

City of Douglas

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DECEMBER UPCOMING

EVENTS

- Dec. 7, Douglas Singles Dance, Central Square Gym A, 7:00pm
- Dec. 8, [Santa Stroll](#), Youth Center, 1:30pm-5:30pm
FMI: 384-9263/384-5161
- Dec. 8, CAA presents [Hometown Christmas Celebration](#), 6pm, Martin Centre \$5 Tickets, 912-327-0830
- Dec. 10, City Commission Meeting @ City Hall, 7pm
- Dec. 12, Historic Preservation Meeting, 11am, FMI: 384-5161
- Dec. 15, Christmas on the Pond, 6pm-9pm, FMI: 384-7082
- Dec. 18, [CAA presents: It's a Wonderful Life](#), Rockin 8 Cinemas 6:45pm, \$5 tickets
- Dec. 19, Cemetery Meeting, @ Douglas City Cemetery, 10am
- Dec. 19, Blood Drive, City Hall, 10am-3pm
- Dec. 20, City Commission Meeting @ City Hall, 7pm
- Dec. 22, [Seven Baskets at Christmas](#), 8am-12pm
Central Sq Gym A
- Dec. 24&25, Christmas Holidays
City Offices Closed
- Jan. 1, City Offices Closed



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SANTA STROLL

Saturday, December 8, 2012 ♦ 1:30pm-5:30pm ♦ Ages: Pre-K-5th Grade
Registration at the Youth Center
(between Weir Center and Gyms on Bryan St.)
For more information, call (912) 384-9263

Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year from the City of Douglas!



City of Douglas Offices will be closed on Dec. 24 & 25, 2012 and Jan. 1, 2013. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

January 2 – 10, 2013
@ Public Works Department

There will be a sway car for the collection of BARE Christmas trees, which will be recycled in front of the Public Works Department. For more information, call (912)389-3450.



2012 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS

OVERALL WINNER

COLLEGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

BEST MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

CHS MARCHING BAND

BEST IN CREATIVITY

DELORICE'S FLORIST

CHURCHES

1. SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES & TRINITY CHURCH
2. WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
3. EMPOWERMENT CENTER INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

SMALL BUSINESS

1. PAWS AND CLAWS
2. JEWELL RECYCLING
3. HUDDLE HOUSE

LARGE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

1. WALMART TRANSPORTATION
2. ZAXBY'S
3. COFFEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER EMS

EDUCATION

1. WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
2. NICHOLLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3. SOUTH GEORGIA COLLEGE

CLUBS/INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATIONS

1. COFFEE FORESTRY QUEENS
2. GIRL SCOUTS 40575 & CUB SCOUTS 221
3. GIRL SCOUTS 40607



College Avenue Baptist



Delorice's Florist

Merry Christmas!



Saving Grace Ministries & Trinity Church



Paws&Claws/Smeltzer Electric



Girl Scouts 40607



Nicholls Elementary



Jewell Recycling



Westwood Baptist Church



Wiregrass Georgia Technical



Empowerment Center



Girl Scout 40575 & Pack 221



Coffee Forestry Queens

Toys for Tots

The Douglas Fire Department is accepting toys for their Annual Toys for Tots Program. Toys are for boys and girls up to age 11. All new, unwrapped toys should be dropped off at any of the City of Douglas Fire Stations, Police Department, City Hall, or Central Square Complex. Deadline to drop off toys is Friday, December 14. At this time, more toys are needed for girls than boys. For more information please call the Douglas Fire Department at 912-384-4815.





FRIENDLY HOLIDAY COMPETITION - THE N.I.P. CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST RETURNS!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around Douglas neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Involvement Program (N.I.P.) is happy to announce the return of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Residents who think they have the most festive outdoor décor are invited to participate in the [N.I.P. Christmas Home Decorating Contest](#). The most attractively decorated homes in each City ward will be judged and a winner will be selected for each ward.

Register now through December 17, 2012 at City Hall located at 224 W. Bryan Street. Outdoor decorations must be completed by December 17, 2012. One winner in each Ward will receive a prize and be recognized at the City Commission Meeting on December 20, 2012. Registration is free and you must live in the City limits to participate. For more information, call Donna Shrouder at (912)389-3432 or email dshrouder@cityofdouglas.com.



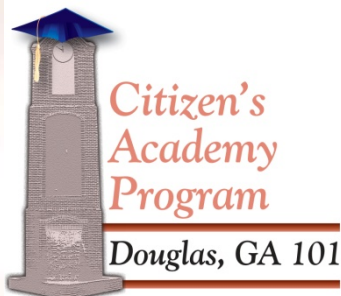
PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS BY DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the holiday season is upon us, the City of Douglas Police Department would like to remind everyone that holiday shopping can present some danger. During the holiday season, people become less attentive as their lives become more hectic, which could make them susceptible to crime and danger. Taking a few prevention measures can help ensure a jovial holiday season.

Stay safe this holiday season by following some of these tips:

- Shop during daylight hours in groups with no children, if possible. Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Park close to businesses in well lit areas and be aware of your environment.
- Be on the lookout for suspicious individuals; honk horn to attract attention if necessary. Report to 911 of any criminal activity.
- Keep car doors locked especially when pulling up to traffic lights; keep windows rolled up.
- Take keys with you and keep in hand when walking; use the panic button on the remote if approached by a suspicious person; keys can also be used as a weapon.
- Keep large packages and valuables in the trunk.
- ATMs – do not use or get out of vehicle if someone is around; be discrete when entering pin numbers at ATMs or using inside stores.
- When making purchasing using your debit or credit card look at your receipt before signing the pad or before leaving the register to make sure you had no unapproved charges or cash advances you did not ask for.
- If you are not going to be home - place timers on lights; have neighbors watch house; fill out a "Vacation/Neighborhood Watch" form at the Police Department.

For additional questions, please call the City of Douglas Police Department at (912) 384-2222.



CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 101 PROGRAM RETURNS IN 2013!

If you are interested in learning more about our local government and how it works, these classes will be perfect for you.

Persons interested should contact the Central Services Department at 912-383-0277 or email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com.



WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The City of Douglas Fire Department would like to remind everyone that winter is the time of year that more fires are prevalent. Winter weather that interrupts electrical service will cause people to turn to alternative heating sources and will contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter. Holiday decorations also contribute to the increase of fire hazards during the winter months. As you prepare for the winter and holiday celebrations, keep these fire safety tips in mind:

- When cooking in the kitchen, be sure to not cook with loose clothing or long sleeves that may catch fire. Do not leave the stove unattended.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away. Do not use the stove as a heater.
- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.
- Do not overload extension cords. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e., using clips, not nails).
- Keep a watchful eye on children in the kitchen and when they are around the Christmas tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights. Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Place your tree in a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over. Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators. Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Before lighting a fire in the fireplace, make sure the fireplace and chimney has been properly inspected.
- Keep your dryer lint-free, clear of any debris that may spark a fire. Don't leave the home with clothes in the dryer.
- For children who are home alone, make sure they have been taught preventive safety measures.

To find out more about Fire Safety, please contact the Douglas Fire Department at (912)384-4815 or go to www.cityofdouglas.com/fire.

Douglas Recycling – December Schedule

Recycling Pickup Calendar



Week 1 (Dec. 3 - 7)- Green Cart

Week 3 (Dec. 17 - 21) - Green Cart

Week 2 (Dec. 10 - 14)- Blue Cart

Week 4 (Dec. 24 - 28)- Blue Cart

Week 5 (Dec. 31 - Jan. 4)- Green Cart



[CLICK HERE](#) for Holiday Trash/Recycling Pickup Schedule.