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December 21, 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,

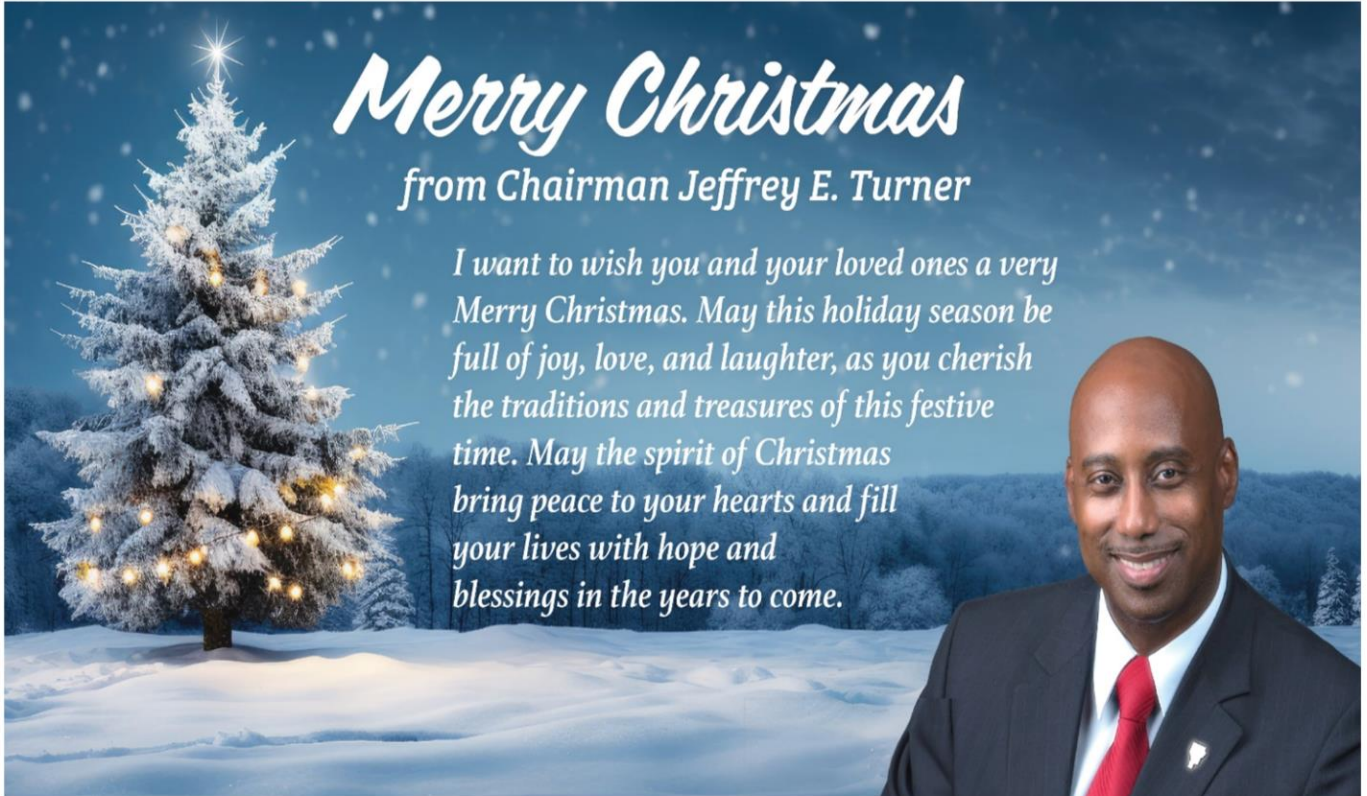
*Jeffrey E. Turner*

Chairman, Jeffrey E. Turner

# 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.*



# THANK YOU!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who donated toys and monetary gifts to the Toy Drive. Your generous donations will help bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children in our community.

I would also like to thank all the individuals who helped organize and volunteered their time to make this event a success. I know the foster children and their families are grateful for the wonderful Christmas you have given them.

Through the gift of toys, you have brought hope to many, exhibiting what the Christmas spirit truly means.

Thank you all once again! Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!  
Sincerely

*Jeffrey E. Turner*

Chairman, Jeffrey E. Turner  
Clayton County Board of Commissioners







Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's Toy Drive 2023





*Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's  
Spirit Video 2023*



Rockin' Around the  
Christmas Tree

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

## Health & Wellness

### *“Traveling Tips for the Holidays!”*

1. **Home Safety:** If you have a security system in your home make sure everything is working. Also, have a neighbor watching out and checking on your home especially if you are going to be gone for a long time.
2. **Car Safety:** It is a good idea to have your car serviced or inspected before traveling anytime. Keep an emergency kit like a gym bag in your trunk with a flashlight, jumper cables, a carjack, a first aid kit, bottled water, and a blanket to stay warm if you break down in the cold.
3. **Drive Safely:** Study up on the terrain you may encounter on your trip like icy, wet, or slushy roads. Keep things in mind like decreasing speed if needed; do not follow vehicles too close when you are behind them and try to leave early so you are not rushing.
4. **Map Out Your Drive:** Plan your route and have alternative route options as well, just in case there is a road closure, you hit severe traffic, or run into construction.
5. **Make Frequent Stops:** Winter driving can be very tiring, so make frequent stops to get out of the car and stretch your legs. Rest if you need to for a few minutes or longer.
6. **Cell Phone & Charger:** Make sure you have your cell phone with you while traveling on the road, so you can call for help if necessary. Also, bring the car charger for the cell phone... A dead phone does you no good!
7. **Stay Hydrated:** Not staying hydrated during a long drive can cause fatigue, and decreased alertness- and these are dangerous things to experience while driving.
8. **Wash Your Hands:** This is important while traveling during the holidays because we are in the middle of the flu season, and everything you touch has been touched by someone else.
9. **Share Itinerary:** Before hitting the road to and from, give a copy of the route you are taking and the necessary contact information to reach you, and a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

