

CITY OF THOMASVILLE

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COMMUNICATION FOR OUR CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITY

Team Thomasville Gives Back

Each year, the City of Thomasville Employee Charity Fund makes a positive impact on our community. Covid-19 might have affected the ways that Team Thomasville could interact with our community organizations, but it could not change the willingness of our team members to give back.

Throughout December, our staff either made donations or contributed items to the following local organizations:

**Bee Booster - \$1,500 • Boys & Girls Club - \$1,500 • Never Lost - \$1,500 • Rescue Mission - \$1,500
Salvation Army - \$1,500 • Shop with a Cop - \$1,500 • Vashti Center - \$1,500
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - Christmas Wish Lists**



Happy Retirement Kha Donaldson

On Monday, November 30th, Team Thomasville held a retirement drive-by parade send-off for Kha McDonald who retired after devoting 32 years of service to the City of Thomasville.

A bevy of Team Thomasville vehicles saluted Kha with sirens, car horns, and loud cheers as her Team Thomasville family members drove through to see her on her last day of work for the City. Thank You, Kha, for 32 years of service to the City of Thomasville!



TFR Deputy Chief Receives CFO Designation



Thomas Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Craig Dukes recently received his Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) model is designed to assist in the professional development of fire and emergency service personnel by providing guidance for career planning through participation in the program. The program's five designations specify minimum eligibility requirements in the form of academic achievements and practical experience while evaluating a candidate's contributions to the industry in the way of professional articles, teaching, and public speaking.

The designation demonstrates that Deputy Chief Dukes has developed a strategy for continued career improvement and development. Congratulations!

Landfill, Police, Public Works and Solid Waste Employees of the Year

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William Hornsby
LANDFILL



Erin Kinsey
POLICE



Booker Floyd
PUBLIC WORKS



Joe Douglas
SOLID WASTE



Enhancements to Weston Park Begin

The City of Thomasville's initiative to improve the community's public green spaces took a major step forward this week when a longstanding improvement project for historic Francis Weston Park broke ground. Construction began on Monday, December 14th for the project that will see more than \$440,000 in improvements and enhancements for the beloved Dewey City neighborhood park.

[Click here to read more about the enhancements coming to Weston Park.](#)



Happy Retirement Tank



On November 23rd, Thomasville Police Department K9-Tank was officially retired from service as a TPD K9. Arguably the most social K9 of TPD, Tank has received hundreds- if not thousands!- of pats and pets from local children over his years of service.

Tank moved from Belgium to join TPD in 2014 at the age of 14 months. Upon his arrival, he and Corporal Grady Shiver began training, and he soon developed into an expert at narcotics searches and tracking.

Shiver and Tank created a life-long partnership to protect one another, and it will continue into his retirement. Tank is now adjusting to a life of protecting the Shiver home and family. Tank's service with TPD might be complete, but his new life and adventures are just beginning in the Shiver household!

Mayor Issues Proclamation to Former THS Star Reggie Perry



On Monday, December 14th, the Thomasville City Council presented a proclamation signed by Mayor Greg Hobbs to former Thomasville High School basketball star Reggie Perry. Kim Perry, Reggie's mother, received the proclamation on his behalf. The honor was presented in recognition of his incredible achievement as a basketball player thus far in his career. Perry was recently selected in the 2020 NBA draft by the Brooklyn Nets, a first in THS Basketball history.

After graduating from THS in 2018, Perry continued his studies at Mississippi State University, where he was named the 2020 Southeastern Conference Co-Player of the Year and an All-SEC First Team selection. While attending THS, Perry helped lead the Bulldogs to their first-ever state championship in 2018. His historic Bulldog career featured a long list of personal accolades and honors, including his selection as both an Allen Iverson All-American and a McDonald All-American, the first in THS school history.

TPD Officer Tudor Receives Life Saving Award

Thomasville Mayor Greg Hobbs presented the prestigious Life Saving Award to Thomasville Police Department Officer Devin Tudor at the November 23rd City Council meeting in recognition of his actions in a lifesaving situation.

