-5978**

# DOUGLAS MAIN STREET *Market*



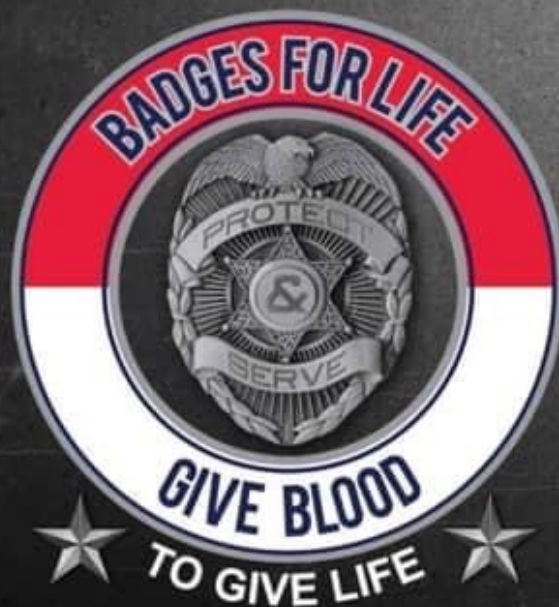
**First Saturday  
of each month  
8:00 – 2:00**

**Homemade  
Handmade  
Homegrown**



**CENTRAL SQUARE PARKING LOT**

*Corner of Madison Avenue and Ashley Street*



8th Annual City of Douglas Badges for Life Blood Drive

**Wednesday, July 21**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

*Coffee Regional Medical Center*

1101 Ocilla Rd., Douglas, GA 31533

All donors will receive:

- **FREE Badges for Life T-shirt\***
- **Wellness Checkup** including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.\*\*



For more information, call **1.888.9.DONATE** (1.888.936.6283) or to make an appointment please visit **oneblood.org**.

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. \*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. While supplies last. Item may vary from image shown. \*\*Donor must have successful donation to obtain test results. If donor does not have account created in donor portal already, they must provide email address to oneblood at the time of registration so account can be created. Donor will receive email post donation with instructions. The same email provided at registration is used to activate donor portal account. We ask that you please wait to donate at least 14 days if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

oneblood.org

oneblood   
Share your power.

# Regional Public Transit begins in Southern Georgia on **July 1, 2021**

The opportunity for ridership will be available to the general public and passengers will be able to schedule trips for any purpose within the participating regional counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Coffee, Cook, Irwin, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware.

For updates about the new service check this website:

<https://www.sgrc.us/public-transit-services.html>

and the SGRC Facebook Page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernGeorgiaRC/>

Trips can be booked by passengers by calling at least 24-hours in advance:

## **1-855-360-7475**



REGIONAL SERVICES • COMMUNITY FOCUSED

**THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND**

marshalltucker.com

**THE MARTIN CENTRE**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 26, 2021**  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

**THE MARTIN CENTRE**  
109 E ASHLEY STREET DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY JULY 2, 2021



# JULY

Satilla Regional Library System's  
Summer Reading Program 2021

HAPPINESS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU POSTPONE FOR THE FUTURE;  
IT IS SOMETHING YOU DESIGN FOR THE PRESENT.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Summer Reading: Signup Begins (May 24th) June 1st - July 22nd All performers will be in-person at the times and locations listed.				1	2	3
	6	7 Gerard Juggler and Illusionist 11:00 AM Douglas 3:00 PM Willacoochee		8 Juggling Workshop with Gerard 10:30 AM Douglas	9 Outdoor Movie Pearson Library 8:30 PM Pearson	10 Minecraft Video Gaming Tournament 11:00 AM Douglas
	13	14 Magical Balloons DeWayne Reynolds 11:00 AM Douglas 2:30 PM Pearson		15	16 Outdoor Movie Douglas Library 8:30 PM Douglas	17 Minecraft Video Gaming Grand Tournament 11:00 AM Douglas
	20	21 Chehaw Zoo 11:00 AM Douglas 2:30 PM Willacoochee		22 Final Day to turn in reading logs for SRP drawing.	23 Outdoor Movie Broxton Library 8:30 PM Broxton	24
	27	28	29	30	31	
						For more information: <a href="http://www.srllsys.org">www.srllsys.org</a>





# Coffee County School Nutrition Summer Meals Program

**All children 18 and younger are eligible to receive FREE meals during the summer!** *No registration is required.* Meal service will be available on May 27, June 7, 14 & 21, and July 6 & 13. Each child will receive breakfast & lunch for seven days on these designated days. *These are also the dates for bus delivery.*

Pick meals up at the following locations:

**Coffee Middle School** (10:00-10:45 a.m.)

**Roundtree Center** (10:30 a.m.)

**Popular Springs Church** in Nicholls (10:30 a.m.)

or the following bus stop locations\*:

\*bus route delivery begins at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Ambrose	Community Center, Pete Evans Grocery, Smith's Grocery, corner of Sink Hole & Boardwalk
Broxton	Corner of E. Hill St. & Hwy 268, Pridgen Grocery, Old Catfish House location
Eastside	Corner of N. Gaskin & Briarwood, Corner of 206 Conn & Jim Dr, Amberwood Apts, Douglas Pines Apts, Estes Apts, Century Apts
Indian Creek	Cindy's Store, Guthrie's Store, Upton Junction
Nicholls	Corner of North Ave & N. Coffee St., Community Center, Shady Pines MHP, Mink Rd entrance, Adams Store
Satilla	Cady Store, Green Acres Store, Groves MHP (by mailboxes)
West Green	WG Baptist Church, Haley Circle entrance, New BP Station 221/206, Hope Center
Westside	Wheeler Park (Peachtree/Daughtry), corner of S. College & W. Cherry St., Benton's Seafood, Kennedy Circle entrance, Town & Country MHP, Georgian Woods Apts

