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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 MEETINGS

August 14, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting, 9am, Ashley Slater House

August 14, Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Meeting, 3pm, Ashley Slater House

August 15, Mayor's Youth Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall Council Room

August 17, Douglas Residential Junk Drop off Days, 8:30am-12 noon, City Pole Yard

August 22, Historic Preservation Meeting, 2pm, Ashley Slater House

August 26, City Commission Meeting, City Hall Council Room, 7:00pm, FMI: 389-3401

August 27, Land Bank Authority, 10:30am, City Hall

August 28, History at High Noon, 12pm, Heritage Station Museum



MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES – AUGUST 2019

Hello citizens of Douglas! The role that I play as Mayor is multi-faceted. Each month, I write this editorial with the hope that this information is shared among citizens and the information helps to educate citizens with different matters taking place within this great city. It is up to elected officials, to initiate programs and implement solutions to make Douglas shine brighter than other cities in our area.

[For full editorial, www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com)

In Memory of Jackie Lastinger Wilson

It was with saddened hearts, that we learned of the passing of former Mayor Jackie Lastinger Wilson, on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. During her 42 years of service to the citizens of Douglas as an employee, Jackie accomplished much. She was the first woman City Manager, the first woman Mayor of Douglas, and was extremely respected throughout the State of Georgia.

“Douglas has lost a gem of our community and her legacy will have a long-lasting effect on future leaders,” says Mayor Tony Paulk. “We express our deepest condolences and send prayers of comfort to her family.”



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CITY AREAS NOW APPROVED AS MOTORIZED CART CROSSINGS

The Douglas City Commission passed an ordinance pertaining to motorized carts within the city limits of Douglas in 2018. Recently, the Georgia Department of Transportation approved intersections in Douglas that motorized carts may cross. Anyone driving a motorized cart should know the proper areas of Douglas to cross intersections safely.

For full press release and more information, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Coffee County Historical Society News

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



Subscribe to the City of Douglas YouTube Channel for the History at High Noon!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bw-BO2uJSo>

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!



August City Commission Meetings
Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm
& Monday, August 26, 2019 @ 7:00pm
at City Hall (224 E. Bryan Street)
FMI, call 912-389-3401

INVITATION TO BID

"FY20 FOOTBALL & SOCCER EQUIPMENT"



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
AUG. 12, 2019 @ 2:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE
CALL 912-389-3463 OR VISIT
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

History at High Noon

Heritage Station Museum
219 E Ward St, Douglas GA
Last Wednesday of each month At
12pm, FMI: 912-389-3461
Light refreshments are served

REQUEST FOR BID

"New 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab SSV Vehicles"



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL:
Aug. 26, 2019 @ 2:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL,
PLEASE CALL 912-389-3463 OR
VISIT WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT A SUCCESS!

The City of Douglas Police Department, Douglas Fire Department, and other local public safety agencies held the third annual National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 4pm-7pm at South Georgia State College. Attendees were treated to back to school supplies, free hot dogs and Coca-Cola products, pool time, dunking booth fun, and were able to see inside public safety vehicles including the GSP helicopter.

Thanks to all the agencies and volunteers that made this event a success – Douglas Police Department, Douglas Fire Department, Coffee County Sheriff’s Department, Coffee Regional Medical Center EMS, CSRA Probation Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Douglas Mayor’s Youth Council, Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court, Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and South Georgia State College. A very special thank you to community sponsors: 8 Finger Jack Stew & Que, Flowers Baking Company, Deen Distributing, 93.5 The Vibe/106.7 The Buck, Williams Distribution, ESG Operations, and McRae Coca-Cola.

