



Douglas Natural Gas Technicians, Jake Phillips, Joey Castelo, and Trace Tatum conduct maintenance on a natural gas valve located at the CE Weir Center. Markings on the ground help identify underground utilities and a fire extinguisher is near in case of an unexpected emergency.

April is Safe Digging Month!
Call 811 BEFORE you dig.

April 2023
Volume XV, Issue IV

April 2023 Meetings

Airbase Preservation & Development Committee
April 10, 12PM, at the Airport

City Commission
April 10 & 24, 6PM, at City Hall Council Room

Recreation Commission
April 11, 11:45AM, Magnolia Meeting Room

Keep Douglas Beautiful
April 11, 2:30PM, City Hall

Downtown Development Authority, April 12, 9AM, Chamber of Commerce

Land Bank Authority & GICH Meeting
April 13, 2PM, at City Hall

Douglas Mayor's Youth Council – April 18, 6PM, City Hall

Veterans Park Committee – April 19, 10AM, Airport

Historic Preservation Commission – April 20, 4PM, City Hall

Planning Commission – April 20, 6PM, City Hall,

Mayor Paulk and the City Commissioners held their first meeting at City Hall inside the Council Room on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Everyone is invited to the Ribbon Cutting and Open House on April 25, 2023 to view all the offices and improvements at our new City Hall. More details on page 2.



Douglas Re-Designated as a PlanFirst Community

The City of Douglas received redesignation as a PlanFirst Community from Georgia Department of Community Affairs on March 23, 2023. The PlanFirst Program recognizes cities that excel in successfully implementing community planning by creating thriving places to live, work, and play. For full release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



Pictured: (L-R) Ebonee Dobson (Planner), Charlie Davis (City Manager), Mayor Tony Paulk, Kelly Lane (DCA Region 11 Representative), and Georgia Henderson (Community Development Director)

WSB-TV has shared the top 10 safest cities in Georgia according to Safewise, and guess who is #7 on the list - WE ARE!

Awesome job to our Douglas GA Police Department and all public safety agencies who help protect and serve our citizens.



*The City of Douglas
cordially invites you to
attend the*

*Ribbon Cutting and
Open House for City Hall*

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Ribbon Cutting – 10:00 a.m.

Open House – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*City of Douglas
302 South Madison Avenue
Douglas, Georgia 31533*



GEORGIA CITIES

Lighting

THE WAY

APRIL 22-29, 2023



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

April 22, Saturday, 9:00A – 11:30A @ 1011 Shirley Ave. Keep Douglas Beautiful will be cleaning up around Douglas for the Great American Cleanup. Volunteers are needed! FMI:(912) 383-0277

SPRING JUNK FREE WEEK

April 24-28, M-F 8:30A – 4:30P @ 1011 Shirley Ave. Citizens can drop off their excess trash and large items. Proof of residency is required. Must be in drop off line 15 minutes prior to ending time. FMI:(912) 389-3450

TIRE AMNESTY WEEK

April 24-28, M-F 8:30A – 4:30P @ @ 1011 Shirley Ave. Citizens can dispose of up to 4 tires per resident, rubber only, no commercial, farm tires, or rims. Proof of residency is required. FMI:(912) 389-3450

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

April 24-28, M-F 8:00A-5:00P Be sure to check out the City of Douglas Ga Government Facebook page all week to learn more!

CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

April 24, Monday, 6PM, City Hall Council Room. Mayor's Youth Council members who are graduating in May will be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

For more information, please call Blondale at (912)383-0277, email bthomas@cityofdouglasga.gov, or visit our website www.cityofdouglasga.gov.

CITY HALL RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

April 25, Tuesday, Ribbon Cutting: 10AM
Open House: 10AM-2PM @ 302 S. Madison Avenue
Join the City of Douglas as we officially celebrate the opening of the new City Hall. Tours of the new building, door prizes, and free lunch!

BARRACKS #5 OPEN HOUSE

April 26, Wednesday, 9A-1PM, Airport Circle

HISTORY AT HIGH NOON "THE HISTORY OF RAT ROW"

April 26, Wednesday, 12PM, at Heritage Station Museum (219 W. Ward Street)
Guest Speaker: Bera Samuel

MUNCH & MUSIC

April 26, Wednesday, 12Noon @ Emma Ward Park featuring Coffee High School Show Choir. Drinks and cookies will be available for purchase. Sponsored by Coffee Alliance for the Arts

TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

April 27, Thursday, 5PM-7PM, @ Chick-Fil-A
Sponsored by Douglas Fire Dept. and Chick-Fil-A

DPD WOMEN'S FIREARMS COURSE

April 29, Saturday, 8am-5pm, DPD Training Facility (581 Victor Bray Rd.)
Pre-registration required. (912)384-2222
Sponsored by Douglas Police Dept.

