



The Rooks Report

many people, one community...putting Clayton First

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Let's talk about it!

**"First Saturday Talk," June 6, 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 14).



Shana M. Rooks
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Clayton County Water Authority implemented its Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program May 20, 2014 with the purpose of supporting small local businesses in our community by giving them the opportunity to do business with our agency.

The program is offered to small businesses located in Clayton County and locally based within the ten counties of Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale and Spalding who are looking to get certified.

We conduct monthly workshops containing information on the Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) certification process, How to Do Business with CCWA, Spotlight on Business, guest speakers and small business resources. The next upcoming workshops are June 16th 2 pm and July 16th 5pm. 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.

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Clayton County

UGA CLAYTON COUNTY EXTENSION WITH THE CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

H.O.P.E. FOR HOMEOWNERS

Housing Outreach and Public Education

H.O.P.E. for Homeowners is a series of housing events to educate Clayton County residents about available assistance options.

Sessions will address:

Negative Equity

Economic Hardships

Unemployment

Underemployment

Saturday May 30, 2015

The Rock Baptist Church

6188 Highway 42 Rex, GA 30273

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday June 27, 2015

Virginia Gray Recreation Center

1475 E Fayetteville Rd,

Riverdale, GA 30296

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday August 22, 2015

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd.

Hampton, GA. 30288

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.ugaclaytoncountyhousing.com

For more information contact:

(770) 603-4876 or ameeks@uga.edu

EVENTS INCLUDE:

• ON-SITE HUD COUNSELING

• FREE BREAKFAST AND REFRESHMENTS

Partners



PIECE BY PIECE
A Regional Foreclosure Response Initiative

UGA Clayton County Extension is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks presents

Community Heroes



I am looking for those individuals who step aside and “puts Clayton first.” Please send 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

Community Hero Joseph Ector

Joseph Ector is an involved and dedicated resident of the Pine Trace at Pebbles Creek Subdivision located in Jonesboro, Georgia . Mr. Ector serves as Chairman of his neighborhood watch and is a dedicated organizer and volunteer providing proactive community support assisting neighbors in various community clean ups. He is also extremely active with the Clayton County Police Community Affairs Unit .





Clayton County Library System is flying full speed into Summer Reading. This year's theme is "Heroes"! We invite the community to engage in all our Hero themed programs. Check out the programs at your closest location:

Lovejoy Library Branch
1721 McDonough Rd.
Hampton, GA 30228

For more information visit www.claytonpl.org

STORYTIME WITH MR SCOTT every Wednesday 10:30am – 11:15am

It's the best story time in Lovejoy, we guarantee it or you get your frown back, no questions asked!

MUSIC PRODUCTION WITH MR. LYNDON BATISTE Wednesday, June 3 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Learn about the steps it takes to produce a song and how to produce your own music as well. Due to the intense informational nature of this program, it is for teens and adults. (no children under 12yrs)

HOLY BLUE TOUGUE SKINK! IT'S THE REPTILE WRANGLER! Wednesday, June 3 12:30 p.m.

Watch reptiles slither, crawl, and jump before your eyes. Join us in this fun and educational program with Reptile educator and handler, Ken Panse as he discusses the habitats, behaviors and fun facts about these exotic animals. Kids and parents alike will be amazed at the things they will learn about the creatures during the show

CLIFF PATON (VENTRILOQUIST) Thursday, June 4 10:00am - 11:00am

Cliff Patton brings all kinds of fun whenever he's around. For ages 6 and up.

SUPER FUN WITH WING AMBASSADORS Tuesday, June 9 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

IT'S NOT A PLANE, IT'S A BIRD! Where can you find eagles, owls, vultures, and the like this summer? At all Clayton County Branches. Join us as the Winged Ambassadors take us to new heights with these special birds of prey.

THE SUPER POWER SUMMER HOUR LOVE THAT WIND LET'S DO IT AGAIN SHOW Wednesday, June 10 10:00am- 11:00am

Fun filled storytime hosted by Mr. Scott all ages welcome.

THE SUPER DUPER READING HOUR WITH PROFESSOR SILLYBONES

Friday, June 12th

10:00am-11:00am

Reading, entertainment and education will be the main theme at this show (recommended for ages 3 and up)

TOUCH-A-TRUCK Monday, June 15 9:30am- 11:00am

Join us as we learn about Clayton vehicles and their role in helping the community at large. All ages welcome.

WHERE'S MY SIDEKICK? Monday, June 15 10:00am – 11:00am

Join us as we explore several super hero sidekicks and their roles in aiding justice.

MAGICIAN PHILIP ANTHONY Wednesday, June 17 10:00am-11:00am

Philip Anthony stops by to give us a magical experience like no other. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

ENTERTAINER TODD KEY Thursday, June 18th 10:00am – 10:45am. Todd will bring his assortment of tricks, gadgets and all around good humor to Lovejoy. If you like to be amazed, Todd is your go-to guy! Recommended ages 6 and older.

