



*August 2023 E-Newsletter
Volume XV, Issue VIII*



**City Meetings
AUGUST CALENDAR**

Recreation Commission – Aug. 8, 11:45 AM, Central Square Complex – Magnolia Room

Keep Douglas Beautiful – Aug. 8, 9 AM, City Hall

Downtown Development Authority – Aug. 9, 9 AM, Chamber Office

Land Bank Authority Retreat – Aug. 10, 2 PM, City Hall

Air Base Preservation and Development Committee – Aug. 14, 12 PM, Airport

City Commission—Aug. 14 & 28, 6 PM, City Hall

Veterans Park Committee – Aug. 16, 10 AM, Airport

Planning Commission – Aug. 17, 6 PM, City Hall

Mayor’s Youth Council – Aug. 22, 6 PM, City Hall

Douglas GICH Team Meeting – Aug. 23, 3 PM, City Hall

Historic Preservation Committee – Aug. 24, 4 PM, City Hall

Since 2021, leaders from across the city and state have been discussing how to bring an aviation school in Douglas and Coffee County which has spurred much interest from all aspects of the aviation field and created the Douglas-Coffee Aviation Eco-System Initiative. On Thursday, July 13, 2023, the initiative partners with government, industry, education, and private aviation entities met at the Coffee County Board to Education to continue with strategic planning efforts for an aviation academy model for Douglas. Read more, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



CITY OF DOUGLAS AWARDED LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT FROM WALMART #593

The City of Douglas has been awarded the Walmart’s Local Community Grant courtesy of the local Walmart (Facility #593) in the amount of \$1,000.00. This funding was obtained through a commitment to quality-of-life improvements in Douglas and will aid in purchase of a portable weather-resistant stage for the Pocket Park. The addition of this stage will enable improved exposure to various arts and recreational experiences in an easily accessible area downtown for everyone in our community.

Walmart.org



MORE INFO



**NEED SOMETHING TO DO?
VOLUNTEER!**
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV
912-389-3458
We need you!



ON AUGUST 1, 2023, THE CITY OF DOUGLAS WILL DISCONTINUE ITS CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE DUE TO CONTINUOUS CONTAMINATION OF THE RECYCLING STREAM AND MARKET FORCES.

GFL Environmental will begin collection of blue recycling carts as soon as possible.

Those wishing to keep a second cart should contact the Customer Care Center by dialing 3-1-1 or (912)384-3302 to set up arrangements to keep the cart.

Customers who wish to keep the second cart will be charged an additional sanitation collection fee.

Thank you to all citizens who utilized the recycling program diligently and correctly.

For more information, please call (912) 389-3401.



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 August!

Eric Lott—6 yrs. (Fire)
Linda Phillips—9 yrs. (Finance)
Tony Thompson—14 yrs. (Fire)
Tonjaneka Simpson—17 yrs. (Municipal Court/Finance)
Ronnie Bullock—18 yrs. (Parks & Recreation)
Stacey Williams—23 yrs. (Police)
Georgia Henderson—28 yrs. (Community Development Department Director)

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Rex Harper
25 yrs. (Fire)

Water Department/ESG Operations crews were caught working hard to make a hydrant repair on Spooner Road. Thanks for the hard work to make sure that our customers water remained on while the repair was made to the hydrant!



WE ARE HIRING!
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/jobs
912-389-3494



DOUGLAS HOUSING TEAM TOURS NEIGHBORHOODS

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023, members of the Douglas Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) Housing Team toured around the community to several properties that recently received home renovations thanks to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Grant. These residential homes received many upgrades, and owners were very thankful for the rehabilitation work on their homes. The Douglas Housing Team also recognizes Chris Calhoun and Camp 151 for their assistance in rehabbing six homes, in Douglas, at no expense to the homeowner. For more information about the tour, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



Looking for a place out of the norm to host your next small event or meeting? Try Heritage Station Museum! The museum is available for rental to host small meetings with under 70 attendees. Operated by the Coffee County Historical Society, Heritage Station Museum is located at 219 W. Ward Street in the old Georgia and Florida Railroad Depot, and features an array of permanent collections including military, agricultural, African-American, and local business exhibits. The museum also boasts a unique collection of train memorabilia and highlights Douglas' connection with the railroad industry. To rent the museum, a user must check for availability and complete a rental contract with the Coffee County Historical Society. For pricing and all rules regarding rental of the Museum, please contact Carol Morgan, CCHS President at (912) 381-1135.