WINGS & THINGS FESTIVAL AND FLY-IN

April 29, Saturday, 9AM-6PM, Douglas Municipal Airport
Historic WWII Warbirds, Vintage Car Show, Best Wings Contest, Vendors, WWII Reenactors, Food Trucks, Entertainment, Kids Area and more!
Sponsored by Visit Douglas-Coffee County





CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN BUSY ADDING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL GENE CHAMBERS AIRPORT. THE EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC, WATER, AND SEWER LINES WILL HELP ATTRACT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT TO THE AREAS AT THE AIRPORT THAT ARE RECOMMENDED FOR AVIATION RELATED GROWTH.



Thanks to CDBG-MIT grant funds from the Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs, grant dollars are busy at work to help with street and drainage improvements in the Sears Street/Fleetwood Circle area.



HPC HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023. During the meeting, the HPC discuss several general topics, with a primary focus on the upcoming survey of historic resources that are contributing structures in the Gaskin Avenue Historic District. In March, the Georgia Historic Preservation Office awarded the City of Douglas \$22,368 for the Historic Resource Survey of the Gaskin Avenue Historic District.

Thank you, Mr. David Varnedore, for preserving an interesting piece of Douglas and Coffee County history by restoring the red lights in the Gargoyles' mouths on the Varnedore Building in downtown Douglas!



Douglas Fire Department was recently covered by Cameron Sanders with CBS 44 News South Georgia in a story on the news about the importance of fire hydrant testing!

Pictured above: (L-R) Johnnie Roper (Sgt.), Joshua Branch (Firefighter), Fire Chief Casey Wright, Corey Martin (Firefighter), Cameron Sanders, Dana Carver (Engineer), Dale Merritt (Captain), Lee Clements (Lt.), and Aaron Schultz (Engineer)

HAPPY WORK Anniversary

APRIL 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!

- Nikki Thompson—16 yrs. (Finance—Purchasing)**
- Willis Crockett—18 yrs. (Parks & Recreation)**
- Charlie Davis—22 yrs. (City Manager)**
- Landy Gomez—23 yrs. (Parks & Recreation)**
- Robert Sprinkle—33 yrs. (Police)**

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Nipper Gillis—5 yrs. (Parks & Recreation)



Josefina Zuniga and Mayor Paulk

Welcome to our new DPD Officers Josefina Zuniga, Chris McDaniel, and Keegan Robertson, who were sworn in on March 28, 2023 by Mayor Tony Paulk. Thank you for choosing to serve the citizens of Douglas!



Chris McDaniel and Mayor Paulk



Keegan Robertson and Mayor Paulk



We Are Hiring!

Join Our Team

Maintenance Worker (Parks & Recreation)
 Police Officer (Douglas Police)
 Firefighter (Douglas Fire)
 Part-Time: Field Supervisor, Scorekeeper,
 Concession Workers, Youth Program Worker,
 & Lifeguard (Parks & Recreation)
 Apply **online** or in person at 302 S. Madison Ave.
 For more information, call (912)389-3494 or
www.cityofdouglasga.gov.

The City of Douglas has been chosen by the Georgia Municipal Association to be part of the pilot program for Workforce Development. The City team consists of City Clerk Wynetta Bolder, HR Director Tammy Wilkerson, Community Development Director Georgia Henderson, Douglas Utilities Director Mike Hudson, HR Generalist Kristi Morgan, and City Manager Charlie Davis. The program aims to assist cities in taking stock of the current workforce needs, issues, and opportunities and turning that information into an action plan that can be implemented by municipalities.



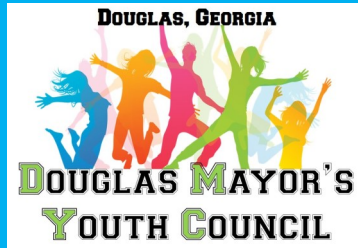
L-R: City Clerk Wynetta Bolder, Community Development Director Georgia Henderson, Former Police Chief Shane Edmisten, Human Resource Director Tammy Wilkerson, and Douglas Utilities Director Mike Hudson.

NEVER DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES

Most flood fatalities occur in vehicles

ROAD CLOSED

Douglas Mayor's Youth Council Update



The Douglas Mayor's Youth Council (DMYC) held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6 PM at the Youth Center. Following words of encouragement and prayer by Katrina Grantham,

Angela Joiner was recognized as the outstanding community leader for February. The special guest speaker for the month of February was Coffee High School's Head Football Coach, Mike Coe. Read more about the February meeting on our website, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



Jr Mayor Jalene Debro and Jameson Cummings (Jr. Commissioner) who is the Youth Council Spotlight for the month of March.

