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September 18, 2023

## 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



I would like to say “Welcome” to the new President of Clayton State University, Dr. Georj L. Lewis. Also, I would like to say what a pleasure it was sitting down and talking with Dr. Lewis along with Montrese Adger Fuller, the VP for Clayton State University Advancement and Michael Little, Clayton State University Government Relations.



(Picture left to right) Montrese A. Fuller, Dr. Georj L. Lewis, Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner, Michael Little.  
Photo by Tonya Tucker

# TALK TO TURNER

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

[chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov](mailto:chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov)

## Health & Wellness

### Allergies: Here are 10 Common Allergy Triggers to be Aware of:

1. Overactive Immune System: Your body's defense against something that's *usually* harmless, like pollen, animal dander, or food.
2. Pollen: This can come from various plants like grass, trees and weeds.
3. Animal Dander: We love our pets, but you could be reacting to the proteins in your dog or cat's saliva or the oil glands in their skin.
4. Dust Mites: These tiny little bugs thrive in high humidity environments and live in bedding, mattresses, upholstery, carpets and curtains.
5. Insect Stings: May cause swelling or redness and you might feel sick at your stomach, tired or have a slight fever. There are rare cases where an insect bite triggers an allergic reaction that is life threatening and medicine is needed.
6. Mold: Breathing in mold spores can cause an allergic reaction. It is found in damp places like basements, bathrooms and activities like raking leaves may trigger symptoms.
7. Food: Milk, shellfish, eggs, nuts, wheat, soy, and fish are some common foods people are allergic to. A severe reaction to something you ate will require emergency medical help. So, call 911.
8. Latex: Can trigger itchy, red skin all the way to anaphylaxis with trouble breathing. Most commonly found in disposable gloves, condoms and medical devices. If you know your allergic, please wear a medical alert bracelet (carry an epinephrine kit if prescribed one).
9. Medication: If you are allergic to penicillin, aspirin, and other drugs, they can cause hives, itchy eyes, stuffiness and swelling in your face, mouth, and throat. It is best to not take a drug if you are allergic.
10. Cockroaches: There is a protein in their droppings that can trigger an allergic reaction.

Reference: [webmd.com/allergies/ss/slideshow-common-allergy-triggers](https://www.webmd.com/allergies/ss/slideshow-common-allergy-triggers) WebMD Article: 10 Common Allergy Triggers, Reviewed by Poonam Sachdev on February 22, 2022.





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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](http://www.claytonseniors.com)



Photo's by Tonya Tucker

**SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS**  
**NATIONAL SENIOR**  
**CENTER MONTH 2023**



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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

Sept. 5, 2023

[Click Here for Video](#)



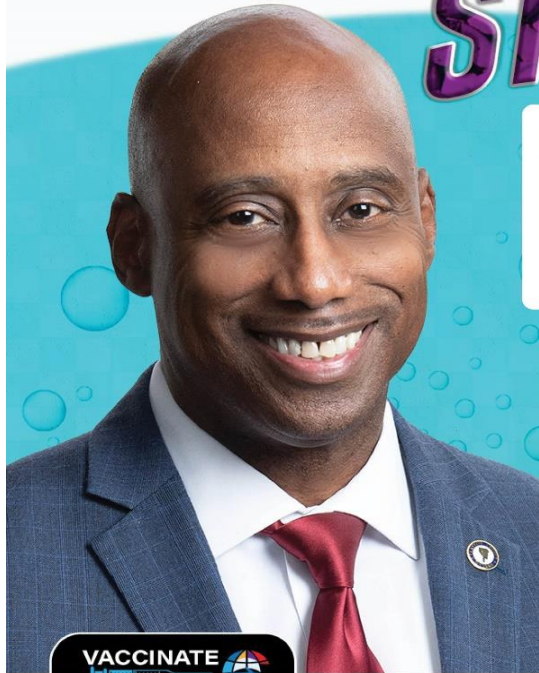
# Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner and Clayton County Parks & Recreation present

## SIP & SOUNDS

*Save the Dates*



AUGUST 17 - Robin Latimore



AUGUST 31 - Crystal Clear Band



SEPTEMBER 14 - Deep Velvet



SEPTEMBER 28 - Erica Dawson *Exclusive*



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO  
[2023SipandSoundsClaytonCounty.eventbrite.com](https://2023SipandSoundsClaytonCounty.eventbrite.com)

