



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

January 15, 2024

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner's Newsletter

*A Message from Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners*

Dear Clayton County Community,

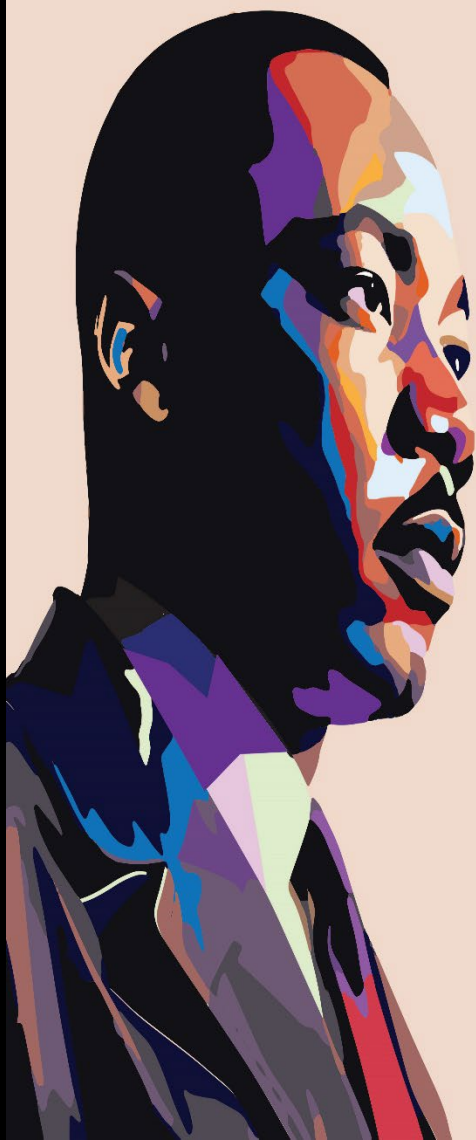
I am excited to highlight some of the amazing activities and resources we have available within our different cities and throughout Clayton County. I want to express my gratitude to all the municipalities, employees, residents, volunteers, the business community, and partnerships that make Clayton County 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



Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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As we journey through life, we discover our true selves by the way we respond to various situations, whether good or bad, both as individuals and as a community. It is crucial that we all strive to cultivate compassion and empathy towards one another, treating each other with respect, care, and a positive attitude. On this day in January 2024, as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy, let us honor him by spreading kindness to everyone we encounter.



January

Veteran of The Month

US Army Staff Sergeant Judith Lynne Cotten

Staff Sergeant Judith Lynne Cotten was born on October 30, 1961, in Bedford Stuyvesant “BedStuy”, Brooklyn, New York to Lester and Lillian Cotten.

In June 1979, Judy graduated from high school, attended college, and gave birth to her son Dequan on September 20, 1980. Unfortunately, the “crack epidemic” plagued New York which led her to join the U.S. Army in November 1980. Her 20 years of military service was in the Administrative and Legal fields, and she served with Military Intelligence, Military Police, and Judge Advocate General Corp (JAG) units. As a Paralegal, she used the power of the “law”, the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to assist soldiers with their defense. Judy was stationed at Fort Hamilton, NY, Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Jackson, SC, Honduras, S. Korea, Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station, Fort Gillem, GA, and retired honorably at Fort Sill, OK in June 2001.



Post-retirement, Judy is a licensed Realtor and Realist in various states with 22+ years of experience. She's a Broker/Owner of two full-service Real Estate firms and a Property Management division and a licensed Real Estate Instructor and owner of two Real Estate Academies. Judy is a licensed Life and Health Insurance Producer with 15 years of experience and the Owner of New Vision Agency in Georgia. Judy has a vast knowledge of and is well-versed in both industries where she strives to educate individuals on the importance of building wealth and leaving a legacy, how to leverage both industries to break the cycle of poverty, and how to leverage their retirement portfolio and maximize their dollars without double taxation. Her motto is “Protecting Families & Securing Legacies.”

