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*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.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \***Jan. 9**, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- \***Jan. 16**, Youth Tribute to MLK, Jr., 10am, Martin Centre FMI: 592-2334, 310-0815
- \***Jan. 16**, City Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- \***Jan. 18**, Cemetery Meeting, 10am, 389-3405
- \***Jan. 18**, DDA Meeting, 10:30am, City Hall
- \***Jan. 19**, Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6pm, Council Room, 389-3423
- \***Jan. 24**, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401
- \***Jan. 26**, Chamber of Commerce Annual Event, Gym B, FMI: 384-1873
- \***Jan. 29**, Circus Pages International Circus, Gym B, 1pm & 4pm Shows

### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR PERIMETER ROAD EXPANSION

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Perimeter Road expansion project was held on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017. State and local officials are looking forward to this project and the growth that it will bring to Douglas and Coffee County. This project will take approximately 2 years to complete. The City of Douglas asks everyone for their patience as this expansion takes place. #PLEASE EXCUSE OUR PROGRESS



## Community Residential

# JUNK Drop-Off Day

Sat., January 21, 8am - 12noon

@ City Pole Yard (Pearl Ave.)

For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.

Want to sign up for this monthly E-newsletter? Click on the icon below to receive news flashes, bid openings, job postings and more!



City of Douglas "Day On" Project in honor of Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday Cleanup Project at Monday, January 16, 2017 - 8am - 12noon **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

HELP CLEANUP THE HISTORIC LITTLE LAKE GENEVA CEMETERY located off Hwy. 158 on Burl Mill Road (aka the Racetrack road).

Don't forget to dress appropriately (hat, gloves, boots) for weedeating, limb removal, trash pickup, and assist with documenting gravesites in the cemetery.

Tools will be provided.

FMI: 912-393-4796, 912-389-3401, or [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com)



**CITY OF DOUGLAS CONTRIBUTES TO THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE**

The City of Douglas along with other cities throughout the state of Georgia did their part to bring the Christmas spirit to patients at behavioral health hospitals this year. On December 7, 2016, the Douglas Fire Department and officials from the City of Douglas delivered a check in the amount of \$727.50 to Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, Georgia. The City of Douglas also contributed locally to Unison Behavioral Health in the amount of \$727.50 at the City Commission meeting on December 27, 2016. The monies donated to these foundations were raised by City employees as well as local donations from businesses. For full news release, [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com).



**COFFEE COUNTY AND DOUGLAS OFFICIALS DISCUSS PLANS FOR A MIRACLE LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

On Monday, December 12, 2016, City of Douglas officials, Coffee County Board of Education officials, and concerned citizens met at City Hall to discuss plans to bring a Miracle League to Douglas. Stephanie Davis with Miracle League, gave an overview of how Miracle League can help create a safe and positive environment for special needs children in our community, as well as surrounding cities, to enjoy. For full news release, [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com).



**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.**

**Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation  
Baseball & Softball  
Registration**

**Early Registration:**  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Cost: \$40.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

**Regular Registration:**  
Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Cost: \$45.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

**FOR MORE INFO., CALL 912-384-5978**

**Code Enforcement  
Corner**

BE PREPARED FOR THE 2017 QUALITY OF LIFE BLITZ... OFFICIALS WILL BE LOOKING FOR CODE VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. HELP US CLEANUP DOUGLAS, ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME!

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.**

## COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

1. *Featuring Jukebox Saturday Night Exhibit through March 3*
2. *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.*
3. *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](mailto:cchs@cityofdouglas.com)  
 Telephone 912-389-3461  
 219 W. Ward Street  
 Douglas, GA 31533



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- [Douglas GA Police Department](#)
- [Douglas GA Fire Department](#)
- [Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department](#)
- [South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival](#)
- [Douglas GA Natural Gas Department](#)
- [Visit Douglas – Coffee County, GA](#)
- [Shop Local Douglas GA](#)



## CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CITY ISSUES - IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

The "See Something, Say Something" campaign can be used for more issues other than crime reporting. Citizens are encouraged to report discolored/rusty water, "smelly" water, potholes, electrical outages, water leaks, and other related items for the City.

"We hope that citizens will report needed repairs to the City," say City Manager Terrell Jacobs. "See Something, Say Something, goes beyond law enforcement related activities. If your water is discolored or smells, a street light is out, a large pothole is on your street, or if you notice a water leak, we want you to report it to us so we can make the necessary repairs."

Citizens should continue to report criminal related activities to the Police Department Anonymous Crime Tip line, 260-3600. For all other non-emergency activities, citizens should call 311 or 912-384-3302 to report repairs and non-criminal incidents to the City.



