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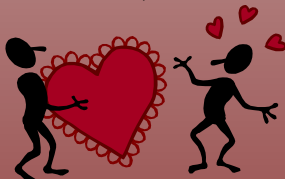
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 8, Historic Preservation Meeting, City Hall Council Room, 912-384-5161
- February 13, City Commission Meeting @ City Hall Council Room, 7pm
- February 15, Cemetery Meeting, 10am
- February 16, DDA Meeting, 10:00am, 912-384-5161
- February 16, Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Hall Council Room, 6pm
- Feb 24, Tool Sale, CE Weir, 11am – 8pm
- Feb 24 & 25, GRPA Dist. 2 Youth Basketball Tournament, Central Square Complex, FMI: 384-5978

DON'T FORGET
VALENTINE'S DAY
TUESDAY, FEB. 14th!



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MAYOR DENNIS ENCOURAGES 6TH GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "IF I WERE MAYOR" ESSAY CONTEST

Sixth graders in Coffee County are encouraged to participate in the "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." essay contest. The contest is open to all 6th graders, including home schooled students and private school students. The essay will give sixth graders an opportunity to share their ideas on leadership and how they would guide the city as mayor.

"I would like to encourage sixth grade students to participate," says Mayor James Dennis. "It is important for students to understand the role of mayor and how local government works. Hopefully, my talks with the students at Citizens Christian Academy and Coffee Middle School have given students the information they need to write a successful essay."

Every essay must begin with the sentence, "If I were mayor, I would..." and essays may not be longer than 350 words. They can be either typed or hand written, but must be legible and have the student's name and school on them. One local winner will receive prizes and be recognized at a regular City Commission meeting. Student essays will also be forwarded to the Georgia Municipal Association to compete against other entries from GMA's 12 districts, and a winner from each state district will be selected by a panel of state officials. If chosen at the state level, the winner will receive a \$250 savings bond and other small prizes. State winners will be notified by the end of March, and will be invited, along with their teachers, parents and mayors, to a luncheon in Atlanta in April.



For more information, please call (912) 383-0277, email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com or visit www.gmanet.com or www.cityofdouglas.com.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor James Dennis signed the [Arbor Day](#) Proclamation proclaiming Friday, February 17th, 2012, as "Arbor Day" in Douglas. The City of Douglas has been recognized as a [Tree City USA](#) for 23 years by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways. Mayor Dennis concluded the proclamation with "I urge all citizens to plant trees and be a part of the well being of present and future generations."

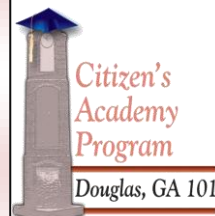


REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR DOUGLAS 101 CITIZENS' ACADEMY PROGRAM

The city of Douglas is now taking registration for the Douglas 101- Citizens' Academy Program. Class dates will not be set until a minimum of 12 people sign up for the class. Classes should begin somewhere between February 2012 through April 2012 and are generally held on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm.

Topics that will be covered in the Citizens' Academy Program will include but are not limited to: utilities, finance, parks and recreation, customer service, public safety. Sessions will also involve department tours. Participants will be asked to attend one of the City Commission Meetings and a Volunteer Committee Meeting as a part of the academy.

The Douglas 101 Citizens' Academy Program is for citizens aged 18 and older. For more information or to obtain an application for the program, call the Office of the Central Services Director, Georgia Henderson (912)383-0277 or go online to www.cityofdouglas.com.





AFTER HOURS CALL NUMBER FOR UTILITY SERVICES – 912-384-3302

The City of Douglas would like to remind customers to call 384-3302, which was established for residential and industrial customers to call after 5pm. “For years now, we’ve had staff assigned with the primary purpose to answer calls and dispatch out the non-emergency issues related requests to utility service departments”, says City Manager Terrell Jacobs. “We encourage citizens to know this number and to keep it handy by posting on your refrigerator or adding it to your address book so that you will be able to easily access it at the appropriate time. We also ask customers to be sure to call 911 for any emergency related issues and 911 will route the call to the proper agency.”



FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION BLITZ

Douglas Fire Department will be conducting their yearly Fire Safety Inspection Blitz for all businesses in Douglas beginning February 13 through the end of February. We appreciate their cooperation and assistance during these fire safety inspections.

For more information, please contact the City of Douglas Fire Department at (912)384-4815.

Spring Fling Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale & More!!

Saturday, April 7, 2012 ♦ 7am-3pm

Central Square Complex ♦ 200 South Madison Ave. ♦ Douglas, Georgia
For more information, call (912)383-0277 or email bthomas@cityofdouglas.com



Douglas Recycling

FEBRUARY RECYCLING CALENDAR

- Week 1 (Jan. 30 - Feb.3) - Green Cart
- Week 2 (Feb. 6 – Feb. 10) – Blue Cart
- Week 3 (Feb. 13 – Feb. 17) - Green Cart
- Week 4 (Feb. 20 – Feb. 24) – Blue Cart
- Week 5 (Feb. 27 – Mar. 2) - Green Cart



REMEMBER: Recycling is now City-Wide! (912) 389-3450.