

CITY OF THOMASVILLE

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## City Council Approves Allocation of Cares Funding for Community Service



The Thomasville City Council recently approved the allocation of Federal Coronavirus Aid & Relief Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to the Community Outreach Training Center (COTC) to address COVID-19 related relief services for citizens of Thomasville. The City of Thomasville will provide the center with \$244,900 in funding to assist the residents of Thomasville with programs that will help with the prevention of homelessness and other detrimental situations as a result of the pandemic. [Click here to read more about the selection process and the Council's allocation of funds.](#)

# City Council Approves Allocation of Cares Funding for Community Service - Continued

Pre-screening applications and CARES Act applications are now being accepted.

- [To apply for CARES funding, you can fill out your pre-screening application and set up an appointment online by clicking here.](#)
- COTC staff is available for appointments (no walk-ins please) on Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. Citizens are asked to please wear a mask when visiting the COTC office.
- Citizens requesting assistance must provide documents that may include:
  - Proof of disconnection for utilities assistance
  - Eviction letter or notice
  - Utilities bill in applicant's name only
  - Unemployment documentation
  - Termination letter/notice from employer
  - State-issued ID/SS card
  - Proof of income
  - Pay stubs or SSI/SSD letter

COTC is located at 500 West Washington Street. For additional information or to set up an appointment, please call 229-233-8075 or 229-236-8076.

[Click here to visit the Community Outreach Training Center's website or to apply online.](#)

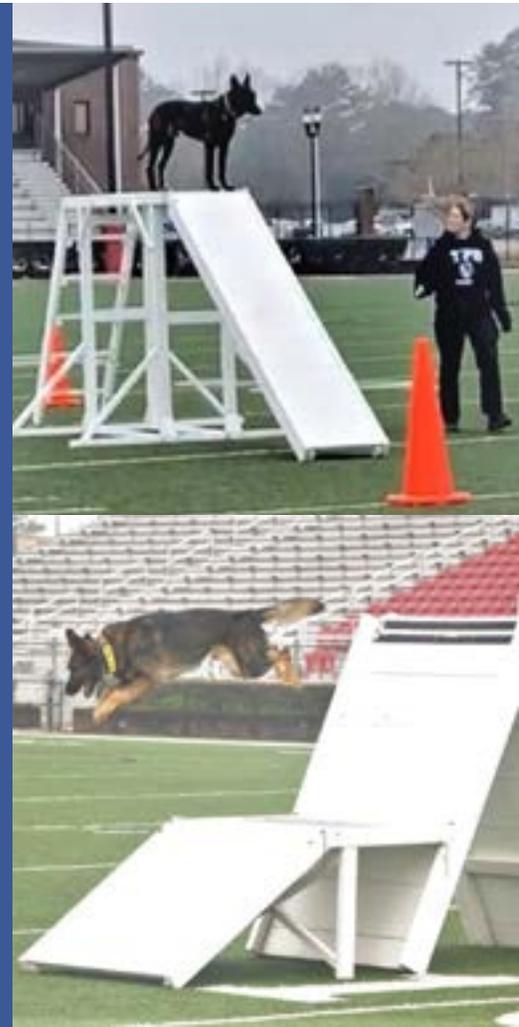
## TPD K-9 Unit Recertifies and Brings Home Honors at K-9 Trials

The Thomasville Police Department's K-9 unit recently returned from the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Annual K9 Competition and Certifications, where they earned high marks in all phases of competition. The event, held February 12-15th in Petal, Mississippi, included events in areas such as obedience, agility, article search, building search, narcotics detection, and criminal apprehension.

[Click here to read more about the K9 recertification.](#)

*Pictured Top Right: K-9 Handler Haley Jensen and K-9 Kaiko participating in the agility exercise.*

*Pictured Right: K-9 Koda participating in the agility exercise*



# Department Highlight - Public Works

Did you know the City of Thomasville's Public Works Department is responsible for a wide variety of activities that helps keep Thomasville's roadways, parks, cemeteries and golf course looking great? Some of their tasks include:

- Visibility of all street signs
- Potholes
- Drainage issues
- Tree trimming (that does not involve power lines)
- Sidewalk issues
- Park maintenance
- Maintenance of five cemeteries, lot locations and sales of lots
- Right of way mowing
- Management and maintenance of Country Oaks Golf Course





