

City offices
will be closed
on Tuesday,
July 4, 2017.

City of Douglas Georgia

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ISSUE VII

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *July 10, Coffee County Historical Society, 9am, Heritage Museum, 389-3461
- *July 10, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 17, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 19, Cemetery Mtg, 10am, Cemetery
- *July 19, DDA Meeting, 10:30am, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 20, Planning & Zoning, 6pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *July 29, Southwire's Back to School Giveaway, Central Square Complex, 7am-Noon
- *July 31, City Pool Closes, 384-5978
- *August 1, National Night Out Against Crime – Central Square Complex, FMI: 912-384-3302



Mayor Tony L. Paulk, City Commissioners, and City Clerk graciously accepted the plaque from GMA naming Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper to the GMA Hall of Fame.

MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISH CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE

On June 12, 2017, at the regular City Commission meeting, the Mayor and Commission moved forward with a resolution to establish a City Marshal's office. Due to changes in state laws and regulation, the City Marshal's Office will be established as its own agency/department. For full release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



TIPS for WATER SAFETY

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



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

CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER DURHAM



Commissioner Durham received the esteemed Certificate of Achievement from the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute the Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) Conference in Savannah on June 26, 2017

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE 4TH OF JULY &
“LIGHT UP THE SKY
OVER JARDINE!”

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Jardine Stadium

600 Van Davis Road, Douglas, Georgia

Gates Open at 4pm

Fireworks After Dark!

Free Admission - Free Parking

**Live Entertainment & Contests
provided by 106.7 The Buck**

\$5 All You Can Play Kids Zone

Food & Craft Vendors

Child Advocacy Center's "When Pigs Fly" - 8pm

**For more information, call (912)384-8153 or email
ashelyn@coffeecountybroadcasters.com**

OVER 35 MINUTES
AND 3,400
EXPLOSIVES WITH
SYNCHRONIZED
MUSIC!



Portion of South Gaskin Avenue Closing to Through Traffic for Culvert Construction

A portion of South Gaskin Avenue is scheduled to close to through traffic June 12 for construction of a culvert, which is necessary due to the widening of the perimeter road (U.S. 221/SR 135). Drivers will not be able to access Gaskin Avenue from the perimeter road/Bowens Mill Road. Traffic will detour to Old Axson Road and then to Pine Street. Local traffic can access Gaskin from Pine Street, but no through traffic will be allowed. The contractor is permitted to close the road for 90 days. However, to minimize the inconvenience to drivers, the contractor plans to build the new culvert, reopen Gaskin Avenue and remove the old culvert at a later date. Construction of the culvert could take five or six weeks. For full press release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



GRPA District 2 Softball Champs



Congratulations to GRPA District 2 Softball Champions Ages 7-8 Douglas-Coffee County All-stars

Coaches: Fred Cole, Bob Powell, Robert Davis, Don Hamilton
Players: Emme Cole, Emma Hamilton, Lainey Griffin, Hannah Powell, Brilynn Waldron, Channah Smith, Ella Winters, Mikayla Thomas, Cadence Cravey, Bailey Palmer, Laurel Davis, Nellie Jump



City of
Douglas
Georgia
Est. 1895

Mosquito Control Program
Protect your Family: "Fight the Bite"

Click here for your Guide to Mosquito Control or visit www.cityofdouglas.com.

Douglas Recycling – July Calendar

REGULAR SCHEDULE WILL RUN JULY 4th.

**Recycling Pickup
July 7 & July 21**

For more information, please call 912-389-3450 or 384-6001.





Coffee County Historical Society News

Heritage Station Museum
 Open Thursday & Fridays 10am – 4pm
 Saturdays – 10am - 2pm

Please call ahead and make sure we are open since we depend on volunteers! 912-389-3461

If you would like to volunteer for at least 3 hours a month, we need YOU! Call 381-1135 or message us on Facebook!

