

*On behalf of the City of Douglas Mayor,
Commission, and employees,
we wish you and your family a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



*December 2021 E-Newsletter
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**Authorities, Boards, and
Committee Meetings**

**Air Base Preservation and
Development Committee**
Dec. 13, 12PM, at the Douglas
Municipal Airport, 440 Elton
Brooks Blvd.

City Commission
Dec. 13 & 27, 2021, 7PM, at
the CE Weir Center, 307 E.
Bryan Street.

Recreation Commission
Dec. 14, 11:45am, Central
Square Complex, 200 S.
Madison Avenue.

**Keep Douglas Beautiful
Committee** – Dec. 14, 2:30PM,
Ashley Slater House, 211 S.
Gaskin Avenue.

Citizens Advisory Committee
Dec. 15, 6PM, Youth Center,
200F S. Madison Avenue.

Planning Commission
Dec. 16, 6PM, Ashley Slater
House, 211 S. Gaskin Ave.

CITY OFFICIALS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER!

The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Mayors' Christmas Motorcade was held in Savannah at Georgia Regional Hospital on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Officials representing the City of Douglas delivered a truck load of gifts for the patients at the mental and behavioral health facility. GMA began the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade in 1959 at the request of then-Governor Ernest Vandiver as a way of providing holiday gifts for the patients of Georgia's mental health hospitals. The program aims at raising the awareness of the needs of Georgia's mental facilities. The Christmas spirit demonstrated by cities during the Motorcade extends beyond the holiday season. Special thanks to Walmart DC 6010 and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

Pictured: Mayor Tony Paulk, City Manager Charles Davis, Fire Chief Casey Wright, and Douglas Mayor's Youth Council members, and WGTC Commercial Truck Driving Instructor, Tommy Ponsell deliver donations.



CITY APPROVES ARPA ASSISTANCE FOR CITY RESIDENTS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND NON-PROFITS
The City of Douglas accepted applications for ARPA assistance November 23—December 3, 2021 from city residents, small businesses, and non-profits. Over two thousand applications were received and are now undergoing the verification and approval process. It is hoped to have assistance available to approved applicants just in time for Christmas.



Veterans Park Committee Holds Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, the Douglas-Coffee County Veterans Park Committee held its first Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the Veterans Park located at Douglas Municipal Airport. The ceremony honored and remembered service members and civilians who were injured or lost their lives when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Douglas City Manager, Charlie Davis welcomed everyone to the ceremony with the now famous quote from President Franklin D. Roosevelt naming December 7, 1941 as “a day that will live in infamy.” A moment of thanks and special tribute was given to special guest and World War II Veteran, Mr. Richard McElroy by Veterans Park Committee Chairman, Jeff Hennesy. Following words of remembrance and gratitude, “Taps” was played with a bugle by Mr. Oscar Paulk, and Company C 63rd Signal Battalion WWII Re-Enactors lowered the American Flag to half-mast. Afterwards, the audience was encouraged to stop by the WWII 63rd AAF-FTD Flight Training Museum located on the historic WWII Air Base where Mr. Tom Oliver, a WWII Military Re-enactor presented a special exhibit on Pearl Harbor. Special thanks to the American Legion Post 515, VFW Post 5976, Citizens Christian Academy Grade School students, Coffee High School Show Choir, Mr. Oscar Paulk, Coffee High School NJROTC, Co. C 63rd Signal Battalion WWII Re-enactors, and everyone who came out to support the ceremony. For all photos from the event, please like and follow the Douglas-Coffee County Veterans Park Committee Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCoffeeCoGAVeteransPark>



DOUGLAS' HISTORIC WWII AIR BASE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, December 4, 2021 the WWII Air Base Preservation Committee and WWII Flight Training Museum held an Open House in Douglas. An estimated 300 people visited the City of Douglas WWII air base, home of the 63rd Flying Training Detachment's thousands of WWII pilot trainees, for an open house event in beautiful South Georgia weather.