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Purple Boutique, 913A Gaskin Ave., 912-850-3407

Mel's Bundles & More, 816 Beaver Circle,
912-501-4063

Heavenly Hydration, 301 S. Peterson Ave., 912-501-7935

Hall Produce, 830 Hickory Lane, 912-850-4114

Atmas Logistics, 207 Pinecrest Dr., 912-422-5221

El Camino Coffee, 118 W. Cherry St., 912-381-6970

RB & Sons Lawncare and Tire Service, 709 E. Baker Hwy.

Hill Turf Solutions, 1218 Karen Lane, 912-850-3457

Wild Soul Boutique, 108 S. Peterson Ave., 912-850-7181

Saave Co. Boutique, 515 C-2 Peterson Ave., 912-850-4625

Sno-Biz of Blackshear, 3005 Hwy. 84, 912-807-2345

Little Peaches Play Café, 733 SW Bowens Mill Rd,
912-381-23608

Northcutt's Breakfast, 718 Shirley Ave.

Shop local!

DOUGLAS Ribbon Cutting
COFFEE COUNTY • GA
chamber and economic development authority



Thank you to Hardware House for doing business in Douglas and Coffee County. Their location is at 310 S. Peterson Avenue.

Looking for Douglas souvenirs? Check out what the Visit Douglas Tourism Office has to offer! Pick yours up today at 114 N. Peterson Ave. Suite 205!

T-Shirts—\$15 each
I (heart) COFFEE—\$18
Sizes: Adult small-2X
Hats: \$20
Call for more items
(912)384-1873!



Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

Aug. 5 & 19, 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.

Who's EXCITED???

PetSmart is getting ready for their grand opening on August 19, 2023! Building and stocking shelves, associate training, and other workplace activities are happening daily at the new store. Be on the lookout for more information regarding their Ribbon Cutting on August 14, 2023 and their **GRAND OPENING** on August 19, 2023 by following their Facebook page by clicking this link, [PetSmart](#).



Publix is seeing some great progress both inside and outside! Inside the flooring has been sealed, framework is being built for different sections, some equipment is arriving, and it's beginning to look A LOT like a grocery store! The exterior is almost completed with final roofing taking place. Tentative open date is January 2024.

Bricks have been delivered for the exterior of Harbor Freight!



Jack's Family Restaurant is getting closer to opening! Stay tuned for more details.



Another Douglas Square business has opened—LIFESTYLE NAIL BAR!



Coming SOON the Medical Institute of South Georgia! Keep an eye out for new educational opportunities in the medical field with the institute. Thank you to Leroy and Dr. Tracy McClelland for investing in our community!



Plant Vogtle Nuclear Unit 3 Enters Commercial Service

ATLANTA – July 31, 2023 – MEAG Power is pleased to announce that Unit 3 at Plant Vogtle entered commercial service on July 31, 2023, adding 250 MW of emissions-free generation capacity to MEAG Power’s portfolio, an equivalent amount to power an estimated 113,500 homes and businesses. Vogtle Unit 3 is the first newly constructed nuclear unit to enter service in the U.S. in more than 30 years. For full press release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO
RENOVATE OR BUILD
WITHIN CITY LIMITS...
CHECK WITH US!



CONTACT US @ BUILDING INSPECTIONS & PERMITS DIVISION:

📞 912-389-3423 ✉️ RPARKER@CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV

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 August 9 (9AM-1PM), August 24 (1PM-4PM). Once utilized as housing for World War II cadets, the Barracks #5 building is hoped to be used for an aviation-type business or aviation-related purposes. The open house is free of charge. For full press release, www.cityofdouglasga.gov.



