



Where the World Lands
and Opportunities
Take Off

January 8, 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

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

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

1. **Gratitude Journal:** Keep track of people and things that you are grateful for.
2. **Family Time:** Make a conscious effort this year to spend some one-on-one time with your loved ones, like a family dinner, game night, or FaceTiming with family once a week who live miles away.
3. **Budget Planning:** Outline a strict budget that could work for you, then plan on how to stick to it.
4. **Mindfulness:** Practice being grateful for the things right in front of you that you have, like where you are in life and who you are as a person.
5. **Try New Recipes:** Try eating healthier, but also try to expand and eat more diverse foods. Get out a cookbook or magazine that is collecting dust on a shelf and pick out a recipe that you have never had, then cook it, and try it!
6. **Simply Read:** We all have had a book we read at some point that touched us, maybe even life-changing. So, now is the perfect time to snuggle up with a new book, and possibly join a book club. You and your friends can discuss books you are reading, and this will introduce you all to other books by simply listening to each other.

Reference: [goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/advice/g985/achievable-new-year-resolutions/](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/advice/g985/achievable-new-year-resolutions/) Article: 65
Achievable New Year's Resolutions for Building a Healthy, Happy Life By: Zee Krstic and Cameron Jenkins
Updated Dec 30, 2023

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



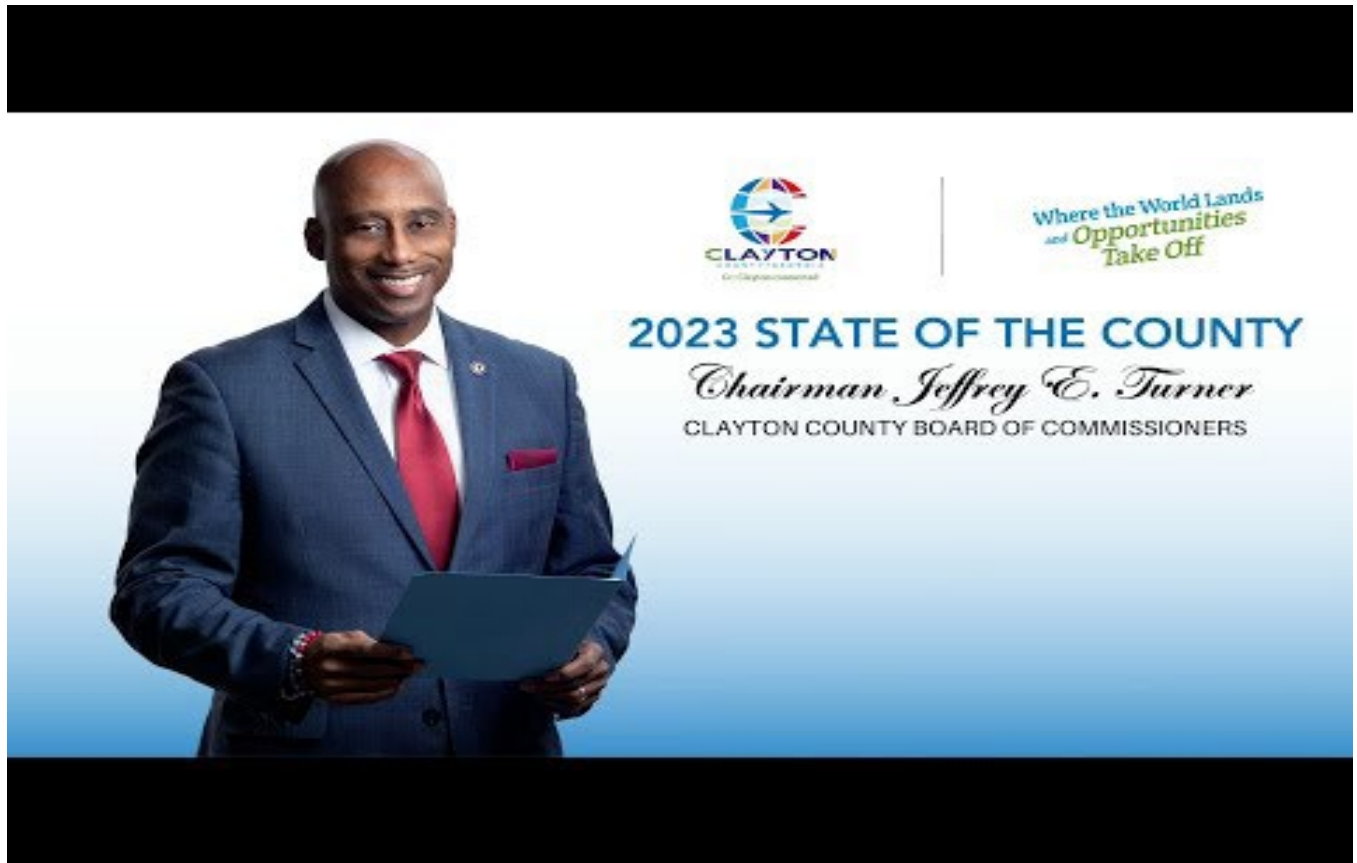
**COVER YOUR
MOUTH**

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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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, two red spotlights illuminate the scene. In the center, three bingo cards are displayed, with the middle one clearly showing a 5x5 grid of numbers. To the left and right of the cards are bingo balls with numbers 5 and 4 respectively. Above the cards is the City of Forest Park logo, which includes a stylized leaf and a circular emblem featuring a panther's head with the text "Senior Panthers in Action" and "City of Forest Park".

CITY OF FOREST PARK

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

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

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**



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**



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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:

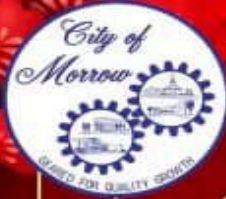
[HTTPS:// VETCONNECTSYMPOSIUM.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://vetconnectsymposium.eventbrite.com)

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	678-4795339	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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“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.”

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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