



# The Rooks Report

## 2014 Year In Review

Commissioner Shana M. Rooks  
Clayton County District 3

December 30, 2014

Constituents,

2014 has quickly come and almost gone. I remain humbled that I serve the great citizens of Clayton County. Your Commissioner always has Clayton on Her Mind. We've made some tremendous strides in the county this year and I am proud to say many of my promises and plans coming into office have been solidified. A list of some of my notable accomplishments and honors:

- Voted unanimously by the Board to serve as Vice-Chairman (January 2014)
  - ◊ Steered the county through "Atlanta Snowmageddon 2014" in the absence of the Chairman.
- Voted to Pass the Budget
- Voted to Save Southern Regional Hospital
- Voted to allow for 2015 SPLOST projects to be considered; some are:
  - ◊ Dog Parks
  - ◊ Small Business Incubator
  - ◊ Clayton County Welcome Signs
  - ◊ Continued Support to Public Safety
  - ◊ Continued improvements in transportation and development
- Voted to allow the citizens to decide if Clayton would join MARTA
  - ◊ Public Transportation will be restored in March 2015
- Voted to allow the development of walking paths by the PATH Foundation throughout the county
- Two Job Fairs held at South Clayton Recreation Center
- Moved Commercial Code Enforcement to Police Department and hired more enforcement officers to hold businesses accountable just as homeowners are about the aesthetics of their businesses
- Reorganized the Animal Control Board
- Held and Organized Clayton County Fall Festival in Hampton

- Held Quarterly Community Meetings Called “Saturday Talks”
- Became a Certified County Commissioner through the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (“ACCG”)
- 2014 Graduate of Regional Leadership Institute
- Named by Atlanta Business Chronicle’s 2014 40 Under 40
- Featured in “We Are Clayton” Magazine



I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep...

Happy New Year!

**Shana M. Rooks, Esq.**



Total new opened cases in District 3: 1886. (6884 Countywide).

Total closed cases (through some form of compliance): 1698

Total Citations issued in District 3: 113. (374 Countywide).

Total (other) yet to be resolved: 75.

### Neighborhood Watch

Attended (by CCPD) - 35

Active NHW (in District 3) - 67

New NHW (in District 3 for 2014) - 2



*“My number one priority is ensuring the safety of all citizens, and building a partnership with the community.” Chief Greg Porter*



- CCPD increased its field officer proactive citizen contact within the Clayton County communities by nearly 14%. This increase gave the Police Department the ability to better serve the community by shortening response times, dedicating more proactive coverage to each Sector, and enhancing our public relations within the community.
- The Police Department conducted two Police Recruit classes in 2014, and also over 700 various Law Enforcement and Management related courses in order to have the most effective and knowledgeable police officers service the citizens of Clayton County.
- The Clayton County Police Department increased its Neighborhood Watch program by almost 15% from the previous year. This gave us over 200 plus Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the county. This increase exceeded our annual departmental goal for this initiative.
- The Clayton County Police Department made over 40,000 various proactive enforcement interactions with individuals in 2014. This activity enhanced the safety of all citizens throughout the Clayton County community.
- The Clayton County Animal Control Unit continues to improve its service to the community. In 2014 Animal Control added personnel to its staff to include an Animal Rescue Coordinator, VET Tech, and Animal Cruelty Investigator. During the year the Animal Control Unit had enforcement contact with over 4,900 animals and was able to find homes more than 2,500 animals. The unit reduced its euthanasia rate by over 60% from 2013. The Animal Control facility also received several operational additions and enhancements to the building in order to improve the accommodations for the community and the animals.
- During the year the Code Enforcement Unit received over 5,700 complaints reference code violations; opened over 7000 cases; and closed out over 6,500 cases. CCPD also created two new Commercial Code Enforcement Officers positions, to address county and citizen concerns and improve the quality of life within the community.