# State of Georgia Rental Assistance Program

The State of Georgia received \$552 million from U.S. Treasury's Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide relief to individuals, families, and landlords whose finances have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to bring past due rent and utility payments current.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will administer this program which will open in March 2021. The money will be distributed directly to landlords, and eligible applicants will receive up to 12 months of payment relief. Individuals must qualify for unemployment or has experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and have household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

[Click here to find out more information and to apply online.](#)

## City Council Presents Proclamation to General LLOYD James Austin III

On Monday February 22nd, during regular session, the Thomasville City Council presented a proclamation signed by Mayor Greg Hobbs to Thomasville High School Class of 1971 Alumnus retired General Lloyd James Austin III. This honor was presented in recognition of his historic confirmation as the first African-American Secretary of Defense on January 22, 2021, and in appreciation for his steadfast and loyal service to our country and the Thomasville community.

[Click here to read more about the proclamation.](#)



# Tips for Lowering Your Cooling Costs

Install and set a programmable thermostat – it could help you save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs a year.

Use a fan. Ceiling fans will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.

Insulate your attic and walls, and seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.

Insulate and seal ducts – air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.

Don't heat your home with appliances. On hot days, consider using an outdoor grill instead of your oven.

Install energy-efficient window coverings that let natural light in and prevent solar heat gain.

Buy an ENERGY STAR-qualified AC unit – on average, they're up to 15 percent more efficient than standard models.

Use the bathroom fan when taking a shower or bath and a range hood when cooking – this helps remove heat and humidity from your home.

**SOURCES:** Energy Saver ([www.energy.gov/energysaver](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver)), the Energy Department's Building Technologies Office ([www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/building-technologies-office](http://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/building-technologies-office)), Energy Star ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)), Weatherization Assistance Program Technical Assistance Center ([www.waptac.org](http://www.waptac.org))



## Energy Savings Tips

With warmer weather right around the corner, now is a great time to check your air conditioning unit to make sure it is running efficiently. One of the most important things you can do to keep your unit functioning properly is to change your air filters regularly. Clogged, dirty filters block normal airflow and reduce your system's efficiency significantly. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5% to 15%.

[Click here for more information on how to keep your air conditioning system in tip top shape.](#)



**EXCAVATING AROUND  
NATURAL GAS LINES &  
OTHER UNDERGROUND  
UTILITIES CAN BE YOUR  
LAST DIG!**

**To Determine if Natural Gas Mains, Services or  
Other Utilities are located in your proposed  
excavation area, dial 811 or call the UTILITIES  
PROTECTION CENTER at 1-800-282-7411.**

# COMMUNITY OVER COVID-19



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update as of March 8, 2021

Effective Monday, March 8, 2021, the State of Georgia has expanded its eligibility requirements for vaccine administration to include:

- Pre-K, K-12 and DECAL Licensed or Exempt Childcare Program Educators and Staff
- Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their Caregivers
- Parents of Children with Complex Medical Conditions

[Please click here for more information about the Archbold Vaccine Clinic](#) or call their call center at 229-584-7468 if you would like to speak to someone concerning your questions.



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# ROSE SHOW & FESTIVAL

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April 22 - 24, 2021



[Click here to read more about the First Friday Sip and Shop.](#)

# Job Openings

## We're hiring!

- Assistant City Manager
- Tree Trimmer in Electric Department
- Operator III in Wastewater Treatment
- City Engineer



join our team

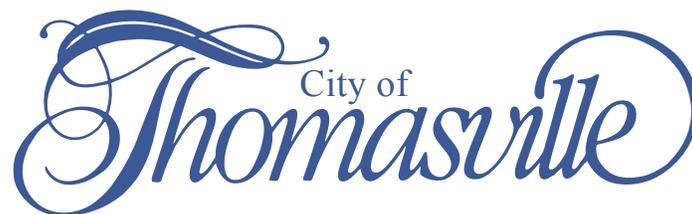
[We encourage you to sign up for email alerts from Human Resources.](#) When jobs are in an “active” status, you will get an email alert about open positions on our team.

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.

Meeting dates and locations of citizen boards will be announced on [Thomasville.org](#) when scheduled. [A full meeting calendar can be viewed by clicking here.](#)



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