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February 12, 2024

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's Newsletter

*A Message from Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners*

Dear Clayton County Community,

I am excited to highlight some of the amazing activities and resources we have available within our different cities and throughout Clayton County. I want to express my gratitude to all the municipalities, employees, residents, volunteers, the business community, and partnerships that make Clayton County a great place to live, work and play. I am proud of the notable progress in our county we have made working together and with others. So, as we look to the future, let us continue to explore more opportunities to bring additional resources to Clayton County. With your continued support, the Board of Commissioners and I are vested in the continued progress and success of Clayton County! I look forward to our diverse community working together to seek solutions to any challenges we may encounter. So, as we plan for the future, I am hopeful that we are all onboard to fly this journey together as a community.

Yours in service,

Jeffrey E. Turner

Chairman, Jeffrey E. Turner



February
Veteran of The Month
Chief Master Sgt.
Betty J. Abraham



Betty J. Abraham served in the US Air Force for 30 years, from March 1978 to May 2008. During her military service, she worked in Communications Security (Morse Code), as an Aircraft Dispatcher, and in Physical Therapy. She held various special duties, including First-Term Airman Superintendent, Superintendent of Professional Development for Airmen, NCOs, and SNCOs, and as the Base Career Advisor. She culminated her career as Chief of the Medical Group at Moody AFB, Georgia.

Currently, Betty is the CEO and small business owner of Crown2Sole, which provides Therapeutic and Rehabilitative Massage services. She is also the director of individual and group exercise, educational classes, and wellness seminars. Betty is a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant and Massage Therapist, certified Senior Aerobics Instructor and Senior Strength Trainer, Acupressure Practitioner, CPR and Tai Chi Instructor. She recently graduated from the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Certificate Gerontology Program, and is now a Certified Gerontologist.

Betty is affiliated with the American Massage Therapy and Physical Therapy Associations, the World Tai Chi Association, and the Southern Gerontological Society. She is excited to bring her superior ethical standards of Integrity, Service, and Excellence to Clayton County, Henry County Senior Centers, Sacred Journey Hospice, and Spalding County. Her mantra is *"given in the service of our [my] country; to now service our [my] country's communities"* BJA

TALK TO TURNER

If you want to reach out to me directly, please use
the email address below.

chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov

Health & Wellness

Thunderstorm Safety Tips

1. **Get Out of the Open:** If you are outside during a thunderstorm, avoid being the tallest object around as lightning usually strikes the closest tall object. Seek shelter in a low-lying area, a building, or a hard-top vehicle.
2. **Stay Informed:** It can make all the difference to stay informed and you can do that by checking the National Weather Service broadcasts and local news. Watch for signs of an approaching storm like dark skies and brisk winds. Have a battery-operated weather radio handy for emergencies and get indoors immediately when a thunderstorm is imminent or suspected.
3. **Have a Plan:** Thunderstorms occur most frequently in summer afternoons and evenings, so be prepared, and teach your family to find shelter immediately. Avoid outdoor activities like riding a lawnmower, horseback riding, fishing, standing under a tree, golfing, and swimming during thunderstorms.
4. **Avoid Tall & Metal Objects:** Avoid tall objects like trees, power poles, and high fence posts during thunderstorms. Metal fences conduct electricity, so steer clear of them too. If carrying an umbrella, take it down during a thunderstorm to avoid becoming the tallest object in the area.
5. **Know the Facts:** Know the facts about things like rubber-soled shoes won't protect you from lightning, and what is true for phone lines is true for plumbing as well, so stay out of the tub or shower until the storm is over.

Reference: <https://science.howstuffworks.com/nature/natural-disasters/5-tips-for-thunderstorm-safety.htm>

Article: *5 Tips for Thunderstorm Safety* By: Sara Elliott

SENIOR SERVICES

For Seniors 55 and Older

Frank Bailey Senior Center 6213 Riverdale Road in Riverdale

J Charley Griswell Senior Center 2300 Highway 138 in Jonesboro (inside Clayton County International Park)

Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center 3215 Anvil Block Road in Ellenwood

Inter-generational Center:

Flint River Community Center 153 Flint River Road in Riverdale

For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Other Relative Caregivers:

Kinship Care Resource Center – Shelnutt Intergenerational Center, 849 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro

For Information & Assistance including Meals on Wheels, In-home care, etc.:

Aging Services – 877 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro **Visit our website at** www.claytonseniors.com

Click Here for Video

SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS

Inaugural Caregiver Symposium



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NOTICED THAT YOU HAD
DEBRIS TO BE
REMOVED.....

CLAYTON COUNTY REFUSE CONTROL

A Division of the Corrections Dept.

