

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5 – 28, Black History Exhibit at Heritage Station Museum, FMI: 389-3461.
- ***Feb. 6**, Douglas Singles Dance, 7pm, Gym A
- ***Feb. 9**, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- ***Feb. 11**, DDA Meeting, 10am, 384-5161
- ***Feb. 18**, Cemetery Meeting, 10am, 389-3405
- ***Feb. 19**, DDA Meeting, 11am, City Hall, FMI: 384-5161
- ***Feb. 19**, Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6pm, Council Room, 389-3423
- ***Feb. 23**, Chamber Power Lunch, 12 Noon, Douglas Golf & Country Club, 384-1873
- ***Feb. 23**, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- ***Feb. 25**, Lunch & Learn New Rules of Email Marketing, Atrium Event Center, 384-1873
- ***Feb. 27 & 28**, District 2 Basketball Tournament, FMI: 384-5978

February is Cardiac Awareness Month!



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Douglas' Elected Officials Receive Certificates at GMA Mayors' Day Conference

Elected officials from Douglas were among nearly 800 city officials to attend the Georgia Municipal Association's annual Mayors' Day Conference in Atlanta Jan. 23-26. The annual conference provides city officials with an opportunity to learn more about legislation under consideration at the Georgia Capitol, attend training sessions, and hear from state leaders.

While attending the conference, several of Douglas officials were recognized for their training efforts. Mayor James H. Dennis received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement from the Georgia Municipal Training Institute. To receive a Certificate of Achievement, a city official must complete 72 units of credit, including 36 hours from a required list. The training consists of a series of more than 50 courses. Commissioner Bob Moore and Commissioner Marty Swain received the esteemed Certificate of Distinction. To receive the Certificate of Recognition, an elected official must complete 204 units of credit including at least 72 hours from the required list and the Robert E. Knox, Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute. The training program consists of more than 50 courses. The Certificate of Distinction is the highest level of Georgia Municipal Association Training certification. Moore and Swain were two of six officials to receive the Certificate of Distinction at Mayors' Day.

"These certificates are an outstanding achievement," said GMA Executive Director Lamar Norton. "We commend Mayor Dennis, Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Swain for their accomplishments and the dedication they have shown in using these valuable resources to become more effective city officials."

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, research, training, employee benefit and technical consulting services to its 521 member cities.



Mayor James Dennis



Commissioner Moore



Commissioner Swain

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS VEHICLE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD MARCH 17 & 18, 2015

The City of Douglas Natural Gas Department, along the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, is busy preparing for Douglas' first Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Symposium. The symposium will be held March 17 & 18, 2015 at Central Square Complex located in downtown Douglas. A Welcome Reception sponsored by the Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 6pm. Day two of the symposium will begin at 8:45am and will consist of general sessions on topics such as CNG Vehicles & Conversions, Legislation, Regulations, Rebates and Incentives, and a Q & A Lunch panel with City of Douglas officials and partners; Lewis Construction and Waste Industries. A tour of the Douglas' CNG facility is also scheduled for that afternoon. To register or for more information, click [here](#).



Coffee County Historical Society News

February 1 – February 28, 2015 Black History Exhibit at Heritage Station Museum

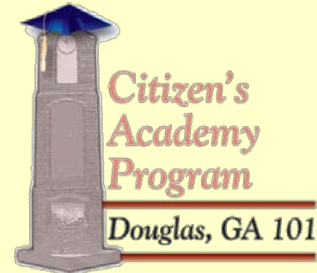
Volunteers are needed at Heritage Station Museum, especially Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1pm-4pm. Please message us if you can give 3 hours a month.

Become a member of the Coffee County Historical Society. Your contributions are a generous way to seed our mission, which is to collect, preserve, and disseminate information relating to Coffee County history.

Contact Information:
Coffee County Historical Society
Carol Morgan, President
Email: cchs@cityofdouglas.com
Telephone 912-389-3461
219 W. Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533



FREE! DOUGLAS 101 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY PROGRAM
SIGN UP NOW to learn more about our local government and how it works. Persons ages 18 and up should contact the Public Information Department at 912-383-0277 or email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com.



ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER WEATHER?

DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL IS UNDERWAY THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2015 FOR AGES 5 & UP!
For more information, call 912-384-5978.

Community JUNK Drop-Off Day

Sat., February 21 • 8am – 12noon
@ Wheeler Park on W. Gordon Street
For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.



