



The Rooks Report

many people, one community...putting Clayton First

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Let's talk about it!

**"First Saturday Talk," December 6, 2014 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 17).



Shana M. Rooks, Vice Chairman
Clayton County Commissioner—District 3

Constituents:

The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was adopted on July 9, 1868, as one of the Reconstruction Amendments. The amendment addresses citizenship rights and equal protection of the laws, and was proposed in response to issues related to former slaves following the American Civil War. The amendment was bitterly contested, particularly by Southern states, which were forced to ratify it in order for them to regain representation in Congress. The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude". It was ratified on February 3, 1870, as the third and last of the Reconstruction Amendments. Ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote—a right known as woman suffrage.

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At the time the U.S. was founded, its female citizens did not share all of the same rights as men, including the right to vote. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States that prohibits racial discrimination in voting. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the American Civil Rights Movement on August 6, 1965, and Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections. Designed to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Act allowed for a mass enfranchisement of racial minorities throughout the country, especially in the South. An act to enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

November 4, 2014, is Election Day---No Excuses Vote!!!

As always in service,

Shana M. Rooks, Esq. Vice-Chairman

Clayton County Commissioner ~ District 3

TEEN DRIVERS ARE:

- The most likely to be killed or injured in a vehicular crash.
- The least likely to use their seat belts.
- The most likely to be driving while impaired.
- Particularly at risk for distracted driving.



Safe Driving Takes More Than Just Good Parenting !

PARENTS: Before you turn over the keys, make sure you are familiar with the Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TADRA). TADRA is a graduated license program for young drivers ages 15 to 18.

For more information visit:

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/teens/index.aspx>

FALL FESTIVAL

Gerald Matthews Complex October 18, 2014





"I" wanted to thank you and everyone else behind the scenes as this was a successful event. I hope to see you next year!" - Keesha

Some of the Live Entertainment Featured at the Fall Festival



Singer Nigel Perkins



Singers Flip The Page



Singer Lauryn Lowe



Rapper Starr



Rapper Miss Mulatto



Comedian Funny Guy Ty

This year I introduced a sweet potato pie baking and pumpkin carving contest at the Fall Festival with cash prizes given to the winners. Each contest had a first place, second place and third place winner and here are the winners and their prizes:

Sweet Potato Pie Baking Contest



First Place: Britney Alexander \$300

Second Place: Debra Ramos \$200

Third Place: Shemika Wallace \$100



The Judges



Pumpkin Carving Contest

First Place: \$200

Second Place: \$100

Third Place: \$25

*Winners were all kids, names will not be published



A special thank you to Georgia Power who sponsored the cash prizes for the winners!





November 2014 Events

November 7-8, 2014

7TH ANNUAL LAKE SPIVEY ROAD RACE & BBQ COMPETITION - Race will begin at 8:00am on Saturday, November 8th. Proceeds support the Kids Outdoors Initiative and the Southern Regional NICU.

November 11, 2014

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE - A program that will recognize and honor those who served in the armed forces. FREE event from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center.

November 22, 2014

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

November 25-27, 2014

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

PARKS AND RECREATION HAS GONE MOBILE

Scan to view our events on your Smartphone or Tablet.



Advance Voting Schedule for the November 4, 2014 General/Special Election

Monday, October 27 – Friday, October 31 – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Elections & Registration Office

121 S. McDonough Street

Jonesboro, GA 30236

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center

3499 Rex Road

Rex, GA 30273

Lee Headquarters Library

865 Battle Creek Road

Jonesboro, GA 30236

Morrow Municipal Complex

1500 Morrow Road

Morrow, GA 30260

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Road

Hampton, GA 30228

Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center

1475 East Fayetteville Road

Riverdale, GA 30274





Clayton County Department of Information Technology

The Department of Information Technology provides support to all County Departments in a number of ways, one of which is by providing custom programming. The purpose of these custom programming projects is typically a means to improve the services provided to Clayton County citizens or to improve the efficiency of County Departments and save tax dollars. Please continue reading for some recent examples.

