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Taste of Douglasville Back in Town

Douglasville, Georgia – For twenty-two years the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County has celebrated the coming of summer with a Taste of Douglasville festivity and this year is no different. Saturday, May 16th from 11AM-5PM the downtown Douglasville area will be full of citizens and visitors enjoying warmer weather, great eating, local performers, a cooking demonstration, a chance to test drive a new car, kids activities aplenty, and community booths to visit all alongside several thousand new friends.

Barbecue, Mexican, Louisiana cuisine, pizza, breakfast and dessert are predominant in the culinary offering this year. Both the O'Neal Stage and the Old Courthouse Stage will have local performers playing non-stop, from 11:30am-5:00pm. The kids activity area will showcase the Jr. Master Gardeners, the popular Water Works display, and a hands-on make a puppet activity for the kids.

New this year will be a Cooking Demonstration by Proof of the Pudding at 2pm showcasing "How to Entertain in Your Home." The demonstration will be one hour long and costs only \$5. Seating is limited and advance tickets are now available on the CAC website.

Also new this year, the CAC is working with John Bleakley Ford who is hosting the "Drive 4 UR Community" test drive program to benefit the Vineyard Streetball Classic organization. The sign up booth will be at the corner of Price and Church Streets.

An important new aspect to Taste of Douglasville 2015 is that it is now a ticket-less event. No more having to visit a booth to buy tickets and another one to get your food. All vendors will making their own direct sales.

Taste of Douglasville is about all the meanings of 'taste', not just food. It is about the community's 'taste' in business and in arts and crafts. That sense of taste is well represented this year with almost 50 community booths signed up, representing everything from health care products to air purifiers, from insurance advice to beauty products, from travel services to baked goods, popcorn to funnel cakes, there will be lots to see. In the arts and craft field there are almost 20 booths signed up with beautiful jewelry, wood crafts, pottery and hair bows to tempt attendees.

And in the food area we have perennial favorites such as Williamson Brothers and Shane's joined by newcomers to Taste, such as Monterrey Mexican and Gabe's Downtown.

Then, there are the sounds of Taste. Two stages will provide non-stop entertainment from 11:00AM-5PM featuring all manners of music from country to classical string, from hip hop to jazz to, special guests, the touring a cappella ensemble "Up In the Air," from Ohio.

Taste of Douglasville 2015 is the Arts Council's largest fund raising event and it is the community's largest one-day party, taking over the entire O'Neal Plaza and Church Street areas

(ample parking, however, is still available in the parking deck, with access from Price St). It is free admission to attend this activity-packed event, Saturday, May 16th from 11AM-5PM, downtown Douglasville. For further information, call 770-949-2787 or go to www.artsdouglas.org.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, more information, or to make your reservations, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.