Douglas Fire Department NEWS

Right: Douglas Fire Department is transitioning to a more athletic cut with turnout gear. Modeling the new gear is Eric "EJ" Lott.



Above: DFD conducted driver training along with Coffee County Fire Department on July 18, 2023.



Right: Fire Pup had lots of fun at the Back 2 School Giveaway sponsored by Southwire’s Project Gift.

VOLUNTEER opportunities



IS SEEKING (2) VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THEIR COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEERS MUST LIVE WITHIN CITY LIMITS!

VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE @ 302 SOUTH MADISON AVE. OR DOWNLOADED FROM:
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLASGA.GOV



FMI: 912-383-0277

The Satilla Regional Library Board is seeking (1) volunteer to serve!

Volunteer applications can be picked up @ 302 S. Madison Ave.

Or apply online by visiting:
www.cityofdouglasga.gov/174/Volunteer-Core



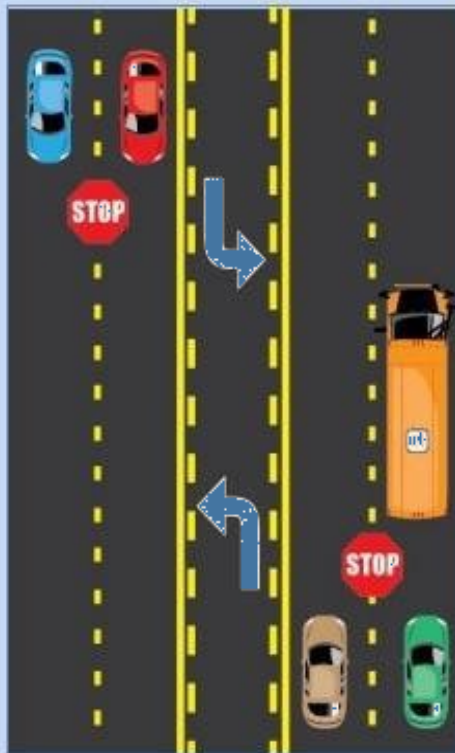


It's back to school time in Coffee County. Please remember to slow down in the school zones and look for children at bus stops.

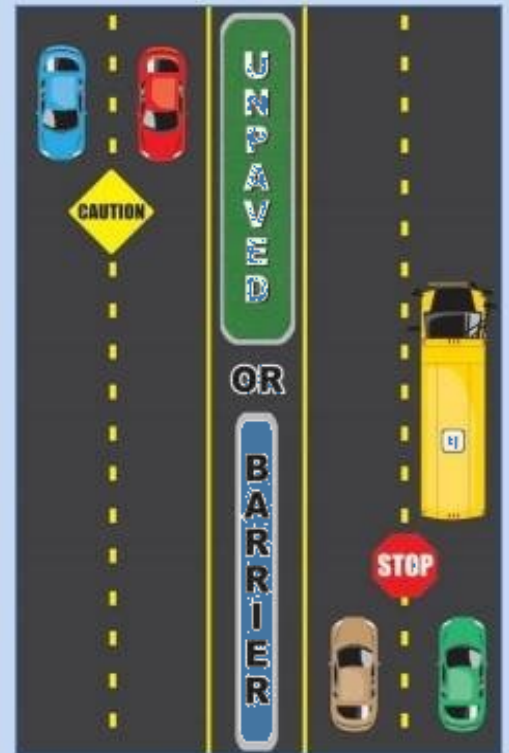
What is the Law?



TWO LANE
Vehicles traveling
In both directions
MUST STOP.



MULTI-LANE – Paved Across
Vehicles traveling in both directions
MUST STOP.



