



The Rooks Report

many people, one community...putting Clayton First

November 2016

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Final First

December 3, 2016 at South Clayton Recreation Center

3pm-5pm

What's On Your Mind?

- Please share with us any stories or items that you would like to have put into this newsletter.
- We want your comments about what we are doing for you here in the district. Please provide us your positive feedback and we will post them in this newsletter (see our comments section on page 28).



Shana M. Rooks
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Constituents:

As I publish this Rooks Report, I am struck by the number of days remaining on my term as Clayton County District 3 Commissioner. It has been an amazing journey. I still however have a few more initiatives to oversee before December

31, 2016. Please ensure you remain vigilant about your county and the leadership of your county. I hope to see you at the next county board meetings, my Fall Festival on November 19th and my Final First Saturday on December 3, 2016.

Looking to see you there.

Shana M. Rooks, Esq.

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Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services Gets ISO Rating Of 1



The Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services department's new ISO rating is 1, which indicates the department provides the best level of fire protection to its residents. The rating follows a field survey conducted by the Insurance Service Office, which reported Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services provided the best level of fire protection possible to businesses and residences in the area. "I'm honored to stand before you tonight and inform you that Clayton County has joined the top 1.5 percent of all fire departments in the country," said Clayton County Fire Chief Landry Merkison at Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting. "The citizens and businesses of unincorporated Clayton County as well as Jonesboro, Lovejoy and Lake City will have access to the lowest insurance rates in the country," Merkison said. "New businesses seeking to relocate can

come to Clayton County knowing their investment and employees will be protected by one of the best systems of fire, water and communications in the country."

Previously, Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services ISO rating was 3. Merkison thanked the Clayton County Board of Commissioners for their support, as well as those who work for the department. "Nothing is possible without the tireless dedication of the 397 employees who put on their uniform every day and answer the call with honor, courage, commitment and an unrelenting compassion for their community," Merkison said. Many insurance providers determine rates for property owners based on the ISO rating. A better ISO rating, like Clayton County's new rating of 1, will mean lower insurance rates. The new rating was greeted by a standing ovation from those at Tuesday's meeting.



Remaining Early Voting Schedule

MONDAY – FRIDAY: OCTOBER 31, 2016 – NOVEMBER 4, 2016 8:00AM – 7:00PM

Locations	Addresses	Dates	Operating Hours
Elections & Registration Office Second Floor	121 S. McDonough Street Jonesboro GA 30236	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center	3499 Rex Road Rex, GA 30273	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center	1475 East Fayetteville Road Riverdale, GA 30274	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
South Clayton Recreation Center	1837 McDonough Road Hampton, GA 30228	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Lee Headquarters Library	865 Battle Creek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Morrow Municipal Complex	1500 Morrow Road Morrow, GA 30260	10/31/2016 – 11/4/2016	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Election Day is November 8, 2016

Georgia 2016 Ballot Measures
Understanding The Constitutional Amendments
(For Those Who Have Yet To Vote)

Georgia Authorization of the State Government to Intervene in Failing Local Schools, Amendment 1

Amendment 1 addresses state intervention in public schools found to be "chronically failing."

Ballot question

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow the state to intervene in chronically failing public schools in order to improve student performance?

Ballot summary

This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide for the creation of an Opportunity School District and authorizes the state to assume the supervision, management, and operation of failing public elementary and secondary schools, including the power to receive, control, and expend appropriated funds for such purposes.

A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to form an Opportunity School District that would govern certain elementary and secondary schools determined to be "chronically failing."

A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to form an Opportunity School District that would govern certain elementary and secondary schools determined to be "chronically failing," thereby continuing to have school boards/districts supervise respective schools.

Georgia Additional Penalties for Sex Crimes to Fund Services for Sexually Exploited Children, Amendment 2

Amendment 2 addresses generating revenue for the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund.

Ballot question

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow additional penalties for criminal cases in which a person is adjudged guilty of keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, pandering, pandering by compulsion, solicitation of sodomy, masturbation for hire, trafficking of persons for sexual servitude, or sexual exploitation of children and to allow assessments on adult entertainment establishments to fund the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund to pay for care and rehabilitative and social services for individuals in this state who have been or may be sexually exploited?

Ballot summary

This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide for additional penalties for various criminal sexual exploitation offenses and assessments on adult entertainment establishments and to dedicate revenue derived therefrom to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund for the purpose of providing care and rehabilitative and social services to sexually exploited persons.

