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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 EVENTS

- * **Sept. 12, Coffee County Historical Society Meeting,** 9am, Heritage Station Museum FMI: 389-3461
- * **Sept. 12, City Comm. Meeting,** 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- * **Sept. 15, Planning & Zoning,** 6pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401
- * **Sept. 17, Love Bug Festival,** Coffee State Park, 10a-2p, \$2 plus \$5 Parking
- * **Sept. 21, Cemetery Mtg,** 10am, Cemetery
- * **Sept. 21, DDA Meeting,** 11am, FMI: 389-3401
- * **Sept. 24, Your State Park Day,** Coffee State Park, 9am – 12pm, 384-7082
- * **Sept. 24, CCAGCC Annual Silent Auction,** 8am-7pm, Gym A, Auction begins at 7pm, 381-3122, 384-2287
- * **Sept. 26, Chamber Power Lunch,** Douglas Golf & Country Club, 12Noon, Lunch \$9.25
- * **Sept. 26, City Comm. Meeting,** 7pm, City Hall, FMI: 389-3401

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BBQ & Outdoor Festival

Car Show • Motorcycle Show • Music • Special Guests
Douglas, Georgia

**Friday, September 9
1pm-10:30pm**

**Saturday,
September 10
9am-5pm**

**Central Square
Complex**
200 S. Madison Ave, Douglas, GA

No General Admission Fee. However fees do apply for Friday night concert and other activities. For more information, visit www.cityofdouglas.com/bbqfest. For concert tickets visit www.rockdogentertainment.com or call 912-383-0277



Friday, Sept. 9

Gates open at 5:30pm
Concert starts at 6:30pm

Also Featuring:

KOA and Laney Strickland Band
Tickets can be purchased at www.rockdogentertainment.com



**NAPA/Brooks Auto Parts
Car Show**

Saturday, Sept. 10

Registration 9am-11am
Judging 11am-12pm
Trophies & Prizes Awarded



**Motorcycle Events
Saturday, Sept. 10**

Poker Run, 1st Bike out at 9am
Motorcycle Show
Motorcycle Games 2pm-3:30pm
50/50 Draw



**Archery Show with
Frank Addington, Jr.**

FREE Show!
Fri 5pm • Sat 10am, 2pm



**GBA BBQ
Competition**

Approximately
\$14,000 in
CASH & Prizes!
Competition teams
from all over!



**Coffee County
Pokémon Go
Badge Event**

Saturday • 12pm-5pm

General Vendors, Food Vendors, Kids Play Area,
Rock Wall & More



CITY OF DOUGLAS AND TRANSWASTE TO MAKE CHANGE IN TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

The City of Douglas and Transwaste would like to announce a change in the collection of trash and recycling. Beginning, the week of September 12, all trash service will be Monday – Thursday. Residents that will be affected by no garbage pickup on Fridays will be notified by Transwaste of their new garbage pickup day prior to changes taking place. The new days for those affected residents will be either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. All recycling carts will be emptied on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. After emptying all recycling carts on Friday, Sept. 16, the recycling schedule will be every other Friday. For full news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.



Douglas
UTILITIES

CITY ANNOUNCES NEW DOUGLAS UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIST OF ELECTRIC, WATER/WASTEWATER, AND GAS

The City of Douglas would like to announce the formation of the Douglas Utilities Department that will consist of Electric, Water/Wastewater and Gas divisions. The new Douglas Utilities Department director, will be longtime employee and Gas/Water/Wastewater Director Michael Hudson. Along with merging these departments, the City will roll out a new branding campaign beginning with a new Douglas Utilities logo and new Residential Douglas Utilities bill, while also changing the name of the Customer Service Department to the Utility Billing and Payments Department with Tommy Harrell as the Manager. Citizens will also notice new decals on Douglas Utilities vehicles and the new logo will be on Douglas Utilities employee uniforms. Although, the stormwater and sanitation divisions do not fall under Hudson’s day-to-day management, those divisions are considered utility services and are included in the branding campaign. For full news release, www.cityofdouglas.com.