**Reference:** [safewise.com/blog/9-holiday-travel-safety-tips-next-getaway](https://safewise.com/blog/9-holiday-travel-safety-tips-next-getaway) **Article:** 9 Holiday Travel Safety Tips for Your Next Getaway **By:** Rebecca Edwards June 01, 2023

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)



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

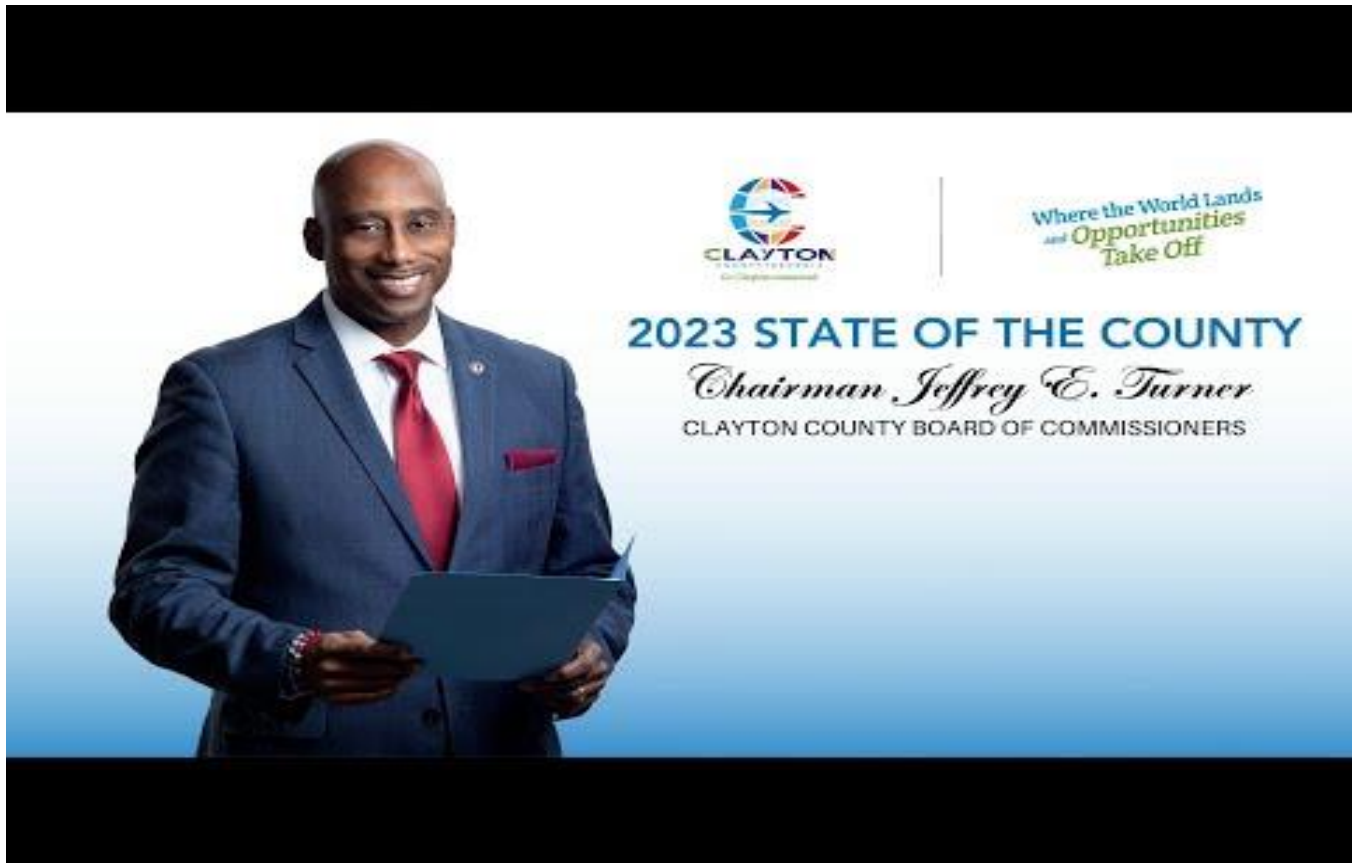
USE A TISSUE OR YOUR  
ELBOW



### CONTAIN GERMS

STAY HOME FROM WORK  
OR SCHOOL





[Click Here for Video](#)



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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# Spreading Holiday Cheer in **martaLAND**



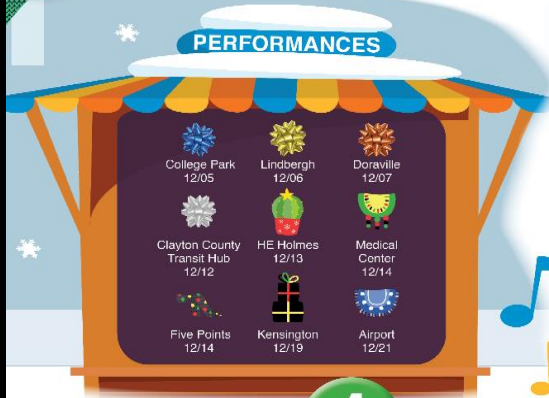
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**November 14**  
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
**MARTALAND**  
Holiday Market  
at West End



**3**

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



**4**

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



**5**

**December 19 - 21**  
**Surprise Ride**  
Breeze Card / Ticket Giveaway

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



December 1st

**2**

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





**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](mailto:EVENTS@JONESBOROGA.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

**FOR TICKET AND TABLE INFORMATION VISIT**

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

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



**FEATURING**

**Keith Washington**

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





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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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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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