A "yes" vote supports providing penalties for court cases involving certain sex crimes in order to allocate the generated revenue for the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund.

A "no" vote opposes providing penalties for court cases involving certain sex crimes in order to allocate the generated revenue for the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund.

Georgia Replacement of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, Amendment 3

Amendment 3 addresses replacing the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Ballot question

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to abolish the existing Judicial Qualifications Commission; require the General Assembly to create and provide by general law for the composition, manner of appointment, and governance of a new Judicial Qualifications Commission, with such commission having the power to discipline, remove, and cause involuntary retirement of judges; require the Judicial Qualifications Commission to have procedures that provide for due process of law and review by the Supreme Court of its advisory opinions; and allow the Judicial Qualifications Commission to be open to the public in some manner?

Ballot summary

This proposal abolishes the existing Judicial Qualifications Commission and requires the General Assembly to replace it with a new Judicial Qualifications Commission and provide for the composition, manner of appointment, governance, powers and duties, procedures, and open meetings of such reformed commission, with such commission having the power to discipline, remove, and cause involuntary retirement of judges as provided in the Constitution, and for Supreme Court review of the commission's opinions and procedures.

A "yes" vote supports replacing the Judicial Qualifications Commission with a new commission designed and governed by the General Assembly.

A "no" vote opposes replacing the Judicial Qualifications Commission with a new commission designed and governed by the General Assembly, thereby keeping the current commission operational.

Georgia Uses of Revenue from Taxes on Fireworks, Amendment 4

Amendment 4 addresses the allocation of revenue generated from the sale of fireworks.

Ballot question

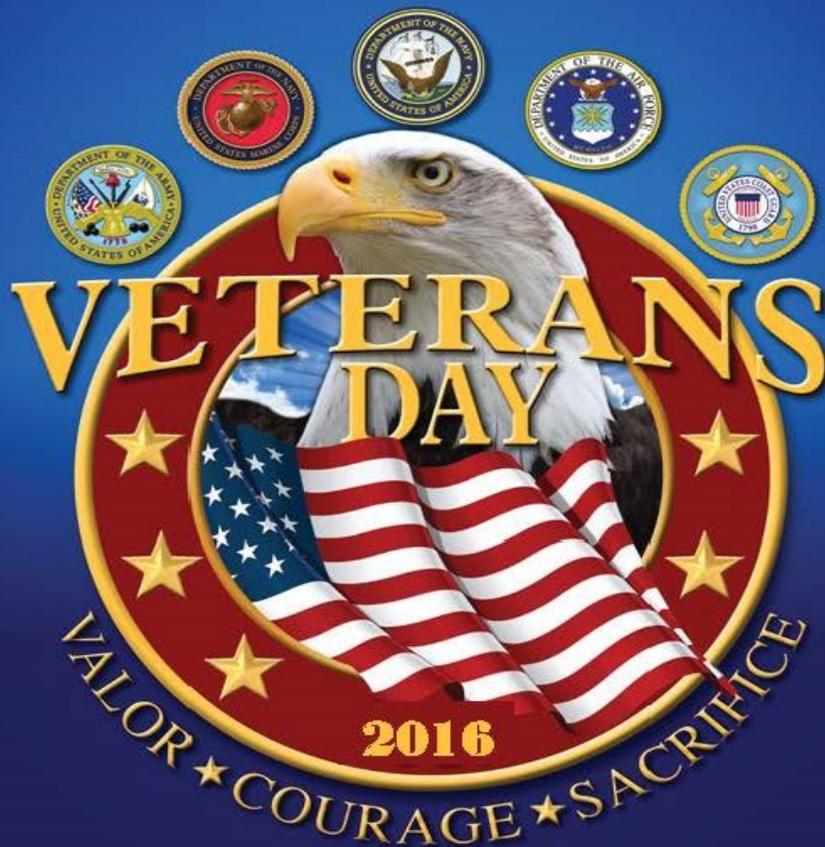
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of fireworks or consumer fireworks be dedicated to the funding of trauma care, firefighter equipping and training, and local public safety purposes?

Ballot summary

This proposal provides that the proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of fireworks or consumer fireworks be dedicated to funding trauma care, fire services, and local public safety purposes.

A "yes" vote would dedicate revenue from fireworks sales taxes to trauma care, fire protection services and public safety.

A "no" vote would not dedicate revenue from fireworks sales taxes to trauma care, fire protection services and public safety.



