



Where the World Lands
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Take Off

September 25, 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

Health & Wellness

The Health Benefits of Laughter Physical & Mental:

1. Laughter draws people together and triggers healthy changes physically and emotionally.
2. Laughter can strengthen your immune system.
3. Laughter can uplift your mood.
4. Laughter can defend you from harmful effects of stress by relieving your body of tension and stress.
5. A good laugh can help balance your mind and body.
6. Laughter can help enhance your relationships with others.
7. The best things about laughter is that it is Fun, Free and Easy to do. Try it and see how you feel.
8. Having humor in your life keeps you grounded.

9. Having a good sense of humor lightens your burdens.
10. If you seek out opportunities for humor and laughter, you can even add years to your life.
11. Laughter can help your creativity to flourish.
12. Laughter can help you see the world in a more positive, relaxed and joyful way.

Reference: helpguide.org/articles/mental-health/laughter-is-the-best-medicine.htm.

Well-Being-Happiness

Article: Laughter is the Best Medicine; last updated or reviewed on February 28, 2023.

Just Laugh!!
LOL...



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



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.**

CARING FOR LOVED ONES MAKES YOU A LOT OF THINGS TO A
LOT OF PEOPLE FROM CHAUFFEUR TO MEDICARE COUNSELOR.

JOIN US TO BECOME PREPARED TO PROVIDE CARE AND
SUPPORT TO YOUR CARE PARTNER.

J. CHARLEY GRISWELL SENIOR CENTER
2300 HIGHWAY 138, JONESBORO, GA 30236

SPONSORSHIP AND VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 770.347.0150.



— Giving to those who care the most. —

Caregivers Symposium



Senior Services

SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH 2023



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Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner

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SPLOST Progress for Pennies

Sept. 19, 2023

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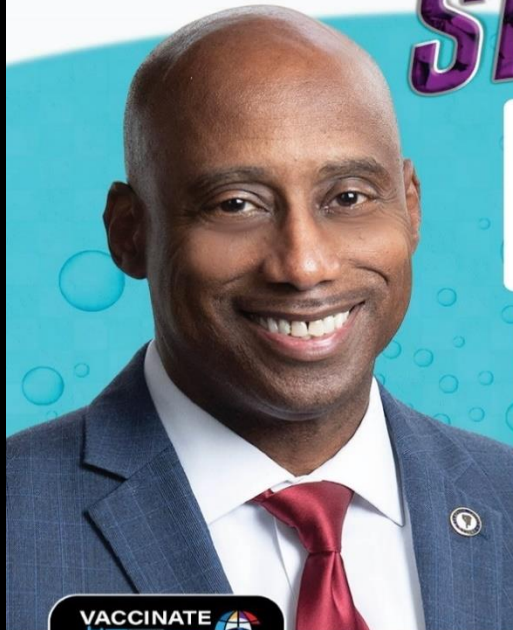
Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



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

SIP & SOUNDS

Save the Dates



VACCINATE
CLAYTON



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

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



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 or cturnerib@gmail.com
visit: www.chairmanturnersball.org or artsclayton.org

OPPORTUNITY CLAYTON

RETAIL & LIFESTYLE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR



SEPT. 12TH | OCT. 10TH | NOV. 14TH 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

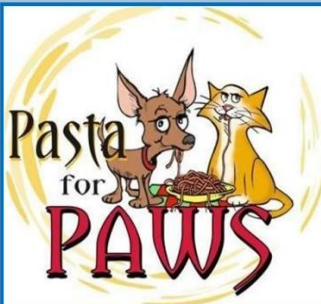
OCTOBER 7, 2023

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



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

For More Information or to Sponsor Visit Our Website:
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.

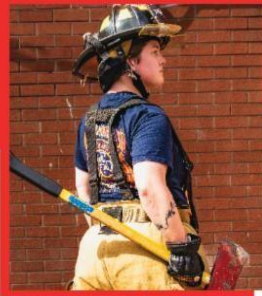




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GIRLS' FUTURE FIREFIGHTER CAMP

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

(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.




BLOCK PARTY

Sponsored by
City of Forest Park Code Enforcement

Tuesday, October 24th

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**Kennesaw Drive &
Rushmore Place**
Forest Park, GA 30297

FREE FOOD, MUSIC, AND FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



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Ward 1 Councilwoman
Kimberly James




Activities & Resources

“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”

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

THE CITY OF RIVERDALE PRESENTS

Gospel **OCT 14 2023**
ON THE **GREEN** 4pm-7pm
Live Performances



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GOD'S GURLS
“THE FAMILY”

*FREE ADMISSION * FOOD VENDORS ON SITE
*BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS *NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS

RIVERDALE TOWN CENTER AMPHITHEATER

7210 CHURCH STREET | RIVERDALE, GA 30274
WWW.RIVERDALEGA.GOV | FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 770.909.5300

THE CITY OF RIVERDALE PRESENTS

FREE EVENT

THE ULTIMATE PINK PARTY
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENT

Saturday, October 21st
11:00am - 1:00pm

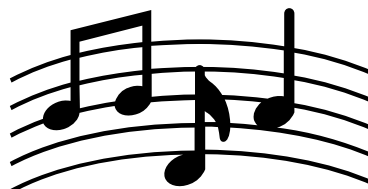
OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND RIVERDALE WANTS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT.

