



The Rooks Report

many people, one community...putting Clayton First

November 2015

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Let's talk about it!

**"First Saturday Talk," December 5, 2015 at
South Clayton Recreation Center 10am—12pm.**

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 16).



Shana M. Rooks
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Dear Constituents:

When I held my Housing Summit (H.O.P.E. for Homeowners) on August 22, 2015, many of you asked questions about particular services within the county. Many of my responses directed you to contact our Community Development Department. My light bulb moment was to just simply organize a day to bring Community Development to you. So on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 10A-Noon we'll have a "Community Servants Day" at the South Clayton Recreation Center. Because they are also

community servants, I've invited Clayton County Police Interim-Chief Michael Register, Clayton County Fire & EMS Chief Landry Merkison, Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill along with representatives from the Clayton County Extension Office, Clayton County Water Authority and Georgia Power.

There are so many services that the county offers that we want you all to take advantage of them. In order to know that they exist, we need to remind you of what they are. I look forward to seeing you all Saturday.

In Service,

Shana M. Rooks, Esq.

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Commissioner Shana M. Rooks Presents: Community Servants Day



Guest Speakers Include:

Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill, Fire/EMA Chief Landry Merkison,
Police Chief Michael Register, Community Development Director Patrick Ejike,
UGA Extension Services, Clayton County Water Authority, and Georgia Power.



Saturday, October 31, 2015 | 10:00am until 12:00pm

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Road, Hampton, GA 30228

For More Information Please Call: (770) 473-5465

Clayton County Housing Code Enforcement

Our residents are our
“eyes and ears”

To report Housing Code
violations or for more
information, call 770-473-5411.

*You are invited to
attend Rivers Edge
Trail Development*

Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, October 31, 2015

12pm - 2pm



*Hay Ride & Games
will be setup for
the kids to enjoy!*

Rivers Edge Greenway Trail
40 Southern Golf Court
Fayetteville, Georgia



RIVERS EDGE GREENWAY TRAIL

Clayton County Trails

www.claytonparks.com

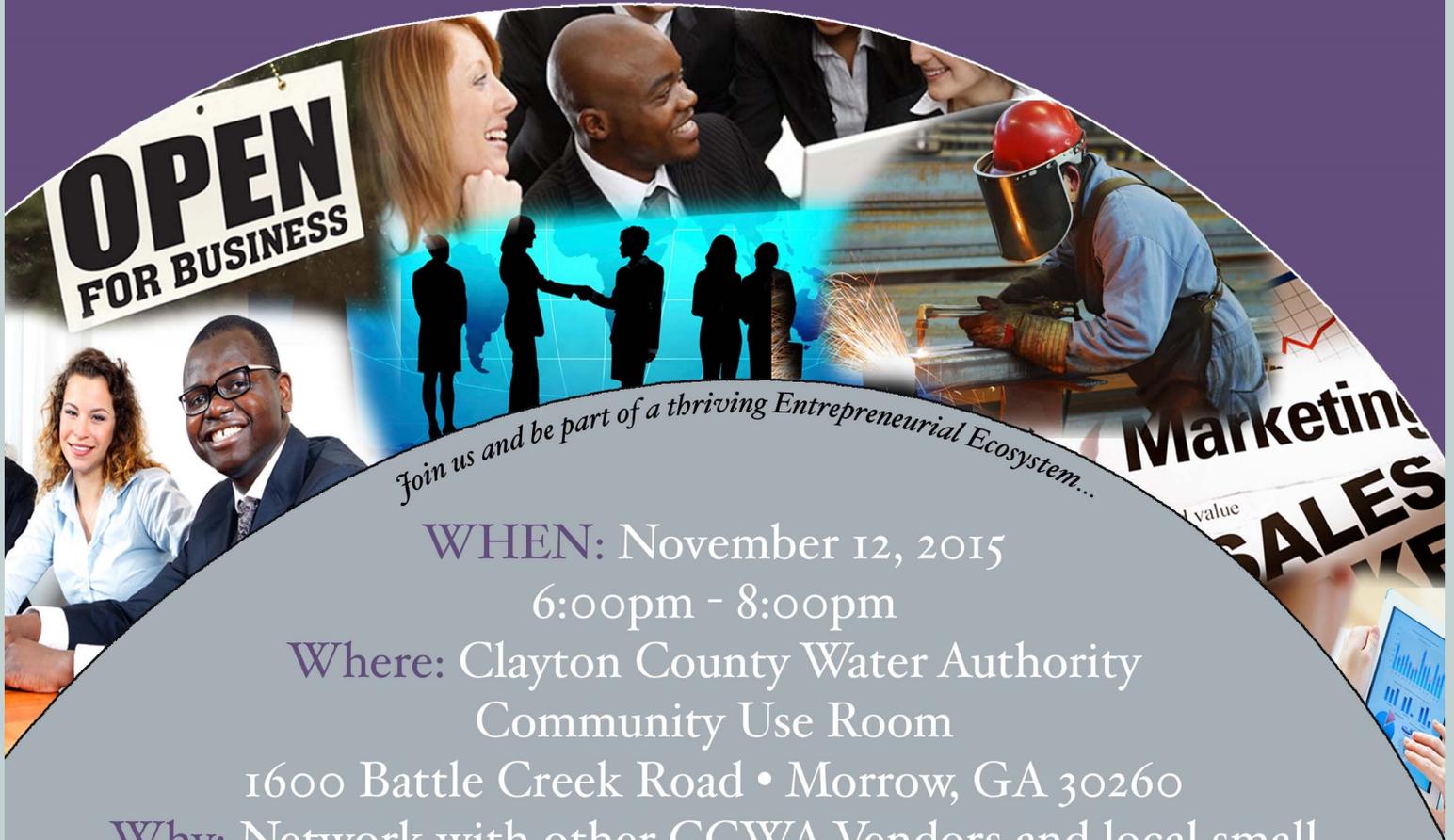
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Commissioner Shana M. Rooks