In 2010, Judy was licensed as a Life Coach and has been using her skillset to elevate her clients with group and/or one-on-one settings to assist with identifying and achieving personal or professional goals through changing their mindset and developing skillsets and attitudes. Her platform is coaching and empowering Women.

Judy loves volunteering with her church, sororities, and veteran organizations. Her service includes distributing food and clothing, reading to students, donating undergarments and hygiene items to Living Assistant facilities, mentoring veterans in the court system and Jr. ROTC students, Easter Egg hunts, Trunk or Treat, and food banks, etc.

Judy earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts, she's a recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from President Joe Biden, the Founder and National President of Omicron Nu Xi Military Sorority, Inc.; a lifetime member of the National Association of Black Military Women currently serving as the National Secretary and President for the Metro Atlanta Chapter; a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; American Legion Post #330; AARP #5440; Ga Military Women; Clayton County Land Bank Board serving as the Secretary; Mission Continues; a Mentor with Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court; Order of the Eastern Star Oklahoma Jurisdiction; and a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church Jonesboro where she serves as the Pastor's Executive Administrator and Trustee's Chairwoman.

TALK TO TURNER

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

chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov

Health & Wellness

Decluttering Resolution:

Just a few tips to help you achieve your Decluttering New Year's Resolution!

1. **One Room Per Week:** One room at a time makes it manageable and not overwhelming.
2. **In-One-Out-One Rule:** When you buy a new item to come into the home, then the rule is you let go of another item in the home.
3. **Clothes:** To keep your wardrobe relevant and your closet manageable, toss it if you haven't worn it in the last six months.
4. **Papers:** To keep papers, bills, and mail from piling up, sort weekly.
5. **Unsubscribe:** Simply declutter your Inbox. Put aside an hour a week to go through your email and unsubscribe from unwanted emails.
6. **Donate:** To declutter and help those in need, donate unused items monthly.
7. **Nighttime Tidy-Up:** Commit to spending 10 minutes every night cleaning up a little.
8. **Digitize:** Preserve your memories and reduce the number of photos, letters, cards, and memorabilia by digitizing them.
9. **Monthly Decluttering:** Target something specific monthly like a shelf in the attic or that junk drawer or drawers that we all have and set a monthly goal.
10. **Mindful Shopping:** To shop mindfully is where you ask yourself before you buy something if it is necessary, and secondly where in your home is it going to go.
11. **30-Day Shopping Rule:** If an item is not essential, wait 30 days, and if you still feel like you must have it in 30 days, then purchase it.
12. **Declutter Checklist:** Make a list of your trouble areas and declutter them systematically.

Reference: nosidebar.com/12-life-changing-decluttering-resolutions-to-keep-in-the-new-year/ Article: 12 Life-Changing Decluttering Resolutions to keep in the New Year Written By: Joshua Becker

