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ISSUE III

Authorities, Boards, and Committee Meetings

- ***Air Base Preserv. & Dev.**
Mar. 8, 12pm, via ZOOM
- ***City Commission**, Mar. 8 & 22, 7pm, CE Weir Center
- ***Recreation Commission**
Mar. 9, 11:45am, Central Square, 384- 5978
- ***Downtown Development Authority**, Mar. 10, 9am, via Zoom
- ***GICH Meeting**, Mar. 10, 3pm, Slater House
- ***Land Bank Authority**, Mar. 11, 2pm, Slater House
- * **Mayor's Youth Council**, Mar. 18, 6pm, Youth Center
- ***Planning Commission**, Mar. 18, 6pm, Ashley Slater House (if needed)
- ***Historic Preservation Committee**, Mar. 25, 4pm,

*For Zoom information on meetings, please call (912) 383-0277

We have volunteer vacancies on the Keep Douglas Beautiful Board. For more information, (912)383-0277 or email cmikell@cityofdouglas.com

Exciting things are happening in downtown Douglas! The City of Douglas collaborated the string light project with the Douglas Downtown Development Authority, Martin Centre Preservation Company, Bordeaux Suites, Georgia Department of Transportation, the citizens, and Douglas Utilities. The concept of this project came from the Downtown Master Plan. Funding for this project was made possible by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).



Special thanks to Douglas Utilities for securely hanging and placing each individual bulb for the light project.

DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FEATURED IN GDOT VIDEO
The Georgia Department of Transportation Aviation Services recently released a video entitled *Georgia Airports Mean Business*. Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport is featured as one of the **103 local airports, which contribute \$73.7 billion in annual economic benefit to the state and support 450,500 jobs with a total annual payroll estimated at \$20 billion.** www.cityofdouglas.com



CITY HALL RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!



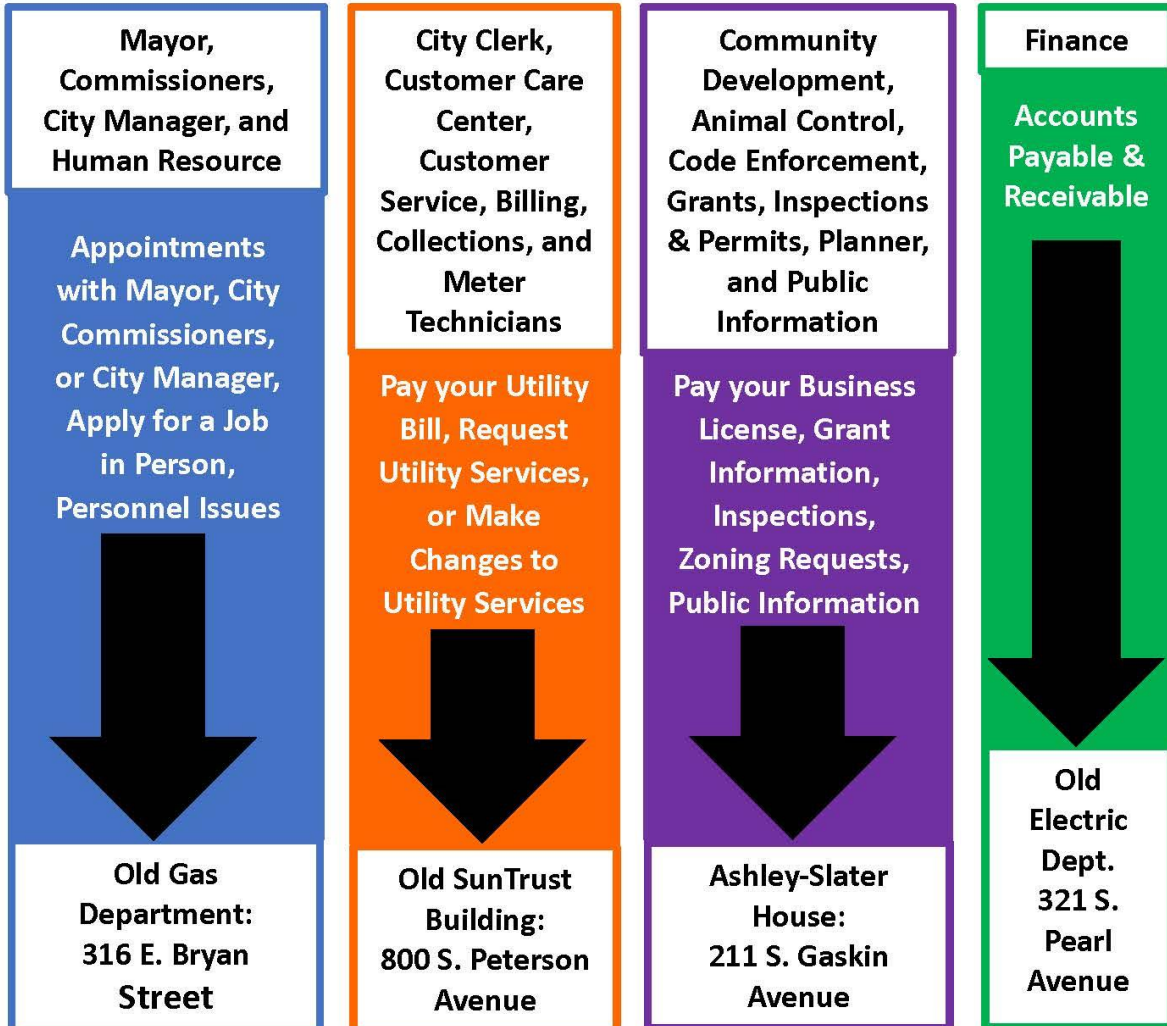
SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving

MARCH 14TH

WE HAVE MOVED!

ATTN: CITIZENS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021, CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE OPEN AND RELOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:



Bid openings will be held at the new Douglas Utilities building meeting room located at the Municipal Services Complex, 100 Public Works Way. City Commission meetings will continue to be held at the C.E. Weir Center (307 E. Bryan St.) on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month, unless otherwise publicized. At times, phone lines may be temporarily out of order and citizens are encouraged to remain patient as this transition is underway.

For more information, (912)384-3302.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING MEETING AND APPLICATION INTAKE
FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE MILL QUARTERS AREA
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 – 5:00PM
AT YOUNG’S CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Click on images below for more information or a larger version of the area map.**

Attention

Neighborhood Residents

- Does your plumbing leak?
- Is your electrical system unsafe?
- Does your heating system leave you cold?
- Does your roof need repairs?
- Are your windows drafty?
- Does your air conditioning leave you hot?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may qualify for the City of Douglas' FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Want to know more about this program?

Make plans now to attend the
COMMUNITY MEETING & APPLICATION INTAKE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
Young's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
710 Shirley Avenue, Douglas, GA
5:00 P.M.**



Discussions will be held concerning the housing needs of the residents of your neighborhood

Many areas of the program will be addressed:

- Eligible participants
- Application intake
- Eligible housing improvements

For more information concerning this meeting, call Michael Jacobs with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (912) 285-6097

Atención

Residentes del vecindario

- ¿Se te escapa la plomería?
- ¿Su sistema eléctrico es inseguro?
- ¿Su sistema de calefacción le deja frío?
- ¿Su techo necesita reparaciones?
- ¿Sus ventanas están redactas?
- ¿Tu aire acondicionado te deja caliente?

Si respondió que sí a cualquiera de estas preguntas, entonces puede calificar para el Programa de Revitalización de Vecindarios para el Programa de Revitalización de Vecindarios (CDBG, Por sus siglas en inglés) de la Ciudad de Douglas para el año 2021.

