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February 26, 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



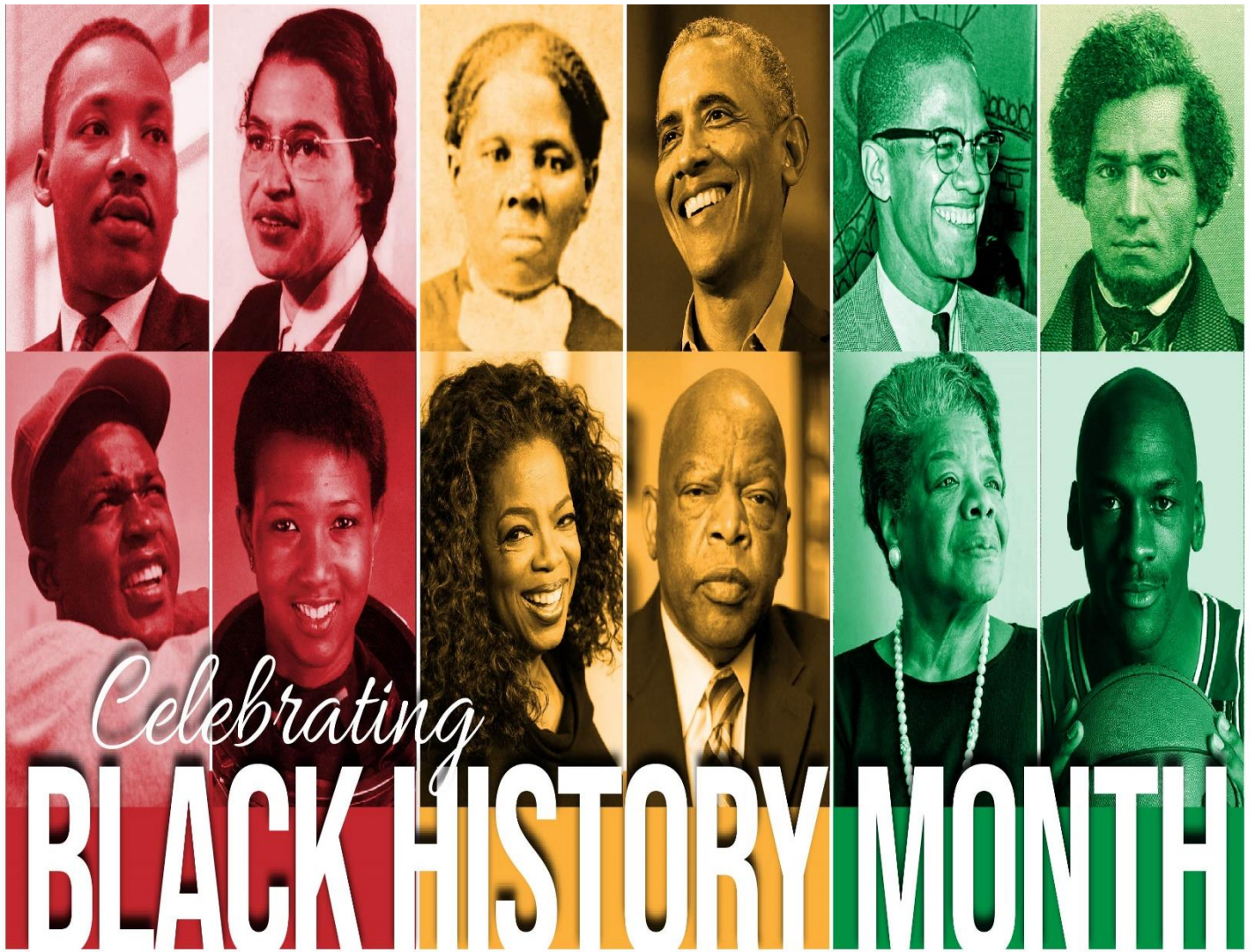
February
Veteran of The Month
Chief Master Sgt.
Betty J. Abraham



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

Dr. Reatha Clark King, Chemist

*Dr. Reatha C. King in a lab at National Institute of Standards and Technology
with the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1960s. NIST*



Reatha King was born to sharecroppers in Pavo in southwest Georgia in 1938. Her family moved to Moultrie, Georgia, when she was still a child, where she attended a public school. She was valedictorian of her high school graduating class. King's academic promise secured her a scholarship to Clark College, which is now Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. King earned a B. S. degree in science with concentrations in chemistry and mathematics in 1958 at Clark College.

King received a fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship, then went on to attend the University of Chicago where in 1960 she received a master's degree in science and 1963 a Ph.D. in physical chemistry. She would then go on to work at the National Bureau of Standards where she would become the first Black female chemist. King invented a coiled tube that allowed fuel to travel through it to cool instead of exploding. King's invention was crucial in the space race. King is the author of a paper in 1967 on oxygen difluoride, which is a key ingredient in rocket fuel, and that has since become a fundamental component. She moved to New York in 1968 and worked as an assistant professor at the City University of New York. She became the associate dean for the School of Mathematics & Natural Science in 1970. King then later became the associate dean for Academic Affairs in 1974.

