

Where the World Lands and Opportunities Take Off

September 11, 2023

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's Newsletter

A Message from Geffrey 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

In Remembrance of September 11, 2001

Ground Zero

By Chelsea Griswold

A misery that has caused hearts to ache all over, Everyone is lending a hand or a shoulder.

Lives were lost in a blink of an eye, Not having a clue they were about to die.

People coming from far and wide, With feelings and emotions they cannot hide.

Rescue workers, working night and day, Hoping for a miracle to come their way.

Lives destroyed by terrorists and Two planes by noon, Our Hearts bleed for the people that have Left us too soon.

This Tragedy has touched our hearts, Which have sighed, A million tears our nation has cried.

Now, stronger than ever our country will be, The home of the brave and the land of the free.

I am proud to be an American and you should be too, Living in the country of red, white, and blue. Reference nature-poems.com/911-poems-quotes-lyrics.html





Pictures by Tonya Tucker

TALK TO TURNER

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

chairman.turner@claytoncountyga.gov

<u>Health & Wellness</u>

Mental Health: Habits to Help Improve Your Mental Health

- 1. Getting high quality restful sleep on a regular basis.
- 2. Start cutting back on social media and replace with some other meaningful activities.
- Strengthen your relationships by making a point to be social.
 Schedule dinner dates, a morning walk, or breakfast with friends.
- Exercise!!! Move your body on your own terms. Join a gym, take a yoga class or just start taking a walk every day to help relieve stress and lift your mood.
- 5. Eat healthy nutrient-rich food! Certain foods are packed with mood-boosting nutrients like berries, beans, whole grains, and fatty fish like salmon. Also,

drinking plenty of water so you stay hydrated helps.

- Know when you need to take it easy. On difficult days take some easier routes that still accomplish what you need to get done. Just take one step and day at a time.
- 7. Take a time-out to simply rest by giving your mind and body an opportunity to just unwind and replenish!
- 8. Get outside and get some Sunshine! The vitamin D from the sun has been known to improve your attitude and mood.

Reference: healthline.com/health/mental-health/habits-toimprove-mental -health Current Version May 2, 2022.

Article: 8 Daily Habits to Boost Mental Health-and Signs It May Be Time to Get Support

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Senior Services

The mission of Clayton County Senior Services Department is to deliver services and programs that promote independence and dignity, as well as to enhance the quality of life by providing a safe and caring environment for older adults, relative caregivers, and grandchildren.

We do just that at our different senior centers, inter-generational centers, & Aging services center. Clayton County Senior Services aims to provide the services necessary to keep the older adult population of Clayton County healthy, active, and living on their own. If you haven't visited one of our centers, drop by today and take a tour!

For Active 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



SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH 2023





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SPLOST Progress for Pennies Sept. 5, 2023

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Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss





Clayton County Humane Society's 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Music & Tented Outdoor Dining

Saturday, October 21, 2023 4:00pm — 8:00pm

Morrow First United Methodist Church 5985 Jonesboro Rd., Morrow, GA 30260

Tickets on Sale <u>Now</u>! Purchase at: Two By Two Thrift Shop

(Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10:00 am—4:00pm) 150 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro, GA 30236

For More Information or to Sponsor Visit Our Website: www.claytoncountyhumane.org

Purchase at: www.claytoncountyhumane.org/pfp2023tickets



Min. Donation of \$15 per meal

All Dinners include:

Spaghetti (Meat or Vegetarian)

Salad * Bread * Drink * Dessert







Activities & Resources

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD"

SATURDAY 10:00 AM

COLLEGE PARK, FOREST PARK, **JONESBORO, LAKE CITY, LOVE** IOY, MORROW, RIVERDALE



SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Main Street to Lake Drive ENDING AT Kiwanis Stadium

WE ARE INVITING ALL ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS, FOREST PARK ALUMNI, LOCAL BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. COED ALUMNI FLAG FOOTBALL GAME AFTER THF PARANF CHEERING ON BY THE ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS

> Awards & medals given (Must Pre Register) Banner and Float Competition T-Shirts - \$10/\$15 each (Wine or Gold)

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Limited vendor space is available.

For information contact: councilaide@forestparkga.gov 404-366-4720 Ext: 324



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150 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro, GA 30236

Saturday Saturday Shop 9:00am - 3:00pm Sept. 23, 2023 Sept. 23, 2023



Lots of GREAT BARGAINS on Furniture, Household and Decorative Items, Etc..

All sales benefit the animals at a NO-KILL shelter.

For Information Contact Karen at 678-898-7417 or 2by2thrift@gmail.com







September 2023 Digital Equity Event Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6 District 1 Navigating iPhone/iPad	7	8
11 District 1 Microsoft Word	12	13 District 4 Navigating iPhone/iPad	14	15 District 4 Navigating PC
18 District 1 Tech Talk w/Kenny	19 District 2 Microsoft Excel	20 District 2 Navigating iPhone/iPad District 4 ACP Sign-Up	21 District 4 Tech Talk w/Kenny	22
25 District 1 Navigating PC	26 Forest Park Tech Talk w/Kenny	27 District 2 Tech Talk w/Kenny District 2 ACP Sign-Up	28 District 2 Navigating iPhone/iPad	29 District 2 Protecting PC

Scan QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/ODEEvents to register for an upcoming digital equity event.







