

CITY OF THOMASVILLE

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Save the Date!

A colorful banner for the Black History Celebration. The background is teal with white wavy lines. On the left, a stylized illustration of a man with a pink hat and a striped shirt is playing a yellow tuba. The text 'BLACK HISTORY' is in large, bold, black letters at the top. Below it, 'CELEBRATION' is in white letters on a pink rectangular background. Underneath, 'SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020' is in teal. The bottom right contains event details in white text and the 'Thomasville' logo in a script font.

BLACK HISTORY
CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

At 10:00am, join us Downtown for a parade down Broad Street followed by food vendors, live entertainment and a free outdoor concert at The Ritz Amphitheater, 131 South Stevens St.

For a full schedule of events or for more information, call 866-577-3600 or visit thomasvillega.com.

Thomasville

February is Black History Month, and the City of Thomasville will be celebrating throughout the month! We'll kick off with a trivia contest beginning February 3 on the City's Facebook page and in the Thomasville Times Enterprise that will feature great prizes up for grabs from area merchants and organizations. You are also invited to join us for a family event in Downtown Thomasville on February 8th, beginning at 10 am. The festivities will kick off with our 2nd Annual Black History Month Parade, featuring a new parade route that will start on Broad Street at Washington Street then turn right and end on West Jackson Street in The Bottom. The event will continue at The Ritz Amphitheater, where there will be plenty of food and fun.

[Check out the full schedule for the event 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.

TPD Achieves Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation through CALEA

In November of 2019, Thomasville Police Chief Troy Rich and Accreditation Manager Lieutenant Kathy Baillargeon traveled to Covington, Kentucky where on behalf of the Thomasville Police Department, they received the department's 10th Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) re-accreditation award. The Thomasville Police Department was awarded re-accreditation at the Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation level.

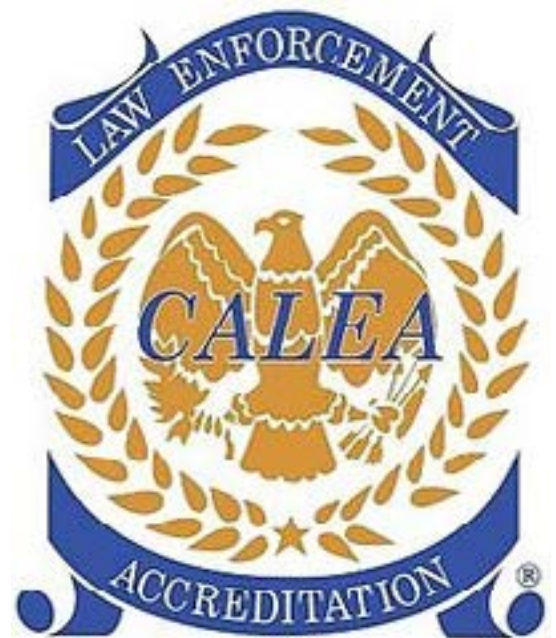
Law enforcement agencies earning CALEA Accreditation demonstrate best practices in policies and procedures, strengthening the agency's relationship with its community and providing accountability measures to ensure the community receives the best law enforcement services possible. "Achieving accreditation through CALEA is not mandatory, however it enhances an agency's opportunities to go beyond standard implementation of best practices," said Lieutenant Kathy Baillargeon. "It is important to the Thomasville Police Department to earn CALEA Accreditation each year, to further validate our agency's ongoing commitment to our community."

"Former Police Chief John Perry saw the importance in CALEA certification, and began the accreditation process in 1987," said Thomasville Police Chief Troy Rich. "The Thomasville Police Department has been nationally accredited since." Thomasville was the fifth in the state of Georgia and 52nd in the United States to be nationally accredited. "It is quite an honor and privilege for our department to maintain this accreditation year after year."

It is not an easy process for law enforcement agencies to earn CALEA Accreditation. "The process occurs over a four year period and includes file reviews and detailed assessments, including a thorough inspection of the department," said Baillargeon. "Interviews are conducted from leadership to patrol officers and civilian staff. The assessors' tour every area of the agency to verify what they have read on paper is what's happening daily in our work. They also attend public hearings and meet with citizens."

While all aspects of the process are equally important, Chief Troy Rich stated that legitimacy doesn't come from a badge, it comes from the community. "If the community believes you are fair and just, CALEA will assist your law enforcement agency with police legitimacy."

The CALEA Accreditation symbol is recognized nationally as a symbol of excellence within an organization and a community. "I want to personally congratulate our staff on receiving our 10th CALEA reaccreditation award. The Thomasville Police Department is an elite law enforcement agency and a model for other law enforcement agencies to follow," said Chief Rich. "It is clear that the Thomasville Police Department made a very positive impact and lasting impression on the CALEA assessors, and we will work to continue to exceed community expectations."