VETERANS DAY SERVICE

LEE STREET PARK

155 LEE STREET JONESBORO, GA



NOVEMBER 11, 2016
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



KEYNOTE SPEAKER—CONGRESSMAN DAVID SCOTT

11:11 A.M.

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO

JONESBORO VFW POST 6330 AUXILIARY

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November 19, 2016

FALL FESTIVAL - Commissioner Shana M. Rooks and Clayton County Parks & Recreation invite you to attend a Fall Festival at Lovejoy Regional Park from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks &
Clayton County Parks & Recreation
invites you to attend a

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday

November 19, 2016

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Games
Contest
Music



Spider Jump
Vendors



Lovejoy Regional Park
1935 McDonough Road
Hampton, Georgia

www.claytonparks.com • 770-477-3766

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Clayton County Board of Commissioners

For Immediate Release

October 26, 2016

Clayton County Ordinance Approval

Jonesboro, Georgia--- The Clayton County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance 2016-171, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Effective immediately, this change reflects that residential burning of any type within the unincorporated boundaries of Clayton County is expressly prohibited.

Only the following types of burning are permitted: Residential fire pits, grills, smokers, outdoor fire places and other implements used for cooking food for immediate human consumption. At no time shall these devices be used for any purpose or in any manner other than those intended by the manufacturer. Persons violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.

Burning yard waste releases nitrogen oxides and particle pollution into the air. Burning adversely affects the health, safety, and general welfare of a community. People who burn trash are exposed to these pollutants. So are their families and neighbors.

Children, the elderly and those with preexisting respiratory conditions can be especially vulnerable. Burning pollutants contributes to lung and heart disease. Burning releases pollutants such as particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury into the air and ground. These pollutants can have immediate and long-term health effects such as asthma and emphysema, kidney or liver damage and reproductive or developmental disorders.

Alternatives to burning include bagging, burying and mulching. Additionally, Clayton County Refuse Control offers a debris removal service in unincorporated Clayton County. For more information contact Refuse Control at 770-477-3548.

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ARTICLE IV. OPEN BURNING

Sec. 42-91. - Title; purpose.

This article shall be known as the Open Burning and Air Quality Control Code. The purpose of this article is to regulate open burning, to provide for the public health, safety and general welfare with the county.

Sec. 42-92. - Restrictions; permit required; authority of fire marshal; violation; penalty.

Open burning of any type within the unincorporated boundaries of Clayton County is expressly prohibited except as exempted below.

- a) Residential Areas: in residential areas, no person shall cause, suffer or allow open burning in any unincorporated area of the county, except as follows:
 1. For recreational purposes, such as residential fire pits, grills, smokers, outdoor fire places, and other implements used for cooking food for immediate human consumption. At no time shall these devices be used for any purpose or in any manner other than those intended by the manufacturer.
 2. Fires set for the purpose of training firefighting personnel when authorized by the county fire marshal and with the appropriate permits.
- b) Commercial Areas: in commercial areas, no person shall cause, suffer or allow open burning in any unincorporated area of the county, except as follows:
 1. Operation of devices using open flames, such as tar kettles, blow torches, welding torches, portable heaters, and other flame-making equipment where approved safety measures are used.
 2. Fires set for the purpose of training firefighting personnel when authorized by the county fire marshal and with the appropriate permits.
- c) Carrying out recognized agricultural procedures necessary for production or harvesting of crops with the appropriate forestry permit and with the approval of the county fire marshal.
- d) All burning shall be located on private property so as not to interfere with any traffic on public streets or sidewalks.
- e) During any open burning, the burning activity shall be constantly attended by a competent person of at least 18 years of age.
- f) Persons violating this article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.
- g) All fees/fines, etc. are to be assigned to the county fire department budget and used for the benefit of the fire marshal's office.

Secs. 42-93—42-100. - Reserved.



"GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING"
CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Telephone: (770) 473-2700

Address: 1058 Fifth Avenue • Jonesboro, GA 30236

Website: www.clayton.k12.ga.us

NEWS RELEASE

Clayton County Public Schools
Department of Communications

For Immediate Release

Contact: Jada Dawkins

CCPS Communications

Telephone: (770) 472-7257

November 1, 2016

CCPS Growth in Graduation Rates

Rate increased 2.7 points from 2015 to 2016

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools Superintendent Luvenia Jackson announces today an increase in the 2016 graduation rate. According to the Georgia Department of Education, the Four-year Cohort Graduation Rates released today, indicates that Clayton County Public Schools Class of 2016 has increased its graduation rate by 2.7 percentage points or 4.1% in the number of seniors graduating on time. Clayton's growth in its graduation rate outpaced the state's rate. The state's graduation rate increased from 78.8% in 2015 to 79.2% in 2016. This reflects a 0.4 percentage point increase or a 0.5% growth in the state's graduation rate. Additionally, this is the fifth consecutive year that Clayton County's four-year cohort graduation rate has increased. The district's four-year cohort graduation rate has significantly improved from 51.5% in 2011 to 69.1% in 2016.

