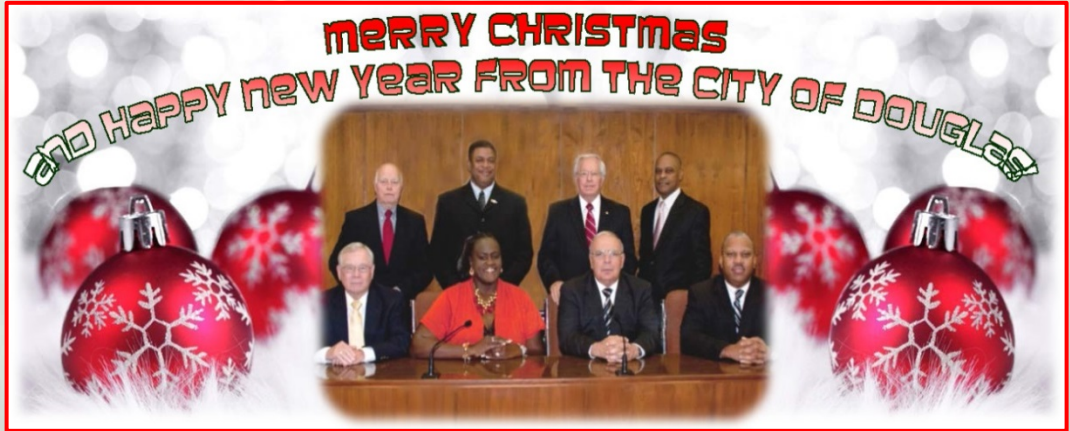




DECEMBER UPCOMING
EVENTS

- Dec. 12 , Christmas on the Pond, 6pm-9pm, FMI: 384-7082
- Dec. 12 , Expressions Dance Studio Christmas Movie Marathon, Martin Centre, FMI: 389-3389
- Dec. 13, First Baptist Church presents “The Heart of Christmas”, 6:00pm, 384-5598
- Dec. 14, City Commission Meeting @ City Hall, 7pm
- Dec. 16, Eggs & Issues, @ Douglas Golf Club, 8am
- Dec. 24, Live Nativity at the First Presbyterian Church, 384-1503
- Dec. 24 & 25, Christmas Holidays City Offices Closed
- Dec. 28, City Commission Meeting @ City Hall, 7pm
- Jan. 1, City Offices Closed

It is the mission of the City of Douglas to provide all citizens cost effective services, with leadership that is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all; and to develop and ensure the highest quality of life for our residents.



CITY OF DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE NEW BODY CAMERAS

At the regular City of Douglas Commission meeting on November 23, 2015, it was approved for the Douglas Police Department to purchase new body cameras for officers. Thirty body cameras and related equipment will be purchased to replace units already in use and to upgrade the system to a more reliable unit.

For more information, click [here](#).



ROUNDTREE PARK UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENTS

Contractors and employees for the City of Douglas are busy repairing and making upgrades to amenities located at Roundtree Park. The improvements should make the park more accessible and enjoyable for citizens who utilize the tennis courts and basketball courts.

“We want to provide quality equipment in the park for everyone to enjoy,” says Parks and Recreation Director, Stevie Young. “We ask citizens to be patient while portions of the Park are closed for needed repairs and upgrades.”

At Roundtree Park, citizens may enjoy the park shelters, playground equipment and baseball field while renovations are being made to the tennis courts and basketball courts. The improvements will be completed as soon as possible. Until all improvements are completed at Roundtree Park, citizens are encouraged to use other parks that have tennis courts or basketball courts such as Wheeler Park, Eastside Park or Davis Wade Park.

For more information about Roundtree Park and other City of Douglas neighborhood parks and their amenities, please call the Recreation Department at 912-384-5978 or www.cityofdouglas.com/recreation.



LOVE & FAMILY
LAUGHTER & FRIENDS

SEASON'S
greetings

Want to sign up for this monthly E-newsletter?

Visit www.cityofdouglas.com and click on notify me and enter your email address.



TRANSWASTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CLOSED
TRASH COLLECTION ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & SATURDAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – CLOSED
TRASH COLLECTION ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY



**Community JUNK
Drop-Off Day**

**Sat., Dec. 19 • 8am – 12noon
@ City Pole Yard (S. Pearl Avenue)
For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.**



City of Douglas Offices will be closed on Dec. 24 & 25, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**safety tips for
the holidays**

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



PUT A **FREEZE**
ON **WINTER FIRES**

[CLICK HERE FOR TIPS!](#)



"See Something,
Say Something"

912-260-3600

**CRIME
Tipline**



Douglas, GA Police Department

The City of Douglas and ESG Operations joined approximately 50 volunteers at the Satilla Riverkeeper & Friends Rivers Alive cleanup on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00am-11:30am at Westside Creek located at 305 West Ward Street in Douglas. Special Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and supported this cleanup event.



COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

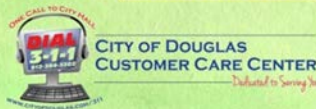
- Featuring now through Jan. 16. – Nicholls Community Exhibit
- Featuring now through Jan. 30 – Douglas First United Methodist Church Mini Exhibit
- Volunteers needed at Heritage Station Museum, especially Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1pm- 4pm. Please message us if you can give 3 hours a month.
- 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



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**



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.



OPENING A NEW BUSINESS OR RENOVATING YOUR BUSINESS?

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE FOR ALL THE LOCAL ORDINANCES FOR SIGNAGE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, BUSINESS LICENSE, AND MORE... FOR MORE INFORMATION, 912-389-3462.



Citizen's Academy Program

Douglas, GA 101

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 101 PROGRAM RETURNS IN 2016!
 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 Public Information Department at 912-383-0277 or email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com.

2015 Christmas Parade Winners

Thanks to our sponsors! Coffee County Commission, Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce & The City of Douglas!

- OVERALL WINNER – Westwood Baptist Church
- BEST MUSICAL PERFORMANCE – CHS Marching Band
- BEST IN CREATIVITY – First Assembly of God

CHURCHES

- 1ST PLACE – St. Illa Missionary Baptist Church
- 2ND PLACE – Broxton Church of God
- 3RD PLACE – GracePointe Baptist Church

SMALL BUSINESS

- 1ST PLACE – Stage 8 Dance Academy
- 2ND PLACE – Mr. Rooter Plumbing/Aireserv Heating & Cooling
- 3RD PLACE – Peach State Non-emergency Transport

LARGE BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

- 1ST PLACE – Pilgrim’s
- 2ND PLACE – Walmart Transportation
- 3RD PLACE – Fender Goggans Orthodontics

EDUCATION

- 1ST PLACE – CHS & GWC Art Club
- 2ND PLACE – Satilla Show Choir

CLUBS/INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZATIONS

- 1ST PLACE – Bacon County Senior Citizens
- 2ND PLACE – Cub Scout Pack 859
- 3RD PLACE – Girl Scout Troop 40575 & Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia



CHS Marching Band



St. Illa Missionary Baptist



First Assembly of God



Broxton Church of God



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CHS & GWC Art Club



Satilla Show Choir



Bacon Co. Senior Citizens



Cub Scout Pack 859



Girls Scouts 40575



Special Thanks to our Parade judges!
Great job!

CITY IS UPDATING ONLINE COMMUNITY VIDEOS

The City of Douglas is currently in the process of updating the community videos featured on the City of Douglas website. CGI Communications Inc., contracts with municipalities throughout the United States to help increase awareness for communities and businesses.

We invite business owners to have the opportunity to highlight their company online along with the videos that will be available on the city's website. CGI Communications will be contacting local businesses in the next few weeks to setup appointments to educate businesses on their video products, mobile video apps, and more information to help enhance business online presence.

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 912-383-0277.



TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS FROM TRANSWASTE

Transwaste would like to remind citizens of trash cart placement. Last year, Transwaste Industries began using an automated side loader for trash pickup in Douglas and Coffee County. The side loader trucks are safer, quieter, cleaner and more efficient than the rear loader, however, the use of the side loader requires customers to change how their container is placed at the curb. Failing to place the cart properly will result in the cart not being emptied on pickup day.

Carts MUST be placed with wheels facing AWAY from the curb. To avoid damage to your property, please keep your trash container at least 5 feet away from mailboxes, street lights, vehicles, and electrical posts. Keep the wheels facing AWAY from the curb or the arm will not be able to pick up your container. The best placement for your cart on pick up mornings would be at the end of your driveway on the opposite side of your mailbox.

For questions and/or bulk pickup, please call 912-384-6001.



“ Project Gift Toy Drive”

The City of Douglas Fire Department are taking names for the Toys For Tots Christmas List

Now thru December 18th

Southwire and the Georgia State Patrol will be participating in the toy drop off.

New unwrapped toys for the drive are also being accepted. Toy distribution date is December 21st!

FMI, call 912-260-2000 or 912-384-4815

COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & HERITAGE STATION MUSEUM presents...

