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**Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings**

**Downtown Development**

**Authority** – January 12, 9AM, Ashley Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue.

**Land Bank Authority** –

January 13, 2PM, Ashley Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue.

**Veterans Park Committee** –

January 19, 10am, Douglas Municipal Airport, 440 Elton Brooks Blvd.

**Citizens Advisory Committee**

– January 19, 6PM, Youth Center, 200F S. Madison Avenue.

**Douglas Mayor’s Youth**

**Council** – January 20, 6PM, Youth Center, 200F S. Madison Avenue.

**Planning Commission** –

January 20, 6PM, Ashley Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue.

**Historic Preservation**

**Committee** – January 27, 4PM, Ashley Slater House, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue.

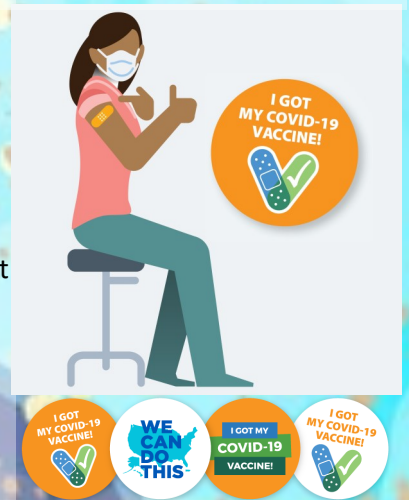
**City Commission Meeting,**

January 25, 7PM, CE Weir Center, 307 E. Bryan St.

**CITY LAUNCHES “IT’S WORTH A SHOT – VAX UP” COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN**

In an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Douglas is launching the “It’s Worth A Shot-Vax Up” Incentive Program to help boost the number of vaccinated residents living within the City of Douglas. The program is a part of the city’s plan to distribute funds from ARPA funding to citizens of Douglas for becoming fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The program allows for the first 1,500 fully vaccinated residents living in the city limits of Douglas to receive a one-time amount of \$200 when they become fully vaccinated between January 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022.

Applications will be available beginning January 3, 2022 at the Community Development Department office located at 211 S. Gaskin Avenue or the application may be downloaded from the City of Douglas website, [www.cityofdouglasga.gov](http://www.cityofdouglasga.gov).



**NEW FACILITY RENTAL FEES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022**

**The Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Department has various facilities available for rental to the public. Facility fees have gone unchanged for numerous years and evaluation of the facility fee structure has resulted in an increase of rental for some buildings, ballfields, and parks.**

**Monies collected in rental fees are contributed to the general fund with the City of Douglas to help offset some of the costs associated with operating Parks and Recreation buildings, ballfields, and parks.**

**To access the current fee structures for each facility, please go to the City of Douglas website, [www.cityofdouglasga.gov/facilities](http://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/facilities).**



**REMEMBER TO PROTECT THE 4 P’S—PEOPLE, PETS, PIPES, AND PLANTS!**





It's **WORTH A**  
Choose **SHOT**  
To **WAX UP**

INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE CITY LIMITS WHO BECOME FULLY VACCINATED JANUARY 1 – APRIL 30, 2022, MAY QUALIFY FOR ARPA GRANT FUNDS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, [WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV](http://WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV)

Es **VALOR UN**  
ELEGIR **TIRO**  
PARA **WAX UP**

LAS PERSONAS QUE VIVEN EN LOS LÍMITES DE LA CIUDAD QUE SE VACUNAN COMPLETAMENTE DEL 1 DE ENERO AL 30 DE ABRIL DE 2022 PUEDEN CALIFICAR PARA LOS FONDOS DE LA SUBVENCIÓN ARPA. PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, [WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV](http://WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV)

# CITY OF DOUGLAS PROJECT UPDATES

## CITY HALL



Dry Wall is going up in offices, brick is being placed on exterior, windows are being installed, parking lot is being prepared for new asphalt.

## NEW SWIMMING POOL, POOL HOUSE, SPLASH PAD, AND MIRACLE FIELD



Pool house building is well under construction with showers/restrooms and concession stand.



Splash Pad water lines are being run and water drains are being installed.



The foundation for the Miracle Field is being laid in preparation for installation of specialized field surface.

**COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE SERVES 250 CHILDREN**  
Citizens in Douglas and Coffee County shared Christmas joy this year with families who were less fortunate. On Saturday, December 18, 2021, the Community Toy Drive Committee distributed Christmas toys to approximately 250 youth in Douglas and Coffee County. Special thanks to Jersey Mike's Subs, VFW Post 5976, WOW Unit 1136, CSRA Probation Services, Southwire, Douglas Lions Club, Walmart Store, Walmart Distribution Center, Douglas Police, Douglas Fire, Parks and Recreation, and the City of Douglas for their contributions that make this event a success each year.