# FREE

# COVID-19 VACCINATION

For Individuals Age 12 & older\*



There will be no out-of-pocket costs. CRMC is currently administering Moderna (Weds) & Pfizer (Tues) 2-dose vaccines. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit: [www.coffeeregional.org/coronavirus](http://www.coffeeregional.org/coronavirus)

## INDOOR VACCINATION CLINIC

Located at Coffee Regional Medical Center Cafeteria

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Clinic held inside the CRMC Cafeteria – 1101 Ocilla Road, Douglas, Ga

**Tuesdays (Pfizer) 6:30 am to 11:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Wednesdays (Moderna) 6:30 am to 11:00 am**



A photo ID is required.



Please allow at least 30 minutes for your appointment.



Masks are required to be worn by everyone inside CRMC.

\*Georgia is now vaccinating all individuals aged 12 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 age 12 and older. Parental consent required for those under the age of 18. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines both have been approved for use in individuals 18 and older.

Brought to you by:



### COFFEE COUNTY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON PROPERTY 101 N Peterson Avenue

Building has 2 floors totaling 14,960 sq ft  
plus a basement with 4,056 sq ft.

Bid opening 9:00 am on 7/27/21

*For more information:*

Wesley Vickers, Coffee County Administrator  
912-384-4799

[wesley.vickers@coffeecounty-ga.gov](mailto:wesley.vickers@coffeecounty-ga.gov)



# Coffee County Schools

## Open House Schedule for 2021-2022



### **Elementary Schools: 3:00-6:00 PM**

August 4 - Head of Household Last Names A-M

August 5 - Head of Household Last Names N-Z

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### **Coffee Middle School: 4:00-7:00 PM**

August 4 - 6th Grade

August 5 - 7th & 8th Grade

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### **George Washington Carver Freshman Campus:**

August 5 - 3:00 – 6:00 PM

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### **Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy:**

August 4 - 2:00-6:00 PM

9th – 11th Grade

August 5 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Makeups

August 5 - 3:00-5:00 PM

12th Grade

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### **Coffee County Educational Academy:**

August 4 & 5 - 3:00 – 6:00 PM

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### **Coffee High School: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

August 5 - Engineering, Agriculture & Mechanics

Fine Arts, Business & Information Technology

August 6 - Health & Human Resources

Public Service & Education

*We Are Coffee*

SAVE THE DATE  
**17th Annual**



August 6-7, 2021  
8 A.M. - 6 P.M.

# PEACHES TO THE BEACHES

## ANNUAL YARD SALE

The 2021 Event will be held August 6-7

Over 200 Miles of treasures along  
GA Hwy 341 from  
Barnesville, GA to Brunswick, GA



For more information:  
[www.peachestothebeaches.com](http://www.peachestothebeaches.com)



Local American Legion Post 515  
Brings Wreaths Across America  
to Veterans of Coffee County



**"Live up to their Legacy!"**

### Support Veterans

➤ **OBSERVED:**

Annually, the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday in December across  
the United States and 24  
foreign countries.

➤ **NATIONAL GOAL:**

Place a wreath on every  
Veteran's grave in our  
National Cemeteries.

Sponsor a wreath (\$15.00 ea)  
or an entire Cemetery.  
All are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

Make checks payable to and mail  
to American Legion Post 515, Inc  
P.O. BOX 2094  
Douglas, GA 31534  
Contact Jerome Loving: 912-592-6413



WREATHS  
across  
AMERICA

Ceremony is 12 PM @ TBD  
December 18, 2021



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

### Sponsor a Wreath

➤ **POST GOAL:**

Place a flag and wreath on every  
Veteran's Grave of Coffee County.

➤ **MISSION:**

REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH

Over 3,000 Veterans

Donations for flags and wreaths  
by November 1st.

Venmo Account:  
@AmericanLegionPost515

Place Flags at Cemeteries  
for December 7

# 57TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE THEME CONTEST

- \* Deadline to enter: July 29, 2021 at 5pm.
- \* If the winning theme is submitted by more than one person, the first submission will be selected as the winner.
- \* Winner will be announced August 1, 2021.
- \* The winner and 1 guest (friend or parent) will ride with Santa during the parade.
- \* Must be a current resident of Douglas - Coffee County, GA.
- \* Complete the entry form by clicking on the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxUQ56aAoNvpI9RGO\\_8Z0sg84tIzE8Uw9vIYh5TQCFE66s7g/viuewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxUQ56aAoNvpI9RGO_8Z0sg84tIzE8Uw9vIYh5TQCFE66s7g/viuewform)

**Ride with Santa in the 2021 Christmas Parade**

**DECEMBER 4, 2021**

Christmas Parade Theme  
**CONTEST**

Kids 14 & under submit your ideas for a parade theme.

The winner will ride with Santa in this year's Christmas parade!

Complete the attached google form to enter.