Scott Recognized at Reception

Former Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott was honored recently with a reception in appreciation for his service to the citizens of Thomasville. During the evening, Mr. Scott was honored with a special presentation that included the future installation of a bench to Francis Weston Park that will be named in his honor. Mr. Scott was elected to our City Council in 2016 and served four years. We are grateful for his service to our community and wish him the best.

Park Safety

Did you make a New Year's resolution to be more active? The City of Thomasville has several beautiful parks to help you do just that. We encourage all citizens to come out and enjoy our parks, but please do so safely. Here are a few safety tips for you to keep in mind:



All parks close at sunset. For your safety, please be sure to wrap up your exercise routine in time to exit safely.



Be aware of your surroundings. This includes fellow park visitors and the terrain around you. We work hard to keep our parks beautiful and safe, but even a fallen stick can be dangerous if you aren't careful.



Keep animals leashed. We encourage visitors to bring their pets, but for the safety of other visitors and of your furry friend, they must be leashed at all times. Please also ensure you clean up after your pet as needed.



Efficiency Tips

Air leaks can be the silent culprit in rising utility bills. Make sure heating ducts, windows, and doors are properly sealed. Feel cold or hot air coming in? Consider caulking or weather stripping those areas to reduce the amount of cold air coming in, and the impact on your utility bill!

See the infographic below for more ways to save on your utility bill.



In the cooler months, try adjusting your thermostat to between 66-68 degrees and even lower, or completely off, when you're away. In the summer, the recommended energy efficiency setting is 76-78 degrees when you're home, and higher or completely off, when you're away.

In the cooler months, take advantage of heat from the sun by opening shades and drapes for sun-facing windows to let the sun help heat your home. Close these at night or during overcast days to help insulate your home from the cold. Keep them closed during the summer months, when you don't need any extra heat warming your home.



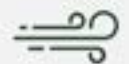
Close air supply registers for rooms that aren't in use. This can prevent your heating or cooling unit from working overtime to keep a room comfortable that's not being used.

Cover drafts where you can. An easy and inexpensive way to cover your windows is with heavy-duty clear plastic sheets on the frame. Just make sure the plastic is tightly sealed to the frame.



Check your ductwork to ensure there are no leaks. Leaking air, whether it's hot or cold, will keep a unit working longer than necessary to reach your desired setting.

Reduce heat loss from your fireplace. Make sure the damper is closed unless you have a fire burning. Otherwise, warm air can escape through the chimney.



Check your windows and doors for leaks. Caulking or weather stripping doors and windows can help seal air leaks and prevent cold or hot air from coming inside.

If you don't use your fireplace at all, plug and seal the chimney flue.



Clean/change filters to your heating/air conditioning system(s) as recommended by the manufacturer. A dirty filter means your unit is working harder than it needs to in order to keep you comfortable.

Consider converting to energy-efficient lighting. The most affordable way to do this is by replacing traditional incandescent bulbs with LED or CFL bulbs as they burn out.



How Much Internet Do You Need?

With so many speeds available, it's hard to know which speed is right for you. CNSNext makes it easy to find the speeds you need, from checking emails to online gaming. We also have packages with pricing that can fit any budget, with NO data caps!

Still unsure of what speed is right for you? Call a Customer Care Representative who can guide you towards the right internet package for you and your family at 229-227-7001.

[More information can also be found at our website by clicking here.](#)



Join Team Thomasville!

We're hiring! From entry level to leadership positions, we're the right fit for you. Current job openings include:

- Information Technology Director
- Director of Electric Engineering & Electric Operations
- Firefighter
- Operator III, Wastewater Treatment

[For more information on these job openings and to start your career with Team Thomasville, click here.](#)

