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February 5, 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

# TALK TO TURNER

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

[chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov](mailto:chairman.turner@claytoncountygga.gov)

## Health & Wellness

### Severe Weather.... Are You Prepared?

1. **Emergency Preparations:** Create an emergency supply kit with different items for a variety of problems. Some basic supplies you will need are flashlights and extra batteries, an emergency radio, a first aid kit, a whistle (to let people know your location), toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, personal sanitation products, wet wipes, feminine products, plastic tarp, extra warm clothes, dust masks, and utility shut off tools.
2. **Weather Plan:** Make sure you have a plan that your family understands where to go for shelter, what phone numbers to call in case of an emergency, how to get out of your home during an emergency, and where to meet each other if you are all not at home.
3. **Emergency Food & Water Supply:** You need to have a gallon of water per person for at least three days. Also, have enough food to feed each person for three days as well. Make sure you store these items in the area where you would take shelter in your home. The best foods to have are canned ready-to-eat foods like tuna, beans, or fruit. A few other good foods are protein bars, dried cereal and fruit, and non-perishable pasteurized milk.

**For more tips on preparing for severe weather see the reference below:**

Reference: [wikihow.com/Prepare-for-Severe-Weather](http://wikihow.com/Prepare-for-Severe-Weather) *wikiHow to do anything*

Article: How to Prepare for Severe Weather Co-authored by: Steve Linton (Storm Resistant Home Builder)

# 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 PRESENTS

## Inaugural Caregiver Symposium



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*Click Here for Video*

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.





# 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**







# Gun Safety Awareness "Lock It Up"

Wednesday, Feb. 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Morrow High School  
4930 Steele Road  
Ellenwood, GA**



**Open to ALL CCPS schools,  
families and community  
members.**

**FREE GUN LOCKS and  
other resources while  
supplies last!**



Hosted By Ms. Mary Baker,  
District 6



Tasha Mosley,  
Clayton County District Attorney



Ms. Daphne Jordan,  
Packing Pretty Firearms, LLC



Yasmin Neal,  
State Representative, District 74

- ✓ Gun Safety At Home
- ✓ Gun Safety Laws
- ✓ Gun Safety Locks
- ✓ CCPS Safety APP/School Safety



Chief Kevin Roberts,  
Clayton County Police Department



Chief Reynard Walker,  
CCPS Safety and Security

CLAYTON COUNTY OFFICE OF GRANTS ADMINISTRATION  
IN COLLABORATION WITH METRO FAIR HOUSING SERVICES, INC.

# KICK OFF!

## OF *CLAYTON COUNTY'S* HOMEBUYER EDUCATION WORKSHOP

LUNCH  
WILL BE  
PROVIDED!



**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10, 2024  
8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

**DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8:00 AM!  
CLASS WILL START AT 8:30 AM!**



**LAKEVIEW EVENT CENTER AT  
CLAYTON COUNTY  
INTERNATIONAL PARK  
2300 WALT STEPHENS RD,  
JONESBORO, GA 30236**

**THIS SEMINAR WILL  
EDUCATE YOU ON:**



**IN-PERSON**

**THE COMPLETE HOME  
BUYING PROCESS**



**REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED!**

**HOW MUCH YOU WILL NEED  
TO PURCHASE A HOME**

**CLAYTON COUNTY  
DOWN PAYMENT  
ASSISTANCE UP TO  
\$15,000 FOR  
ELIGIBLE BUYERS!**

**ADVANTAGES AND  
DISADVANTAGES OF THE  
DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOME LOANS**

**TO REGISTER:**

EMAIL TORI NUNLEY AT  
[ANTORYEAL.NUNLEY@METROFAIRHOUSING.COM](mailto:ANTORYEAL.NUNLEY@METROFAIRHOUSING.COM)  
AND/OR CONTACT AT (770) 296-3476

**HOW DOES YOUR CREDIT  
RELATE TO PURCHASING  
A HOME**







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Youth Services

# CLAYTON COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION **INTEREST MEETING**

Hosted by the Clayton County Youth Commission  
A Program of the Clayton County Office of Youth Services

**CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Attend an Interest Meeting near you.



**5:30–6:30 P.M.**

- ☐ Do you reside in Clayton County?
- ☐ Are you a rising 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grader?
- ☐ Do you want to be more involved in your community?



**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center  
3499 Rex Rd, Rex, GA 30273

**FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Virginia Gray Recreation Center  
1475 E Fayetteville Rd,  
Riverdale, GA 30296

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

South Clayton Recreation Center  
1837 McDonough Rd,  
Hampton, GA 30228

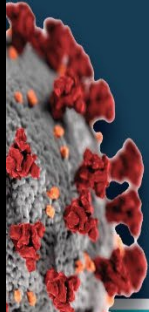
**FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

Lakeview Event Center  
2300 Hwy 138 SE,  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

For more information, contact Ciara Dunn at  
[ciara.dunn@claytoncountygga.gov](mailto:ciara.dunn@claytoncountygga.gov) or 770-477-3349.



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



# COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



THURS., FEB. 15, 2024 • 2PM - 6PM  
LAKEVIEW EVENT CENTER - LEVEL 1  
2300 Hwy 138 SE, Jonesboro, GA 30236



**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

INFO FROM HEALTH VENDORS & COUNTY RESOURCES  
MUSIC • PRIZES • GIVEAWAYS • FOOD

**WHILE  
SUPPLIES  
LAST**

✓ BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ✓ HANDS ONLY CPR TRAINING

✓ COVID VACCINATIONS  
Underinsured & Uninsured Clayton Residents



Register for this free event at:  
[tinyurl.com/comhealthfair](https://tinyurl.com/comhealthfair)



**CORE**



**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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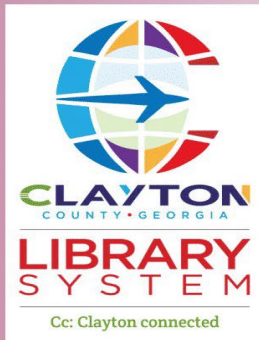
Youth Services



# Activities & Resources

**“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”**

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



## **FOREST PARK LIBRARY'S NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS PARADE & PERFORMANCE FOR KIDS (& ADULTS!)**



**DATE:**

**Monday,  
February 12, 2024**

**START TIME: 5:00 p.m.**

**END TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

**FOREST PARK LIBRARY**

**4812 West Street**

**Forest Park, GA 30297**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL:**

**(770) 347-0160**

**Get ready for February's New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration with an authentic street parade jazz band at our library. Kids can join in with toy instruments and accessories as they march along with real musicians. Fat Tuesday fun for the entire family!**





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](http://CLAYTONPARKS.COM) OR AT ANY  
RECREATION CENTER.

9045 TARA BLVD, JONESBORO, GA 30236

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ARIONA EVANS  
678-479-5133





THE CITY OF RIVERDALE 2ND ANNUAL  
FORMAL BLACK TIE

VALENTINE'S  
DAY  
*Gala*  
2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

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
<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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