In 2011 a cohort system for calculating high school graduation rates was established. All school districts are now required to calculate graduation rates using the four-year calculation method. Under the old system, schools were able to count students who took more than four years to graduate. Currently under the four-year cohort system, the graduation rate is calculated by the number of ninth grade students who earn a diploma within four years. Since 2011, when closer monitoring of our four-year cohort graduation rates began, the district's graduation rate has improved by 17.6 percentage points or 34.2%, and it has increased each of the five years reported.

"We are excited about the report released today, we will continue to ensure our students graduate within four years," said Luvenia Jackson, CCPS Superintendent. "In addition, we are partnering with our school leaders to better examine their data, and we are promoting and implementing "stay in school" initiatives that encourage students to come and remain in school until high school graduation," she added.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 54,000 diverse students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S., and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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Text “ccsoga” to 888777.



HOA BOOT CAMP

Saturday, November 5, 2016 · 8:00am - 4:00pm

Georgia International Convention Center



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Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr.
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Commissioner Shana Rooks
Clayton County



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Commissioner Kelly Robinson
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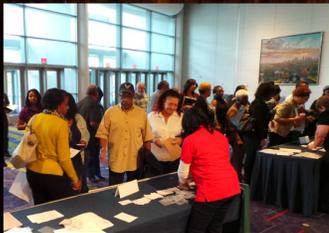


HOA BOOT CAMP™

Saturday, November 5, 2016 · 8:00am - 4:00pm

Georgia International Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Concourse · Atlanta, GA 30337

- This event is FREE and parking is included.
- CE hours for Real Estate Agents.
- CLE hours for Lawyers (fee required).
- Sponsorships opportunities available.
- Vendor opportunities available for Exhibit Hall A.
- Continental breakfast and lunch for registered attendees.
- Seating is limited, so register today.
- To register or to become a vendor, please visit: www.HOABootCamp.org



8:00am - 9:00am	Registration & Breakfast
9:00am -9:20am	Opening Session
9:30am -10:20am	Session 1: Nonprofits 101
9:30am -10:20am	Session 2: Community Association Documents 101
10:30am -11:20am	Session 3: Community Association Software
10:30am -11:20am	Session 4: Community Association Meeting Madness
11:30am -12:20pm	Session 5: Community Association Elections
11:30 am -12:20pm	Session 6: Community Association Covenant Enforcement
12:30pm -1:20pm	Lunch: Commissioners Roundtable w/ Mary Gill, CBS Radio
1:30pm-2:20pm	Session 7: Managing Your Association
1:30pm-2:20pm	Session 8: Effective Community Association Collections
2:30pm-3:20pm	Session 9: Protecting Your HOA
2:30 pm-3:20pm	Session 10: Community Association Insurance Overload
3:30pm -4:00pm	Closing Session





Military & Veteran Resource Fair
Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 11am-1pm
Harry S. Downs Continuing Education building

Sponsored by Continuing Education & Veterans Resource Center

Veterans * Active Duty * Guard * Reservists
Spouses * Dependents * Community Members

**Information on employment, health services,
food banks, housing, military recruitment, etc...**

Individuals requiring disability related accommodations for participation in any Clayton State University sponsored event or to obtain print materials in an alternate format for such events can contact the Disability Resource Center at (678) 466-5445 or disabilityresourcecenter@clayton.edu

For more information call (678)466-5527 or email VeteransResourceCenter@Clayton.Edu



Clayton County
Senior Services
Department
changing the face of aging

J Charley Griswell Senior Center
2300 Highway 138 SE | Jonesboro, GA 30236
770-477-3499 main | 770-477-3491 fax
Mondays 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Special Events

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION-A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

A salute to our Veterans! Veterans Day is observed each year in remembrance of those who fought in wars for America and its citizens! This year's event will feature a special presentation from Mount Zion High School honor guard, as well as special dedications through music, poems, and a salute to the various branches of the Military.

