



# The Rooks Report

many people, one community...putting Clayton First

September 2014

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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 19).



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

### Greetings Constituents:

The final First Saturday talk with me will be December 6, 2014. If you've not attended before please join us. You can also view our September meeting by clicking the link [here](#). Please remember if you miss any of our board meetings you may view them on line by going to our website at: <http://claytoncountyga.gov/departments/board-of-commissioners.aspx>.

I'm looking forward to enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

As always in service,

Shana M. Rooks, Esq. Vice-Chairman

Clayton County Commissioner ~ District 3

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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.

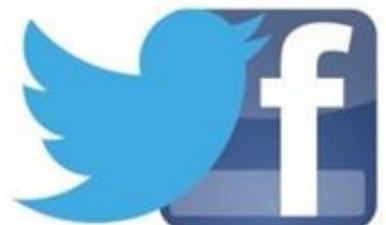


**Clayton County  
Police Department**

7911 N McDonough St.

Jonesboro, Georgia

770-477-3474





# MOVE OVER!

## It's The LAW!

### The "MOVE OVER" Law O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-16

In Georgia, this law requires motorists to:

- **MOVE OVER** to the next lane if it is safely possible, OR
- **SLOW DOWN** below the speed limit and be prepared to stop.

This law applies to **ALL EMERGENCY VEHICLES** and **AUTHORIZED ROADSIDE EMERGENCY VEHICLES** displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, red or blue lights parked on the shoulder of the highway.



A reminder from the

*Clayton County Police Department*



#### 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>



## October 2014 Events

October 18, 2014

**FALL FESTIVAL** - Come out and enjoy Arts & Crafts, Food, Music, and a Costume Contest at our Annual Fall Festival! FREE event at Gerald Matthews Sports Complex from 2:00 - 6:00pm. In addition to the Fall Festival, join in on this Nationally Recognized "Lights on Afterschool Rally" to support after school programs. This event encourages parents to allow their kids to participate in after school activities and programs.

October 18, 2014

**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS** - Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks to our FREE Event at International Park. Movie will begin at dusk (9:00pm). Movie playing: "The Amazing Spiderman 2"

October 21, 2014

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WORKSHOP** - An educational workshop that will have guest speakers, light refreshments, and information that will educate the community on early detection and possible prevention of breast cancer. FREE event from 12:00 to 3:00pm at Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center.

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks and Clayton County Parks & Recreation Present

# FALL FESTIVAL

at Gerald Matthews Complex  
1935 McDonough Road • Hampton, Georgia

**Costume Contest, Food, Rock Climbing, Moonwalk, and More!**

In addition to the Fall Festival, join in on this Nationally Recognized "Lights on Afterschool Rally" to support after school programs.

**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**2:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Movie Under the Stars at Dusk**

**Movie Playing: *The Amazing Spiderman 2***

**FREE**

770-477-3766 • [claytonparks.com](http://claytonparks.com)



**NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2014**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**Kids Outdoors Initiative**



**COMPETITION**

**Categories:**  
Ribs, Chicken, BBQ Sauce,  
Brunswick Stew, Anything But

**APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:**  
**WWW.CLAYTONPARKS.COM**  
**(KIDS OUTDOORS)**

**Enter your BEST Barbecue!**  
**Pre-register by October 31, 2014**

**Clayton County International Park**  
**2300 Highway 138 S.E.**  
**Jonesboro, Georgia**  
**770-477-3766**



**FIRE IT UP!!**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

**KIDS OUTDOORS INITIATIVE**

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEVEL III NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**Want to be a vendor for the Fall Festival? Showcase your business, product or service! There is no cost to participate.**

**For more information contact Constituent Aide Steven VanDyke at 770-473-5465.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION HAS GONE MOBILE**

Scan to view our events on your Smartphone or Tablet.





## **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](mailto:Freddie.dugger@dph.ga.gov)



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



**November 8, 2014**  
**claytonparks.com**



**LAKE SPIVEY**  
**ROAD RACE**

**5K**  
**&**  
**15K**



7<sup>th</sup> Annual • 2300 Highway 138, SE, Jonesboro, GA • 8:00 am





## **Atlanta Aerotropolis Initiative Taking Shape** *Regional Economic Development Strategy to Leverage World's Busiest Airport*

*Compiled by Grant Wainscott, Director of Economic Development*

Recently, leaders from the Atlanta region's public and private sectors launched the **Atlanta Aerotropolis Alliance**. The new Alliance will work to enhance metro Atlanta's position as a global economic leader with a vision of transforming the airport vicinity into a world-class aerotropolis.

