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February 19, 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



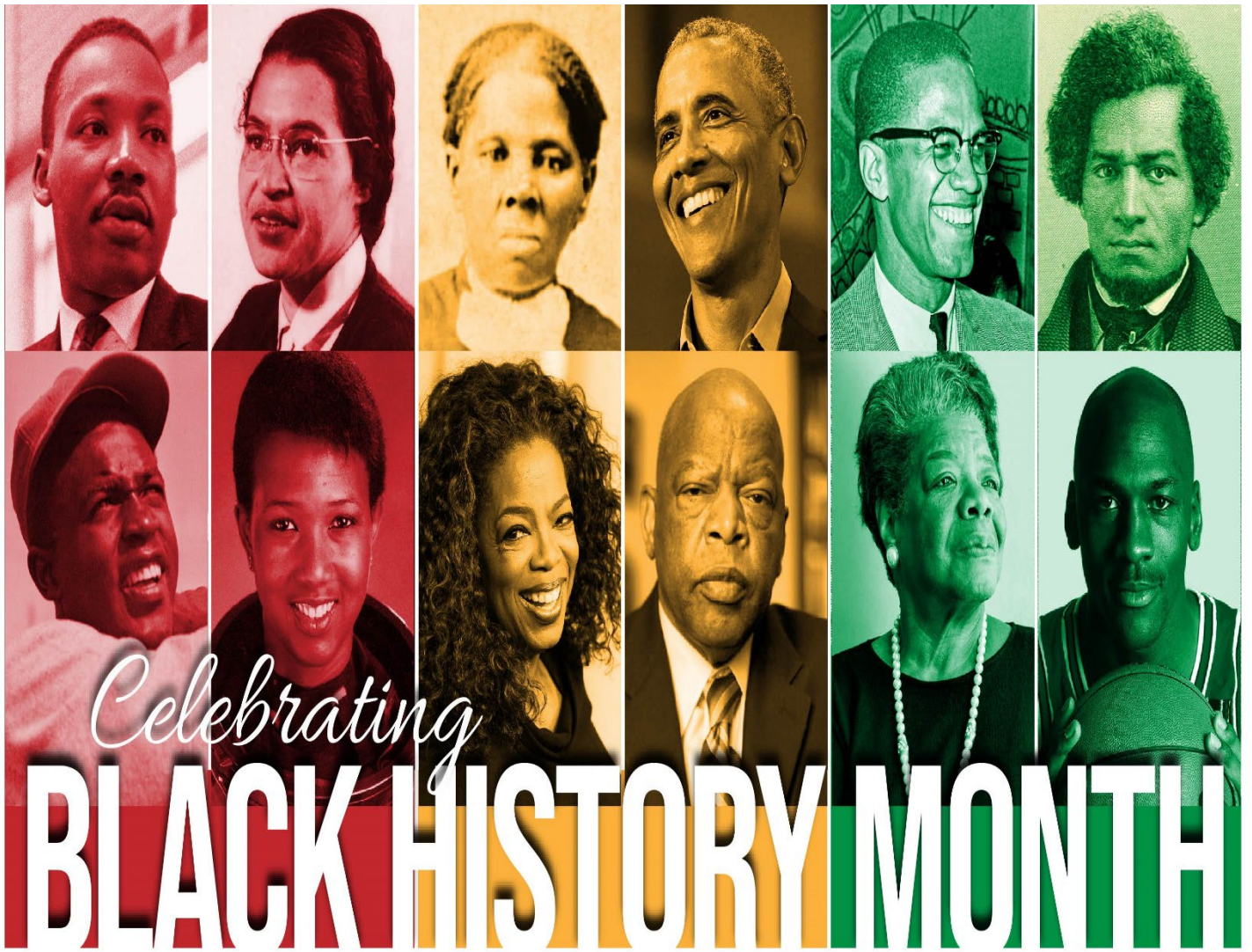
**February**  
**Veteran of The Month**  
**Chief Master Sgt.**  
**Betty J. Abraham**



Betty J. Abraham served in the US Air Force for 30 years, from March 1978 to May 2008. During her military service, she worked in Communications Security (Morse Code), as an Aircraft Dispatcher, and in Physical Therapy. She held various special duties, including First-Term Airman Superintendent, Superintendent of Professional Development for Airmen, NCOs, and SNCOs, and as the Base Career Advisor. She culminated her career as Chief of the Medical Group at Moody AFB, Georgia.