Thursday, November 3rd from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

Please join us for this very special holiday and to give thanks! This fun-filled program will consist of entertainment, games, music, giveaways and a meal with all the fixings. We hope to see you there.

Tuesday, November 22nd from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Education/Enrichment Classes

BASIC COMPUTER

Instructor: Staff
Mondays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

BASIC DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Instructor: Stanley Coleman

Do you ever wonder how you can show all of your photos? This class will teach you how to make a digital film using your treasured photos.

Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

CERAMICS

Instructor: Gail Humphrey
Learn how to design, paint and personalize your own piece.
Mondays from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

QUILTING

Instructor: Staff

Mondays from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER

Instructor: Benjamin Straker

Come and learn how to apply the knowledge gained in the basic computer class.

Thursdays from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

LEARN DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Instructor: Pearl Graham-Johnson

Learn the basic techniques of duplicate bridge including how to bid, play, and score.

Mondays from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Fitness Classes

ARTHRITIS AQUATICS

Arthritis got you stiff? Try our Arthritis Aquatic Class. This class is a 45 minute workout consisting of safe and approved Arthritis foundation exercises, stretching and aerobic exercise for increase flexibility and decrease of pain. The class uses movements approved by the Arthritis Foundation.

Instructor: Debbie West

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Instructor: Jackie Fears

Fridays from 9:00 am - 9:45 am

BEGIN SWIM

Instructor: Jackie Fears

Learn how to overcome your fear of water and swim like a pro.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Fitness Classes

AQUA SCULPTING

Instructor: Johnny Furlow

Experience building muscular strength and endurance in this fast paced class. Use resistance equipment such as tubing, hand buoys, and medicine balls for upper and lower body.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NEW-AQUA ZUMBA

Aqua Zumba is an aquatic fitness specialty designed to provide the ultimate pool party! It is fitness fun that integrates the Zumba formula and philosophy into traditional aqua fitness disciplines, using great Latin and other international rhythms to get everyone moving!

Instructor: Zakia Banks -Thursdays 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm / Instructor: Regina Cannon -Fridays 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Trips

TONY AWARD WINNING CABARET: FOX THEATRE

The acclaimed Broadway classic returns! As part of their 50th Anniversary Season, Roundabout Theatre Company is proud to present the Tony Award®-winning production of Cabaret. Cabaret tells the story of the infamous Kit Kat Klub, where Emcee, Sally Bowles, and raucous ensembles take the stage nightly to tantalize the crowd and to leave their troubles outside. Before the show, enjoy dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Wednesday, November 2nd from 3:00 pm - 12:00 am

RADIO CITY ROCKETTES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: COBB ENERGY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

There is no better place to be than at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, where you will experience the world famous Radio City Rockettes at the most magical time of the year, without you needing to go to New York! Before the show enjoy lunch on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Tentative Date: Thursday, November 10th from
3:00 pm - 12:00 am

A CHRISTMAS STORY: FOX THEATRE

Are you in the mood for a great classic! Based on the classic 1983 holiday movie, A Christmas Story follows nine-year-old Ralphie Parker, a daydreamer from Indiana, who spends his days counting down to the most exciting day in any kid's life: Christmas. All he wants is an official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle, but as his parents and teachers warn him, "You'll shoot your eye out!" A Christmas Story charts Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that his perfect gift ends up under the tree on Christmas morning.

Wednesday, November 30th from 3:00 pm - 12:00 am



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Frank Bailey Senior Center
6213 Riverdale Road | Riverdale, GA 30274
678-479-5505 main | 678-479-5522 fax
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursdays 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Special Events

WORLD AIDS DAY

November 1, is World Aids Day. HIV and Aids is on the rise in Georgia. This program will give life-saving information about the disease, its risk factors and the importance of protection.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Winter is around the corner so come and learn or refresh your memory about how planning and preparation will keep you safe during the coming winter season. This presentation will be facilitated by Clayton County Emergency Management Division.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 10:00 – 11:00am

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Thank you to all veterans, join us as we honor veterans. We will have a guest speaker, and enjoy light refreshments.

Friday, November 11, 2016 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Fitness Classes

CARDIO YOGA

Instructor: Mechelle Davis

Brisk flowing yoga practice that taps into fat-burning capabilities, as it blends balance, strength and flexibility.

Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

ZUMBA GOLD

Instructor: Cecile Bennett

Dance your way to fitness with Zumba Gold inspired by Latin Dance. Zumba mixes effective body sculpting and toning with easy to follow dance steps.

