

# City of Douglas Georgia

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \*June 8, GRPA District II Swim Meet, City Pool, FMI: 384-5978
- \*June 8, Historical Society Meeting, 9:00am, Heritage Station Museum, 389-3461
- \*June 8, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- \*June 10, Historic Preservation Mtg, 11am 384-5161
- \*June 17, Cemetery Mtg, 10am, Cemetery
- \*June 18, DDA Meeting, 11am, FMI: 389-3401
- \*June 18, Planning & Zoning, 6pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- \*June 19, GRPA District II Baseball/Softball Tourn., Trembling Earth Complex in Waycross, FMI: 384-5978
- \*June 20, Community Junk Drop Off Day, Eastside Park, FMI: 912-389-3450
- \*June 22, Chamber Power Lunch, 12Noon, The Atrium, FMI: 384-1873
- \*June 22, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401

## Coffee County Historical Society To Host Heritage Photos Exhibit

The Coffee Historical Society exhibit June 4 – August 8, 2015 will be Heritage Photos exhibit. There will be an opening reception on June 4 from 10:30am – 11:30am. Several historical photos have been graciously loaned to Heritage Station Museum for this temporary exhibit. Rogers Studio and the Glenn Clower family (C&C Photography) are contributors for the exhibit. At the reception, attendees will be able to visit with family members of Roger's Studio and Glenn Clower. For more information, call 912-389-3461.



## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

**To view the City of Douglas Water Quality Report for 2014, please click here!**

Click on the icon below to sign up for E-Newsletters, Bids, Jobs, or News Alerts.



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.



## Great American Cleanup

**The annual Great American Cleanup was held on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Community volunteers helped clean-up litter & debris and other areas in our parks. Special thanks to everyone who helped!**



# Welcome

Welcome to Stevie Young, the new Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Director. To reach him, please call 912-384-5978 or email [syoung@cityofdouglas.com](mailto:syoung@cityofdouglas.com).



**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 – 5:30pm – Open Swim**

**6 – 9:00pm – Splash Parties**

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

**3:30 – 5:30pm – Open Swim**

**6 – 9:00pm – 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**

**City of Douglas Operation Quality of Life...  
"Cleaning up Douglas One Neighborhood at a Time"**



**Property Address:  
North Peterson Avenue**

**City of Douglas Code Inspectors are in the process of taking court action against the owner of this property**



**Owner of Record:  
North Peterson Avenue  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
Violation:  
Overgrowth of weeds,  
dilapidated structure**



**Property Address:  
109 North Street**

**City of Douglas Code Inspectors are in the process of taking court action against the owner of this property**



**Owner of Record:  
Owner Ann Freeman  
109 North Street  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
Violation:  
Overgrowth of weeds,  
dilapidated structure**



**Property Address:  
1211 Turner Street**

**City of Douglas Code Inspectors are looking for the owner of this property. If you have information, please call 912-389-3423**



**Owner of Record:  
1211 Turner St.  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
Violation:  
Overgrowth of weeds,  
dilapidated structure**

**The owner of this property was summoned to court and house was demolished by owner. The City of Douglas Code Enforcement Office encourages all property owners to clean up properties to avoid action.**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

"See something,  
say something"

**912-260-3600**

**CRIME  
Tipline**



Douglas, GA Police Department

**DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY COURSE**

August 13<sup>th</sup>-September 24<sup>th</sup> for eight (8) weeks.

6:00pm to 8:30pm every Thursday night

Do not have to be a resident of Douglas!

Open to all citizens over 18 years of age!

Registration forms are available at the Douglas Police Department or contact Commander Bart McCulloch at (912) 384-2222 Ext. 3616 or e-mail at

[bmcculloch@cityofdouglas.com](mailto:bmcculloch@cityofdouglas.com)

Registration deadline is August 06, 2015.



**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.

**On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Douglas Fire Department along with the Alma/Bacon County Fire Department trained together at the Douglas Fire Department Training Facility learning the proper techniques to make an interior fire attack.**

**Chief White and Staff of the Douglas Fire Department would like to thank the Alma/Bacon County Fire Department for the opportunity to train together.**



### SOUTH GEORGIA OUTDOOR EXPO SEEKS VENDORS

The South Georgia Outdoor Expo will be held at Central Square Complex in downtown Douglas, August 21, 2015 from 1pm-7pm and August 22, 2015 9am-5pm. Vendors and sponsors are being sought to fill both exhibit halls inside Central Square Complex and the outside grounds as well. Spaces with items relating to outdoor apparel, hunting gear, ATVs, boats, hunting/camping trips, fishing accessories, and more specialty outdoor merchandise are available at the Expo. The Wild Game Supper will kick-off the event on Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm at the CE Weir Center. Attendees will enjoy a catered meal by Gopher Plantation. This year's special guest speaker will be Dr. Griff Lindsey, local Dentist and Falconer. Tickets for the Wild Game Supper are on sale now at the Public Information Office located at 211 S. Gaskin Avenue.