Currently, Betty is the CEO and small business owner of Crown2Sole, which provides Therapeutic and Rehabilitative Massage services. She is also the director of individual and group exercise, educational classes, and wellness seminars. Betty is a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant and Massage Therapist, certified Senior Aerobics Instructor and Senior Strength Trainer, Acupressure Practitioner, CPR and Tai Chi Instructor. She recently graduated from the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Certificate Gerontology Program, and is now a Certified Gerontologist.

Betty is affiliated with the American Massage Therapy and Physical Therapy Associations, the World Tai Chi Association, and the Southern Gerontological Society. She is excited to bring her superior ethical standards of Integrity, Service, and Excellence to Clayton County, Henry County Senior Centers, Sacred Journey Hospice, and Spalding County. Her mantra is *"given in the service of our [my] country; to now service our (my) country's communities"* BJA



Let's celebrate Black History Month in February 2024 by recognizing the significant contributions of African Americans in various fields such as entrepreneurship, invention, science, politics, and civil rights activism. Despite facing numerous obstacles, these individuals have made momentous achievements that have improved our society and paved the way for a more equitable future.

*Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner*





# ***“Celebrating African American” Excellence***

*Henry O. Flipper, Engineer*



*Henry Ossian Flipper, circa 1877. Photo by Kennedy, Center for Legislative Archives, Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, National Archives and Records Administration*

*Henry Ossian Flipper rose to fame as the first African American graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment after graduating from West Point. The 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment was one of the only all-Black regiments in the U.S. Army. They were popularly known as the Buffalo Soldiers. The Buffalo Soldiers played a role in the development of the American West. The Buffalo Soldiers were split up and integrated into other units, in 1951.*

*Henry O. Flipper is best known for what is called the Flipper's Ditch. He was a capable engineer, and this "Flipper's Ditch" is what he is best known for. It is a drainage system that at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, minimized malaria by eliminating standing water.*

*Henry was charged with misappropriating government funds while assigned to a unit in Fort Davis, Texas. His military career was cut short when he was court-martialed and acquitted on September 17, 1881. Flipper was later discharged on June 30, 1882, from the Army.*

*Flipper held various positions as a civil mining engineer, surveyor, translator, and historian, after leaving the military. He eventually moved to Atlanta in 1931 at the age of 75 years old. He passed in Atlanta, Georgia in 1940. President Jimmy Carter granted Henry O. Flipper an Honorable discharge in 1976. To follow was a presidential pardon by President Bill Clinton in 1999.*

*Reference: <https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/blog/african-american-innovators-from-georgia/> Article: *African American Innovators from Georgia* By: Tiffany Harte (Digital Storytelling Content Manager) February 7, 2023*

# TALK TO TURNER

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

chairman.turner@claytoncountyga.gov

## Health & Wellness

### Tips for Achieving Personal Growth

1. SET GOALS
2. LEARN NEW SKILLS
3. PRACTICE SELF-CARE
4. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE PEOPLE
5. EMBRACE CHANGE

Reference: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/five-steps-self-development-journey-personal-growth-ul-hassan>  
Article: *The Five Steps to Self-Development: A Journey to Personal Growth* By: Syed Wajih Published: March 2, 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](http://www.claytonseniors.com)

SENIOR SERVICES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF RIVERDALE PRESENTS

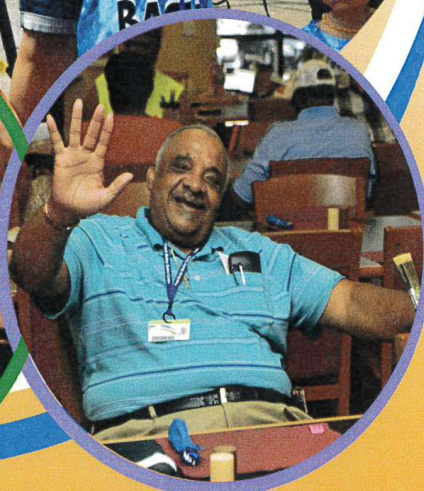
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# LIFE IS BETTER AT OUR CENTERS



## VISIT A LOCATION NEAR YOU TODAY!

### INTERGENERATIONAL CENTERS

FLINT RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER  
153 FLINT RIVER RD., RIVERDALE, GA 30274  
(770)347-0370

KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER  
849 BATTLE CREEK RD., JONEBORO, GA 30236