For all photos from event,

https://www.facebook.com/pg/DouglasGAPoliceDepartment/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1569926713144543



THOMAS ELECTED AS MAGNOLIA MIDLANDS TRAVEL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

At the Magnolia Midlands Travel Association (MMTA) June monthly meeting, Blondale Thomas (Douglas Public Information Manager), was elected to serve as President of the travel association for 2019-2020. Blondale has been employed by the City of Douglas for 23 years and has served on the MMTA Executive Board since 2015. MMTA works with tourism partners in communities throughout the state to promote their 24 county region to Georgia visitors. MMTA Executive Officers for the 2019-2020 year are Blondale Thomas (President), Robin Davis (Vice President), Sonya Miller (Secretary), Georgia Henderson (Treasurer) and Franklin Dismuke (Past President).



GODDARD ATTENDS GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS SUMMER TRAINING

As part of his continuing education and training in the administration of law enforcement, Code Enforcement Marshal, Rodger Goddard, of the City of Douglas Code Enforcement division, attended the 2019 Annual Summer Training conference sponsored by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. The Summer Training Conference was held at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center from July 21st through July 24th.



GDOT AWARDS \$23.6 MILLION FOR SOUTHWEST GEORGIA CONSTRUCTION

Three Coffee County bridges that were built in 1955 and are showing structural signs of age are going to be replaced with wider bridges that meet current design standards. The triple bridge replacement on state Route (SR) 32 represents the largest dollar investment in Southwest Georgia infrastructure among recently-awarded contracts.



For complete press release,
<https://www.cityofdouglas.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=975>

**Community Residential
Junk Drop-Off Day**

Sat., Aug. 17, 2019, 8:30am – 12noon
@ City Pole Yard (670 S. Pearl Ave.)
For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.
LET'S TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!



PUBLIC NOTICE

Portions of Van Davis Road and Bonwell Royal Road will be closed temporarily June 17, 2019 through Sept. 2, 2019. For more information, (912) 389-3445 or www.cityofdouglas.com

CITY FEATURED IN WFXL/FOX 31 NEWS STORY

The City of Douglas was featured in a segment with WFXL Fox 31/Albany focusing on how the city is promoting successful economic development in downtown.



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

American Legion Centennial Celebration

Monday, Sept. 16, 2019; 11am – 1pm

Heritage Station Museum
Douglas, Georgia



The museum is managed by the Coffee County Georgia Historical Society.
Museum hours of operation: Thursday / Fridays, 10AM – 4PM; Saturday 10AM – 2PM.



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
ALL NON-EMERGENCY UTILITIES
PLEASE CALL 912-384-3302**

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Secret Nails, 510 S Peterson Ave,
(912) 381-9716

TwiceLoved, 222 S Peterson Ave,
(912) 310-8099

DOWNTOWN DOUGLAS
MERCHANTS

FIRST FRIDAY

SHOPPING • SALES • DINING
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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](#)!

Thanks for doing business in Douglas and
Coffee County!



McKinnon Cattle & Meats, located at
2489 Hwy. 32.



Skintastics at their new location,
1100 Ocilla Road.

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Douglas Recycling – August Calendar



Recycling Pickup

August 16, August 30

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

[HOLIDAY SCHEDULE](#)





COFFEE HIGH TROJANS

09

AUG

FITZGERALD (SCRIMMAGE)

AWAY | 7:30 PM

23

AUG

BRUNSWICK

AWAY | 7:30 PM

30

AUG

SALEM

HOME | 7:30 PM

06

SEP

WARE COUNTY

HOME | 7:30 PM

13

SEP

J.P. TARAVELLA (FL)

HOME | 7:30 PM

20

SEP

MILLER GROVE

HOMECOMING | 7:30 PM

04

OCT

GODBY (FL)