Attendees are guaranteed a two day event that is packed with live demonstrations, hands-on activities, celebrity appearances, and fun for the entire family. Already scheduled for celebrity guest appearances at the Expo, are The Dreadknots Clint Roberts aka "Captain Clint" and Dave Stone aka "The Kraken" from the History Channel's hit show, "Ax Men". A full list of events and exhibitors can be found on our webpage [www.cityofdouglas.com/SGOE](http://www.cityofdouglas.com/SGOE). If you are interested in volunteering, sponsorship, or exhibit space, please contact the Public Information Department at (912)383-0277. For more information, about the South Georgia Outdoor Expo go to [www.CityofDouglas.com/SGOE](http://www.CityofDouglas.com/SGOE).



### Recycling Collection – June 2015 Schedule



June 5 Group A      June 12 Group B  
 June 19 Group A    June 26 Group B



To find out which Recycling Group you are in, please [click here](#).

For more information, please call 912-384-3302 or 311.

# SUMMER BEACH BASH 2015

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND SUPPORTED THIS EVENT. THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, 93.5 THE EAGLE, SHINE 101.9, MCRAE COCA COLA, LUCY LU'S BOUTIQUE AND ALL CLEAN PORTABLES!



### [General Coffee With A Ranger](#)

**Saturday, Jun 6, 2015** 8 AM to 9 AM

Registered campers can come over to the Campground Group Shelter and have coffee or orange juice with a ranger. General Coffee himself will also make a visit. \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.

### [Volunteer Workday: Campground Improvement](#)

**Saturday, Jun 6, 2015** 9 AM to 11 AM

Step outside for a while and help us maintain the beautiful landscape in the campground. This event is for registered campers only. Please bring gloves and wear closed-toe shoes. No registration is required. Contact the park office at (912) 384-7082 for more details. \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.

### [National Trails Day Celebration Hike](#)

**Saturday, Jun 6, 2015** 2 PM to 4 PM



Join us on a staff-led nature Hike around the Gopher Loop to cap off an already fun-filled day. We will be celebrating National Trails Day with a nature hike to discover really cool plants and wildlife. Participation in this hike is open to everyone. \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.

### [1st Annual \(Hot\)dogs of Summer Contest](#)

**Saturday, Jun 6, 2015** 5 PM to 7 PM

Nothing welcomes in the summer like the smell of hot dogs on the grill! Park visitors will compete to create that perfect, mouth-watering hotdog. Prizes will be awarded. Please call the park office for more details. \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.

### [Outdoor Adventure Camp](#)

**Monday, Jun 8, 2015 until Thursday, Jun 11, 2015** 9 AM to 2 PM



Kids ages 10-14 are invited to attend the park's outdoor adventure camp and have fun while learning outdoor skills. The camp will include canoeing, archery, orienteering and more. \$45 plus \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.

### [Junior Ranger Summer Camp](#)

**Monday, Jun 22, 2015 until Thursday, Jun 25, 2015** 9 AM to 2 PM



Kids ages 8-12 are invited to our annual Junior Ranger Camp. Complete activities to earn your Junior Ranger badges. Camp activities include nature hikes, fishing, arts and crafts, canoeing and more. Pre-registration is required. \$45 plus \$5 parking. 912-384-7082.



# COMMUNITY JUNK DROP-OFF DAYS



**8am-12Noon**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20 AT**  
**EASTSIDE PARK**

**SATURDAY, JULY 18 AT**  
**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACADEMY**

**(Corner of Pine St. and S. Gaskin Ave.)**

*This is drop-off collection only. Those dropping off items are asked to provide proof of residency. Thank you for helping to clean up Douglas - one neighborhood at a time!*



**Unacceptable Items: Hazardous Items such as tires, paint, batteries, hazardous chemicals, etc.**



**For More Information, call 311 or 384-3302**

# Douglas Visitor Information Center

Month of June Promotion:

**June 19, 2015 STAYCATIONS**

**10am-2pm**

Discover hidden attractions in or near your community or that are not so far away in Georgia. Stop by the Douglas Visitor Information Center and explore travel information on places to visit in Georgia, where you can visit or create a staycation experience. Tourism reps will be available to help you build your bucket list of things to do and places to see in Georgia.

