



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

December 4, 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

How Can We Make Sure Our Holiday is Merry and Bright?

“Tips to Help You Have the Merriest Holiday Season Ever”!

1. **Be Intentional:** Putting your priorities in order by making a checklist of what you want to do and don't want to do this holiday season.... **Stick to the List!**
2. **Quiet Your Calendar:** Don't say yes to every invitation and spread yourself too thin.
3. **Unplug From Work:** Turn off work notifications. Focus on being present and enjoying all the special moments with your family during the holidays.
4. **Share Responsibilities:** Self-care and community care go hand in hand. Lean on each other to help make the holiday season amazing and less stressful. An example of this is a potluck for Christmas dinner or having some food catered.
5. **Prioritize Your Peace:** Family dynamics or tensions can disrupt your peace during the holidays, so you can set boundaries on things like not talking about politics and spending limits on gifts.
6. **Adopt An Abundant Mindset:** This year let's take the time to celebrate the abundance of what we do have in the form of relationships, things going well in our lives, and personal possessions as well.
7. **Make Time For What You Love:** Include simple things that you enjoy doing in your “To Do List” during the holidays and set time aside to do them.
8. **Honor Those Who Aren't Here:** During the holidays allow yourself to feel your grief, but also talk about your loved one that has passed and share those special memories you have of them with family and friends.

Please welcome Kevin Barahona,
a senior from Charles Drew High School,
as our first intern in the Clayton County
Communications Department!



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 – *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

**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

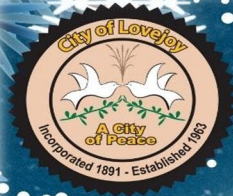
420 Valley Hill Road SW, Riverdale, GA 30296

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



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

November

START

14 MARTHA HOLIDAY MARKET at Wood Land

15 FREE HOLIDAY BUS RIDES BEGIN

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FESTIBUS WISHES TO YALL!

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

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

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

December 19 - 21
Surprise Ride
Breeze Card / Ticket Giveaway

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





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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