City of
Douglas
Georgia

JOB OPPORTUNITY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FULLTIME POLICE OFFICER

Entry Level Salary: \$14.44 NON-CERTIFIED
\$14.80 GA. POST CERTIFIED

Deadline to Apply: **UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED**

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



**FIRST DAY OF
FALL IS
SEPTEMBER
22ND !!**

35th Founder’s Day Celebration Parade

Nicholls, Georgia

September 24, 2016, 10am

FMI: 345-2421





Mayor Tony Paulk would like to encourage all citizens of Douglas and Coffee County, who are involved in a healthy lifestyle, to participate with the Active Georgia Community. Join our city team "Douglas - Coffee County" and help us win the Active Georgia Challenge. Create your profile on <https://www.cmecompete.com> then join Active Georgia and our City Team. Your accomplishments earn points which roll up our City total, so please share what events in Georgia you are participating in for 2016.



CLICK HERE TO BEGIN YOUR ACTIVE GEORGIA JOURNEY!

Community Residential **JUNK Drop-Off Day** Sat., Sept. 17, 8am - 12noon @ City Pole Yard (Pearl Ave.)

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



Coffee County Historical Society News

We are looking for pictures or memorabilia of the following local places for an upcoming exhibit.

We only want items from Coffee County.

Hilliard pond and skating rink, Holiday Beach, Sky View drive-in, bowling lane's-old ones, plays, musical events, Juke Box Saturday Night, adult softball games, hunting and fishing, old fast food establishments, Rec. Center dances, etc.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT - Supporters of Athletics!

If you would like to volunteer for at least 3 hours a month, we need YOU! Call 381-1135 or message us on Facebook!

Contact Information:
Coffee County Historical Society
Carol Morgan, President
Email: cchs@cityofdouglas.com
Telephone 912-389-3461

219 W. Ward Street, Douglas, GA 31533



"See Something,
say something"
912-260-3600
**CRIME
Tipline**



Douglas, GA Police Department

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!](#)

JJ GREY & MOFRO
live in concert
Friday Sept, 09

TURKEY CALLING CONTEST

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, 2016
CENTRAL SQUARE COMPLEX
YOUTH CENTER
200 SOUTH MADISON AVE
REGISTRATION 9AM-12:30PM
CONTEST BEGINS AT 1:00PM

Winners will also receive other related prizes!

Sr. Division - Ages 21 & Up Entry Fee: \$15.00 Four (4) Categories: Basic Hen Yelp, Cluck & Purr, Cutting of the Excited Hen & Callers Choice Prizes: 1 st Place - \$50 2 nd Place - \$30 3 rd Place - \$20	Intermediate Division - Ages 15-20 Entry Fee: \$15.00 Four (4) Categories: Basic Hen Yelp, Cluck & Purr, Cutting of the Excited Hen & Callers Choice Prizes: 1 st Place - \$50 2 nd Place - \$30 3 rd Place - \$20	Jr. Division - Ages 15 & Under Entry Fee: \$5.00 Three (3) Categories: Basic Hen Yelp, Cluck, & Purr Prizes: 1 st Place - \$25 2 nd Place - \$15 3 rd Place - \$10
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Judges meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. Callers meeting and drawing for calling position at 12:45 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information, call 912-383-0277.

Sponsored by Fulco Drugs and Southern Eagle Distributing
 ALSO featuring: KOA and Laney Strickland Band
 Gates open: 5:30 p.m. - Music starts at 6:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.
 Tickets: General Admission: \$30.00 (Early Bird) \$40.00 (Week of Concert)
 V.I.P. Admission: \$50.00
 Kids under age 6 - Free
 Concert is held in conjunction with the South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival. For more concert information or to purchase concert tickets, www.rockdogentertainment.com. For information about the South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival, www.cityofdouglas.com/bbqfest.

SOUTH GEORGIA BBQ & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL
MOTORCYCLE SHOW
EVENTS

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!!

50/50 DRAW
 (Proceeds to benefit Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County - \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets - DRAWING HELD AT 4PM AT STAGE - TICKETS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
CENTRAL SQUARE COMPLEX - DOUGLAS, GA!