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Senior Services

### SENIOR CENTERS

FRANK BAILEY SENIOR CENTER  
6213 RIVERDALE RD. RIVERDALE, GA 30274  
(678)479-5505

J. CHARLEY GRISWELL SENIOR CENTER  
2300 HIGHWAY 138, JONESBORO, GA 30236  
(770)477-3499

SONNA SINGLETON GREGORY SENIOR CENTER  
3215 ANVIL BLOCK ROAD, ELLENWOOD, GA 30294  
(770)347-0340





Clayton County Aging Program

# We Care Like Family

Clayton County Aging is funded through a Federal grant administered through the Atlanta Regional Commission. (ARC). Congress passed the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1965 in response to a concern by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older persons. The law also established the Administration on Aging (AoA) to administer newly created grant programs to address the special needs of older Americans

for more info

[www.claytonseniors.com](http://www.claytonseniors.com)

 call us 770-603-4050

## Our Services

We are the Gateway to Community Resources!

- \* Information & Assistance Specialists
- \* Case Managers
- \* Transportation Services
- \* Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels)
- \* In-Home Services

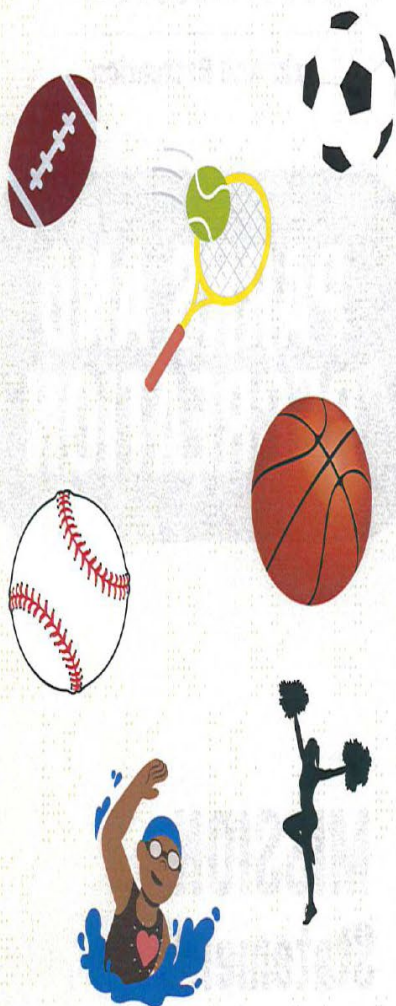


877 Battle Creek Road  
Jonesboro, GA 30236



# ATHLETICS

We offer a number of sports for our patrons and children to participate in!



Visit our website to look at current sports available for registration, or call our athletics department to get information on upcoming sports seasons.

# CLASSES

WE OFFER A NUMBER OF CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!



Get fit with our awesome zumba classes, yoga, spinning, swim lesson and total body workouts.



Get creative and learn something new with numerous classes, including taekwondo, boxing and arts and crafts.

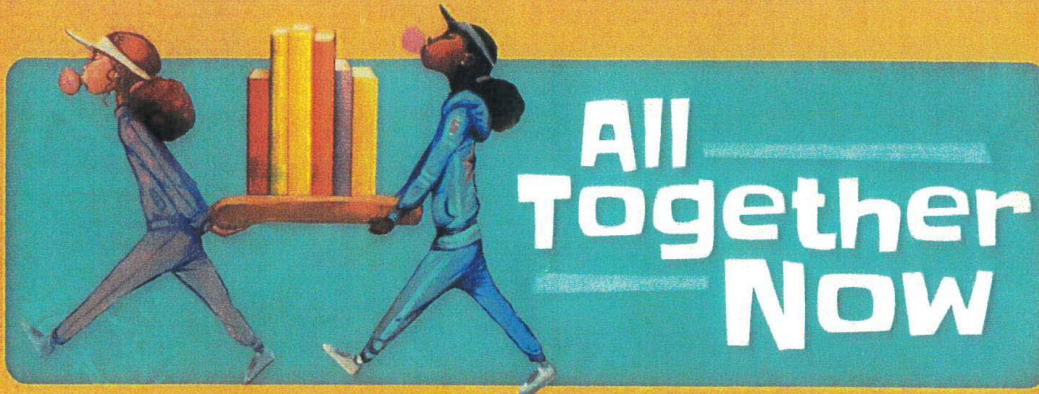
# VISIT OUR CENTERS

**VIRGINIA GRAY**  
**SOUTH CLAYTON**  
**LAKE SPIVEY**  
**CARL RHODENIZER**  
**JIM HUIE**

All 5 of our centers offer a full size fitness center, a variety of classes and community rooms available for rent.