in association with the Clayton County Water Authority

Board of Directors presents a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Opportunity



Join us and be part of a thriving Entrepreneurial Ecosystem...

WHEN: November 12, 2015

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Clayton County Water Authority
Community Use Room

1600 Battle Creek Road • Morrow, GA 30260

Why: Network with other CCWA Vendors and local small businesses regarding future business opportunities

Who: Small Local Businesses and Current Vendors of CCWA

Small Businesses in :

Clayton • Cobb • Cherokee • DeKalb •
Douglas • Fayette • Fulton • Henry • Gwinnett •
Rockdale • Spalding and surrounding areas

www.claytoncountyga.gov

YOU MUST RSVP IN ORDER TO ATTEND!!

Accepting can donations for Thanksgiving

Please register by telephone: 770-960-5880

Email: ccwa_slbe_program@ccwa.us or

Website: www.ccwa.us



Clayton County Central Services will be assisting with certification and doing business with Clayton County



Clayton County Water Authority is conducting its last Small Local Business Workshop of the year on November 12th 5 pm. Those interested in a workshop or information can register on our website at <http://www.ccwa.us/small-local-business-program> or contact Tami McKenzie, Program Coordinator at 770-960-5580 or tamisha.mckenzie@ccwa.us. Workshops will resume in January 2016.

Save the date for our upcoming end of year events:

Business Social Mixer to be held November 12th 6 pm directly following our Small Business Workshop. Don't miss the opportunity to network with local businesses, current CCWA vendors and staff.

All events will be held at the CCWA headquarters at 1600 Battle Creek Road, Morrow, GA.

More information and registration visit our website at www.ccwa.us.

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks presents
Community Heroes



I am looking for those individuals who steps aside and “puts Clayton first.” Please submit your nominations along with the nominees background and three references that will validate the nomination to my Constituent Aide Steven VanDyke at

steven.vandyke@claytoncountyga.gov

Stay informed with Clayton County
Sheriff Department Updates

Text charges may apply, check with your cell phone provider

Text “ccsoga” to 888777.





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

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Honoring those who served! Please join us in recognition of Veterans Day as we pay homage to our veterans for their loyal and dedicated service. Let us salute these brave men and women through poetry, music, light refreshments and special messages.

Thursday, November 5th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

GRISWELL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

Thanksgiving is a special time of year when we gather with our friends so dear! Join the Griswell staff for an afternoon of entertainment and a Thanksgiving meal with all of the trimmings.

Tuesday, November 24th from 12:00 pm - 2:00 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



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Fitness Classes

BASIC STEP AEROBICS

Instructor: Dione Carroll

Would you like to learn the basic step moves? Then this is the class for you! This interactive class will teach students how to safely use the platform steps.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 am - 10:00 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

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

CARDIO FITNESS

Instructor: Gabriella Harden

Come and experience an aerobic exercise workout for total body fitness.

Mondays from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fridays from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DANCERCISE

Instructor: Staff

Enjoy a full body workout while you dance. Exercise to oldies but goodies while learning the latest dances.

Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 10:45 am

LAND ARTHRITIS EXERCISE

Instructor: Staff

Increase your range of motion, strength and endurance in this class designed according to the Arthritis Association Foundation.

Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Trips

ROCKETTES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: COBB ENERGY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

There is no better place to be this holiday than at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center! It is a one-of-a-kind celebration. Have lunch on your own before the show.