- Completed and transitioned to the new Public Safety Dispatch Network Radio System in October 2014 after 4 years of planning. The new radio system will enhance services to the community by:
  - Increasing radio security by digitally encrypting all radio traffic.
  - Mitigated radio system failure by inserting operational redundancy into the overall system.
  - Increased channels to minimize the amount of traffic on each channel, which increases clarity and officer safety.
  - Giving CCPD the ability to communicate with other Clayton County Public Safety organizations and surrounding jurisdictions in the Metro-Atlanta area.
- During the year CCPD's E-911 Center answered over 528,000 calls which is a 6% increase in call volume from 2013. The E-911 Center also dispatched over 125,000 calls for service which is an 8% increase.
- CCPD's Police Headquarters Customer Service Window received over 18,500 visits to the Records Window and answered over 20,500 phone calls during 2014.
- CCPD has a Quality Assurance program and policy that directs Supervisors at all levels to make contact with citizens who have been victims or witnesses that have had interaction with CCPD personnel and provides feedback from them concerning their perception of the service they received from CCPD. During the year CCPD Supervision made contact with over 1,800 Clayton County citizens from a proactive standpoint and to receive citizen feedback. Over 95% of the citizens reported a positive interaction with CCPD personnel.
- During 2014 CCPD was aggressive in protecting the community from drugs and drug related crime. During the year CCPD personnel, in partnership with other law enforcement organizations, confiscated more than \$18 million in drugs and drug related assets that were involved in criminal activity within Clayton County.
- In 2014 CCPD developed a physical fitness program for all CCPD officers that will be implemented in 2015. The program will enhance officer overall health and promote a healthier lifestyle.

## HUMAN RESOURCES-A YEAR IN REVIEW

### EMPLOYMENT

The Employment Division has had another busy year. In late 2013, HR, with the assistance of the IT Department, implemented an On-line Application Process (OAP). This has allowed applicants to apply online and has greatly improved the efficiency and the speed of the application process. This is a good thing since the division processes on average more than 3,900 applications per month. Over 37,000 online applications were processed between January 1<sup>st</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and an additional 6,100 paper applications have been processed during this same time. In October 2014, Phase II of the OAP was implemented which allows the HR Department to forward certified applications to departments via the on-line system. Beginning January 1, 2015, the application process will be entirely electronic and paper applications will no longer be accepted. To accommodate those with limited computer access, computers will be installed in the HR department for public use. HR and IT will continue to evaluate the system and develop improvements to the process.

For the first eleven months of 2014, the division has on-boarded 694 new hires, processed 3,294 personnel action forms, and responded to 101 open records requests. Additionally, the division has developed a new process for tracking leave changes and processing ID badges. All designed to provide better tracking and more efficient processing.

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The beginning of each calendar year is a busy time for our Employee Benefits Division. A mandatory Open Enrollment took place in February and March. This year HR implemented the use of an On-line Enrollment and Eligibility system. Although this was a big change for our employees and retirees, there were many positive comments regarding the ease of the enrollment and we look forward to utilizing the system in 2015. We currently cover 2,002 employees on one of the County's medical plans. 82% or 1,645 elected to participate in one of the County's Lifestyles Management plans. In addition, we have been able to offer County employees free access to our recreation centers further enhancing our wellness programs.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development Division played an important role in the development of the County Internship Program that launched in December 2013. After one year, we are pleased to report that the program has been a success. Two of the interns have been hired by the County and we continue to receive positive feedback from those completing their internship.

Professional Development will soon realize its vision to bring on-line training classes to the employees of the County. HR has enlisted the talents of IT and CCTV 23 to bring the e-learning platform to life. The motto of this project is "information at your fingertips". The goal is to have 5 leadership classes, 5 employee level classes, and resource material available to employees and leaders by the end of first quarter 2015.

HR looks forward to another productive year in 2015.

## Detrick Stanford Named 2014 GRPA Distinguished Professional of the Year



The highest award given to any professional member of the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) is the Distinguished Professional Award. At the recent GRPA Annual Conference & Trade Show, Clayton County Director Detrick Stanford was the recipient of this prestigious award for 2014.

