

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 MEETINGS

- September 7, Teen Court,**
Coffee Sheriff's Dept.,
9:00am, FMI: 389-3405
- September 9, Coffee Historical Society Meeting,**
Heritage Museum,
4:00pm, FMI: 389-3461
- September 9, City Commission Meeting,**
City Hall Council Room,
7:00pm, FMI: 389-3401
- September 10, Recreation Commission Meeting,**
Central Square Complex,
11:45am, FMI: 384-5978
- September 11, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting,** 9am, Ashley Slater House
- September 19, Planning Commission Meeting,** 6pm,
Ashley Slater House
- September 19, Mayor's Youth Council Meeting,** 6pm,
City Hall Council Room
- September 21, Douglas Residential Junk Drop off Days,** 8:30am-12 noon, City Pole Yard
- September 23, City Commission Meeting,**
City Hall Council Room,
7:00pm, FMI: 389-3401
- September 26, Historic Preservation Meeting,** 2pm,
Ashley Slater House
- September 25, History at High Noon,** 12pm, Heritage Station Museum
- September 26, Land Bank Authority,** 10:30am, Ashley Slater House



MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2019

Hello citizens of Douglas! Our community is poised for a September to Remember! Football season has kicked off! Our mighty, Coffee High Trojans, football team traveled to Brunswick to secure the first win of the season. This was my type of game! Our Trojans were in command the entire game. We are a team that plays with a gigantic heart.

For full editorial,
www.cityofdouglas.com.

CITY OF DOUGLAS RECEIVES C.D.B.G. GRANT FUNDING & PLANFIRST DESIGNATION

Congratulations to the City of Douglas Community Development Department for receiving a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$373,727. These funds will be used for drainage/street improvements in the Hollywood Drive neighborhood.

The City of Douglas has been re-designated as a PlanFirst Community by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This designation will allow the city to take advantage of various incentives offered through the program.



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GOPHER

TORTOISE festival
douglas-coffee county, ga

September 6-7

FRIDAY: 4 PM - 10 PM | SATURDAY: 9 AM - 6 PM

downtown douglas

Dark Desert
Highway

street dance featuring

EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, FROM 8 PM - 10 PM

Intersection of Ashley Street and Columbia Avenue
FREE to the public. Regional Music Showcase on SAT.



Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce
114 Peterson Avenue North, Douglas, GA 31533
912.384.1873 | chamber@douglasga.org
www.gophertortoisefestival.com

CITY AND COUNTY ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON LAND BANK AUTHORITY

The City of Douglas and Coffee County are working together to rid our community of vacant and blighted property. The Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority (L.B.A.) was formed in 2016 as a five (5) member city-county board to focus on working with neighborhoods and the community to promote property redevelopment.

Georgia Code §48:4:100-112, allows the formation of Land Bank Authorities for the purpose of the redevelopment of vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties. For complete news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Coffee County Historical Society News



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

September 16, 2019 10am-12:00pm
Special display and reception honoring the American Legion Centennial Anniversary (on display through November 11, 2019)

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

Call 381-1135 or message us on Facebook!

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Tony L. Paulk on Monday officially proclaimed the month of September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” – “striving toward a future in which cancer no longer threatens the lives of our children.”



Pictured: (Front-Back) Brenda Colton, Mayor Tony Paulk, Ronda Sports, and Julie Harper

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

Douglas Recycling – September Calendar

Recycling Pickup

September 13, September 27

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Priceless Beauty Express, 401 S Peterson Ave,
(912) 309-1688

Hair By Ashlee Ellis, 801 N Madison Ave,
(912) 393-5502

Scent Of Attraction, 604 Lonnie St.,
(912) 309-0432

Poppy's Ice Cream Truck, 1311 Ocilla Rd,
(912) 384-4098

JMC Auto, 736 Thompson Dr., (912) 393-3646

Tooshort's, 919 S Gaskin Ave, (912) 850-2979

The She Shed Boutique, 246 S Peterson Ave,
(912) 850-1997

Key Dezigns, 932 S Peterson Ave, (912) 483-8705

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!



Southern Coastal Premier Chiropractic located at 105
Shirley Avenue.



