

City of Douglas

"Working Together To Serve You Better"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Mar. 1, Douglas Singles Dance, 7pm, Gym A
- *Mar. 9, Children's Art Festival, 10am-3pm, Gym A,
- *Mar. 9, Second Saturday Downtown Market, 9am-1pm Atkinson Plaza, 384-5161
- *Mar. 11, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- *Mar. 13, DDA Meeting, 10am, 384-5161
- *Mar. 14, Handcrafts Program, 2pm, Visitor Information Center, 384-4555
- *Mar. 20, Cemetery Meeting, 10am, 389-3405
- *Mar. 21, DDA Meeting, 11am, City Hall, FMI: 384-5161
- *Mar. 21, Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6pm, Council Room, 389-3423
- *Mar. 23, Tiny Tot Egg Hunt, 11am SHARP, JC Adams Municipal Soccer Field
- *Mar. 25, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- *Mar. 28, Commit 2B Fit Walk, 5:30pm, Alternative School
- *Mar. 31, [Broxton Rocks](#) [Easter Open House](#), 12pm-5pm, 404-253-7210

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City of Douglas News

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CITY OF DOUGLAS MAKES CHANGES TO ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCE AND SANITATION ORDINANCE

Over the past several months, city directors met with the Mayor and Commission to present their recommendations for changes to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance and Sanitation Ordinance. Ordinance changes are effective April 1, 2013.

Changes will include naming Douglas as a bird and wildlife sanctuary. Within the city limits, it is unlawful to trap, hunt, molest or kill any bird or rob any bird's nest. However, if the birds are considered a "nuisance" then the birds will be destroyed as humanely as possible as deemed advisable by the City Manager. It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, molest or kill any other wild game in the city limits except by order of the City Manager.

Definitions were added to the Animal Control Ordinance to define abandoned animals, proper shelter, enclosures, dangerous dogs, potential dangerous dogs, and vicious dogs. Animal Control will now have the power to enforce penalties on owners and confiscate animals of owners who are in violation of the new ordinances. In addition, the new ordinance also addresses guidelines for the trainers of protection/guard dogs and backyard breeders (kennels). In addition to these changes, there were also changes addressing restraint of an animal. It also shall be unlawful for an owner to restrain an animal by means of tether, chain, cable, rope or cord, unless the tether or other restraint is being held by a competent person. An exception shall be made for the limited purpose of allowing the owner to temporarily restrain the animal by such means to allow the animal's needs to be met, such as the time necessary to clean the animal's living quarters, feed, and water.



In an effort to clean up the right-of-ways throughout the city, changes were made to the sanitation ordinance. All residential solid waste stored outside the residence pending collection shall be placed in city approved trash receptacles. Under no circumstances will garbage outside of the city-issued container be collected. Customers may request additional containers for an additional monthly fee. Beginning the evening before and no later than 6:00am on the day of collection, customers should place their container (s) at the curbside in front of the customer's residence. The container should be removed from the curbside and returned to a location behind the customer's residence or to a place that is outside of City's right-of-way and out of view from the right-of-way no later than 6:00am following the scheduled day of service. Customers routinely allowing containers to remain at curbside outside of the hours specified shall be deemed to create a nuisance, punishable as a violation of the Code.

It shall also be unlawful for any person to store any scrap tires on residential property or to willfully discard or place tires on private property and public rights-of-way. All persons engaged in scrap tire handling, within the city, shall do so in strict compliance with the requirements of OCGA 12-8-20, et. seq., and chapter 391-3-4-19, Rules of Solid Waste Management, as applicable to scrap tires.

These ordinances in their entirety can be found at www.cityofdouglas.com and click on [Code of Ordinance](#). For more information, please call the Public Works department at (912) 389-3450.





SHIRLEY AVE RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSED FOR REPAIRS MAR 2 - MAR 8



The railroad crossing on Shirley Avenue will be closed for repairs from Saturday, March 2, 2013 to Friday, March 8, 2013. CSX has requested that motorists allow additional travel time during this week and to follow the provided detour routes with caution. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

FIRE HYDRANT TESTING MARCH 17 THROUGH MARCH 29

The City of Douglas Fire Department will begin testing hydrants on Sunday, March 17, 2013 and will continue through Friday, March 29, 2013. Hydrant testing will start at 10:00pm each night when there is minimum traffic and continue until 4:00am each morning.

During hydrant testing water will become cloudy, so let the water run until it becomes clear. This will clear the line of any rust that might have dislodged from the pipes. Before washing clothes or cooking, please let the water run clear.

If there are any questions or concerns, please call the Fire Department at (912)384-4815.