**DIVIDED HIGHWAY – With dirt, grass
or barrier median – Vehicles behind
MUST STOP. Vehicles traveling in
opposite direction must use caution.**

Douglas Police Department

July 2023

Monthly Call Statistics

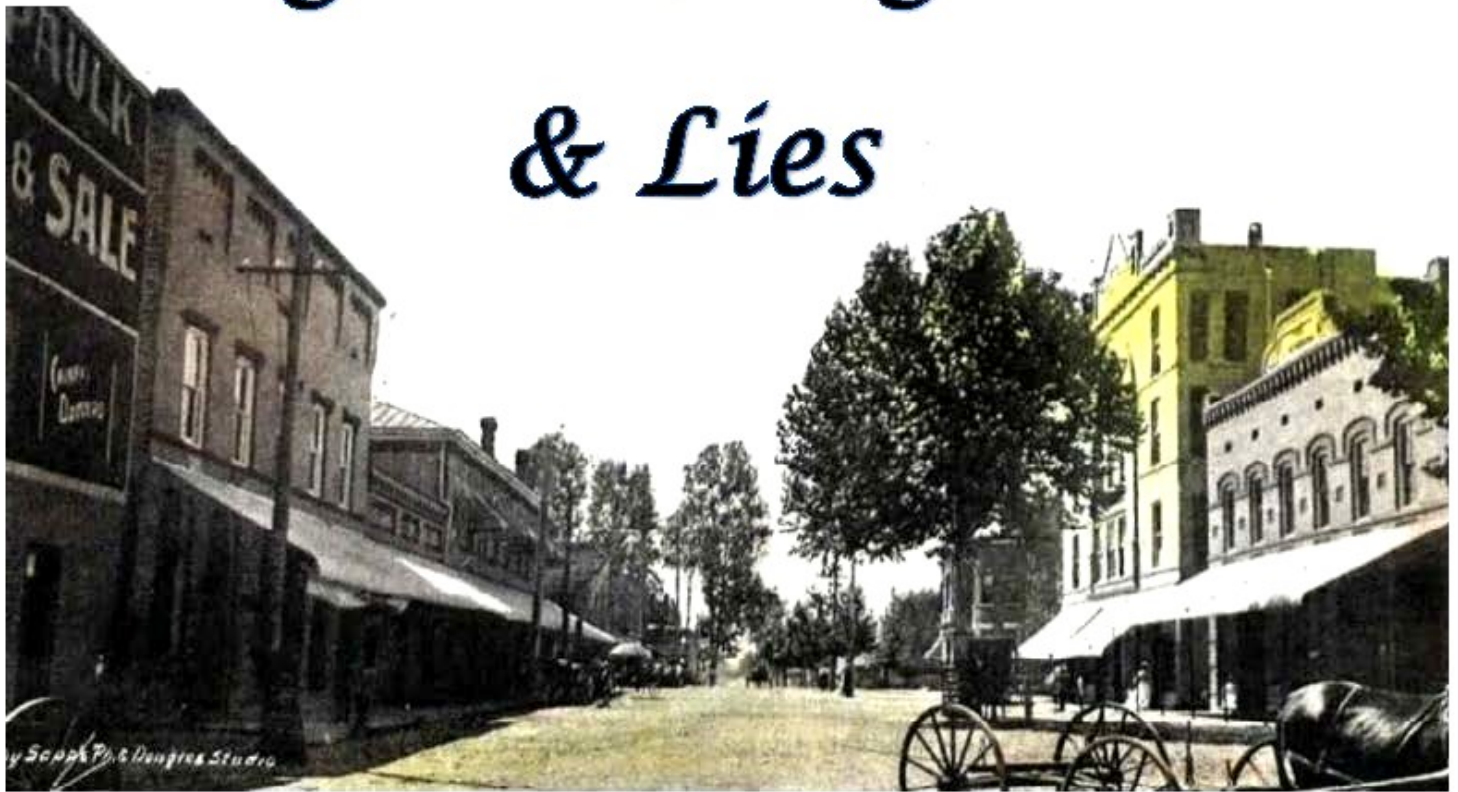


Honor, Integrity, Service



For more information, contact DPD Chief Brannen Pruette, (912)384-2222.