7984 N. McDonough St.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 477-3548

www.claytoncountyga.gov

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Refuse Control is a service provided by Clayton County for residents located in the unincorporated area of Clayton County. This department handles the disposal of certain items that your waste removal company may not pick up.

Refuse Control will pick up yard debris, furniture, appliances, limbs (up to 6" in diameter and no longer than 10 feet), bags of leaves, and miscellaneous items. The following items will not be accepted: tree trunks or stumps, batteries, tires, shingles, sheetrock, bricks, heavy metal, heavy items, mulch, dirt, paint cans, or hazardous items.

Debris Removal:

- Place items to be picked up by the curb on the county's right of way.
- For an inspector to come out to give you an estimate, call Refuse Control at (770) 477-3548. (Estimate is at no charge.)
- Debris removal fee is assessed by our inspectors based on the amount and type of debris and the amount of time to load and unload

the debris. However, there is a minimum fee of \$20.00 that will be charged. Payment of fee constitutes acceptance of price. Should you decide to use the County's service, payment can be done in one of four ways:

1. Call the office and pay with Visa or MasterCard. (check cards will be accepted if it has a Visa or MasterCard logo)
2. Come by the office with cash, check, or money order.
3. Mail in check or money order.

Other Services:

Refuse Control also picks up dead animals from the roads. For live wild/stray animals in the road, please call Animal Control (770) 477-3509 and report the location.



American
Red Cross

BLOOD DONORS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Schedule today!

Blood Drive Sponsored by

Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services

Located at 7810 Highway 85, Riverdale, GA (Training Room)

Friday, February 16, 2024

10am-3pm

Presenting donors will receive \$40 in Amazon Gift Cards
(two \$20 Amazon Gift Cards)



To schedule an appointment online,
Scan the QR code



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2023 STATE OF THE COUNTY

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SPLOST Progress for Pennies
Feb. 6, 2024

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



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COUNTY • GEORGIA

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Youth Services

CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION **INTEREST MEETING**

Hosted by the Clayton County Youth Commission
A Program of the Clayton County Office of Youth Services

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Attend an Interest Meeting near you.



5:30–6:30 P.M.

- ☐ Do you reside in Clayton County?
- ☐ Are you a rising 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grader?
- ☐ Do you want to be more involved in your community?



FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center
3499 Rex Rd, Rex, GA 30273

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Virginia Gray Recreation Center
1475 E Fayetteville Rd,
Riverdale, GA 30296

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

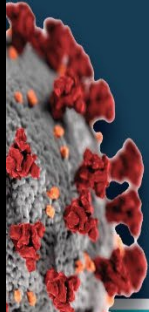
South Clayton Recreation Center
1837 McDonough Rd,
Hampton, GA 30228

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Lakeview Event Center
2300 Hwy 138 SE,
Jonesboro, GA 30236

For more information, contact Ciara Dunn at
ciara.dunn@claytoncountygga.gov or 770-477-3349.

Clayton County Board of Commissioners,
Office of Communications and Fire & Emergency Services host



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



THURS., FEB. 15, 2024 • 2PM - 6PM
LAKEVIEW EVENT CENTER - LEVEL 1
2300 Hwy 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236

FREE TO THE PUBLIC



**WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST**

INFO FROM HEALTH VENDORS & COUNTY RESOURCES
MUSIC • PRIZES • GIVEAWAYS • FOOD

✓ BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ✓ HANDS ONLY CPR TRAINING

✓ COVID VACCINATIONS
Underinsured & Uninsured Clayton Residents



Register for this free event at:
tinyurl.com/comhealthfair



CORE



**Clayton County Parks and Recreation in
Partnership with Youth Services Presents**

DR. SEUSS READING PARTY

FREE EVENT
MARCH 1, 2024
5:30PM - 7:30PM

REFRESHMENTS
INFLATABLES
GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS



JIM HUIE

RECREATION CENTER

9045 TARA BLVD
JONESBORO, GA 30236



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Parks and Recreation



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Youth Services

Activities & Resources

“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”
COLLEGE PARK, FOREST PARK, JONESBORO,
LAKE CITY, LOVE JOY, MORROW, RIVERDALE

CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS:

Parents Night Out

You Deserve a Break!
Please enjoy a kid free date night on us!

For ages 6-15

**Valentine's Day Card Decorating,
Food & Drinks, Games & Goodie Bags**

**When: Wednesday Feb 14, 2024
4:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Registration In-Person
or call the front desk.**

Please RSVP by: Feb 13, 2024

Lake Spivey Recreation Center
2300 Walt Stephens Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236
Contact: 770-347-0390





Join Us For our Annual

FISH FRY

Friends and Family
FUN DAY FUNDRAISER!!!

