



Since last spring, more than 1,000 Thomasville citizens from all parts of the community have taken part in blueprinting the future of Thomasville. The comprehensive planning process continued last month when the draft plan was shared with the community. Now, public comments are being accepted on the draft comprehensive plan. All feedback will be used to ensure that the final comprehensive plan provides the direction our community desires for growth and development.

The draft comprehensive plan is organized into three sections that mirror the discussions had in public settings. Book One of the comprehensive plan is entitled Building Place and contains information related to land use, community design and preservation, mobility and more. Book

Two, Building Community, details initiatives related to housing, natural and cultural resources, community facilities, economic development and health. The final book, Making It Happen, brings it all together.

All three books are available on BlueprintThomasville.org and Thomasville.org. Each website also contains areas for public comment. Printed copies of the draft comprehensive plan are also available at the Thomas County Public Library, located at 201 N. Madison Street. Public comments are accepted through May 31st.

For more information, please contact [Brian Herrmann](mailto:brian.herrmann@tcpl.org) at 227-4118.

City Hosts 'Let's Discuss Utilities'

Citizens with questions about their utility rates and ways to save will have the opportunity to learn more when the City of Thomasville hosts, 'Let's Discuss Utilities,' the most recent presentation in the popular community engagement series. The event will be held Tuesday, June 5th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Harper Elementary School gymnasium.

The topic of utility rates was chosen to not only help customers better understand their utility bills, but to also share information about how the City of Thomasville's rates stack up statewide. In addition, participants will also learn how to break down their utility bills by service to better understand how their utility costs are allocated. Budget-saving tips will also be shared during the event.

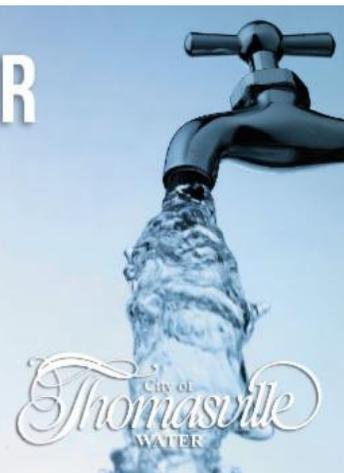
For more information about the "Let's Discuss..." series, contact [Lauren Radford](mailto:lauren.radford@cityofthomasville.org), Director of Engagement and Outreach, at 227-4015.



2017 WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The City of Thomasville 2017 Water Consumer Confidence Report is available for review at Thomasville.org/water-report.

For more information or to request a printed copy, please call (229) 227-7001.



One Team, One Thomasville

One any given day, you can see Team Thomasville members out in the community using their time and talents to make a positive difference. Here are just a few of many moments that make us proud...

April Norton, Main Street, planting roses with Hands On Thomas County to honor its Hands On Heroes award winners.



Stephan Thompson, CNS Sales Rep, "dabs" with some high-flying Eagles at Harper Elementary's Career Day.

Lieutenant Wade Glover, Thomasville Police Department, mans the grill at the Special Olympics.



The Calm Before The Storm

The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1st. City of Thomasville Utilities suggests customers begin preparing now for the busy storm season ahead. In the event of bad weather, here are a few helpful suggestions for minimizing damage and maximizing safety:



- Assemble your disaster supplies. Be sure to include items such as prescription medications, radios, batteries and phone chargers. You'll also want to be sure you have enough food and water on hand for each family member. When a threat is near, be sure to fill your car with gas and have cash on hand.
- Assess your property and address any hazards in advance of a storm. When a storm is imminent, be sure yard furniture, trash bins, yard toys and equipment are secured or put away.
- Prune shrubs and trees now; avoid doing so when a storm is near unless immediate disposal of waste material is possible.
- Be sure there is no other debris on your property that can float or be blown away, as these things can block the storm drains and prevent the flow of water through our community.
- Obtain a working NOAA Weather Radio.
- If you decide to use a generator, be sure you know how to operate it safely. Generators should not be touched with wet hands and should be allowed to cool down before handling. Note the load rating and do not overload the generator. Also, do not connect the generator to the home wiring system, such as through a fuse box or circuit breaker unless you have a transfer switch that has been installed by a licensed electrician.

It's now faster and easier to report your power outage using the City of Thomasville's new outage texting service.

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Customer Service: 229.227.7001
Outage Reporting: 229.227.5499

Citizens should also keep the following city department numbers handy:

- Outage Hotline - 229-227-5499
- Public Works & Other City Services - 229-227-7001
- After Hours - 229-227-5499
- All Emergencies-911

For the 2018 storm season, the City of Thomasville has introduced a new service to help customers report outages, Tville Text Alert. This system will allow customers to report their outages and receive updates on the outage via text messaging. In order to use the service, customers will need to make sure their mobile number is connected to their utility account. Information about Tville Text Alert is available on the City's website, Thomasville.org.

Did You Know?

How much do you know about your local government?



- Over 6,000 visitors walked through the doors of the Thomasville Visitors Center this past year. In 2017 the Thomasville Visitors Center assisted over 10,000 people in town for weddings, reunions, sporting events and other events, bringing an estimated \$17.5 million in direct spending to the area.
- The City of Thomasville has once again been designated as an accredited Georgia Exceptional Main Street. During 2017, 979 promotional events welcomed more than 122,000 people to our downtown. Twelve new businesses opened or expanded during 2017, creating forty new jobs.
- The Georgia Department of Community Affairs announced that Thomasville is among 13 Georgia communities to receive statewide distinction as a PlanFirst community. This designation enables our community to take advantage of various incentives that include public recognition, the eligibility to apply for certain state grants, and reduced rates in certain state loan programs.

Public Meetings & Events Calendar

5/28: MEMORIAL DAY
5/30: 11:00 a.m. - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting
5/30: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
5/30: 5:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
6/1: 6:00 p.m. - First Friday Sip & Stroll
6/4: 5:30 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
6/5: 8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board Meeting
6/5: 6:00 p.m. - Let's Discuss Utilities
6/6: 10:00 a.m. - Land Bank Authority Meeting
6/6: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
6/7: 2:00 p.m. - Public Works Meeting
6/11: 11:00 a.m. - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting
6/11: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
6/11: 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
6/12: 10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
6/13: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting
6/13: 10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review & Zoning Appeals (ARZA) Board Meeting
6/13: 11:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee Meeting
6/14: 9:00 a.m. - Downtown Development Authority Meeting
6/14: 6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Meeting

A full meeting calendar is available [here](#).



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