**CLAYTON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL PARK**

2300 Hwy 138 SE., • Jonesboro GA 30236 • 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

VACCINATE  
CLAYTON

[claytoncountyga.gov](http://claytoncountyga.gov)

Arts Clayton presents

# CARIBBEAN NIGHTS

in collaboration with  
Chairman Turner's International Ball



SEPT 30 | 6PM



**THE MORROW CENTER | 1180 SOUTHLAKE CIR. | MORROW, GA**

For additional information:  
call: (770) 473-5775 text : (770) 369-4228 email: [anne.foster@artsclayton.org](mailto:anne.foster@artsclayton.org) or [cturnerib@gmail.com](mailto:cturnerib@gmail.com)  
visit: [www.chairmanturnersball.org](http://www.chairmanturnersball.org) or [artsclayton.org](http://artsclayton.org)



# OPPORTUNITY CLAYTON

RETAIL & LIFESTYLE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR

REQUEST INVITATION

CLAYTON COUNTY • GEORGIA  
C: Clayton connected  
Office of Economic Development

SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup> | OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup> | NOV. 14<sup>TH</sup> TIMES 9:30AM-12PM

ECDEV@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV 404-615-0965

# 14TH ANNUAL LAKE SPIVEY ROAD RACE

LIVE MUSIC  
AWARD CEREMONY  
VENDORS

**LAKE SPIVEY RECREATION CENTER**  
2300 WALT STEPHENS ROAD  
JONESBORO, GA 30236

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 7, 2023  
ON-SITE REGISTRATION: 7:30AM  
5K START TIME: 8:30 AM  
15K START TIME: 8:00AM

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

Pasta for PAWS

Silent Auction  
Kids Activities  
RAFFLE PRIZES

## 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 Now!**

Purchase at: Two By Two Thrift Shop  
(Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10:00 am—4:00pm)  
150 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro, GA 30236

Purchase at: [www.claytoncountyhumane.org/pfp2023tickets](http://www.claytoncountyhumane.org/pfp2023tickets)

For More Information or to Sponsor Visit Our Website:  
[www.claytoncountyhumane.org](http://www.claytoncountyhumane.org)

Min. Donation of \$15 per meal

All Dinners include:  
Spaghetti (Meat or Vegetarian)  
Salad \* Bread \* Drink \* Dessert

**SAVE THE DATE**

CLAYTON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES HOSTS

*1st Annual*  
**5K WALK RUN**  
**ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISER**

*Saturday*  
*September 30, 2023*

Clayton County International Park  
2300 Highway 138  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Join Clayton County Senior Services in observation of World Alzheimer's Day to help keep the doors of Alzheimer's Services Center (ASC) open.

The fundraising proceeds will be donated to Clayton County Alzheimer's Services Center.

For more information, contact  
ASC, 770.603.4090 or  
Senior Services,  
770.347.0150.

ASC Alzheimer's Services Center  
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Senior Services

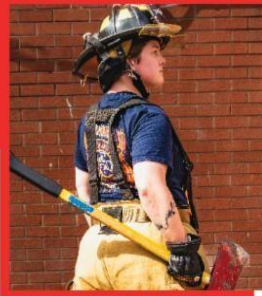




We Are  #OneForestPark

# GIRLS' FUTURE FIREFIGHTER CAMP

OCTOBER 11, 2023 | 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH | AGES: 12-17  
GILLEM PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (2090 ANVIL BLOCK RD.)



Do you know a female youth interested in exploring a future career in fire service? The Forest Park Fire and Emergency Services Department is hosting a camp for girls who want to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to become a certified firefighter. The one-day program, hosted by Forest Park Fire Chief Clemons, will be led by successful female fire professionals and cover the following topics:

- Fire Service History
- Physical Fitness
- Fire Behavior
- First Aid
- Fire Extinguishers
- CPR

## FREE EVENT

Camp slots are limited, and participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023. Access the application at:

[www.forestparkga.gov/fire](http://www.forestparkga.gov/fire)

(Click on the Girls' Future Firefighter Camp tab on the left-hand side of the webpage.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (404) 366-4720, & PRESS OPTION 9 ON THE MAIN MENU