## Douglas Recycling – January 2017 Schedule



January 6

January 20

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





## 2017 King Federal Holiday Schedule of Events

### Sunday, January 15, 2017. Worship Service

7:00pm at The Empowerment Center

### Monday, January 16, 2017

Fellowship Breakfast - 8:00am at The Empowerment Center

Youth Tribute - 10:00am at the Martin Centre

Happy Birthday Dr. King Party (Ages 5-11yrs.)

12:30pm at Young's Chapel Baptist Church

Teen Seminar - 12:30pm at Young's Chapel Baptist Church

For more information, call (912) 384-3116 or (912) 309-9292

## Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department

# Leisure Guide 2017



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## DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY IN 2017

The Douglas Police Department is offering a Citizen Police Academy course that will begin on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Douglas Police Department located at 225 W. Bryan Street. The course covers numerous areas and is designed to introduce and inform citizens of the role of Law Enforcement in the community and familiarize them with some of the applications of law.

The class hours will be 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM every Thursday night beginning Feb. 2nd through March 23rd. The last day of the Academy will be an all-day event on Saturday, March 23rd. This day's training will include firearms training at the Douglas Firearms Training Facility.

Some of the topics covered are: Police Dept. Structure, Crime Scene Processing, Family Violence, Juvenile law, Gangs, Evidence Procedures, Patrol Operations, COP, Use of Force, Firearms Training, Internal Affairs, Complaint process, Disciplinary process, and participants will conduct a ride along with an Officer during the course.

You do not have to be a resident of Douglas to attend this course. It is open to all citizens over 18 years of age. Registration deadline is January 27, 2017. Registration forms are available from 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).

## AIRBASE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



The City of Douglas Airbase Preservation and Development Committee has openings on its board. To apply for a position or for more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 912-389-3462.

**CITIZENS  
POLICE  
ACADEMY**  
Enrolling  
Now



**LOOK AT THE IMPROVEMENTS AT  
THE MARTIN CENTRE!**

A NEW VIP ENTRANCE HAS BEEN ADDED AND COMING SOON, A FACELIFT WITH EXTERIOR PAINTING. THANK YOU DOUGLAS MAYOR TONY PAULK AND COMMISSION FOR APPROVING THESE REPAIRS. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO ENHANCE THIS HISTORIC THEATRE!



**CITIZEN'S ACADEMY 101  
PROGRAM REGISTRATION  
UNDERWAY!**

If you are interested in learning more about our local government and how it works, these **FREE** classes will be perfect for you. Persons ages 18 and up should contact the Public Information Department at 912-383-0277 or email [ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com](mailto:ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com).



Citizen's  
Academy  
Program

Douglas, GA 101



**COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS FOR MANY  
CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Citizens in Douglas and Coffee County helped spread joy to children in the community by raising approximately \$4,000 and donating hundreds of toys for the Community Toy Drive. The City of Douglas, along with many local community agencies hosted Community Toy Drives for boys and girls during the months of November and December. The Toy Drive kicked off during the Community Thanksgiving Spectacular, which was held on Saturday, November 19, from 4pm – 7pm.

Beginning November 19 through December 15, 2016, local community agencies held various toy drives. All monetary donations collected were used to purchase gifts for the children of qualifying families. Together with the donation of toys and monetary donations, the Community Toy Drive provided toys for approximately 450 children along with an additional 120 families who came to the gym during toy distribution on Saturday, December 17, 2016.

Special thanks to Broxton Butcher Block, Nicole Hand, Anvil Trailer, J & M Pallets, Judy McGuirt, Cindy Lott, Brian Norris, Jade Shoemate, Willie Styles, H & R Block, PCC Airfoils, Thompson Machine, P & M Trucking, Verlyn Enterprises, Amanda Redmon, Van & Georgia Henderson, Southwire, CSRA Probation Services, Georgia State Patrol, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Douglas Police Department, Douglas Fire Department, Broxton Police Department, Curry's Wings & Things, Broxton Dollar General, Walmart, Kmart, the Salvation Army, William Minkema/The Martin Centre, Pastor Dawn Jones/Beth'el Worship Center, CHS FCCLA volunteers, and the City of Douglas for their contributions to this successful community event.





**Douglas**  
UTILITIES



## ARE YOU AGE 65 OR OLDER? CHECK OUT OUR SENIOR UTILITY PROGRAMS!

### SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT OPTION

**Beginning Oct. 3**, active account holders ages 65 & older are now eligible to receive a \$10.00 monthly credit to their Douglas Utility account.