For full press release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov. Be sure to like the WWII Air Base Preservation and Development Committee Facebook page,



DOUGLAS, GEORGIA



DOUGLAS YOUTH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER UPDATE

On Thursday, Nov. 18, the Douglas Mayor's Youth Council held its November meeting and recognized November as Adoption Awareness Month. The Council learned about adoption awareness from local teen advocate, Kaitlyn Tanner. Guest speaker, Megan Rabun spoke about upcoming Chamber events.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER
for November 2021
Jr. Commissioner,
Joana Mazariegos



OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY YOUTH for November
Aaliyah Coronado

Youth Council Members & Megan Rabun, the Director of Membership, Marketing & Programs for Douglas-Coffee Co. Chamber of Commerce and EDA.



DOUGLAS UTILIZES STRATEGIC PLAN APPROACH FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOODS

The City of Douglas was recently recognized by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) funds and creating a Revitalization Area Strategy (RAS). The Community Development Department created a plan that utilizes information from the Urban Redevelopment Plan (URP) and Revitalization Area Strategy to address declining areas in Douglas in regards to housing, business, and infrastructure. This departmental plan has assisted with the award of several grants. For full story, <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1501>.



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Jersey Mike's, 1301 S. Peterson Avenue
BOSS Cargo Trailers, 850 Bowens Mille Rd SE
La Bonita Market, 215 S. Madison Avenue



Business Licenses for 2022 are now due!
Don't forget to pay for your business license before the penalties are applied.

www.cityofdouglasga.gov



HAVING NON-EMERGENCY UTILITY ISSUES?
DIAL 3-1-1 OR 912-384-3302

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SPOTLIGHT

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Douglas!

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

Sha-Nia Smith—6 yrs. (City Manager's Office)

Mikki Curry—6 yrs. (Customer Service)

Wade Carver—9 yrs. (Fire)

Tommy Harrell—13 yrs. (Finance)

Steve McClelland—13 yrs. (Customer Service)

Josh Milhollin—22 yrs. (Parks and Recreation)

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Jared Vickers—
15 yrs. (Police)



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Assistant—
Community Development (Full-Time)
Police Officer (open until filled)
Part-Time Volunteer Firefighter**

**Apply in person at Human Resources
Department located at 316 E. Bryan Street
(old Gas Dept. building) or online at
<https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov>**



If you know how to dial 9-1-1, then make sure your 9-1-1 address is prominently displayed at your home or workplace.

Help Emergency Responders get to you or your loved ones when needed!

IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF YOUR EXCESS CHRISTMAS JUNK!

Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

December 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.

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 Ethics Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Keep Douglas Beautiful Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Historic Preservation Committee, 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>.



BID OPPORTUNITIES

cityofdouglasga.gov
(912)389-3463

- ◆ **Drug and Tracking K9 Handler Package**
Deadline: Dec. 13, 2:30pm
- ◆ **Baseball, Softball and Swim Supplies**
Deadline: January 24, 2022, 2:30pm
- ◆ **2021 Dodge Charger & Durango Equipment**
Deadline: Dec. 13, 2021, 2:30pm

PAINTING CONTINUES ON THE NEW WATER TOWER!

The new water tower on McNeal Drive is almost completed! Once completed the water will service Pilgrim's Pride as well as City of Douglas Water customers.



