



City of Douglas Georgia



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ISSUE I

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. 13**, King Service March, 10am, FMI: 912-384-3116
- ***Jan. 15**, Tribute to MLK, Jr., 8am-2pm, Roundtree Center & Roundtree Park, FMI: 384-3116
- ***Jan. 15**, City Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- ***Jan. 17**, Cemetery Meeting, 10am, 389-3405
- ***Jan. 17**, DDA Meeting, 10:30am, City Hall
- ***Jan. 18**, Planning & Zoning Meeting, 6pm, Council Room, 389-3423
- ***Jan. 25**, Chamber of Commerce Annual Event, 6:30pm, Central Sq. Gym B, FMI: 384-1873
- ***Jan. 28**, Circus Pages International Circus, Gym B, 1pm & 4pm Shows
- ***Jan. 30**, City Commission Meeting, 7pm, Council Room, 389-3401

Mayor's Monthly Minutes – January 2018

“DOUGLAS MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL”

As a part of my role of Mayor for the city of Douglas, I feel it is my obligation to seek out and identify youth leaders in our community. The youth are our future and should be encouraged to be our shining light in this great community. Growing up in Douglas, I know, firsthand, the need for community leaders to initiate and foster leadership in our youth. The youth of Douglas are vitally important to me and I want to help them develop, reach, and exceed their leadership goals. One way that I know I can aid in leadership development is by offering a chance for our brightest youth to participate in the first Douglas Youth Council. For entire news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



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 over an estimated \$8,000 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, ages 0 – 12 years, during the months of November and December. The Community Holiday Spectacular, an annual event that Mayor Tony Paulk envisioned in 2016, kicks off the toy drive and brings the community together during the holidays. For complete press release, go to www.cityofdouglas.com.



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Douglas-Coffee County “Day On” Project in honor of Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday Cleanup Project at Oak Grove Cemetery Monday, January 15, 2018 - 8am - 12noon **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**



HELP CLEANUP Oak Grove Cemetery located off Hwy. 441S on Hwy. 107. Don't forget to dress warm and appropriately (hat, gloves, boots) for weed eating, limb removal, trash pickup, and assist with documenting gravesites in the cemetery. Tools will be provided.

FMI: 912-393-4796, 912-592-6413, 912-384-4815, or www.cityofdouglas.com



Congratulations to Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, who was voted as the 2018 Mayor Pro-Tem at the regularly City Commission meeting on January 8, 2018.

The City of Douglas Police, Fire, and City Clerk's Office were recognized at the January 8th Commission meeting, for receiving an award for the National Night Out Event. Thanks to all employees who helped make this event successful!




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 6, 2017, the Douglas Fire Department and officials from the City of Douglas delivered a check in the amount of \$891.76 to Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, Georgia. The City of Douglas also contributed locally to Unison Behavioral Health in the amount of \$891.76 at the City Commission meeting on December 11, 2017. The monies donated to these foundations were raised by City employees as well as local donations from businesses.



City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018
In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th



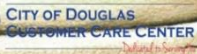


Would you like to save some \$\$\$?
"Ask – Before You Move!"

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**.

Code Enforcement Corner



BE PREPARED FOR THE 2018 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. *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.*
2. *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



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- [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 2018 Schedule



January 5

January 19

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

[2018 Holiday Schedule](#)



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Dr. Anderson, Behavioral Health, located at 410 Shirley Avenue, 912-260-1206

Daniel Portillo, Graphic Signs, located at 902 Bowens Mill Rd. SW, 912-422-8230



Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department

Leisure Guide 2018



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THANKS FOR DOING BUSINESS IN DOUGLAS - COFFEE COUNTY!



Checkers, located at 1100 S. Peterson Avenue, officially opened, December 27, 2017! Open 10am-1am Sunday-Thursday, 10am-2am Friday & Saturdays.