Tuesday, November 10th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

THE SOCK SHOPPE AT MACON MALL

Christmas time is near and you will need to fill those empty stockings with unique gifts. Why not sign up for shopping at the Sock Shoppe at Macon Mall? You will find a variety of items such as sweats & tees, clothing for the family, shoes, socks, accessories plus a variety of shops at the mall. Have lunch on your own at a restaurant of your choice at the mall.

Wednesday, November 18th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: ALLIANCE THEATRE

Are you in need of some holiday cheer? Well, the Alliance Theatre will be showing one of the season's favorites, A Christmas Carol. In this classic, the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future, pay grumpy old Scrooge a visit and teach him the lesson that it is never too late to change. Have dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant before the show.

Monday, November 23rd from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm





Clayton County
Senior Services
Department
changing the face of aging

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

SOCIALIZING & THE ELDERLY

Join us as we discuss the importance of belonging to a community and interacting with others in a social environment.

Monday, November 16th from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

ART IN MOTION

Like to dance? Join us as we demonstrate line dancing, Zumba dancing and other forms of dance art that can be incorporated in your lifestyle.

Wednesday, November 18th from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Fitness Classes

AQUA FITNESS

Instructor: Noreen Rogers

Enjoy a low impact fun workout in our heated pool.

Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

BEGINNERS LINE DANCE

Instructor: Joycelyn Benham

This is a class for beginners with repeated steps in which a group of people dance in one or more rows.

Thursdays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

TAI CHI

Instructor: Harvey Robbins

Tai chi involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing.

Mondays - Thursdays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Mondays & Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Arts/Educational Classes

COMPUTER KEYBOARDING

Instructor: Staff

Learn the basic steps for operating a computer.

Thursdays from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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

Trips

CHATTANOOGA RIVERBOAT

You'll enjoy a scenic trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee and then board the Chattanooga Riverboat for a day of cruising.

Wednesday, November 11th from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

MC CARLOS MUSEUM

At this museum in Atlanta, we'll explore some of the wonderful and creative artifacts from Nubia, Upper and Lower Egypt, Asia and Africa.

Thursday, November 12th from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

MERCIERS & BLUE RIDGE

Join us as we go apple picking and visit the Merciers Stores. We'll also take a tour of Blue Ridge and have lunch at one of the local vendors.

Thursday, November 19th from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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Classes for Adults

FAMILY BINGO

Feeling lucky? Well join us at Kinship to test lady luck and a chance to win great door prizes with an old-fashioned game of Bingo!

Family: Wednesdays, November 4th through 18th
from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

RESUME WRITING

Everyone needs a resume when job hunting. Learn which resume format the experts prefer and how to effectively write summary statements, your employment history and other sections.

Adults: Thursday, November 5th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

THE LINK BETWEEN ANGER & STRESS

Each person responds to stress differently but for many people they get angry. Learn ways to handle stress and anger in healthy ways in order to prevent issues later on.

Adults: Friday, November 6th from 12 noon – 1:00 pm

SURVIVAL 101

An educational preparedness presentation on what essential items are needed to be ready for natural disasters.

Adults: Thursday, November 12th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Join us and give thanks at the Annual Kinship Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Adults: Friday, November 20th
from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

DESSERT CONTEST

Come early to the Thanksgiving Luncheon and witness the battle for who can really throw down in the kitchen at our dessert contest.

Adults: Friday, November 20th
from 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Classes for Youths/Teens

FUTURE GOALS BOARD

Do you know what your career goals are? Do you know how to get there? Make a board to map out your path, and keep track of your progress.

Teens: Thursday, November 5th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

How powerful is your intellect? Participants will compete in rounds of questions that cover Math, History, and common knowledge.

Teens: Tuesday, November 10th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

HOW MUCH?

How much is the earth worth? Its resources? Mario's gold coins? Minecraft's armor? Find out in the fun activity!

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

KINECT ADVENTURES

Have a great workout, while exploring the sea, space, and more!

Youth: Thursday, November 12th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

BETTER STUDY HABITS

You will become a better student once you have learned to take better notes. Come learn how to get on the right track to higher scores.

Teens: Thursday, November 12th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

PICASSO PALOOZA!

Preschoolers will show off their finger painting skills on construction paper.

Preschoolers: Friday, November 13th
from 9:00 am – 12 noon

THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

Come create fun and decorative Thanksgiving crafts for the holiday!

Youth: Thursday, November 19th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS CARDS & ORNAMENTS

It's the holiday season, so help bring cheer! Create awesome cards and ornaments for those you care about.

Teens: Thursday, November 19th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

DIY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Kinship teens and youths learn ways to make gifts for loved ones at little to no cost using things they may already have at home.