Outstanding Community Member for the month of March, Mayor Tony Paulk and Jameson Cummings (Jr. Commissioner).



DMYC Members with special guests of the March meeting.

Back Row (L-R): Mayor Paulk, Clarence Washington, Jr. (Asst. Principal of Waycross Middle School), and Rashaad Thomas (Broxton Church of God). Front Row (L-R): Jeremiah Bazell, Joana Mazariegos, Gabriel Jump, Jalene Debro (Jr. Mayor), Jameson Cummings, Jared Davis, Zynia Hunt, and Destiny Henderson.

BID OPPORTUNITIES



INVITATION TO BID
 "FY23 SIX (6) 394 MCM WIRE REELS
 BID #66812-23-0015"

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
APRIL 10TH [at] 2:00 PM
BID OPENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
AT 2:30 PM
 302 S. MADISON AVE.
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV/BIDS

INVITATION TO BID
 "SEWER EXTENSION THOMPSON
 DRIVE TO GEORGE DRIVE"

Deadline to Submit Bid: 4-18-2023, 1:30PM
 Bid Opening: 4-18-2023, 2:00PM at City Hall
 located at 302 S. Madison Avenue.
 For more information, please visit
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/bids

INVITATION TO BID
 "Airport Fencing Bid #66812-23-0015"

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
 April 24th @ 2:30 PM
BID OPENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT
 302 S. MADISON AVE.
 For more information, go to:
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/bids

INVITATION TO BID
 FY' 23 FIVE (5) 795 ACSR
 Drake Wire Reels

Deadline to Submit Bid: 04/24/2023, 2PM
 Bid Opening: 04/24/2023, 2:30PM
 @ City Hall, 302 S. Madison Ave.
 For more information,
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/bids

INVITATION TO BID
 "POCKET PARK PHASE II"

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
APRIL 24TH @ 2:00 PM
BID OPENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
AT 2:30 PM
 302 S. MADISON AVE.
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV/BIDS

INVITATION TO BID
 Douglas Municipal Airport
 Terminal Apron & Taxiway Rehabilitation

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
 April 24th @ 2:00 PM

Bid opening immediately following
 at 2:30 PM
 302 S. Madison Ave.
 For more information, go to
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/bids

PRACTICE SAFETY WHEN USING MOTORIZED CARTS

The City of Douglas became a “Golf Cart Community” in 2018. Motorized carts are allowed on Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approved areas throughout Douglas. Anyone driving a motorized cart should know the general guidelines to operate a motorized cart in those areas. The City of Douglas Police Department urges all citizens to utilize safety precautions when operating motorized carts/golf carts on city roadways. will begin issuing warnings and/or citations for persons operating motorized carts on city streets and property illegally. For more information,

[Motorized Cart Information](#)



BARRACKS OPEN HOUSE DATES IN APRIL

The City of Douglas will hold two open house dates for the public to view renovations of Barracks #5 located at Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport on April 13 (1PM-4PM) and April 26, 2023 (9AM-1PM). The building, Barracks #5, is a part of the historic World War II Army-Air Force Flight Training Air Base and was utilized as housing for the cadets that trained at the Air Base before transferring to other bases to advance their flight training. For full press release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov/.



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN
TO RENOVATE OR
BUILD IN THE CITY
LIMITS...
CHECK WITH US!**



Contact Randall Parker
912-389-3423

Building Inspections & Permits Division
rparker@cityofdouglasga.gov

NATURAL GAS SAFETY TIPS FROM DOUGLAS UTILITIES

The City of Douglas Natural Gas Department would like to offer facts and safety tips for you to familiarize yourself and your family with natural gas warning signs while enjoying the value, comfort, and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source. Read more here, www.cityofdouglasga.gov/.



Residential Junk **Drop-Off** Day

April 22, 2023 - 8:30am - 11:45am

@ 1011 Shirley Avenue (corner of Shirley and College Park Dr.)

Customers must be in the drop off line prior to 11:30am

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

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Hair Hustler Hair Salon, 619 S. Gaskin Avenue,
(12-309-8444

Ginny Carver Photography, 515D S. Peterson
Ave., 912-381-8972

Cargo Trailer Connection, 314 E. Jackson St.,
(912)384-9348

Da Dollhouse, 107 E. Bryan St. #24, (305)495-
3627

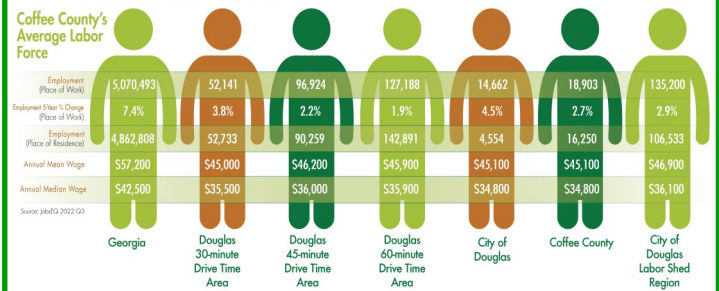
COAL's The Breakfast Nook, 107 E. Bryan St. #22,
(305)200-6782