CHIEF KEVIN ROBERTS



LAW ENFORCEMENT  
**TORCH RUN**  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Help support the Clayton County Police Department as we raise funds and awareness for the Georgia Special Olympics movement. Come out and join us on the run

Date of run: September 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
Location: Clayton County International Park  
2300 Hwy 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236



\$25

\$25

For further details email or call:  
johnny.carroll@claytoncountyga.gov  
Community.affairs@claytoncountyga.gov

CLAYTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

# CAT & DOG

## SUMMER ADOPTION EVENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
**10AM - 3PM**

Animal Control Adoption Center  
3199 Anvil Block Block Rd. Ellenwood, GA 30294  
770-347-0210

Kid friendly  
fun, food, and  
more!

- First 10 dogs adoptions are FREE!  
First 5 cat adoptions are FREE!
- Reclaim fees will be waived if owner is willing to pay \$65 to have their animal spayed or neutered with us prior to returning with owner.
- 1 year rabies vaccines, Bordetella vaccine, and mandatory microchipping for a & \$40 fee. Microchipped animals will still be \$40.





# Activities & Resources

## "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD"

COLLEGE PARK, FOREST PARK,  
JONESBORO, LAKE CITY, LOVE  
JOY, MORROW, RIVERDALE



The poster for the City of Morrow Moon Festival features a large circular frame containing photos of several people, including a man in a grey jacket and a woman in a yellow top. The text "City of Morrow presents" is at the top, followed by "Moon Festival" in a large, stylized font. To the right, it says "OCT 01" and "5PM - 12AM". At the bottom, it lists the address "1065 Olde Towne Morrow Rd".



**SATURDAY 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

**FP**  **FP**

**FOREST PARK  
HOMECOMING PARADE**

Parade starts at 10 am and will travel down  
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 THE PARADE**  
**CHEERING ON BY THE ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS**

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

Sponsored By  Limited vendor space is available.  Sponsored By

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



**Two By Two Thrift Shop**

150 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro, GA 30236

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



**YARD SALE**

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

All sales benefit the animals at  
Clayton County Humane Society,  
a NO-KILL shelter.

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



THE PARTY IS SILENT, BUT YOUR VOICE SHOULDN'T BE.



# SILENT PARTY

★★ VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE ★★

HOSTED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
(A PROGRAM OF THE CLAYTON COUNTY OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES)  
AND CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY LAKER NAVIGATORS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ALPHA ETA ZETA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA SERVICE FRATERNITY.

**2 DJ'S, FOOD, AND GAMES**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 | 5:00-7:00PM**

**CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY (SAC TENNIS COURT)**  
2000 CLAYTON STATE BLVD MORROW, GA 30260



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Youth Services



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CIARA DUNN AT  
770-477-3349 OR [CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV](mailto:CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV)

Individuals requiring disability related accommodations for participation in any Clayton State University sponsored event can contact the Disability Resource Center at (678) 466-5445 or [disabilityresourcecenter@clayton.edu](mailto:disabilityresourcecenter@clayton.edu)



## Helping Our Teens

**October 12, 2023 • 11am - 2pm**

**Lakeview Event Center - 2nd Floor**  
2300 Walt Stephens Road Jonesboro, GA 30236

Join the Clayton County Human Resources Department & the Austin Tyler Foundation, as we discuss teen dating violence.

### Key Notes:

- What is teen dating violence?
- Recognize "red flags"
- Types of abuse/signs of abuse
- Safety planning
- Power & control wheel

**Don't miss this event!**

**Sign up through Eventbrite:**  
[tinyurl.com/HelpOurTeen](https://tinyurl.com/HelpOurTeen)



**Space is limited!**  
**Food will be provided!**



**PHILLIPS PARK**  
**14TH OCTOBER**  
**2023/12-5PM**

# FESTIVAL

**FREE CITYWIDE LIVE MUSIC**  
**FOOD CONCERT VENDORS**  
**CARNIVAL RIDES**  
**AWARDS CELEBRITY BASKETBALL**  
**CARSHOW**

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK**  
**4400 HERSCHEL RD**

Logos for various organizations including College Park, Atlanta, and others.

**JOIN THE FUN!**  
**FOOD, MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFT, GAMES, SOUTHERN LEGENDS AWARDS, FETTER EXPO AND MORE!**

Collage of photos showing people at the festival, including a DJ, a car show, and various food and craft displays.