Legacies, Legends & Lies



Sunday, August 27, 2023

2:00 PM

The Martin Centre

109 East Ashley Street
Douglas, GA

\$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of
Commerce, Heritage Museum or
J&D Designs & Cafe

*Come hear the stories
where our community's
past residents will share
their Legacies, Legends
and Lies...*

*Performed by our own
incredible storytellers
that will have you
wanting to know more
about our ancestors!!!!*

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Official Website of Douglas County, Georgia

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Presented by Coffee Historical Society and Coffee
Alliance for the Arts



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Bingo - every Wed. at Cow Tippers Trivia - every Thurs. at Cow Tippers Live Music - Thurs. at Sparky's</p> <p>Check out www.visitdouglasga.org for where to eat, shop, play!</p>		1	<p>2 Ga Ag Experience Satilla Regional Library 9am-5:30pm w/ 3pm Okefenokee Swamp Show</p> <p>Badges for Life Blood Drive Central Square Gym 10am-3:30pm</p>	3	4	<p>5 1st Saturday Back to School Bash Downtown Merchants 10am-3pm</p> <p>Blood Drive Bealls Outlet 2:00-4:30pm</p>
6	7 CCA Starts Back	8	<p>9 Coffee & First Academy Start Back</p> <p>Badges for Life Blood Drive Central Square Gym 10am-3:30pm</p>	10	11	<p>12 CCFP Pet Adoptions Tractor Supply 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Broadcast South Business Expo Central Square Gym 11am-7pm & Blood Drive 10:30am-4pm</p> <p>HOPE & Elvis Concert for CCAGCC Martin Centre @ 6pm</p>
13	14 PetsMart Ribbon Cutting 8:30am	15 Chamber Digital Marketing Bootcamp 9am - 12 noon Atrium Event Center CAA Classic Movie ("71") "Fiddler on the Roof" Rockin' 8 Cinemas 6:45pm	16	17	18	<p>19 Colt Ford Concert Martin Centre Doors Open at 7pm</p> <p>CHS vs Tift Co Jardine Stadium 7:30pm</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		<p>Want to add your event to our calendar? Email schilders@douglasga.org</p>
<p>Legacies, Legends & Lies History of Coffee Co. Martin Centre 2:00pm</p>	<p>Chamber Power Lunch Douglas Golf & Country Club 12noon</p>		<p>History at High Noon Heritage Station Museum</p> <p>Blood Drive 1st Methodist Church 1:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>Leadership Coffee Alumni Get Together 5:30pm Skoll Axe Throwing</p>	<p>CHS vs Bainbridge Jardine Stadium 7:30pm</p>	

CCFP is excited to announce that we
are an official adoption partner of
Pet Smart!

Adoptable cats will be in the store Aug. 15!



**PETSMART GRAND OPENING
IS AUGUST 19, 2023, 9AM**



PET SMART

Together we can make anything happen!

Blood Donors Are First Responders



DONATE BLOOD

Badges For Life
Wednesday, August 2
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **First Responder T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.

Donors
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 27030**



ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.



oneblood
Share your power.



GEORGIA AG EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, August 2nd
Douglas-Coffee County Public Library
9:00am to 5:30pm



Pizza and drinks will be served at 12:30
*Note: A limited amount
will be available

OKEFENOKEE SWAMP PARK
ANIMAL SHOW @ 3:00PM



Downtown Douglas Shoppes

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 5

**Bring your school staff or student
ID BADGE for your discount at checkout!**

All Downtown shoppes participating
will honor the discount according to
their discretion...