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLDHOTEL Monday, June 1, 2015 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

When seven cash-strapped seniors decide to "outsource" their retirement to a resort in far-off India, friendship and romance blossom in the most unexpected ways.

REMEMBER ME Monday, June 8, 2015 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

In the summer of 2001, New York college student Tyler, is still feeling lost from the tragedy that has strained his relationship with his father when he meets Ally, a girl who understands his pain. The last thing Tyler's looking for is love, but through their passionate relationship, he finds new possibilities for happiness. It's an unforgettable story about the power of the heart, the strength of family, and the importance of treasuring every day of one's life.

PEARL DIVERS Monday, June 15 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Pearl Diver is the story of two sisters, haunted by the twenty-year old murder of their mother and what happens when a farming accident rips away the layers of secrecy and buried trauma surrounding that night.

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS Monday, June 22 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Working-class Alice and wealthy Charlotte are friends and mothers who have supported each other through all that their families have gone through over the years. But now their families are embroiled in new turmoil - with each other. Can the two women save their children from the dark secrets and dirty deeds that threaten to destroy them all?

STRANGER THAN FICTION Monday, June 29 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

A lonely IRS agent whose mundane existence is transformed when he hears a mysterious voice narrating his life. With the help of Professor Jules Hilbert, Harold discovers he's the main character in a novel-in-progress and that the voice belongs to Karen Eiffel an eccentric author famous for killing her main characters in creative ways. Harold must quickly track down Eiffel and stop her before she conjures up a way to finish him off.

ESCAPE YOUR LIFE: BOOK CLUB Tuesday, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

We are encouraging you to escape the ordinary by joining our summer book club. The books selected for this club are all science fiction. Please check our online calendar for the list of book titles. Refreshments will be served.

FATHER'S DAY CRAFT Friday, June 19 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

We are encouraging everyone to make Father's Day special this year by making him something themselves! We will have supplies on hand to create a Father's Day bowtie out of paper at our make-it take table. This craft is for the entire family.

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PRESS RELEASE

May 14, 2015

Clayton County Board of Health Wins \$3.5M Federal Grant to Improve Infant Birth Outcomes

Healthier Generations Project will close the gap for African American mothers, children in five years

JONESBORO, GA – Even with major advancements in medicine and technology, far too many babies in Georgia are born too soon and too small, which increases the likelihood of the infant not making it to his or her first birthday. The problem is more prevalent in the African American community, where the risk factors that lead to low-weight and premature births are higher than in other communities.

As such, the Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH) is taking an aggressive stance in combating this dilemma through a new initiative – the Healthier Generations Project. The agency recently won a \$3.5 million funding award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Healthy Start grant program to implement Healthier Generations – a project designed to create a healthier Clayton County in one generation through the elimination of perinatal disparities and the improvement of birth outcomes among African American women of childbearing age.

The focus of the project will be African American women of child-bearing age, particularly those within the ages of 15-45, pregnant/postpartum women and their infants (birth to age two), and families residing in Clayton County. Healthier Generations will serve at least 500 women and their young children, including at least 250 pregnant women. The overall goal is to improve the health of these women, strengthen family resiliency among participating families, promote the delivery of quality services, and maximize community actions to decrease perinatal health disparities and reduce fetal/infant mortality rates in Clayton County.

Five strategies have been identified to strengthen Clayton County’s perinatal system:

- Fortify the system of care serving families with young children living in the County
- Improve the current Maternal Child Health workforce capacity through training and staff development
- Strengthen the resiliency of families enrolled in the Healthier Generations Project
- Increase and bolster accountability through quality improvement, performance monitoring and evaluation
- Impact the community as a whole

“Though the Healthier Generations Project is designed to reduce the feto-infant mortality rate, one of our objectives is that it will improve the quality of life overall in Clayton County,” said Clayton County District Health Director Alpha Fowler Bryan, MD. “Research has shown that many babies born prematurely or at low or very low birth weights can see their health negatively impacted well into adulthood by cerebral palsy, chronic lung disease, hearing loss, and mental challenges.”

“This new funding will allow us to enhance our current service delivery system,” said Rosalyn Bacon, the Project’s director. “We will have the opportunity to provide extensive non-medical case management as well as perinatal health services for pregnant women and their infants, strengthen the family unit with an emphasis on more involvement from fathers, and to further enhance our internal systems and workforce development programs. We hope that by improving conditions at the beginning of life, we may impact the community by producing healthier and thereby more productive adults.”

www.claytoncountypublichealth.org

P R E V E N T P R O M O T E P R O T E C T



Clayton County
Senior Services
Department
Changing the face of aging

GET INTO THE ACT Mayfest 2015

Clayton County Senior Services Department



Every year in May, the Senior Services Department hosts our annual Mayfest event in celebration of Older American's Month. Kaiser Permanente & United HealthCare Medical Solutions partnered with the Senior Services Department to bring the seniors of Clayton County "Mayfest 2015". Mayfest 2015 is a health and fitness event that connects Clayton County's senior adults with health vendors as well as live entertainment, give-a-ways, a competitive fitness walk, demonstrations of fitness classes, and dancing for fitness that gets bigger and better each year. Over 1100 seniors were in attendance to this event.