Other amenities include: pools, playgrounds, walking trails/tracks, soccer and baseball fields, basketball gyms, dog parks, and more!





# STORYTIME

Every Tuesday Morning  
at 10:30am

All ages welcome!

Enjoy interactive stories, songs, action verses,  
and take-home art activities!

**Please Note:** Parents/Caregivers must remain in the story time area with your child(ren). Masks are optional. Social distancing will be observed.

## Headquarters Library

865 Battle Creek Road  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
770 - 473 - 3850



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**LIBRARY  
SYSTEM**  
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NOTICED THAT YOU HAD  
DEBRIS TO BE  
REMOVED.....

## CLAYTON COUNTY REFUSE CONTROL

A Division of the Corrections Dept.

7984 N. McDonough St.  
Jonesboro, GA 30236  
(770) 477-3548

[www.claytoncountyga.gov](http://www.claytoncountyga.gov)

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Refuse Control is a service provided by Clayton County for residents located in the unincorporated area of Clayton County. This department handles the disposal of certain items that your waste removal company may not pick up.

Refuse Control will pick up yard debris, furniture, appliances, limbs (up to 6" in diameter and no longer than 10 feet), bags of leaves, and miscellaneous items. The following items will not be accepted: tree trunks or stumps, batteries, tires, shingles, sheetrock, bricks, heavy metal, heavy items, mulch, dirt, paint cans, or hazardous items.

### Debris Removal:

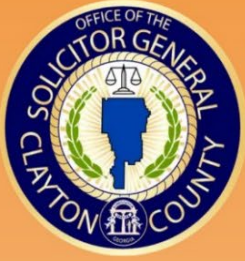
- Place items to be picked up by the curb on the county's right of way.
- For an inspector to come out to give you an estimate, call Refuse Control at (770) 477-3548. (Estimate is at no charge.)
- Debris removal fee is assessed by our inspectors based on the amount and type of debris and the amount of time to load and unload

the debris. However, there is a minimum fee of \$20.00 that will be charged. Payment of fee constitutes acceptance of price. Should you decide to use the County's service, payment can be done in one of four ways:

1. Call the office and pay with Visa or MasterCard. (check cards will be accepted if it has a Visa or MasterCard logo)
2. Come by the office with cash, check, or money order.
3. Mail in check or money order.

### Other Services:

Refuse Control also picks up dead animals from the roads. For live wild/stray animals in the road, please call Animal Control (770) 477-3509 and report the location.



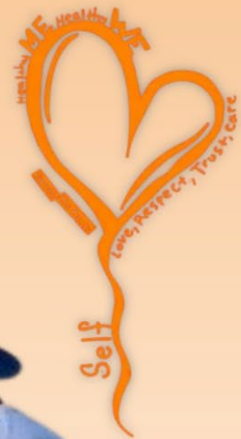
Clayton County Solicitor-General Charles A. Brooks  
in recognition of  
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

We are asking everyone to wear orange on Friday, February 23rd in support of **#Orange4LoveDay**, to raise awareness about teen dating violence.

love **is**  
respect .

**1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before becoming adults.**

**43% of U.S. college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors.**







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## 2023 STATE OF THE COUNTY

*Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner*

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*[Click Here for Video](#)*



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# SPLOST Progress for Pennies

Feb. 6, 2024

# Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss

## 2024 ATL Summer Youth Employment Program



**PROGRAM | JUNE 6TH - JULY 19TH, 2024**

**LOCATION | HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

### ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum of 16 years old
- Rising 11th or 12th grader in High School
- Reside in Clayton County
- Strong interest in learning about careers in aviation
- Adhere to local & federal rules, guidelines, & policies applicable to all employees at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.



**MANDATORY  
ORIENTATION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2024  
5:30-7:30PM**

The location will be disclosed after registering.



\*\*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 21, 2024 \*\*\*

**REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE REQUIRED** <http://tinyurl.com/Airport-Summer>



**ATL** WORKFORCE  
PROGRAMS



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Youth Services

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CIARA DUNN AT  
[CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV](mailto:CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV) OR 770-477-3349.





