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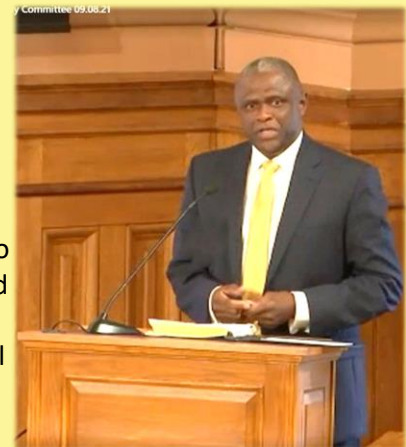
ISSUE IX

Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings

- *Air Base Preserv. & Dev. Sept. 13, 12pm, Airport
- *City Commission, Sept. 13 & 27, 7pm, Weir Center
- *Keep Douglas Beautiful Committee, Sept. 14, 2:30pm, Slater House
- *Recreation Commission Sept. 14, 11:45am, Central Square, 384- 5978
- *Veterans Park Committee, Sept. 15, 10am, Airport
- *Citizens Advisory Committee, Sept. 15, 6pm, Youth Center
- *Historic Preservation Committee, Sept. 23, 4pm, Slater House

MAYOR PAULK SPEAKS BEFORE JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and City of Douglas presented valuable information about Georgia's Airports and the economic impact of Georgia Airports to the Joint Study Committee on Airport Infrastructure and Improvements at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia. Mayor Tony L. Paulk represented the Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport before the Joint Committee. For full news release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



Georgia Community Affairs
GEORGIA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OUT OF WORK BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC?
Need help paying rent in Georgia?

[Apply For Aid Here](#)

On Friday, August 20, 2021, City/ESG Operations Water Department crews installed a Hydra-Stop Valve prior to performing maintenance on the Pearl Avenue Water Tank. The valve will give Water Department crews the ability to maintain and repair the water system safely and efficiently, without service disruption to our customers.



Mayor Receives Certificate of Distinction at Georgia Municipal Association Convention

Mayor Tony Paulk was awarded the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute's Certificate of Distinction during the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Annual Convention in August. To receive a Certificate of Distinction, a city official must complete a minimum of 204 hours of training, including at least 72 hours from the list of required courses from the Newly Elected Officials Institute and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute.


"This is an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson. "We commend Mayor Paulk for this accomplishment and for the dedication he's shown in using this valuable resource to become a more effective city official."



THANK YOU A.Y.M. (AMBITIOUS YOUNG MEN), FOR HELPING KEEP OUR EASTSIDE PARK BEAUTIFUL! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!



DOUGLAS, GEORGIA



DOUGLAS YOUTH COUNCIL

UPDATE

The 2021-2022 Douglas Mayor's Youth Council members have been busy! Youth Council members have been traveling throughout the region representing Douglas and learning about the many roles of an elected official, the importance of networking with peers, and praying for our community. The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6pm at the Youth Center.

The Douglas Mayor's Youth Council 2021-2022 members are Jenna Williams (Jr. Mayor), Jalene Debro (Jr. Mayor Pro Tem), Meia Batten, Jeremiah Bazell, Brody Grantham, Aby Mazariegos, and Joana Mazariegos.



Jr. Mayor Jenna Williams proudly carried the City of Douglas Flag during the opening ceremony at the Georgia Municipal Association's Convention.



Youth Council members disperse free back to school giveaways during the National Night Out Event.



Douglas Mayor's Youth Council members attended BenchMark Physical Therapy's ribbon cutting with Mayor Tony Paulk.

For more information about the Douglas Mayor's Youth Council, please call Youth Council & Teen Court Coordinator, Dinitra Williams at (912) 331-9398 or City Clerk Wynetta Bolder (912)389-3405.

**CONGRATULATIONS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
GRPA STATE WINNERS!**

The Douglas Parks and Recreation Department's Golf, Swim, and Tennis Team State Winners were recognized by the Mayor and City Commission on Monday, August 16, 2021. For the 5th year, the Douglas Stingrays Swim Team won State at the GRPA State Swim meet. Hannah Powell and Allie Davis represented Douglas and Coffee County in the GRPA State Golf Tournament. Hannah won State in the 12 & Under Golf division and Allie won State in the 15 & Under Golf Division. At the GRPA State Tennis Tournament, Jedidiah Betts (8 & Under Boys Singles), Gage Smith (10 Under Boys Singles Runner-up), Lainey Griffin (12 & Under Girls Singles), Wynn Griffin & Lainey Griffin (12 & Under Mixed Boys & Girls Champions), Emme Cole & Kensley Knight (14 & Under Girls Doubles State Runner-ups) all were State Tennis winners in their divisions.