Current Exhibit:

ADA ASHLEY-SLATER EXHIBIT
 Now – September 2017

Subscribe to the City of Douglas YouTube Channel for the Our Heritage Show!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORfpB-8aBTE&t=3s>

Contact Information:

Coffee County Historical Society
 Carol Morgan, President
 Email: cchs@cityofdouglas.com
 Telephone 912-389-3461

219 W. Ward Street, Douglas, GA 31533



City of Douglas Georgia On-Line Auction Surplus Equipment Sale

The City of Douglas, Georgia sales surplus equipment through GovDeals.com (<http://www.govdeals.com>), an on-line auction service. Bidders can register free of charge at the GovDeals.com website. For further information, contact the City of Douglas Purchasing Department, at (912) 389-3463

DO YOU KNOW THE NEW GEORGIA LAWS? CLICK HERE FOR THE NEW GEORGIA LAWS THAT WENT INTO EFFECT JULY 1, 2017.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THE DOUGLAS MIRACLE FIELD A REALITY!

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOUGLAS MIRACLE FIELD FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978 OR EMAIL BYOUNG@CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

"Because every child deserves the chance to play baseball"



CITY COMMISSIONER EDWIN TAYLOR OFFICIALLY SWORN INTO OFFICE



Newly elected City Commissioner, Edwin Taylor, was officially sworn in to the Oath of Office for Ward 1 by City Clerk, Wynetta Bolder, on Thursday, June 22, 2017, during a Special Called Commissioner Meeting.

Douglas People's Choice Photo Contest April 24 – July 7, 2017

Enter original photos in one of the following categories: Planes & Trains, Paws & Claws, Trees & Bees, Faces & Places, and Sites & Lights. For complete rules & registration, www.cityofdouglas.com or call 912-383-0277



SUMMER PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

As summer is upon the citizens of Douglas, Georgia, historically crime also INCREASES! Please be proactive with your safety and mindful of your surroundings. Here are safety tips from the Douglas Police Department:

1. Local businesses can call 911 or 911 non-emergency (912-384-7675) for a patrol officer to escort to local bank(s). *employees should not exit business until after officer arrives on scene.
2. DO NOT leave valuables such as jewelry, cell phones, money, guns, tools, pocketbooks, medicine, or any other items of this type in plain view inside HOMES or VEHICLES.

3. LOCK vehicles at ALL times. Ensure your residence is secured when you are not home.
4. DO NOT allow anyone that you are unfamiliar with to have access to your home/residence or vehicle.
5. DO NOT permit anyone into areas where they are not supposed to be in while contracting work out of your home and/or business.
6. Record all make/model/serial numbers to guns, electronics, and other items of value. When property is reported stolen, we MUST have the serial number to ensure proper entry into Georgia Crime Information Center. Also, take photographs of valuable jewelry in the case they are stolen. A photograph is an excellent way for police to quickly identify if found on someone's person and/or property or a pawn shop.
7. If possible, install security systems and/or motion sensor lights on the outside of your property.
8. Always be aware of your environment and limit distractions (cell phone) when entering and exiting your vehicle at your residence and in public places.

If you SEE something, SAY something! Call 911 to report suspicious behavior. DPD TIPS line (912) 260-3600. Have a great summer from the Douglas Police Department!



OVERFLOW OF CARDBOARD ISSUE

The City of Douglas will immediately be collecting the wire baskets from those participating businesses throughout town, who participated in the cardboard pickup and baling. If a citizen or business would like to continue recycling cardboard, please contact Transwaste at 912-384-6001. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 912-389-3450.



If you see any, street lights that are out, large pot holes, and other general and emergency utilities questions or concerns, please report it to the City of Douglas Customer Care Department at 912-384-3302 or dial 311.

Back to School - Tuesday, August 14, 2017
Please be mindful of neighborhood bus stops and school zones!



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

The Learning Coop, LLC, located at 1380 W. Baker Hwy. Suite C, 912-253-1823.

S & T Auto Sales, LLC, located at 704 Madison Avenue, owner, Sonya Sellers, 912-260-0056.

Southern Distributing Company, located at 2639 Hwy. 441, Suite H, Terry Benton, 912-389-0757.

Javia Boutique, located at 508 S. Gaskin Avenue, Tamika Benning, 912-381-1219.

R & R Liquidators, located at 806 S. Madison Avenue, Luke Roberts, 912-850-1697.