MOTORCYCLE SHOW REGISTRATION 8AM - 12PM JUDGING 1PM - 2PM \$5 PER BIKE 1 st PLACE - TROPHY 2 nd PLACE - RIBBON PEOPLE'S CHOICE - TROPHY CATEGORIES: CUSTOM, SPORT, CRUISER/TOURING & RAT (CATEGORY MUST BE SELECTED TO REGISTER)	OTHER EVENTS: POKER RUN 8AM - 12PM \$10 PER DRIVER/\$5 PASSENGER/ \$5 ADDITIONAL HANDS 50/50 DRAW - 8AM - 3:30PM PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS GROUP OF COFFEE COUNTY \$1 PER TICKET OR \$5 FOR SIX TICKETS DRAWING HELD AT 4PM AT STAGE - TICKETS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN MOTORCYCLE GAMES 2PM - 3:30PM CERTIFICATE FOR WINNER OF EACH GAME!
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MOTORCYCLE EVENTS AWARD SHOW - 4PM AT THE ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

The South Georgia BBQ Festival is open to the public Friday, Sept. 9th, 1pm-10:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 10th, 9am-5pm. No general admission, however, fees apply for Friday night concert and other events. For more information about the South Georgia BBQ & Outdoor Festival, please call (912)383-0277 or email bbqfest@cityofdouglas.com or visit our website www.cityofdouglas.com/bbqfest.

Car Show
Douglas, Georgia

Brooks Auto Parts **NAPA AUTO CARE CENTER**

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016
Central Square Complex - Douglas, GA!

\$15 Car Show Registration
\$10 Each additional Registration
Registration: 9am-11am • Judging 11am-2pm
Winners Announced: 4:00pm at Entertainment Stage

Plaques Awarded For:
Top 20 in Show • People's Choice
Best Engine • Best Interior • Best Paint
Best of Show (Trophy)

PLUS! All Best of winners will receive Cash Awards & Car Show entries will be registered for Door Prizes!

For more information about the Car Show, call Josh McCarty (912) 240-2129, Office (912)384-4011, or email mccarty62@yahoo.com.

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Douglas
UTILITIES



ARE YOU AGE 65 OR OLDER? CHECK OUT OUR SENIOR UTILITY PROGRAMS!

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT OPTION

Beginning Oct. 3, active account holders ages 65 & older are now eligible to receive a \$10.00 monthly credit to their Douglas Utility account.

OK I'm a
Senior
where's My
DISCOUNT



Requirements:

- 💰 Electric service is turned on for the utility account with the Douglas Utility Department.
- 💰 Age 65 or older
- 💰 Must be a residential account
- 💰 Must be the owner of the utility account with full privileges on the account.
- 💰 Activate the Senior Citizen Discount option by contacting the Customer Care Center at the City of Douglas or by dialing 3-1-1 or 912-384-3302.

Every 2 years on Feb. 1st, the senior must re-apply and follow all the steps above to continue to be eligible with one exception (see exception below). Should the account holder fail to comply, discount will be stopped until the proper steps are taken by the account holder as described above. The reinstated discount will not be retroactive but resume again with the next billing cycle.

Should the City be informed or discover that any account holder receiving the Senior Discount is deceased or no longer resides at the location of the utilities, the discount will be discontinued.

Exception: If the senior citizen is placed in an assisted living facility or at another location for personal care and no one is living at the utility service location, if the City is notified and services are left on, the discount will continue.

activate

**Beginning Oct. 3,
& start receiving a
\$10 Senior Discount!**

ASK SOMEONE IN THE CUSTOMER CARE CENTER HOW YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT OR THE WEATHERIZATION GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM TODAY!



WEATHERIZATION GRANT-LOAN PROGRAM

Beginning Oct. 3, qualified City residents with limited weatherization improvements to their home, may apply for the Weatherization Grant-Loan program.

Requirements:

- 🏠 Must be age 65 or older (driver's license or picture ID required showing date of birth).
- 🏠 Must be the Utility Account Holder or listed on the utility account.
- 🏠 Must be a resident of the City of Douglas and a U.S. citizen
- 🏠 Must be the Utility Account Holder or listed on the utility account.
- 🏠 Must meet current HUD low/moderate income limits.
- 🏠 Must provide proof of home ownership.
- 🏠 Must occupy structure as primary residence.
- 🏠 Must provide proof that property taxes are current.
- 🏠 Must be current on utility account and applicant must not be a participant of the Douglas Utility Payment Plan.
- 🏠 Must provide income verification.
- 🏠 Manufactured homes are eligible providing they are permanently affixed.
- 🏠 Rental property is NOT eligible.

An energy audit will be performed on each housing unit to determine needed improvements by a qualified City staff person.

The maximum amount eligible per household is \$5,000 including labor costs.

The applicant will be required to pay fifty (50) percent of the total amount improvements on their monthly utility bill up to a 60 month time period.