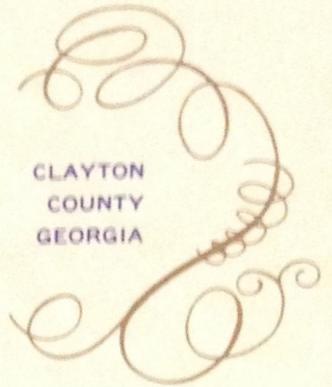
We collaborated with the Human Resources Department to provide a Web based Online Application for Employment portal. If you go to the url www.claytoncountyga.gov/departments/human-resources/current-employment-opportunities.aspx, you will see the result of this collaboration. No longer are applicants required to download and print the application, then mail or hand carry the application to Human Resources. Click the Apply button for the position you are interested in, and follow the prompts to electronically and securely submit your information. Eliminating the need to process paper helps everyone, it's convenient for the job applicant, it speeds up the application review process, and it saves tax dollars.

We collaborated with the Clerk of Superior Court and Finance Departments to provide a Juror Payment System in the Clerk's Office for the purposes of managing payment of jurors for jury service. Previously, the outgoing jurors were mailed a check after the jury service information was processed by our Finance Department. Now, the Clerk of Superior Court generates the check for jury service at the time that the juror is released, and the juror leaves with check in hand.

In addition to programming, we also provide technical assistance to County Departments in many forms. One such example is the Office of Elections and Registration. We recently assisted Elections to prepare 534 electronic election machines for the November election. This process involves putting each machine through a standardized logic and accuracy test which is provided by the Office of the Secretary of State. By providing this service to Elections, we are saving approximately \$20,000 tax dollars which would be the approximate cost if the County contracted with a company to provide this service.

These are just some recent examples of the support we have been providing County Departments for over 30 years since the inception of the Clayton County Data Center, which later became the Clayton County Department of Information Technology.

Proclamation



CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
SHELBY D. HAYWOOD
CLAYTON COUNTY'S CHIEF CLERK

- WHEREAS:** Shelby D. Haywood is a 1974 Alumnae of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Haywood having served the Clayton County Government for 22 years and as the Clerk for the Board of Commissioners for 9 years; and
- WHEREAS:** Commissioner Shana M. Rooks has had the distinct honor to serve with Shelby D. Haywood as she is a 1997 Alumnae of Spelman College; and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Haywood will be remembered with fondness for being dedicated to the Board of Commissioners, working countless hours to ensure the Commissioners are well prepared for meetings and exhibiting the astounding ability to juggle her workload while ensuring she maintains a healthy lifestyle by running 9 to 12 miles per day; and
- WHEREAS:** Shelby D. Haywood has set the bar extremely high being celebrated as the "Chief Clerk" for the Clayton County Board of Commissioners; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SHANA M. ROOKS, Vice Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and pay tribute to Shelby D. Haywood for her dedicated service to our great County and being the quintessential professional.



In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 23rd day of October in the year two thousand fourteen.

Shana M. Rooks, Vice Chairman

It's not in District 3, but it's a HUGE plus for Clayton County!



2011 Mount Zion Road, Morrow, GA 30260

(770) 472-3855



Commissioner Rooks welcomes Chipotle to Clayton County during their Grand Opening on September 29, 2014 (pictured with store GM Marcel Green-Victor)

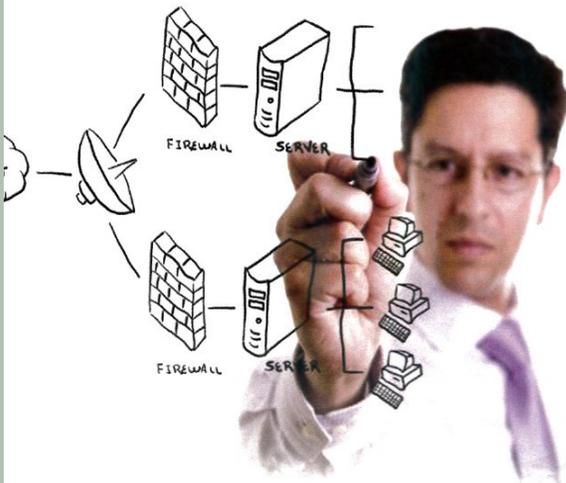


Pacific Institute of Technology

LEARN. EARN.