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

AQUA VOLLEYBALL

Instructor: Staff

Have a ball and get an excellent workout as we play volleyball in the pool.

Fridays from 11:00am -12:00pm

Arts/Educational Classes

COMPUTER WITH TONY

Instructor: Tony Antoine

Learn how to operate Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint, how to e-mail, use digital images and surf the Internet.

Check Center Calendar for schedule

JEWELRY CLASS

Instructor: Arlene Benford Come join the jewelry class and learn to make many different types of beautiful jewelry using beads and stones.

Thursday from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

QUILTING CLASS

Instructor: Paula Morgan

Learn how to make a quilt. You will learn proper measuring, cutting and sewing techniques.

Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Trips

SOUTHERN BELLE RIVERBOAT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN

The leaves are changing and it's a great time to explore the scenic Tennessee River on the Southern Belle. Lunch is provided and is on the Southern Belle.

Wednesday, November 2nd from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

INDIAN FESTIVAL & POW WOW, STONE MOUNTAIN, GA

Experience an event that showcases Native American culture through dance, music, authentic craft demonstrations, cooking traditions, storytelling and wild life preservations.

Thursday, November 3rd from 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

MERCIERS, BLUE RIDGE, GA

Merciers offers more than 50 varieties of apples and other seasonal fruits. It is the largest apple orchard in Georgia. Enjoy Merciers Apple Orchard products then lunch and shopping on your own in Blue Ridge.

Wednesday, November 16th from 8:30am - 5:00pm

DIVINE FAITH THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON, JONESBORO, GA

Divine Faith Community Outreach Program hosts their annual Senior Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. The program includes inspirational and uplifting music and speakers along with community health vendors and a delicious Thanksgiving meal served with all the trimmings.

Thursday, November 17th from 9:00 pm – 2:00 pm

THE FRONT PORCH PLAYERS, JONESBORO, GA

Dinner at Golden Corral Restaurant then enjoy The Front Porch Players presentation of the play "A Christmas Carol".

Friday, November 18th from 4:30 pm – 10:30 pm



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Kinship Resource Center
849 Batle Creek Road | Jonesboro, GA 30236
770-473-5788 main | 770-477-3421 fax
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program

Classes for Adults

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

Learn how to make your own personalized greeting cards for the holidays.

Adults: Tuesdays in November
from 11:00 am – 12 noon

EAT RIGHT FOR YOUR BLOOD TYPE

Did you know that certain blood types react good or better with certain foods? Learn which ones will assist you in maintaining a healthy body.

Adults: Thursday, November 10th
from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

PARENTING AN ANGRY CHILD

Sometimes parents think their child is giving them a hard time. It's not that, it's that your child is having a hard time. Learn why you can't discipline the anger out of your child and ways to help your child through it.

Adults: Friday, November 11th
from 12 noon – 1:00 pm

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON & DESSERT CONTEST

Join in and give thanks at the Kinship Thanksgiving Luncheon. We'll express gratitude for our blessings of the days gone by and give thanks to what lies ahead. Come early and watch the Battle of the Baked Goods Dessert Contest where seasoned dessert pros show off their talents and try to win the title of best chef.

Adults: Friday, November 18th
from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Classes for Youths/Teens

BRAIN GAMES

Get to know some fun facts about the brain and play different psychological games and illusions.

Youth: Wednesday, November 2nd
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

AGING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Youth learn what it means to age and find out exactly why things occur as we get older, such as why does hair turn gray.

Youth: Wednesday, November 9th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

MATH COMPETITION

Add, subtract, divide and multiply your way to the top.

Teens: Wednesday, November 9th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

PLAYDOUGH TURKEY

Create turkeys that are so great they'll be the center of attention at your dinner table.

Youth: Thursday, November 10th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

VITAMIN ALPHABET

Vitamins explained and which ones you need according to your own lifestyle and how to get them from food.

Teens: Wednesday, November 16th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Tis the season for giving.

Your giving can make a child's wish come true.

The Kinship Care Resource Center Angel Tree Program needs your help to provide Christmas gifts to boys and girls being raised by relatives and grandparents in parent absent homes.

There is no set spending limit and every gift is appreciated. Make a difference in the life of a child who is waiting.

Angels can be picked from the tree beginning October 17th through December 15th.

Call Kinship Care at 770-473-5788 today for more information on how to select your Angel.