**Bring a friend and receive a door prize!!!**

The purpose of the Douglas Visitor Information Center is to provide information to visitors on lodging, dining and shopping options, and things-to-do in Douglas and Coffee County. We also offer recommendations on travel and tourism assets throughout the region and state of Georgia. Looking for a keepsake from your visit in Douglas? Be sure to ask about our souvenirs and gift baskets.

## Participating Attractions:

**Bee Gee Travel, Lowe's, General Coffee State  
Park, and Broxton Rocks**

211 S. Gaskin Ave., Douglas, GA

Contact: Kimberly Tucker, Information Specialist  
912-384-4555 or [ktucker@cityofdouglas.com](mailto:ktucker@cityofdouglas.com)

Coffee County School Nutrition Program, in cooperation with the City of Douglas and several community partners, are sponsoring a summer meals program for children ages 1- 18. The program is at no cost to the participants. Breakfast and lunch will be served. The meals are served Monday through Thursday beginning Monday June 1st with the exception of the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; we will be closed the week of the June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3rd. The program will end of July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meal program will be available at the following sites:



Site	Meal Time	Contact Person/ Contact Number
Roundtree Center	Lunch: 11:00 AM	Carolyn White Cell # 912-309-2194
Bridging the Gap Community Restoration & Move of God Deliverance	Lunch: 11:00 AM	Anastagia Carter (912) 381-2967
Coffee High School	Breakfast: 7:30 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM	Chellean Gordon (912) 389-6583
First Baptist Church	Lunch: 11:15 AM	Diane Robertson 912-381-7349
Glady's Coley Resource Center	Breakfast: 8:00 AM Lunch: 11:30 PM	Lorenzo Goodman 912-292-7958
Boy's & Girls Club	Breakfast: 8:00 Lunch: 11:15	Rosie Veal 912-850-2208
Nicholls Community Center	Lunch: 11:30	Helen Gilliard 912-381-1885
Atkinson County High School	Breakfast: 7:30 Lunch: 11:30	Paul Daniels 912-422-7373
Atco Youth Center	Lunch: 12:00	Bettye Williams 912-309-2893
Atkinson County Elementary	Breakfast: 7:35 Lunch: 11:35	Shane Miller 912-422-7373
Village Community Outreach	Lunch: 11:45	Shirley Porter 912-384-9973
Pearson Recreation Department	Lunch: 11:45	Ray Lanier 912-422-8378
Career Academy	Lunch: 12:00	Cindy Carter 912-389-6851
Career Academy ESOL	Lunch: 12:00	Brandy Douglas 912-389-6851

For more information you may contact Sheila Cooper at the Coffee County Board of Education (912) 384-2086 - Ext. 6505 or [sheila.cooper@coffee.k12.ga.us](mailto:sheila.cooper@coffee.k12.ga.us).

Times are subject to change and locations may be added.

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CELEBRATE...

# 4th of July Freedom Fest

**Saturday, July 4, 2015**  
**JC Adams Municipal Park**  
600 Van Davis Road - Douglas, Georgia  
**Gates Open at 5pm**

**Fireworks After Dark!**  
**Free Admission**  
**Free Parking**  
**Live Entertainment**  
**Food & Craft Vendors**  
For more information, call Will at  
(912)384-1616 or email  
[willthompson@cottinghamandporter.com](mailto:willthompson@cottinghamandporter.com)



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# NIGHT OF HONOR

## TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

CITY MAYORS | CHIEF OF POLICES | SHERIFFS

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS | STATE PATROLS | PAROLE OFFICERS

AND MUCH MORE...

### COUNTIES RECOGNIZED:

ATKINSON COUNTY, COFFEE COUNTY, IRWIN COUNTY & BEN HILL COUNTY...

**Saturday, July 11th, 2015 at 6:00p.m.**

Central Square Gymnasium | 200C Madison Avenue South | Douglas, GA 31533

**PLEASE R.S.V.P DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Wynetta Jenkins-Bolder at 912.381.4874 or Anthony White at 912.592.9329.

For more information, contact Tijuana Vickers at 918.809.5760.