*Toy Drive Committee members: (front to back) Blondale Thomas (City of Douglas), Lawton Thomas (CSRA Probation Officer), Brantly Anderson (Douglas Fire), Rachel Clement (CSRA Probation Officer), Rigo Victoria (Douglas Police), Marq Roberts (Douglas Fire), Tony Thompson (Douglas Fire), Sawyer Lee (Douglas Fire), La-Shonda Moss (CSRA Probation Officer), Fire Chief Casey Wright, Jerome Perkins (Douglas Police), Police Chief Shane Edmisten, Dusty Heath (Douglas Fire) and Will Greene (Douglas Fire).*



DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# Leisure Guide

2022

Dedicated to our most valuable assets: OUR CHILDREN • [www.cityofdouglasga.gov/recreation](http://www.cityofdouglasga.gov/recreation)  
[www.facebook.com/DCCPRD](https://www.facebook.com/DCCPRD)



**DOWNLOAD THE NEW LEISURE GUIDE**

**[HERE](#) OR PICK UP ONE AT THE  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT TODAY!**



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

**[www.cityofdouglasga.gov](http://www.cityofdouglasga.gov)**

## 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!

Michael Dasko—7 years (Parks & Recreation)

Terry Fesperman—18 years (Vehicle Maintenance Director)

Sheila Bivens—33 years (Police Department)

## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Fred Crowder  
10 yrs. (Police)

Leon Whitley  
15 yrs. (Police)



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Firefighter—Fire Department**  
**Customer Service Specialist—Customer Service**

**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!**



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

## Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

**January 15, 2022 - 8:30am - 12noon**

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

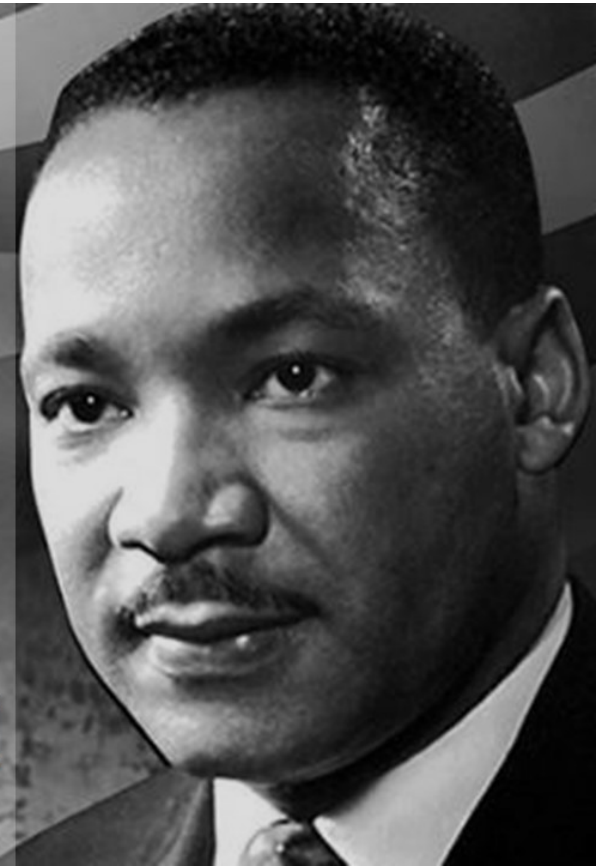
**Customers must be in the drop off line prior to 11:45am**

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

City of Douglas offices  
will be closed on  
Mon., Jan. 17, 2022  
in observance of  
MLK, Jr. Day.

Offices will reopen on  
Tues., Jan. 18, 2022.

For non-emergency  
utility issues, please dial  
3-1-1 or 912-384-3302



City of  
*Douglas*  
Georgia



**January City Commission Meetings**  
**January 25, 2022 @ 7:00pm**  
**at the CE Weir Center (307 E. Bryan St.)**  
**FMI, call 912-389-3401**

# JANUARY TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

To find out when your pick-up date is or for more information about these services, contact the Public Works Department at (912) 389-3450 or Transwaste Services at (912) 384-6001.

**Sanitation Cart Collection (Weekly)**

**Recycling Cart Collection (Bi-weekly)**



January 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 	5 	6 	7
10 	11 	12 	13 	14 
17 	18 	19 	20 	21
24 	25 	26 	27 	28 
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## History at High Noon

Heritage Station Museum

219 E Ward St, Douglas GA

Last Wednesday of each month At

12pm, FMI: 912-389-3461

Light refreshments are served

# Rural Zone Tax Credits

for Property Purchase, Building Rehabilitation, and Job Creation

## Douglas

**Are you** considering purchasing a building in downtown?  
**Do you** already own a building and are interested in renovating it?  
**Perhaps** you are a new business that has created jobs or an existing business that has recently added new employees.

If any of these seem applicable to you, you may be eligible for State Income Tax credits for your business if it is located within the City of Douglas' Rural Zone.

