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City of Thomasville Operational Update

Governor Brian Kemp recently announced that Georgia's Public Health State of Emergency would be extended until August 11, 2020. City Manager Alan Carson announced that this extension would have an impact on some City operations, including the reopening of City administrative buildings and facilities.

- The City of Thomasville administrative offices were scheduled to reopen on Monday, July 13, 2020; however, this has been postponed.
- Delaying the reopening of City buildings is a step to ensure the health and safety of our staff, our customers and the citizens we serve.
- The City of Thomasville will resume utility disconnections for non-payment on Monday, August 3rd, 2020.
- Customers needing to discuss payment arrangements should call Customer Care at 229-227-7001 no later than July 31.
- City staff will also gladly assist customers needing additional financial assistance with community organizations such as the Community Action Council, the Salvation Army and local churches.

[Click here to read more about the Operational Update and how it will affect City services.](#)

Click on the photo to view the latest COVID-19 video update from City Manager Alan Carson.



City Urges Citizens to Participate in the 2020 Census

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



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The latest numbers for the 2020 Census participation for the State of Georgia show that nearly half of Thomas County residents have not yet been counted.

- Thomas County has a 56% self-response rate ([click here to view Thomas County's response rate](#)), which means that almost half the population of Thomas County has not yet been counted.
- Thomas County's response rate is below the statewide rate of 58% and well under the 63% national average ([Click here to view state and national response rates.](#)) To compare, some counties in Georgia have a 69-73% response rate.

[Click here to read why taking the 2020 Census is so important to our community.](#)

Chief of Police Troy Rich Announces Retirement

Thomasville Police Chief Troy Rich recently announced his retirement. Rich, who was named Chief of Police in 2014, will retire from the City of Thomasville effective October 5, 2020, with thirty years of service to the Thomasville community.

[Click here to read more about his years of service to the City and his plans for retirement.](#)



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City of Thomasville staff are staying safe while providing services to our community! In order to keep our customers and staff safe, we're practicing the 3 W's: wear a mask (with your nose and mouth covered), wash your hands and watch your distance. We would like to encourage you to #maskuptville for you and your family's safety and the safety of others in our community. [#maskuptville](#)

Let's have some fun with this! Post a picture of yourself with your mask on, tag the City of Thomasville and use the hashtag #maskuptville. [Get creative and don't forget to use the hashtag #maskuptville!](#)



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Energy Savings Tip

Fix leaking toilets and sinks.

- A leaking toilet uses 21,600 gallons of water per month costing you \$43.42 per month in water plus extra sewage fees.
- A dripping faucet uses 10,800 gallons of water per month costing you \$21.71 per month plus extra sewage fees.





City Seeks Citizens' Input on Sign Ordinance

The City of Thomasville Planning and Zoning Commission will meet to review proposed revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Thomasville Operations Building located at 944 Smith Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting provides an opportunity for the citizens of Thomasville to learn about proposed revisions to the City's sign ordinance and to provide feedback. The goal is to recommend an ordinance for adoption by our City Council that will strike the proper balance between our community's historic character and the needs of local businesses.

[Click here to find out more about the proposed Sign Ordinance and how you can provide public input.](#)

2020 Hurricane Preparedness

June 1st marked the start of the 2020 hurricane season, and the City of Thomasville reminds residents about the importance of hurricane preparedness as the season continues. Last year's hurricane season saw a record number of eighteen named storms, six hurricanes, and three major hurricanes. The 2019 season was the fourth consecutive year of above-average storm activity.

- Now is the time to start gathering supplies like batteries, flashlights, a first aid kit and enough food and water for each person in your family to last at least three days.
- Preparing your home and property for the arrival of severe weather is also important. Take time now before a storm is imminent to look for low hanging limbs or branches that may need to be removed from trees on your property.
- Make sure you also know how to report outages. The City of Thomasville uses an outage management system that assists with monitoring and identifying outages in the electric system. Because our system uses a customer's telephone number to identify the location of the caller, it is important to have your correct phone number in the system. To verify your phone number, please call Customer Care at 229-227-7001.

[To find out more about preparing for hurricane season and how to report utility outages during inclement weather, click here.](#)



Thomasville Fire Rescue Co-Sponsors Safe Haven Law Training



Thomasville Fire Rescue and the Thomasville Police Department recently concluded a three-day educational training program on the Safe Haven Law. The training was co-sponsored by TFR and The Hope Box, a non-profit organization based out of Acworth, GA, founded to address the issues of infant discardment, abandonment, neglect, and abuse through legislation, education, advocacy, and safe haven drop centers. The education focused on providing TFR and TPD as safe haven drop facilities, with the best practices for receiving and processing safe haven newborns and general care instructions for both mothers in crisis and their infants.

[Click here to read more about the training and the Safe Haven Law.](#)

City Awarded Funding for Remington Avenue Streetscape Project

The City of Thomasville was recently awarded a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant of \$1,000,000 with an additional low-interest loan in the amount of \$2,115,000 for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Project. GTIB is a grant and low-interest loan program administered by the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). Since its inception in 2009, GTIB has awarded more than \$150 million in grants and loans for transportation infrastructure projects across the state.

[Click here to learn more about grant and loan program and the Remington Avenue Streetscape Project improvements.](#)



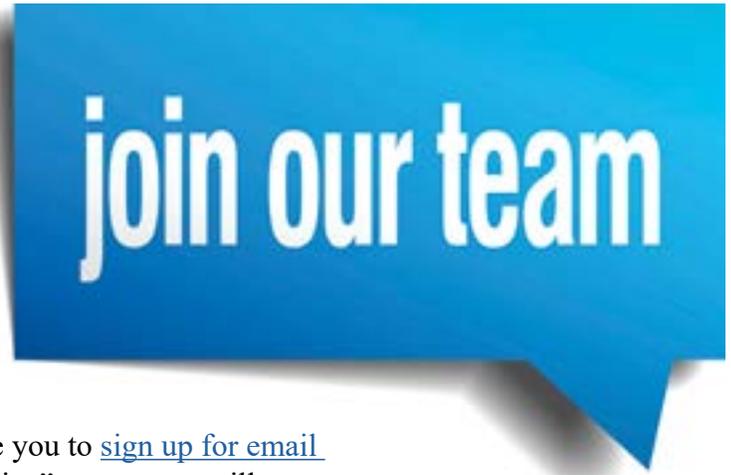
Job Openings

We're hiring!

- Information Technology Director
- Financial Accountant
- Assistant City Engineer

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. [Click here to view the most recent job openings](#).



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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