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December 14, 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



## December Veteran of The Month *Captain Olivia E. Smith, PhD,*



**Captain Olivia E. Smith, PhD**, is a licensed social worker with over 30 years of clinical and administrative experience in behavioral health, military health, and other health-related programs. She served as a Captain, medical officer, and Chief of Family Advocacy in the United States Air Force during Desert Storm. Dr. Smith has a personal and professional interest in program planning and policy development as it relates to the health care of United States veterans and their families. Presently, Dr. Smith advocates and empowers male and female veterans to obtain benefits and services to improve their quality of life with respect and dignity. Her passion is to serve women veterans. Dr. Smith's work as a pioneer, humanitarian, and veteran advocate exemplifies her devotion to promoting the welfare of veterans. Her special determination is the elimination of many service blockages that tend to cause veterans to experience undue pain and suffering.

While serving in the military, Dr. Smith incurred a chronic illness that greatly affected her physical health. She utilizes her personal journey with the

Department of Veterans Affairs to serve as a tireless volunteer. Presently, she advocates for veterans, families, and significant others. Dr. Smith commits her unrelenting efforts to make a difference in the lives of veterans by assisting with information sharing related to Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) for men and women, homelessness, health/disabilities, financial support, education, burial, and other benefits.

Dr. Smith is a lifelong member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and longstanding member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and National Association of Social Workers, Georgia Chapter and Georgia Military Women which includes women veterans from all branches of the military. The Community networks and empowers women to obtain the "*Quality of Life*" that was fought for, sacrificed for, and rightfully earned as honorably discharged female veterans.

Dr. Smith's scholastic achievements include a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University in Washington, D. C., and holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work.

Dr. Smith, a disabled veteran and social worker, is a pioneer who provides unyielding time and efforts to serve her country and advocate for veterans' rights and services. She demonstrates a determination to be a change agent in the community and to affect the lives of veterans, who swore to give their lives to serve and protect the country and us. Her steadfast energy to work for others is very inspirational. Dr. Smith truly exemplifies good citizenry and makes a difference in many ways in our community.

# TALK TO TURNER

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

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

## Health & Wellness

### *“Helpful Hints to Keep Your Pets Safe this Christmas”!*

1. **Stocking Stuffers for Pets:** It's important to ensure that your pet doesn't eat all the treats in their stocking at once. This can lead to digestive problems and make them sick.
2. **Tinsel & Ribbons:** The sparkle on the Christmas tree and ribbons on gifts are beautiful to look at, but it's important to clean them up off the floor. Our dogs and cats can be curious and may want to eat them, which can cause serious stomach and intestinal damage.
3. **Salt-Dough & Homemade Play-Dough Ornaments:** These DIY ornaments contain a high level of salt which could be toxic for pets if ingested.
4. **Holiday Plants:** Please be aware that Poinsettias may irritate your pet's mouth and stomach leading to drooling, vomiting, and even diarrhea. Mistletoe is another plant that can cause your pet to vomit and have diarrhea, and other possible symptoms include difficulty breathing, a slowed heart rate, low blood pressure, and odd behavior. Although Holly berries and their leaves aren't too harmful, they can still make your pet feel sick.
5. **Table Scraps:** It's not a good idea to feed your pet with table scraps that are high in fat, such as fat trimmings or chicken/turkey skin from a roast. These types of foods can cause stomach problems for your pet and may result in a serious illness known as pancreatitis.
6. **Human Treats & Alcohol:** It's essential to know that chocolate can be harmful to your cat or dog. However, it's not just chocolate that could pose a danger to your furry friend. Mints that contain xylitol can be harmful too. This ingredient is also present in candy, chewing gum, certain kinds of peanut butter, and baked goods. Alcohol consumption can make your pet feel unwell, causing vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, difficulty breathing, incoordination, shaking, and in severe cases, respiratory failure leading to death.
7. **Snack Bags:** Dogs have a natural inclination to sniff out any food item that is lying around, including potato chips and cereal bags. However, if a dog puts his head inside one of these bags and inhales, it can lead to suffocation. Therefore, it is essential to pick up these bags and dispose of them properly in the trash.

Reference: [fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/keep-your-dogs-and-cats-safe-holiday-hazards](https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/keep-your-dogs-and-cats-safe-holiday-hazards)  
Article: Keep Your Dogs and Cats Safe from Holiday Hazards

Women of Clayton County



# SHOP LOCAL PLEDGE

2023 HOLIDAY SEASON

You can make a big impact in your  
community when you shop local! Support  
your community and shop local this Holiday  
Season!