*See map of designated Rural Zone boundaries on reverse side of this sheet.*

### Tax credits you may be eligible for:

<p><b>The Job Tax Credit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For a new business owner that creates at least 2 new jobs or an existing business that hires at least 2 new employees</li><li>• At least two net, new full-time equivalent jobs (<i>an aggregate of employee worked hours totaling 40 hours per week between two or more employees</i>) must be created to qualify</li><li>• Equal to \$2,000 per new full-time equivalent job per year, up to 5 years and not to exceed \$200,000 total or \$40,000 per year</li></ul>	<p><b>The Investment Tax Credit</b></p> <p>This credit is for investors who purchase a building within the designated Rural Zone. The credit is equivalent to 25% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$125,000 total or \$25,000 per year. At least two net, new full-time equivalent jobs must be created and maintained at the property location to qualify for the investment credit.</p> <p><b>The Rehabilitation Tax Credit</b></p> <p>This credit is to offset development costs associated with the rehabilitation of a property located within a designated Rural Zone. The credit is equivalent to 30% of the qualified rehabilitation costs, not to exceed \$150,000 total or \$50,000 per year. At least two net, new full-time equivalent jobs must be created and maintained at the property location to qualify for the rehabilitation credit.</p>
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In 2020, the City of Douglas was designated as a RURAL Zone by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Downtown businesses that are located within the RURAL Zone may qualify for tax credits relating to property purchase, rehabilitation costs, and job creation.

Investors who purchase a building in the RURAL Zone may receive an Investment Tax Credit which is which is equivalent to 25% of the purchase price of the building. A business owner who rehabilitates a business in the Zone may qualify for a Rehabilitation Tax Credit equivalent to 30% of qualified rehabilitation costs. If a business in the Zone creates new jobs or hires at least 2 new employees, that business may qualify for the Job Tax Credit, which offers \$2,000 per new full-time equivalent job created. Each of the three tax credits is dependent upon the creation of at least two new full-time equivalent jobs.

To see if your business is located in the RURAL Zone, go to <https://www.cityofdouglasga.gov>. Anyone interested in applying for the RURAL Zone tax credits, please contact Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, 912-383-0277 or email [ghenderson@cityofdouglasga.gov](mailto:ghenderson@cityofdouglasga.gov).



# **FIREFIGHTER FIGHTING CANCER**

John has been diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma (which is rare for an adult). John will undergo Chemotherapy and Radiation to combat this rare cancer. John is a 39-year-old, single father to a 17- & 15-year-old daughter.

John is a Firefighter and a first responder. He has dedicated his life to saving the lives of others. John has not been able to work due to traveling to Savannah to receive his treatments. The expense of the chemotherapy, radiation and surgery will be expensive. John will have no income coming in to meet his monthly payments, other household and medical expenses.

We are asking for your help in saving John's life so he can get back to saving the lives of others. Thank you so much in advance for your donations. To make a donation, contact Lane Burkhalter at (912) 383-5060 or Tony Thompson at (912) 310-0461.



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Douglas Ga 31533  
Art Center - Wellness Studio

Contact me at: 912-383-7332



*Tuesday*  
**TRAIL WALKING**  
*Day! Free*

Each Tuesday

10:00 am

Meet @ Art Center

200-E South

Madison Ave.

Walk the

Green Way Trail

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**DOUGLAS COFFEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**

**PH: 912.383.7332**



# Children's Art Festival



Featuring

## "The Students Art Show"

Please join us for creative activities,  
demonstrations, and  
entertainment in Downtown Douglas, Ga.

## Central Square Gym B

Saturday, March 5, 2022

10 am till 3 pm

For more information: 912-383-7332

Meet with Wiregrass Artist Guild Members

& Coffee Alliance for the Arts

# FREE! FREE! FREE!

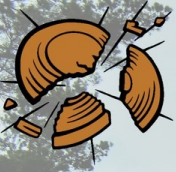
**Come Support The Children  
Douglas Coffee County Parks & Rec.**

WIREGRASS ARTIST GUILD.....ESTABLISHED "2002"

WELCOMES YOU TO SEE THE CHILDREN'S ART WORK



# Art



THE DOUGLAS - COFFEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

# CLAY SHOOTING COMPETITION



SATURDAY  
March 5

Top Shot Sporting Clays Club  
1020 Elmer Grantham Rd. in Douglas



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 912.384.1873 OR EMAIL CHAMBER@DOUGLASGA.ORG

# 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*

COMING UP AT

THE MARTIN CENTRE

Sunday January 23, 2022

# MARIO

THE MAKER MAGICIAN



## DUMPSTAPHUNK

WITH SPECIAL GUEST ERIC BRIGMOND & FRIENDS FEATURING MEMBERS OF MOFRO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

COME CELEBRATE A NEW ORLEANS

## MARDI GRAS

THE MARTIN CENTRE - DOUGLAS, GEORGIA



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