Kinship Care Resource Center
Clayton County Senior Services



For more information, contact:
Suzanne Brown, Public Information Officer
Office: 770.960.6972
suzanne.brown@ccwa.us

For Release October 7, 2016

Media Release

CCWA Earns 'Utility of the Future Today' Designation From Water Sector Organizations

Morrow, Georgia - - Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) recently earned the designation of 'Water Resources Utility of the Future Today' from a partnership of water sector organizations—the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) and the WaterReuse Association—with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Utility of the Future (UOTF) Today Recognition Program celebrates the progress and exceptional performance of wastewater utilities while supporting the widespread adoption of the innovative UOTF business model.

CCWA is one of 61 public and private utilities from across the U.S., Canada, and Denmark <http://www.wef.org/uotf-today-2016-recipients/> who were selected from an impressive number of first year entries by a peer committee of utility leaders. The recipients were recognized and honored during a September 27 ceremony held in conjunction with WEFTEC 2016—WEF's 89th annual technical exhibition and conference—in New Orleans, LA. CCWA received a display flag and a special certificate to further identify and promote their outstanding achievement as a Utility of the Future Today organization.

CCWA earned the designation for its innovative use of constructed treatment wetlands and its organizational culture. This culture includes CCWA's emphasis on employee engagement, training, leadership development and succession planning. Despite having limited surface or ground water supplies, CCWA has developed a truly sustainable water supply through the utilization of constructed treatment wetlands for augmentation of surface water supplies.

"Our success is a result of a collaborative culture of employees from all departments, at every level, working on projects, initiatives and programs," says P. Michael Thomas, general manager of CCWA.

The UOTF concept was first introduced in 2013 to guide utilities of all sizes toward smarter, more efficient operations and a progression to full resource recovery with enhanced productivity, sustainability, and resiliency. Since then many utilities have successfully implemented new and creative programs to address local environmental and community priorities.

The selection committee selected utilities for recognition based upon the adoption of UOTF principles (water reuse, watershed stewardship, beneficial biosolids reuse, community partnering & engagement, energy efficiency, energy generation & recovery, and nutrient & materials recovery) as the “Organizational Culture of the Future.”

“Many utilities optimize their operations, consistently meet or exceed their regulatory requirements, and engage their employees and communities in meaningful and productive ways,” said WEF Executive Director Eileen O’Neill. “We are excited about this new opportunity to recognize the achievements of small, medium and large forward-thinking utilities that are providing sustainable, efficient, and value-added service to their communities.”

“EPA has been pleased to provide input to the partnering Associations on this important new program,” said Andrew Sawyers, Director of EPA’s Office of Wastewater Management. “We believe it will play an important role in EPA’s efforts to advance effective and sustainable practices that will help utilities across the sector on their journey to becoming the Utility of the Future.”

"NACWA applauds all the recipients of the inaugural Utility of the Future Recognition Program," said NACWA CEO Adam Krantz. "Utility leaders are engaged in unparalleled innovation and this recognition will inspire the sector as a whole to achieve still untapped economic and environmental benefits for their communities and the nation."

To learn more about the Utility of the Future (UOTF) Today Recognition Program, visit www.wefnet.org/utilityrecognition or contact UtilityRecognition@wef.org.

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Join Us For Our Annual Small Local Business Program Mixer

Thursday, November 17
6-8 p.m.

CCWA's Marie Barber Community Use Room
1600 Battle Creek Road, Morrow 30260



Join CCWA staff, vendors and other small local businesses for an evening of networking while learning about future business opportunities.

The mixer is open to small businesses in : Clayton * Cobb * Cherokee * DeKalb * Douglas * Fayette * Fulton * Henry * Gwinnett * Rockdale * Spalding and surrounding areas

MUST RSVP TO ATTEND

www.ccwa.us

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770-960-5880



Computer Classes Schedule

**Dates and times are subject to change.
Call 770-473-3850 to register and to confirm dates.*

November 2016

Tuesday, November 1, 2016	10AM-Noon	Computer Basics
Thursday, November 3, 2016	10AM-Noon	Microsoft Word 2013 Basics
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	10AM-Noon	Microsoft Excel 2013 Basics
Thursday, November 10, 2016	10AM-Noon	Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 Basics
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	10AM-Noon	Microsoft Publisher 2013 Basics
Thursday, November 17, 2016	10AM-Noon	Open Lab

Introduction to Computers

Learn the basics of using a computer, focusing on the keyboard and mouse. No prior experience with computers is necessary to attend this workshop.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Learn how to create and save documents, format text and paragraphs, use the spell checker, insert pictures, modify margins and page orientation. Must be comfortable using a computer.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Learn how to create worksheets, enter data, write basic formulas to perform basic calculations, and create charts. Must be comfortable using a computer.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Learn to create slide show presentations, use and modify themes, fonts, insert images, learn to print different types of handouts. Must be comfortable using a computer.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

Learn to create flyers, newsletters, and other print materials by using and modifying templates. Must be comfortable using a computer. Must be comfortable using a computer.