Mr. Cool HVAC Products, 104 E. Cherry St., (912)
292-6393



Unison Behavioral Health, officials, and the community celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new Unison Behavioral Health Adult

Population & Workforce



NEED SOMETHING TO DO? VOLUNTEER!

www.cityofdouglasga.gov

912-389-3458

We need you!



THE CITY OF DOUGLAS HAS SEVERAL
VOLUNTEER BOARDS LOOKING FOR YOU!

- KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL BOARD
 - ETHICS COMMITTEE
 - COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- FOR MORE INFORMATION,
www.cityofdouglasga.gov

Yard Sale Permits

A permit is REQUIRED to have a yard sale within the city limits!

Yard Sale Permits are \$5.00 and can be obtained in Customer Service at City Hall located at:
302 S. Madison Avenue
FMI: 912-389-3462



Animal Control FAQ

Does my dog or cat need to have a rabies shot every year?

Yes, all dogs and cats owned within the city limits must be inoculated for the prevention of rabies by a Georgia licensed veterinarian. Rabies inoculation must be current.

Questions? Contact the City of Douglas Animal Control office at (912)389-3460.

City of
Douglas
Georgia

All offices of the City of Douglas will be closed on Friday, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

We will reopen Monday, April 10th.

First Saturdays

In Downtown

Douglas!

Join Us!

Shop 'Til
you Drop!

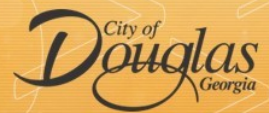


PUBLIC HEARING

"TO AMEND THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR COFFEE COUNTY AND CITIES OF AMBROSE, BROXTON, DOUGLAS, AND NICHOLLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADDING TO SECTION II PLAN ELEMENTS, ITEM 7 OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2019-2023, COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES, BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING: IMPROVEMENTS AT HUCKABY COMPLEX, UNITY PARK, ROUNDTREE PARK, EASTSIDE PARK AND OTHERS; AND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SOCCER COMPLEX."

**APRIL 10, 2023
6PM
@ CITY HALL IN THE
COUNCIL ROOM
302 S. MADISON AVE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(912) 383-0277**



PUBLIC NOTICE

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODES AND ORDINANCES, SUBPART B, CONSTRUCTION, LAND USE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 111, SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS, SECTIONS 111-73- TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, SECTION 111-269 MOBILE VENDORS BY AMENDING THE SECTION 111-269 AND ADDING SECTION 111-269.1 AND AMENDING SECTION 111-282, TEMPORARY USES, INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENTS AND STRUCTURES AND TO REGULATE MOBILE VENDORS AND MOBILE FOOD VENDORS: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

**1ST READING:
APRIL 10, 2023 | 6PM
@ CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM
302 S. MADISON AVENUE**

**2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:
APRIL 24, 2023 | 6PM
@ CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM
302 S. MADISON AVENUE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(912) 389-3460**



WATCH CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSIONS, CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS, AND YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!



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PAGES**



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www.cityofdouglasga.gov/notify me

Great American Clean Up

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
9:00AM - 11:30AM

MEETING LOCATION: TBD
GROUPS WILL JOURNEY TO
STREETS IN DOUGLAS AS
IDENTIFIED BY THE
KDB LITTER INDEX.

Volunteers Needed!

Call Christian at
(912)383-0277 or email
cmikell@cityofdouglasga.gov



Keep Douglas Beautiful
A Keep America Beautiful Affiliate

City of
Douglas
Georgia





DOUGLAS CHARRETTE

A group of UGA Students recently toured our downtown and offered suggestions for improvements and growth! Check out what they had to say by clicking [here](#).

