

City of Douglas

"Working Together To Serve You Better"

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JULY 2012 E-Newsletter

ISSUE I

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *July 4, Freedom Fest, 5pm, JC Adams Municipal Park
- *July 4, City Offices Closed
- *July 6, Douglas Singles Dance, 7pm, Gym A
- *July 7, Blake's Back Live Concert, 8pm, Martin Centre, FMI: 404-992-9336
- *July 9, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 11, Historic Pres. Meeting, 11am, 384-5161
- *July 18, Cemetery Mtg, 10am, Cemetery
- *July 19, DDA Meeting, 11am, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 19, Planning & Zoning, 6pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 23, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 26, Commit 2B Fit Walk, 5:30pm, Meet at Alternative School FMI: 383-7332
- *July 28, BLK Tshirt Pageant, 6pm, Central Square Gym A FMI: 912-592-3193

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CITY OF DOUGLAS UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT

CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

On Monday, July 16, 2012, the Utility Customer Service Department at City Hall will be closed to the public due to a software conversion implementation. Customers will be able to enter City Hall; however, tellers will be unavailable to assist customers. To compensate for this inconvenience to customers within Ward 2 and 3, a due date adjustment will be made on July bills. Utility customers in these two wards should pay close attention to due dates on their utility bill for the month of July. Ward 2 utility bills that are normally due on the 6th of the month will be due on July 10, 2012. Ward 3 utility bills normally due on the 16th of the month, will be due on July 17, 2012. After July, Wards 2 and 3 will resume their normal due dates of the 6th and 16th, respectively. Wards 1 and 4 dates will not be affected by this closure.

Customers can expect for the online system to be down for at least two weeks, from July 15, 2012 through July 27, 2012. Once the system is up and running, customers will need to register with the new system, as their old username and password will not work. Until the new system is online, customers will need to take traditional measures to pay their utility bills by mail, by phone or at City Hall.

Please contact the [Customer Service Department](#) at (912) 389-3499 for any utility billing questions.



SLOGAN CONTEST

Would you like a chance to win \$200?

Enter the City of Douglas Slogan/Nickname Contest!

For more information, click here.

Douglas and Coffee County Says

!!!!GO JOHN!!!!



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

ABC
DUETS

Thursday Nights @ 8 PM

Celebrate...
4th of July
Freedom Fest 2012

Wednesday, July 4, 2012
JC Adams Municipal Park
600 Van Davis Road • Douglas, Georgia
Gates Open at 5pm!
Free Admission & Parking
Live Entertainment
Food Vendors
Fireworks After Dark!

For more information, call (912)381-2441, (912)384-4555, or email ldominic@windstream.net.
Sponsored by: Douglas Exchange Club, City of Douglas, local businesses and private supporters.



Pictured: (L-R) John Reid, Georgia Municipal Association President and Eatonton Mayor; Laura Meadows, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia; Dorothy Hubbard, Albany Mayor, Chair of the GMA Municipal Training Board; and Commissioner Dennis Josey.

JOSEY RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

Commissioner Dennis Josey received the prestigious Certificate of Distinction from the Georgia Municipal Training Institute at the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) 79th Annual Convention in Savannah on June 25. This Certificate of Distinction is the highest level of Georgia Municipal Association training certification. The Georgia Municipal Training Institute, a cooperative effort of GMA and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provides a nationally recognized series of training opportunities for elected city officials. To receive a Certificate of Distinction a city official must complete a minimum of 204 units of credit, including 12 required courses and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute. The training program consists of a series of more than 40 six-unit courses.

"This is an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Lamar Norton. "We commend Commissioner Josey for this accomplishment and for the dedication he's shown in using this valuable resource to become a more effective city official."

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 500 member cities.

DOUGLAS WELCOME CENTER RELOCATING TO HERITAGE STATION MUSEUM

The Douglas Welcome Center will relocate to Heritage Station Museum, located at 219 W. Ward St., beginning July 1, 2012 to better serve our area and visitors in Douglas. By providing space for Heritage Station Museum, Tourism, Douglas Main Street, and the Whistle Stop Souvenir Shop, the Welcome Center's new location will be a visitor's one stop shop for visitor information and local souvenirs.