¿Quieres saber más sobre este programa? Haga planes ahora para asistir a la

**REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA & INGESTA DE SOLICITUD
JUEVES, 11 DE MARZO DE 2021
Misionero de la Capilla del Joven Iglesia Bautista
710 Avenida Shirley, Douglas, GA
5:00 P.M.**

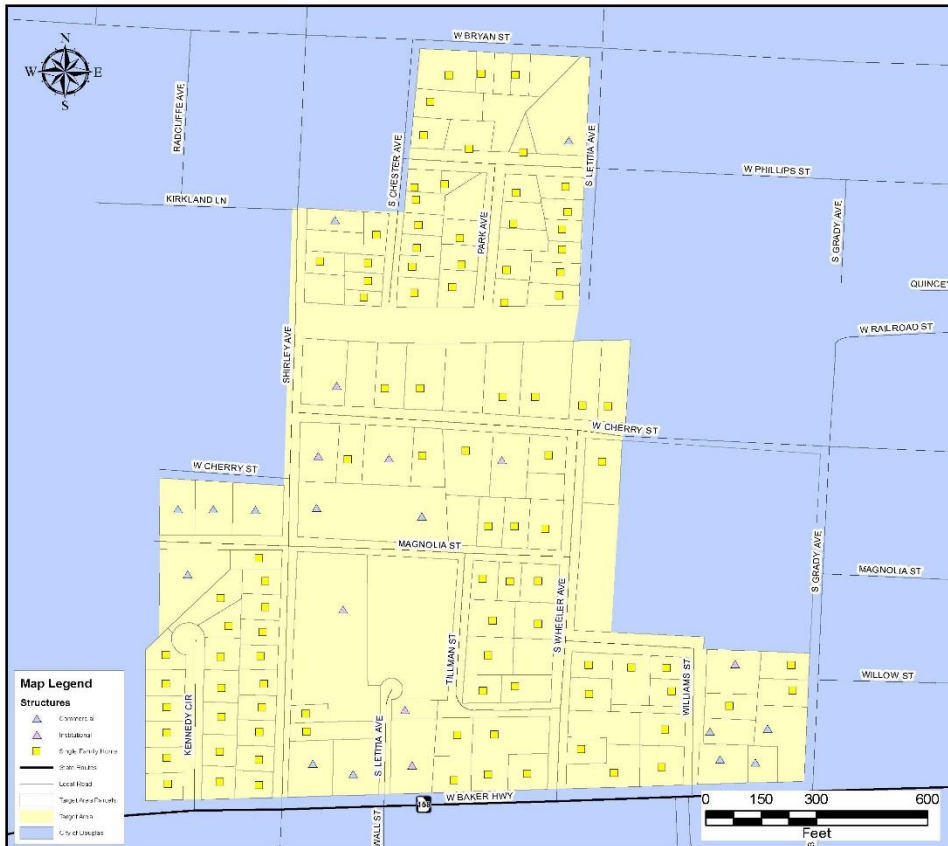


Se llevarán a cabo debates sobre las necesidades de vivienda de los residentes de su vecindario

Se abordarán muchas áreas del programa:

- Participantes elegibles
- Admisión de aplicaciones
- Mejoras de vivienda elegibles

Para obtener más información sobre esta reunión, llame a Michael Jacobs con la Comisión Regional del Sur de Georgia (912) 285-6097



NUMBER OF UNITS	177
NUMBER OF RESIDENCES (RES.)	174
NUMBER OF OCCUPIED (RES.)	139
PERCENT OF OCCUPIED (RES.)	80%
NUMBER OF OWNER OCCUPIED (RES.)	25
PERCENT OF OWNER OCCUPIED (RES.)	14%
NUMBER OF RENTER OCCUPIED (RES.)	112
PERCENT OF RENTER OCCUPIED (RES.)	65%
NUMBER OF VACANT	35
PERCENT OF VACANT	20%
NUMBER OF UNKNOWN	2
PERCENT OF UNKNOWN	1%
NUMBER OF STANDARD UNITS	132
PERCENT OF STANDARD UNITS	76%
NUMBER OF SUBSTANDARD UNITS	42
PERCENT OF SUBSTANDARD UNITS	24%
NUMBER OF DILAPIDATED UNITS	0
PERCENT OF DILAPIDATED UNITS	0%
TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	292
NUMBER OF WHITE PERSONS	31
PERCENT OF WHITE PERSONS	11%
NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS	246
PERCENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS	84%
NUMBER OF HISPANIC PERSONS	15
PERCENT OF HISPANIC PERSONS	5%
NUMBER OF PERSONS LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	273
PERCENT OF PERSONS LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	93%
NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOVE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	19
PERCENT OF PERSONS ABOVE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME	7%

