



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

November 27, 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





The Veteran of the Month

Yeoman-Seaman Shontell N. Saunders-Murphy was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She joined the U.S. Navy in 1993 and served as Head Master at Arms while in boot camp and while in training school. Shontell became the Yeoman to the Captain and the XO (Executive Officer) of the Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida, which was also her first duty station.

Shontell had to end her military career prematurely in 1995 when her newborn daughter was diagnosed with Sick Cell Beta Thalassemia. Being a single mom at the time, she decided to be honorably discharged to educate herself about her daughter's diagnosis.

To further her education, Shontell attended the University of Phoenix and earned an Associate degree in Business and a dual Bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Healthcare Management from Central Christian College in Kansas. Her educational experience led her to work for United Healthcare as a Network Contract Manager, where she negotiated physician contracts for the Veterans Affairs Community Care Network (VACCN).

Shontell is a proud mother of three daughters, aged 28, 22, and 19, and two granddaughters aged 5 and 2.5, as well as two grandsons aged 8 and 6 months. She is also the Public Relations Officer for AMVETS Department of Georgia and AMVETS POST 9-1-1 in Southwest Atlanta. Shontell's passion is advocating for veterans and their families and others in need in the community.

In her free time, Shontell enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering to help veterans in the community, traveling, and building her Real Estate and E-commerce empire.

TALK TO TURNER

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

chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov

Health & Wellness

What Can You Do to Reduce Holiday Stress?

“Self-Care Tips” to Help!

1. **Let It Out:** Keeping everything in is the worst thing you can do no matter what's bothering you. Talk to a friend or person you trust and let them be your sounding board.
2. **Carve Out Time for Self-Care:** During the holidays we are all crazy busy, but make sure you put aside some “Self-Care Time” here and there throughout the holidays, even if it is just 10 minutes. You can take a little walk and get some fresh air, call a loved one for a quick chat, meditate, or get a quick workout in. These things will have a positive impact on you mentally and physically.
3. **Get Enough Sleep:** It is so easy to stay up late during the holidays shopping, wrapping gifts, cooking, baking, decorating, and celebrating, but getting a good night's sleep is critical to feeling your best overall. Try to get between seven to eight hours of sleep a night.
4. **Take Your Vitamins:** People tend to get sick around the holidays because they are stressed, not getting adequate sleep, not making healthy eating choices, and stretching themselves too thin trying to do everything. The vitamins can help give your immune system the boost it needs during this busy season.
5. **Be Intentional:** Be clear about what your priorities are during the holidays and stay focused on the things that matter the most to you... like what you want to do, who you want to spend your time with during the holidays, and how you want to feel this holiday season.



Let's join the party of
Frank Bailey Senior Center

"Rock the Bells" Christmas Party

performance by:

DJ ANTRON

Friday, December 22, 2023 | 05:00-09:00 PM
Music/Dinner/Giveaways/ Raffle/ Photographer on -site

Tickets on Sale \$15

Clayton County Senior Services Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability in provision of programs and services. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to register for activities, programs and 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

Please remember to still protect yourself and others by practicing something as simple as the 3 C's to help keep us all safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19

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



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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

Nov. 7, 2023

[Click Here for Video](#)



Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's

TOY DRIVE *and Holiday Fundraiser*

THURS., DEC. 7, 2023 • 6 PM - 9 PM

MUSIC • FUN • FOOD

Club Sugar Bush

7955 Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, GA 30236

All toys and donations to benefit
children in Clayton County
foster care.

Accepting new unwrapped toys
or monetary Donations.



Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



November 2023 Digital Equity Event Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8 ACP Sign-Up @ Jim Huie (9am) Excel II @ NW Library (2pm)	9	10 Word @ Morrow Library (9am)
13	14 Navigating PC @ South Clayton (6pm)	15 Excel @ Jim Huie (4pm)	16 Navigating PC @ Frank Bailey (9am)	17
20 Navigating iPhone/iPad @ Griswell (9am)	21	22 Protect Digital Identity @ Jim Huie (2pm)	23 Protect Digital Identity @ Frank Bailey (9am)	24
27 Excel II @ Forest Park Library (9:30am)	28 Navigating PC @ Forest Park Senior Center (9am)	29 ACP Sign-Up @ Worksource GA (11am)	30	

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



#ACCESS
4CLAYTON

GET FULLY INVOLVED
& DONATE TODAY
SO OTHERS MAY FEEL THE HEAT

BLANKETS

DEADLINE:

Blankets will be collected
through Friday,
December 15, 2023.

DONATION LOCATION:

Blankets may be dropped off at
any Clayton County Fire Station.