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



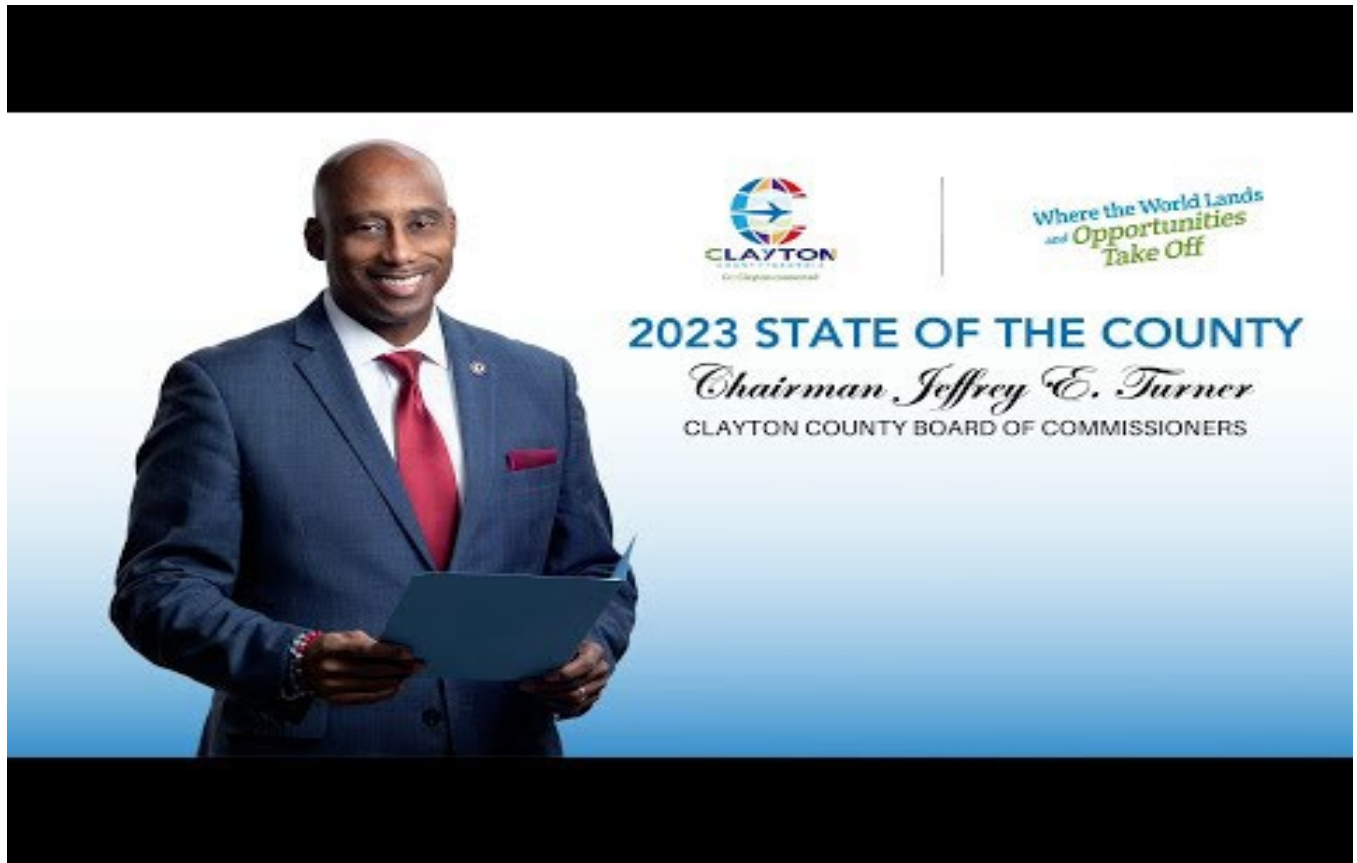
**COVER YOUR
MOUTH**

USE A TISSUE OR YOUR
ELBOW



**CONTAIN
GERMS**

STAY HOME FROM WORK
OR SCHOOL



[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.



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AN EVENING OF PRAISE APPRECIATION FOR THE SERVANTS OF GOD

Apostle Keith R. Jackson, Sr. & Overseer Mia J. Jackson



⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.
Romans 13:7

January 28, 2024
3:00 PM
Anointed Vision of Hope COGIC
8049 Webb Rd
Riverdale, GA 30274

Joseph Wheeler & NPB



- Upon This Rock Faith Ministry Praise Team
- Pastor David Arnold & AVH Praise Team

Lateathea "Cocoa" Harris



God's Seeds of Joy



Minister Thomas Ryhant



Bridgette "Dancing Shoes" Smith

COUNCILWOMAN
LATRESA AKINS-WELLS PRESENTS

THE FOREST PARK

JOB FAIR



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**696 MAIN STREET
FOREST PARK, GA 30297**



**DRESS CODE:
BUSINESS CASUAL**

SPECIAL EVENT!

