

**CITY OFFICES
CLOSED MONDAY,
MAY 28 FOR
MEMORIAL DAY.**

City of Douglas Georgia



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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

- *May 4, Douglas Singles Dance, 7pm, Gym A
- *May 12, JAKES Day, State Park, FMI: 384-7082
- *May 14, CCHS Meeting, 9am, Museum, 389-3461
- *May 14 & 31, City Comm. Meeting, 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- *May 16, DDA Meeting, 10:30am, 389-3433
- *May 16, Cemetery Mtg, 10am, Cemetery
- *May 26 Coffee High School Graduation, 9am, Jardine Stadium
- *May 26, Junior/Senior Fishing Derby, State Park, FMI: 384-7082
- *May 28, Memorial Day, City Offices Closed



MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES MAY 2018

"Always Working to keep Douglas Shining Brightly"

Greetings people of Douglas, we are always working to keep our great city, "always shining bright". Douglas is a great place to live, work, and play and we want to remain that way. As you may have realized, I am passionate about our youth. Over the last few months, I have taken measures to seek out, identify, and recognize youth leaders in our community. It is so important to offer programs that show our leaders are ready to step up and go to bat for our youth by mentoring and developing leadership skills in our youth. I cannot say it enough, how vitally important the youth of Douglas are to the future of Douglas. Leaders of today need to be a light for our youth, by taking an active role and encouraging them to shine their brightest. The youth are our future and through mentoring programs today's leaders in Douglas will help the future leaders of Douglas keep Douglas "Always Shining Bright" in state of Georgia. For complete news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Community Residential

Junk Drop-Off Day

Sat., May 5, 2018 - 8am - 12noon

@ City Pole Yard (Pearl Ave.)

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

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REPORT VANDALISM AND ILLEGAL DUMPING

As a part of the "Shame on You" Anti-Litter and Beautification Program, offenders who are caught in the act of littering, illegally dumping, vandalizing property, or "dumpster diving" could have their names/photos posted on the City's social media platforms, Channel 13, and could face a fine of up to \$1,000.00. Due to a recent increase in vandalism in the parks and illegal dumping, the City of Douglas would like to urge citizens to help keep Douglas clean and visibly pleasing by reporting suspicious activity, vandalism, and illegal dumping to the "See Something, Say Something" Crime Tip line.



*Want to sign up
for this E-Newsletter, Bids,
Jobs, or News Alerts?*



Visit

www.cityofdouglas.com
and click on notify

DOUGLAS MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL OFF TO A BRIGHT START!

The Douglas Mayor's Youth Council (DYMC), consists of 14 members, who are serving as an advisory council to mayor and commission. These bright, intelligent youth will review proposed city ordinances and provide recommendations from a young adult point-of-view. Their education process about government began with a visit with our state legislators at the Capital in Atlanta. Representative Dominic LaRiccia and Representative John Corbett educated our youth council about the legislative processes at the State level. The youth council has also had its first meeting, attended the ACCG Youth Caucus in Savannah and have volunteered with Savannah YMCA and American Legion Post 515.



Members are: Asia Denning (Junior Mayor), Daisy Surrency (Junior Public Information Officer), Samantha Martin (Junior Commissioner Ward 5), Savannah Cothorn (Junior Commissioner Ward 6), Zianna Odom (Junior Commissioner Ward 4), Zaylon Bivens (Junior Commissioner Ward 1), Ashunti Glover (Junior Commissioner Ward 3), Liyah Carswell (Junior Commissioner Ward 2), Ana Escobar (Junior City Manager), Teairra Thrower (Junior City Clerk), Irian Tatum (Junior City Attorney), Avery Hurst (Junior Finance Officer), Journee Wilkerson (Junior Public Information Officer), and Alexis Davis (Junior City Attorney/Junior Finance Officer).

If you see these kids around, congratulate them on their service to this youth council. SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE DYMC. "THANK YOU" to Papa John's Pizza for being the first business to sponsor the DYMC.

DouglasGAMayorsYouthCouncil Like Us On 

REMEMBER carts will not be emptied if not placed correctly at curb.

