

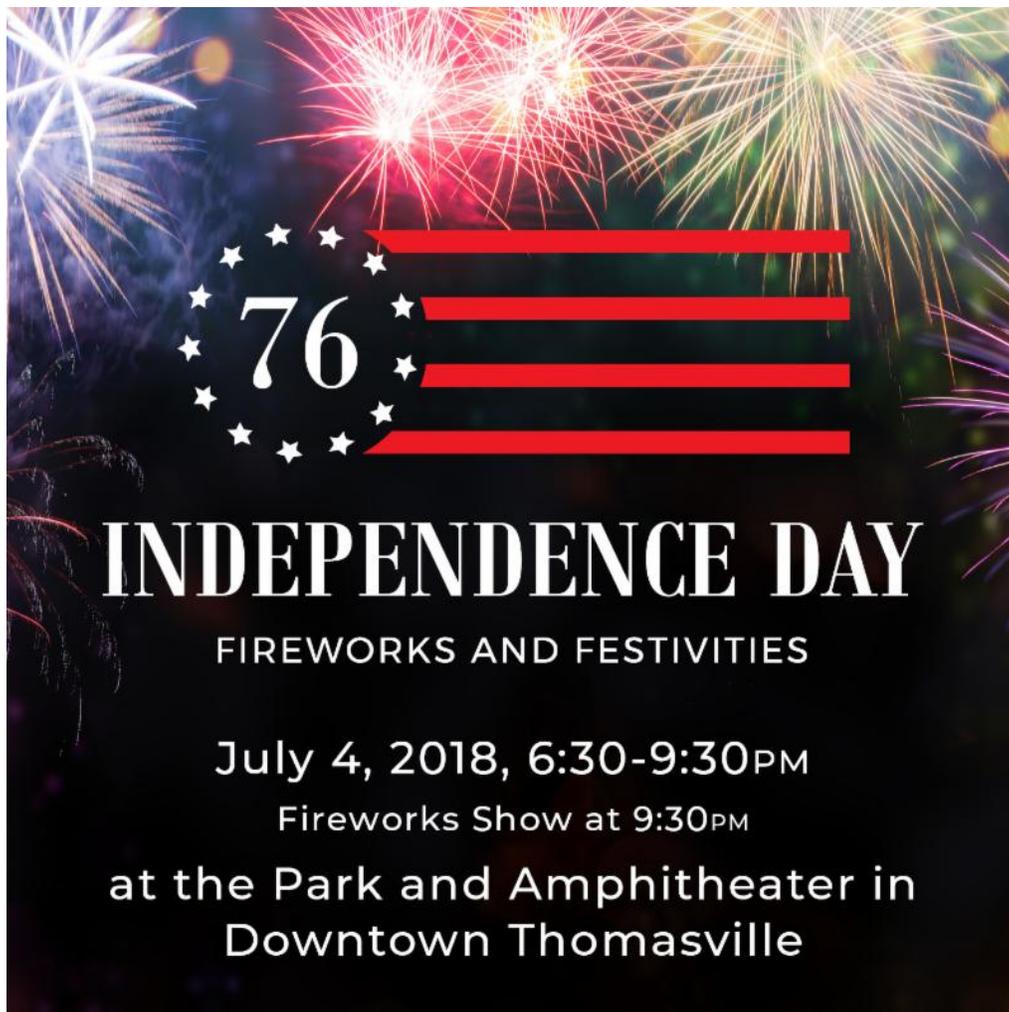
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City of  
*Thomasville*

# PLUGGEDin

Communication For Our Customers and Community

Celebrate freedom with your friends & neighbors!

A vertical poster for Independence Day. The background is dark with colorful fireworks exploding. In the center, there is a stylized American flag with the number '76' in the upper left corner, surrounded by stars. Below the flag, the text 'INDEPENDENCE DAY' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath that, 'FIREWORKS AND FESTIVITIES' is written in smaller white capital letters. The date and time 'July 4, 2018, 6:30-9:30PM' are listed, followed by 'Fireworks Show at 9:30PM'. At the bottom, the location 'at the Park and Amphitheater in Downtown Thomasville' is written in white text.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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For information on this and other City of Thomasville events, please click [here](#).

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## City Hosts 'Let's Discuss Utilities'

On Tuesday, June 5th, the City of Thomasville hosted "Let's Discuss Utilities" at 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.

Participants also learned how to break down their utility bills by service to better understand how their utility costs are allocated.



Here is a recap of some of the information shared during the event:

\*For personal budgeting purposes, City of Thomasville Utilities customers can have their CNS services billed on a separate bill with a different due date than their utility bill.

\*Customers can make multiple payments throughout the month as long as the total is paid by the due date. Bills are due 18 days from the billing date.

\*Thomasville Utilities offers several ways for residents to pay their monthly bill:

- Through automatic bank draft
- By telephone utilizing interactive voice response system
- In person at the Payment Center
- City of Thomasville Utilities mobile app
- Online at [Thomasville.org](http://Thomasville.org)

\*The Budget Billing program allows customers to pay a set amount based on the average of their annual utility usage. Customers know what their bill will be each month for 12 months.

