

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***June 4-6, BRAG returns to Douglas!** FMI: 383-0277
- ***June 4, Beach Bash,**
4pm-9pm, Vacant Lot beside City Hall, FMI: 384-5161
- ***June 10, City Comm. Meeting,** 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- ***June 12, Historic Preservation Mtg,** 11am 384-5161
- ***June 19, Cemetery Mtg,** 10am, Cemetery
- ***June 20, DDA Meeting,** 11am, FMI: 389-3401
- ***June 20, Planning & Zoning,** 6pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- ***June 25, City Comm. Meeting,** 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- ***June 27, Commit 2B Fit Walk,** 5:30pm, Meet at Alternative School FMI: 383-7332

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS TO DO THIS SUMMER? CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS AT DOUGLAS COFFEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION. 912-384-5978.



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WELCOME BACK!

Bicycle Ride Across Georgia

JUNE 4 – 6, 2013

The Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) will return to Douglas June 4 – 6, 2013 and bring with it over 800 bicycle riders! BRAG is an annual bicycle ride that many out of state and out of country bicyclists enjoy each year. This year, BRAG will begin on Sunday, June 2 in Cordele, and bicyclists will discover southern hospitality as they travel through Tifton, Ocilla, Douglas, Waycross, Brunswick, and end their journey in St. Mary's at Waterfront Park.

South Georgia State College will be the overnight host campsite. Riders will begin entering Douglas on Wednesday, June 4 and will remain on the SGSC campus until Thursday, June 6 when they will depart and head to Waycross. Organizers are busy preparing activities for the riders to enjoy such as swimming at the City Pool, enjoying the Annual Summer Beach Bash in downtown Douglas, dining, and shopping with local merchants.

Riders will begin entering Douglas on Wednesday, June 4 and will remain on the SGSC campus until Thursday, June 6 when they will depart and head to Waycross. Cyclists will enter Douglas traveling from Tifton on Ga. Hwy. 158, but, may also enter Douglas through other roads as well. During their stay in Douglas, cyclists will make trips on their bikes throughout Douglas, Willacoochee, and Pearson. On Thursday morning, cyclists will travel to Nicholls and then on to Waycross on Hwy. 158 and Hwy. 82.

During these three days, City officials encourage everyone to practice Bicycle and Motorist Safety. Motorists are asked to share Georgia's roads by scanning for pedestrians and bicyclists as part of your normal driving routine. When passing a cyclist, allow a minimum of 3 feet between your vehicle and the bicycle. Do not harass or endanger cyclists. Personal injuries caused by harassment can result in a misdemeanor offense. Overall, be prepared to encounter cyclists along the roadside. Remember, they are considered vehicles under Georgia law.

If you are interested in learning more about BRAG and their [itinerary](#) while visiting Douglas, please contact Central Services at (912)383-0277 or visit the BRAG website at www.brag.org or www.cityofdouglas.com.





CITY OF DOUGLAS INTRODUCES UTILITY BILLING OPTIONS

Beginning July 1, 2013, the City of Douglas will offer options for customers to pay their monthly utility bills. After hearing from several representatives of the public, the Utility Billing and Collections Department has implemented payment options for customers to pay their utility bills in a timely manner. At the present time, two options are available to customers. Customers will be able to sign up for the **Average Monthly Payment Plan** (AMP) or the **Contract Payment Plan**. For more detailed information about the options available for utility payments, please call the Utility Billing/Collections Department at (912)389-3499 or visit our website at www.cityofdouglas.com.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING CHANGES EFFECTIVE JUNE 3rd!

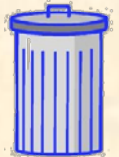
In order to provide a cleaner recycling waste stream and to honor customer requests for every week garbage pickup, the sanitation and recycling cart pickup schedule will change beginning June 3, 2013. Transwaste Industries has begun picking up recycling carts from all customers in order to clean and return carts to residents who wish to continue with the recycling program. Under the new schedule, regular residential garbage collection will be every week.

Residents who wish to continue to participate in the new City of Douglas Recycling Program need to fill out a "Residential Recycling Cart Request Form" and submit it to the Utility/Collections Department at City Hall no later than June 5, 2013. These forms may be obtained at

www.cityofdouglas.com/recycling or by visiting the Utility/Collections Department at City Hall.

Customers should be aware that the first recycling collection will not take place until Friday, June 14th. Residential curbside recycling (blue) collection will be every other Friday for residents who have a completed Recycling Cart Request Form on file at City Hall. There will not be a rate increase for customers who wish to continue on the recycling program.

