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## Country Oaks Golf Course Reopens After Temporary Closure

After being temporarily closed to the public since March 23rd, the City of Thomasville has announced that Country Oaks Golf Course will reopen on Friday, May 15th. New policies have been implemented in order to provide safety while allowing players to enjoy golfing at the course.

According to Mike Owens, Manager for Parks, Recreation & Golf, he and his staff researched and spoke with various golf courses throughout the region while gathering guidelines from health entities. They used the information to develop and implement a plan of necessary precautions that would allow for a safe reopening.

In addition to time spent researching social distancing policies, City staff used the last month to address maintenance of course greens and tee boxes, which typically would require a temporary closure or adjustment to course routes for golfers. The greens, tee boxes and fairways were aerified, the greens were verticut and top-dressed, and 700 linear feet of cart path was added on holes 10 and 11.

[For more information about the course operation modifications and improvements, click here.](#)



# Team Thomasville in the News

*We are proud of our dedicated staff and all they do to serve our community. Here are just a couple of special accomplishments members of Team Thomasville have made lately*

## City of Thomasville Earns Award Of Excellence For Financial Reporting



The City of Thomasville's Financial Services Division recently earned the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award. The award is in recognition for the City's 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

This is the eighteenth consecutive year the City has been awarded this certification, and the achievement Ashley Cason, CFO is one of the highest forms of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting.

[To read more about the importance of this award, click here.](#)

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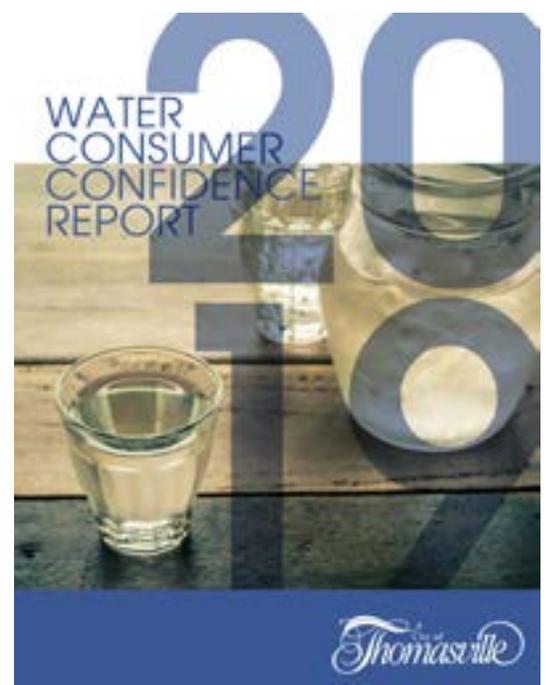
*Pictured to the left from L-R: Water Treatment Department Staff Timothy Tucker, Bob Reichert and Pat Garrity*

## City Receives Platimun Award and Releases Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Thomasville is proud to announce the release of its 2019 Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). This annual report highlights the City's accomplishments, infrastructure and results of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) testing requirements for safe drinking water. The City has been producing the report for the community for over 20 years.

Thomasville began participating in the Georgia Association for Water Professionals (GAWP) Award Program in 2012. Since that time, the excellence of the City's water treatment staff has been recognized by the GAWP. Water systems must receive the Gold Level Recognition for five years before they are eligible to receive the Platinum Award. In 2019, the City of Thomasville earned the Platinum Award status for the third consecutive year after previously receiving the Gold Level Recognition for five consecutive years. The prestigious award recognizes water facilities with 100 percent compliance with all Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Less than 10 percent of the water systems in Georgia earn the Platinum Award.