INTERIM CHIEF TIM SWEAT ASKS YOU TO JOIN US AS WE **PROVIDE**
WARMTH TO OUR COMMUNITY, ONE BLANKET AT A TIME.

SHARING WARMTH, SPREADING JOY.



formerly called "The Angel Tree"
(changed due to copyright infringement)

THE GIVING TREE

*Give hope to a child
this holiday season*



Call the Kinship Care Resource Center to sponsor a child from the tree. We can email or fax the information on a child to you.

There is no set amount to spend; any gift is appreciated.

You can adopt a child or a whole family.

Children can be sponsored from October 23rd until December 15th.



Call 770-473-5788 for more information

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Youth Services



CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

A PROGRAM OF THE CLAYTON COUNTY OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

ALL FOOD ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO "HEARTS TO NOURISH HOPE".

NOVEMBER 15TH - DECEMBER 10TH
9:00AM-6:00PM

ITEMS NEEDED:

PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, OATMEAL, CANNED VEGETABLES/FRUIT
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED SOUP, APPLESAUCE, RICE, ETC.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Clayton County Board of Commissioners

112 Smith Street, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Jim Huie Recreation Center

9045 Tara Blvd, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center

3499 Rex Rd, Rex, GA 30273

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd, Hampton, GA 30228

Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center

1475 E Fayetteville Rd, Riverdale, GA 30296

Lake Spivey Recreation Center

2300 Walt Stephens Rd Jonesboro, GA 30236

Headquarters Library

865 Battle Creek Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Forest Park Library

4812 West Street, Forest Park, GA 30297

Lovejoy Library

1721 McDonough Road, Hampton, GA 30228

Morrow Library

6225 Maddox Road, Morrow, GA 30260

Northwest Library

6131 Riverdale Rd. Riverdale, GA 30274

Riverdale Library

420 Valley Hill Road SW, Riverdale, GA 30296

For more information, please contact Ciara Dunn at ciara.dunn@claytoncountyga.gov or

770-477-3349.

Activities & Resources

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



Yule Log Celebration

DEC. 1, 2023 - 7PM

REYNOLDS NATURE PRESERVE

5665 Reynolds Rd, Morrow, GA 30260

Event Parking at:

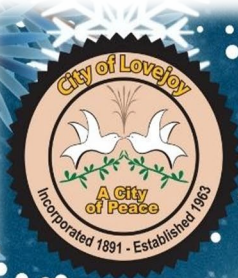
Morrow Elementary School

6115 Reynolds Rd, Morrow, GA 30260

Bonfire • Storytelling • Music • Refreshments

Bring your own mug for cocoa to be entered into a prize drawing.

For more information, call 770-603-4189 or visit claytonparks.com.



PRESENTED BY
THE CITY OF LOVEJOY

FREE EVENT

CHRISTMAS IN LOVEJOY

Light up the Park



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mayor's Park - 11596 Hastings Bridge Road, Lovejoy GA

**TREE LIGHTING
GIFTS FOR KIDS
HOT CHOCOLATE
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
VISIT WITH SANTA**

**KIDS TOY
GIVEAWAY
REGISTRATION:
COMING SOON**

CITYHALL@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM

(770) 471-2304



CHRISTMAS

PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

WE'LL ALSO HAVE:

- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD
- SNOW PIT
- PHOTOS WITH SANTA
- CARNIVAL
- GOSPEL CONCERT

The City of Riverdale invites you to our annual Christmas parade and tree lighting. Come out and watch as we kick off the holiday season with parade balloons, marchers, bands, and SANTA!

FREE EVENT! Come enjoy the fun!

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2ND**

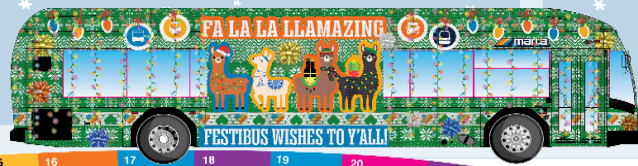
12PM-8PM

PARADE KICKOFF AT 3PM

**PARADE ROUTE STARTS AT
6690 CHURCH ST. TO 7210 CHURCH ST.**
to participate in the parade email Asenegal@riverdalega.gov



Spreading Holiday Cheer in martaLAND



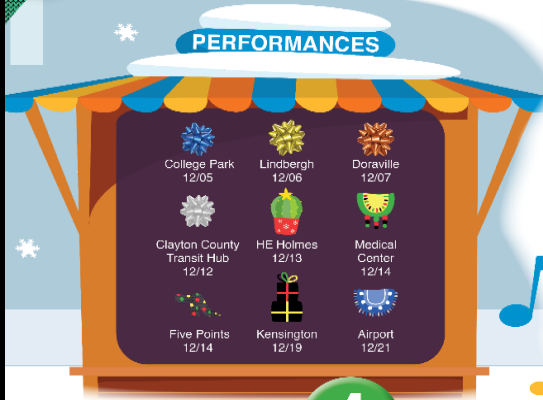
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November 14
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
MARTALAND
Holiday Market
at West End