PUTTING GEORGIA TO WORK PROGRAM

NO-COST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR HIGH DEMAND CAREERS



Pacific Institute of Technology (PIT) was founded in 2002 to bring hands-on corporate experience into the classroom to produce ready-to-work IT professionals. Our training provides students with the skills and knowledge to be successful in the high-demand IT industry. PIT has been awarded a grant by the US Department of Labor to train and place qualified long-term unemployed and underemployed individuals in high growth IT careers. This no-cost program provides technology training, certification exam preparation, soft skills training, resume development and job search support to assist students in obtaining employment.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- At least six months of unemployment or underemployment
- IT work experience
- A minimum of an Associate's Degree or equivalent
- Must be a US Citizen or have the ability to work in the US without restriction

FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

TRAINING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- SQL Database Management Certification and Training
- Cisco Network Administration Certification and Training
- Linux System Administration Certification and Training
- Oracle Database Management Certification and Training
- Project Management Certification and Training
- Electronic Health Records Certification and Training
- Microsoft Productivity Tools Certification and Training
- DB2 UDB Database Management Certification and Training

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 678-610-5900

EMAIL: admissions@pgwp.org OR REGISTER

ONLINE @ WWW.PGWP.ORG



Public Health Neighborhood Watch Emergency Preparedness Seminars

The Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH), Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR), in partnership with the **Clayton County Emergency Management Agency**, county and municipal **police departments** and **other first responder agencies**, will conduct four (4) Public Health Neighborhood Watch Emergency Preparedness Seminars within the next 10 months.

The goal of the seminars is to develop and maintain a Public Health emergency preparedness partnership with Neighborhood Watch groups that will help neighborhoods prepare for emergencies and disasters and build resiliency to withstand and more efficiently recover from them.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Familiarize participants with the different types of disasters and how to prepare for them;
- 2) Familiarize participants with emergency management, emergency services and public health emergency preparedness;
- 3) Discuss the benefits of a public health neighborhood watch emergency preparedness partnership;
- 4) Discuss how a public health neighborhood watch partnership can help vulnerable people within neighborhoods (elderly, sick, bed-bound, disabled, etc.); and
- 5) Familiarize participants with mass dispensing of medicine and vaccines for the purpose of preventing the spread of pandemic and bioterrorism-related illnesses.

DATES (Saturday):

- **September 27, 2014**
- **November 8, 2014**
- **February 21, 2015**
- **May 16, 2015**

**LOCATION (for all dates): Clayton County Board of Health, 1117 Battle Creek Rd,
Jonesboro, GA 30236**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Neighborhood watch group members, block captains, concerned citizens, elected officials, and persons interested in assisting their neighbors during times of emergency and disaster.

Lunch will be provided for all participants.

To register please complete the attached registration form.

For more information, contact **Doug Dugger** at 678-610-7467 or Freddie.dugger@dph.ga.gov



Sheriff Victor Hill



Invites you to
Trunk or Treat



Clayton County Sheriff's Office

Friday, October 31st 6:30pm to 9pm
9157 Tara Blvd, Jonesboro GA 30236

AMAZING BOARD DINNER

HONORING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

AGEIM Inc.

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING NIGHT OF
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AT THE
ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FUNDRAISER DINNER

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AGEIM COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
AMAZING GRACE EVANGELICAL INTER-
NATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

TIME 5PM-9PM

LOCATION:

CLAYTON COUNTY VIP COMPLEX
2300 Highway 138 SE Jonesboro, Ga 30236

We will be honoring

Our Community and Business Leaders
Help us honor them while supporting our com-
munity center and neighborhood programs

FOR TICKETS /GROUPS/INFO

770-478-2606- AGEIM OFFICE

404-556-0411- PORTIA SKEETE

404-913-9043 PEGGIE RHODES OLIVER

Advertise in the event souvenir book

Full page \$100

½ page \$50

¼ page \$25



Special Guests:

*Chairman Jeff Turner
Sheriff Victor Hill
Dr. Jeremy Hess*

*Commissioner Shana Rooks
Chief Greg Porter
Dr. Amanda Hess*



Get your Tickets Today

\$50.00

EVENT INFORMATION

404.749.8058



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 6, 2014

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)
#claytoncountyga



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