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\*SHOP SMALL\*  
\*EAT LOCAL\*  
\*ENJOY LOCAL\*

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Purchase gift cards!

Order Takeout or  
Delivery!

Spread the word about  
your favorite shops!

Write Positive Reviews!

**WOMEN**  
of  
Clayton County





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

Chairman Turner's  
Halloween Decorating  
Contest Winner's  
Breakfast & Presentations!



1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Tiki Brown  
Clerk of State Court  
Clayton County State Court Clerk's Office









Honorable  
Mention  
"Fleet Maintenance"





2023 Best  
Theatrical  
Production  
"Fire & Emergency  
Services"



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

Dec. 5, 2023

*[Click Here for Video](#)*

# Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss

**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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## Activities & Resources

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



 **MOVIES  
WITH THE  
CITY OF LOVEJOY**

Private Screening: **THE COLOR PURPLE** (2023)

**THURSDAY  
28  
DECEMBER  
3:30 PM**

**2 FREE TICKETS  
(PER HOUSEHOLD)**  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED

**RSVP :  
WWW.CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM (EVENTS)**

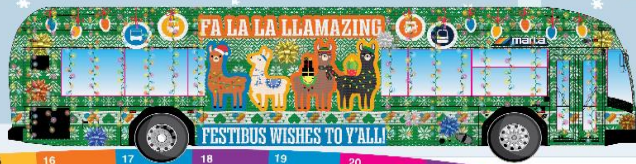
AMC Southlake 24  
7065 Mount Zion Circle.  
Morrow, GA 30260

Must be 21+  
Food and transportation are not included  
Must be a Lovejoy resident.

[www.cityoflovejoy.com](http://www.cityoflovejoy.com) | (77) 471-2304 | [cityhall@cityoflovejoy.com](mailto:cityhall@cityoflovejoy.com)



# Spreading Holiday Cheer in martaLAND



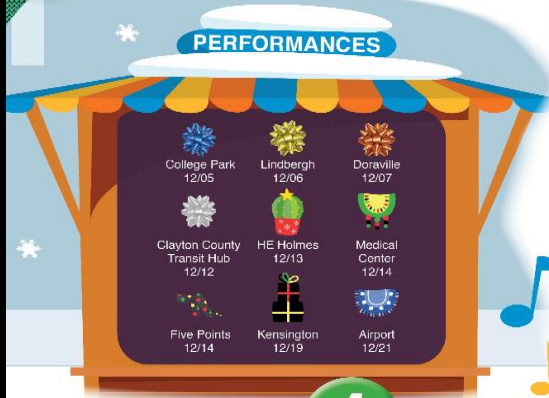
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**November 14**  
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
**MARTALAND**  
Holiday Market  
at West End



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**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



December 1st

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

Surprise Ride

December 19  
9:30 am - 1 pm  
December 20  
6:30 am - 10 am  
December 21  
3:30 pm - 7 pm



## College Park Police Department

# Shop with a Cop



## Dec 15, 2023

### Eligibility

- Must reside inside the City of College Park Ga
- Children must be between the ages of 3 – 13 years.
- Cannot participate if you have participated in the last 3 years
- Children have to be actively enrolled in school

The College Park Police Department would like to assist families in need during this holiday season and would like to help make a very special Christmas for College Park's children and families. If you qualify, or know anyone who qualifies and wants to participate in this year "Shop with a Cop" program, please email me at [Apaniagua@collegeparkga.com](mailto:Apaniagua@collegeparkga.com)







THE CITY OF RIVERDALE 2ND ANNUAL  
FORMAL BLACK TIE

VALENTINE'S  
DAY  
*Gala*  
2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

6:30PM TO 11:30PM

DOORS OPEN / COCKTAIL HOUR

6:30PM TO 7:30PM



FEATURING

**Keith Washington**

Grammy Nominated Artist  
hosted by Art Terrell  
plus live performances from  
Kasper and The 911 Band  
with Regina Troupe

**FOR TICKET AND TABLE INFORMATION VISIT**

[HTTPS://VALENTINEGALA2024.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://valentinegala2024.eventbrite.com)

Riverdale Town Center | 7210 Church Street | Riverdale, GA 30274



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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!**



# 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	70-603-4001
<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	770-477-3674
<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
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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“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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