[Click here to read more about the Life Saving Effort.](#)



DOWNTOWN THOMASVILLE



HOLIDAY SIP AND SHOP IN DOWNTOWN THOMASVILLE!

It's time to get in the holiday spirit! Grab a beer or wine from your favorite Downtown restaurant or venue and shop the night away. While you're here, have your passport stamped by **2 bars or restaurants** and **4 retail shops**. When your passport is full, simply drop it in the big red collection box at the corner of Broad Street and Jackson Street. You'll be entered for a chance to win **\$100 in Downtown Dollars!** A new winner will be chosen each week.

Participating shops and restaurants will be open late on **December 4, December 11, and December 18**. You can have your passport stamped beginning at **5:00 p.m.** on these dates.

For more information visit
DowntownThomasville.com.

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Visit Downtown for Your Family Holiday Photo Ops

The City of Thomasville's Main Street Office installed beautiful larger-than-life holiday decorations that make great holiday photo ops. The locations for all of the photo ops are listed below:

- Municipal Building on Jackson Street (nutcrackers) & the Municipal Building breezeway (Christmas in Thomasville picture moment)
- The Ritz Amphitheater and Park (light ornaments, Christmas trees with Santa Chair, Santa's sleigh and reindeer)
- North Broad Street near Smallcakes (Christmas in Thomasville wreath)
- South Broad Street near Flourish (Victorian mural)
- Corner of Madison/West Jackson Streets (large Christmas in Thomasville ornament wreath)
- East Jackson Street alley near Sweet Cacao (stackable presents)
- West Jackson Street UnVacant Lot (14' wildlife inspired Christmas tree in partnership with Thomasville Center for the Arts)





Downtown Extended Hours Sundays in December

Participating businesses in Downtown Thomasville will be open for extended shopping and dining hours every Sunday in December until Christmas.

[To find out more about the Sunday Extended Hours please click here.](#)

City Services Schedule for the Holiday Season

The City of Thomasville administrative offices will be closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25, 2020, in observance of the Christmas holidays. City administrative offices will also be closed Friday, January 1, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day.

Because of these holiday observances, some City services will be affected. [Please click here for the full City services' schedule.](#)



SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER, NOT GERMS





Lift Station Upgrades Set to Begin

The Thomasville City Council recently awarded a contract to RPI Underground Utility Contractors out of Valdosta, Georgia to upgrade the existing Lift Stations #7 and #8, located at the southwest corner of South Pinetree Boulevard and Old Monticello Road and the intersection of South Pinetree Boulevard and Longleaf Drive, respectively. By combining these upgrades with the South Pinetree Boulevard improvement project, more than \$110,000 in sanitary sewer capital funding was saved.

[Click here to read more about the on-going initiative to provide higher performance and reliability to customers.](#)

Operational Changes to Landfill

The City of Thomasville has announced changes to the Thomas County-Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill hours of operation. Effective January 1, 2021, the Landfill, located at 88 County Landfill Road, will operate from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. There are no changes to weekday hours, and the landfill will remain closed on Sundays.

[Click here for information about the Thomas County - Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.](#)



Energy Savings Tips

Click the image for tips on how to save energy and money.

An infographic titled "CITY OF THOMASVILLE helpful tips to CUT YOUR ENERGY COSTS". It consists of a grid of 10 green and white boxes, each containing a tip and a small icon. The tips include: 1. Turn off lights and electronics when not in use. 2. Turn off the water when brushing teeth. 3. Check air filters regularly. 4. Use energy-efficient light bulbs. 5. Seal air leaks around windows and doors. 6. Use a programmable thermostat. 7. Turn off the TV when watching. 8. Turn off the computer when not in use. 9. Turn off the dryer when not in use. 10. Turn off the lights when leaving the room.

Job Openings

We're hiring!

- Building Inspector
- 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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