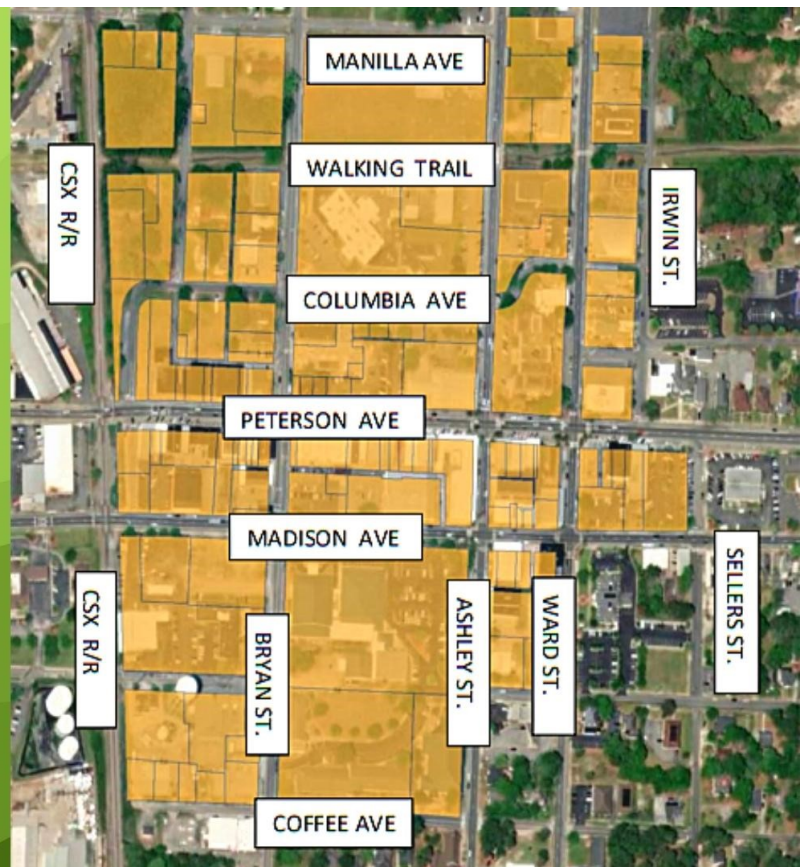
Do you own a property or
business in the
highlighted areas?

**YOU MAY
QUALIFY FOR AN
RURAL ZONE TAX
CREDIT!**

FMI: 912-383-0277

or

www.cityofdouglasga.gov



To find out about your pick-up date:

- **Public Works: 912-389-3450**
- **GFL Environmental: 912-384-6001**



Sanitation - Weekly



Recycling - Bi-Weekly

*Child Abuse
Awareness Month*

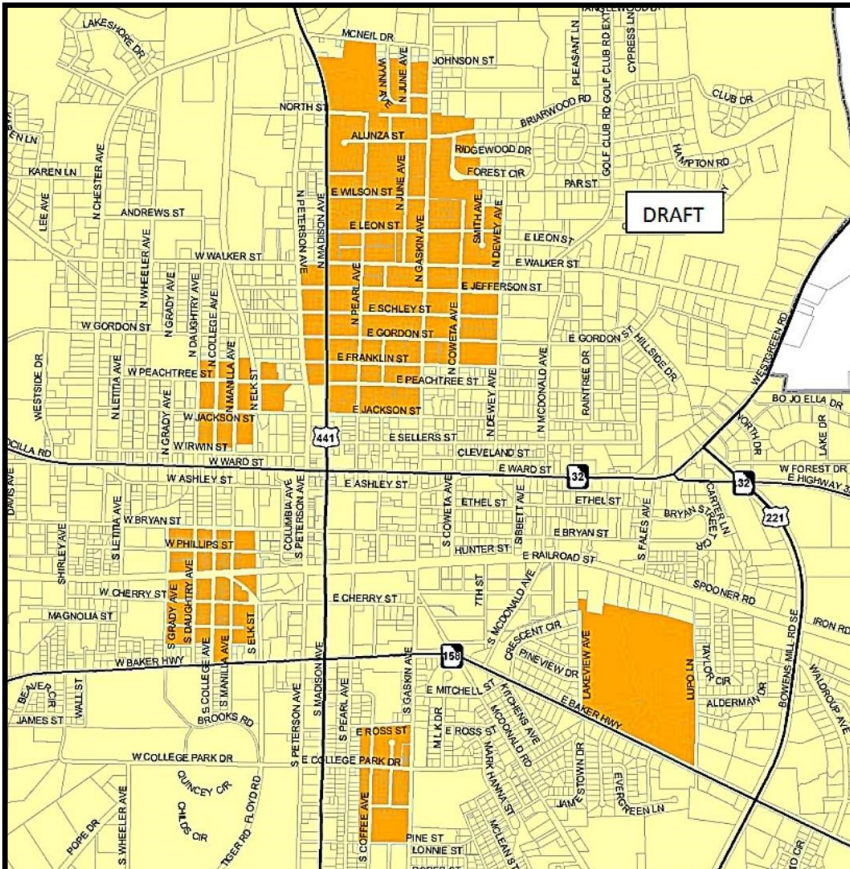


TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

April 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE



Do you own a property or business in the highlighted areas?

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR AN ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDIT!

