



The Rooks Report

many people...one community

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Let's talk about it!

**"First Saturday Talk," November 2, 2013 at
New Macedonia Baptist Church 10am—12pm.**

What's On Your Mind?

- Please share with us any stories or items that you would like to have put into this newsletter.
- We want your comments about what we are doing for you here in the district. Please provide us your positive feedback and we will post them in this newsletter (see our comments section on page 11).



Shana M. Rooks,
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Roughly one year ago my election as the Commissioner for Clayton County District 3 was solidified in the General Election. My road was much different than many before me, as I had never aspired to be a Commissioner. My prayer was that God allow our elected officials to work for the people who are each owed a fiduciary duty. When that was not readily seen, I asked for God to show me a way. I was led to run for office and I am very thankful God saw fit to allow you to invest your trust in me to be among the leadership of this county. We have come a long way in my nearly eleven months on the commission and we have much further to go to change the trajectory of Clayton's story.

I am nevertheless humbled by your confidence in me and thankful for the opportunity to serve. Please join me on **Tuesday, November 26, 2013, from 6:00PM-7:00PM** as I host a Thanksgiving Reception Meet and Greet for you. This event is sponsored by my law firm *Shana M. Rooks & Associates, LLC* (specializing in Family Law and Personal Injury). RSVP's are required and must be emailed to steven.vandyke@claytoncountyga.gov no later than November 15, 2013.

In Service,

Shana M, Rooks, Esq.

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Clayton County Police Department Explorer Post #927



What we are and How to get involved!

Clayton County Police Explorers, Post #927, is currently recruiting males and females, ages 14 (and completed 8th grade) to 20 years old. These youth must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better to be involved in the program. This program is designed to encourage youth to learn more about serving their community through volunteering and learning the skills of a police officer. Youth involved in Post #927 will gain experience at Exploring Competitions as well as learning through hands on controlled scenarios and personal fitness training. Exploring is a fun way to learn about a police career with leadership, teamwork, trust and respect as the cornerstones of the program.

Post #927 meets on Thursdays from 7-9pm at Police Headquarters.

To apply or get more information, please call Sergeant Jakes at 770-477-3632 or Officer Coloma at 770-472-8030 or by email at tracy.jakes@co.clayton.ga.us or ron.coloma@co.clayton.ga.us.



Aging Advisory Board hosts Annual Spaghetti Dinner Event

The Clayton County Senior Services Department is proud to announce the Annual Spaghetti Dinner event is here again! Every year, the Clayton County Aging Program Advisory Board hosts this fundraiser in an attempt to collect funds to support the Clayton County Senior Services Department's Meals on Wheels Program. As you know, the Meals on Wheels program helps to end hunger for Clayton County seniors.

The mission of the Clayton County Aging Program Advisory Board is to aid the Aging Program by hosting several fundraisers a year, including their annual Roses for Mom event in May and the annual Spaghetti Dinner event held in November as well as help stock the Aging Program's Food Pantry which provides food items for seniors in need. The Aging Program Advisory Board also partners with the Kiwanis Club in providing fruit baskets for seniors each year in December. The Advisory Board members are hard-working individuals with a genuine concern and interest in the well-being of the senior citizens of Clayton County. They give of their own funds, time, and energy to see that our seniors are properly taken care of.

The Spaghetti Dinner event is scheduled for Friday, November 8th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the J Charley Griswell Senior Center, located at 2300 Highway 138 SE in Jonesboro (inside Clayton County International Park). There will be live entertainment and a guest speaker. Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased from the Aging Program, located at 877 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro. Call Tina May at 770-603-4050 for more information. Carry out plates are also available. Please help support the efforts of the Aging Program Advisory Board by purchasing a dinner plate to help end hunger for Clayton County seniors.



Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry

"Through dedication, we strive for Excellence"



Community Outreach in Action Inc.
7677 Fielder Road
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

“Stamp Out Hunger in Clayton County”

**WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR BI-MONTHLY
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Saturday, November 9th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dixon Grove Baptist Church Parking Lot

Must present picture identification
One food box per household, no exceptions



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT DAY

Come join Clayton County's
Grassroots Leadership Class of
2013 as we celebrate and empower
youth in our county to make
positive change in their
communities.



