



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

December 29, 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





HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

As we enter into this new year, let's approach it with open minds and hearts and work together for the common good in our communities. My hope for our families this year is that we learn and grow from our challenges, create happy memories together, and always support each other through thick and thin.

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year, filled with joy, good health, prosperity, and all the blessings your heart can hold.

from Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner



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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

“Tips to Keep Kids Busy on Christmas Break!”

1. **Carpet Picnics:** Put a blanket in front of the TV, get out your favorite snacks, and watch a movie together.
2. **Have a Percussion Party:** Make music with household items like pots, pans, brooms, wrapping paper, and water bottles. You can try to follow along with a favorite song or create your own rhythm.
3. **Build Gingerbread Houses:** You can get the premade kits, but you can also use things to create your own look with cookies, Pop-Tarts, or crackers. Have fun!
4. **Puzzles:** If you have a space that can be dedicated to having a puzzle on it, then everyone can come and sit and work on the puzzle whenever they want throughout the holiday season.
5. **Game Night:** You can pick different games to play or find one that everyone likes. If things get too competitive you can always say “Bedtime Everyone”!
6. **Clean House:** This is not as bad as it sounds.... One example is when the kids have been playing with toys or after eating Christmas Eve dinner and everyone needs to pitch in and straighten up, so the house is clean for Santa. This is a needed life lesson as well.
7. **Shopping or Homemade Gifts:** This time of the year is a good time to teach children about the spirit of giving and not just the receiving of gifts. Hopefully, this will help them focus and give more thoughtful gifts too.
8. **Read:** Storytime is fun! Gather everyone around your chair, pick a book like “The Night Before Christmas” and this will relax everyone and create lifelong memories.
9. **Just Play:** Have the kids go outside, and let them go to their rooms, but without phones, tablets, and computers. Encourage them to use their imaginations and take a break from the screen.

Reference: thatonemom.com/how-to-keep-the-kids-busy-during-christmas-break/ **Article:** How To Keep the Kids Busy During Christmas Break **By:** Beth December 20, 2022

