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April 1, 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

APRIL
Veteran of The Month
Master Sergeant
Wayne Collins



Wayne Collins enlisted in the United States Army in Atlanta, Georgia in October of 1976 and was assigned to the United States Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia. There he completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as a Wire Systems Installer/Switch Board Operator Maintainer.

During his military service, Wayne served with the 24th Signal Battalion, 24th Infantry in Fort Stewart Georgia, 261st Signal Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Wurzburg Germany, 2nd Combat Battalion Basic Training Fort McClellan Alabama as a Drill Sergeant, 228th Signal Battalion, 5th Signal Command Frankfurt Germany, 1st Signal Brigade JCCC Soul South Korea, Regimental Basic Noncommissioned Officers Academy United States Army Signal School First Sergeant, 335th Theater Signal Command East Point Georgia, and Camp Doha Kuwait City Kuwait.

Wayne Collins received awards and decorations that include the Meritorious Service Medal (5th Oak Leaf), Army Accommodation Medal (4th Oak Leaf), Achievement Award (4th Oak Leaf), Desert Storm/ Desert Shield Campaign Ribbon, Airborne/Air Assault Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Drivers Badge, American Red Cross Life Saving accommodations, Bronze Order of Mercury Regimental Signal Association, and the German Marksmanship Badge (Bronze).

After 22 years of service, Master Sergeant Collins retired while stationed at Fort McPherson Georgia.

Mr. Collins has lived in the City of Morrow for 13 years. He serves as the Chairman of Morrows' Planning and Zoning Board and is the current Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5080 in Morrow Georgia. He is active with Neighborhood Watch, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and the Geezer Squad. Wayne is married to Katherine, his loving wife of 45 years; from this union are two children, Marcus and Tanisha, and two grandchildren Wayne Carter and Ryleigh.

TALK TO TURNER

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

chairman.turner@claytoncountytga.gov

Health & Wellness

Pollen is Here!!!

A Guide to Surviving Pollen Season



- 1. Keep Pollen Out of Your Home: Ways to decrease the amount of pollen in your home are to keep your windows closed, wipe your shoes on the outside doormat, and then wipe your shoes off, take off hats and jackets when you come inside, and take a shower, wash your hair. Also, wipe your pet's fur and paws off when they come inside too!*
- 2. Regular Cleaning Schedule: Dusting about every two weeks helps.... Leave the house for about an hour after you clean to let the dust settle... LITERALLY. You can also make sure that your vacuum has a HEPA filter because it catches the tiniest of particles. Empty your vacuum outside. Do not use a feather duster!!!! They just move dust around your home. We all love clean bed sheets, but washing your bedding weekly will help. You can try wearing a mask while you are cleaning. Pollen is released into the air when you clean, so the mask will help you not breathe it in.*
- 3. Is Your Air Purified? Running your AC will help clean the air inside your home. Pollen is tiny and will pass through most filters, and that is where an air purifier comes in to help. Whole-home air purifiers clean the air while your AC system runs and these purifiers can remove up to 96% of all germs, pollen, and bacteria that are in your home's air.*



Reference: <https://www.coolray.com/help-guides/the-allergy-sufferers-guide-to-surviving-pollen-season-in-atlanta>

Article: *The Allergy Sufferer's Guide to Surviving Pollen Season in Atlanta* By COOLRAY Cooling, Heating, Plumbing, Electrical

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

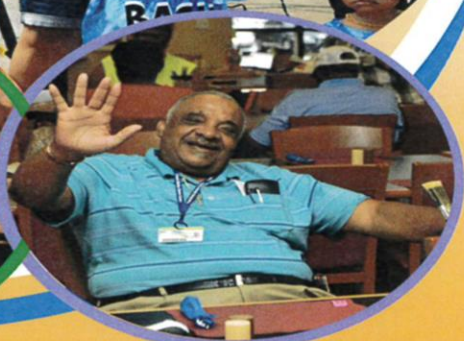
For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Other Relative Caregivers:

Kinship Care Resource Center - Shelnett Intergenerational Center, 849 Battle Creek Road in Jon

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

**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)547-0370

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

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)547-0340



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.



| 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

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



BLOOD DRIVE

Clayton County Police Department

Friday, April 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Police Headquarters, Community Room

7911 N. McDonough Street

Jonesboro, GA 30236

To expedite your donation, please log onto
redcrossblood.org/rapidpass and complete your health history
prior to your arrival (day of the drive)

Presenting donors will receive a \$10 E-Gift Card

For ease, Appointments can be made by logging onto
redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:
claytoncounty. Walk-In's are Welcome.

