



Where the World Lands
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Take Off

January 22, 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

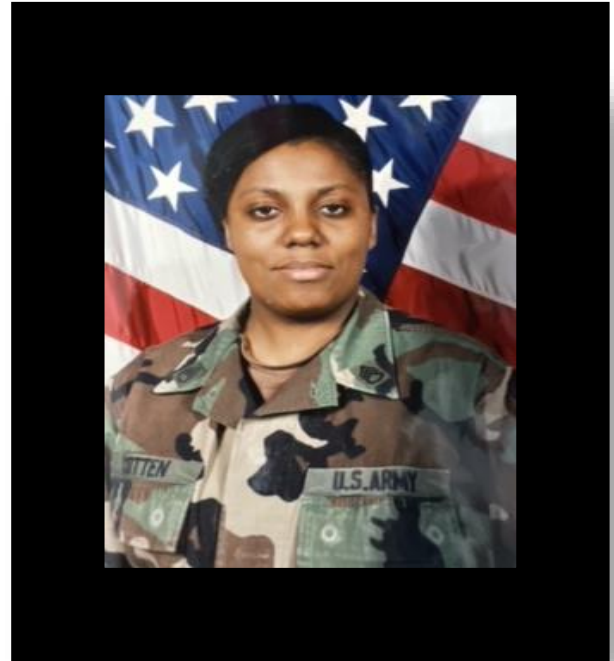
January

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@claytoncountyga.gov

Health & Wellness

Winter Wellness Tips!

1. **Germs:** To help reduce the spread of germs wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water. And if you can't wash your hands make sure to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Plus, remember to always cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough.
2. **Hydration:** It is important to stay hydrated by drinking enough water each day and this will boost your immune system.
3. **Vitamin D:** Low levels of vitamin D can make a person more susceptible to illness and can negatively affect your mental health, so eating foods like salmon and mushrooms that are high in vitamin D will help. A little sunshine helps too!
4. **Dry Skin:** Protect your skin by taking shorter showers, and baths and putting lotion on immediately after drying off. The cold air and low humidity can cause dry skin, so a humidifier in the room will help.
5. **Sleep:** Your immune system can be negatively affected if you do not get enough rest.
6. **Vaccines:** Immunizations are important to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the flu.
7. **Doctor Visit:** If you get sick with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, go to the doctor to get properly diagnosed and treated.

Reference: health.unl.edu/7-winter-wellness-tips-help-you-stay-healthy

University of Nebraska-Lincoln by Nebraska Medicine University Health Center Article: [7 winter wellness tips to help you stay healthy](#)

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

SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS

Inaugural Caregiver Symposium



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Click Here for Video



THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK WARMING STATION:

LOCATION:

COLLEGE PARK PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX -
COMMUNITY ROOM 3717
COLLEGE STREET, COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FRIDAY- TUESDAY FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 AM.



Prevent Frozen Household Pipes




WRAP EXPOSED PIPES WITH INSULATION AND ELIMINATE SOURCES OF COLD AIR NEAR ANY WATERLINES



ALLOW A SMALL TRICKLE OF WATER TO RUN OVERNIGHT TO KEEP PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE COST OF THE WATER IS MINIMAL COMPARED TO REPAIRING THE DAMAGE FROM BURSTING PIPES.



KNOW THE LOCATION OF YOUR MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE. IF A PIPE FREEZES OR BURSTS, SHUT THE WATER OFF IMMEDIATELY.



DO NOT ATTEMPT TO THAW FROZEN PIPES UNLESS THE WATER IS SHUT OFF. TO THAW PIPES, APPLY HEAT FROM A HAIR DRYER, SPACE HEATER, OR HOT WATER.



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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

Jan. 16, 2024

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM DEADLINE

Eligible Households Qualify for a \$30/Month Discount on Home Internet Service

Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/ClaytonACP>

#ACCESS
4CLAYTON



Information Technology

Deadline to Qualify for ACP
Wednesday, February 7, 2024,
11:59 PM EST



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

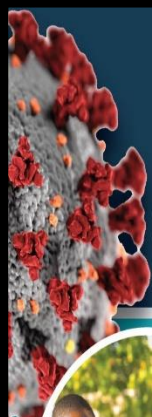


Minister Thomas Ryhant



Bridgette "Dancing Shoes" Smith

Clayton County Board of Commissioners,
Office of Communications and Fire & Emergency Services host



THURS., FEB. 15, 2024 • 2PM - 6PM

LAKEVIEW EVENT CENTER - LEVEL 1

2300 Hwy 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236

FREE TO THE PUBLIC



**WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST**

INFO FROM HEALTH VENDORS & COUNTY RESOURCES

MUSIC • PRIZES • GIVEAWAYS • FOOD

✓ BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ✓ HANDS ONLY CPR TRAINING

✓ COVID VACCINATIONS
AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS



CORE
Community Organized Relief Effort



Register for this free event at:
tinyurl.com/comhealthfair





January 2024

Digital Equity Event Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16 ACP Sign-Up @ Forest Park Library (9:30am) Navigating Chromebook @ South Clayton (6pm)	17	18 Navigating PC @ Frank Bailey (9am)	19 Vet Connect @ Riverdale Town Center (11am)
22	23 Navigating Technology @ Forest Park Senior Center (9am) Navigating iPhone/iPad @ NW Library (2pm)	24 ACP Sign-Up @ Work Source GA (11am)	25 Protect Digital Identity @ Frank Bailey (9am)	26 Navigating iPhone/iPad @ Morrow Library (2pm)
29	30 Navigating PC @ Sonna Singleton Gregory (9am)	31 ACP Sign-Up @ Office of Digital Equity (9am)		

Scan QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/ODEEvents to register for an upcoming digital equity event.



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



The poster features a dark background with two red spotlights shining from the top corners. At the top center is the City of Forest Park logo, which includes a stylized leaf and the text "CITY OF FOREST PARK". Below this is a circular logo for "Senior Panthers in Action" featuring a black panther head. In the center, three bingo cards are displayed. The middle card is blue and shows a 5x5 grid of numbers with the word "BINGO!" at the top. To the left and right of the central card are two other bingo cards, one orange and one red, also showing grids of numbers. Three bingo balls are scattered around the cards: a red ball with the number 5 on the left, a blue ball with the number 4 on the right, and a yellow ball at the top right. The text "BINGO NIGHT" is written in large, bold, blue letters across the middle. Below this, a pink ribbon banner contains the text "You're invited 55 and Up". Underneath the banner, the words "GAME - FUN - PRIZE" are written in large, bold, red letters. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text: "Join Senior Panthers In Action", "EVERY 3RD FRIDAY", "5:00PM - 9:00PM", "Forest Park Senior Center", and "5087 Park Ave. Forest Park, Georgia 30297". Below this, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:" followed by "Tenisha Dixon", "tdixon@forestparkga.gov", and "470-487-3753".

CITY OF FOREST PARK

Senior Panthers in Action

BINGO!

2	20	41	56	71
6	18	42	50	63
8	16	59	62	
1	15	48	51	10
5	19	40	60	72

BINGO NIGHT

*You're invited
55 and Up*

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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!**

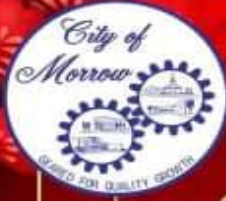
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\$5.00 ENTRY FEE

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



City of Morrow

PRESENTS



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

**FREE
ENTRY**

**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



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



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



Cc: Clayton connected

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“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.

Resource: goodreads.com/quotes/4353-the-ultimate-measure-of-a-man-is-not-where-he

Jeffrey E. Turner

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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