Teens & Youth: Tuesday, November 24th
from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Trips

CORE DANCE STUDIO

Kinship caregivers enjoy lunch with a show at Core Dance Studios in Decatur. The show features dance performers who showcase their talents while observers enjoy a catered lunch and a back stage look at the history and inspiration behind their craft.

Adults: Thursday, November 5th
from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm



November 2015

November 4, 2015

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM - This is a special program honoring Veterans that will be held at Jim Huie Recreation Center. (Time TBA)

November 11, 2015

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE - A program that will recognize and honor those who served in the armed forces. FREE event from 12:00 to 2:00pm at Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center.

November 14, 2015

KOHL'S AMERICA CUP - FREE event starting at 8:00am at Lovejoy Soccer Complex.

November 21, 2015

YOUTH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Starting at 10:00am. Bring one canned good to Tara Stadium for admission.



C L O S E D



POOL TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN DECEMBER

Steve Lundquist Aquatics Center Pool will be closed December 7, 2015- January 3, 2016



starting
**November
1st!**
claytonparks.com

PLAY AND DANCE

Basketball and Dance

Recreation Centers:

Jim Huie

Carl Rhodenizer

Virginia Burton Gray

South Clayton

Registration

Basketball: \$105

Dance Team: \$80

November 9-14

Monday - Friday 5pm to 8pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Register at any of our recreation centers.

For more details, please call (770) 473-3800

or visit claytonparks.com/athletics





HOA BOOT CAMP

Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00am - 4:00pm

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

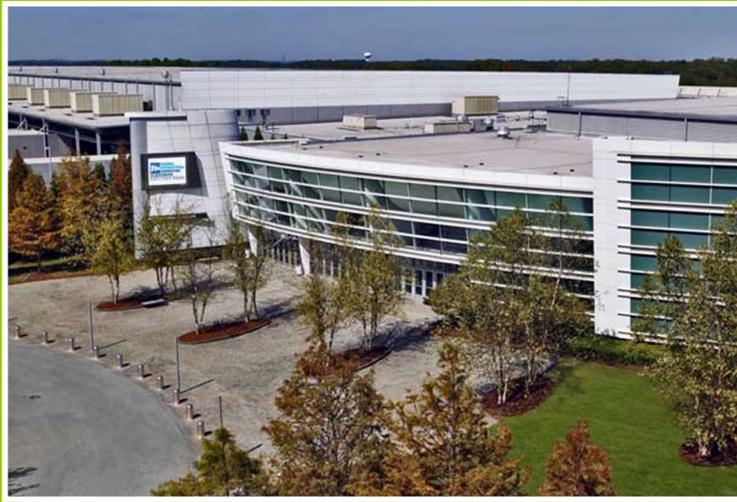


This event is **FREE** and parking is included. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all registered attendees. Vendor who provide services to homeowner associations will be in Exhibit Hall A. Sessions will take place in Ballrooms 3 and 4. Seating is limited, so register today.

To register or to become a vendor, please visit:

www.HOABootCamp.org

Topics will include: HOA Board Basics, Legal, Management, Finance, Insurance, Software, and more.



- 9:00am Registration & Opening Session
- 9:30am Sessions 1 & 2
- 10:30am Sessions 3 & 4
- 11:30am Sessions 5 & 6
- 12:30pm Lunch w/ Key Note Speaker
- 1:30pm Sessions 7 & 8
- 2:30pm Sessions 9 & 10
- 3:30pm Closing Session





THE ATLANTA HEALTH CARE MUSIC
& GOSPEL FEST CELEBRATES IT'S

10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 6 & 7 2015

SHERATON GATEWAY HOTEL

1700 SULLIVAN ROAD ATLANTA GEORGIA 30337

IT'S A WEEKEND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!

HEALTH CARE SCREENINGS, EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS,
YOUTH SUMMIT, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY TOP ENTERTAINERS &
CLOSING BLACK TIE GALA SALUTING MEN & WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.ATLANTAHEALTHCAREANDMUSICFESTIVAL.ORG
SPONSORSHIPS AND VENDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED 770-649-1460





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	911	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'RE HERE FOR YOU

AS A RESIDENT OF CLAYTON COUNTY DISTRICT 3, YOU MAY BE FACED WITH CONCERNS OR ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED.

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

The Next First Saturday Talk

December 5, 2015

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd. , Hampton GA 30228

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Clayton County Government's Top Five Communication Resources

Website

www.ClaytonCountyGa.gov

CCTV-23

Clayton County Access Television
Comcast Channel 23

Mobile Community

Text the word "CLAYTON" to 22828
to receive monthly emails

Facebook

[Facebook.com/ClaytonCountyGeorgia](https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonCountyGeorgia)
#claytoncountyga

Twitter

[Twitter.com/ClaytonCountyGa](https://twitter.com/ClaytonCountyGa)
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