Having observed the global economic impact of aerotropolises around the world, and recognizing the importance of Hartsfield-Jackson to metro Atlanta, regional leaders began meeting two years ago. Convened by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), discussions focused on the future of the airport area and how it might become a nexus for increased local and global economic activity to attract international corporations, logistics companies and others that benefit from proximity to the world's busiest airport.

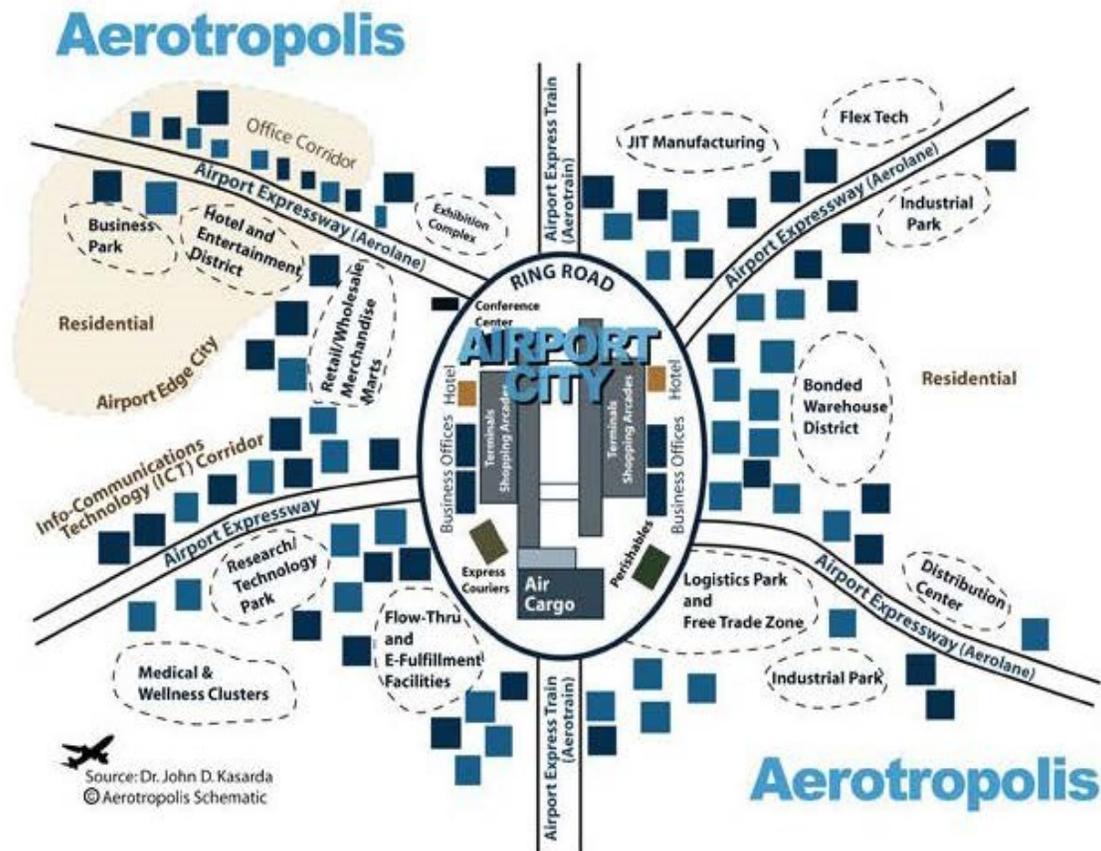
### **What is an Aerotropolis?**

The concept of an aerotropolis is not new, but is a growing economic force around the world:

- An "aerotropolis," a term coined by Dr. John Kasarda at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School, is urban development that emerges around a central airport to connect workers, suppliers, executives and goods.
- Many major cities, such as Paris, Seoul, Dubai and Dallas are capitalizing on the economic power of their airports, building on the "aerotropolis" concept.
- More than half of all Fortune 500 corporate headquarters are located within 10 miles of a US hub airport.
- More than 1,000 firms are located within the aerotropolis at Schiphol Amsterdam Airport.

### **Airport Cities**

An "Airport City" is developed at and immediately around the airport and serves as the multimodal, multi-functional commercial nexus of the aerotropolis, anchoring air-enabled trade in goods and services.



One company that has chosen the Hartsfield-Jackson area for its new home is Porsche Cars North America. And Joe Folz, Secretary and General Counsel of Porsche Cars North America, will serve as the Aerotropolis Alliance's first chairman. "We chose the airport area for our new headquarters and our Porsche Experience Center because we believe in the future of the Hartsfield-Jackson area and its importance to the Atlanta region, and because it literally brings the world to our door every day," said Folz. "We have a tremendous opportunity to build upon the asset of having the world's busiest airport to pursue development of our own world-class aerotropolis. I am pleased and honored to lead this effort."