Due to limited funds, approximately thirty (30) applications will be received and processed on a first come, first serve basis.



For a full list of all policies and procedures, please contact the Community Development Department at 912-389-3432.

How to Read Your New Residential Douglas Utility Bill EFFECTIVE OCT. 3, 2016



For questions regarding your bill:
 Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM Phone: (912) 384-3302
In Person: City Hall, Customer Service
 Department, 224 E. Bryan Street, Monday-Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
After Hours Emergency: (912) 384-3302
Fax: (912) 384-6730
Email: customer-care@cityofdouglas.com

Customer Address
 DOUGLAS GA 31533

This total includes a late fee.
 Visit us on the web at www.cityofdouglas.com

Account Number	██████████
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Current Charges:	
Amount Due	\$165.25
Due Date	08/08/2016
Total Due	\$165.25
Amount Due if Paid After 08/08/2016	\$181.77

Service Period	Days	Meter-Number	Mult	Units	Current	Previous	Usage
EL 06/07/16 - 07/07/16	30	434424846	1	KWH	99,068	98,380	688
WA 06/07/16 - 06/24/16	17	05803470	1	TGAL	540	537	3
WA 06/24/16 - 07/07/16	13	16172210	1	TGAL	0	0	0

EL - Electric IRR- Irrigation
GA - Gas
WA - Water

KWH - Consumption
HCF - Hundred Cubic Feet
TGAL - Thousand Gallons

PLEASE PAY YOUR TOTAL DUE BY 5:00 PM 08/08/2016 TO AVOID A LATE FEE. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE YOU.

Is your property in the Floodplain?
 If you want to know if a property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), you can call the Community Development Department at 912-389-3423. You can get information on the City's Flood Insurance Rate Maps, special rules for building in the floodplain, and ideas for protecting your property from flood damage. The Community Development Department also has copies of FEMA elevation certificates for all buildings constructed in the floodplain since 1979. Also, check the city website for additional information using search keyword "flood."

Service	Consumption	Total
Electric	688	\$88.00
Water	3	\$20.14
Sewer	3	\$26.79
Sanitation		\$30.32

Utility Services provided to household

Monthly Usage from above Chart

Total current charge for each Utility service

"FLOODWAY DATA IS AVAILABLE"

Important Monthly Information

CONSUMPTION HISTORY			
Service Code		Previous Year	Current Year
EL	KWH	0	688
WA	TGAL	0	3
WA	TGAL	0	0

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION IF PAYING BY MAIL. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR FOLD. PLEASE WRITE YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK.



PO BOX 470
 DOUGLAS GA 31534
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
 UTILITY STATEMENT ENCLOSED

Customer Address
 DOUGLAS GA 31533

PLEASE PAY YOUR TOTAL DUE BY 5:00 PM 08/08/2016 TO AVOID A LATE FEE.

Late Fee Date

Account Number	██████████	Total Due	\$165.25
Amount Due if Paid After	08/08/2016		\$181.77

Amount Enclosed \$ **Amount you are paying**

Please remit and make checks in US funds payable to:
CITY OF DOUGLAS
 PO BOX 102954
 ATLANTA GA 30368-2954

If mailing payment, please send to this address.





COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL JUNK DROP-OFF DAYS



Clean Up
Your
Neighborhood

8am-12Noon

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 SATURDAY, OCT. 15
SATURDAY, NOV. 19 SATURDAY, DEC. 17
SATURDAY, DEC. 31

**LOCATION: City Pole Yard located
on Pearl Ave. – behind Post Office)**

*This is **RESIDENTIAL** drop-off collection only. Those dropping off items are asked to provide proof of residency – NO landlords or commercial businesses may drop off. Residents can drop off a full body pickup load or two utility trailers. MAX drop off is 2 loads.*



Unacceptable Items: Construction Materials, Commercial Materials, Hazardous Items such as tires, paint, batteries, hazardous chemicals, etc.

For More Information, call 311 or 384-3302



We are now accepting applications from community partners to participate during the Hometown Harvest event. For details call Pattie Merritt at 912-384-5161.

13th Annual Hometown Harvest

Thursday, October 27th

4:00pm – 7:30pm

Ages: Birth – 12 yrs. old

Vacant lot adjacent to City Hall
Madison Avenue, Douglas, GA

Kids Play Area Open: 4:00pm – 7:30pm

Candy distribution: 4:00pm – 6:00pm - While supplies last!