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:00AM - 5:00PM

**Volunteers
Needed!**

**Vendors • Music • Giveaways
Desserts and More!**

- Fish Dinners -

\$15.00 Pre-order online at www.ascga.org

\$20.00 onsite

**Vendors
Needed!**

Vendors Fee: \$50 (includes one fish dinner)

(Bring your own 2x6 table and Tent)

**MUSIC BY
DJ SCOTTIE**

**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA)**

Atlanta Suburban Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

For more Information, sign up to volunteer or
contribute to this event please contact us at info@ascga.org

ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES CENTER

7251 Mt. Zion Circle, Morrow, GA 30260 | 770-603-4090

REMEMBER THE 3 C'S



CLEAN YOUR HANDS

USE SOAP AND WATER
AND WASH FOR AT LEAST
20 SECONDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH

USE A TISSUE OR YOUR
ELBOW



CONTAIN GERMS

STAY HOME FROM WORK
OR SCHOOL

Resources

DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE	DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE
A			
Animal Control	770-477-3509	O	
B		Office of Youth Services	770-477-3262
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	P	
Building Inspections	770-477-3569	Parks and Recreation	770-477-3766
Burn Line	770-473-3836	Athletic Division	770-473-3800
Business Licenses	770-477-3569	Virginia Gray Recreation Center	770-603-4001
C		Jim Huie Recreation Center	678-479-5136
CCTV-23/99	770-473-3834	International Park	770-477-3766
Child Support Services	844-694-2347	Lake Spivey Recreation Center	770-347-0390
Civil Cases/State Court	770-477-3388	Lundquist Aquatic Center	678-479-5136
Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau	770-478-4800	G. Matthews Sport Complex	770-473-3800
Clayton County Ext.-UGA	770-473-3945	C. Rhodenizer Recreation Center	770-472-8042
Code Enforcement	678-610-4755	Reynolds Nature Preserve	770-603-4188
Community Development	770-477-3569	South Clayton Recreation Center	770-347-0200
Criminal Civil/State Court	770-477-4522	Personnel (HR)	770-477-3239
County Landfill	770-473-5496	Job Hot Line	770-473-5800
D		Planning and Zoning	770-473-5401
DFACS	770-603-4600	Police HQ (Non-Emergency)	770-477-3747
District Attorney's Office	770-477-3450	Sector 1/Northeast	770-473-5724
E		Sector 2/North	770-603-4070
Emergency Management	770-477-3511	Sector 3/ South	770-347-0260
Emergency (Police & Fire)	911	Sector 4/North Ave	770-347-0145
F		Probate Court	770-477-3299
Finance Department	770-477-3222	Estates/Wills	770-477-3299
Fire HQ (Non-Emergency)	770-473-7833	Temporary Guardianship	770-477-3301
Flint River Community Center	770-347-0370	Prison/State Inmates	770-473-5777
G		Probation Juvenile Court (Intake)	770-473-5977
Gun Permits	770-477-3301	Public Works	770-477-3674
H		Purchasing Department	770-477-3587
Housing Authority-Clayton	404-362-1200	R	
Humane Society	770-471-9436	Recycling	770-473-5470
I		Refuse Control	770-477-3548

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I		Refuse Control	770-477-3548
Indigent Defense	678-479-5339	S	
J		Senior Centers	
Jail	770-477-4400	Aging Center	770-603-4050
Jury Information	770-477-3400	Frank Bailey Senior Center	678-479-5505
Juvenile Court	770-477-3270	J.C. Griswell Senior Center	770-477-3499
K		Sonna Gregory Singleton Senior Center	770-347-0340
Kinship Care Program (Shelnut Center)	770-473-5788	Senior Services Department	770-347-0150
L		Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	770-471-1122
Landfill	770-473-5470	Solicitor General	770-477-3380
Library Headquarters	770-473-3850	Staff Attorney's Office	770-477-3207
Forest Park	770-347-0160	State Court Clerk	770-477-3385
Lovejoy	770-472-8129	Superior Court/Civil Cases	770-477-3405
Morrow	770-347-0170	T	
Northwest	770-347-0290	Tag/Motor Vehicle	770-477-3331
Riverdale	770-472-8100	Tax Assessors- Property Values	770-477-3285
M		Tax Commissioner- Tax Bills	770-477-3311
MARTA Customer Service	404-848-5000	Traffic Tickets/State Court	770-477-3386
Magistrate Court Clerk	770-477-3443	Transportation & Development	770-477-3674
Landlord-Tenant Dispute	770-477-3443	V	
Small Claims Court	770-477-3443	Voter's Registration	770-477-3372



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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Resource: goodreads.com/quotes/4353-the-ultimate-measure-of-a-man-is-not-where-he

Jeffrey E. Turner

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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