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## City of Thomasville Honors Linemen

On Monday, April 8th, the City of Thomasville Utilities' Electric Department joined other electric providers nationwide in celebrating the hardworking men and women who keep the lights on in our community and so many others. The City of Thomasville Utilities' department includes electricians, apprentice linemen, linemen, groundsmen, and tree trimmers who all work together as first responders in our community when electric service is impacted. Our electric crews respond to every outage, no matter how big or small, and oftentimes in unpredictable conditions.

The City of Thomasville is proud to honor our Electric Department both on April 8th and every day. Those making up the team include: Electric Distribution Superintendent and lineman Brent Alderman; Lineman and Distribution Supervisor Terry Henderson; lead linemen/crew leaders Jarrett Turnbull, Rudy Thompson, and Steven Humphries; linemen Scott Stephens, Jeremy Layton, Joe Lane, Jacob Gunn, and Jesse Mayfield; electrician Ben Spencer; apprentice linemen Dusty Rodgers, Jeffrey Highsmith, Bryce Gay, Taylor McWade-

Murray, Jeremy Baker, Chad Young, and Curtis Eidson; tree trimmer/crew leaders Thomas Phillips, Richard Dukes, and Robert Prosser; and tree trimmers Austin Smith, Preston Young, and Chanse Hurst.

For more information on The City of Thomasville Utilities' Electric Department, including the path to becoming a lineman, click [here](#).

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## South Pinetree Plan Approved

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) recently approved an improvement plan for South Pinetree Boulevard. The approved plan will include resurfacing South Pinetree Boulevard from West Jackson Street to Old Monticello Road. Sidewalks will also be constructed on the north side of the street, from existing sidewalks near Providence Plaza to Magnolia Road. Other improvements include left turn lanes at West Jackson Street, South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and near the entrance to the former Southwestern State Hospital. Lastly, a roundabout at the intersection of South Pinetree and Magnolia Road is planned, which should greatly help reduce speed in that area. For more information on the approved plan, please click [here](#).



## Be Aware and Alert: Utility Payments Scams

Unfortunately, scammers are everywhere, even when it comes to your utilities! Over the last several months, we've continued to receive notices of scam attempts affecting City of Thomasville Utilities customers. Businesses and individuals alike are receiving calls demanding immediate payment by telephone for utilities services.

A good rule of thumb for City of Thomasville Utilities customers is to know that we will never call and ask you to provide immediate payment by telephone. In addition, we do not utilize an 800 number for out-going calls and will not leave an 800 number for a return call.

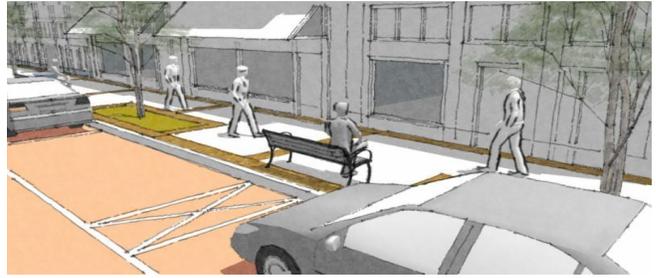
Unsure of the legitimacy of a call you've received? The City of Thomasville encourages our customers to call City offices at 229-227-7001 to verify the authenticity of a call if ever they're in doubt. Our Customer Care department is happy to research an account to verify the account's status. Additionally, if you feel you've been the victim of one of these scams, the Thomasville Police Department encourages you to report this activity by calling TPD at 226-2101.

The best way to protect yourself is to be alert, and to never provide payment over the phone if the call has not been verified.

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## City Council Approves Construction for The Bottom District's West Jackson Streetscape

At a recent City Council Meeting, the bids and award for purchase of construction to begin for The Bottom District's West Jackson Streetscape Project was approved by City Council. Over the last several months, the City of Thomasville has been working with community members to develop a streetscape plan that everyone can be proud of. With the City Council's approval, construction is now set to begin in May. Marketing plans are drafted and we will be finalizing them soon to ensure that we keep the community and merchants informed each step of the way. Stay posted for more information on the construction process, including detour mapping and available parking throughout the project. We couldn't do this without our community, and we are excited to watch the vision, design, and dedication come through to completion. For more information on the West Jackson Streetscape project, click [here](#).



## City Submits CDBG Grant

The City of Thomasville has submitted an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that, if awarded, will bring housing improvements to the Fletcherville community.

The CDBG program is a federally funded program that focuses on providing resources for livable neighborhoods, economic empowerment and improved housing. Previous CDBG funding is being used in this neighborhood

for infrastructure improvement, including water, wastewater, street and drainage improvements along Fletcher Street, Andrews Street, Magnolia Street, Augusta Avenue and Lester Street. More than 650 Thomasville residents will benefit from these improvements.

The most recent CDBG application is focused on housing improvements, which can be used for projects like new windows, roofing and unstable foundations. Over the next five months, all CDBG applications will be reviewed by DCA, and successful applicants will be notified in September of 2019. If Thomasville is awarded the grant, work may begin on houses possibly as early as winter 2019, with a majority of the work to be completed in 2020.

To read more about the CDBG Grant, click [here](#)



## Last Chance for Budget Billing Open Enrollment!

Residential customers interested in applying for the City of Thomasville's Budget Billing Program have until the end of April to sign up! 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. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## Kha McDonald Discusses WILL Power

Each month, the Thomasville/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce hosts WILL (Women in Local Leadership) Power luncheons for local women in business within our community. The guest speaker for April was the City of Thomasville's very own Kha McDonald. Kha gave a moving speech on overcoming the obstacles that women, including women of color, face throughout their professional careers. Kha spoke to a full crowd on her life and how, specifically, her mother inspired her to be the incredible leader she is today. The City of Thomasville is proud to have strong women like Kha in leadership positions throughout our organization!





Planning to attend the 98th Annual Rose Show & Festival?  
The 2019 Schedule of Events can be found [here!](#)

# CAN YOU NOT SEE?

Thomasville's Story of School  
Integration and Football-  
*A Documentary*



**May 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**at The Ritz Amphitheater**

At 7:30 p.m., join us for a Meet and Greet with city and county school coaches from this era. The documentary will start at 8:00 p.m. Free to the public. For more information, call 228-7977. Sponsored by CNS, Jack Hadley Black History Museum, and the Thomasville History Center.

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## Public Meetings & Events Calendar

4/30: 5:30 p.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing  
5/1: 10:00 a.m. - Landbank Authority Meeting  
5/2: 2:00 p.m. - Public Works Committee Meeting  
5/3: 12:00 p.m. - Housing Authority Meeting  
5/6: 5:30 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting  
5/7: 8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board Meeting  
5/7: 11:00 a.m. - Planning Committee Meeting  
5/8: 8:30 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting  
5/8: 10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review and Zoning Appeals Board Meeting  
5/8: 11:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee Meeting  
5/8: 4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop  
5/9: 5:30 p.m. - Cemeteries Community Outreach Session  
5/9: 6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Meeting  
5/10: 1:30 p.m. - Investment Committee Meeting  
5/13: 1:00 p.m. - Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Board Meeting  
5/13: 6:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting  
5/14: 9:00 a.m. - Pension Board Meeting  
5/14: 10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
5/15: 12:00 p.m. - Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority Meeting  
5/16: 11:00 a.m. - Solid Waste Committee Meeting

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

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