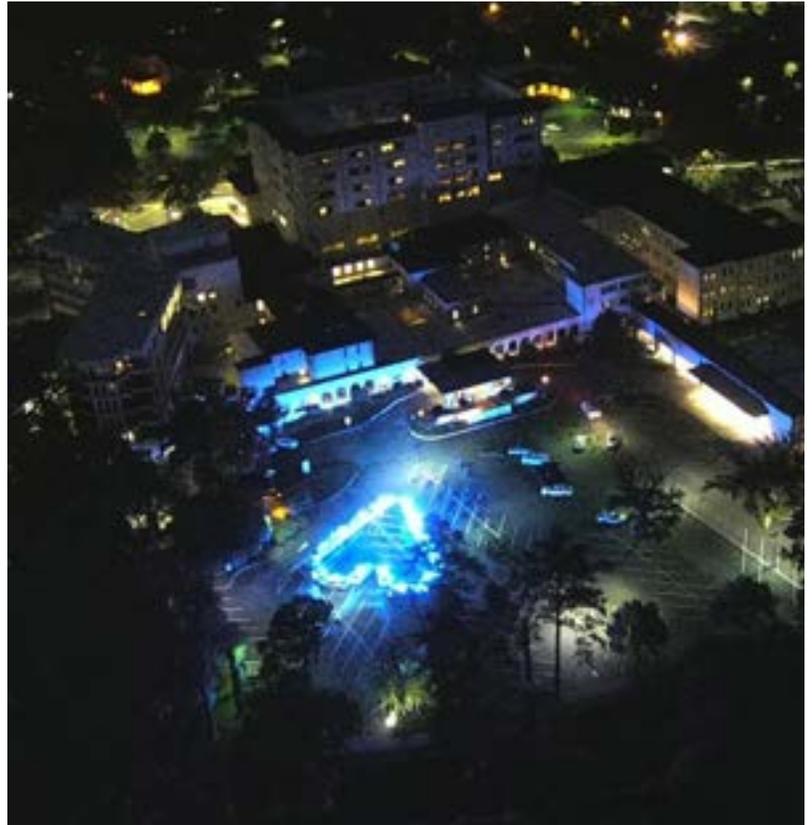
Customers are encouraged to stay informed by reviewing our local water excellence in the annual report. [Click here to view the 2019 Water Consumer Confidence Report.](#)



# Thomasville Police Department Pays Tribute to John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital Staff

The Thomasville Police Department recently paid tribute to the staff of John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital during National Nurses Week by creating a video honoring them. After practicing for several hours to get the angles right, fourteen officers, all with their blue lights flashing, drove to the visitors parking lot and formed a heart with their police cars. Corporal Crystal Parker, TPD Customer Relations Officer, said TPD wanted to express their appreciation to Archbold's staff in a unique way. The officers decided that arriving in police vehicles with blue lights flashing and forming a heart in the parking lot seemed to be the perfect way for them to express themselves.

[To view the tribute video, click here.](#)



# Thomasville Fire Rescue Launches Community Connect Software

Thomasville Fire Rescue recently launched new technology that will enhance the response from public safety personnel to calls for help from Thomasville citizens. Community Connect, provided by technology partner First Due, is an online application focused on protecting residents and their property in the most effective way possible. This secure and easy to use platform will allow residents to share critical information about their household in order to help first responders and emergency service personnel to respond more efficiently and effectively to incidents that occur in their homes and during times of major disasters.

[To read more about Community Connect, click here.](#)

[You may sign up your household by clicking here.](#)

## THOMASVILLE COMMUNITY CONNECT



Community Connect is a free, secure, and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household that will aid first responders and emergency response personnel when answering a call to your residence. By providing information about your household that you feel is important for first responders to know about at the time of an emergency, they can ensure you and everything you care about is protected to the best of their ability.

### WHAT INFORMATION CAN YOU PROVIDE?



YOUR PROPERTY



YOUR PEOPLE



YOUR NEEDS



YOUR PETS



Register your household online at [Thomasville.org](http://Thomasville.org) by clicking 'Live' in the top menu or by visiting Thomasville Fire Rescue's page under 'General Government'.

For more information, call 229.227.4099.