Registration for kids costume contest: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Costume contest begins at: 6:00pm

Winners announced at: 7:30pm

Select area churches, schools, organizations,
and downtown merchants will be handing
out candy until 6pm, or until candy is gone!

*In the event of bad weather, event will be held in
Central Square Complex, Gym A*



SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF DOUGLAS
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL PATTIE MERRITT, MAIN STREET COORDINATOR,
AT (912)384-5161 OR EMAIL PMERRITT@CITYOFDOUGLAS.COM.

Christmas Parade Registration Is Underway!! This year's theme is "Peace on Earth". Stop by the Public Information Office at the Douglas Visitor's Information Center located at 211 S. Gaskin Ave. or visit www.cityofdouglas.com/parade.



Holiday Events

This is a tentative listing ONLY. Events, dates and times are subject to change.

November 15 - Tree Lighting Ceremony,
Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee
County, 6pm, Coffee County Courthouse

**November 19 - Community Thanksgiving
Concert, Toy Drive, and Tree Lighting Ceremony,**
4pm, Martin Centre and Central Square Complex

November 20 - Holiday Open House, 1pm-5pm,
Downtown Douglas, FMI, (912)384-5161.

**November 26 - Shop Local: Small Business
Saturday,** 10am-5pm, Downtown Douglas,
FMI, (912)384-5161.

December 4 - "Christmas Concert" First Baptist
Church, FMI: (912)384-5598

December 10 - "Christmas on the Pond" 5pm-
9:00pm, General Coffee State Park (912)384-7082

December 17 - "Winter Recital" Expressions
Dance Studio, Martin Centre, FMI: (912)389-3389

December 24 - "Candlelight Service" 6pm, First
Baptist Church, (912)384-5598

December 24 - "Live Nativity Scene" 6pm-
7:45pm, First Presbyterian Church,
Candlelight Communion at 8:00pm
(912)384-1508



Parade Theme

Peace On Earth, the theme
for this year's parade, is the wish
that many have for peace and
unity of mankind throughout
the world.

*"Let there be Peace on Earth
and let it begin with me..."*



City of Douglas
Public Information Department
211 South Gaskin Ave.
Douglas, Georgia
Phone: 912.383.0277
Fax: 912.384.0130

Email: info@cityofdouglas.com

Website: www.cityofdouglas.com/Parade



53rd Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade

**Saturday,
December 3, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by:
City of Douglas,
Coffee County Commission,
Douglas-Coffee County Chamber
of Commerce



Rules and Regulations

MISSION

The primary mission of the Annual Festival of Lights Parade is to provide a safe, enjoyable, and quality family environment, in and on the streets of Douglas.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FORM

All entries (**no exceptions**) must have an entry form on file at the Public Information office located at 211 S. Gaskin Avenue on or before Noon on Friday, December 2, 2016.

Entry fees should be paid to the City of Douglas. Fees are as follows:

Commercial	\$25.00
Non-Commercial	\$10.00

All vehicles/units bearing a commercial name or message are considered commercial.

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY A description or history of the entry, in about twenty-five words, must be submitted. This should be included with the entry form at registration. If it is not completed at that time, it must be mailed two weeks prior to the parade at: Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, 211 S. Gaskin Avenue, Douglas, Georgia, 31533.

PARADE DECALS Decals will be given out as you register. The decal should be visible from the **outside right front windshield** on parade night. Parade entries will not be allowed to advance in the parade if decal is not displayed.

PARADE ASSEMBLY & DISBURSEMENT

Participants are responsible for obtaining spaces for decorating and building the floats. Floats shall be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side is equally appealing to the eye. No materials will be available for last minute repairs and additions. TIRES may not rub any part of the frame or float decoration when making turns. When working with floats, please dispose of materials properly to prevent litter. Dumpsters will be located in the parking lot of Coffee Alternative Education Center for disposal of litter.

FLOAT DIMENSIONS Floats must not exceed 20 feet in width and must not be taller than 15 feet (overall height – traffic clearance). Floats with parts that are more than the 15-foot requirement must be lowered in a quick and efficient manner when approaching overhead traffic lights and other obstructions. Maximum float length is 55 feet. Traffic light clearance is 15.5 feet.

ELECTRICAL WIRING Wire and lighting devices must have sufficient capability for the use intended for them on the float. Wiring should be properly secured to the float to avoid mechanical damage and injury to float riders and other participants.