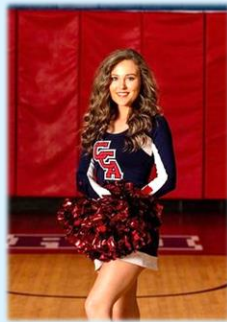
*(RES.) - RESIDENCES

**City of Douglas
CDBG 2021
Target Area
Demographics
Map 3 of 9**

Map created January 2021 for general planning purposes only. Refer all questions on data accuracy and availability to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission.



The Douglas Mayor's Youth Council (DMYC) held its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 6pm virtually and recognized outstanding youth, Meia Batten, Jenna Williams, and citizens in the community. For full release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



THE RESTORATION ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE CABOOSE AT HERITAGE STATION MUSEUM IS NEAR COMPLETION. EXTERIOR RESTORATION INCLUDED PAINTING AND REPLACING WINDOWS. NEXT PHASE - DECKING WILL BE BUILT FOR ACCESS. IT'S LOOKING ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

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

**PART-TIME SUMMER WORKERS IN THE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.**

- Youth Program Assistant
- Youth Program Worker
- Concession Worker
- T-Ball Supervisor
- Gatekeeper
- Scorekeeper

Apply online www.cityofdouglas.com or in person at 316 E. Bryan Street.
FMI: (912) 389-3494



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

- 2021 Utility Electrical Supplies
- FY'21 Consultant Services for TAP Project
- FY'21 Inflatable Fire Safety Education House



General Coffee State Park

Heart 2 Heart Festival

Saturday, March 6, 2021

A fun day of EVENTS for the entire community!

1.5 Mile Fun Run (FEE \$—8:30AM- Youth ages 5 to 10)

1.5 Mile Walk (FEE \$—8:00AM- Adult and Youth— Free for our Cardiac Patients)

5K Run (FEE \$— 9:00AM)

10k Run (FEE \$— 9:00AM)

Virtual Run (register online— instructions provided)

The fees include a t-shirt, lunch, chance to win medals, and free activities throughout the day. The run events will be timed with “Chip Timing” for instant results. Digital finish line photos available. Come early and camp out or rent a cabin for a weekend of fun with your family and friends. The Heart 2 Heart Festival is CRMC’s fundraising event to support Cardiac Rehab patients in our community. For more details about the event, fees, and awards please visit www.wellness247.org.

Open Archery (\$10 per person Range fee)

Want to learn archery? Join us in the range to learn how to use a compound bow. Classes offered at 11:00am, 12:00pm, and 1:00pm. Fee for class is \$10 per person. Have your own equipment? \$5.00 allows access to the range.

Meet the Farm Animals (\$5.00— 12:00& 2:00)

Join us in playtime with the baby goats! Feed the farm animals, learn all about them, and go inside the pen with our goats in this fun and interactive tour. Price is \$5 per person. Space is limited. Meet in the center of Heritage Farm.

The Reptiles of the Relihan (Free- 11:30 AM)

Meet the animals that call the Relihan museum “home”. Join the Rangers as they show off and talk about their scaly and slimy friends.

Scavenger Hunt (Free— Open)

Explore the park, learn fun facts, and win prizes! Pick up scavenger hunt packets at the Relihan museum on the Heritage Farm.

Pond Study (Free— 1:00 AM)

Learn all about the creatures that live in our waterways. Join the Rangers as they instruct guests on how to sample the water to find out what lives in it. This is a hands-on demonstration.

Pioneer Craft (\$4 per craft- 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM)

Come and enjoy a nice relaxing crafting session. All supplies will be provided. Crafting will be going on from 12:00 – 3:00 at the crafting booth on the Heritage Farm. Meet in the Relihan Cabin (in Heritage Farm).

Rentals:

Bikes, Canoes, Kayaks, & Paddle Boards are available to rent.

