

City of Douglas E-Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2019 VOL. X, ISSUE X News from the City of Douglas

OCTOBER EVENTS

- **Oct. 1-31, Customer Appreciation Month**, Register at City Hall
- **Oct. 1-31, Natural Gas Month**, FREE pilot lighting
- **Oct. 6-12, Public Power Week**, FMI: 912-389-3445
- **Oct. 6-12, Fire Prevention Week**, FMI: 912-384-4815
- **Oct. 9, DDA Meeting**, Slater House, 9:00am
- **Oct. 10, Women in Business Think Pink Annual Event**, Central Square Gym, 6pm-8pm
- **Oct. 11, Customer Appreciation Day**, 11am-3pm, City Hall
- **Oct. 14, Airbase Preservation Committee**, Airport, 12pm
- **Oct. 14, Coffee Historical Society**, Museum, 4pm
- **Oct. 14, City Commission Meeting**, City Hall, 7pm
- **Oct. 17, DOL Job Fair**, 9am-12pm, Central Sq. Complex, 389-4254
- **Oct. 17, Planning Commission Meeting**, Ashley Slater House, 6pm
- **Oct. 17, Douglas Mayors Youth Council**, City Hall, 6pm
- **Oct. 19, Douglas Lions Club Big Buck Contest**, CHS Gym, 6:00pm
- **Oct. 24, Land Bank Authority**, 10:30am, Ashley-Slater House
- **Oct. 24, Historic Preservation Committee**, 2pm, Slater House
- **Oct. 28, Chamber Luncheon**, 12pm, Golf Club, 384-1873
- **Oct. 28, City Commission Meeting**, City Hall, 7pm
- **Oct. 31, Halloween Trick or Treating**, 6-9pm

CITY OFFERS REVOLVING LOAN FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT INCENTIVE TO DOWNTOWN

The City of Douglas Community Development Department and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is offering a Façade Revolving Loan Program available through the Community Development Department. The maximum loan is \$1,500.00 per project. Applications are available through the City of Douglas Community Development Office, located at the Ashley Slater House, 211 South Gaskin Avenue. For more information and all guidelines, please call (912) 383-0277 or email ghenderson@cityofdouglas.com.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT



Thanks to First Academy for visiting City Hall and Mayor Paulk!



MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES OCTOBER 2019

In the October edition of the Mayor's Monthly Minutes, Mayor Paulk writes about T.A.D., October events, the proposed Wheeler Park Improvement Plans, and capital building projects. Be updated by the Mayor on all the projects at www.cityofdouglas.com.



CITY OF DOUGLAS DESIGNATED AS 2020 RURAL ZONE COMMUNITY

The City of Douglas Community Development Department has been notified that the City of Douglas has been designated as a 2020 Rural Zone Community by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs! This means that businesses in the rural zone may be eligible to earn tax credits for increasing business employment and other benefits!

GREAT NEWS!!



OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

NOT EVERY HERO WEARS A CAPE: PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK • OCTOBER 6-12, 2019

firepreventionweek.org



Register through October 25, 2019, for free smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and more at City Hall.
To schedule a tour or for more information about fire prevention, please call (912) 384-4815.



City of Douglas
Customer APPRECIATION DAY!
Friday, Oct. 11, 2019
11am-3pm

We invite our customers to stop by and we'll SHARE a Coke with them!

FMI: (912)384-3302 or 3-1-1.



We ♥ our customers



CELEBRATE PUBLIC POWER WEEK
OCTOBER 6-12, 2019
#PublicPowerWeek2019
#ThankALineman



PUBLIC POWER WEEK 2019

City of Douglas Georgia

**OCTOBER IS...
NATURAL GAS MONTH**

AS A THANK YOU TO OUR CUSTOMERS, WE ARE OFFERING FREE PILOT LIGHTING ALL MONTH!

**SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY
BY CALLING 912-389-3427!**



City of Douglas
Customer APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER IS... MONTH

Customers can register for one of 5-\$100 credits to be given away on October 25, 2019 at City Hall!