OK I'm a  
**Senior**  
where's My  
DISCOUNT



*Requirements:*

- 💰 Electric service is turned on for the utility account with the Douglas Utility Department.
- 💰 Age 65 or older
- 💰 Must be a residential account
- 💰 Must be the owner of the utility account with full privileges on the account.
- 💰 Activate the Senior Citizen Discount option by contacting the Customer Care Center at the City of Douglas or by dialing 3-1-1 or 912-384-3302.

Every 2 years on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, the senior must re-apply and follow all the steps above to continue to be eligible with one exception (see exception below). Should the account holder fail to comply, discount will be stopped until the proper steps are taken by the account holder as described above. The reinstated discount will not be retroactive but resume again with the next billing cycle.

Should the City be informed or discover that any account holder receiving the Senior Discount is deceased or no longer resides at the location of the utilities, the discount will be discontinued.

*Exception: If the senior citizen is placed in an assisted living facility or at another location for personal care and no one is living at the utility service location, if the City is notified and services are left on, the discount will continue.*

# activate

**Beginning Oct. 3,  
& start receiving a  
\$10 Senior Discount!**

**ASK SOMEONE IN THE CUSTOMER CARE CENTER HOW YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT OR THE WEATHERIZATION GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM TODAY!**



### WEATHERIZATION GRANT-LOAN PROGRAM

**Beginning Oct. 3**, qualified City residents with limited weatherization improvements to their home, may apply for the Weatherization Grant-Loan program.

*Requirements:*

- 🏠 Must be age 65 or older (driver's license or picture ID required showing date of birth).
- 🏠 Must be the Utility Account Holder or listed on the utility account.
- 🏠 Must be a resident of the City of Douglas and a U.S. citizen
- 🏠 Must be the Utility Account Holder or listed on the utility account.
- 🏠 Must meet current HUD low/moderate income limits.
- 🏠 Must provide proof of home ownership.
- 🏠 Must occupy structure as primary residence.
- 🏠 Must provide proof that property taxes are current.
- 🏠 Must be current on utility account and applicant must not be a participant of the Douglas Utility Payment Plan.
- 🏠 Must provide income verification.
- 🏠 Manufactured homes are eligible providing they are permanently affixed.
- 🏠 Rental property is NOT eligible.

An energy audit will be performed on each housing unit to determine needed improvements by a qualified City staff person.

The maximum amount eligible per household is \$5,000 including labor costs.

The applicant will be required to pay fifty (50) percent of the total amount improvements on their monthly utility bill up to a 60 month time period.

Due to limited funds, approximately thirty (30) applications will be received and processed on a first come, first serve basis.



**For a full list of all policies and procedures, please contact the Community Development Department at 912-389-3432.**



You are cordially invited to the  
Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce  
90th Annual Event  
Celebrating Excellence in Business and Leadership in

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# THE EMERALD CITY

*where... "There's no place like home".*

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January 26th, 2017 6:30 p.m.  
Central Square Gym. Downtown Douglas  
Please RSVP: [ayaunches@douglasga.org](mailto:ayaunches@douglasga.org)  
(912) 384-1873

*\*Formal Attire*

 **DOUGLAS**  
COFFEE COUNTY · GA  
chamber and economic development authority



# **Coffee County Schools Pre-K Registration**

Registration will be held at the **Central Square Complex**  
from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM on:

**February 8th: Ambrose, Indian Creek, Nicholls, Satilla**

**February 9th: Broxton, Eastside, West Green, Westside**

Registration packets will be available at all schools and the  
Enrollment Center (located inside the Central Office)  
beginning January 9th.

## **THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE TURNED IN TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:**

- CERTIFIED copy of Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Form (3231)
- Eye, Ear, Dental, Nutrition Certificate (3300)
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residence

(Current Utility Bill such as electric, gas, water or cable that includes the physical address  
of the residence OR receipt or agreement for rent/lease/mortgage)

*Cell phone bills cannot be used for proof of residence*

**Join Us!**

*If you have any questions, please visit our  
website, [www.coffee.k12.ga.us](http://www.coffee.k12.ga.us) or  
call (912) 389-6890 for more information.*



SOUTHERN HOME  
*Vintage*  
 MARKET  
 City of Douglas  
 Georgia

*Friday, March 3, 2017 • 10am – 6pm*  
*Saturday, March 4, 2017 • 9am – 3pm*  
**Central Square Complex**  
**200 S. Madison Ave. • Douglas, GA**  
*Early Bird Shopping, Friday Only, 10am-12pm,*  
*\$5.00 Admission (12 & under Free)*  
*Friday 12pm – 6pm and Saturday 9am – 3pm,*  
*\$3.00 Admission (12 & under Free)*



Vintage kitchenware, antiques, old yard décor, vintage linens, vintage furnishings and décor, vintage collectibles, vintage jewelry, vintage tools, collectible coins, knives, glassware, painted furniture, and MORE!

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