MARTA AIRPORT STATION TEMPORARY CLOSURE APRIL 8TH-MAY 19TH



www.aacids.com



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2023 STATE OF THE COUNTY

Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Click Here for Video](#)

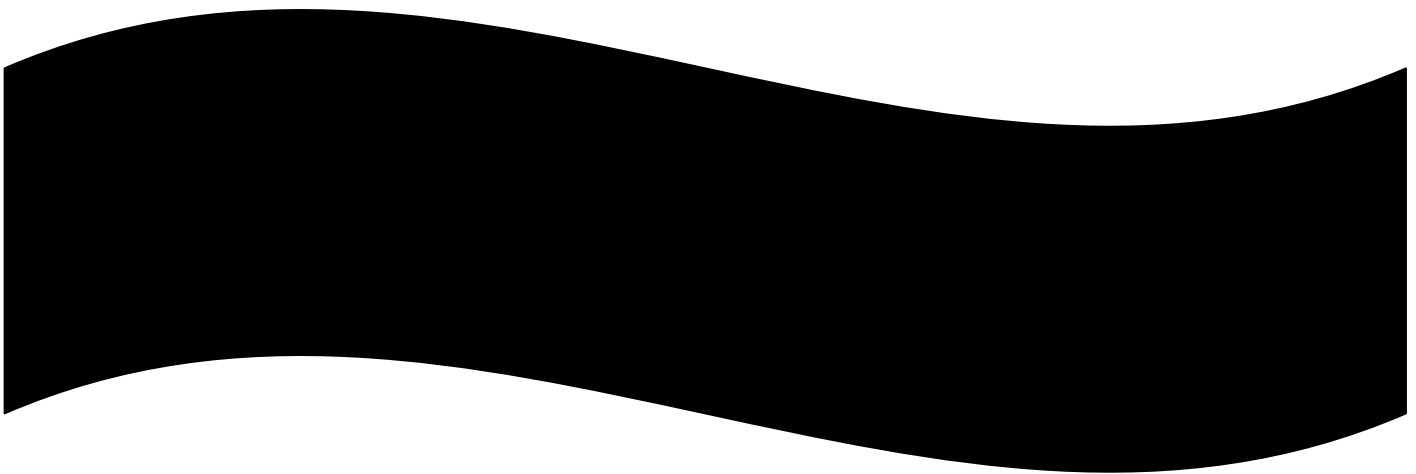


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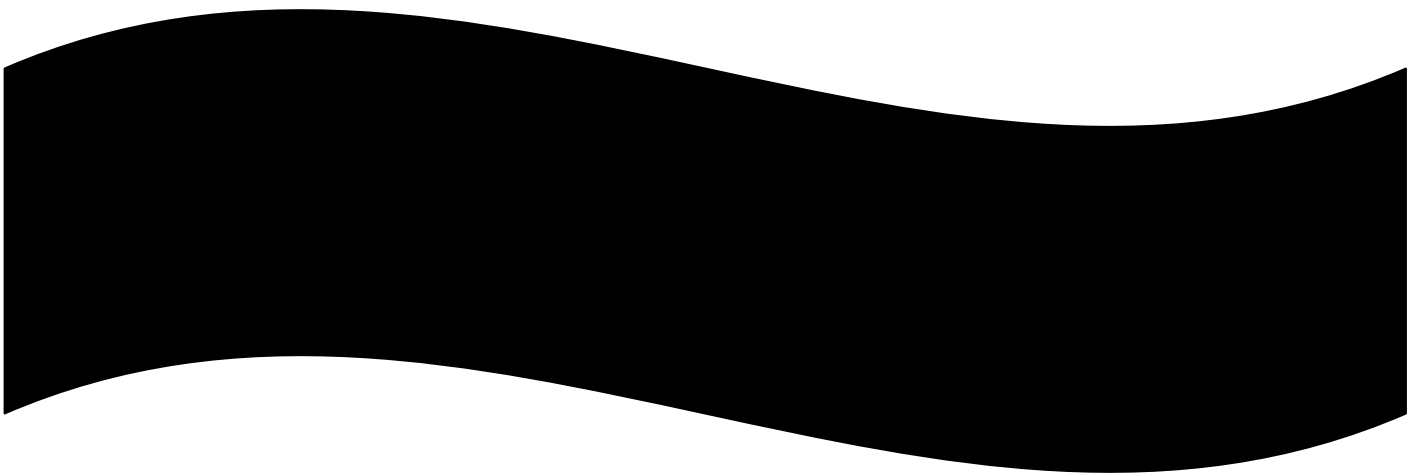