3

December 5 - 21
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Artbound Performances



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**December 8 &
December 15**
12 PM - 3 PM
**Live Holiday
Music on
the Streetcar**



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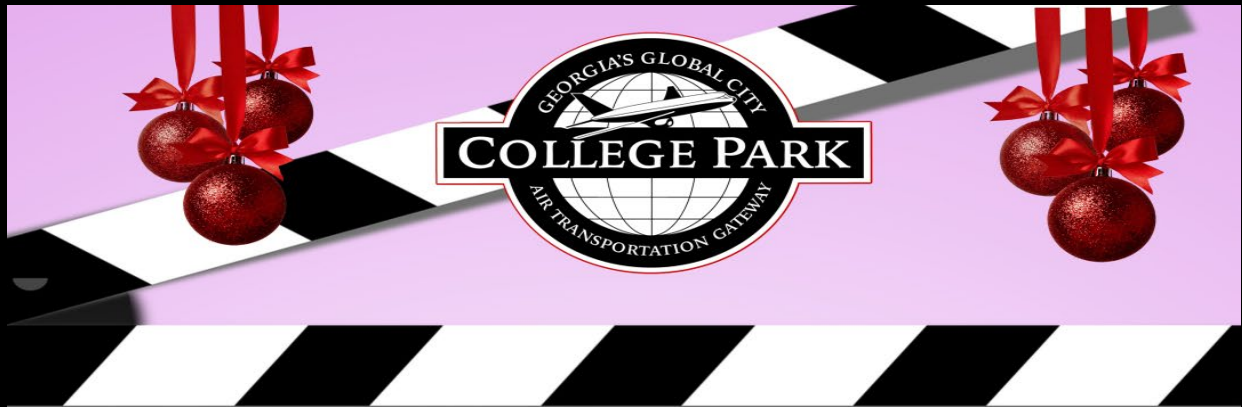
December 19 - 21
Surprise Ride
Breeze Card / Ticket Giveaway



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November 15 - December 31
Free Holiday Bus Ride
Enjoy free bus rides on MARTA's
beautifully wrapped buses!





47th Annual Christmas Parade
LIGHTS. CAMERAS. CHRISTMAS.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Parade starts
at 9:30 a.m.

Main Street,
College Park

Parade Registration Online: www.collegeparkrca.com

2023 Grand Marshal Celebrity Guest & TRU FOUNDATION INC.



Contact: Jerisha Bronson, Program Coordinator
404 669 9206 ex 6113 | jerishab@collegeparkga.com



MERRY MISTLETOE MARKET

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 2

FROM

4PM-8PM

Pictures with Santa from 6pm-8pm,
Christmas Tree Lighting,
Musical Fireworks show,
Arts and Crafts vendors,
Food Trucks,
and more!

LEE STREET PARK
155 LEE STREET



CHRISTMAS AT JONESBORO

DECEMBER 8, 9, & 10
FBCJONESBORO.COM

CHRISTMAS AT JONESBORO

The true meaning of Christmas comes alive in sight and sound as the beautiful Gospel message illuminates the Christmas season! We invite you to one or all three nights.

DECEMBER 8	7PM
DECEMBER 9	5PM
DECEMBER 10	5PM

*Featuring the Jonesboro Choir & Orchestra, with special guests: Atlanta Drum Academy and Ballet Magnificat!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday Worship - 10:45am
Candlelight Service - 5pm



**FIRST BAPTIST
JONESBORO**

142 College St., Jonesboro, GA



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	70-603-4001
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	678-4795339	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
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



Cc: Clayton connected

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ACTIONS INTENDED FOR RESULTS

A CCPS LEARNING RECOVERY AND ACCELERATION INITIATIVE ON SATURDAYS!

**ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR CHILD
TO SOAR IN THEIR LEARNING?
ENROLL THEM TODAY IN THE
CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AIR PROGRAM!**

**PROGRAM STARTS:
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 4, 2023 TO
MARCH 9, 2024**

**HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 28, 2023 TO
MARCH 9, 2024**

**REGISTER HERE BY:
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**



**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



**BUILDING
A BETTER
TOMORROW,
TODAY!**

“If you’re walking down the right path and you’re willing to keep walking, eventually you’ll make progress.”

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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