Job Seekers' Open Lab

Use this time to create or update your resume, fill out online job applications, search for jobs, or work on improving your computer skills.

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Introducing a NEW Holiday Food Event!



Shop for the Holidays and enjoy food samples featuring Georgia Made/ Georgia Grown artisan gourmet foods!

Saturday, November 12 - 11am to 3 pm

Exhibits on Display:

"No Boundaries: Through My Eyes" - Feature Exhibit
"Fayette Society of Fine Art" - Open Studio Exhibit

Children's Ornament Workshops

November 5, 12, 21 and 22

11am - 1pm \$10

Registration Required: 770-473-5826

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artsclayton.org | 770-473-5430 | find us on facebook and instagram

Special Holiday Shopping Hours:

Mon-Fri 9 AM to 5 PM, Sat 10 AM - 4 PM. Closed Sundays and Holidays.

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Jonesboro, GA 30236

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Saturday, November 5 / 11-1

Ornament Workshops "Go To The Movies"



Monday, November 21/ 11-1



Saturday, November 12 / 11-1

\$10 Each Participant
Making 2-3
Hand Made Ornaments
Prepaid
Registration Required
770-473-5826



Tuesday, November 22/ 11-1



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Click Clayton

Report non-emergency neighborhood issues

From street repair, to tree damage or code enforcement issues, all of these can be reported and the progress of the work monitored.

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Clayton County has partnered with SeeClickFix to announce a new platform called "**Click Clayton**" that will allow citizens to report quality-of-life issues and request Clayton County services.

With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Clayton County citizens will now be able to provide Clayton County staff with pictures, videos, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides Clayton County officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging Clayton County citizens throughout the process.

The **Click Clayton** mobile app is available for download on [Android](#) and [iPhone](#). In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports to [Clayton County's website](#) and [seeclixfix.com](#).

Services are for unincorporated Clayton County and do not include areas inside city limits.



Clayton County Government Contact Numbers

(Here are some of our most requested numbers or services)

Animal Control	770-477-3509	Police/South Precinct	770-347-0260
Better Business Bureau	404-766-0875	Refuse Control (handles certain debris and trash on streets, removes dead animals from County roads)	770-477-3548
Board of Commissioners	770-477-3208	Senior Services	770-603-4050
Code Enforcement	678-610-4755	Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	770-471-1122
Community Development	770-477-3569	So. Regional Medical Center	770-991-8000
DFACS	770-473-2300	Tag Office	770-477-3331
Economic Development	770-477-4450	Tax Assessor (Prop .Values)	770-477-3285
Emergency/Non-Emergency	911 / 770-477-3550	Tax Commissioner (Tax Bills)	770-477-3311
Health Department	678-610-7199	Transportation & Development (Public Works, Road Department/Pot Holes/Traffic Engineering)	770-477-3674
Parks and Recreation	770-477-3766	Water Authority	770-960-5200
Planning and Zoning	770-477-3577		

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WE WORK WITH OUR CITIZENS TO RESOLVE CONCERNS INVOLVING COUNTY GOVERNMENT, EXPLAIN COUNTY PROGRAMS, EXPEDITE GOVERNMENT ACTION AND SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN OUR DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC.

HOURS OF OPERATION
8AM-5PM (M-F)

Questions/Concerns/Comments

Please contact :

Steven VanDyke - Constituent Aide

Phone: 770-473-5465

Email:

steven.vandyke@claytoncountyga.gov

Please contact us to be added or removed from our email list.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday evening of the month at 7pm .

112 Smith Street

Jonesboro, GA 30236

770) 477-3208

Final First

December 3, 2016

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd. , Hampton GA 30228

3:00 pm—5:00 pm

Clayton County Government's Top Five Communication Resources

Website

www.ClaytonCountyGa.gov

CCTV-23

Clayton County Access Television
Comcast Channel 23

Mobile Community

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