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### **PRACTICE SAFETY WITH FIREWORKS THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

With the COVID-19 pandemic causing the Douglas Exchange Club's annual fireworks show to be cancelled, it is expected that a larger than normal amount of people will choose to use consumer fireworks to celebrate the 4th of July holiday. Douglas Fire Department urges everyone to know the guidelines in Georgia and practice firework safety this 4th of July.

For entire press release,  
<https://www.cityofdouglas.com/>



### **UPCOMING EVENTS** **(Tentative)**

- \***July 8, DDA Meeting**, 9am, Ashley-Slater House, 383-0277
- \***July 9, Land Bank Authority Meeting**, 2pm, Ashley Slater House, 383-0277
- \***July 11, Junk Drop Off**, 8:30am-12pm, City Pole Yard, 389-3450
- \***July 13, City Comm. Meeting**, 7pm, Central Sq. Gym FMI: 389-3401
- \***July 14, Recreation Commission Meeting**, 11:45am, Central Sq. Complex, 384-5978
- \***July 18, Junk Drop Off**, 8:30am-12pm, City Pole Yard, 389-3450
- \***July 23, Historic Preservation Meeting**, 4pm, Ashley Slater House
- \***July 27, City Comm. Meeting**, 7pm, Central Sq. Gym FMI: 389-3401

### **Welcome to our 2020-2021 Douglas Mayor's Youth Council Members!**



L-R: Amelia Crockett (Jr. Mayor), Caleb Bagley (Jr. Mayor Pro Tem), Jenna Williams (Jr. Commissioner), Jalene Debro (Jr. Commissioner), Mayor Tony Paulk, Addy Harris (Jr. Commissioner), Meia Batten (Jr. Commissioner), Will Waldron (Jr. Commissioner), and London O'Steen (Jr. Commissioner).

## CITY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT CITY COMMISSION MEETING

During the regular City Commission meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020, Tammy Wilkerson (Human Resource Director), Mayor Tony Paulk, Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, and City Commission recognized employees for 20+ years of service with the City of Douglas. Employees recognized were Landy Gomez (20 Years-Parks & Recreation), Josh Milhollin (20 Years-Parks & Recreation), Lee Clements (20 Years-Fire), Rodger Goddard (25 Years-Community Development), Dale Merritt (25 Years-Fire), Robert Sprinkle (30 Years-Police), Willie Styles (30 years-Customer Service), Ivy Clark (40 Years-Finance) and Martha McNear (40 Years-Finance). Thank you to all employees for their dedication to public service!



### CITY POOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

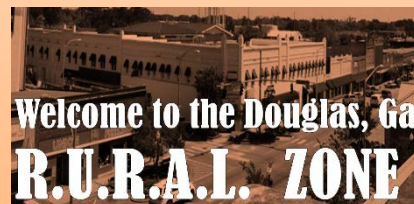
For the first summer in memory, the city pool will not be open this summer due to COVID-19 guidelines. Some of the mandated guidelines included screening temperatures on entry, requiring lifeguards/aquatic supervisors to wear masks, and social distancing by limiting the number of swimmers allowed in the water and restrooms.

In addition to closing for COVID-19, the city pool will be closed for major capital improvements, which are scheduled to begin Fall 2020. Once the pool reopens, citizens can expect to see a new pool house, wading pool, eight (8) lane competition pool, and other amenities.



### **EARN TAX INCENTIVES IN THE DOUGLAS RURAL ZONE**

Thinking of relocating your business to downtown Douglas? Be sure to move your business to the "Zone". A portion of Douglas' downtown has been designated as a R.U.R.A.L. Zone by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. New businesses opening in the R.U.R.A.L. Zone can take advantage of the tax incentive program that was formed to stimulate investment, job creation, and economic development in the historic downtown area. For more information, [www.cityofdouglas.com](http://www.cityofdouglas.com).