"We hope by moving the Welcome Center to the Museum, we will be able to serve our visitors in a variety of ways," says Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director. "The Ashley Slater House will continue to be a satellite Information Center and also provide information for visitors through the Economic Development Authority offices and Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce offices."

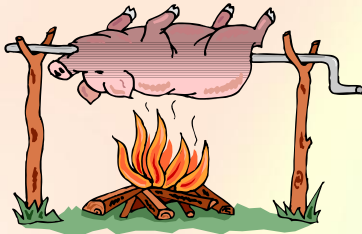
The Douglas Welcome Center/Heritage Station Museum, once known as the old G&F Railroad depot, will continue to showcase the history of the railroad and Douglas-Coffee County. Hours of operation for the Welcome Center will be Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and occasionally on Saturdays from 10:00am – 2:00pm for special programs and events.

For more information on the Douglas Welcome Center, please call (912) 384-4555 or visit www.cityofdouglas.com.



**SECOND SATURDAY
DOWNTOWN MARKET**
July 14 • 9am-1pm
Atkinson Plaza – Downtown Douglas
For more information, call Pattie at 912-384-5161 or email pmerritt@cityofdouglas.com.

DOUGLAS TO HOST BACKYARD BBQ CONTEST



Fire up the grills and get ready for the South Georgia Outdoor Expo Backyard BBQ Contest! In conjunction with the South Georgia Outdoor Expo, plans are underway for a backyard barbecue cooking competition. Grilling teams will be putting their smoke in the air as they compete in three categories: Chicken, Ribs, and Apple Pie. This event will take place on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Central Square Complex. For a complete list of rules and regulations, click [here](#).

**FREE COMPOST AVAILABLE
AT THE MULCH SITE**
CALL AHEAD FOR PICKUP DATES
AND TIMES - 912-327-0965.



Mosquito Control Program
Protect your Family: "Fight the Bite"
Click here for your Guide to Mosquito Control
or visit www.cityofdouglas.com.



Remember – Only Rain down the Drain!
Click here for information on how you can
prevent Stormwater Pollution or visit
www.cityofdouglas.com.

Douglas Recycling – July Calendar



Week 1 (July 2 – July 6) – Green Cart Week 2 (July 9 - 13) – Blue Cart
Week 3 (July 16 – July 20) – Green Cart Week 4 (July 23 – July 27) – Blue Cart
Week 5 (July 30 – August 3) – Green Cart

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





World Record Exhibit



Steve Scruggs
Rocky Snake Master

South Georgia is well-known as the home for and destination of outdoor enthusiasts.

Event will include: World Record Exhibit, Archery Challenge, Bass Tub Fishing Demonstration, Backyard BBQ Contest, Wild Game Supper, Rocky Master Snake Show, Outdoor Life Experience, Fishing Simulator, Live Animal and Wildlife Exhibits, Educational Seminars, BB Gun Range, Outfitters, Gear, Miscellaneous Items, and More.
GIVE-A-WAYS, FOOD, GAMES!!!



Keith Johnson
Bass Tub
Demonstration

AUGUST 24 – 25, 2012
CENTRAL SQUARE COMPLEX
200 S. Madison Avenue ~ Douglas, Georgia



Mark Williams
Georgia DNR
Commissioner

WILD GAME SUPPER

Speaker – Mark Williams, Georgia DNR Commissioner
Thursday, August 23, 2012, C.E. Weir Center
6:30pm, Tickets \$15

SOUTH GEORGIA OUTDOOR EXPO
Friday, August 24, 2012 - 1:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday, August 25, 2012 9:00am – 5:00pm

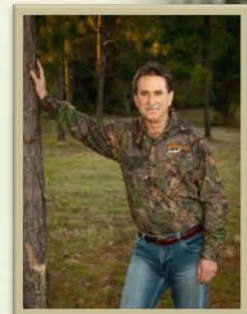
Admission

One-Day Pass: \$5.00 Adults, 12 & Under Free
Two-Day Pass: \$8.00 Adults, 12 & Under Free

For more information contact the City of Douglas
(912) 383-0277 or Email: info@cityofdouglas.com
WEBSITE: www.cityofdouglas.com/OutdoorExpo



Fun Area for Kids!!!



Van McCall
God In The Hunt
Outdoor Life Experience