Recycling Collection – February 2015 Schedule

February 6 Group B February 13 Group A
February 20 Group B February 27 Group A

To find out which Recycling Group you are in, please [click here](#).
For more information, please call 912-384-3302 or 311.



City of Douglas Main Street Hosts First Quarterly Meeting of 2015

On the evening of Tuesday, January 20, 2015 the City of Douglas Main Street office hosted their first quarterly Listening Session, of 2015, for merchants in the main street district. The meeting was held at the Douglas Visitor Information Center, home of the City of Douglas Public Information Department. Numerous Main Street merchants were in attendance, along with Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, and Mayor James Dennis.

Meetings are open to any business owner or property owner in the main street district. If merchants are unsure if they fall into the district, they can give Pattie Merritt a call at 384-5161.



Report a Pothole

The City of Douglas is asking citizens to report all potholes so that workers can properly assess and repair potholes. When reporting a pothole, citizens should provide the following: name of the street, direction and which lane the pothole is located.

Citizens can report potholes and other related issues to the Customer Care Center by dialing 311 or (912)-384-3302 or call the Public Works Department at 912-389-3450. You may also report a pothole and other issues online by going to www.cityofdouglas.com and submitting a work order through the Customer Request Tracker module.



CITY OF DOUGLAS BID POSTINGS

2015 UTILITY ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

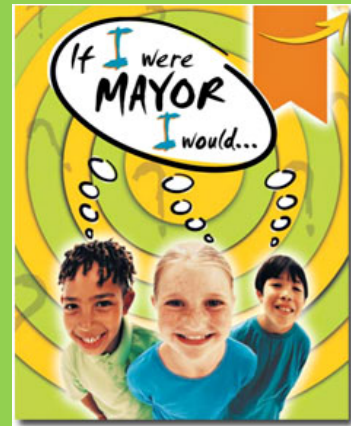
BID DUE: Feb. 23, 2:30pm

2015 WATER/SEWER SUPPLIES

BID DUE: Feb. 23, 2:30pm



**IF I WERE MAYOR ESSAY
CONTEST FOR 6TH GRADERS
DUE FEBRUARY 27, 2015! FOR
MORE INFO, EMAIL
KTUCKER@CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM.**



**RECYCLING DUMPSTER NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Transwaste and the City of Douglas has pulled the recycling dumpster from the drop center located at the City of Douglas Public Works Department. After an effort by the City to educate citizens on the proper use of the recycling centers, contamination has continued thus forcing Transwaste and the City to close the three Recycling Centers, which were located at Public Works, Fire Station #3 (near airport) and Fire Station #1 (Gordon St.).



BIKES, BLUES, AND BBQ FESTIVAL NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS!

General vendor fees are \$100 for a 20X20 space, \$150 for a 20X40 space, and \$200 for a 40X40 space. All general vendors will be outdoors on the airport grounds and will need to provide their own tent, tables, and chairs. Food vendor fees are \$150 for a 20X20 space, \$200 for a 20X40 space, and \$250 for a 40X40 space. The food vendor fee includes the \$50 temporary food permit fee, which is required by the local Health Department. For a full listing of all general and food vendor rules and regulations, please visit <http://www.cityofdouglas.com/bbbfest>.

**Douglas-Coffee County
Parks and Recreation
Track Registration
Ages 8-14**

**Early Registration: Feb 9-27
Regular Registration: Mar 2-13**

**For additional information,
call 912-384-5978.**

**Would you like to save some \$\$\$?
"Ask - Before You Move!"**

The City of Douglas Customer Care Center has some vital information that could help cut down your monthly utilities cost.

**Be sure ASK how before you rent or buy.
For more information, call 311.**

City of Douglas Georgia
CITY OF DOUGLAS
CUSTOMER CARE CENTER

Ask - How To A.M.P. It Up!