(L to R in picture attached) Marvin Billups, Dekalb County Deputy Director & Award Presenter; Detrick Stanford, Director of Clayton County Parks & Recreation Department; Kallette Stanford ; Lisa Cherry, GRPA President



The Parks and Recreation Department Semi-annual meeting was held on December 12, 2014. The objective during the meeting was to do an annual review of the department and celebrate the years accomplishments. As part of the meeting the department has several awards that are provided. Two of the highest of the awards at the meeting are the employee of the year and the Director's Award. The following employees were recognized at the meeting for their outstanding accomplishments:

**Gary King – Employee of the Year**  
Park Maintenance Crew Leader  
Years of Service: 13 Years

**Shacole Pearman – Director's Award**  
Program Coordinator  
Years of Service: 7 ½ Years

## District 3 Parks & Recreation Events



# FALL FESTIVAL



## Transportation and Development Department accomplishments for 2014 in Commission District 3

The widening of Woolsey road has been completed under budget and on time. The contractor will be back to make sure there is grass on the project next summer. Thomas Road now has sidewalk between the schools at Webb Road to State Route 85 on the north side of the road. This sidewalk project has been completed on time and under budget. There have been 41 streets repaved this past summer in Commission District 3. The value of these improvements completed this year is \$4,640,143.71.

### Woolsey Road



During Construction



After Construction

### Thomas Road



Before Construction



After Construction

This past year the department completed the design, right of way acquisition and has a contract with a company to install sidewalk throughout Lake Ridge Parkway, Lakeridge Circle and Lakeridge Way in those areas that do not have sidewalk. The estimated value of this sidewalk improvement is \$398,250.00.



**Weathering the Storms**-Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services began 2014 by successfully leading the county through two severe snow and ice storms. On January 27, EMA Director, Landry Merkison activated the Emergency Operations Center and began regular planning meetings with CCPD, CCSO and Transportation and Development in preparation for the winter storm “Leon”. During “Leon”, Public Safety Officers answered 3,555 weather-related calls and worked 243 accidents, 87 with injuries. We were equally prepared for the second snowstorm that arrived February.

- **On April 25, 2014 received CCEMA, 2013 EMA Service of the Year/** Presented by the Emergency Management Association of Georgia
- **First Clayton County Severe Weather Task Force/** Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> meeting August 26, 2014

**The County’s Best Interest at heart** -Southern Regional announced it’s financial struggles and began asking Clayton County Commissioners for assistance to the tune of \$50 million dollars. In May the county approved the SPLOST to benefit the hospital. County Commissioners then took a crucial step toward ensuring the county has partial control of the hospital by making several appointments to Southern Regional’s Board of Directors.

- **Chief Landry Merkison appointed to the Southern Regional Medical Center’s Board of Directors/** October 21, 2014

County Fire & Emergency Services has responded to **33,244** reported incidents. With 2015 on the horizon CCFES will continue it’s efforts to be progressive and innovative, bringing the very best of Emergency Services and care to our citizens.

**Providing Medical Care into the future**-Only just into the new year of 2014, our newly appointed Fire Chief Landry Merkison began implementing plans to improve citizen care by beginning the process to implement Community Paramedicine in our County. CCFES’ EMS model has not evolved since it’s implementation in 1977 but the medical needs of the community have. For many residents WE are their primary care and depending on a patient’s level of medical need, they can sit in an emergency room for seven or eight hours waiting to see a doctor. That scenario is not optimum and Community Paramedicine could change that.

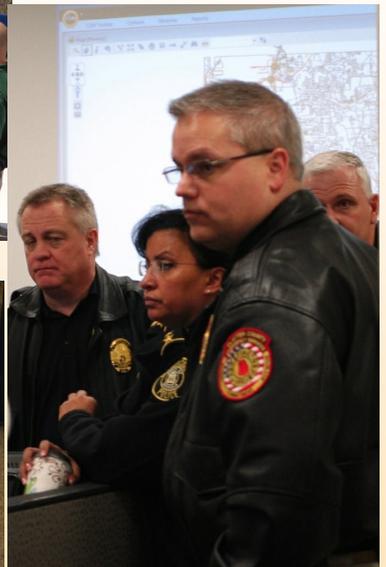
- **Paramedicine Committee & New EMS Model/** First meeting April 24
- **CCFES Command Staff’s 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Day at the State Capital/** March 7, 2014
- **CCFES Paramedicine Program awarded 50,000 Grant from Kaiser Permanente/** December 2014
- **Critical Care Class /**December 15, 2014 / First class Instructed and graduated

**In our Community** Our Public Affairs Division attended 251 events in 2014 reaching 17,892 Youth and 12,659 Adults with Life Safety Education training and information. Our Fire Safety Educators conducted 70 presentations to our citizens on the topic of “Fire Safety”.