PORTABLE GENERATORS Portable generators used in conjunction with float lighting must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator from light, combustible fabrication or decorating materials.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER At least one five-pound dry chemical or 10-pound carbon dioxide fire extinguisher should be placed within easy reach of the float driver. There should be at least one fire extinguisher near each generator. *For more information, call the Douglas Fire Dept. at 912-384-4815.*

ILLUMINATION To maintain the overall effect of the nighttime parade, ALL entries must be thoroughly decorated with lights and follow the “Peace On Earth” theme. Entries will not be accepted without lighting. Clowns, bands, dignitaries, pageant winners, marching units, drill teams, and colorful performing groups are excluded from this rule.

SPONSOR NAME, BANNERS, AND FLOAT THEME

All units MUST identify themselves so parade viewers, judges, television coverage cameras, and program announcers can easily read the name of the unit or sponsor at a distance of 100 feet. The name of the business or organization MUST be displayed in front of each entry and the theme and other information should be along the side on all entries.

PARADE LINEUP The parade will begin at the First Methodist Church and continue south on Peterson Avenue. It will disband at the Coffee Alternative Education Center parking lot. Units may begin lining up at 4:00 PM in the west (right-hand) lane of Peterson Avenue in front of the First Methodist Church at the corner of North Peterson Avenue and Jackson Street. Units will be placed in line by parade officials. Parade will move at a walking pace at all times.

FLOAT & VEHICLE DRIVERS All drivers must be licensed and adequately trained to drive their float. The driver should have perfect visibility of the road ahead. Once the float is in position in the line-up area, the driver must be in attendance at all times and available to move the unit as necessary.

FLOAT RIDERS No children under the age of seven can ride on a float in the parade without direct supervision of an adult on the float. NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE PARADE “LINE OF MARCH” WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. After the parade, it is the responsibility of the parents, with children participating in the parade, to make necessary arrangements to meet your children and/or pick them up at a designated location.

CANDY THROWING As a safety precaution, NO CANDY THROWING is allowed during the parade.

AUTHORITY Parade Workers have the authority to seek the removal of any person or units from the parade, when, in their judgment, parade guidelines are being violated.

PARADE ETIQUETTE During the parade, individuals and organizations are expected to perform courteously, in good taste, and with safety in mind at all times. Parade participants are asked to refrain from signs with profanity or vulgar language.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING

No smoking or alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in or on the float or tow vehicle. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. No advertisements are allowed for alcohol or tobacco usage.

COSTUMED CHARACTERS Float builders are encouraged to use costumed characters on floats. However, no Santa Claus will be allowed (Santa is featured in the parade by the event sponsors).

GO-CARTS, 4-WHEELERS, MOTOR BIKES, ETC. SAFETY IS PRIORITY!!! Riders MUST be under the supervision of a responsible adult. Out of concern for safety, riders will be pulled from the parade route if the proper safety measures are not considered by the riders. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!!!

HORSES Entries must register to participate in the parade and sign a Hold Harmless form. All horses must be healthy; horses who appear to be sick will be pulled from the lineup. Riders must be able to control the horse in the event it becomes spooked by the crowd, lights, sounds, and other ambiances of the Parade. Owner & rider will be liable for any costs that may be from personal injury or personal property damage of themselves and spectators, business owners, or participants of the parade. Spacing must be maintained between horses. Saddles and bridles are required for all riders. Tack shall be in good condition so that riders can maintain control of their horse. Riders should not move out of line formation for other than emergency conditions. Riders are not to dismount or tie unattended horses along the parade route. Horse riding groups and vehicles being pulled by mules/horses are required to provide, at least one (1) person at the rear of the riding group with a barrel type container to pick up all droppings or for individual riders, horses must have a “manure bag” for sanitation purposes. Proof of negative Coggins Test must be supplied with horse entries.

INCLEMENT WEATHER If weather conditions are considered extreme and unsafe by the Parade Coordinators, the parade may be canceled and rescheduled for the following weekend. No refunds will be issued for cancellations by weather or parade organizers.