The City of Douglas Customer Care Department will be glad to explain the **Average Monthly Payment (A.M.P.) Plan** along with other utility payment options that are available to customers. Just call 311 and let them tell you how to **A.M.P. It Up**

City of Douglas Georgia
CITY OF DOUGLAS
CUSTOMER CARE CENTER
Dedicated To Serving You

ONE CALL TO CITY HALL
Dedicated to Serving You

**DIAL
3-1-1
912-384-3302**

**CITY OF DOUGLAS
CUSTOMER CARE CENTER**
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM/311

**Douglas-Coffee County
Parks & Recreation Department
LEISURE GUIDE 2015**

2015 Leisure Guides available at the Recreation Department or click [here](#) to download!

www.facebook.com/DCCPRD Dedication to our most valuable assets: [www.cityofdouglas.com/recreation](#)

"See something,
say something"
912-260-3600

**CRIME
Tipline**

Douglas, GA Police Department

2015
**Rockin'
Red**

FOR
HEART DISEASE AWARENESS
CRMC Wellness Center

Wear Red Day, Friday February 21st
February Heart Disease Awareness Month
 Proceeds benefit the Cardiac Therapy Program
 FMI 912-383-6988
www.coffeeregional.org

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BIKES, BLUES, AND
BBQ FESTIVAL**

The Bikes, Blues and BBQ Festival is fast approaching and we need you! Event organizers are seeking energetic volunteers to help before and during the festival.

Volunteers are needed in several areas and at different times. Available times are as follows: Thursday, April 9th 10am-1pm & 1pm-4pm; Friday, April 10th 10am-1pm, 1pm-ppm, 4pm-8pm & 8pm-11pm; Saturday, April 11th 8am-11am, 11am-2pm, and 2pm-5pm. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Pattie Merritt at 912-384-5161 or email pmerritt@cityofdouglas.com or Wynetta Bolder at 912-389-3405 or email wbolder@cityofdouglas.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!



ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS

On March 4, 2015, the City will begin using an automated phone calling system to inform utility customers of a delinquency. Once this automated system is active, the City of Douglas will no longer mail delinquent notices to past due utility customers. Using an automated phone calling system will speed up the process of a customer being notified of a past due/delinquent status.

It is very important that the City has the best phone number to reach you. We are requesting you to confirm your phone number on file with us by simply dialing 311 or you can dial 912-384-3302. Even if you have never had a past due situation with any utility account with the City, there could be other reasons that the City could need to contact you immediately concerning your service and/or property. Please inform the person answering the phone that you wish to provide or verify the best phone number to reach you.

Should you receive an automated call from the City, please listen to it in its entirety and respond accordingly. The system will deem any call which someone answers/picks up, an answering machine answers, or a pickup and immediate hang up as a successful call. Should the line be busy, the system will attempt three times to make contact and report a successful call. Again, once the City begins using this automated phone calling system, no further notice of delinquency will be given.

Should you have any questions concerning this new automated phone calling system, please do not hesitate to call the City of Douglas at 311 or 912-384-3302.



DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL GENE CHAMBERS AIRPORT
★ DOUGLAS, GA ★

★ GATE ADMISSION: \$5 PER PERSON • \$3 w/MILITARY ID ★
★ FREE 12 & UNDER ★



GBA-Sanctioned BBQ Contest

Pork Ribs: Loin Back, Baby Back or Spare Ribs only. No country style ribs; Pork Loin: May be bone in or bone out, Must weigh 5 pounds or more; Pork: Whole Shoulder, Boston Butt, Picnic or Whole Ham. Must be cooked as a single piece of meat.

GBA Cooking for Fun Contest

Pork Ribs: Loin Back, Baby Back or Spare Ribs only. No country style ribs; Pork: Whole Shoulder, Boston Butt, Picnic or Whole Ham. Must be cooked as a single piece of meat.

- NAPA/Brooks Auto Parts Car Show with Cash Prizes & Trophies
- Poker Run • Motorcycle Show • \$10 Raffle for Giveaway
- FREE Blues Music Concerts
- Vintage Warbirds Airplanes on display by the WWII Flight Training Museum
- Arts & Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors, & more!



WWW.CITYODOUGLAS.COM/BBBFEST

Email: BBBFest@CityofDouglas.com • 912-383-0277





Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Symposium Itinerary

March 17 – 18, 2015 Central Square Complex | 200 S. Madison Avenue, Douglas, Georgia

The goal of the Douglas Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicle Symposium is to educate and present an opportunity to learn the best practices and solutions to using natural gas as an alternative fuel. This symposium will feature strategies for both automotive and commercial vehicles from key operators, driving the industry forward.

The reception and sessions will be held in the main auditorium at Central Square Complex Gym B Exhibit Hall. Luncheon in Gym A Exhibit Hall.