Other notable accomplishments:

- **CCFES Women Firefighters** featured in “We Are Clayton” magazine / April 2014
- **Public Safety Professional of the Year** CCFES Lieutenant/Paramedic/ October 16, 2014/Knights of Columbus
- **First Fire Department** to receive recognition as a **Pearson Vue Testing Facility** /August 7, 2014

2014 is nearly at an end and but CCFES has shown no signs of slowing down. In fact amid all of our endeavors throughout the year calls to 911 continue. As of December 11<sup>th</sup>, Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services has responded to **33,244** reported incidents. With 2015 on the horizon CCFES will continue it’s efforts to be progressive and innovative, bringing the very best of Emergency Services and care to our citizens.





## New Jobs, Major New Investment, Transit Opportunity and More

*A Look at 2014's Major Economic Development Activity*

*Prepared by Grant Wainscott, Director of Economic Development*

2014 has been a watershed year for Clayton County. With more than a quarter of a billion dollars in new investment, and 2,500 new jobs announced in a single year, we have made national news and the eyes of the region are truly upon us. Coupled with the historic Marta vote and the renewal of the county's SPLOST programs, we have witnessed a monumental move forward that is going to propel and fuel Clayton County for years to come. Below are just some of the economic development highlights from this year, broken down by area or cluster.

### *Business Services & Support*

**Chime Solutions**, a minority- and woman-owned business, located to the former JC Penney building at Southlake Mall in Morrow to create a **70,000 sf** customer contact center, hiring an astounding **1,120 new jobs** and investing more than **\$10 million**.

In August, a Florida-based electronics repair company chose the Mountain View Opportunity Zone near Hartsfield-Jackson Airport for its new Georgia operations center. **QGistix**, an L.P. Hench Company, leased **32,000 sf** in the Southwoods business park off Old Dixie Hwy, bringing with them 13 employees, and hiring as many as **150 new jobs** within two years.

### *Food Processing & Distribution*

**This summer saw the largest private new construction project in nearly a decade. Kroger** is well under construction on a **\$250 million, 1.1-million sf** regional distribution center at the Gillem Logistics Center in Forest Park, former site of Fort Gillem which closed in 2011. The new facility will eventually employ more than **750 people**, and could attract a number of large suppliers and clients of Kroger to the area.

**Castellini Group of Companies**, one of the largest fresh produce distributors in the United States, will develop a **180,000 sf** large-scale fresh-cut fruits and vegetables processing and produce distribution center in Conley, creating **300 jobs** and investing **\$52 million** into the project over the next several years.



### [International Investment](#)

Korean LED manufacturer **AVICS Korea** opened a sales, showroom and distribution facility in the Southfield Corporate Center near Forest Park. The **25,000 sf** building serves as the company's US headquarters, and they have hired **25 new jobs**.

**Future Forwarding**, whose parent company is in the UK, expanded its US Headquarters operation into more than **140,000 sf** in the Atlanta Tradeport commerce park off CW Grant Pkwy, bringing with them more than 60 employees, and they expect to hire up to **25 new jobs**.

Japanese fittings distributor **Global Group** opened a **203,850 sf** facility at 1260 Southern Road in Morrow, creating **25 new jobs**. Global distributes industrial pipe, fittings, flanges and piping components. The distribution center in Morrow will stock generic stainless, carbon and specialty grade of these products as well as offering in-house machining, cutting and threading.

**OSG Tap & Die**, a subsidiary of Japan-based OSG Corporation, is expanded their presence in the Southeast by opening a new regional distribution center in the Atlanta Aerotropolis area, on Ga Hwy 85 in Forest Park. The **21,198 sf** facility will stock a full line of cutting tools, with over 25,000 SKU's for tapping, milling and drilling, as well as other products such as gages and holders. OSG expects at least **10 new jobs** to be created as a result of their move into the area.

### [Retail & Restaurants](#)

Retail has certainly taken a hit in our region over the past several years. We've seen the loss of several major retail stores like Target and Old Navy in Morrow. However, the news is improving, and we are seeing some significant retail investment in the county. As we increase the number of new jobs for our citizens, and help raise average wage rates, we should see

more disposable income, which typically translates into more retail spending.

Perhaps the most important retail deal in decades happened this year. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Los Angeles-based **Vintage Real Estate** purchased the core areas of **Southlake Mall** out of bankruptcy, investing more than **\$50 million** to buy and renovate the aging regional mall. Vintage plans to update the main areas of the mall, and redevelop the vacant JCPenney space into slightly smaller anchor retail sites alongside the Chime Solutions call center. Their investment has already triggered interest from other major retailers and developers.