*Open til
7:30 PM*

*Every 3rd
Thurs.*

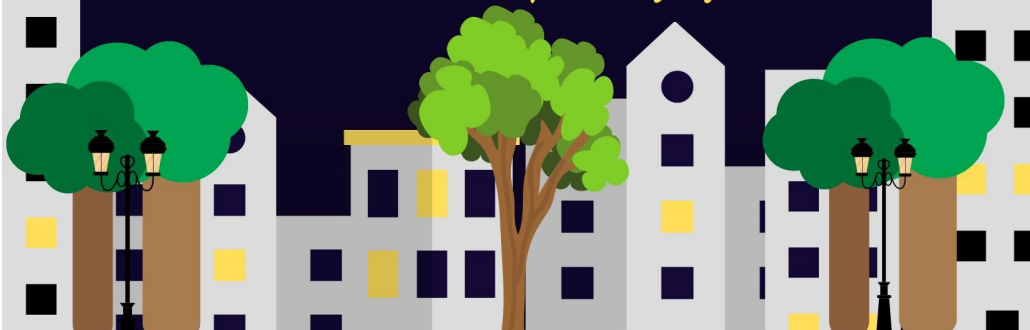
GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Downtown Douglas Merchants

Five o'clock
to seven thirty

Downtown Douglas GA
participating
shoppes...

Dine • Shop • Enjoy





Coffee County School System 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

**ONE COFFEE.
ONE TEAM.**

Approved March 23, 2023

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Professional Learning Day (No Students)

Progress Reports

Progress Reports, Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release Day)

School Closed - Holidays

Report Cards

100th Day of School

Student Days

Early Release Day

Graduation Day!

End of 9 Week Grading Periods:
Oct. 6, Dec. 15, Mar. 8 & May 29

Citizens Christian Academy

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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- School Closed/Holiday
- Progress Report
- Early Release
- Report Cards
- Progress Report/PT
Conference/Early Release
Professional Learning

- End of Course Tests
(Tentative)
- Open House
- Teacher In Service Day
- Students Return
- Graduation/Last Day of
School/Early Release



LOCAL Business Expo



Open to the Community!

Join us

August 11, 2023

At the Central Square Complex
located at 200 S. Madison Ave
Douglas, GA

Special Senior Citizens Hour
from 11am until 12pm
Open to the public
from 12pm until 7pm

Hors d'oeuvres provided by:

**DOOR
PRIZES**



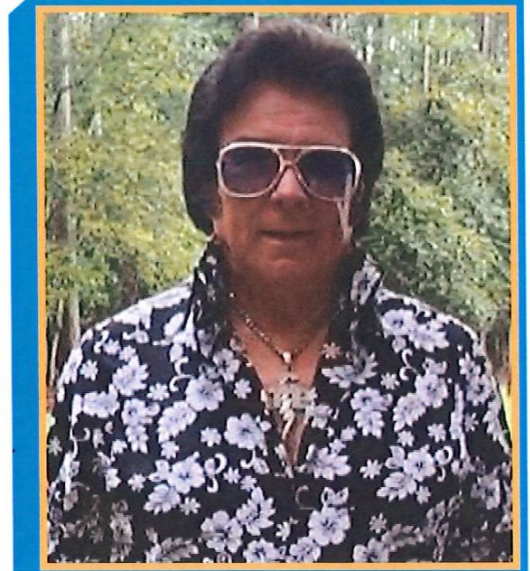


Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County

PRESENTS

HOPE

ELVIS



**LIVE AT
THE MARTIN CENTRE
DOUGLAS, GA**

*sometimes real SUPERHEROES
live in the hearts of*



*small children fighting
Big Battles*

**ALL
DONATIONS
ACCEPTED**

**AUGUST 12TH, 2023
6:00 PM**

**ADMISSION:
\$10.00
VIP TICKETS
(1ST 10 ROWS)
\$20.00**





Small Business
Development Center
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

DIGITAL MARKETING BOOTCAMP



Need help telling your story? Connecting with your customers? Mastering social media?

This program covers the fundamentals you need to tell your story, connect with online audiences, map your buyers' journeys and master social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. You'll also learn how to design a website that is optimized for search engines and local audiences, along with other key strategies to build a powerful online presence.