**General Coffee
State Park**



Love Bug Festival

September 17th 10am-2pm

Explore the Wonderful World of Insects

*Kids Insect Make & Take
Arts & Crafts*

Insect Games & Activities

Butterfly Tent

*Edible Insect
Taste Testing*

*Early Morning Dragonfly Walk
9am-10am*

Butterfly Gardening Information

**Event Admission: \$2 per person
Parking Fee: \$5 per vehicle**

For More Information or to Volunteer:
Park Office—Jackie Clay 912-384-7082
Ginny Carver (President, Friends of GCSP) 912-381-8972





American
Legion
Auxiliary



30 YEARS
HELPING VETERANS

UNIT 515 AUXILIARY 30TH ANNIVERSARY

18TH
SEPTEMBER, 2016

STARTS AT 5:00PM

We welcome you to join with us as we celebrate this significant and memorable cause
A time of Honor, Recognitions & Awards, Exhortations, Fellowship and Music!!

PLACE: MOVE OF GOD DELIVERANCE CENTER

121 PINECREST DRIVE,
DOUGLAS, GA 31533

HOST PASTOR: ASTOR WILLIE CARTER

PURPOSE:

- ✓ To support and advocate for veterans, active military, and their families.
- ✓ To support the initiatives and programs of the AMERICAN LEGION
- ✓ To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: DARLENE PAULK AT (912) 393-4243

September is...
“Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”
EVENTS CALENDAR

T-shirts & Wristbands

**All T-shirts and wristbands go on sale
Friday, July 22, 2016.**

Mums

**Mums will be on sale July 22nd - Sept. 12th.
Pick up mums at the Silent Auction between 9 am - 3 pm.**

Silent Auction & Bake Sale

**Friday, September 23, 2016
9:00 am - 6:00 pm at Bryan Street Gym
Corner of Bryan St. & Madison Ave. Douglas, Ga.**

Live Auction

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Bryan Street Gym
Catered meal at 6:00 pm, AUCTION at 7:00 pm
Purchase meal tickets from any CCAGCC member.**

Cupcakes

**Cupcakes will be on sale Friday, September 30, 2016
at the Coffee High vs. Warner Robins Football Game**



Community 2016

Health & Wellness Day

**Complete
Blood Profiles by
CRMC Lab**



Medical Vendors

- Physicians
- Home Health
- Dental
- Vision
- City of Douglas
- Health Department
- Coffee Regional
- And much more...

Central Square Complex

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:30am to 12noon

Admission \$1.00 Door Prizes

Health Screenings

- Blood Pressure
- Height
- Weight
- Body Fat
- Flexibility

FMI call 912.383.6988

Sponsored BY:

A fitness center for everyone
Wellness Center

CRMC
COFFEE REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

City of
Douglas
Georgia

Thursday, October 6, 2016
6-9pm

Central Square Complex, Downtown Douglas

Promoting a Healthy & Productive Workplace

Networking Reception – Dinner – Keynote Speaker – Awards

Reserved tables for 10 - \$300 (Chamber Members)

Reserved tables for 8 - \$250 (Chamber Members)

Reserved tables for 6 - \$200 (Chamber Members)

Non-Chamber Members - \$300 (table for 8) \$250 (table for 6)

Includes table, chairs, dinnerware

Individual tickets: \$30 each (Chamber Members)

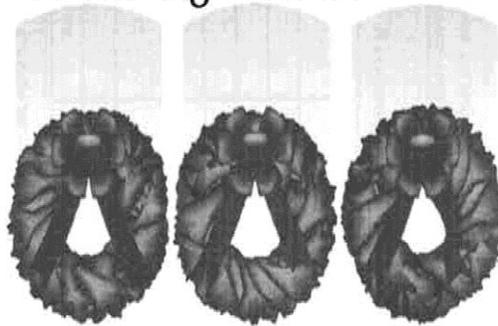
\$40 each (Non-Chamber Members)





Local Veteran's Organizations

(American Legion and VFW Posts)



WREATHS — across — AMERICA

Douglas City Cemetery
December 17, 2016



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

➤ OBSERVED:

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

➤ NATIONAL GOAL:

Place a wreath on every Veterans grave in our National Cemeteries.

➤ PURPOSE:

Remember - Honor - Teach

Donations requested for flags and wreaths

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

➤ POST GOAL:

Bring Wreaths Across America to Veterans of Coffee County; place a flag and wreath on as many Veterans' graves of Coffee County as possible.

Make checks payable to and mail to American Legion Post 515, Inc
P.O. BOX 2094
Douglas, GA 31534

Deadline for donations is November 15, 2016