For the new sanitation schedule, please visit the City of Douglas website at www.cityofdouglas.com/publicworks.



Summer Safety Checklist



Driving

- Buckle up... properly! Bottom strap across hips and shoulder strap across chest.
- Do not be distracted by other passengers, motorists, cell phones, radio, etc. Stay focused!
- Obey car and booster seat guidelines.

Swimming and diving

- Do not dive in less than nine feet of water.
- No board, no diving!

Personal watercrafts

- Be watchful, defensive, obey speeds, and keep your distance.

Body boarding

- Hold board so it extends past head.

General Water Safety

- No re-dos; do not combine alcohol and water-related activities!
- Be aware of sandbars.
- Feet-first entry.

Bicycle Riding

- Wear a helmet... properly! A helmet should be worn snug, fitted, and level.
- Replace helmet after three to five years and/or if cracked.

Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department Swimming Pool is now open!

Daily Schedule:

Mondays – Closed for Maintenance

Tuesdays – 1:15p-3pm Family Swim (pass required)

3:15-5pm – Open Swim

7:15-9pm – Open Swim

Wednesdays – 1:15-3pm – Open Swim

3:15-5pm – Family Swim (pass required)

Thursdays - 1:15p-3pm Family Swim (pass required)

3:15-5pm – Open Swim

7:15-9pm – Open Swim

Fridays - 1:15p-3pm Open Swim

7:15-9pm – Family Swim (pass required)

Saturdays – 1:15 – 3:15pm – Family Swim (pass required)

3:30 – 5:45pm – Open Swim

7 – 10:00pm – Splash Parties

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7 – 10:00pm – Splash Parties

Open Swim Admission: \$3 per person

Family Swim Passes are available:

Individual \$45

Family up to 5 - \$60

Family of 6 or more - \$75

BEACH BASH 2013
TUESDAY, JUNE 4
4PM-9PM
 MADISON AVENUE - VACANT LOT BESIDE CITY HALL
 FOOD, FUN & WATER SLIDES! CONSCIOUS SEDATION BAND AT 6PM

FREEDOM FEST 2013
Thursday, July 4
JC Adams Municipal Park
Gates Open at 5pm - Fireworks at Dark!
For more information, call 912-381-2441.

SOUTH GEORGIA OUTDOOR EXPO SEEKS VENDORS AND SPONSORS!

The South Georgia Outdoor Expo will be held at Central Square Complex in downtown Douglas, August 23, 2013 from 1pm-7pm and August 24, 2013 9am-5pm. Vendors and Sponsors are being sought to participate in this event that will include all of South Georgia, north Florida.

Partnering with sponsors such as Norris Shoe Store, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Gopher Plantation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Georgia Hunting and Fishing Federation, and Van McCall - God in the Hunt Ministries, event planners are expecting a great turnout. Sponsors are being sought for the Main Event, Kids Area, and Wild Game Supper.

For the person who wants a "real" taste of wild game, there will be a Wild Game Supper on Thursday night, August 22nd, 6:30pm, at the C.E. Weir Center. Tickets will go on sale on the first week in June at the Central Services Department Offices located at Central Square Complex. The guest speaker for the supper will be Mr. Jimmy Sites, host of Spiritual Outdoor Adventures. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person.



If you are interested in becoming a partner, sponsor, or exhibitor, please contact the Central Services Department at (912)383-0277. For more information, about the South Georgia Outdoor Expo visit www.CityofDouglas.com/OutdoorExpo.



Sanitation Schedule - June Calendar

Week 1 (June 3 - June 7) - Regular Cart

Week 2 (June 11 - 14) - Regular (all week) & Recycling Cart on Friday, June 14

Week 3 (June 17 - June 21) - Regular Cart

Week 4 (June 24 - June 28) - Regular (all week) & Recycling Cart on Friday, June 28



REMEMBER: Recycling is Voluntary! To sign up to recycle, [click here!](#)

To find out more about the sanitation/recycling schedule or to print the yearly schedule, go to www.cityofdouglas.com/publicworks.

City of Douglas Recycling (Blue) Cart & Regular Garbage (Green) Cart Pick-Up Dates

For more information, call Public Works @ 912-389-3450 or visit www.cityofdouglas.com.

Blue Recycling Cart Trash Pickup

Green Regular Cart Trash Pickup



May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

2013

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

2013

July				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

2013

August				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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