HOME | 7:30 PM

11

OCT

NORTHSIDE WR

HOME - REGION GAME | 7:30 PM

18

OCT

VALDOSTA

HOME - REGION GAME | 7:30 PM

25

OCT

HOUSTON COUNTY

AWAY - REGION GAME | 7:30 PM

08

NOV

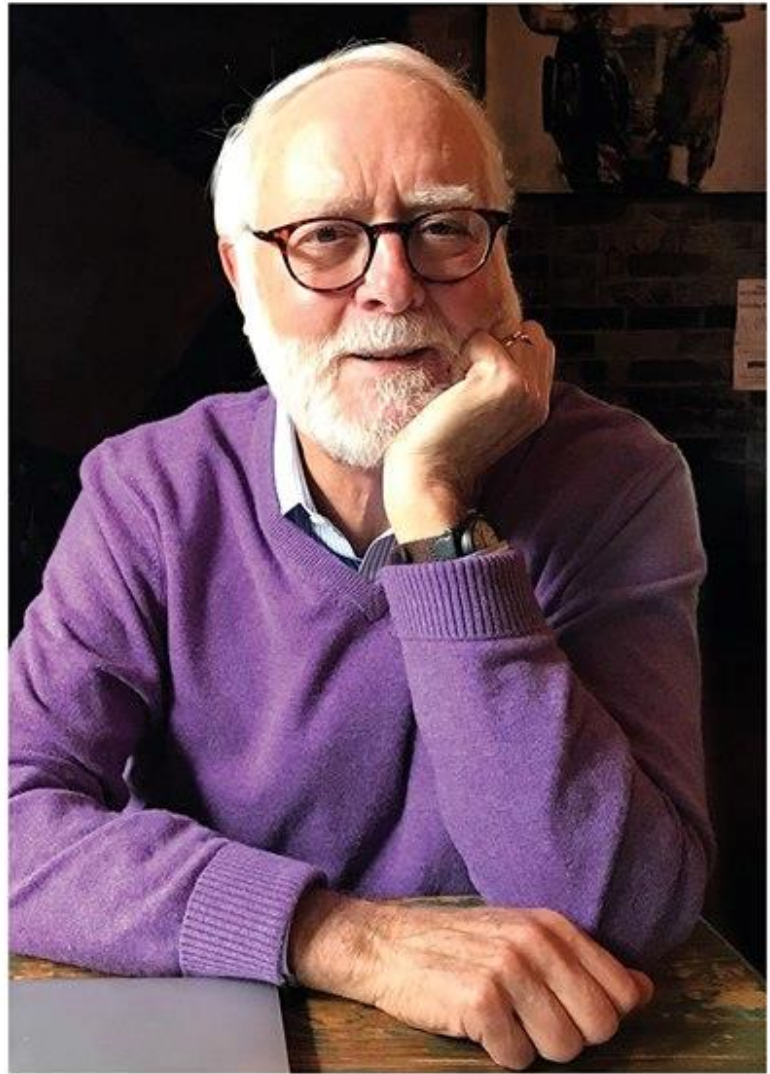
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AWAY - REGION GAME | 7:30 PM

15 NOV 1st ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS**22 NOV** 2nd ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS**29 NOV** STATE QUARTERFINALS**06 DEC** STATE SEMIFINALS**13 DEC** STATE FINALS at GEORGIA STATE STADIUM

2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

BOOK SIGNING



AUG
15
2019

@ 4PM

Books will be available for purchase.

G. WAYNE CLOUGH

Come hear from the author and get your copy signed.

SGSC DOUGLAS CAMPUS
WILLIAM S. SMITH LIBRARY

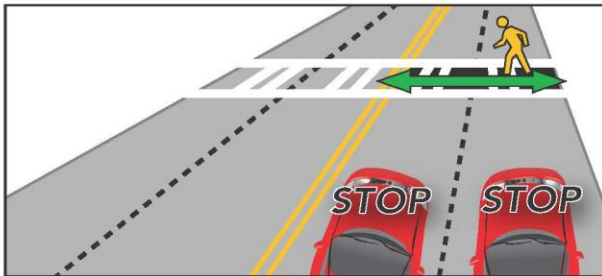


South Georgia
State College

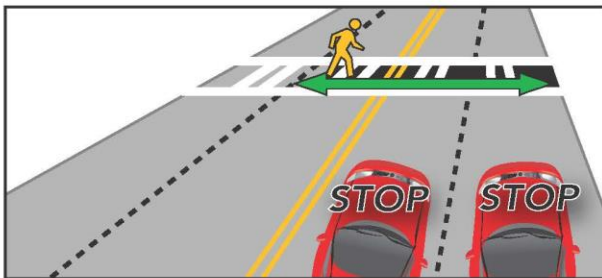
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WHAT GEORGIA DRIVERS MUST KNOW ABOUT PEDESTRIANS

PEDESTRIAN + CROSSWALK = STOP, even if the pedestrian is not in your lane.