NOVEMBER 2ND

2:00 - 5:00

PRIZES!

MUSIC!

Free!
Open to



Clayton County Library System

Computer Classes are coming to the Headquarter's Library on Battle Creek Rd in November. We will start out teaching basic computer skills for those who are not yet comfortable using computers. We will also add other computer classes such as using Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Social Media, and other resources of the library in the upcoming months.

Coming to the entire library system in December are new services such as downloadable Music and Movies. Check our website for details so when you get that new Kindle, Nook, iPad or SMARTPhone for Christmas you will have free content to look at, listen to and keep! Check the website in November for details.

Riverdale Library

420 Valley Hill Road, Riverdale

Lovejoy Library

1721 McDonough Road, Hampton

Monday-Tuesday 9am-9pm,

Wednesday-Friday 9am-6pm,

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday - Closed

Headquarters Library
865 Battle Creek Road
Jonesboro, GA 30236



(770) 473-3850
hqinfo@claytonpl.org

**The Headquarters Library of the Clayton County Library System
Proudly Presents
A Musical Performance by the
Charles Drew High School
Orchestra**



**Wednesday
November 20, 2013
Featuring
the Titan String Quartet
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**



Inoperable Vehicles in Public View are not only visual blights, but also decrease property values in the surrounding area. Driveways, back or side yard areas are not to be utilized as storage lots for abandoned vehicles, junk car parts or other debris. To be declared an operable vehicle, the vehicle must be “whole and complete”, start and run under it’s own power, and be registered. A vehicle may never be left in the driveway on jacks or blocks. Car covers are allowed but cannot obscure the vehicle license plate. Clayton County's applicable Quality of Life Ordinance is as follows:

Sec. 62-205. Off-road parking or storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, trailers or equipment.

- (a) The owner, occupant or person in possession of real property within a residential zoned district shall not allow vehicles or trailers of any kind to be parked thereon without current license plates, unless such vehicle is parked within a fully enclosed garage or carport attached to the residence.

- (b) The owner or occupant of real property within a residential zoned district shall not allow any vehicles, trailers or other motorized equipment to remain in an inoperable condition for more than 30 days unless such vehicle, trailer or other motorized equipment is parked within a fully enclosed garage or carport attached to the residence. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section for a vehicle or trailer to be without one or more wheels or tires, or be in a state of disrepair for more than 30 days.

- (c) The owner or occupant of real property within a residential zoned district shall not allow any vehicles or trailers to be covered so as to obscure the license plate unless such vehicle or trailer is parked within a fully enclosed garage or carport attached to the residence.

Clayton County Parks & Recreation November Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	COST
5 th Annual Lake Spivey Road Race & BBQ Competition	Nov. 1-2, 2013	International Park “The Beach”	Free
Youth Football Championships	11/23/2013	Tara Stadium	One Canned Good

CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

ACTIVIDAYS

November 25-27, 2013

Cost: \$50.00

7:00am-6:00pm

Ages: 5-13

Registration Dates

Nov 4 - Nov 22

**Children should bring a lunch and 2 snacks daily.*

Activities included: Arts & Crafts, Games, Swimming, Field Trips, and more.

****Field Trips are not included in registration fees.*

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center
3499 Rex Rd. Rex, GA 30273 (770) 472-8042
Contact Person: Jimmie Jones

Jim Huie Recreation Center / Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center,
9045 Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, GA 30236 (678) 479-5134
Contact Person: Fallon Burgess

South Clayton Recreation Center
1837 McDonough Rd, Hampton, GA 30228 (770) 347-0200
Contact Person: Anthony Smith

Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center
1475 E. Fayetteville Rd., Riverdale, GA 30274 (770) 603-4001
Contact Person: Wanda McDowell



*****If you have a child with special needs, and would like for them to participate please contact the Recreation Center in your area for assistance.**

"We Connect Communities Through People, Parks, and Programs"

Marketplace Application Checklist

- Social Security Numbers (or document numbers for legal immigrants).
- Employer and income information for every member of your household who needs coverage (for example, from pay stubs or W-2 forms—Wage and Tax Statements).
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering members of your household.
- A Completed Employer Coverage Tool (obtain form @ healthcare.gov or at both events).