The Fun Place, located at 159 Thompson Drive.



Coffee Chiropractic located at North Pointe Plaza,
1214 N. Peterson Avenue, Suite P.

DOUGLAS
COFFEE COUNTY • GA
chamber and economic development authority

Community Residential Monthly Junk **Drop-Off** Day

September 7 & 21, 2019 - 8:30am - 12noon

@ City Pole Yard (670 S. Pearl Ave.)

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

City of
Douglas
Georgia

JOB OPPORTUNITY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Criminal Intelligence Analyst/CIU

Assistant-Civilian

Entry Level Salary: \$15.63/hr.

Deadline to apply: September 9, 2019

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

INVITATION TO BID

**“NEW FIRE SYSTEM SUPPLIES
FOR DAVIS COMPLEX”**



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:

September 9, 2019 @ 2:30PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE
CALL 912-389-3463 OR VISIT
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM**

City of
Douglas
Georgia

JOB OPPORTUNITY

CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT

FULL-TIME UTILITY TECHNICIAN 1

Entry Level Salary: \$12.82/HR

Deadline to Apply:

Wed., September 11, 2019 by 5pm

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

INVITATION TO BID

**“New Water Supplies for
Optima Project”**



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:

Sept., 9, 2019 @ 2:30PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE
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City of
Douglas
Georgia

JOB OPPORTUNITY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Entry Level Salary: \$15.63/hr.

Deadline to apply: Open until filled

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

INVITATION TO BID

“LED SIGNAGE BID”



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:

September 23, 2019 @ 2:30PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE
CALL 912-389-3463 OR VISIT
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM**

City of
Douglas
Georgia

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer Firefighter

Part-time

Entry Level Salary: \$30.00/Monthly

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

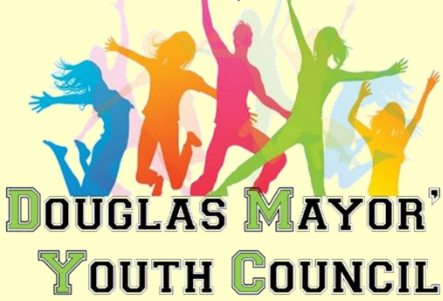
Apply in person at 224 E. Bryan Street or apply online
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City of
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**On-Line Auction Surplus
Equipment Sale**

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

DOUGLAS, GEORGIA



**DOUGLAS MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Douglas Mayor's Youth Council (DMYC) held its monthly meeting on August 15, 2019, at 6pm at City Hall and recognized three outstanding youth in the community. The council also heard presentations from the Community Foundation regarding improvements at Wheeler Park and the Ambitious Young Men (A.Y.M.) and the First Love Yourself Girls (F.L.Y.) organizations about events coming up for local youth. For the month of August, Candace Pace was chosen as the Outstanding Youth Council Member to spotlight, Anagrace Scholten and Key'Shun Holmes, were chosen as Outstanding Youth in the Community. For entire press release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



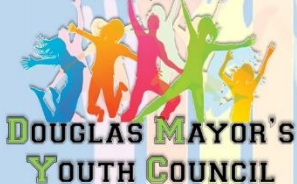
**Douglas Mayor's Youth Council
Monthly Youth Spotlight**

Candace Pace, Anagrace Scholten, and Key'Shun Holmes

**DOUGLAS MAYOR'S
YOUTH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING**

DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

**THURSDAY
SEPT. 19, 2019
6:00PM
CITY HALL -
COUNCIL ROOM**



**DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES GRANT FROM
COUNTRY FINANCIAL**

On Wednesday, August 21, 2019, Earl Mayo, Country Financial Representative, presented Mayor Tony Paulk and Douglas Police Chief Shane Edmisten, with a \$500 grant from Country Financial for the Douglas Police Department. The grant funds will be used to purchase police training equipment for the Douglas Police Department.