Resources

DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE	DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE
А			
Animal Control	770-477-3509	0	
В		Office of Youth Services	770-477-3262
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	Р	
Building Inspections	770-477-3569	Parks and Recreation	770-477-3766
Burn Line	770-473-3836	Athletic Division	770-473-3800
		Virginia Gray Recreation	
Business Licenses	770-477-3569	Center	70-603-4001
С		Jim Huie Recreation Center	678-479-5136
CCTV-23/99	770-473-3834	International Park	770-477-3766
		Lake Spivey Recreation	
Child Support Services	844-694-2347	Center	770-347-0390
Civil Cases/State Court	770-477-3388	Lundquist Aquatic Center	678-479-5136
Clayton County Convention		G. Matthews Sport	
& Visitors Bureau	770-478-4800	Complex	770-473-3800
	770 472 2045	C. Rhodenizer Recreation	770 172 00 12
Clayton County ExtUGA	770-473-3945	Center	770-472-8042
Code Enforcement	678-610-4755	Reynolds Nature Preserve	770-603-4188
Community Dovelonment	770-477-3569	South Clayton Recreation Center	770-347-0200
Community Development Criminal Civil/State Court	770-477-4522	Personnel (HR)	770-477-3239
		Job Hot Line	
County Landfill D	770-473-5496	J	770-473-5800
D		Planning and Zoning Police HQ (Non-	770-473-5401
DFACS	770-603-4600	Emergency)	770-477-3747
District Attorney's Office	770-477-3450	Sector I/Northeast	770-473-5724
F		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	511	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	110-112-1022	Temporary Guardianship	10,4,1,2,301
Center	770-347-0370	Prison/State Inmates	770-473-5777
		Probation Juvenile Court	
G		(Intake)	770-473-5977
Gun Permits	770-477-3301	Public Works	770-477-3299
Н		Purchasing Department	770-477-3587
Housing Authority-Clayton	404-362-1200	R	
Humane Society	770-471-9436	Recycling	770-473-5470
Ι		Refuse Control	770-477-3548

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Indigent Defense	678-4795339	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
К		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
Jonesboro	770-478-7120	Superior Court/Civil Cases	770-477-3405
Lovejoy	770-472-8129	Т	
Morrow	770-347-0170	Tag/Motor Vehicle	770-477-3331
Riverdale	770-472-8100	Tax Assessors- Property Values	770-477-3285
М		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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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Division of Communications, Public Relations, & Marketing

August 24, 2023

CCPS Shares Enhanced Safety Measures for Stadiums Safety Throughout Clayton County Public Schools is Priority One!

JONESBORO - As the 2023-2024 school year unfolds, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) has put measures in place to foster a safe learning environment for our students and a protected working environment for our employees. This commitment, which is aligned with the five priorities established by Superintendent/CEO Dr. Anthony W. Smith, extends to our athletic facilities and to the district's extra-curricular activities.

District officials and leaders recognize the seriousness of the incidents that took place across the state during the first week of football season and will not rest until we have exhausted all measures to provide a safe environment at all events. The school system will remain vigilant at enforcing current measures and creating new measures for shoring up the safety and security protocols to protect staff, students, and visitors. As a result of a comprehensive review of current protocols, the administrative team will use a collaborative and community-driven approach to enforce additional safety strategies for upcoming football games.

In addition to existing safety precautions enforced by the CCPS Safety and Security officials and their law enforcement partners, the District is requiring all attendees at games to take heed to these heightened safety protocols.

- **Protection of Parameter** There will be no tailgating and no loitering allowed in the parking lot. Law enforcers and volunteers will carry out regular parking lot sweeps throughout the night to maintain the highest level of security.
- Game Admission Deadline There will be no admittance into the game after the end of the third quarter.
- No In-and-Out Policy Attendees will not be allowed to enter in and out of games. The strict no-in-and-out policy contributes to an
 environment of safety and consistency for everyone involved.
- Separate Parking Areas District staff will continue to separate visitor spectators from the home team's fans upon arrival.
- Enforced Boundaries Respecting the boundaries and sanctity of team spaces is paramount. Therefore, access to the opposing team's side will be strictly prohibited.
- Parents' Vital Role The district highly encourages parents/guardians to accompany their children to the game and monitor their whereabouts and behavior at all times during the game.
- Early Arrival for Safety Checks Every supporter is asked to arrive at least 30 minutes ahead of time to accommodate necessary safety checks and ensure a seamless entry process.

Existing Safety Protocols

- Spectators attending games at each stadium will enter the facility through digital walk through scanners and/or metal detectors. Bag searches will occur if necessary.
- The Clayton County Public Schools' Athletic Department has adopted standards established by the National Football League as it relates to bags/totes being brought to all CCPS athletic events during the 2023-2024 school year. Each individual attending an athletic event will be limited to a single bag that must conform to the following:
 - Bags/totes that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12."
 - All bags/totes will be checked at the gate prior to entering the stadiums.
 - No buckles, grommets/hardware or décor can be concealing any part of the bag/tote the bag/tote literally must be all clear.
 - Attendees may also use a one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziplock bag or similar).
 - No outside food or beverages will be allowed inside any of the four stadiums for the 2023-2024 football season.

Clayton County Public Schools will not tolerate improper behavior at its games. Staff members are actively monitoring social media sites and staying abreast of various challenges that are encouraging outlandish acts. If students partake in such behavior and anything of this nature, they will be banned from participating in or attending all athletic activities for the school year. Students who are suspended from schools or assigned to the alternative school are also not allowed to attend athletic events.

The aforementioned safety protocols apply to staff. There should be no preconceived notion that district employees will not have to adhere to these guidelines as well. We are one community.

It is important to note that Clayton County Public Schools will take further steps, if necessary, to protect staff, students, and visitors who are present to support our teams, even if it means additional restrictions at a future game.

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress." Barack Obama

Barack Obama

Resource: Entrepreneur Article 10 Inspirational Presidential Quotes (Words of wisdom from some of most influential leaders in U.S. history) By Kathleen Davis February 15, 2021. Originally published February 15, 2013

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Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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