Team Thomasville recently held a Celebration of Service event at The Ritz Amphitheater. The event was in recognition of Public Power Week, Public Natural Gas Week, National Customer Service Week, and Fire Prevention Week. The Celebration of Service was a great time for Team Thomasville members and the community to fellowship together and learn more about City services. The event featured prizes, giveaways, and light refreshments. Citizens also enjoyed the Touch-a-Truck event, getting up close with police and fire vehicles, a fire demonstration trailer, electric truck, and more!
Congratulations to our three lucky raffle winners:

- Mr. Joe Pandy won the Energy Efficiency Kit
- Mr. Jerry Ragan won the CNSNext gift basket
- Ms. Sally Bevard won the $200 Utility Credit

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve this community, and we enjoyed celebrating our services with our customers. Without you, none of this would be possible! Thank you to everyone who joined us and congratulations to the raffle winners!

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**JOIN US FOR LET'S DISCUSS... WAYS TO SAVE ON YOUR UTILITY BILL**

As fall and winter arrive, the cooler temperatures will soon follow. With this in mind, the City of Thomasville will host "Let's Discuss...Ways to Save On Your Utility Bill" on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building located at 144 E. Jackson Street. This session will provide the community with useful and practical tips to save energy and help reduce utility costs. In addition, attendees will learn how to calculate their monthly utility statement. Information on the City's Natural Gas Rebate Program will be also be discussed along with details on no interest financing options for new EnergyStar appliances, central heating and air conditioning equipment and other changes that can help reduce energy costs.

For more information about this session or the "Let's Discuss..." series, please contact Sherri Nix, Public Outreach Manager.
It’s been a busy month for the West Jackson Streetscape project. Some exciting things have happened, including:

- Completion of sidewalk installation and the installation of new street lights
- Installation of the historic granite curbing
- Beginning of the re-installation of the historic bricks

Construction is now beginning on the north side of the 300 block of West Jackson Street. Shops remain open for business with front door access. Come dine and shop in this area and enjoy watching the West Jackson Streetscape Project come to life!

For more information and continued updates on this project, please click here.

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The Budget Billing Open Enrollment period closes at the end of October. The Budget Billing Program gives utilities customers an additional way to help manage their utilities' budget by providing payment options that can be helpful when excessive temperatures may cause increased utility usage. With the Budget Billing Program, customers have the choice of paying a set amount—an average taken from the previous year’s total monthly billing— which is put toward their utility bill each month, instead of paying the actual usage. The program runs in 12-month periods and accounts are reconciled at the end of each billing cycle. The program is a great way to help balance personal finances by keeping your utility bill the same each month instead of varying based on usage. The next opportunity to enroll in the program will occur in April 2020.

Interested in the Budget Billing Program? Learn more and apply here.
Public Power Week is celebrated during the first full week of October. In recognition of Public Power Week, let's look at the benefits of publicly owned utilities, like the City of Thomasville Utilities:

- Public power utilities are community-owned, meaning more community involvement than with investor-owned or cooperatively run utilities.

- Citizens participate in the governance of our utilities through voting for City Council.

- Our utilities are managed and supported locally by the City of Thomasville... we're your friends and neighbors! This helps to ensure the best customer service and support for our customers.

- Public power utilities allow for payments and contributions to state and local government, which is why the citizens of Thomasville do not have property taxes.

- We support our community and our events, from hanging banners to volunteering time and other resources. We believe in helping to make our community stronger.

- Because we're community owned, we can focus on improvements that benefit our community such as infrastructure and system maintenance and improvements.

- As a public power utility, we can work on outage prevention programs, such as tree-trimming services. We have a full staff of tree trimmers, including a certified arborist, who work to keep trees trimmed in problem areas.

- The City of Thomasville, as a public power utility, can provide mutual aid to other cities during a natural disaster. In turn, we can receive assistance from other public power utilities when the need arises.

