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Communication For Our Customers and Community

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The City of Thomasville presents

THE POWER OF PLACE

A commemoration of significant African-American locations in our community.

Follow us on Facebook and visit Thomasville.org throughout the month of February as we recognize notable historic African-American locations in our community.



Join us in Celebrating Black History Month!

The national celebration of Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions of African Americans to our nation's history. This year, the City of Thomasville has been working with community partners to highlight our local history. Along with a social media campaign surrounding this year's theme of "Black Migrations", the City of Thomasville will host its first Black History Month Parade, scheduled for February 23rd at 3:30 pm. Following the parade, the community celebrations will continue with local entertainment comprised of singers,

dancers, and speakers at the Municipal Auditorium. The evening will conclude with a special movie night screening of "42" which tells the story of legendary Brooklyn Dodgers baseball player and Cairo, GA native Jackie Robinson. Follow the City of Thomasville's Facebook page for more information on our Black History Month Events, or click [here](#) to read more!

Ways to Save on Your Water and Wastewater Bills

Did you know there are steps you can take at home to lessen your water and wastewater usage? Simple steps that reduce your water usage can result in big savings for both water and wastewater. Try implementing some of these easy steps to see more money in your pocket month over month:



- Put weighted plastic bottles, a float booster, or tank bank in your toilet tank. Using a bottle, booster, or tank bank can save 10 or more gallons of water a day. Just make sure there's still plenty of water for your toilet to flush properly.
- Purchase an adjustable toilet flapper. Adjustable toilet flappers can usually be purchased for around \$10 and allow for water adjustments with each flush. You can then adjust the flush rate to a minimum per flush setting, making sure your toilet still flushes, but with the least amount of water needed.
- Ensure your existing toilet flapper is working properly. A good indicator that you have a problem is a toilet that constantly runs. This is releasing a steady stream of water, using several more gallons a day than what you should be using.
- Check for leaks in your toilet. A little food coloring in the toilet tank is an easy way to spot a leak. Put food coloring in your tank and, if within 30 minutes the color appears in your bowl, you have a leak that needs to be repaired. Repairing these leaks, which are typically easy and affordable, can save you money on your monthly bill.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month by doing so. If you do need to wash a partial load, adjust your water level to match the size of the load you're washing.
- Install water-saving showerheads or low-flow faucet aerators. These items are fairly inexpensive and easy to install. They also reduce the flow of water, meaning you're using significantly less water per shower.
- Cut down on your shower time. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20-40 gallons of water. A shower timer can also help to reduce water consumption by shortening your shower.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Composting vegetable food waste instead of putting it down the disposal saves gallons of water.
- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. Running the water while you brush your teeth can use up to four gallons of water. Those small amounts add up over time!

- Use the dishwasher instead of hand washing. Washing dishes by hand uses much more water than a dishwasher. In fact, the EPA estimates that an efficient dishwasher uses half the amount of water of traditional hand washing, saving up to 5,000 gallons of water each year.
- If you do wash your dishes by hand, don't leave the water running when you're rinsing your dishes. If you have a double-sided sink, fill one with soapy water and one with rinsing water. If you have a single basin, gather your washed dishes until their all clean and then rinse them all together.
- Check your faucets and pipes for leaks. A dripping faucet can use as much as 20 gallons of water each day. Larger leaks in pipes can waste hundreds of gallons each day. Some leaks are hard to find, but if you dry an area thoroughly and notice wetness afterwards or see water collecting around faucet handles, you most likely have a leak.
- Use your water meter as a reference. Read your meter once and record the reading. Don't use your water for a few hours, and when you come back to check it, if the reading isn't exactly the same, you have a leak that needs to be located and addressed.

The City of Thomasville gives customers access to their meter readings through our Utilities Online portal on Thomasville.org and also through our mobile app; this is a great way to keep track of your usage. We also offer free in-home energy audits! For more information on Utilities Online, our mobile app, or free home energy audits, call us at 229-227-7001. You can also click [here](#) for more information on customer savings.