PLEASE PLACE TRASH/RECYCLING CARTS PROPERLY AT CURBSIDE



CORRECT PLACEMENT



INCORRECT PLACEMENT - CART WILL NOT BE EMPTIED



INCORRECT PLACEMENT, OVERFILLED, AND DEBRIS AROUND CART - CART WILL NOT BE EMPTIED



Coffee County Historical Society News

June Exhibits:

"A Woman's World Prior to 1950"

Volunteers are 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

SIGN UP CONTINUES FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMPS, SWIM LESSONS AND ATHLETIC CAMPS! CALL TODAY FOR AVAILABLE CAMPS AND TIMES, 912-384-5978!



GENERAL PRIMARY AND NON-PARTISAN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, May 22, 2018, 7am – 7pm. ALL PRECINCTS WILL BE OPEN - DOUGLAS, AMBROSE, BRIDGETOWN, BROXTON, NICHOLLS, AND WEST GREEN. FMI: 912-384-7018



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The last day to register or change voter information was April 24, 2018.

ADVANCE VOTING: APRIL 30 – MAY 18, 2018 at The Elections Office, 224 W. Ashley St., Douglas, GA. starting at 8:30am ending on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 5:00pm.

SATURDAY VOTING: May 12, 2018, 9am – 4pm at the Elections Office, 224 W. Ashley St., Douglas, GA.

VOTING BY MAIL: The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Friday, May 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

With this being a General Primary, you have to choose Democrat, Republican, or a Non-Partisan ticket. If you choose a non-partisan ticket you will NOT be able to vote for Governor or any of the partisan races. The Non-Partisan races are on both Dem and Rep tickets as well. T-SPLOST is also on the ballot. For a sample ballot, please contact the elections office at 912-384-7018.

City of
Douglas
Georgia **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

LIFEGUARDS PART-TIME

Entry Level Salary: \$8.00-\$9.00/Hr. D.O.E.

Deadline to Apply: **Friday, May 11, 2018 @5:00pm**

Apply in person at 224 E. Bryan Street or
apply online www.cityofdouglas.com

City of
Douglas
Georgia **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SWIM TEAM COACH

Entry Level Salary: \$10.00/HR, PART-TIME

Deadline to Apply: **Friday, May 11, 2018 @5:00pm**

Apply in person at 224 E. Bryan Street or
apply online www.cityofdouglas.com

City of
Douglas
Georgia **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

AQUATIC SUPERVISOR

Entry Level Salary: \$11.00/HR, PART-TIME

Deadline to Apply: **Friday, May 11, 2018 @5:00pm**

Apply in person at 224 E. Bryan Street or
apply online www.cityofdouglas.com

City of
Douglas
Georgia **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Entry Level Salary: \$15.02/hr. NON-CERTIFIED

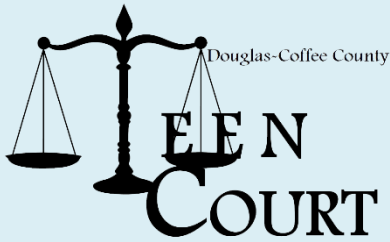
\$15.40/hr. GA. POST CERTIFIED

Apply in person at 224 E. Bryan Street or
apply online www.cityofdouglas.com

**WANT TO BE HEARD AT A CITY
COMMISSION WORK SESSION?**

The City of Douglas welcomes citizens to attend and participate in City Commission meetings. When a citizen has a concern or question for the local government, there are guidelines that need to take place prior to the meeting. There are two methods in which a citizen may be placed on the City Commission Work Session Agenda – as a person whose concerns are voiced as an individual agenda item or as a person who may speak during general comments which are restricted to three minutes. For all guidelines, <http://www.cityofdouglas.com>.





CITY OF DOUGLAS FORMS TEEN COURT

Plans are underway for Douglas and Coffee County to form a teen court to help deter teens with minor offenses from committing more damaging offenses and have a second chance to better themselves while participating in a Teen Court program. Douglas officials have met with the other Teen Court representatives from around the state and have formed Douglas' Teen Court in a similar structure based on programs that have been successful. Volunteers are also being sought to help fill some of the duties related to the Teen Court process and assistance with the mentoring program for defendants. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2018. For entire release, www.cityofdouglas.com.

DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS INAUGURAL GEORGIA SPARTAN FIREFIGHTER CLASS

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, the Douglas Fire Department hosted the inaugural Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter class at the Douglas Fire Department Training Facility. The SPARTAN class was developed by members of the Douglas Fire Department as a way to challenge firefighters to push themselves beyond their normal limits of endurance. For complete news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



CITY OF DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FROM FM GLOBAL

The City Of Douglas Fire Department received a \$3,500 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. FM Global representatives presented the grant award to Douglas Fire Chief Larry Wilson on March 21, 2018. Douglas Fire Department has purchased I-Pads to track fire information accurately within the department. The I-Pads will be used to assist with prefire planning to efficiently collect and track data related to local community buildings. For complete press release, go to www.cityofdouglas.com.



WASTE INDUSTRIES

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018

May 28th- Memorial Day - **Closed**
Trash Collection Tuesday-Friday

For More Information 912-384-6001

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

NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK MAY 6-12, 2018

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 SYOUNG@CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

*"Because every child deserves the
chance to play baseball"*



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!](#)

Don't Be A
Litter Bug



Help Keep Your
Community Clean

LET'S CLEANUP DOUGLAS –
DON'T BE A LITTERBUG!

The City of Douglas urges citizens to help
clean up Douglas by not littering our
beautiful community. Citizens are
encouraged to report littering and litterbugs
to the See Something, Say Something line at
311 or 912-384-3302. For more information
about the "Shame on You" Litter and
Beautification Program, please contact,
Public Works Department at 912-389-3450 or
visit www.cityofdouglas.com.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

DID YOU KNOW??

Festivals and other local special community
events bring **70,000+** visitors to Douglas and
Coffee County each year.

- **Approximately, 40,000 of these visitors are residents in surrounding counties and neighboring states.**

Festival **SUCCESS** is supported by a
community's commitment to sustain economic
growth and improve quality of life.

- **Community Partners**
- **Sponsors**
- **Volunteers**

BENEFITS of Festivals/Special Events

- **All sectors of city and county benefit from festival activity including transportation; lodging; food and beverage; retail trade; arts; entertainment and recreation; financial; insurance and real estate; business services; government; wholesale trade; construction and utilities; education and healthcare; and personal services.**
- **Enhancement of Community Spirit and Local Pride**
- **Regional Recognition**

Economic **IMPACT**:

- **Direct Travel Spending (\$ Millions): 74.03**
- **Employment (Hundreds): 544**
- **State Tax (\$ Millions): 3.01**
- **Local Tax (\$ Millions): 2.21**

That means tourism creates 544 jobs in our community, generates 74.03 million dollars in sales to businesses and contributes 2.21 million dollars to our local tax base!

Stop by the Douglas Visitor Information Center located at 211 S. Gaskin Ave. (Ashley Slater House) or give us a call, 912-384-4555, to find out more about events in our community.

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Gigi's, located at 520 N. Peterson Avenue.
(912) 381-8331



Rylands Title Lending, located at 802 S. Peterson Avenue A, (912) 384-3139

Your Body Massage, located at 1103 N. Madison Avenue, (912) 850-4216

San Luis Car Sales located at 1703 S. Peterson Avenue, (706) 473-3211

DOUGLAS PARTICIPATES IN GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, volunteers with the City of Douglas, ESG Operations, and South Georgia State College helped clean up the South Gaskin Avenue and Pinecrest Drive area of Douglas. Approximately 20 volunteers helped collect over 20 bags of trash as well as other large items. Afterwards, South Georgia State College and ESG Operations provided the volunteers with a lite lunch. Special thanks to South Georgia State College and ESG Operations and the volunteers to took part in the cleanup.



Douglas Coffee County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cuttings for April 2018



Gigi's Gelato and Specialty Treats
Located at 520 N. Peterson Avenue.