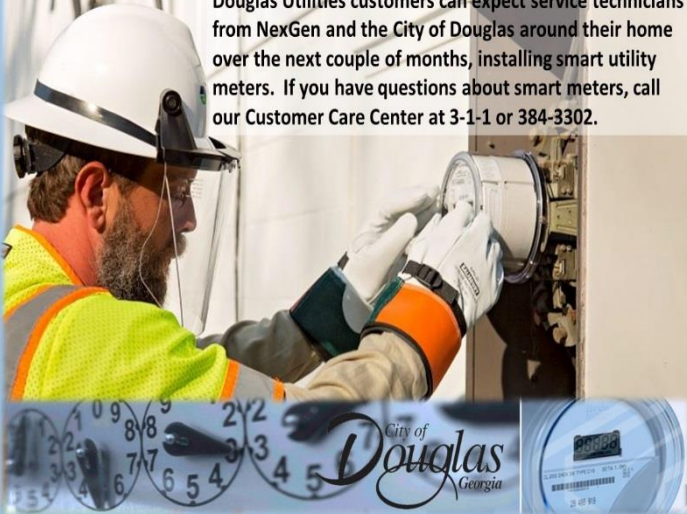
Southern USA Trailers, located at 1012 N. Peterson Avenue, Donna Cauley, 912-501-5114

AVOID CITATIONS AND BE UP TO DATE ON ALL CITY OF DOUGLAS ORDINANCES BY CLICKING [HERE](#).



Need a list of services provided by your City? Check out our A-Z Resources Guide or click [here](#)!

Douglas Utilities customers can expect service technicians from NexGen and the City of Douglas around their home over the next couple of months, installing smart utility meters. If you have questions about smart meters, call our Customer Care Center at 3-1-1 or 384-3302.



Thanks for doing business in Douglas and Coffee County!



Ribbon Cutting at McRae's Pharmacy located at 1002 W. Ward Street. Owners Charity and Andrew Holt, 912-384-5255.



Ribbon Cutting at Happy Crabby Steak and Seafood located at 400 NW 206 Connector. Owner: Frank Bussey, 912-820-5548



Congratulations Coffee High School on the groundbreaking for the new Performing Arts Center!

CITY LEADERS ATTEND GMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Elected officials from Douglas were among hundreds of city officials to attend the Georgia Municipal Association's annual Conference in Savannah June 23-June 27, 2017. The annual conference provides city officials with an opportunity to learn more about legislation under consideration, attend training sessions, and hear from state leaders. Congratulations to all the attendees and city officials who were recognized at this year's GMA Convention. For more information about GMA and their benefits offered to Georgia cities, please visit their website, <http://gmanet.com>. For full press release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Newly elected Commissioner Edwin Taylor proudly carries the Douglas flag during the Opening General Session Parade of Flags.



City Clerk Wynetta Bolder (GMCFOA President & GMA Board Member) presents the Clerk and Finance Officer of the Year Award.



(L-R) Stacy Jones (Interim Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government) Kristi Morgan (Executive Asst/Deputy City Clerk) Wynetta Bolder (City Clerk and GMCFOA President) and Norma Tucker (LaGrange Councilmember and Chairperson of the GMA Training Board)



(L-R) Commissioner Mike Gowen, Wynetta Bolder (City Clerk and GMCFOA President), City Commissioner Cindy McNeill, Kristi Morgan (Executive Asst/Deputy City Clerk), Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, Mayor Tony Paulk, and City Manager Terrell Jacobs

CITY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PICNIC

Each year, the City of Douglas FISH Committee organizes the Annual City Picnic to show appreciation to all City employees. This year, the picnic was held at General Coffee State Park and city employees and their family members were treated to great door prizes, games, hamburgers/hot dogs, and lots of fun. A BIG thank you to all the employees who serve on the FISH Committee!

The following employees were recognized for their years of employment: 20 YEARS+ - Antonio Ward-Police, Dennis Trowell-Vehicle Mtc, Brantley Anderson-Fire, Andy Smith-Fire, JD White-Fire, Blondale Thomas-Public Information, Glenn Christopher-Public Works. 25 YEARS - Joe Stewart-Police, 30 YEARS - Randy Dobbs-Construction, Curtis Harper-Public Works. 40 YEARS Dale Batten-Community Development

City Manager Awards - Customer Service Award-Leon Whitley-Police and City Manager Supervisor Award-Wynetta Bolder



STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL VENDORS!! FMI, [CLICK HERE!](#)



Friday, September 8, 2017 ★ 1pm—7pm
Friday Night Concert begins at 6:30pm at the Martin Centre
Saturday, September 9, 2017 ★ 9am—5pm
Central Square Complex ★ 200 S. Madison Avenue ★ Douglas, GA

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT 6:30pm
"The Midnight Riders"




HEADLINER BAND
Allman Brothers Tribute Band
@ The Martin Centre
(109 E. Ashley Street)
Get your tickets online at www.rockdogentertainment.com!