Pictured (L-R): City Commissioner Cindy McNeill, Hannah Powell (Golf), Kensley Knight (Tennis), Gage Smith (Tennis), Jedidiah Betts (Golf), Patrick Lenzo (Swim), Olivia Lenzo (Swim), Brian O'Boyle (Swim), and Mayor Tony Paulk.



CDBG Grant Project Update
Paving is almost completed in the Hollywood Drive area for the streets of Blakely, Wicker, Ironwood, Marco, and Vista Way. The items that will need completion will be the final dressing/grassing, and permanent striping.



BID OPPORTUNITIES
cityofdouglasga.gov
(912)389-3463

- **Two (2) - 2022 Ram 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4**
- **Land For Lease at Douglas Municipal Airport**

Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

Sept. 18, 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!

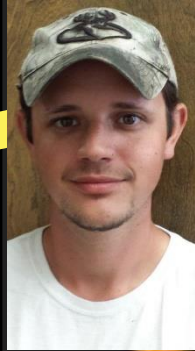
Thank you for your service to the citizens of Douglas!

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 September!

Mason Cater – 6 years (Police Department)
Miguel Lopez – 6 years (Police Department)
Jesse Music – 7 years (Fire Department)
Patrick West – 7 years (Police Department)
Brannen Pruette – 11 years (Police Department)
Ashley Purvis – 11 years (Police Department)
Tim Gay – 12 years (Community Development – Animal Control)
Tammy Pittman – 12 years (Police Department)
Jake Phillips – 14 years (Douglas Utilities – Natural Gas)
Howard Whidden – 14 years (Community Development- Airport)
Andrew Jackson – 17 years (Douglas Utilities – Natural Gas)
Carol Goodman – 19 years (Parks & Recreation)
Bart McCulloch – 31 years (Police Department)



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Joey Casteloes –Douglas Utilities Department/Natural Gas (5 Yrs.)

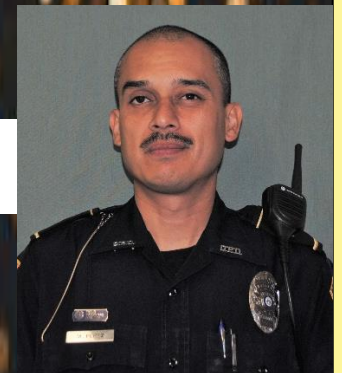
Chris Davis – Douglas Utilities Department/Natural Gas (5 Yrs.)



Nia Wilkerson – Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation (5 yrs.)



Margarito Perez – Police Department (15 yrs.)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Level III Mechanic

Police Officer (open until filled)

Part-Time Volunteer Firefighter

Part-Time Concession Personnel, Field

Supervisor, Scorekeeper, &

Stadium Worker

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>

Want to join our team?



DAVIS WADE PARK & CITY HALL PROJECT UPDATES

DAVIS WADE PARK – New Pool Area, Miracle Field & ADA Playground



Construction crews have poured and leveled the base of the pool. After the base sets, which can sometimes take several days based on the weather, the walls can be poured. Once the walls set, the concrete will need to "cure" for a few weeks. The outline of other areas of the park from drone photos are below.



CITY HALL

The renovations and extensions of City Hall is moving along. A new roofing system is being added, office spaces, the Customer Care Center, and the Council Room have been added to the front of the building. Once completed, the main entrance to City Hall will face Madison Avenue.



Can we just say WOW!! The Premier Sports Complex is almost complete!
Landscaping continues and other detail work is underway.