## LIBRARY BOARD

*The City of Douglas is seeking one person to serve on the Library Board. For qualifications and to apply, Volunteer applications can be picked up at City Hall, 224 E. Bryan Street.  
For More Information : (912) 384-3302*

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

*The City of Douglas is seeking one member to serve on the City of Douglas Zoning Board of Appeals. For qualifications and to apply, volunteer applications can be picked up at City Hall, 224 E. Bryan Street.  
For More Information: (912) 384-3302*

For the latest COVID-19 Updates from Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp, [click here!](#)



Office of Governor  
Brian P. Kemp

## Douglas Residential Junk Drop-Off Day

**July 11 & 18, 2020, 8:30am - 12noon  
@ City Pole Yard (670 S. Pearl Ave.)  
Residents must be in vehicle line up prior to  
11:45am for drop-off.  
For more information, call (912)384-3302 or dial 311.**



COFFEE COUNTY  
**FOOD BANK**

MONDAY 4PM - 6PM  
WEDNESDAY 10AM - 12PM  
FRIDAY 4PM - 6PM

LOCATED AT 611 W BAKER HWY

(912) 331-1441

**BE SAFE THIS SUMMER WHILE OPERATING MOTORIZED CARTS**

The City of Douglas became a “Golf Cart Community” in 2018. Motorized carts are allowed on Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approved areas throughout Douglas. Anyone driving a motorized cart should know the general guidelines to operate a motorized cart in those areas. The City of Douglas Police Department will begin issuing warnings and/or citations for persons operating motorized carts on city streets and property illegally. For full press release, <https://www.cityofdouglas.com/>



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020 ALL NON-EMERGENCY UTILITIES, PLEASE CALL 384-3302**



**SIDEWALK SURVEY**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sidewalk survey for Douglas. We hope to share good news soon regarding the results of the survey!

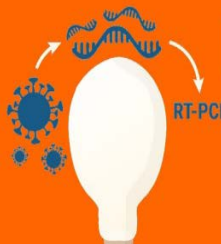


**FREE COVID-19 TESTING**



**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT, 1-855-473-4374**

**PRUEBAS GRATUITAS DE COVID-19**



**LLAMADA PARA UNA CITA, 1-855-473-4374**



**BID OPPORTUNITIES**  
**cityofdouglas.com/bids**  
**(912)389-3453**



**WE ARE HIRING!**

**CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM/JOBS**  
**(912) 389-3494**



## 7th Annual City of Douglas Badges for Life Blood Drive

Thursday, July 30  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Coffee Regional Medical Center  
1101 Ocilla Rd., Douglas, GA 31533



All donors will receive:

- **FREE Badges for Life T-shirt\***
- **FREE Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, iron count and cholesterol screening.

For more information, call **1.888.9.DONATE** (1.888.936.6283) or to make an appointment please visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org) and use sponsor code **27030**.

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. \*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. While supplies last. Item may vary from image shown. \*\*Donor must have successful donation to obtain test results. If donor does not have account created in donor portal already, they must provide email address to phlebotomist at the time of registration so account can be created. Donor will receive email post donation with instructions. The same email provided at registration is used to activate donor portal account. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

[oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)

**oneblood**   
Share your power.

Together,

**WE** can make

**Coffee**  
**STRONG**

**Complete** the 2020 Census **TODAY**

**1-844-330-2020**

**[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)**

**Every.  
One.  
Counts.**

## COVID-19: SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS



Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.



Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.



Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.