We ♥ our customers

DPD CELEBRATES NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY WITH DOUGLAS CITIZENS

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019, the Douglas Police Department celebrated National Coffee With A Cop at Bobby's Treat Shop with the citizens of Douglas. Douglas Police Officers and citizens enjoyed a cup of coffee while discussing concerns and how the Douglas Police Department can continue to improve for citizen engagement. Special thanks to Bobby's Treat Shop and everyone who attended! For additional photos, check out the DPD Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasGAPoliceDepartment/>



GEORGIA FILMING RETURNS TO DOUGLAS!

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, Douglas & Coffee County hosted Craig Miller Productions for a film that is being produced for the state of Georgia. The film will promote awareness about the 2020 Census in Georgia and focuses on the theme "Every. One. Counts." Look for Douglas-Coffee County locals like Gabriel Munoz, Cornelius "Big Country" Mizell, and Walt Pridgen to briefly appear in the film that should begin airing in April 2020. Special thanks to Jennifer Surrency (Chamber Tourism & Events), Blondale Thomas (Public Information), and everyone who helped in the production and to Craig Miller for thinking of Douglas and Coffee County!



INVITATION TO BID

"New Flygt Pump for Wastewater Treatment plant"



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
Oct., 28, 2019 @ 2:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE
CALL 912-389-3463 OR VISIT
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

INVITATION TO BID

"HOUSING DEMOLITION"

**108 West Jefferson St., 202 West Phillips St.,
110 West Jefferson St., 706 South Pearl Ave.**



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT BID:
October 18, 2019 @ 2:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS BID, PLEASE CALL
912-389-3462 OR VISIT
WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

INVITATION TO BID

"HOUSING DEMOLITION"

**707 S. Pearl, 500 S. College Ave.,
1221 Mark Hanna St., 1405 Leader St.,**



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INVITATION TO BID

"HOUSING DEMOLITION"

1352 Fleetwood Circle



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WWW.CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM

Business Corner

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Seafood Factory, 611 S Gaskin Ave., (912) 501-9892

Daily Bread, 2639 Hwy 441 S Ste A, (912) 381-8958

K & D Imagination Station, 107 Bryan St W Ste 10
(912) 309-9052

And Sew She Did, 107 Bryan St W Ste 32,
(912) 309-9052

A Perfect Scoop, 107 Bryan St W Ste 22,
(912) 309-9052

Jonathon Holiday Agency, 118 Bryan St W,
(912) 327-2390



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!](#)

Community Residential Monthly Junk Drop-Off Day

October 19, 2019 - 8:30am - 12noon

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

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



Thanks for doing business in Douglas and Coffee County!



Prestige: Fine Clothing for Men and Women located at 102 North Peterson Avenue



Cow Tippers Burger Company located at 216 North Madison Avenue



JMC Auto Sales located at 786 Thompson Drive



Women's Empowerment located at 713 W. Ward Street.

WDTV Channel 13
Government Access Channel

City of Douglas Bulletin Board
24 Hours A Day
Also Featuring:
Job TV, Yard Sale Listings, Bid
Opportunities, Public Notices & More!
For programming information,
912-384-0013 or 912-383-0277.
“Our Heritage”
1st Week of each month
“Douglas On My Mind Show”
3rd week of each month
City Commission Meetings
2nd & 4th week of each month
12am/12pm, 4am/4pm, 8am/8pm
CHANNEL 13 or view on [YouTube](#)



**RECENT CHAT-N-CHEW HAS GOOD RESPONSE
FROM CITIZENS**

City of Douglas elected officials held a “Chat N Chew” listening session, on Thursday, September 26, 2019, with citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Gowen (Ward 4) and City Commissioner Cindy McNeill (Ward 5) hosted the session at the Coffee County Region Boys and Girls Club. Several community members of Douglas Ward 4 & Ward 5 attended the listening session. For complete story, <https://www.cityofdouglas.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=995>



Layla Powell, Rosalinda Lucus, and Chad Woesner were the winners of the “My Community” Art Contest that Commissioner McNeill and Mayor Pro Tem Gowen held prior to the meeting.