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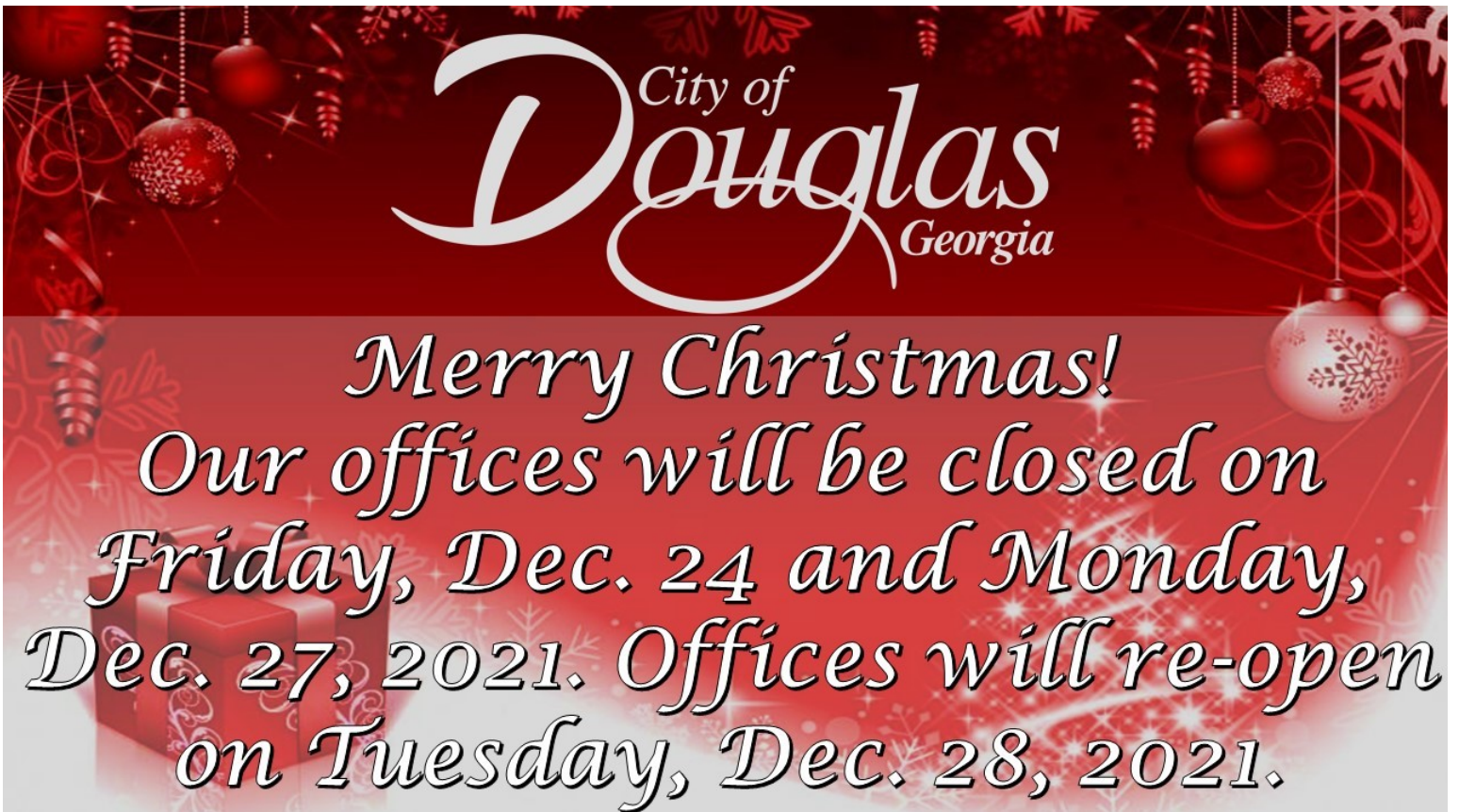
The City of Douglas will hold a public meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, 5pm at the CE Weir Center located at 307 East Bryan Street, Douglas, Georgia, 31533. The purpose of this meeting will be to seek public input regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades. Public participation is considered essential to the development of the final plan of upgrades to be adopted prior to its submittal for a "Notice of No Significant Impact" by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division.



BE A MIRACLE LEAGUE BUDDY!