**AUTHOR EVENT FOR:
EARTHA STREET
SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH,
11AM – 1PM
PUBLIC IS INVITED
FMI, 912-389-3461**



TEEN CHRISTMAS MOVIE SOCIAL

Where: Douglas-Coffee County Public Library

When: Monday, December 7, 2015

Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Large Meeting Room

**FOOD! FUN! VOTE ON A MOVIE TO WATCH!
PRIZE GIVEAWAY!**

HANG OUT WITH OTHER TEENS!



Douglas Visitor Information Center

December Promotion

"Souvenir & Gift Sale"

Now thru December 23, 2015

Open: Mon-Fri, 8:00am - 5:00pm



City of
Douglas
Georgia

Looking for a unique Christmas gift for a family member or friend! Stop by and check out our display of souvenir items, gifts baskets, ornaments, replicas of the Ashley Slater House, and more! All visitors who come in will receive a FREE gift!

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.

www.CityofDouglas.com

211 S. Gaskin Avenue, Douglas, GA

Contact: Kimberly Tucker, Information Specialist

912-384-4555 or ktucker@cityofdouglas.com



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

HOSTED BY:

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 515 / VETERANS HONOR GUARD &
DOUGLAS CITY CEMETERY STAFF**

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

TIME: TO BE ANNOUNCED

LOCATION: DOUGLAS CITY CEMETERY

MISSION: REMEMBER – HONOR – TEACH

WREATHS: \$15.00 (*TAX DEDUCTABLE*) DONATION

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO SPONSOR

IN MEMORY OF:

DECEASED VETERANS NAME:

Branch of Service: _____ **Rank:** _____ **State resided:** _____

WHO MAY SPONSOR: FAMILY – FRIENDS – BUSINESSES – ORGANIZATIONS

Wreaths are sent to Douglas City Cemetery NOT TO purchasing sponsorships

APPLICATIONS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

POINTS OF CONTACT:

JEROME LOVING @ 912-592-6413 / HENRY MILHOLLIN @ 912-393-4796

NEED MONEY NOT LATER NOVEMBER 20, 2015

LET US NEVER FORGET “FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY” IS NOT FREE

DON'T SAY I SHOULD HAVE, SAY I DID

CHRISTMAS ON THE POND

Saturday, Dec 12, 2015

General Coffee State Park from
6:00pm to 8:30pm

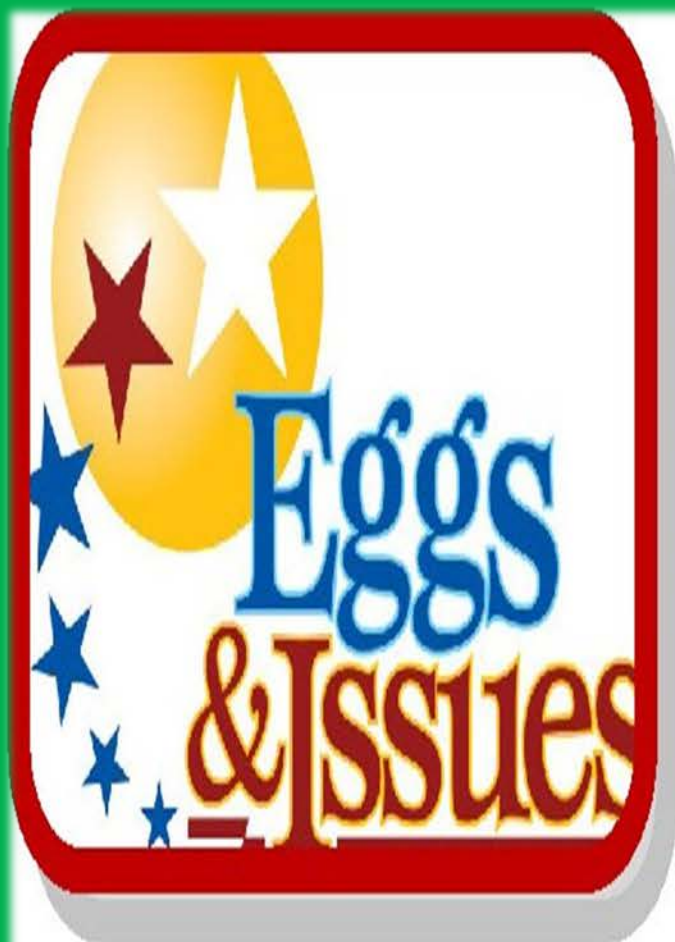
Join the State Park to usher in the
holiday season.

Visit with Santa, enjoy storytelling,
hayrides, a marshmallow roast and
homemade refreshments.

Donations appreciated. \$5 parking.

