



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

December 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



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@claytoncountygga.gov

Health & Wellness

“Family Time During the Holidays!”

1. **Write Out a Budget:** Sit down with your kids and see who they want to buy gifts for and decide how much to spend on each person. Also, to help your kid stay on budget track the amount they spend as you shop.
2. **Spend Time in the Kitchen Together:** The holidays are the perfect time to cook and bake together. This is a good time to teach kids about nutrition, how to follow a recipe, and how to measure the ingredients. They will be learning math, science, and reading skills without even realizing it. Cooking together is fun! You will be bonding with your family and passing down family traditions and recipes. This will create lifelong memories for you and for generations to come.
3. **Holiday Arts and Crafts:** We all love to go into a store and buy gifts for our family and friends, but sometimes a homemade gift or Christmas card is more personal. Plus, this can encourage creativity and expression. It is also a great opportunity for children to work on their handwriting, spelling, and their grammar as well.
4. **Get Out and Explore Your Community:** We all have busy schedules with work, school, and extracurriculars, so the holidays are a great opportunity to do things right here in the city you live in. Go visit a local park or historical site as a family outing.
5. **Game Day or Night:** During holiday gatherings, get out the board games and trivia games! This is a great way to enjoy being with family and friends. You can go online to get game ideas for all ages. This will get conversations started, encourage learning, and overall be Fun!!
6. **Enjoy Nature:** Go outside and play catch in the backyard or build a snowman if it snows. You can go visit a local park and walk or maybe throw around a frisbee. Stay Active!
7. **Read a Little Every Day:** Go visit your local library and check out a few books to read over winter break. You can read together with your children, and this will help develop their literacy skills and excel in scholastics. Quality time that includes learning will enhance these special moments and promote their success.

Reference: pbs.org/parents/thrive/7-family-time-and-learning-tips-for-the-holidays

Article: 7 Family Time and Learning Tips for the Holidays

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!

SHOP SMALL
EAT LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL

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 – Shelnut Intergenerational Center, 849 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro

For Information & Assistance including Meals on Wheels, In-home care, etc.:

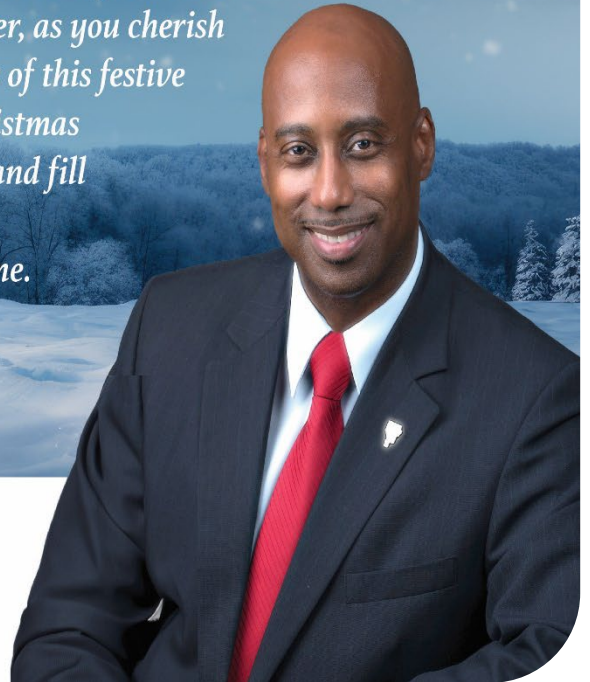
Aging Services – 877 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro

Visit our website at www.claytonseniors.com

Merry Christmas

from Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner

I want to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. May this holiday season be full of joy, love, and laughter, as you cherish the traditions and treasures of this festive time. May the spirit of Christmas bring peace to your hearts and fill your lives with hope and blessings in the years to come.



Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's

"Spirit Video"

2023!



Rockin' Around the
Christmas Tree



We Wish you Merry Chirstmas

All Day Adult - \$ 17.99

All Day Senior - \$ 15.99

All day Kids 3-6 - \$ 7.99

All Day Kids 7-10 - \$ 9.99

Take out - \$ 8.99/lb

Drink - \$ 2.69



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



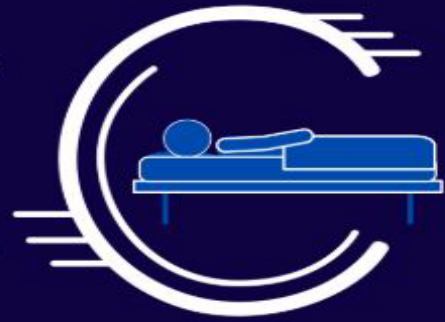
CLEAN YOUR HANDS

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



WE ARE **HIRING**

Industrial Maintenance Mechanics

ARE YOU READY!

Where: The Hilton Airport
1031 Virginia Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30354

Date: January 10th and 11th

Time: 9AM-4PM

Closed for lunch: 12p-1p

We are looking for 3-5 years of Industrial Maintenance and Electrical experience. Please bring resume for on the spot interviews and screenings.



The Clorox Company

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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 | (77) 471-2304 | cityhall@cityoflovejoy.com



CITY OF
FORESTPARK



BINGO NIGHT

*You're invited
55 and Up*

GAME - FUN - PRIZE

*Join Senior Panthers In Action
EVERY 3RD FRIDAY
5:00PM - 9:00PM
Forest Park Senior Center
5087 Park Ave. Forest Park, Georgia 30297*

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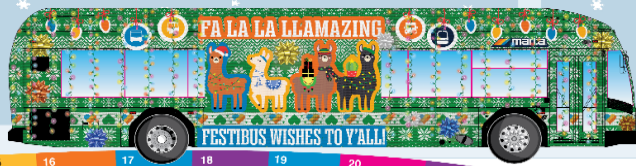
Forest Park Senior Center

5:00PM - 9:00PM

Every 3rd Friday

Join Senior Panthers in Action

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

PERFORMANCES		
College Park 12/05	Lindbergh 12/06	Doraville 12/07
Clayton County Transit Hub 12/12	HE Holmes 12/13	Medical Center 12/14
Five Points 12/14	Kensington 12/19	Airport 12/21

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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



West End

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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

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

PARADE

**JANUARY 15TH, 2024
BEGINS AT 12PM**

THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Calling Local Businesses, Marching
Bands, Dance Groups, Schools,
Community and Government
Organizations

To Participate In Our Annual
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

Parade Details

**Participants Line Up At 10AM
(Jonesboro Government Circle)**

Parade Begins At Noon

**Parade Route Travels Through
HISTORIC JONESBORO**

*"And so even though we face the
difficulties of today and tomorrow,
I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply
rooted in the American Dream"*
~ **Martin Luther King Jr.** ~

**FOR REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
EMAIL: EVENTS@JONESBOROGA.COM**





THE CITY OF RIVERDALE 2ND ANNUAL
FORMAL BLACK TIE

VALENTINE'S
DAY
Gala
2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

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
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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“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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Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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