**MIRACLE LEAGUE BUDDIES ARE NEEDED FOR
THE 2022 SEASON**

If you are interested in becoming a buddy, you can register online at www.cityofdouglasga.gov/athletics.
For more information, call Nia at (912)384-5978 or email nwilkerson@cityofdouglasga.gov



City of
Douglas
Georgia

*Merry Christmas!
Our offices will be closed on
Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday,
Dec. 27, 2021. Offices will re-open
on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021.*



Happy New Year!
Our offices will be closed on Friday,
Dec. 31, 2021 and will re-open on
Monday, January 3, 2022.

Christmas on the Pond

December 11

6pm - 10pm

General Coffee State Park



CHRISTMAS IN COFFEE

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOVEMBER 6 Mainstreet Market Central Square Gazebo 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>First Saturday Downtown Douglas 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Broxton Chicken Livers & Gizzards Festival</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 11 CHS Veterans Day Program CHS Gym</p> <p>NOVEMBER 13 Pioneer Day General Coffee State Park</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 16 Childhood Cancer Tree Lighting Courthouse 6:00 PM</p> <p>Coffee Alliance for the Arts presents "Spartacus" Rockin' 8 Cinemas 6-4:45 PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 21 Holiday Open House Downtown Douglas 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>ECCLA presents "Santa's North Pole Plaza" Downtown Douglas 1:00 PM</p>		<p>Tree Lighting & John Glaszson</p>	<p>Merry Market Christmas Parade WW2 Reenactment</p>
5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony	8	9 Lucy Lu's Sip & Shop EGGS AND ISSUES CHS Chorus Concert	10	11 Live Nativity Carney Baptist
12 Live Nativity Carney Baptist	13	14	15 Business is Brewing	16	17	18 Expressions Dance Recital Breakfast with Santa at J&D
19 Gracepointe Christmas & Christmas Vacation THE MARTIN CENTRE XIX	20	21	22	23	24 Candlelight Services FBC & Carney Live Nativity First Presbyterian	25 Christmas Day!
26 Christmas at Carney	27	28 The Best Gifts Are Local	29	30	31	

DECEMBER 3
Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting
Atkinson Plaza | 6:00 PM
John Glosson's "A Night
of Christmas" Concert
Martin Centre | 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 4
First Saturday
Downtown Douglas
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mainstreet Merry Market!
Central Square Gazebo
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Festival of Lights
Christmas Parade
Peterson Ave. | 6:00 PM
Christmas Wreath Class
Jonquil | 10:00 AM
WW2 Flight Training Base
& Museum Open House
WW2 Airbase/Museum
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 7
Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
Veterans Park - Next to
Airport Terminal | 10:00 AM

DECEMBER 9
Eggs and Issues
Douglas Golf Club | 7:45 AM
CHS Chorus Concert
CHS - PAC | 7:00 PM
Lucy Lu's Sip & Shop
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 11 and 12
Live, Drive Through Nativity
Carver Baptist Church
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

DECEMBER 18
Expressions Dance Recital
CHS - PAC | 10:00 AM & 2:00 PM
Breakfast with Santa
J&D Cafe | Reservation Only

DECEMBER 19
Christmas at Gracepointe
Martin Centre | 10:30 AM
"Christmas Vacation"
Coffee Alliance for the Arts
Rockin' 8 Cinemas

DECEMBER 24
Candlelight Service
First Baptist Church | 5:00 PM
Carols with Candlelight
Carver Baptist Church | 6:00 PM
Live Nativity
First Presbyterian Church | 6:00 PM

Download the Chamber's Christmas in Coffee Calendar!

'Tis the Season to
Shop Local!



"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING"

Live Nativity

DECEMBER 11TH + 12TH 6:00-9:00
DRIVE-THROUGH AT CARVER BAPTIST CHURCH



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Tuesday
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Day! Free

Each Tuesday

10:00 am

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Madison Ave.

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- Private Live Facebook group meetings
- Nutrition guidelines
- Weekly weigh-ins

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200 Doctors Drive, Suite 222

Douglas, GA 31533

912-383-6988

Starts Monday, December 13th

Member Costs: \$30

Non-Member Costs: \$100

(non-member does not include membership, but does include two classes per week)

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