4 – Baseball/Softball Fields with Concession Stand, Restrooms, Playground, and Batting Cages



Small Football Field with Concession Stand & Restrooms



2 – Larger Football Fields with Concession Stand & Restrooms

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

101 Smoke Shop, 811 N Peterson Ave., #807,
386-965-1919

Southern Pride Trailer Sales, 1816 S. Peterson
Avenue, 912-292-0644

SCBA Marketing, 112 North Street, 912-850-3048

Daniel Carter Construction, 1315 McDonald Rd.,
912-331-8343

T's Sweets & Treats, 1234 S. Madison Avenue,
912-850-0083

Clementine Collection, 202 Circle Drive,
912-592-7937

BE THE CHANGE

**VOLUNTEER &
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**



The City of Douglas would like to encourage citizens to attend or become a part of various city committees and boards. Currently, there are vacancies on the Citizens Advisory Committee, Keep Douglas Beautiful Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Air Base Preservation and Development Committee. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on one of these boards, please call (912) 389-3405 or visit <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/136/Authorities-Boards-Commissions>.

LET'S GET SOCIAL & CONNECT WITH US!



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@CityofDouglasGAGovernment



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<https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/133/Social-Media>



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chamber and economic development authority



August 2021

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



Benchmark Physical Therapy
located at 235 W. Ward Street,
Douglas, GA 31533.
(912)525-5400



Hobby Lobby located at Douglas
Square, 1035 S. Peterson Avenue,
Suite A, Douglas, GA 31533.
(912)260-1163

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Mayor Tony Paulk has proclaimed September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Douglas and encourages everyone to GO GOLD & support the Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County.

SUPPORT – ADVOCATE - CURE

👉 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



You're invited to

NATIONAL

FAITH & BLUE

WEEKEND

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

Hosted By:

**Chuches of Douglas and
Coffee County
&
Law Enforcement Agencies**

When & Where:

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021
During Morning Services at
Douglas and
Coffee County Churches**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month and as a part of the Faith & Blue Weekend, officers will collect donations for the Magnolia House. The Magnolia House offers shelter for women and children that are victims of domestic abuse. For more information about the Magnolia House, call 912-285-5850.



Learn More: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG



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FOUNDATION**



2021 MAGNOLIA HOUSE PURPLE BAG CHALLENGE

Victims leaving domestic violence relationships, often need help rebuilding their lives. Items we may consider small can seem overwhelming to replace to someone who is working to rebuild everything. This year, we ask that you pick up a purple bag from our Thrift Shop, or from one of our Advocates and fill it with the items listed, then return it by October 15th. When domestic violence victims receive these bags, they are not just receiving self care items. they receive HOPE. They receive the gift of knowing someone cares. For people who have been through so much, knowing someone cared enough to **FILL-A-BAG** can be the HOPE someone needs to keep moving forward.

Please join us in the challenge by filling a bag with:

WOMEN:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Bodywash/Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Razors/Shaving Cream
Makeup/Chapstick
Brush/Comb
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Q-Tips/Kleenex/
Bath Towels
Twin XL and/or Full Sheets
Hair Products for all
cultures

CHILDREN:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Bodywash/Soap
Baby Lotion
Baby Powder
Coloring Books/Crayons
Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Brushes/Combs
Hair Products for all
cultures

**Thank
You!**

Please call us & we will pick-up your filled bags by Oct. 15th



COFFEE STRONG JOB FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Multiple Businesses On Site

ATRIUM EVENT CENTER

114 North Peterson Avenue

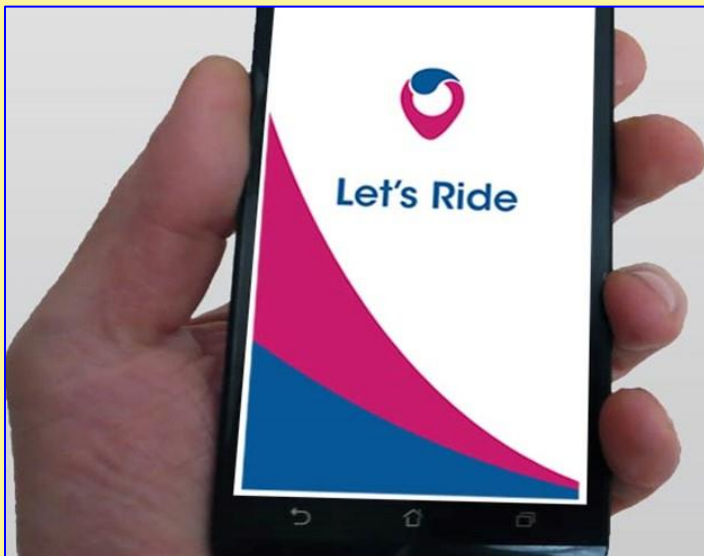
Your connection to rural transit in Georgia

letsridega.com

Cost for each one-way trip \$3.00 + .50 per mile over 10 miles.