Fitzgerald Family Eye Care, located at 1329 Ocilla Highway.



Simply Sassy Boutique, located at 222 S. Peterson Avenue.

In & Out Liquors, located at 606 E. Baker Hwy.



THOMAS AND HOLMES ATTEND R.V.I.C. CONFERENCE

Blondale Thomas (Media Relations/Event Coordinator) and Jercandya Holmes (Information Specialist) attended the Georgia Department of Economic Development's 2018 Regional Visitor Information Center Conference (RVIC) with over 80 state tourism professionals in Statesboro, Georgia, April 18-20, 2018. For entire release, go to www.cityofdouglas.com/MediaRelations.



Recycling Collection - May Schedule



May 11

May 25

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



**VENDORS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE
SUMMER BEACH BASH!!**

For more information, call 912-384-5161.



The City of Douglas
**Summer
Beach Bash**
Sponsored by: Douglas Rotary Club

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Beach Party Activities
4pm – 8pm
Downtown Douglas, GA
(Vacant lot adjacent to City Hall – 224 E. Bryan St.)

4pm-8pm – Family Beach Party Activities
Giant Waterslides, Bouncy House,
Pony Rides, Face Painting, Contests, and MORE!
4pm Live DJ

6pm Hula Hoop Contest (Ages 5-7, 8-10 & 11 & up)
7pm "Passport to Play" Turn-In

Food, Vendors, and SUMMER FUN!!
For more information, call the Main Street office at 912-384-5161 or email Pattie at pmerritt@cityofdouglas.com

Sponsored by:



All Clean Portables
912-359-3370



VENDORS AND SPONSORS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR THE SOUTH GEORGIA BBQ & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL!

Event Dates: Friday, Sept. 7 1pm-10:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 8 9am-5pm

Douglas Municipal Airport

FMI: 912-383-0277

BBQ Contest, Motorcycle Events, Car Show, Aviation Fly-In, Aircraft Display, Vendors, Arts/Crafts, Food, Free Friday Night Concert, and Kids Play Area!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT GENERAL COFFEE STATE PARK

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10am - 2pm

JAKES Day

Saturday, May 26, 2018, 9am - 12pm

Junior/Senior Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 9am - 12pm

National Trails Day

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (912)384-7082

History at High Noon

Heritage Station Museum

219 E Ward St, Douglas GA

4th Wednesday of each month

At 12pm, FMI: 912-389-3469

Light refreshments are served

**Douglas-Coffee County Parks &
Recreation Department**

Swimming Pool

Opens Tues. May 29th



For a complete schedule, stop by the main office!

For more information, call 912-384-5978

**THE CITY OF DOUGLAS WELCOMES MR. JOHN HENRY TO OUR COMMUNITY AS THE NEW
DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESIDENT/CEO**



For more information, contact
Stuart Smith at 912.720.7226.

Douglas-Coffee County Chamber and EDA Select John A. Henry as President/CEO

(For Immediate Release – May 2018) The Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority have selected John A. Henry, an experienced economic development professional, as the new president and chief executive officer of the two organizations. Stuart Smith, president of the EDA, and Donny Bradshaw, chair of the chamber, made the announcement this week.

“John is bringing a wealth of economic development knowledge to the table,” according to Smith. “The EDA board, with support of the chamber, has vetted candidates extensively over the past several weeks. This is a great move for our organizations and John in terms of opportunities for success.”

Henry most recently served as chief executive officer of the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority in Springfield, Georgia, a position he held since 2006. For three years of that tenure, he led both the chamber and industrial development authority for Effingham County. Henry started his career at the authority as a project manager in 2005.

The Screven County native graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics from Armstrong State University in Savannah and earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta.

“I have a passion for economic development,” according to Henry. “I have invested my career in the field, from workforce development to marketing, and believe my skills will match well with Douglas and Coffee County. I look forward to working with the existing businesses in the area and establishing a clear strategy to attract new investments and jobs.”