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

SENIOR 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



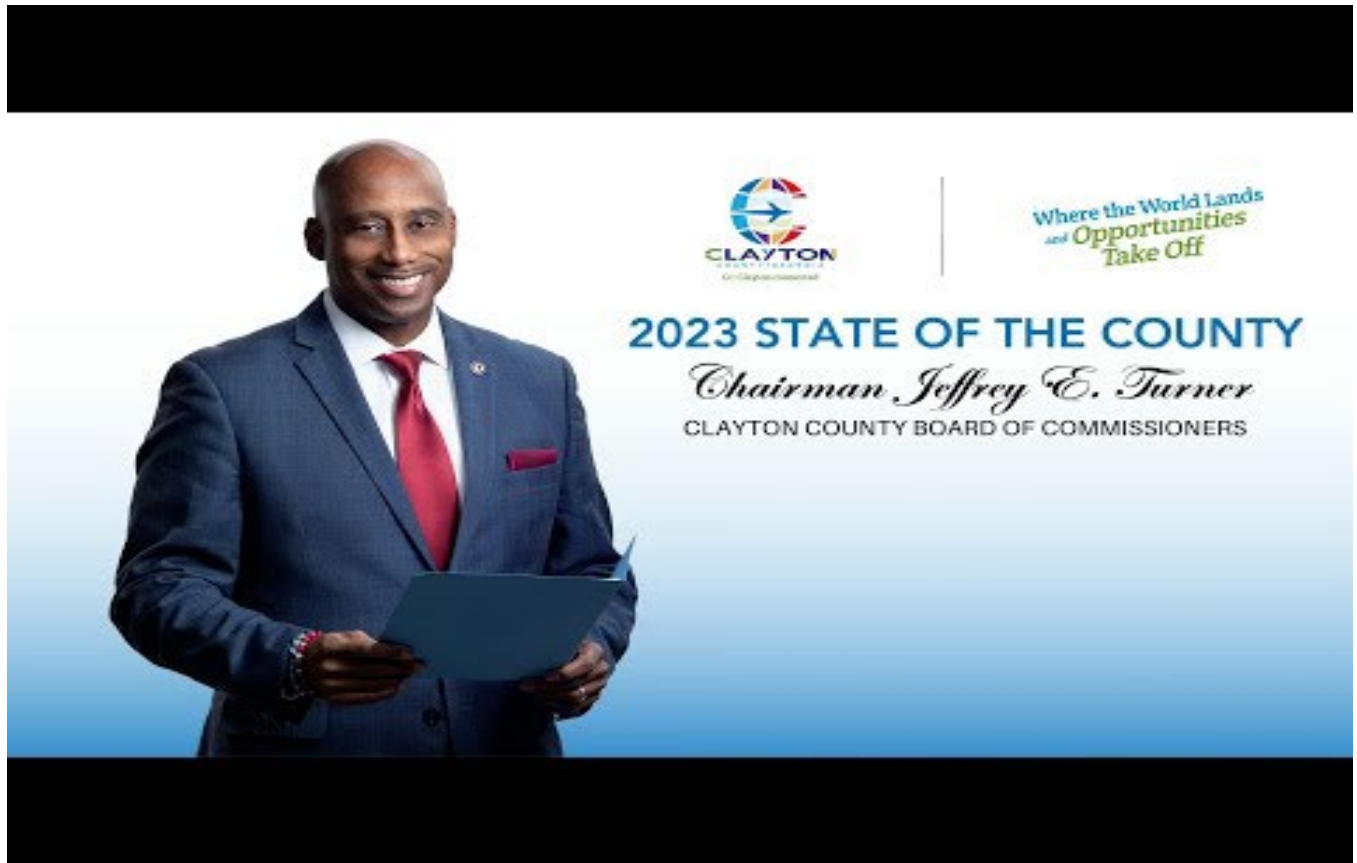
COVER YOUR MOUTH

USE A TISSUE OR YOUR
ELBOW



CONTAIN GERMS

STAY HOME FROM WORK
OR SCHOOL



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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.



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Activities & Resources

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



A vibrant graphic for a Bingo Night event. At the top, a green leaf logo is next to the text "CITY OF FORESTPARK". Below this is a circular logo for "Senior Panthers in Action" featuring a black panther head. The central focus is three overlapping bingo cards. The middle card is blue and shows a grid of numbers with a blue ball marked "5" in the center. To the left and right are orange and red bingo cards. Several bingo balls are scattered around: a red ball with "5", a blue ball with "4", and a yellow ball with "19". Two red spotlights shine from the top corners. The background is dark with a starry pattern.

BINGO NIGHT

You're invited
55 and Up

GAME – FUN – PRIZE

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**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:
Tenisha Dixon
tdixon@forestparkga.gov
470-487-3753

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**



CLAYTON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE CITY OF RIVERDALE PRESENTS

VET ONNECT

Connecting Clayton County Veterans

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FREE

Servicing the Whole Veteran

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **NIKKI GLANTON** US RMY RETIRED

SPECIAL GUEST PANELISTS: NIKITA M. FLOORE, ESQ., CRC, US ARMY RETIRED
TONY RICHARDSON, US AIR FORCE RETIRED, AND DEWANYE WEBB, US ARMY RETIRED

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ★ LUNCHEON ★ GIVEAWAYS

TO REGISTER, VISIT:

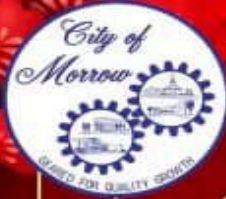
[HTTPS:// VETCONNECTSYMPOSIUM.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://vetconnectsymposium.eventbrite.com)

RIVERDALE TOWN CENTER
7210 CHURCH STREET
RIVERDALE GA, 30274



CLAYTON COUNTY
VETERAN'S ADVISORY BOARD





City of Morrow

PRESENTS



For more information
event and sponsorships:
Daniel Le 404-996-9619
Zanie 470-561-9980

**FREE
ENTRY**

Performers and Hosts (from top to bottom):

- Huong Lan
- MC Van Lye
- Thuy Thanh
- Truy Anh
- Dung Thuan
- Dung Tan
- Thanh Le
- Dienh Nguyen
- DJ David Sner
- Hai Nguyen
- Tien Hinh
- MC Khai Nguyen
- Thuy Tien
- MC Thuy Thien
- Bao Vy

**Lunar New Year
2024**

FEBRUARY 3rd - 4th

1180 Southlake Circle



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



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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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