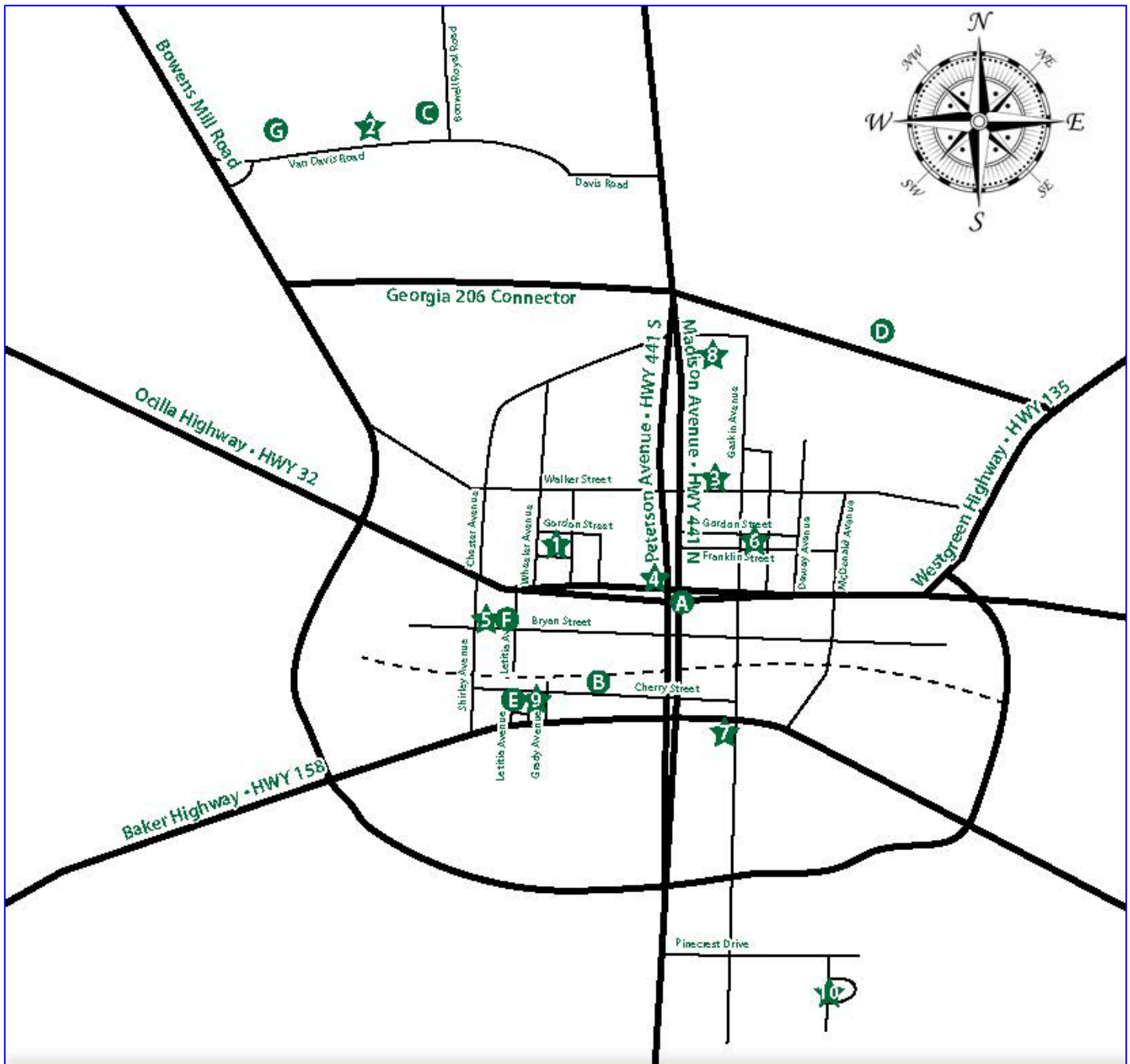
Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.



**INRPA** National Recreation and Park Association  
Because everyone deserves a great park

Going to a park or recreation facility? Our parks are open, but, please help slow the spread of COVID-19 by staying at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people and wearing a cloth face covering to help protect others. Do not gather in groups, even when outdoors. Learn more from the CDC: <https://bit.ly/3ags2zp>



## Douglas/Coffee County Facilities, Ballfields, Parks & Playgrounds

### ● FACILITIES/BALLFIELDS

- A - Central Square Complex  
Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Office  
Youth Center & Art Center
- B - Parks Annex
- C - Walter C. "Huck" Huckaby Softball Complex
- D - Coffee Middle School Complex
- E - Unity Baseball Complex
- F - Davis Wade Baseball Field
- G - Faircloth Field

### ★ PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS

- 1 - Wheeler Park Group Shelter
- 2 - JC Adams Municipal Park Group Shelter
- 3 - Emma Ward Park
- 4 - Atkinson Plaza
- 5 - Davis Wade Park
- 6 - Eastside Park
- 7 - Roundtree Park
- 8 - North Madison Avenue Park
- 9 - Unity Park
- 10 - Jackson Park

# COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOL NUTRITION

## SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

Children 18 & younger are eligible for **FREE** meals during the summer! Our **PICKUP** service will be available at several locations throughout the community. No registration is required!

Drive thru/pickup service is on Tuesdays **ONLY**, but each child will get enough breakfast and lunch items to last for 5 days!

**Begins: Tuesday, May 26    Ends: July 7    Time: 10:00 am (approx.)**  
(no service on June 30)

### Elementary school sites:

- Ambrose
- Broxton
- Eastside
- Satilla
- West Green
- Westside

### Community sites:

- GracePointe Church
- Roundtree Center
- Popular Springs Baptist Church in Nicholls (May & June only)

### Designated pickup sites:

- Town & Country
- Pete Evans
- Ridgewood
- Groves
- Kenwood
- Amberwood
- Bryan Street Circle
- Oak Park - Randall Smith Trucking
- Hwy. 158 & Mink Rd.
- Tri-County Cotton Gin area (Park Place & Tennessee Ave.)

\*This program is drive through or pickup service **ONLY** - no residential delivery service will be available. You may pick meals up from **ANY** of the 18 locations listed above. Look for our meal pickup signs!