INVITATION TO BID "2018 Baseball/Softball Equipment"



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL:
February 12th At 2:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL,
PLEASE CALL 912-389-3463 OR
VISIT WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Baseball Registration

Ages 5-14 (T-Ball is CO-ED)
Age control date: Prior to May 1, 2018

Early Registration begins Jan. 2nd – Jan. 19th
Regular Registration begins Jan. 22nd – Feb. 2nd

Girls Softball Registration

Ages 7-14

Age Control Date: prior to Jan. 1, 2018
Early Registration: Jan. 2nd- Jan. 19th
Regular Registration: Jan. 22nd - Feb. 2nd

FMI: Call 912-384-5978





Congratulations to Douglas Police Officer, Sara Wood, for recently graduating from the Police Academy in Tifton.

CITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZES DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS AT THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018. Special thanks to these community chaplains who have volunteered to be of service to the Douglas Police Department.

Pictured L-R: Commissioner Mike Gowen, Father John Commins, Brother Bob Powell, Minister Donna Simpson, Pastor Dawn Jones, Police Chief Casteloes, and Mayor Tony Paulk



MIRACLE LEAGUE OF DOUGLAS - COFFEE COUNTY AND REDBASKET.ORG NEEDS YOU!
SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE ONLINE FUNDRAISER GOING ON NOW THRU JAN 13, 2018.
DONATIONS ARE TAX - DEDUCTIBLE, DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT
<https://redbasket.org/1550/miracle-league-of-douglas-coffee-county> **TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RED BASKET, VISIT Redbasket.org**
FMI: Call 912-384-5978

AMERICAN PICKERS ARE HEADED BACK TO GEORGIA!

Happy New Year Picker Nation!! Mike and Frank are heading south this winter in search of GOOD PICKING, WARM WEATHER and SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY! They'll be in GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA and FLORIDA, and are looking for leads NOW!

If you or your friends have large unique collections, interesting multi-generational family properties, or anywhere the guys can spend the better part of a day picking good stuff, get in touch with us ASAP! Sorry, no retail shops or single items.

MESSAGE us on [Got A Pick!](#)
 EMAIL US: americanpickers@cineflix.com
 CALL US: 1-855-OLD-RUST



King Federal Holiday Celebration Schedule 2018

Theme: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
What Have You Done for Others?"

Saturday, January 13, 2018- 10 a.m.

King Service March

Honoring the Late Bro. Johnny Roper, a committee member. March and donate to Miracle Playground. We will line up at the corner of Cherry St. and South Gaskin Ave. and proceed to Gaines Chapel AME at 1008 S. Coffee Ave. Make checks payable to the ASH Foundation. Someone will be at the church to accept donations or mail your donation to the MLK Celebration Committee 502 College Park Dr. E., Douglas, GA or call Irene Murray at 912-384-3116 or 912-309-9292.

6 p.m.

Banquet-Honoring Founding Committee Members

Speaker: Rev. Neal Dixon, Dublin, Georgia

Gaines Chapel AME

Attire: Semi-formal

Tickets: \$35

Proceeds will go to help take students to go to the Black History Museum in Washington, D. C. Tentative plans are for Spring Break 2018 or at the end of May.

Sunday, January 14, 2018-7 p.m.

MLK Commemorative Worship Service

Hightower Memorial Temple

Corner of S. Coffee Ave. and E. College Pk. Dr.

Speaker: Rev. Rudolph Porter

CONTACT: Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham or Gloria Paulk at 912-592-5334 if you would like to participate in the Adult MLK choir.

Monday, January 15, 2018

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

MLK Fellowship Breakfast

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Service Project

We would like for churches and/or civics organizations to let us know what your service project will be by Saturday, January 13, 2018 to receive recognition at MLK Youth Choir Concert in the park at the Roundtree Park. We would like for you to do this service project on King Federal Holiday, Monday, January 15, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Someone from the MLK Celebration Committee will visit the site and take pictures.) We will have Christy Moore, Terica Oates, Rachael Pace and/or Anterius Vickers visit your site and take pictures if you let us know.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Roundtree Center

Happy Birthday Dr. King (Ages 2-7)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (Ages 8-11)

1 p.m. -Concert in the Park-MLK Youth Choir

Refreshments

Note: We have tee shirts for sale. Call Mary Edwards at 501-9431, Irene Murray at 309-9292, Rosemary Street at 381-4485, Shirley Carswell at 912-381-1599 or any committee member.