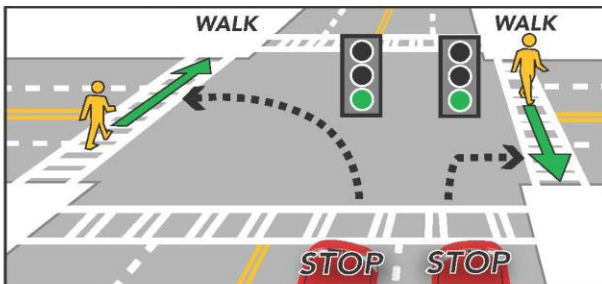


STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is anywhere on your side of the road. **Side of the road** means all lanes of traffic going in one direction.



STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is approaching and in the lane next to your side of the road.

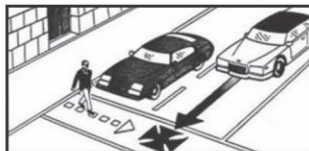
TURNING DRIVERS STOP, EVEN ON GREEN



Before turning right or left on a green light, **STOP for pedestrians**. They have the right of way.

NEVER PASS A CAR STOPPED AT A CROSSWALK

A pedestrian may be crossing and hidden from your view. When stopping for a pedestrian, stop far behind the crosswalk so that other drivers can see the person crossing.



COMMON DRIVER VIOLATIONS

FAILING TO STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS



Georgia law requires you to stop for a pedestrian in the crosswalk, even when the pedestrian isn't in your lane.

TURNING BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF PEDESTRIANS IN A CROSSWALK



You must stay stopped until the pedestrian has finished crossing the side of the road onto which you're turning. Don't bully pedestrians with your vehicle. They have the right of way. Never turn into a crosswalk when pedestrians are still using it.

BLOCKING THE CROSSWALK



Always stop behind the crosswalk, not in it. Blocking the crosswalk with your vehicle forces pedestrians into moving traffic.

(Georgia Codes referenced: §40-6-91(a) and §40-6-21(a))



peds.org
404-685-8722



gahighwaysafety.org
404-656-6996

2019 Classic Movie Night

"Saturday Night Fever (1977)"

Tuesday, August. 20th

@ 6:45pm

@ Rockin' 8 Cinemas, 1204 Bowens Mill Rd SE



Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Soccer Registration

Ages: 5-17 (Co-ed)

Regular Registration:
July 22 – August 16, 2019

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

Age control prior to
September 1, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 912-384-5978



Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Football Registrations

Age control date prior to
Sept. 1, 2019

Regular Registration:
July 22nd – August 16th

**Flag: \$45 City/County, OOC \$80
Tackle \$ 45 City/County, OOC \$80**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978



Douglas-Coffee County Parks and Recreation Cheer Registration

Ages: 5-10 (prior to Sept. 1, 2019)

Regular Registration: July 22nd – Aug. 16th
Cost: \$35.00 City/County, Out of County \$80.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 912-384-5978



Coffee County along with Southwire is please to announce

Hyper-Reach Community Alerts

Keep your family safe with Emergency Weather and Community alerts

Citizens of Coffee County and the cities of Ambrose, Broxton,
Douglas, and Nicholls can sign-up for **FREE** by entering

www.hyper-reach.com/gacoffeesignup.html

in your internet browser search bar or by calling
(912)493-9300 (a local call) to sign up.