- Publicly owned utilities typically have lower rates than investor or cooperative owned utilities. The national average shows that investor owned utilities are typically 6.9% higher than publicly owned utilities, and cooperative utilities customers typically pay rates 3% higher than publicly owned utilities customers.

Click her to learn more about the benefits of public power. It is our pleasure to serve our community with safe and reliable public power each and every day. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!
HELP US NAME THE ChEROKEE LAKE DECOY DOGS

Cherokee Lake Park is a great space for picnics, exercise, and playtime. It’s also a fantastic area to check out nature, including the geese that are fond of the park. However, the geese can also be a nuisance from time to time. In order to deter the geese from eating your lunch or turning your walk into a run, we’ve recently installed several dog decoys throughout the park. These dog decoys create a realistic silhouette, even moving slightly in the breeze. This helps keep the geese at bay, so that you can further enjoy your time at Cherokee Lake Park.

Help us name the decoys! There are three decoy dogs on site at Cherokee Lake Park, and we need your help naming them! Submit your suggestions for names here by November 15th. Winning names will be announced later this year.

CNSNEXT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

By now you’ve heard that CNS has been rebranded as CNSNext! Did you know that CNSNext recently launched a new website?Cnsnext.com is complete with detailed information on our services and enhanced support that meets your needs.

Make sure you take a look at the new CNSNext website here.

CITY OBSERVES VETERANS DAY

The City of Thomasville thanks our staff and those in our community who have served in the military. In observance of Veterans Day, our administrative offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th.

A revised schedule of services can be found on our website by clicking here.
HOWLOWEEN
AT THE THOMASVILLE DOG PARK
Saturday, October 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Costume & Tricks Contest at 12:30 p.m.

NEW PRIZES & GAMES! FUN & FREE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
Sponsored by the City of Thomasville Community Relations in conjunction with the Thomas County Humane Society. All dogs must be over six months old with all annual shots and vaccinations.

Fall Xtravaganza
AT PARADISE PARK
Saturday, November 16, 2018 • 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FAMILY FUN! FREE GAMES AND PRIZES!
Inflatables • Music • Games • Face Painting • Rock Climbing Wall
Blood Pressure Readings • Safety Demonstrations
AND MUCH MORE!
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON SITE.

Sponsored by City of Thomasville Community Relations.
For more information, call 227-7001 or visit Thomasville.org.
PUBLIC MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

10/23:  4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
10/26:  11:00 a.m. - Howl-O-Ween
10/28:  8:30 a.m. - Payroll Development Authority Meeting
10/28:  6:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
10/29:  6:00 p.m. - Let's Discuss... Utility Rates: Understanding Your Bill
11/4:   12:00 p.m. - Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Board
11/4:   5:30 p.m. - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
11/5:   8:00 a.m. - Main Street Advisory Board Meeting
11/5:   11:00 a.m. - Planning Committee Meeting
11/6:   8:00 a.m. - Utilities Committee Meeting
11/6:   10:00 a.m. - Land Bank Authority Meeting
11/6:   11:00 a.m. - Public Safety Committee Meeting
11/6:   1:00 p.m. - Solid Waste Committee Meeting
11/6:   2:00 p.m. - Public Works Committee Meeting
11/6:   4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
11/8:   1:30 p.m. - Investment Committee Meeting
11/9:   10:00 a.m. - Veterans Day Parade
11/12:  9:00 a.m. - Pension Board Meeting
11/12:  10:00 a.m. - Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
11/12:  6:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting
11/13:  4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop
11/13:  10:00 a.m. - Architectural Review and Zoning Appeals Board Meeting
11/14:  6:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Meeting
11/14:  6:00 p.m. - Let's Discuss... Making 'Cents' of SPLOST
11/18:  8:30 a.m. - Payroll Development Authority Meeting
11/18:  12:00 p.m. - Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Board
11/20:  4:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop

A full meeting calendar is available here.

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