King received a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University around 1977 and that same year became president of Metropolitan State University in Minnesota. General Mills hired King in 1988, as vice president of the General Mills Foundation. Dr. Reatha Clark King worked at General Mills until her retirement in 2002. She began working with Allina Health systems as a corporate director, in 2011.

*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

How Important is Sleep to Your Health?

- 1. Better Memory & Performance*
- 2. Lower Weight Gain Risk*
- 3. Better Calorie Regulation*
- 4. Greater Athletic Performance*
- 5. Lower Risk of Heart Disease*
- 6. More Emotional & Social Intelligence*
- 7. Preventing Depression*
- 8. Lower Inflammation*
- 9. Stronger Immune System*

Reference: [medicalnewstoday.com/articles/325353#performance-and-memory](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/325353#performance-and-memory)

Article: *Why sleep is essential for health* Medically reviewed by: *Thomas Johnson, PA-C* By *Jenna Fletcher*
Updated on December 19, 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



Save The Dates

CLAYTON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS

mayfest

GLOW BEYOND LIMITS

GET YO' GLOW ON FITNESS WALK & AFTER PARTY

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

THE MAIN EVENT: MAYFEST 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
3:00 PM- 9:00 PM

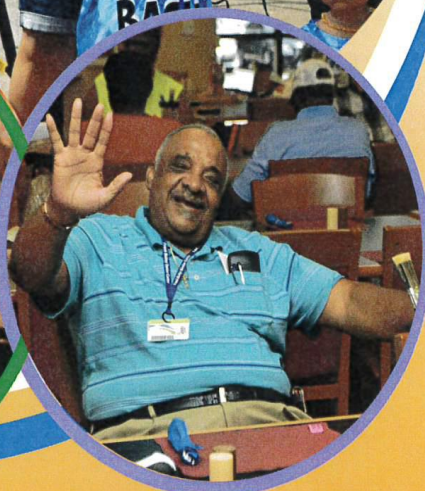
CLAYTON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL PARK
2300 HIGHWAY 138
JONESBORO, GA 30236

Sponsor and Vendor Opportunities Available.
For more information, call 770-603-4060 or
770-347-0428.



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Senior Services

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 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

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

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.

Give A Paw

LEASH YOUR DOG...

It's the law!



KEEP YOUR DOG CONTAINED

If it is outside the house: leash it or fence it.

In Clayton County, Georgia, it is the law that all dogs must be contained and under the control of its owner whenever it is outside its home. That means on a leash or within a fenced yard.

Respect your neighbors and their property.

Dogs picked up wandering loose will be impounded at Clayton County Animal Control. To reclaim your dog, you will need to provide proof of ownership, current rabies vaccination certificate, and proof that the dog is spayed or neutered.

If unable to provide appropriate proof of vaccination or sterilization surgery, then additional fees may be charged.

Any questions – call Clayton County Animal Control at 770-477-3509



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

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SPLOST Progress for Pennies

Feb. 20, 2024



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

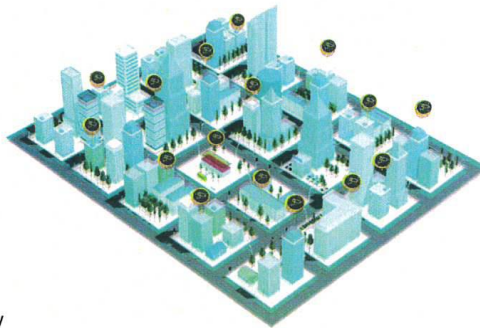
Clayton County Police Real Time Crime Center

Help create a safer Clayton County by enrolling in our Community Camera Registry and Sharing Program! Visit: www.connectclayton.org

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

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 OR 770-477-3349.

**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

**VIRGINIA
BURTON GRAY
RECREATION
CENTER
1475 E
FAYETTEVILLE
RD. RIVERDALE
GA 30296**

**BEGINNER'S
YOGA CLASS**

**FREE
DEMO!**

Instructor: Sunja Harris CYT
Keep your mind healthy and release
stress through our weekly yoga
classes.



770-603-4001



1475 E Fayetteville Rd
Riverdale , Ga 30296

**MARCH 9TH
10AM-11AM
REGISTRATION -
MARCH 11TH
SESSION STARTS
MARCH 25TH**



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Parks and Recreation





**SPRING
EDITION**

Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells,
the City of Forest Park and El Malone Present

WELLNESS

WITH WELLS

**TUESDAY
6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**

FOREST PARK RECREATION CENTER
803 Forest Parkway

FEATURING ERICA DIXON!

Love and Hip Hop
Klass 6 Boutique
938 Main St.
Forest Park, Ga 30297

February 27, 2024

For more information, email:
councilaide@forestparkga.gov





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

\$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

ALZHEIMER'S SERVICES CENTER

2751 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
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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“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

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Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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