



The Rooks Report

2013 Year In Review

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks
Clayton County District 3

January 10, 2014

Happy New Year District 3:

I am elated to have completed a year as your Commissioner. We accomplished much in my first year and I have highlighted some of those accomplishments below. I am further honored to have been selected as the Vice-Chairman of the county by the Clayton County Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2014. I'm looking forward to meeting with you on a regular basis at your home owner association meetings and neighborhood watch meetings. Please send me an email at shana.rooks@claytoncountyga.gov to let me know when you all will meet and I will endeavor to be there. Please stay involved, visit the county's website daily for pertinent information and attend at least one Board meeting this year.

In Service,

Shana M. Rooks, Esq.

Congratulations 2013 Commissioner Shana M. Rooks Academic and Community Service Scholarship Recipients



Academic Scholarship Recipient
Terence Lee and his dad Terence Lee, Sr.



Community Service Scholarship Recipient
Keon Brown and his dad Keith L. Brown

My 2013 Accomplishments

- ◆ Opened the new South Clayton Recreation Center (March 2013).
- ◆ Implemented a monthly district newsletter called "*The Rooks Report*." The first copy was titled "Integrity & Pride" (April 2013).
- ◆ Started a monthly community meeting called "*First Saturday Talk*" (May 2013).
- ◆ Supported Northbridge Estates by attending their court case against their HOA and an investment company (May 2013).
- ◆ Assisted Shadow Creek Subdivision in getting their neighborhood cleaned with the assistance of County staff and personnel at the request of a constituent (May 2013).
- ◆ Met with the Clayton County Board of Health when the pool and clubhouse in Northbridge Estates was not in proper usage condition (June 2013).
- ◆ Initiated a "blitz" in the River's Edge Community after being advised about a rash of home burglaries and neighborhood concerns (August 2013).
- ◆ Held a special meeting for Panhandle Valley about overgrowth in their community resulting in a massive overgrowth clean-up (October 2013).
- ◆ Created the Commissioner Shana M. Rooks Academic Scholarship and the Shana M. Rooks Community Service Scholarship and awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving Freshman in college (November and December 2013).



Zoning Petitions I Apposed For The Good of District 3 and Clayton County As A Whole

- ◆ Voted to deny a request for a Conditional Use Permit in District 3 for a group daycare home (up to 12 children) in a single family residence (April 9, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to deny a request by Jefferson Homes to amend the official zoning map from Agricultural to Planned Unit Development of 175 single family lots on Fitzgerald Road (October 15, 2013).



Proclamations I Presented in 2013

- ◆ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., honoring their National Founder's Day (January 2013).



- ◆ The month of April as Child Support Services Month (April 2013).



- ◆ Lovejoy High School for being named among the Best Nationwide (June 2013).



- ◆ Colonel Raymond King of Mundy's Mill AFJROTC (November 2013)

- ◆ Mundy's Mill High School Football Team for an outstanding Season (December 2013)



My Top 2013 Resolutions and Ordinances

- ◆ Voted to restore the Administrative Powers to the Chairman of the County (January 2, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Ordinance 2013-16 that moved the Public Comment portion of the meeting to the beginning and would extend the time granted to those giving public comments from two (2) minutes to three (3) minutes (January 2, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to allow each district Commissioner to have administrative assistance in the form of a Constituent Aide (January 8, 2013).
- ◆ Voted for the Ordinance 2013-13 for the creation of the Chief Operating Officer position (January 8, 2013).
- ◆ Voted for the Ordinance 2013-14 for the creation of the Chief Financial Officer position (January 8, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-76 to authorize the County to approve settlement negotiations pertaining to the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) and the Service Delivery Strategy (March 12, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-85 which authorized Clayton County to accept donations from various charitable organizations and individuals on behalf of the Clayton County Senior Services Department to be used in connection with the Meals on Wheels program for transportation purposes (April 2, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-97 reconstituting the Clayton County Ethics Advisory Committee (April 9, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta to provide mentoring services to juveniles who become involved with the court and are referred to its mentoring program May 7, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-117, a Resolution authorizing Clayton County to negotiate a Cooperative Partnership with PATH Foundation, Inc., regarding planning, designing, building, and maintaining greenway trails in Clayton County (May 7, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-127, a Resolution authorizing Clayton County to participate in the “World’s Largest Swimming Lesson” event to be conducted at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center , and South Clayton Recreation Center (May 14, 2014).



- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-248, a Resolution authorizing the Clayton County Police Department to implement a “Volunteers in Police Services” program (October 1, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-269, a Resolution authorizing Clayton County Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) (October 15, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-275 to create a county-wide Internship Program (November 5, 2013).
- ◆ Voted to approve Resolution 2013-293, a Resolution authorizing Clayton County to enter into a Service Agreement with Freegal Music, providing citizens access to music and movies from the Clayton County Library Collections (November 19, 2013).



First Saturday Talks 2014

In an effort to attend more home owners' association meetings throughout the year and other community sponsored events, I will hold quarterly Saturday Talks for 2014.

The 2014 schedule of meetings are:

March 22, 2014

May 3, 2014

September 6, 2014

December 6, 2014

Each meeting will be held at:

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd. , Hampton GA 30228

10:00 am—12:00 pm