SPLOST Progress for Pennies

March 19, 2024



www.connectclayton.org



Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



**MARCH 23RD EVENT RESCHEDULED
TO SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH**

PRESENTS

SPRING ADOPTION EVENT

NEW DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

10AM - 3PM



ADOPT YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Come and spend time with some of the best animals in town! We have a large variety of dogs and cats of all ages and breeds in need of fur-ever homes.

Special Offers

- First 10 dog adoptions free!
- First 5 cat adoptions free!
- \$40 vaccine clinic for owned pets (includes Rabies, Dhpp, Bordetella, and Microchip).
- Family fun!
- Food & Drinks!

CALL US 770-347-0210

3199 ANVIL BLOCK RD. ELLENWOOD, GA 30294

WWW.24PETCONNECT.COM





CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION
OF GEORGIA



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CARIBBEAN
AMERICAN
HERITAGE
MONTH



CAG CARIBBEAN

CULTURAL FESTIVAL



FAMILY FRIENDLY
MUSIC GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT VENDORS

In Partnership with
Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman of
Clayton County Board of
Commissioners

CLAYTON COUNTY
INTERNATIONAL PARK

2300 HIGHWAY 138 SE JONESBORO, GA, 30236



SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2024 AT 12PM TO 8:00PM |

DJ STORM | DJ EZZY B PARKING FREE |



BE A SPONSOR OR
VENDOR

WWW.CARIBBEANGEOORGIA.ORG



2024 Master Gardener Extension Volunteers Plant Sale



Saturday, May 11
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
1262 Government Cir.,
Jonesboro



Come check out our wide
variety of vegetables,
flowers, house plants, and
more, all while supporting
our Master Gardener
Extension Volunteers



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EXTENSION

Clayton County



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An Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Veteran, Disability Institution

If you are an individual with a disability who may require assistance or accommodation in order to participate in or receive the benefit of a service, program, or activity of UGA, or if you desire more information, please contact us.

Activities & Resources

“WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR BACKYARD”
COLLEGE PARK, FOREST PARK, JONESBORO, LAKE CITY,
LOVEJOY, MORROW, RIVERDALE

CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS **MUTT STRUT** FUNDRAISING WALK BENEFITING CLAYTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 - 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**BEGINS AND ENDS AT THE BARK PARK LOCATED AT CLAYTON COUNTY
INTERNATIONAL PARK, 2300 HWY. 138 S.E., JONESBORO, GA 30236**

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Visit our CCHS website for registration information. **Get your family and friends to sponsor you!** A minimum of \$25 in sponsorships or donation is required to participate in walk and receive a swag bag!

BRING THE KIDS, THE DOGS AND THE FAMILY FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!

- Adoptable Dogs from CCHS
- Willard of Atlanta's 96 Rock will be our DJ
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Dog Contest and Prizes
- The Varsity & other Food Trucks
- Kids Activities



WWW.CLAYTONCOUNTYHUMANE.ORG/REGISTER

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.



FUTURE FOCUS
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Join us for a community conversation!

What's your vision for your community?

IN-PERSON

Thu., Apr. 18, 2024
6 - 8 PM
Flint River Community Center
153 Flint River Rd.
Riverdale, GA 30274

VIRTUAL

Tue., Apr. 23, 2024
6 - 8 PM
FutureFocusClayton.com

Future Focus Clayton is the County's Comprehensive Plan update. Your feedback will help paint a clear picture of the community's vision for how Clayton County should evolve to serve its residents over the next 25 years.

Visit www.FutureFocusClayton.com for more info!



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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“What we need in the United States is not division. What we need in the United States is not hatred. What we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country whether they be white or they be black.”

Robert F. Kennedy

Senator **ROBERT F. KENNEDY**. One of the inscriptions at the Robert F. Kennedy gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

Jeffrey E. Turner

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman
Clayton County Board of Commissioners



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