# City of Thomasville Launches Summer Reading Videos

The City of Thomasville will release a five-part summer reading series beginning Friday, May 15. The series is aimed at providing story-time while our youngest residents are still encouraged to shelter in place. “Story Time with the City” will feature City employees reading books to children from a variety of locations around the community.

The “Story Time with the City” series can be viewed at [Thomasville.org](http://Thomasville.org), the City’s Facebook page and on CNSNext Channel 6 beginning on Friday May 15th and will continue for the next four Fridays.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Make Sure You’re Household Is Counted In The 2020 Census

Make sure that everyone living in your home is counted! For the first time, you can fill out your form online at [2020Census.Gov](http://2020Census.Gov), by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mail. It’s fast, easy and your privacy is protected by law.

Each Georgian equals approximately \$2,300 in federal funding for services like health care, schools, child and adult food programs, educational grants, Medicare Part D, unemployment benefits and more for Thomasville and Thomas County. If everyone fills out their form and is counted, that equals about \$102.2 million for our community! Please make sure to do your part.

[For more information or to fill out your form online, click here.](#)

**Undercounting by one person is a loss of \$2,300 per year for the next 10 years.**

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# City of Thomasville Precautions Allow For Business Operations To Continue

City of Thomasville operations such as Thomasville Police Department (TPD), Thomasville Fire Rescue (TFR) and Utilities services including Water, Electric, Natural Gas, Public Works, Solid Waste, Wastewater and CNSNext are all essential services that our community depends upon for consistent, reliable service. Throughout the global COVID-19 pandemic, City of Thomasville staff members have continued to serve our community, citizens and customers, although some operations have been slightly altered due to health and safety concerns. While the methods under which City services are delivered may be temporarily different, Team Thomasville members have continued striving to provide the best service possible under these unprecedented conditions.

[To learn more about the creative ways the City of Thomasville is able to continue to serve our community, click here.](#)



## City of Thomasville Operational Update

Governor Brian Kemp's recent announcement that Georgia's public health state of emergency order would extend through June 12 will have an impact on some City of Thomasville services. City Manager Alan Carson said that in light of the Governor's continued state of emergency order, special event permits and park reservations would continue to be suspended through June 12.

[Click here to read more.](#)

# Job Openings

The City of Thomasville has spent several days and weeks learning about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may affect our community and employees. We understand that many of you are looking to join “Team Thomasville” and we don’t want you to lose your spirit to become a member of an outstanding group of public servants. We are making several work adjustments to benefit our service to the community and our operations.

While we continue to monitor the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) guidelines and recommendations, some of our recruitment efforts to fill open positions will be suspended based on the immediate need of a department to add staff. All of our open positions will continue to be reviewed by the City Manager to determine when Human Resources can alert the public about job availability. We are making efforts to keep our employees safe by canceling employee travel and large staff meetings. Our objective is to provide a safe environment for our current and future employees.

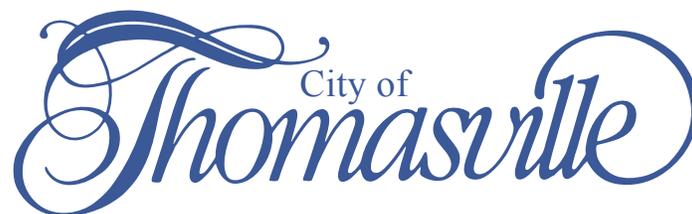
Although hiring may be reduced for now, we encourage you to [sign up for email alerts from Human Resources](#). When jobs are in an “active” status, you will get an email alert about open positions on our team.

Thank you for your interest in working with Team Thomasville.

## Public Meetings & Events Calendar

City Council workshops and meetings have resumed meeting in-person. The meetings are open to the public, but we are encouraging citizens to [watch the live stream of meetings](#) rather than attending in person.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings, commission meetings and authority meetings have been cancelled through the end of May. [A full meeting calendar can be viewed by clicking here.](#)



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