Call at least 24 hrs. in advance.

1-855-360-7475



Virtual

MENTAL HEALTH FAIR

Promoting Wellness for People in *Recovery*

SEPTEMBER 13 - 17

VIA FACEBOOK @UNISONBH

live interviews with mental
health professionals

interactive games & prizes

information about community
resources



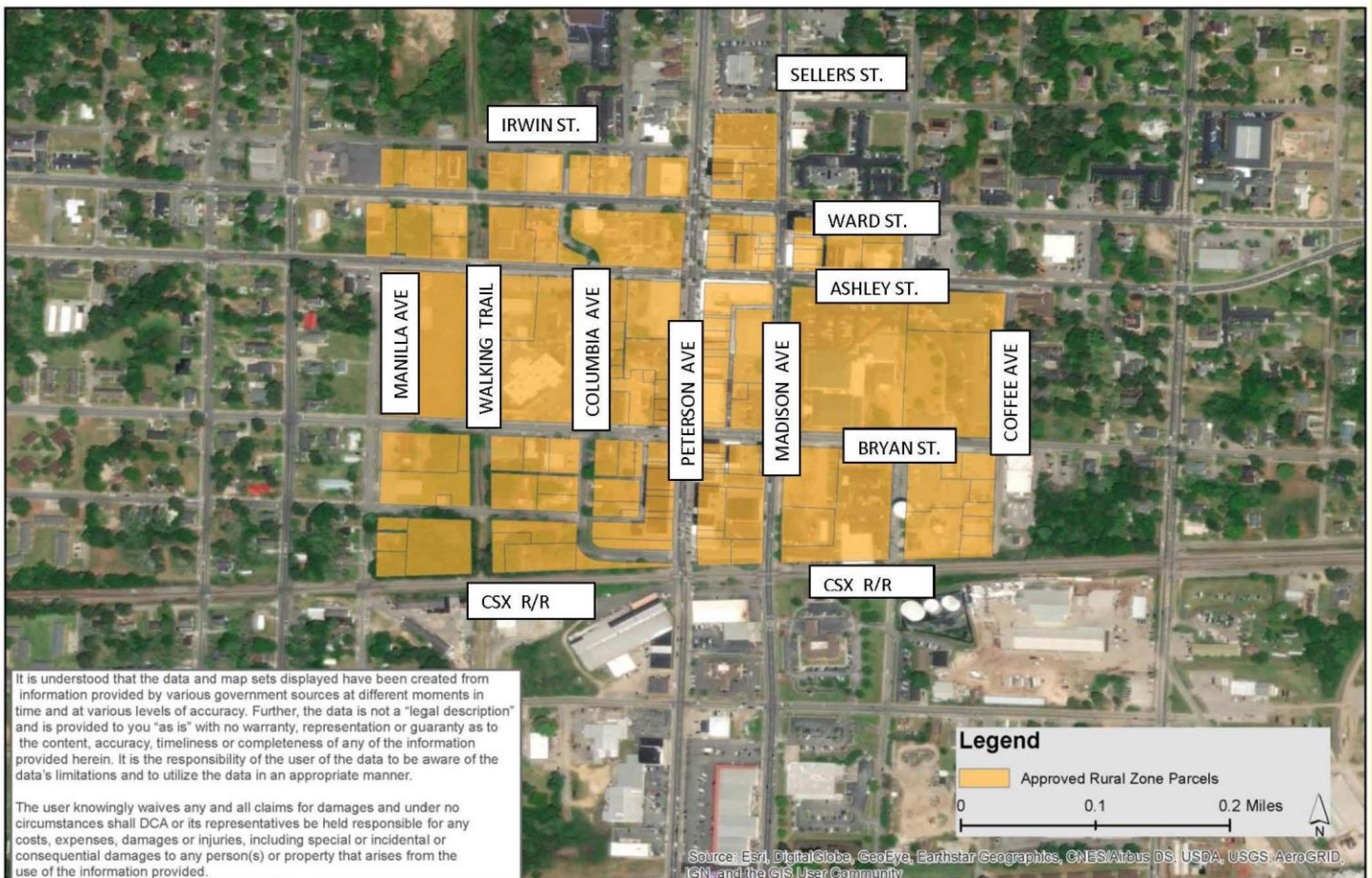
Georgia
Department of
Behavioral Health
& Developmental
Disabilities



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that downtown businesses that are located within the RURAL Zone June 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>.