Now is the Time to Consider Budget Billing

The City of Thomasville offers the Budget Billing Plan to eligible residential customers with continuous and current service for a minimum of 12 months. The plan allows customers to spread their bill amount evenly across the year, helping to avoid peak fluctuations during the higher winter and summer months. This means customers have more control over their utility bills each month. Open Enrollment is coming up in April, however, you can get your application in now! Interested in applying? It's easy to do, just click [here](#)!

Natural Gas: More Than Just Heat

It's true, natural gas is a hot commodity. Natural gas is energy efficient and available domestically with over a 100 year supply right here in the United States. There are many reasons to consider gas appliances in your home.

Natural gas is convenient, and more often than not, many of your electric appliances can be converted to gas.

Gas water heaters recover up to 40% faster than electric models, giving you more hot water when you need it- talk about convenient!



Natural gas ranges cook food faster and offer better heat control- a lifesaver for those of us who may not be world class chefs in the kitchen.

The biggest benefit of natural gas? It's energy efficient, saving you money month after month. In fact, about 90% of the natural gas produced is delivered to customers as useful energy, and helps to conserve our natural resources.

Interested in converting or installing some of your appliances to natural gas? The City of Thomasville offers gas rebates if you do! For more information on natural gas solutions for your home and to learn more about our gas rebate program, click [here](#).

CDBG Grant for Housing Improvements: We Need Your Help!

The City of Thomasville is applying for a 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing improvements in the Fletcherville area. Anyone in an owner-occupied home that meets age and income requirements can apply, and the more applicants we have the more likely we are to secure this important grant! For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

DON'T MISS OUT!

CDBG Application Deadline

FEBRUARY 26 AT 5:00 P.M.

Applicant must meet the following requirements in order to qualify:

- MUST** live in the target area.
- MUST** own the home you live in.
- MUST** meet age and income requirements.
- MUST** be willing to allow the city to perform a free home inspection.

No applications will be accepted after 5:00 a.m. on February 25, 2019.



Applications are available in the Planning & Engineering Building, 411 W. Jackson Street, or at the Building Department, 413 W. Jackson Street. For more information, email [Mollie Powell at mollie@thomasville.org](mailto:mollie@thomasville.org) or call **229.227.3306**. Information about the CDBG Grant can also be found online at Thomasville.org.



We're Hiring!

Interested in a career with The City of Thomasville? We have several positions available. We offer a competitive compensation package and great benefits, all in a community-driven environment! Interested job seekers should check [here](#) to apply online.

Join Us: Cemeteries Policy Planning Listening Session

The City of Thomasville will be hosting a Listening Session on Cemeteries Policy Planning on February 26th at 9 a.m. Funeral homes, mortuaries, monument companies, and other related businesses will be in attendance and the public is also invited to attend. A light breakfast and coffee will be served. Please join us at Public Works, 925 Davenport Drive, as we plan the future of our beautiful resting places. To RSVP or for more information, contact [Chelsie Cosby](#), the City of Thomasville's Customer Experience Liaison.

Public Meetings & Events Calendar

- 2/20: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 2/21: 10:00 a.m. - City/County Landfill Committee Meeting
- 2/25: 8:30 a.m. - Payroll Development Authority Meeting
- 2/25: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 2/25: 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
- 2/26: 9:00 a.m. - Cemeteries Policy Planning Listening Session
- 2/27: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting
- 3/4: 5:30 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- 3/5: 8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board Meeting
- 3/5: 11:00 a.m. - Planning Committee Meeting
- 3/6: 10:00 a.m. - Land Bank Authority Meeting
- 3/6: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 3/7: 2:00 p.m. - Public Works Committee Meeting
- 3/11: 12:00 p.m. - Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Board
- 3/11: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
- 3/11: 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
- 3/12: 10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
- 3/13: 10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review and Zoning Appeals Board Meeting
- 3/13: 11:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee Meeting
- 3/14: 6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Meeting

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

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