18 Capitol Square SW
512 CLOB
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404-656-7859

Save the Dates

Please join

Rep. Demetrius Douglas (HD 78)

for

**Affordable Care Act
Enrollment Events**

Saturday, October 26, 2013

and

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Lovejoy High School Cafeteria

1587 McDonough Rd

Hampton, Georgia 30228

Navigators will be available at both events to help constituents enroll in an insurance plan using the federally-created insurance exchange system. **Please bring items from the checklist.**

For additional information, please contact Rep. Demetrius Douglas at demetriusdouglas78@gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sheriff Hill invites you to bring your kids to a safe and secure place to Trunk or Treat and meet your local law enforcement officers for fun and treats.

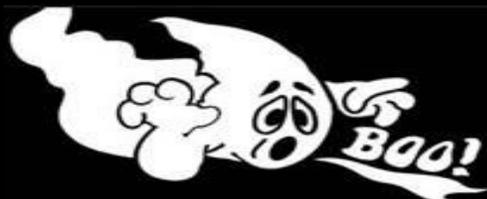


Clayton County Sheriff's Office

Thursday, October 31

6:30pm to 9:00pm

9157 Tara Blvd, Jonesboro, GA 30236



"We heard your concerns...."

At the September 7, 2013, First Saturday Talk several residents from Panhandle Valley subdivision expressed concerns about the overgrowth in their neighborhood causing safety issues on the streets. A special meeting was held on October 14, 2013, to gather further information about the concerns and October 15, 2013, action was taken to address the safety issues by clearing the overgrowth that had grown into the streets.



Clayton County Government Contact Numbers

(Here are some of our most requested numbers or services)

Animal Control	770-477-3509	Police/South Precinct	770-347-0260
Better Business Bureau	404-766-0875	Refuse Control (handles certain debris and trash on streets, removes dead animals from County roads)	770-477-3548
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	Senior Services	770-603-4050
Code Enforcement	678-610-4755	Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	770-471-1122
Community Development	770-477-3569	So. Regional Medical Center	770-991-8000
DFACS	770-473-2300	Tag Office	770-477-3331
Economic Development	770-477-4450	Tax Assessor (Prop .Values)	770-477-3285
Emergency	911	Tax Commissioner (Tax Bills)	770-477-3311
Health Department	678-610-7199	Transportation & Development (Public Works, Road Department/Pot Holes/Traffic Engineering)	770-477-3674
Parks and Recreation	770-477-3766	Water Authority	770-961-2130
Planning and Zoning	770-477-3577		

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

AS A RESIDENT OF CLAYTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3, YOU MAY BE FACED WITH CONCERNS OR ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED.

WE WORK WITH OUR CITIZENS TO RESOLVE CONCERNS INVOLVING COUNTY GOVERNMENT, EXPLAIN COUNTY PROGRAMS, EXPEDITE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

HOURS OF OPERATION
8AM-5PM (M-F)



Questions/Concerns/Comments

Please contact :

Steven VanDyke - Constituent Aide

Phone: 770-473-5465

Email:

steven.vandyke@claytoncountyga.gov

Please contact us to be added or removed from our email list.



Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm .

112 Smith Street

Jonesboro, GA 30236

770) 477-3208

The Next First Saturday Talk

New Macedonia Baptist Church

7725 Hwy 85 Riverdale, GA 30274

Saturday, November 2, 2013

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Comments

My husband and I would like to give a special "Thank you!" for having the overgrowth cut which was covering our street. Thank you for being a woman to your word by attending to our concern and the safety our children. You most definitely have our continued support!!!

Be blessed!

The Mayers

Thanks for the work completed at Panhandle Valley subdivision. It looks great! I told our residents beforehand that we could depend on you to get things done. Glad to have you serving as our commissioner!

Best regards,

Rodney

Thank You and all involved, for getting the weeds cut back and the streets cleaned in Panhandle Valley. This was a job Well Done.

Mr. & Mrs. Golden