Official Rural Zone map for City of Douglas



Get a COVID-19 Vaccination

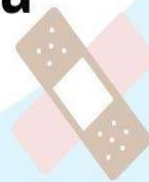


Tuesday: Pfizer

6:30 am - 11 am; 5 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday: Moderna

6:30 am - 11 am



FMI visit us online at
www.coffeeregional.org/coronavirus

To Serve. To Heal. To Save.

Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or provides grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

- **Be the homeowner and occupy the house**
- **Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere**
- **Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income**
- **For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan**

What is an eligible area?

Generally, rural areas with a population less than 35,000 are eligible. Applicants may check the address of their home to determine eligibility online.

How may funds be used?

- Loans may be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$20,000.
- Maximum grant is \$7,500.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%.
- Full title service is required for loans of \$7,500 or more.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7,500.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years.

- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are available year round as long as funding is available and are processed in the order they are received.

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a USDA home loan specialist in your area for help with the application.

How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist in your area.

What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended, 7 CFR, Part 3550
- HB-1-3550 - Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants Field Office Handbook

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Governs This Program?" You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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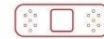


SOUTHERN GEORGIA
REGIONAL COMMISSION

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FLYER

COVID-19 doesn't
give you a choice.
VACCINES DO.



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dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine



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Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Events



September 3rd -

Echols Co Senior Center

September 9th -

Charlton Co Senior Center

September 10th -

City of Ocilla Senior Center

September 14th -

City of Willacoochee
Senior Center

Locate a COVID-19 Vaccine in Georgia

Department of Public Health Vaccine Locator Health
Department Scheduling Link:

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine> or call **1-888-457-0186**

No cost roundtrip transportation to vaccine appointments for those age 60 and older; call the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging at **1-888-73-AGING** or **1-888-732-4464**

COVID-19 Vaccination at home for homebound Georgia residents who are unable to travel for a vaccine due to ongoing physical/mental disability:

- **By phone:** to leave a voicemail request call **1-888-572-0112** to leave a message and someone will return your call to obtain additional information
- **By email:** send an email to HVS@dph.ga.gov with the following information for the person who requires an at-home vaccination: name, date of birth, street address, city, county, and contact phone number (to obtain additional information and schedule the vaccination)

SGRC-AAA offers free Dementia Friend Georgia Information Sessions for anyone in the community & Dealing With Dementia Training Workshops for caregivers. Call Connie Miss or Kimberly Rodgers at Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging 912-285-6097 www.sgrc.us/aaa.html



Fall Prevention
Awareness Week
September 20th - 24th

ncoa | FallsFree CheckUp
national council on aging | YOU CAN PREVENT A FALL

<https://www.ncoa.org/article/falls-free-checkup>

*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/

COMING UP AT THE MARTIN CENTRE! FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, <https://www.facebook.com/themartincentre>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL GOPHER TORTOISE FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2021!!



Participation is requested by **FIRST RESPONDERS**, but open to the public.

*You do not have to wear high heels to participate.

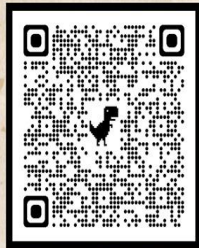
*No Registration Fee - please bring hygiene items to donate to Magnolia House Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc.

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**Highest
Heel**

**Most
Entertaining
Walk**

**Fastest
Walk**



Join us for **A MILE IN HER SHOES**

Presented by: Magnolia House Shelter, Douglas Police Department, Coffee County Law Enforcement & First Responders

HEROES IN HEELS

"You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in his or her shoes."

Saturday, October 9, 2021

**Central Square Complex
216 S. Madison Ave. Douglas, GA. 31533**

1:00pm -2:00pm

To Register: Call 912-490-5550, or email your name & phone number to dvad@magnoiahouseshelter.com
You may also register at the event.



Save the Date

2021 Community Health & Wellness Event

OCTOBER 2, 2021 8:00AM-12:00PM

Coffee Regional Medical Center
1101 Ocilla Road, Douglas, GA 31533



**TRACY
LAWRENCE**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 2021
THE MARTIN CENTRE DOUGLAS, GA**