WAG-A-WEEN

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
FOR DOGS & HUMANS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
10:30AM TO 12:30PM**

THE MARTIN CENTRE 109 E ASHLEY STREET DOUGLAS, GA



CITY OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Douglas will hold the Douglas Municipal and Special Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for citizens to elect the Mayor of the City of Douglas, City Commissioners for each City of Douglas ward, and for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection: “Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Douglas to exercise redevelopment powers under the “Redevelopment Powers Law” as it may be amended from time to time?”

Douglas citizens are encouraged to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 7:00am – 7:00pm at Central Square Complex located at 200 S. Madison Avenue. Citizens who are not sure which City ward they are registered to vote in, should contact the Elections Office at 912-384-7018.

Qualifying for the Municipal Election was held on Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23, 2019. The following individuals have met qualifications as candidates:

Mayor: Tony L. Paulk (Incumbent), Kevin Alton Carver, Terence L. Coley

Commissioner Ward 1: Edwin Taylor (Incumbent), James L. Perry

***Commissioner Ward 2: Kentaiwon Carter Durham (Incumbent),
Mickeyla Clark-Brockington, Rodney Johnson***

Commissioner Ward 3: Olivia “Libby” Coley-Pearson (Incumbent), Carla Grady (Write-in)

Commissioner Ward 4: Michael Gowen (Incumbent)

Commissioner Ward 5: Cynthia “Cindy” McNeill (Incumbent), Ronnie Anderson

Commissioner Ward 6: Robert “Bob” Moore (Incumbent)

To register to vote or to change voter information for the November 5, 2019, Douglas Municipal and Special Election is Monday, October 7, 2019. Advance voting will be held at the Elections Office, 224 W. Ashley St., Douglas, GA. starting at 8:30am, Monday, October 14, 2019 and ending on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 5:00pm. The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Friday, November 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Call for Special Election Notice: Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in the City of Douglas, Ga. For the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection: “Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Douglas to exercise redevelopment powers under the “Redevelopment Powers Law” as it may be amended from time to time?”

() Yes () No

The Special Election will be conducted in conjunction with the City of Douglas Municipal Election. The Municipal and Special Election Day Polling Site will be Central Square Gym. For more information, please contact the Elections Office at 912-384-7018.

TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT FAQ'S

What is a tax allocation district (TAD)?



A tax allocation district is a tool for redevelopment in a specific area. In 1985, the General Assembly adopted Georgia's Redevelopment Powers Law.

This law gives local government (city and county) the authority to sell bonds to finance infrastructure and other redevelopment costs within in a specific, defined area.

How does a community create a TAD?

The Redevelopment Powers Law requires that local communities authorize, by referendum, the use of a tax allocation district in their community. The General Assembly passes a local act authorizing the city or county to exercise redevelopment powers.

"Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Douglas to utilize tax allocation districts and redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law', as it may be amended from time to time?"

Will residential and property tax go up?

No, residential and property tax are not increased by a TAD. The taxes collected by the city, county, and school system, as of the date the TAD is formed, continue to go to those taxing districts over the life of the TAD. If your property is in the tax allocation district, the millage rate is the same as outside the district.

What will a TAD do for the City and County?

- ⇒ Promote growth in specific areas
- ⇒ Create employment opportunities
- ⇒ Redevelop site to attract private investment.

What is the "Halo Effect" relating to TAD?

The Halo Effect is a chief benefit of a TAD. The halo effect refers to the increase in investment activity and property tax digest that can occur in an area surrounding and outside of a successful TAD. Halo effects occur either because new economic activity is attracted to an area where it did not previously exist, or major barriers to private investment (such as vacant blighted buildings) are finally removed. Significant halo effects have been observed in and around TAD projects in Atlanta, East Point, Acworth and other jurisdictions.

Who else uses TADs in Georgia?

More than 60 counties and cities use TADs in Georgia. Over \$500 million in TAD bonds have been issued. TADs are operational in Atlanta, Smyrna, Gainesville, Acworth, Albany, Macon, Augusta, Savannah, Gwinnett County, East Point, Marietta, Bulloch County (Statesboro), Clayton County, Duluth, and other Georgia cities and counties.