**JENAE MANAGEMENT FIRM**  
**NOUVEAU RNB Thursday**  
**SEP 21 2023**  
**DOORS OPEN @ 7PM**

# SneakerBall

**TICKETS & SECTIONS**  
**678-968-3976**

**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**TBA**

**Eventbrite** [JENAE MANAGEMENT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://JENAE MANAGEMENT.EVENTBRITE.COM)

**103 W MILL STREET JONESBORO GA**

Three women in red and white dresses standing on a red carpet.



# EXECUTIVE SESSION

## **BUSINESS NETWORKING MIXER**

**HOSTED BY RENEE  
KNIGHT  
COUNCILMEMBER  
CITY OF MORROW**

**MEET US AT SAVOY**

**9/20/2023  
5:30- 7:30**

**7045 MT ZION CIRCLE  
MORROW, GA**



# 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](https://tinyurl.com/ODEEvents) to register for an upcoming digital equity event.



**#ACCESS**  
**4CLAYTON**





## FARMERS & MAKERS MARKET

Visiting a farmers and makers market is an excellent way to become acquainted with your local food system, support local creative entrepreneur businesses, and enjoy fresh, healthy food.

**EVERY SATURDAY 9:00AM TO 1:00PM  
MAY 13TH TO SEPTEMBER 30TH**

 **Lee Street Park**  
155 Lee Street, Jonesboro GA 30236

 More information: [www.jonesboroga.com](http://www.jonesboroga.com)

 **Jonesboro**  
great community. many stories.



**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Divine Faith  
MINISTRIES International

# FALL FESTIVAL

**Tues. Oct. 31**  
4PM - 8PM

**ENJOY FAMILY FUN!**  
Rides | Food | Candy | Costume Contest

Vendor spots available, contact:  
Evangelist Geraldine Andre  
@ 404.514.0086 or email:  
afmbizalliance@gmail.com

@  
9800  
Tara Blvd.  
Jonesboro  
Georgia



## FREE CAR WASH

FREE COMMUNITY CAR WASH

- ✓ Free Car Wash
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Games
- ✓ People to pray for you
- ✓ All completely free

**September 30th  
10am-1pm**

**First Christian Church Jonesboro**  
2272 Walt Stephens Rd  
Jonesboro, GA 30236



## Take Your Business to the NEXT LEVEL!

REGISTER TODAY FOR SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING

**Free to Attend**

### SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING COURSES

**SPONSORED BY**  
 **Jonesboro**  
great community. many stories.  
Provided through American Rescue Plan Act funding

 Community Room | 1859 City Center Way  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Must attend a minimum of 4 of the 6 sessions to receive certificate of completion

 <b>Aug. 23</b> TAX PREP & BOOKKEEPING	 <b>Sept. 13</b> HOW TO WRITE A DYNAMIC BUSINESS PLAN	 <b>Oct. 4</b> MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS
<b>Aug. 30</b> ESTABLISHING BUSINESS CREDIT	<b>Sept. 20</b> DIGITAL CONTENT CREATION	<b>Oct. 11</b> HIRE SMART

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

 **CLAYTON**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

 **AXPRO**

 **Small Business Development Center**  
at Clayton State University  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

 **TRUIST**

# Resources

DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE	DEPARTMENT	MAIN LINE
<b>A</b>			
Animal Control	770-477-3509	<b>O</b>	
<b>B</b>		Office of Youth Services	770-477-3262
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	<b>P</b>	
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
<b>C</b>		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
<b>D</b>		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
<b>E</b>		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
<b>F</b>		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
<b>G</b>		Probation Juvenile Court (Intake)	770-473-5977
Gun Permits	770-477-3301	Public Works	770-477-3299
<b>H</b>		Purchasing Department	770-477-3587
Housing Authority-Clayton	404-362-1200	<b>R</b>	
Humane Society	770-471-9436	Recycling	770-473-5470
<b>I</b>		Refuse Control	770-477-3548



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I		Refuse Control	770-477-3548
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
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
Jonesboro	770-478-7120	Superior Court/Civil Cases	770-477-3405
Lovejoy	770-472-8129	T	
Morrow	770-347-0170	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



Cc: Clayton connected

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# Clayton County Public Schools

*"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!"*

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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.

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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.

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