For more information,
call 912-384-7082





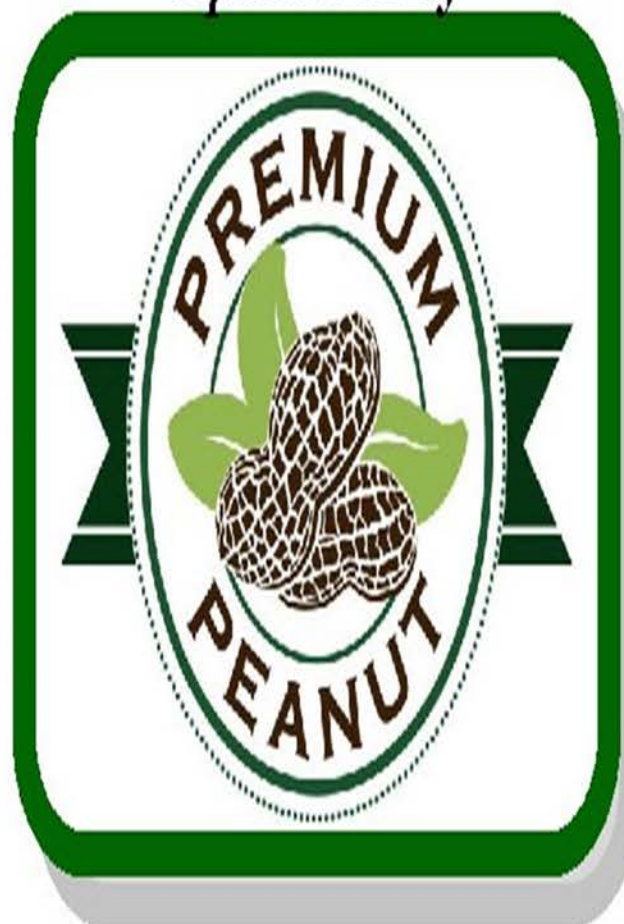
Eggs & Issues featuring
Rep. Dominic LaRiccia, Rep.
Clay Pirkle
& Senator Tyler Harper

Sponsored by

Wed, Dec 16, 8am—9:30am
Douglas Golf & Country Club
Chamber Members \$10

RSVP 912.384.1873

chamber@douglasga.org





Spread the Love!

-ADOPT A FAMILY-

With The Magnolia House this Holiday Season!
To Donate or Volunteer, contact Missy Rowland

mhtanf@waycrossareashelter.com
(w):912-285-5840 (c):912-387-3239



ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Since 1979 the Salvation Army has been providing Christmas gifts to children and elderly citizens across the country after establishing the Angel Tree Program, which allows families to select a name off of a tree to ensure a child wakes up to gifts under their tree on Christmas morning. Local business owner Windi Raper of Windi's Bridal Boutique has been participating with the Salvation Army with the Angel Tree Program. Each year Windi displays a Christmas Tree in her business's window with angels to be adopted. Anyone interested in adopting a child's name can stop by Windi's Bridal Boutique at 312 S. Peterson Avenue.



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD™

The Salvation Army will begin their Kettle Program Monday, November 23rd – Thursday, December 24th. They are scheduling volunteers for kettle ringing for 2 hours each. If you, your civic group, church, family or friends would like to help, please call. We have locations in Douglas and in Pearson, GA. For more information, please call the Salvation Army at 912-384-6530 to get details.

Also the Salvation Army is selling raffle tickets to win a Christmas tree. The Christmas trees are located at AT&T and Verizon. The tickets will be on the trees. You can purchase one ticket for \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00. The winner of each tree will be called. For additional information, please call 912-384-6530.

First Presbyterian Church



Presents...

“Live Nativity Scene”

Wednesday, December 24th

6:00pm & 7:00pm

“Candlelight Communion”

8:00pm

For more information,

call 912-384-1503.

REND OUR



HEARTS

Joel 2:12-13

**CRYING OUT TO GOD FOR REVIVAL
IN COFFEE COUNTY**

JANUARY 3-8, 2016

COFFEE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Join us as we cross denominational and racial lines to unite
in a time of seeking God for the revival
of His Church in Coffee County, GA.

Our theme for these services is “Rend Our Hearts.” Plan on
joining us for this very special time as local Pastors and
Worship leaders lead the Church in Coffee County
in seeking God’s face for revival.

Join Us Nightly at the
Coffee Middle School Auditorium
5:00 PM Sunday, January 3
7:00 PM Monday—Friday January 4-8

For more information please call or visit
Facebook: County Wide Revival of Coffee County
Willie Williams 678-698-1017
John Butler 912-381-0909
Or visit standandpraygeorgia.com

*Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your
heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend
your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God:
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness,
and repenteth him of the evil. Joel 2:12-13 (KJV)*