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport serves some 250,000 passengers and moves almost 2,000 metric tons of freight each day. As such, it is one of the primary economic engines of the Atlanta region and Georgia, directly responsible for at least 50,000 jobs and indirectly responsible for countless others thanks to businesses that locate here to have access to the rest of the world.

"Hartsfield-Jackson is more than just the busiest airport in the world. It is an absolutely critical cog in metro Atlanta's economy," said Kerry Armstrong, ARC chairman and senior vice president at Pope & Land Enterprise. "The region has a tremendous opportunity to attract global companies and increase the amount and the quality of development around our airport through the formation of this new Alliance."

## **The Atlanta Aerotropolis Alliance**

- The Atlanta Aerotropolis Alliance is a 501(c)6 organization under Georgia law and currently has a board of 20 directors representing area governments, businesses, schools and nonprofits.
- The Alliance board has elected its first chairman, Joe Folz, general counsel and secretary of Porsche Cars North America.
- The Alliance also elected a vice chairman, Pedro Cherry, vice president for community and economic development at Georgia Power.

Atlanta Aerotropolis Alliance Board representation includes: Porsche Cars North America, Georgia Power, Delta Air Lines, Clayton County Board of Commissioners, Development Authority of Clayton County, Fulton County, Prologis, Duke Realty, Grove Street Partners, Invest Atlanta, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, City of College Park, City of East Point, City of Hapeville, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Area Chamber of Commerce, Clayton Chamber of Commerce, South Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Woodward Academy.

**For more information, visit [www.atlantaaerotropolis.org](http://www.atlantaaerotropolis.org)**



## Clayton County Senior Services Department

Kinship Care Resource Center

849 Battle Creek Road \* Jonesboro, GA 30236  
770-473-5788

The Kinship Care Resource Center is home to our grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers program. If you are raising your grandchildren or other relatives and would like to be a part of this program, contact the Kinship Care Office at 770-473-5788 for more information.



### Horseback Riding Trip

Cruise along the guided trails of Conyers, GA with a horse of your very own. First receive a brief introduction of your horse and for the adventurous ones, venture out on the trails lead by an experienced horse trainer.

**When:** Wednesday, September 17th

**Where:** Kinship Care Resource Center

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Cost:** Free for Kinship Care members; must be a member to participate

### Fall Container Garden

Container gardens aren't just for summer. Fall is a great time to update a container garden or start a new one using plants that prefer the cooler temperatures.

**When:** Thursday, September 18th

**Where:** Kinship Care Resource Center

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Cost:** Free for Kinship Care members; must be a member to participate



### Let's Make Music

Come join our homemade band. Kinship youth will be making instruments using items you can find around the house. If you would like to make a guitar, bring in a shoe box.

**When:** Thursday, September 25th

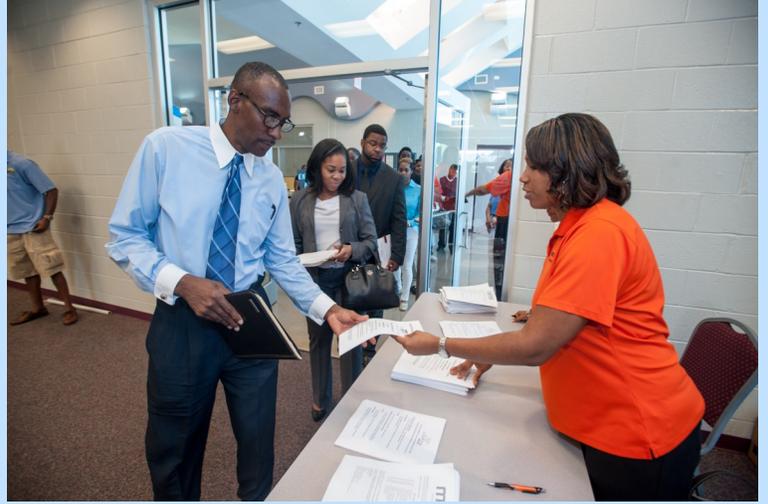
**Where:** Kinship Care Resource Center

**Time:** 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Cost:** Free for Kinship Care members; must be a member to participate



# MARTA Job Fair: September 6, 2014 at the South Clayton Recreation Center



# Wetlands & Watershed Festival



Educational fun for the whole family!

**Admission is Free!**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014 11am-4pm**

**Festival is held rain or shine!**

- ◆ Environmental Exhibits
- ◆ Wetlands Activities
- ◆ Live Animal Exhibits
- ◆ Guided Wetlands Walks
- ◆ Bird Box Building & Crafts
- ◆ Scavenger Hunt
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Food, Souvenirs & More!