CITY OF DOUGLAS TO HOLD DOUGLAS 101: CITIZEN'S ACADEMY PROGRAM

Would you like to learn more about your local government? If so, you should sign up now for the FREE Douglas 101: Citizen's Academy program. Students of this program will learn about the day to day operations of the different departments that help to run the City.

Class dates will be determined once 12-20 participants are registered. To participate in the class, you must be at least 18 years of age and able to attend the sessions on Tuesday nights beginning at 6pm. There will be one Saturday morning tour scheduled for the class and one Monday night session for students to sit in on a City Commission meeting.

For more information, or to register for the class, please call 912-383-0277 or email info@cityofdouglas.com.



SECOND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN MARKET

March 9 • 9am-1pm

Atkinson Plaza – Downtown Douglas

For more information, call Pattie at 912-384-5161 or email pmerritt@cityofdouglas.com.

Handcrafts Program

Thursday, March 14

2pm-4pm

*at the Douglas Visitor Information Center/Heritage Station Museum
219 W. Ward Street*

Sponsored by:  Coats & Clark



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The City of Douglas - Martin Centre salutes Georgia Presenters and Fox Theatre Institute for providing quality arts and entertainment for Georgia residents and visitors to enjoy! The Fox Theatre Institute provides grants, training opportunities and network resources to 47 theatres in Georgia. Recently, it was with a Block Booking Grant from the Fox Theatre Institute, that the City of Douglas, American Legion Post 515 and American Legion Post 18, were able to host the production of "War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II." The Martin Centre is proud to be a part of Georgia Presenters and applauds the Fox Theatre Institute for their efforts in supporting performing arts. For more information about the Fox Theatre Institute, please visit, www.foxtheatreinstitute.org.



City of Douglas Job Openings

Fulltime – Utility Service Worker II (Water)
Starting Salary:\$9.63/hr Deadline: Mar. 6

Parttime Positions – (Parks & Recreation)
Ballfield Maintenance Worker, Field Supervisor, Baseball/Softball League Leaders, Concession Personnel, Scorekeepers
Deadline: March 1, 2013



HOUSE BILL 176: LIMITS LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY REGULATING CELL TOWERS
For more information, [click here!](#)

CITY OF DOUGLAS BOARDS AND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Historic Preservation Committee still has one vacancy. All members must reside in the city of Douglas and shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architecture or the preservation of historic resources. The terms are for 3 years, which will begin on January 1, 2013 and expire December 31, 2015. Applications are available at the Main Street Office and City Hall. For more information, call 912-389-3401 or 912-384-5161.
- The Douglas Housing Authority Board has two (2) vacancies. Applications are available at the City Hall. For more information, call 389-3401.

Children's Art Festival

Featuring
"The Students Art Show"

Please join us for creative activities, demonstrations, and entertainment in Downtown Douglas, GA Central Square Gym A

Saturday March 9, 2013
10 am till 3 pm

for more information:
912-384-2768
pongholtonart@gmail.com

FREE! FREE! FREE!

ART

WIREGRASS ARTIST GUILD... ESTABLISHED 2002
 WELCOMES YOU TO SEE THE CHILDREN'S ART WORK

TINY TOT EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23 • 11am (SHARP!)

JC Adams Municipal Park - Soccer Field

For more information, Call (912)383-7332
 or email finess@cityofdouglas.com



**City of Douglas
On-Line Auction
Surplus Equipment Sale**

The City of Douglas, Georgia is selling surplus equipment through GovDeals.com (<http://www.govdeals.com>), an on-line auction service. Bidders can register free of charge at the GovDeals.com website.



**Coffee Grounds for Education
Community Spelling Bee**

March 5, 2013

6pm

CHS Cafetorium

FMI: 912-384-2086



Upcoming Events

www.cityofdouglas.com/events



Saturday, April 6, 2013

7am-3pm

Central Square Complex • Douglas, Georgia

For more information, call (912)383-0277 or email bthomas@cityofdouglas.com



**VENDORS AND SPONSORS
ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR
THE SOUTH GEORGIA
OUTDOOR EXPO!!**

Event Dates: Friday, August 23 1pm-7pm

Saturday, August 24 9am-5pm

Central Square Complex

FMI: 912-383-0277

Douglas Recycling – March 2013 Schedule

Recycling Pickup Calendar



Week 1 (Feb. 25 – Mar. 1)– Green Cart

Week 3 (Mar. 11 - 15) - Green Cart

Week 2 (Mar. 4 - 8)-Blue Cart

Week 4 (Mar. 18 - 22) - Blue Cart

Week 5 (Mar. 25 – Mar. 29)– Green Cart



[CLICK HERE](#) for a 2013 Pickup Schedule.