FMI: 912-383-0277

or

www.cityofdouglasga.gov

CITY OF DOUGLAS GA WARD 2 COMMISSIONER KENTAIWON CATER-DURHAM PRESENTS

DOUGLAS- COFFEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
COFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
COFFEE COUNTY MAGISTRATE OFFICE

SUN 09 APRIL

DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT
DOUGLAS HOUSING AUTHORITY
BLACK VOTERS MATTER
GEORGIA NAACP COFFEE COUNTY BRANCH
DOUGLAS MASONIC LODGE 73
PINK 82



EARLY ARRIVAL
HIGHLY SUGGESTED

@ Central Square
Gym A

BOUNCE HOUSES
FREE FOOD & MORE

200 S. Madison Avenue

EASTER EGG HUNT STARTS AT 4PM
DJ ONE SPEAKER ON CROWD CONTROL

FLYER DESIGN BY [CEOOFGFX](mailto:CEOOFGFX@gmail.com) CEOOFGFX1@GMAIL.COM



Molly McLamb
Tax Incentives Program Manager
Molly.McLamb@dca.ga.gov



Rehabilitation Tax Incentives

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Promote economic development
- Encourage heritage tourism
- Support sustainability

THREE TYPES OF INCENTIVES

- Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit
- Georgia Preferential Property Tax Assessment
- State Income Tax Credit for Rehabilitated Historic Property

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Certified structure
- Follow Secretary for Interior Standards for Rehabilitation
- Meet substantial rehabilitation test

Program Overview

Georgia's Historic Preservation Division (HPD) offers financial assistance supporting historic preservation projects through three tax incentive programs. The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program is administered by the National Park Service through each State Historic Preservation Office and is available to income-producing properties. The federal income tax credit is 20% and is not capped. The Georgia Preferential Property Tax Abatement and State Income Tax Credit for Rehabilitated Historic Property are available to both private residential properties as well as income-producing properties. The abatement program freezes the county property tax for more than eight years while the income tax credit of 25% is capped at levels depending on how the building will be used after rehabilitation.



Please join us for a
Parent Informational Workshop
on

AUTISM

Dr. Baker Wright, BCBA-D
of Behavior Management Consultants

“Reinforcing Positive Behaviors”

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 5PM-6PM

Coffee Middle School
Media Center
901 Connector 206 North
Douglas, GA 31533

Funded for Proportionate Share Purposes

11th

APRIL
5PM-6PM

FMI: 912-389-6753 or
dana.gaines@coffee.k12.ga.us



#DYK

April is Fair Housing Month?

Learn more at dca.ga.gov!



**EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY**

#UnityBuildsCommunity



Munch and Music 2023

Emma Ward Park

12:00-1:00 p.m.

April 5 - Bethel FWC Worship Team

April 12 - Dawson Adams and Friends

April 19 - Terri Bailey and Blair Brawner

April 26 - Coffee High Show Choir

Bring your lunch and join us for some great music! Drinks and cookies will be available for purchase. In case of rain, the performance will be cancelled or moved into FPC' Slater Hall.



COMING UP AT THE MARTIN CENTRE

THE MARTIN CENTRE



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Georgia COUNCIL for the Arts

visit DOUGLAS COFFEE COUNTY • GEORGIA

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

Sammy KERSHAW

SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 PM

THE MARTIN CENTRE

109 E ASHLEY STREET DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

WWW.THEMARTINCENTRE.ORG



visit DOUGLAS COFFEE COUNTY • GEORGIA



Spring 2023

Coffee County Libraries

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



TUESDAYS @ AMBROSE
WEDNESDAYS @ DOUGLAS & NICHOLLS
THURSDAYS @ BROXTON

STORY TIMES

@ 3:30 PM

MOVIE MATINEES

@ 3:30 PM

MONDAYS @ BROXTON & DOUGLAS
TUESDAYS @ NICHOLLS
WEDNESDAYS @ AMBROSE

WEDNESDAYS @ BROXTON
THURSDAYS @ NICHOLLS
SATURDAYS @ DOUGLAS (11:30 AM)

LEGO CLUB

@ 3:30 PM

GAMING CLUB

@ 3:30 PM

MONDAYS @ NICHOLLS
TUESDAYS @ BROXTON & DOUGLAS
THURSDAYS @ AMBROSE

AMBROSE LIBRARY: 1070 CYPRESS ST., AMBROSE (912) 359-2536

BROXTON LIBRARY: 105 CHURCH ST., BROXTON (912) 359-3887

DOUGLAS LIBRARY: 200 S. MADISON AVE, SUITE D., DOUGLAS (912) 384-4667

NICHOLLS LIBRARY: 108 N. LIBERTY ST., NICHOLLS (912) 345-2534

VISIT US AT:
SRLSYS.ORG/





YOU'RE INVITED

SPRING LIBRARY ART SHOW RECEPTION

Art show will be available for viewing Saturday, April 15th through Wednesday, April 19th during library hours.