Day One

Evening Event

6:00 p.m. – Reception/Meet & Greet with no formal speaker, alcoholic beverages, background music. Sponsor: Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority. Includes welcome from City of Douglas Mayor James H. Dennis. Sponsor Presentation.

Day Two

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Symposium Introduction by Terrell Jacobs, Douglas City Manager

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. CNG Overview by Rodney Dill, Director of Members Services and Communications, MGAG

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - CNG Vehicles: Conversions, Fleets, Emissions by Ken Hyde, President of Phoenix Energy Corporation

- Bi-fuel (gasoline and natural gas) powertrains for passenger cars
- Dual fuel (diesel and natural gas) powertrains for medium and heavy duty trucks

10:00 a.m – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Legislation, Regulations, Rebates and Incentives by Tim Echols, Georgia Public Service Commissioner and Don Francis, Executive Director & Coordinator, Clean Cities of Georgia

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch hosted by the City of Douglas along with a Successful Partnership Q&A Panel discussion about the process for Douglas' CNG Fueling Station. Panel includes Terrell Jacobs, City Manager; Mike Hudson, Douglas Natural Gas Director; Ron Lewis, Local Contractor; Don Collins, Waste Industries.

1:30 p.m. Tour Douglas CNG Fueling Station which will conclude the symposium

Registration

Advance \$75

At the Door \$100

(Multiple attendee discount \$25)

Host Hotels

Holiday Inn Select

1636 S. Peterson Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-2100

Hampton Inn

1604 S. Peterson Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 383-7550

Jameson Inn

1628 S. Peterson Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-9432



NEW CENTURY LEADERS
is now



LEADERSHIP COFFEE

2015

Schedule

February 4

*The Importance of
Teamwork*

March 11 - 12

*Under the Gold Dome
(Overnight trip to
Atlanta)*

April 8

*Education and
Workforce Development*

May 13

*Leadership Workshop
featuring Guest Speaker*

June 10

Industry Icons

July 8

*Public Safety/
Safe Community*

August 12

*Community Leaders In
Action*

August 24

Graduation



Preparing the Next Generation of Community Leaders

They are sitting at their desks, one in a bank and another in City Hall. One is helping migrant workers find local employment while another is seeing that trucks are fully loaded and hitting the road on schedule. They are teaching your children, building the Information Highway, and making sure there is enough food on your table. They are Leadership Coffee.

These unique individuals commit themselves to a seven-month project to become better leaders in Coffee County by seeing key aspects of community development first-hand. Although the program is geared toward community and economic development, participants are equipped with resources that will aid their work, build their community, and enrich the lives of their families.

Community and economic development can be a complicated practice, but the Leadership Coffee course helps connect the dots, creating a picture for the students to see the scope of progress. Whether it is a trip to Atlanta to meet with the State's Economic Development partners or gaining insight into local initiatives, the Leadership Coffee program is designed to give a comprehensive view of the community's assets and challenges.

BE A PART OF THE FUTURE!

If you are interested in applying to be a part of the Leadership Coffee Program, please fill out the following form and return it to the Chamber of Commerce. Program cost is \$700 (includes all classrooms, speakers, travel, class materials and meals plus a two-day overnight event including lodging and meals).

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Return this form to the Chamber of Commerce

114 North Peterson Avenue, Suite 205

Douglas, GA 31533

Fax: (912) 383-6304 Email: ataylor@douglasga.org

DADS' NIGHT OUT



BASEBALL CLINIC



HOSTED BY:

**THE 2015 REGION 1-AAAAAA CHAMPION
COFFEE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL STAFF
AND REGION 1-AAAAAA COACH OF THE YEAR, JOSH COLE**

**BASEBALL
DADS**

**RECREATION
BASEBALL
COACHES**

**TRAVEL
BALL
COACHES**

Coach Cole and his staff will spend time sharing player development strategies across all aspects of the game. There will be focus on practice planning, as well as techniques, skills, and drills for hitting, pitching, and defense. There will be video presentation and breakdown in all of these areas, and there will be a question and answer session near the end of the presentation. Food will be provided by the coffee baseball dugout club and its members.

NO RESERVATION REQUIRED, JUST SIGN IN AT THE DOOR.

LOCATION: COFFEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD HOUSE

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

If you have any questions, email Coach Cole at joshua.cole@coffee.k12.ga.us