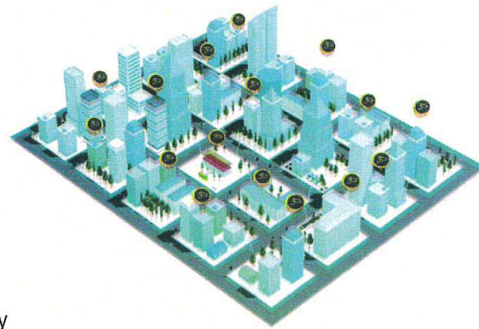
Lt. Tom Reimers  
Clayton County Police Department  
thomas.reimers@claytoncountyga.gov  
Desk: 678-610-4707

## Clayton County Police Real Time Crime Center

**Help create a safer Clayton County by enrolling in our Community Camera Registry and Sharing Program! Visit: [www.connectclayton.org](http://www.connectclayton.org)**

### LEVEL 1: Register Your Cameras

Let's work together to fight crime! Register your security cameras with Connect Clayton County today to help identify area cameras in case of an incident. An investigator from the Clayton County Police Department will contact you via email if they need your assistance solving a crime near you.



Camera registration takes less than one minute via our secure online portal. Registering your cameras does not allow the Clayton County Police Department access to your live video stream - it only enables investigators to know a camera is present at your location and easily request video evidence should an incident occur.

- OR -

### LEVEL 2: Integrate Your Cameras

Businesses and residents can take community security one step further by giving the Clayton County Police Department direct access to your camera feed in case of a nearby emergency.

All you need is a small CORE device that you plug into your camera system.



FususCONNECT | +1 (770) 573 - 2779 | [GGS@fusus.com](mailto:GGS@fusus.com)

**Clayton County Parks and Recreation in  
Partnership with Youth Services Presents**

# DR. SEUSS READING PARTY

FREE EVENT  
MARCH 1, 2024  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

REFRESHMENTS  
INFLATABLES  
GAMES  
ARTS & CRAFTS



**JIM HUIE**

**RECREATION CENTER**

9045 TARA BLVD  
JONESBORO, GA 30236



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Parks and Recreation



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Youth Services



# Activities & Resources


“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”

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




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Youth Services

HOSTED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES,  
CLAYTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, AND CHARLES R. DREW HIGH SCHOOL



SCAN HERE  
TO VIEW THE  
EXPERIENCE




# TEEN MAZE

CHOOSE YOUR PATH, YOUR LIFE, YOUR DECISION

**FEBRUARY 24, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**CHARLES R. DREW HIGH SCHOOL**

6237 GARDEN WALK BLVD, RIVERDALE, GA 30274











SCAN HERE  
TO REGISTER

**LIVE DJ • DECISION MAKING • GIVEAWAYS**

REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE REQUIRED

<http://tinyurl.com/TeenMaze24>

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CIARA DUNN AT [CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV](mailto:CIARA.DUNN@CLAYTONCOUNTYGA.GOV) OR 770-477-3349.





Join Us For our Annual

# FISH FRY

**Friends and Family  
FUN DAY FUNDRAISER!!!**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**10:00AM - 5:00PM**

**Volunteers  
Needed!**

**Vendors • Music • Giveaways  
Desserts and More!**

**- Fish Dinners -**

**\$15.00 Pre-order online at [www.ascga.org](http://www.ascga.org)  
\$20.00 onsite**

**Vendors  
Needed!**

**Vendors Fee: \$50 (includes one fish dinner)  
(Bring your own 2x6 table and Tent)**

**MUSIC BY  
DJ SCOTTIE**

**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT PROVIDED BY:  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA)  
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

For more Information, sign up to volunteer or  
contribute to this event please contact us at [info@ascga.org](mailto:info@ascga.org)

**ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES CENTER**

**7251 Mt. Zion Circle, Morrow, GA 30260 | 770-603-4090**



# 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
<b>A</b>			
Animal Control	770-477-3509	<b>O</b>	
<b>B</b>		Office of Youth Services	770-477-3262
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	<b>P</b>	
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
<b>C</b>		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
<b>D</b>		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
<b>E</b>		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
<b>F</b>		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
<b>G</b>		Probation Juvenile Court (Intake)	770-473-5977
Gun Permits	770-477-3301	Public Works	770-477-3674
<b>H</b>		Purchasing Department	770-477-3587
Housing Authority-Clayton	404-362-1200	<b>R</b>	
Humane Society	770-471-9436	Recycling	770-473-5470
<b>I</b>		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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“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](https://goodreads.com/quotes/4353-the-ultimate-measure-of-a-man-is-not-where-he)

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