DOUGLAS BBQ COOK-OFF
CASH & PRIZES!
G.B.A. SANCTIONED COOK-OFF
& BRISKET ANCILLARY
\$2,500 RESERVE GRAND
\$5,000 GRAND CHAMPION
LARGEST GBA GRAND PAYOUT



Featuring:
"THE TUCKER BUCK"
World Record Display,
Coca-Cola Hug Me Vendor
BB Gun Range,
Knockerball,
Fishing Workshops,
Facepainting,
Kids Play Area,
Library Book Sale
& much more!



Helping Hands Bikers, LLC presents
MOTORCYCLE EVENTS
Saturday, Sept. 9, 9am—3pm
Register early on Friday night from 4:00pm—7:30pm
Dice Run 9am-12Noon
Registration 8am—Bikes Out 9am
Motorcycle Show 9am-2pm
Registration 8am-12, Judging 1pm - 1:30pm
Bike Games - 2pm
50/50 Draw
Awards 3pm @ the Youth Center



GENERAL VENDORS
FOOD VENDORS
HUNTING VENDORS
FISHING VENDORS
BBQ VENDORS
CARS, MOTORCYCLES
APPAREL, OUTFITTERS, & MORE!!



NAPA/Brooks Auto Parts presents
Car Show
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9— 9AM—2PM
Registration \$15 Car Show / \$10 Each additional
Registration: 9am-11am / Judging 11am-2pm
Winners Announced: 2:00pm @ Youth Center

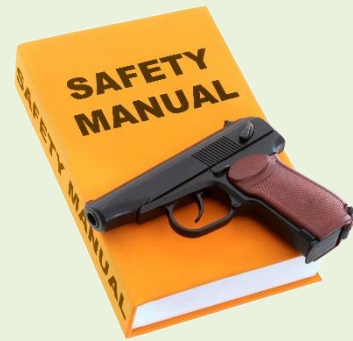


No general admission, however, fees apply for Friday night concert and other events. For more information about the South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival, please call (912) 383-0277, email bbqfest@cityofdouglas.com or visit our website at www.cityofdouglas.com/bbqfest.



WOMEN'S HANDGUN SAFETY CLASS

Special thanks to all the ladies who participated in the Women's Handgun Safety Class. The Police Department hopes to offer another class soon!



FIREWORK SAFETY

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should use fireworks only under adult supervision.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers
- Light one device at a time; maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Do not allow any running or horseplay during fireworks
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks; douse and soak them with water and discard them safely.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Football Registration

Ages: 5-12

Early Registration:

June 19th- July 21st, 2017

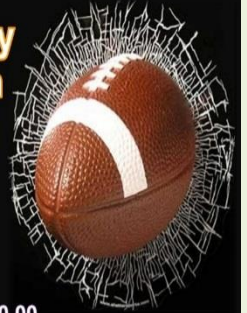
Cost: \$40.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

Regular Registration:

July 24th- Aug. 18th, 2017

Cost: \$45.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978



Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Cheer Registration

Ages: 5-12

Early Registration: June 19th- July 21

Cost: \$30.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

Regular Registration: July 24th - August 18th

Cost: \$35.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978

Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Swimming Pool

The pool is now open thru July 31st

General Admission: \$3.00

For a complete schedule, stop

by the main office or visit

www.cityofdouglas.com!

Pool will be closed

June 5th, July 4th, July 6th

For more information, call 912-384-5978



CONGRATULATIONS SHARNAE PEGUES



CONGRATULATIONS SHARNAE PEGUES FOR BEING NAMED THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SOUTHEAST REGION OF GEORGIA YOUTH OF THE YEAR. SHARNAE WAS RECOGNIZED BY DOUGLAS MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION AT THE COMMISSION MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2017



The Douglas Lions Club Foundation contributed \$3000 towards the construction of Miracle Field.