JOIN US FOR A FREE DANCE CLASS WITH CELEBRITY FITNESS INSTRUCTOR **DWIGHT HOLT JR.**

DOOR PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN AND INFORMATION!
DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND AND TO WEAR PINK!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT **AUDREY SENEGAL** AT 770-909-5300 OR EMAIL: ASENEGAL@RIVERDALEGA.GOV
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY AT [HTTPS://PINKPARTY23.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://pinkparty23.eventbrite.com)

RIVERDALE TOWN CENTER

7210 CHURCH STREET | RIVERDALE, GA 30274 | 770.909.5300 | RIVERDALEGA.GOV



7TH CITYWIDE
FESTIVAL
+SOUTHERN LEGENDS AWARDS
Entertainers • Activist • Philanthropists

FOOD, MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFT, GAMES, CARS, FIRE/EMS EXPO AND MORE!

COUNCILMAN RODERICK GAY & PAMELA STONER-GAY
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
VIVICA A. FOX - SPECIAL GUEST

SATURDAY, OCT 14TH • 12PM-5PM
4400 HERSCHEL RD

COLLEGE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT
&
HAUNTED HOUSE



OCTOBER 27, 2023
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TRACEY WYATT RECREATION CENTER
2300 GODBY RD. COLLEGE PARK, GA. 30349

 **MUSIC - CANDY - HAIRIDE** 

FALL CLEANUP

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Public Works Building at 5535 North Parkway

Lake City will have its fall clean-up at 5535 North Parkway (Public Works Building) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. There will also be a shredding service from 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM. Residents may bring items such as trash, yard debris, metal, old paint, used oil, etc. We can no longer accept tires of any kind. Please bring a photo ID that shows your Lake City address. If your ID does not contain your Lake City address, bring a photo ID with a current utility bill showing your name and Lake City address. If you have questions, please contact us at (404) 366-8080 and ask for public works.



Get ready to show off your spooky creativity at our Scarecrow Decorating Contest in Jonesboro this October.

FREE ENTRY!
Register your scarecrow at the City Center or online at www.jonesboroga.com

All submissions due by 10/1/23



**VENDOR AND SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**

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HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN HECTOR GUTIERREZ

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
2 P.M TO 9 P.M.
STARR PARK (5031 PARK AVE.)**

COME CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH THE CITY OF FOREST PARK! THIS ANNUAL EVENT BRINGS OUT HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY FEATURING GREAT MUSIC, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD TRUCKS AND MUCH MORE!

****SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND
VENDOR SPACE TODAY****

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

TENISHA DIXON
(470) 487-3753

MARSHA JOHNSON
(470) 630-2355

TDIXON@FORESTPARKGA.GOV MAJOHNSON@FORESTPARKGA.GOV



**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**

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



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



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



SISTERS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK, INC.
PRESENTS



12th ANNUAL

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

5K WALK/RUN

»»AGAINST««
Domestic Violence

SATURDAY

October 21, 2023

CLAYTON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL PARK | 2300 HIGHWAY 138 SE JONESBORO, GA

REGISTRATION OPEN: 8 AM | KIDS FUN RUN: 9 AM | 5K WALK/RUN: 9:30 AM



25TH ANNUAL

5K AUTUMN

FUN RUN & WALK

REGISTRATION: AUG. 14TH-SEPT. 23RD



\$20 per person

\$15 seniors

\$10 child (18&under)

Team registration available.
\$5 off when you join a team!*

***Race day registrations
will not be accepted***



HEALTH EXPO/PACKET PICKUP

FRIDAY

SEPT. 29, 2023

START 05.00 PM

RACE DAY

SATURDAY

SEPT. 30, 2023

START 08.30 AM

STARR PARK

5031 PARK AVE., FOREST PARK, GA 30297

LIVE MUSIC

DOORPRIZES

AWARDS FOR
TOP FINISHERS

*TO START A TEAM OR TO JOIN A TEAM PLEASE CONTACT US USING THE INFORMATION BELOW.

FOR INFORMATION VISIT WWW.FORESTPARKGA.GOV/PARKSREC - EMAIL: RECREATIONLEISURE@FORESTPARKGA.GOV - CALL: 404-366-4720



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.



#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





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:
dfmibizalliance@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

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

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

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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	770-477-3299
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
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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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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.

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