Camping, RV’s, and Cabins rentals call

General Coffee State Park: 912.384.7082

For run and event details, visit www.wellness247.org

912-383-6988



A vertical stack of five colorful bingo balls. From top to bottom: a green ball with a white 'B', a blue ball with a white 'I', a brown ball with a white 'N', a purple ball with a white 'G', and a red ball with a white 'O'. The background features colorful watercolor splashes in yellow, green, and purple.

FAMILY NIGHT

Parking lot
BINGO

FREE!

Thursday
March 11th
"2021"

5:00-7PM

AT Central Square Parking lot
200- C South Madison Ave.

Stay in your Car

**GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!**

Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation CALL : 383-7332

DRIVE - BY

EASTER

EGG

HUNT

COME WAVE AT THE
EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, March 27

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Drive to Gym B see
the Easter Bunny get you bag of eggs
Drive to Gym A if you have a prize EGG
Stay in your car.

CALL: 383-7332 OR 912-384-5978

Central Square Complex

Gym A & B

NO COST FREE

AGE: 1-7 Prize Eggs

Sponsored by: City of Douglas Fire Dept. & Police Dept.

**Douglas Coffee County
Parks & Recreation**

UPDATES FROM SOUTHEAST HEALTH DISTRICT

Are you or a loved one eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine? We are opening appointments to all adults aged 65 and older, as well as healthcare workers in clinical settings, staff and residents of long-term care facilities, all law enforcement personnel and all fire personnel.

Take care of those close to you by calling 1-855-473-4374 to schedule an appointment.



COVID-19
TESTING
LOCATION
AND
REGISTRATION
CHANGES



Are you in need of a COVID-19 test? We have great news for you!

The Georgia Department of Public Health has partnered with Mako Medical to provide COVID-19 testing opportunities to those in our communities. Beginning TODAY, you will be able to register online for an appointment at Mako Medical's Bulloch and Coffee County locations!

To register for COVID-19 testing at one of these locations, please visit

<https://mako.exchange/splash/GAmakotesting/>. These testing sites will serve residents of Bulloch and Coffee counties as well as those in the surrounding areas.

Registering for your COVID-19 test before arrival to the testing site will greatly expedite your experience. Walk-ups are allowed, but pre-registering is preferred, as it will greatly reduce your wait time.

For more information, you may also visit <https://www.sehdph.org/interested-in-scheduling-your.../>.

For the latest COVID-19 Executive Orders from Governor Brian Kemp, [click here!](#)



Office of Governor
Brian P. Kemp

We Can Do It!



Together We can Defeat COVID-19



COFFEE COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM

TEACHER JOB FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

FROM 9 AM - NOON

**on the campus of
COFFEE HIGH SCHOOL
159 TROJAN WAY
DOUGLAS GEORGIA**



www.coffeeschools.org

PAULK VINEYARDS

*South Georgia
Wine Festival*

Saturday,
MARCH
13th
10 AM-5 PM

SOUTHGEORGIAWINEFESTIVAL.COM

DOUGLAS MAIN STREET *Market*



**First Saturday
of each month
8:00 – 2:00**

**Homemade
Handmade
Homegrown**



CENTRAL SQUARE PARKING LOT

Corner of Madison Avenue and Ashley Street

DOUGLAS AND COFFEE COUNTY TOURISM NUMBERS

**EXPLORE
GEORGIA[®]**

**Coffee County
2019 Economic Impact**



Direct Tourist Spending ¹	\$82.90 million	
Jobs Supported ¹	572	
Payroll ¹	\$14.14 million	
State Tax Revenues ¹	\$3.34 million	Each Coffee County household would need to be taxed an additional \$399 per year to replace taxes generated by tourism economic activity.
Local Tax Revenues ¹	\$2.43 million	
Unemployment Rate ^{1,2}	3.9%	Without the jobs supported by the tourism industry, it would have been 6.9% .

Visitor Expenditures



Sources: ¹U.S. Travel Association: 2019 Travel Economic Impact on Georgia State, Counties, and Regions. ²U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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Explore Georgia, the tourism division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development
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To obtain data for other counties, please visit: Industry.ExploreGeorgia.org