LEARN:

- How to set marketing goals that make sense for your business
- What motivates your target customers
- How to compare yourself to your competition
- Which social media platforms are right for your business
- What to post on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
- Website optimization strategies for visitors and search engines
- How to get found on local internet searches



No Cost! Register:

*Tuesday, August 15
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)*

*Atrium Event Center
114 N Peterson Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533*

*In partnership
with:*



*Meet our
Digital
Marketing
Experts*



- 1. ROBBIE PARKS**
Business Consultant | Gainesville, GA
- 2. DREW TONSMEIRE**
Area Director | Kennesaw, GA
- 3. NADIA OSMAN**
Business Consultant | Savannah, GA

All programs of the UGA SBDC are open to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact Carlotta Braswell at cbraswell@georgiasbdc.org or call 229-245-3738.

COMING UP AT THE MARTIN CENTRE



FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023

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



THE MARTIN CENTRE

109 E ASHLEY STREET • DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

visit
DOUGLAS
COFFEE COUNTY • GEORGIA



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

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



THE MARTIN CENTRE

109 E ASHLEY STREET • DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

visit
DOUGLAS
COFFEE COUNTY • GEORGIA



SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2023

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

visit
DOUGLAS
COFFEE COUNTY • GEORGIA

THE 1ST OFFICAL

POPUUP+ MARKETING EVENT

MUSIC BY
DJ ONE SPEAKER

IN DOUGLAS, GA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 2023

10AM-7PM

Behind Walmart Store on South
Gaskin Avenue at The Pavilion.

**FOOD VENDORS
ART VENDORS
HEALTH VENDORS**

**MUSIC
RAFFLES
AND MORE**

CALLING ALL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

FOOD VENDORS SPOTS \$125 OTHER VENDORS \$65

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST

COME SUPPORT YOUR SMALL BUSINESSES

FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE VENDOR SPOT, CONTACT 478-319-8237

FLYER DESIGN BY designer.georgefx1@gmail.com

Join us for our 5th Annual
GEORGIA MUSCADINE FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER
 2nd
 2023**

SPONSORED BY:

 Called to care, Inc.
 Adoption, Foster Care and Missions for Hurting Children

More information at
GEORGIAMUSCADINEFESTIVAL.COM

THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS (DDA) PRESENTS

**THE GREAT
 GOLF BALL
 DROP**

Ball Drop will take place immediately following the *Discover Douglas* Event at Central Square Complex on Thursday, September 21. *You don't need to be present to win!*

Ball nearest to the pin
WINS up to \$50,000
 2nd Place • \$3,000
 3rd Place • \$1,000
 Furthest From the Hole
\$1,000

ADDITIONAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

\$500 per Ball - Up to 200 Balls Sold

Ball purchases can be split!
 1 Person @ \$500 wins \$50,000
 5 People @ \$100 wins \$10,000 each
 10 People @ \$50 wins \$5,000 each
 20 People @ \$25 wins \$2,500 each

Minimum Entry Fee to Win BIG PAYOUTS!

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DISCOVER DOUGLAS

Coffee County, Georgia

Chamber Member Showcase



Thursday, September 21

Central Square Complex | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Featuring

Battle of the Boards
Charcuterie Board Challenge

Golf Ball Drop
Downtown Development Authority

Admission at the Door: \$15 | Advance Tickets: \$10 | Children 5 & Under: Free

- Join us for an evening of networking, food, entertainment and prizes as we discover all that Douglas has to offer. Tickets to the event are available at the Chamber of Commerce!
- Free Booth Spaces are available for Chamber Members! Scan the QR Code to register for a booth.

Register
here!





4th Annual Gopher Tortoise Festival

SPONSORS NEEDED!
3000+ attendees

Radio, social media & in-person
advertising opportunities.

Booth spaces available.

Recognition to 3000+ chamber
members.

Saturday, Oct 7, 2023

Douglas-Coffee County GA

Dreaming of owning your own home? Wait no more, help is here. Visit their website to learn more! <https://www.dca.ga.gov/gov/>

The **Georgia Dream Homeownership Program** offers:

Down Payment Assistance

Eligible homebuyers can cover a portion of down payments, closing costs, and prepaid items.