*Note: Light Refreshments will be served only at the Friday night reception.

FREE RECEPTION

Satilla Regional
Library System's
Spring Art Show
Reception

Friday, April 14th, 2023
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
at Douglas - Coffee
County Public Library



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF
COFFEE COUNTY REGION PRESENTS

KICKIN IT FOR KIDS

APRIL 15, 2023

7:00 P.M.

RAY & CATHY RICKETSON'S FIREHOUSE

\$100 PER PERSON

FOR TICKETS VISIT:



Douglas
National Bank



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF COFFEE COUNTY REGION

OPEN BAR

BBQ, TRIMMINGS, & DESSERT

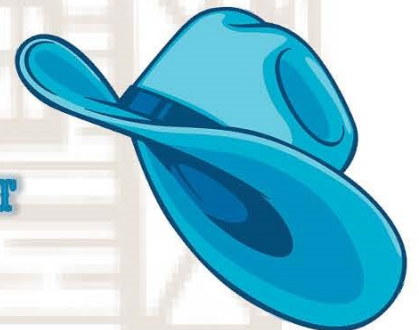
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

LOTS OF GREAT RAFFLE ITEMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

LYNN McMILLAN ADAMS

912-384-0222



*Open til
7:30 PM*

*3rd
Thurs.*

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Downtown Douglas Merchants

Five o'clock
to seven thirty

APRIL

20

Downtown Douglas GA
participating
shoppes...

Dine • Shop • Enjoy



WIREGRASS AVIATION PROGRAMS

AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL

ANTICIPATED START DATE - JANUARY 2024

Aircraft Structural is designed for Dual Enrollment students. Please contact highschoolservices@wiregrass.edu for more information.

- Aircraft Assembly Technician I Technical Certificate (11 credit hours)
- Aircraft Assembly Technician II Technical Certificate (15 credit hours)
- Aircraft Composites Technician Technical Certificate (15 credit hours)
- Aircraft Structural Technology Diploma (48 credit hours)

AVIATION MAINTENANCE

ANTICIPATED START DATE - AUGUST 2024

Aviation Maintenance is open to all Wiregrass students. Please contact onestop@wiregrass.edu for more information and to apply.

- Aviation Maintenance Technology Technical Certificate (79 credit hours)
- Aviation Maintenance Technology Diploma (90 credit hours)
- Aviation Maintenance Technology Degree (97 credit hours)

Pending SACSCOC and
FAA Approval



WIREGRASS
GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Wiregrass.edu

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS & RISK REDUCTION TRAINING

for Women



SATURDAY, APRIL 22

COFFEE CAMPUS, 10:00AM - 1:00PM

\$25/PERSON

AGES 14+



DIAL
229.333.2122
TO REGISTER!



WIREGRASS
GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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SERVING GEORGIA'S 8TH DISTRICT

Mobile Office Hours

Coffee County

Staff from Congressman Scott's office will be available to offer constituents assistance with federal issues ranging from Medicare and Social Security to Veterans' benefits.

We encourage those who have questions on various issues to come by during these hours and meet privately with staff.

Please contact our Warner Robins office at (478) 971-1776 for more information.

The Atrium Event Center

114 North Peterson Ave.

Douglas, GA 31533

April 26th, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

THE DOUGLAS- COFFEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

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COFFEE COUNTY



WINGS & THINGS

FESTIVAL & FLY-IN

SATURDAY

APRIL 29

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL GENE CHAMBERS AIRPORT (KDQH)

HISTORIC AIRPLANES AND VEHICLES | VINTAGE CAR SHOW | WW2 MUSEUM TOURS
ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS | KIDS ACTIVITIES | FOOD TRUCKS | ENTERTAINMENT

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Join Us at the Wings & Things Festival & Fly-In

*Sampler Plate of 15 Wings from the following
Participating Restaurants:*

A Taste of Georgia	El 1800 Mexican Restaurant	OD Crab House
Amazing Grace Bakery	Fiesta Mexicana of Douglas	Reed's Snack Shack
Barnyard BBQ	Fireside Pizza Shop	Sparky's
Coolie's BBQ	Flyin' Cowboy	Taqueria Pancho Villa
DJ's Steak & Seafood	Little Red Bird Café	Tip Top Deli

Gene Chambers Municipal Airport
— Harless Aviation Hanger —
Saturday, April 29th • 12noon - 2pm



Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce,
MOORE than Graphics or Story Wealth Management.

811 Media Fact Sheet



Contact 811 before you dig.

What is 811?