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National Night Out Against Crime

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 from 4PM-9PM
CENTRAL SQUARE COMPLEX
200 S. MADISON AVE. DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
COMMUNITY AND FOOD VENDORS
912-384-3302

CONCERT STARTS AT 6:30PM

FEATURING GOSPEL RAPPER



SUMMER BEACH BASH



TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 from 4PM-8PM
VACANT LOT ADJACENT TO CITY HALL
912-384-5161

(Bring an extra change of clothes for the concert!)

ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

Hula Hoop Contest, Back To School Supplies, Sand Pit Play Area, Water Slides, Pony Rides, Food Vendors, Safety Demonstrations, MADD, K-9 Demonstrations, and much more! Some events are subject to change.

Event Sponsors



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GENERAL COFFEE STATE PARK

Heritage Farm Camp

July 10-July 13, 9 AM to 2 PM

Overnight Paddle Trip on the Ocmulgee River

July 20-July 21, 8 AM to 3 PM

Volunteer Workday: Fall Event Prep.

Saturday, Jul 22, 2017, 9 AM to 12 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (912)384-7082

**Friends of
General Coffee State Park**
present

1950's Sock Hop

August 12



*Shake, Rattle
& Roll*



**To Benefit General Coffee State Park
Goat Barn and Farm Security Cameras**

Come out and Enjoy the First Annual Coffee County

COFFEE
COUNTY

COFFEE
COUNTY

Come Together Day

Hosted by:



Starting at 4 pm



Vendors, Games, Prizes
Food, & much more!
Admission

\$1

July 8th, 2017
1601 S Gaskin Avenue,
Douglas, GA, 31533

All vendor registration fees will be donated to the Lighthouse

PACK THE PARK

Community Day

**DJ SHEEFYBOY
ON DECK**

JULY 9th

**FREE FOOD AND DRINKS
WATER SLIDES**

**BOUNCY HOUSES
AND MORE**

In Memory of Community Leader

RONNIE JOHNSON

AT

ROUNDTREE PARK

DOUGLAS, GA.

**ONE ON ONE
BASKETBALL**

**KEVIN JR.
VS DEBERRY**

4PM UNTIL

CIA BASKETBALL WILL ALSO BE PLAYED

COME OUT AND HAVE A GREAT TIME...





Fourth Annual Douglas Badges for Life Blood Drive

Monday, July 10, 2017

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Coffee Regional Medical Center

1101 Ocilla Road, Douglas, GA 31533

All donors will receive:

- **FREE Badges for Life T-shirt***.
- **Free wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, iron count and cholesterol screening.

For more information or to make an appointment please visit oneblood.org or call 1.888.9.DONATE (1.888.936.6283).



ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. While supplies last. T-shirt may vary from image shown. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

     oneblood.org

oneblood 
Share your power.



**ROD
WRIGHT**
PLAYWRIGHT & PRODUCER

AS FOR ME AND

MY HOUSE

THE STAGE PLAY

WHEN IT COMES TO FAMILY, MOMMA SUE DOESN'T PLAY!

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017

THE MARTIN CENTRE DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-6070 OR CHECK
OUT THE MARTIN CENTRE'S PAGE ON FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/themartinctre>

"A cheerful heart is good medicine..."

PROVERBS 17:22

GIVING BACK

EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT 2017

A NIGHT OF COMEDY
FRIDAY JULY 21 @ 7PM
ONE NIGHT ONLY

WITH
INTERNATIONAL RENOWN COMEDIAN
KOUNTRY WAYNE COLLEY



HOSTED BY
TIJUANA VICKERS

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR
GIVING BACK EMPOWERMENT
SUMMIT



STELLAR AWARD FINAUST
CHARLES MOORE
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER
THE ARKANSAS MASS CHOR



COMEDIAN/PLAYRIGHT
TREMAINE DUPREE
ATLANTA, GA

CENTRAL SQUARE GYMNASIUM

200C MADISON AVENUE SOUTH DOUGLAS, GA 31533

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.GIVINGBACKTOSOUTHGA.COM

FOR INFO CONTACT TIJUANA VICKERS
@ **(918) 809-5760**

back to school



by Southwire's Project GIFT®



FRIDAY, JULY 28

7AM TO NOON

CENTRAL SQUARE COMPLEX

Book Bags & Supplies, Free Haircuts, Finger Printing and more.

Hot Dogs and Water provided.