Henry was very successful in Effingham County with recruitment and expansion initiatives. High visibility projects that he led the recruitment efforts on include PortFresh Logistics, DRT Americas, OmniTRAX and EFACEC Power Transformers. Henry worked with Interfor, Edwards Aerospace and Halstead International to expand their operations in the coastal area.

Georgia law requires that the EDA wait at least 14 days after they name a finalist and release certain information before final action can be taken to fill the president and ceo position. Accordingly, the EDA will not take final employment action on selecting Henry until mid-May with his first date on the job set for May 14.

Henry and his wife Samantha have two children. The family will be moving to Coffee County in the next few months.

The Chason Group, an executive search firm specializing in economic development, chambers of commerce and foundations, assisted the EDA with the executive search.

As part of the search process, the firm conducted several days of stakeholder interviews with community, business and government leaders on local, regional and statewide levels. A nationwide search was then initiated utilizing a weighting scale of the key character traits required of the new leader.



John Henry

New Contact Info

President / CEO
Douglas-Coffee County
Chamber and Economic
Development Authority
The Atrium Office Complex
114 North Peterson Avenue
Suite 205
Douglas, Georgia 31533
912.384.1873
jhenry@douglasga.org

2018 Classic Movie Night

"Field of Dreams"

Tuesday, May. 15th

@ 6:45pm

@ Rockin' 8 Cinemas, 1204 Bowens Mill Rd SE



MAY TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

To find out when your pick-up date is or for more information about these services, contact the Public Works Department at (912) 389-3450 or Transwaste Services at (912) 384-6001.

Sanitation Cart Collection (Weekly)

Recycling Cart Collection (Bi-weekly)



May 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28 MONDAY	29	30	31	

A NIGHT OF IMPROV COMEDY
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018, 7PM – 10PM
MARTIN CENTRE

109 E. ASHLEY STREET - DOUGLAS, GA

FMI: 912-384-6070 OR

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/161497971232641/>



**JIMMY
FORTUNE**

of the legendary Statler Brothers
& THE FLOYD HUNTER OPRY BAND

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018 · 7PM – 11PM
AT THE MARTIN CENTRE
109 E. ASHLEY STREET - DOUGLAS, GA
FOR TICKETS,

<https://www.xorbia.com/events/kountrydawg/jimmyfortune>



Operation **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Calling all residents to help keep our city clean by resolving the common issues:

- *Overgrowth of weeds and grass*
- *Leaf and limb debris piled by roadway*
- *Collection of yard trimming with solid waste*
- *Trash containers left by roadway*
- *Construction debris by roadway*
- *Inoperable vehicles*
- *Unsecure vacant properties*
- *Unlawful dumping*
- *Littering*
- *Noise control*
- *Unlawful restraint/tethered by chain of animals*
 - *Dog running at large*
- *Animal Abandonment & Neglect*
 - *Dogs/cats with no vaccine*
 - *No collar/ vac. Tag*
- *Signs (Business, Election, Yard, Event Banners)*



As a part of our Quality of Life (QOL) Campaign, the City of Douglas encourages every citizen to know local ordinances, which can be found on our website, www.CityofDouglas.com, on the home page, Code of Ordinance. Code Enforcement is getting tougher on enforcing local ordinances and holds quarterly QOL Blitz as a way to remind citizens and issue warnings.

Knowing key ordinances can help to save you from unwanted penalties, fines, and court cost.

#TeamUp2CleanUpDouglas

For more information, visit: www.CityofDouglas.com (Code of Ordinance)
City of Douglas Community Development Department
224 E. Bryan St. Douglas, GA 31533 (912) 389-3462



Americans are Overconfident and Underprepared about Home Fire Safety



Only **1 in 4** people believe they are likely to experience a home fire in their lifetime.



About **40%** of people have forgotten to turn off a stove or oven, even though cooking is the leading cause of home fires.



80% of people believe everyone in their household knows what to do when a smoke alarm goes off. But the fact is that **less than half actually have a plan in place.**



Home fire experts say that people have as little as **2 minutes** to escape a burning home, but **nearly 60%** mistakenly believe they have more time.



American
Red Cross



#EndHomeFires