The Senior Services Department would like to thank our sponsors for contributing to the success of the event:

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"Slowpoke Law"

O.C.G.A. 40-06-184

"NO PERSON SHALL DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE AT SUCH A SLOW SPEED AS TO IMPEDE THE NORMAL AND REASONABLE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC, EXCEPT WHEN REDUCED SPEED IS NECESSARY FOR SAFE OPERATION."

Effective July 1, 2014

Upon roads, streets, or highways with two or more lanes allowing for movement in the same direction, no person shall continue to operate a motor vehicle in the passing lane once such person knows or should reasonably know that he or she is being overtaken in such lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed. For purposes of this Code section, "passing lane" means the most left-hand lane other than a high occupancy vehicle lane.

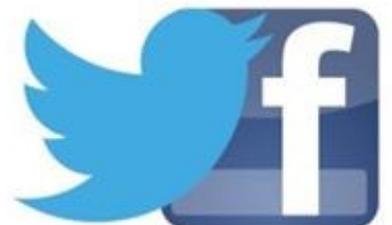


**Clayton County
Police Department**

7911 N McDonough St.

Jonesboro, Georgia

770-477-3474



CHILD CURFEW



In an effort to reduce the number of crimes committed by and against the children of Clayton County, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners has enacted a child curfew in the best interest of the citizens of Clayton County.

(Clayton County Ordinance Code Sec 62-11)



CURFEW HOURS:

SUNDAY through THURSDAY

11 p.m.— 6 a.m. the following day

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Midnight— 6 a.m. the following day

This applies to any person 17 years old or under.



A reminder from

The Clayton County Police Department

June 2015



June 6, 2015

DOUGHNUTS FOR DADS - This program gives an opportunity for father and son(s) to bond while participating in a basketball skills challenge against other father and son(s) while eating doughnuts and crafts from 1-4 pm at Virginia Gray Recreation Center. FREE Event.

June 6, 2015

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS - Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks to our FREE Event at Flat Shoals Park. Movie will begin at dusk (9:00pm).

Movie: Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

June 13, 2015

BALLET, TAP & JAZZ RECITAL - This event will showcase the students enrolled in the Ballet, Tap and Jazz classes from 3-5pm at Jim Huie Recreation Center.

June 13, 2015

YOUTH AND ADULT FISHING DERBY - Cost is \$5 per person. 8:00am until 12:00pm. Located at International Park "The Beach" (Upper Lake). All ages. Please bring bait and equipment. Prizes will be awarded for heaviest Catfish and heaviest Bass. For more information please call (770) 603-4165.

June 27, 2015

TARA TARPONS SWIM MEET - The Tara Tarpons Association hosts a swim meet with a total of 17 teams. Come out and support from 8am-6pm at Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center.



770-473-5425

The Beach is Back!

SEASON PASSES NOW AVAILABLE

**Season Passes
on Sale Now!**

**Monday-Saturday
9am-6pm**

**Nassau Building
@Clayton County
International Park
2300 Highway 138, SE
Jonesboro, Georgia 30281
770-477-3766**

May 23
Fireworks & Live Music
Hit City Party Band & Planet Jazz
\$10 Per Person

July 4
Fireworks Show & Live Music
Soul Complete Band & 911 Band
\$10 Per Person

September 5-7
Customer Appreciation Weekend
\$5 Per Person

www.claytonparks.com



Movies

Under the Stars



How to Train Your Dragon 2
May 2nd @ Rex Park

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
June 6th @ Flat Shoals Park

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
July 25th @ Rum Creek Park

The Maze Runner
August 8th @ International Park

The Book of Life
September 12th @ Gerald Matthews

Rise of the Guardians
October 17th @ Rum Creek Park (Fall Festival)

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and snacks!
Movies begin at dusk (9pm)

770-477-3766
claytonparks.com





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

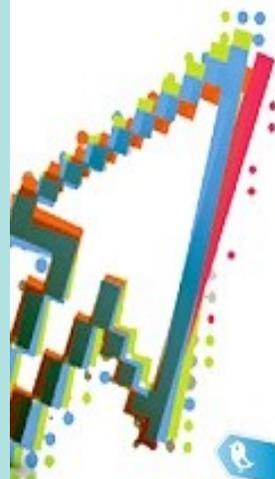
June 6, 2015

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)
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