Looking to kick off 2024 with a new career? This event is an exciting way to find new job opportunities by networking with over 15 local employers that are eager and ready to hire. Be sure to bring copies of your resume!

HIRING COMPANIES INCLUDE:

- City of Forest Park Human Resources, Public Works, Fire and Police Departments
- WellCare Personal Care Services
- Bulldog Insurance Inc.
- Big Dave's Cheesesteaks
- JenCare Senior Medical Center
- Georgia Utility Contractors
- Chick-fil-A
- Governor's Glen Memory Care Community
- Technique Concrete
- Kroger
- Clayton County Water Authority
- Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC | Asplundh Infrastructure Group
- Sullivan Strickler LLC
- Clayton County Public Schools
- Bobby Dodd Institute Talent Acquisition & Placement

For more information, email: councilaide@forestparkga.gov

We Are #OneForestPark

Activities & Resources

“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”

COLLEGE PARK, FOREST PARK, JONESBORO,
LAKE CITY, LOVE JOY, MORROW, RIVERDALE



A vibrant poster for a Bingo Night event. At the top, the City of Forest Park logo (a green leaf) and the text "CITY OF FOREST PARK" are displayed. Below this is a circular logo for "Senior Panthers in Action" featuring a black panther head. The central focus is a blue bingo card with the word "BINGO!" in large letters. The card's numbers are: Row 1: 2, 20, 41, 56, 71; Row 2: 6, 18, 42, 50, 63; Row 3: 8, 16, 59, 62; Row 4: 1, 15, 48, 51, 10; Row 5: 5, 19, 40, 60, 72. The card is surrounded by three bingo balls: a red ball with the number 5, a blue ball with the number 4, and a yellow ball. The background is dark with red spotlights and falling confetti. The text "BINGO NIGHT" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, a pink banner reads "You're invited 55 and Up". The phrase "GAME - FUN - PRIZE" is written in large, red, stylized letters. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text.

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



CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION PRESENTS JIM
HUIE RECREATION CENTER

Hearts at the
HUIE BALL

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9 | 5-8PM

**FOOD * MUSIC * PHOTOS
ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE!**

AGES: 3-10

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE

REGISTRATION BEGINS: MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
REGISTER ONLINE AT CLAYTONPARKS.COM OR AT ANY
RECREATION CENTER.

9045 TARA BLVD, JONESBORO, GA 30236

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ARIONA EVANS
678-479-5133

FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER BLACK BOX THEATER PRESENTS

A NIGHT of JAZZ

featuring
**TC
CARSON**



JANUARY 26, 2024

7PM- 9PM

TICKETS: \$25 General Admission • \$35 Reserved Seating
PURCHASE IN-PERSON AT FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



CLAYTON
COUNTY • GEORGIA
Cc: Clayton connected

153 FLINT RIVER RD. RIVERDALE, GA 30274
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 770.347.0370.

**You're Invited to Join the Healthier
Generations Project's**

Winter Baby Shower

**FOR EXPECTING MOMS & DADS THAT
RESIDE IN CLAYTON COUNTY**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

**TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE
AND COMPLETE THE
REGISTRATION FORM OR
RSVP WITH 678- 610-7248**



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
**WIC
BREASTFEEDING
SUPPORT**
LEARN TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER.

HEALTHIER GENERATIONS

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:

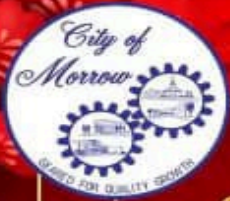
[HTTPS:// VETCONNECTSYMPOSIUM.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://vetconnectsymposium.eventbrite.com)

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**

Huong Lan *MC Van Lye* *Thuy Thanh*

Truy Anh *Dang Thuan* *Dang 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	770-603-4001
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	678-479-5339	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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Resource: goodreads.com/quotes/4353-the-ultimate-measure-of-a-man-is-not-where-he

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