How long will this TAD last?

By law, the TAD could be in effect for 30 years. If authorized, our TAD will last 25 years.

For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office at (912) 389-3401.



The Douglas-Coffee County
Chamber of Commerce Presents

Hometown HARVEST

DOWNTOWN
Douglas

OCTOBER 26TH 2019
10:30AM - 3PM

**The Douglas - Coffee County
Chamber of Commerce presents**

Women in Business - Think Pink Event!



Thursday, October 10 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Central Square Complex

To register or find out more:

chamber@douglasga.org | 912.384.1873



BIG BUCK CONTEST - DOUGLAS, GA



GRAND PRIZE
\$10,000



TYLER CHAMBERS

FREE CONCERT

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

LIVE MUSIC!!!



2nd GRAND PRIZE

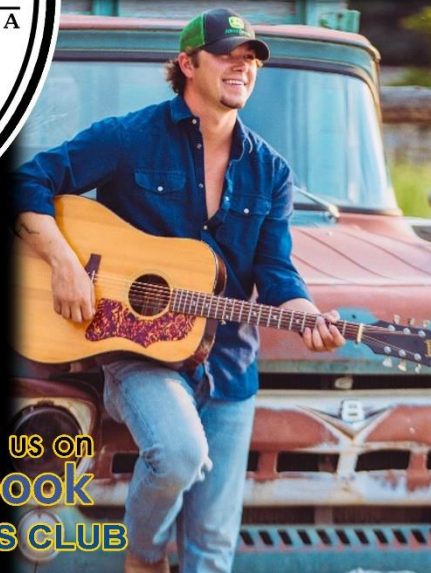


2019 CAN-AM 570 XMR



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DOUGLAS LIONS CLUB



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019
COFFEE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Cash Prizes and Trophies Awarded to Top Scoring Hunters in Archery, Primitive Weapons, Rifle, Heaviest Doe and Youth Under 16 Categories

EVENT TIMES

- Deer check-in begins - 10:00 AM
- Early Bird drawing - 6:00 PM
- Supper served - 7:30 PM
- Last chance to check-in Deer - 8:30 PM
- Main Event begins - 8:45 PM**



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
Norris Shoe Store
Douglas National Bank
Jerry's Gun Shop
First National Bank
1st Franklin Financial

OVER \$100,000 IN PRIZES

- Assortment of guns, variety of hunting items and more!
- Flat screen TV's
- Merchandise from local businesses



McCurry - Daniels Insurance



Breast Cancer is Unacceptable! With your help we are able to assist women locally going thru treatments and raise funds for research to end breast cancer.

**It's Time to
Bring Out
Your Inner Hippie**
Beta Sigma Phi
Alpha Theta Chapter

Invites you to join us for
Passionately Pink Day
October 24th

Help us Help Others by
Creating an Impact Project
To Help Raise Funds.

To make a donation or purchase a Passionately Pink T-Shirt, stop by The Pink House, located at 311 Colombia Avenue. The Pink House is open Monday-Thursday, 11am-1:30pm and Fridays, 4:00-6:00pm throughout October. For more information, call (912) 384-PINK, Lou Hennesy (912) 381-2225, or Gwen Smith (912) 501-9697.

2019 Classic Movie Night

"The Exorcist (1973)"

Tuesday, October. 15th

@ 6:45pm

@ Rockin' 8 Cinemas, 1204 Bowens Mill Rd SE



2019 GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



Job Fair

Thursday, October 17, 2019

9am-12pm

Central Square Complex

FMI: (912) 389-4254

**UPCOMING EVENT AT
GENERAL COFFEE STATE PARK**

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

SAT., OCT. 26, 2019

12:00PM - 10:00PM

For More Information call (912) 384-7082



**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



**WREATHS
across
AMERICA**

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

CHRISTMAS

PARADE

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 7th

6:00 PM

2019 THEME

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIES, SONGS, STORIES, ETC.

FMI: 912.384.1873 | chamber@douglasga.org