\*The City of Thomasville provides a free energy audit upon request to help you identify the ways you can save energy and lower your utility bill.

\*The Natural Gas Rebate Program can help eligible customers convert to natural gas appliances. The program is for single family residential construction or residential customers converting from alternative fuels. To qualify for rebates, the customer must install at least one (1) year-round natural gas appliance. Customers can receive up to \$700 per individual address.

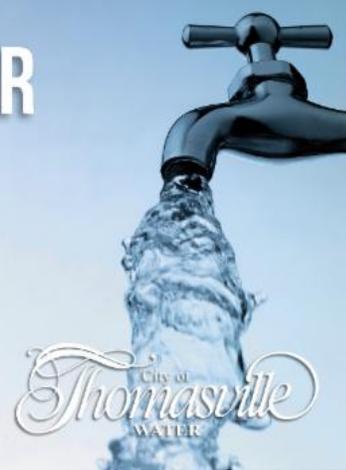
\*The On-Bill Financing Program provides low-cost funding to residential homeowners for the purchase and installation of energy efficient equipment and home energy efficiency improvements.

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# 2017 WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The City of Thomasville 2017 Water Consumer Confidence Report is available for review at [Thomasville.org/water-report](http://Thomasville.org/water-report).

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



## Cherokee Lake Improvements In Full Swing

Work is progressing at one of Thomasville's most popular parks. Recently, you may have noticed significant construction to the dam at Cherokee Lake. In addition, all of the boardwalks and docks have been repaired and dredging has been completed in the north end of the lake. Rehabilitation of the park restrooms (right) is also complete and are now reopen.

The remaining work at Cherokee Lake Park is expected to be completed within 4-6 weeks. In the meantime, additional portions of the walking path are now reopened. The full walking path will be reopened when construction is completed.



## Temperatures are rising....

But remember that energy efficiency can keep you cool while saving money. The average U.S. household will spend about \$2,100 on home energy this year, according to calculations based on May data from the U.S. Department of Energy. You can spend less with these City of Thomasville Utilities simple, yet effective, home energy tips.



1. Set your thermostat to 78° F in the summer and 68° F in the winter. Every degree of extra heating or cooling will increase energy usage 6 to 8 percent. That means if your bill for electricity is \$100 with your thermostat set at 78° F, you will pay \$6 to \$8 more per degree per month for every degree you lower the thermostat. That means a setting of 75° F can cost you \$24 more each month.
2. Install a programmable thermostat to save up to 10 percent on cooling and heating costs. (Average cost to install is around \$25.)
3. Use your window shades or curtains. Close blinds or curtains in summer to keep out the hot sun, and open them in winter to bring in warm rays.
4. Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics not in use. A power strip can help turn off multiple items at once. Turning off just one 60-watt standard bulb before you leave the house for the day can save about \$15 per year per bulb. (Think how many light bulbs you have in your home. Sometimes the simplest things are really effective!)
5. Fix leaking toilets and sinks. A leaking toilet uses 21,600 gallons and can cost an additional \$43 each month. A dripping faucet uses 10,800 gallons and can cost you \$22 more each month.
6. Change to new and improved light bulbs. LEDs use 90 percent\* less energy than standard bulbs, saving you more than \$80 in electricity costs per bulb over its lifetime. These bulbs also last up to 15 times longer. \*ENERGY STAR® ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov))
7. Clean or change A/C filters regularly. A dirty furnace or A/C filter will slow down air flow and make your system work harder to keep you warm or cool.
8. Reducing your water heater temperature to 120° F can cut energy use in half. Wrap the water storage tank in a specially-designed "blanket" to retain the heat.
9. Wash clothes in cold water to save approximately \$63 a year based on average usage.
10. Look for the ENERGY STAR® label, the government's symbol of energy efficiency, on a wide range of consumer products to save up to 30 percent on related electricity bills.

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## Public Meetings & Events Calendar

6/25: 11:00 a.m. - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting  
6/25: 5:30 p.m. - Planning & Zoning Commission Workshop

- 6/27: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting
- 7/4: INDEPENDENCE DAY (City Offices Closed)
- 7/5: 2:00 p.m. - Public Works Meeting
- 7/10: 5:30 p.m. - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 7/10: 8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board
- 7/10: 10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
- 7/11: 9:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee
- 7/11: 10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review & Zoning Appeals (ARZA) Board Meeting
- 7/12: 6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board
- 7/18: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 7/19: 11:00 a.m. - City/County Landfill Committee Meeting
- 7/23: 8:30 a.m. - Payroll Development Authority Meeting
- 7/23: 11:00 a.m. - Planning Committee Meeting
- 7/23: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 7/23: 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
- 7/25: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting

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



*The City of Thomasville's administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. Click [here](#) to read more about our holiday service schedule.*

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