Pictured: (L-R) Mayor Tony Paulk, Chief Shane Edmisten (Douglas Police Department), and Earl Mayo (Country Financial Representative)

**CITY MANAGER, CHARLES DAVIS RECEIVES UNISON'S
REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE CHAMPION
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

At the Annual Regional Community Collaborative (RCC) Celebration for the Region 5 Office of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, City Manager Charlie Davis received Unison Behavioral Health's Regional Community Collaborative Champion of the Year Award. For full press release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Photo: (L-R) Glyn V. Thomas Ph. D (CEO of Unison Behavioral Health), City Manager Charles Davis, and Jose Lopez, (Regional Services Administrator Division Of Behavioral Health)

LAND BANK AUTHORITY FAQ'S

What is the Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority (LBA)?



O.C.G.A. §48:4:100-112, allows the formation of Land Bank Authorities for the purpose of the redevelopment of vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties. The Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority (LBA) was established in 2016 as a 5 member city-county board that is focused on working with the community to promote the redevelopment of vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties within Douglas and Coffee County.

What is the objective of the LBA?

The main objectives are to acquire tax delinquent, non revenue generating property and return it to productive use; the sale of land and property for the development of affordable housing; and the abatement of delinquent taxes.

How does the LBA work?

The LBA is designed to acquire and maintain problem properties and then transfer them back to responsible ownership and productive/revenue generating use in our community which creates a more efficient and effective system to eliminate problem areas/blight in Douglas and Coffee County.

What does a LBA do for the City and County?

- ⇒ Converts tax delinquent properties
- ⇒ Redevelops distressed areas
- ⇒ Discourages tax delinquency
- ⇒ Works collaboratively with City and County departments to produce affordable housing, new industry, jobs and tax revenue.
- ⇒ Facilitates beneficial land use
- ⇒ Encourages investment
- ⇒ Avoids tax sale titles problems
- ⇒ Reduces blight in our community

How does a LBA receive funding?

Land Bank Authorities are typically funded through a variety of sources, which may include revenue from the sale of properties, grants, general fund appropriations from local and county governments, and federal and state grants. Some examples of funding include funded 50/50 from City and County budget, Community Development Block Grant, Georgia Initiative for Community Housing, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing Programs. Community partnerships are also utilized to leverage more resources and possible funding opportunities.

Where are some successful LBA projects located?

Since 2016, the Douglas Coffee County LBA has been deeded one (1) property on Letitia Avenue, which was previously a residential home.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Office at (912) 383-0277 or email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com.



CANDIDATES FOR 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MAYOR

TONY L. PAULK- **(INCUMBENT)**

KEVIN ALTON CARVER

TERENCE L. COLEY

WARD 1

EDWIN TAYLOR **(INCUMBENT)**

JAMES L. PERRY

WARD 2

KENTAIWON CARTER DURHAM **(INCUMBENT)**

MICKEYLA CLARK-BROCKINGTON

RODNEY JOHNSON

WARD 3

OLIVIA "LIBBY" COLEY-PEARSON **(INCUMBENT)**

Carla Grady **(Write-in)**

WARD 4

MICHAEL GOWEN **(INCUMBENT)**

WARD 5

CINDY DANIELS MCNEILL **(INCUMBENT)**

RONNIE ANDERSON

WARD 6

ROBERT "BOB" MOORE **(INCUMBENT)**



Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County SEPTEMBER 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

T-SHIRTS & WRISTBANDS

August 12, 2019
All t-shirts and wristbands go on
sale!

MUMS

August 12 - September 13, 2019
\$10 for a small | \$20 for a large

Hailey Ellis
(229) 873-4681
haileyduke04@gmail.com

Lori Smith
(912) 309-9094
loriasmith12@gmail.com

CUPCAKES

Friday, September 6, 2019
Cupcakes will be on sale at the Coffee vs. Ware game
Jardine Stadium, Coffee High School

SILENT AUCTION & BAKE SALE

Friday, September 27, 2019
9:00 am - 6:00 pm at Central Square Gym
Corner of Bryan St. & Madison Ave. Douglas, GA

LIVE AUCTION

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Catered meal at 6:00 pm, AUCTION at 7:00pm
Purchase meal tickets from any CCAGCC member
Central Square Gym | Corner of Bryan St. & Madison Ave. Douglas, GA

Community Wide 9/11 Remembrance

SPONSORED BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 515

HOSTED BY:

CITIZENS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (CCA)

SUPPORTED BY:

CCA LEO CLUB, CHS NJROTC & HARDEE'S

**You are cordially invited to the 2019
9/11 REMEMBRANCE**

WEDNESDAY: September 11, 2019

TIME: 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

WHERE: CCA GYMNASIUM

1548 GA – HWY 158 E., Douglas, GA

DRESS: Casual COST: NO COST

RSVP: September 6, 2019,

Jerome Loving @ 912-592-6413

Jerome Loving

Service Officer

Alfalene Walker

Commander



**Local American Legion Post 515
Brings Wreaths Across America
to Veterans of Coffee County
Everyone Plays a Part**



**Support
Veterans**

➤ **OBSERVED:**

Annually, the 2nd or 3rd
Saturday in December across
the United States and 24
foreign countries.

➤ **NATIONAL GOAL:**

Place a wreath on every
Veteran's grave in our
National Cemeteries.

Sponsor a wreath (\$15.00 ea)
or an entire Cemetery.
All are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

Make checks payable to and mail
to American Legion Post 515, Inc
P.O. BOX 2094
Douglas, GA 31534
Contact Jerome Loving: 912-592-6413



Ceremony is 12 PM @
CE Weir Center December 14, 2019



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

**Sponsor a
Wreath**

➤ **POST GOAL:**

Place a flag and wreath on every
Veteran's Grave of Coffee County.

➤ **MISSION:**

REMEMBER – HONOR – TEACH

Over 2,700 Veterans

Donations requested for flags
and wreaths

Deadline for donations is
November 15

Place Flags (All Cemeteries)
December 7

2019 Classic Movie Night
" From Here to Eternity (1953)"

Tuesday, September. 17th

@ 6:45pm

@ Rockin' 8 Cinemas, 1204 Bowens Mill Rd SE



DOUGLAS LIONS CLUB
BIG BUCK
CONTEST

SAT. OCT. 19, 2019

@ CHS GYMNASIUM

EARLY DRAWINGS - 6:00PM

ENTERTAINMENT - 6:30PM

CATERED MEAL - 7:30PM

PRIZE RAFFLE - 8:30PM

\$30 TICKET

FOR TICKETS, SEE ANY LIONS CLUB MEMBER

GEORGIA CENSUS 2020



LUNCH AND LEARN

SPEAKER
DARRELL MOORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SOUTH REGIONAL IMPACT
VALDOSTA STATE
UNIVERSITY

. What is a Census?

- . Why It Matters
- . Key Messaging
- . Promote Census

2020

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

TIME:

11:00 AM

LOCATION

COFFEE SENIOR CENTER

408 E. WARD ST.
DOUGLAS GEORGIA, 31533
FMI (912) 384 - 1746

GEORGIA SMALL BUSINESS ROCK STARS 2020



Nominations are now open for the 2020 ROCK STARS!



ASW Distillery - Atlanta
2019 Winner



InPrime Legal - Marietta
2019 Winner



Oyster Fine Bamboo Fly Rods - Blue Ridge
2019 Winner



Southern Fiber Worx - Cordell
2019 Winner

Apply Now at
Georgia.org/ROCKSTARS

Deadline: September 30, 2019

2020 Awards Luncheon
April 20, 2020, at the
Georgia Aquarium!

Event registration will open January 2020.

From technology and retail to service and manufacturing, Georgia's Small Business ROCK STARS are recognized annually by the state for their outstanding and innovative business practices. Any type of Georgia-based, for profit small business employing under 100 is encouraged to apply.





SGSC Theatre Productions Present

PRETTY FIRE

By Charlayne Woodard

Directed by Tristan Buckhalter
Starring Katherine LeRoy-Lawson

September 26 - 29, 2019
Thursday - Saturday | 7:30 PM
Sunday Matinee | 3:00 PM

Peterson Hall | McGouirk Auditorium

Admission | \$10 Donation
SGSC Students | Free with Valid Student ID

For Reservations Please Contact:
Katherine L. Lawson at 912.260.4352 or
Katherine.LeRoy@SGSC.edu