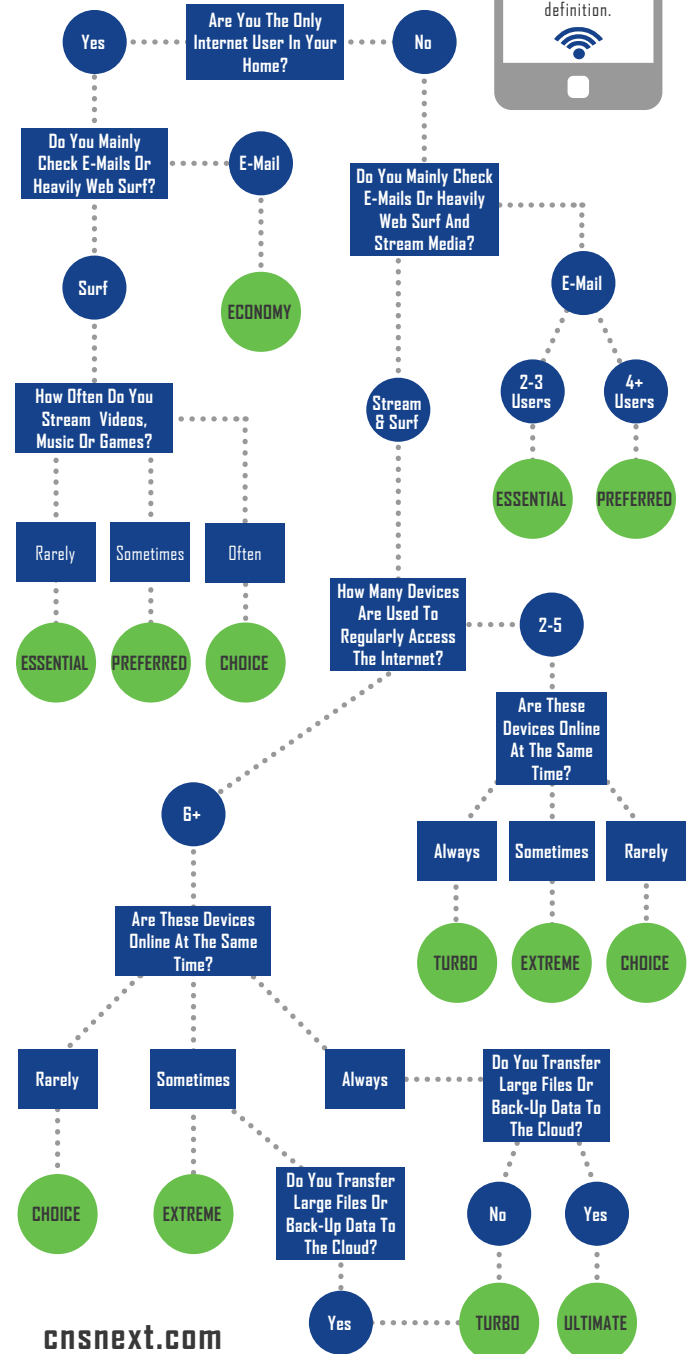
How Much Internet Do I Need?

CNSNext Internet comes with the service and support that you can count on. We offer a variety of Internet packages to fit the needs of every Internet user, from those who occasionally surf the web to those who require the most high velocity experience possible.

Use this guide to help you determine which package is perfect for you!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can use about a gigabyte of data per hour while streaming movies and TV shows online in standard definition.



City of Thomasville Administrative Offices Closed January 20th

City of Thomasville administrative offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Because of the holiday observance, some City services will be affected. City services' schedules will be as follows:

Utilities Response Center - Regular 24-hour operational schedule.

City of Thomasville Residential Refuse - Monday residential customers will be collected on Tuesday, January 21. Tuesday residential customers will be collected on Wednesday, January 22. Regular schedule will resume Thursday, January 23.

Thomas County Residential Refuse - Thomas County customers with a Monday collection will still be collected on Monday, January 20th. Customers are asked to please have containers curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Commercial Refuse - Commercial refuse collection will remain on their normal schedule.

Country Oaks Golf Course - Country Oaks will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tee times are recommended.

Municipal Airport - The Municipal Airport will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Landfill - The Landfill will be open for normal hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Public Meetings & Events Calendar

2/3: 5:30 pm Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

2/4: 8:00 am RESCHEDULED-Main Street
Advisory Board Meeting

2/4: 11:00 am Planning Committee Meeting

2/5: 8:30 am Utilities Committee Meeting

2/5: 10:00 am Land Bank Authority Meeting

2/5: 11:00 am Public Safety Committee Meeting

2/5: 1:00 pm Solid Waste Committee Meeting

2/5: 2:00 pm Public Works Committee Meeting

2/5: 4:00 pm City Council Workshop

2/8: 10:00 am Black History Month Celebration

2/10: 6:00 pm City Council Meeting

2/11: 10:00 am Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting

2/12: 10:00 am Architectural Review and Zoning
Appeals Board Meeting

2/12: 12:00 pm Destination Thomasville Tourism
Authority Meeting

2/13: 9:00 am CANCELED-Downtown Development
Authority (DDA) Meeting

2/13: 6:00 pm Airport Advisory Board Meeting

2/18: 8:00 am Main Street Advisory Board Meeting

2/19: 4:00 pm City Council Workshop

2/24: 8:30 am Payroll Development Authority
Meeting

2/24: 6:00 pm City Council Meeting

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