NO VENDORS PLEASE

**VISITORS WILL BE DIRECTED TO NEARBY  
PARKING AT LAKE BLALOCK WITH FREE SHUTTLE  
BUS SERVICE PROVIDED ALL DAY.**



NEWMAN WETLANDS CENTER  
CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
2755 FREEMAN RD., HAMPTON 30228  
770-603-5606

# SOUTH CLAYTON JOB FAIR

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014  
10 AM - 3 PM

**SOUTH CLAYTON RECREATION CENTER**

1837 McDonough Road, Hampton, Georgia 30228

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: HARVESTTIME APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES,  
CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**CONNECT**  
WITH **LOCAL**  
EMPLOYERS

Be prepared for  
interviews.

**ACHIEVE**  
YOUR **CAREER**  
**GOALS**

Bring several copies  
of your résumé.

**EXPLORE**  
YOUR **CAREER**  
**OPTIONS**

Dress for  
success!

For more information about the Career Expo,  
please submit an email to [swat@gdol.ga.gov](mailto:swat@gdol.ga.gov).

**EMPLOY  
GEORGIA!**










# Netball Youth Program

**Come join us for a fun-filled Health, Education and Fitness program**

**When:** TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 6:00PM—7:30PM  
**FOR AGES 5-18YRS - OPEN TO GIRLS & BOYS**  
**Starts:** FROM MAY 6 — TO OCTOBER 30, 2014



- They will learn:**
- Fitness Basics
  - Healthy Eating Habits
  - Self Esteem
  - Teamwork
  - A fun sport, Netball

**Where:** Tennis Courts  
**Gerald Matthews Complex**  
 (next to new Lovejoy Recreation Ctr)  
 1985 McDonough Rd, Hampton, GA 30228

**Contact:** (678) 900-2335 \* (770) 875-1686

**Email:** netballhenry@hotmail.com

**Cost is FREE!**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! HELP THE YOUTHS TO MOVE & BE ACTIVE!  
 FORMER NETBALL COACHES, PLAYERS; UMPIRES; SCORERS & TIME KEEPERS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO GIRLS & BOYS 8 – 18YRS  
 20 YOUTH PER 6 WEEK INTRODUCTION PROGRAM  
 SPECIAL 4 WEEK PROGRAM FOR 5-7YRS OLD

**NETBALL IS SIMILAR TO BASKETBALL; BUT RULES ARE DIFFERENT**

**BALL MUST BE PASSED IN 3 SECONDS**

**NO DRIBBING OR RUNNING WITH BALL**

**GOAL IS 10 FEET HIGH WITH NO BACKBOARD**

**THE BALL IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER-SIZE 5**

**BASKET IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER; 15 INCH DIAMETER**

**COURT POSITIONS ON BIBS, NO TEAM NUMBERS**

**7 PLAYERS PER TEAM- MIXED/WOMEN/MEN**

**PLAYERS DESIGNATED CERTAIN AREAS ON COURT**

**PLAYED IN 70 COUNTRIES BY OVER 20 MILLION PEOPLE**

**COME AND LEARN HOW TO PLAY NETBALL, IT'S FUN!**

**SPACES ARE FILLING UP, CALL/EMAIL FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION!**

**PROGRAMS IN DEKALB COUNTY AVAILABLE!**

**SUMMER CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT EACH MONTH!**

## Tara Road HOA Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

July 26, 2014



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## Congressman David Scott's 10th Annual Health Fair at Mundy's Mill High School

August 16, 2014



Pictured (l-r): Daryl Brown, Regional Manager for Georgia Power Atlanta Metro South; State Senator Valencia Seay, Georgia State Senate District 34, Congressman David Scott, U.S. House of Representatives Georgia District 13, Commissioner Shana M. Rooks, Vice-Chairman Clayton County Board of Commissioners and Mark Christmas, Clayton County Schools Board Member District 2



August 3, 2014

Clayton County Board of Commissioners  
Commissioner Shana Rooks  
District 3  
112 Smith Street, Annex 1  
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Dear Commissioner Rooks:

On behalf of the neighbors of Pine Trace @ Pebble Creek, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your presence at our Community Block Party. Your taking out time from your busy schedule enabled us to have had a successful Block Party.

Once again Commissioner Rooks, on behalf of Pine Trace @ Pebble Creek, we thank you for your assistance in making our vision become a reality in the Clayton County Community.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ector  
Chairman



## **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		

## Connect with us on



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@commish\_rooks

### 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](mailto: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](http://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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