811 is the national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to help protect do-it-yourselfers, landscapers and contractors from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects – large and small.

Why contact Georgia 811?

- **For Safety's Sake!** Hitting an underground utility line while digging can cause damage to the environment and/or serious personal injuries.
- **Convenience:** Failure to contact Georgia 811 can result in disrupted service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs.
- **It's free.** Georgia 811 exists to prevent utility and safety emergencies, and it's a free service!
- **It's the law.** Please visit the Georgia Public Service Commission's web site at psc.state.ga.us/ for more information on Georgia's "Dig Law", the Georgia Facilities Protection Act.

When should someone contact 811?

Do-it-yourselfers and contractors should reach 811 at least two business days before ANY digging project.

A few common examples include but are not limited to:

- Putting in a fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Installing a sprinkler system
- Pool installation
- Installing a mailbox
- Grading, boring or trenching

How does 811 work?

Notifying Georgia 811 kick-starts a process that is crucial to any outdoor digging project. Digging after utility lines have been marked prevents possible mishaps that could otherwise occur during an outdoor project. The service is free and the process is simple:

1. The digger contacts Georgia 811 by dialing 811 or visiting Georgia811.com and submitting an eRequest form at least two business days prior to digging.
2. Georgia 811 then transmits the location and description of the project to the affected member utility companies. After receiving the information, these utility companies send a professional locate technician to identify and mark the approximate location of lines with colored paint or flags.
3. Once underground lines have been marked, the digger now knows the approximate location of utility lines and can dig safely.

What if 811 is not contacted?

- An underground line is damaged every three minutes nationwide and nearly 1,300 damages are reported to Georgia 811 each month.
- Damage to underground lines can result in service interruptions, costly repair bills and fines.
- Hitting a line can also cause serious harm to the digger and other individuals.

Why is April so important?

- April is National Safe Digging Month, as well as Safe Digging Month in Georgia by declaration of the governor.
- According to consumer behavior trends, April marks the beginning of the peak period for outdoor digging projects in Georgia and nationwide.
- Raising safe digging awareness in April encourages citizens to contact 811 during an optimum time for utility line protection.

How has safe digging increased?

- In 2019, Georgia 811 took 1,314,239 requests to have underground utility lines located.
- In 2019, Georgia 811 took 70.2% of locates on the web, a 2.8% increase from 2018.
- For each request 7.3 member companies on average were notified that digging would be taking place in their service area.

Who is Georgia 811?

Established in 1974, Georgia 811 is a non-profit organization comprised of over 804-member utility companies, including cities and counties throughout Georgia that benefit through reductions in lost time, accidents, service interruptions and costly repairs.

Georgia 811 has been an industry leader in preventing damage to underground utility facilities and promoting safety and efficiency through high quality and economical notification services. In addition Georgia 811 provides training and education while encouraging compliance with all applicable laws.

Georgia 811 is dedicated to keeping Georgia safe and connected.



About Georgia Mortgage Assistance

The State of Georgia received \$354 million from the U.S. Treasury's Homeowner Assistance Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide relief to homeowners who suffered a financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Georgia's program is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Programs Offered

- ***Mortgage Reinstatement:** a one-time payment to the lender to catch up or reduce delinquent payments or payments currently in forbearance. Must owe three or more mortgage payments to be considered for assistance.
- **Principal Curtailment:** to reduce the mortgage loan balance if the homeowner suffered a permanent loss of income due to the pandemic.
- ***Housing Expenses:**
 - Delinquent Association Fees
 - Delinquent Non-Escrowed Property Taxes
 - Due or Delinquent Non-Escrowed Property Insurance
 - Delinquent Water, Gas, and Electric Utility Bills (only in conjunction with mortgage assistance)

** Payments owed prior to July 1, 2019, or Mortgage payments owed over \$50,000 cannot be considered for assistance.*

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ The homeowner, the borrower, or the homeowner's spouse (living in the home with the homeowner) had a hardship caused by the pandemic after January 21, 2020.
- ✓ The pandemic hardship resulted in a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.
- ✓ All applicants (homeowner, borrower, spouse residing in home) meet Georgia legal residency requirements.
- ✓ The Georgia home is the primary residence.
- ✓ The mortgage loan (if there is a loan) met conforming limits at the time of origination.
- ✓ Applicants' total household income meets Area Median Income (AMI) limits at the time of the hardship or at the time of the application: 150% AMI or less if socially disadvantaged, 100% AMI or less for all other applicants.

Assistance is in the form of a Grant, up to \$50,000 for eligible homeowners.

Have Questions?



Call us toll-free at **1-877-519-4443**

or



Email us at GMA@dca.ga.gov

Visit our website at:

www.GeorgiaMortgageAssistance.ga.gov