Restaurant activity along the Mt. Zion corridor in Morrow was brisk this year. It started with last Christmas's opening of **This Is It!** near the intersection of Jonesboro Rd and Mt Zion. Next came **City Café Diner**, the first **Chipotle Grill** on the south side of town, a new **Waffle House** in Lake City, and the recent opening of **Cookout** near the I-75 interchange at Jonesboro Rd. Ellenwood Town Center is also seeing increased activity

### [So What Will 2015 Bring?](#)

With such a great 2014, what should we look for in 2015? Marta bus service will begin this spring in select corridors, with additional routes coming online soon thereafter. 2015 SPLOST projects including the Economic Development One-Stop Shop & Small Business Incubator will begin to take shape. We also expect a number of further announcements at the Gillem Logistics Center.

Near the airport, the \$50 million Conley/CW Grant road realignment project should break ground this spring. Porsche is expected to open its new North American headquarters and customer experience track in May. And the newly formed Phoenix Blvd Community Improvement District (CID) should see its first improvement projects undertaken. So here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and the best for the coming year. It's a great time to be in Clayton County!

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*Be sure to stay connected with the county to receive all the news and updates on our thriving global community. Ways you can connect with the Office of Economic Development and Film:*

- Visit us on our websites – [InvestClayton.com](http://InvestClayton.com) & [FilmClayton.com](http://FilmClayton.com)
- Find us on Facebook at Clayton County Office of Economic Development
- Follow us on Twitter at ClaytonCountyED
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website

## Clayton County Senior Services Department 2014 Year in Review

- Officially changed our tag line to “**Changing the face of aging**” to correct the negative stigma people have about the words ‘senior’ and ‘aging’
- Implemented “**Let’s Talk**” events at all center locations to provide seniors with a voice within our department
- Introduced our **FitPoints Reward Points Program** to members to provide financial assistance for paying for classes
- Increased usage of **online class registrations** and will introduce new member online registration in January 2015
- **Established partnerships** with JenCare Neighborhood Medical Centers, QuikTrip, Kaiser Permanente, and Coventry Healthcare
- Integrated a “**Member Testimonial**” page and “**Senior Spotlight**” page to the magazine *Clayton Forever Young*
- Redefined our **refund policy**
- **Upgraded** dining room furniture at the Frank Bailey Senior Center in Riverdale through HUD funding
- Implemented **After School Program** for Kinship Care participants (Grandparents raising grandchildren), currently serving 41 students from 11 local elementary schools
- Qualified nearly 500 seniors for **Farmer’s Market voucher program**
- Under the **Kinship Care Angel Tree program**, 305 families will have a very Merry Christmas through the help of community partners and county personnel
- Average over **2300 home delivered meals** to the seniors of Clayton County
- Hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> **Senior Prom** in June 2014 at the Griswell Senior Center
- Generated almost \$4,000 from **sponsorships** for our annual Mayfest event
- Entertained and fed over 1400 seniors at annual **Mayfest** event
- Memberships for both centers totaled **3,269 members**
- Established **Facebook & Twitter** pages for the department
- **Partnered** with Clayton County Police Department & Clayton County Fire Department as well as other community partners to collect **Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets** for seniors of Clayton County



Tori Strawter-Tanks, Director  
[www.claytonseniors.com](http://www.claytonseniors.com)

**Facebook:** Search *Clayton County Senior Services Department*

**Twitter:** @ClaytonSeniors





DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*The Department of Information Technology is part of many exciting and useful programs that have a direct impact on the citizens of Clayton County. During 2014, we have completed many projects that provide more accountability, improved accessibility, enhanced communication, and online self-service options. Here are highlights from each of our Divisions.*

### APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT



Provided project management and custom programming to allow the Jury Manager to print a check for Jury Service for each Juror at time of release

Launched Phase II of the Online Job Application process replacing the paper-based application review process with a paperless process, saving Human Resources approximately 40 hours weekly

Built .Net based reporting tool which automates state mandated validation reporting of Police Department records saving the Police Department approximately 96 hours monthly

### ARCHIVES AND RECORD CENTER



In April, DoIT hires a professional records manager as Archives & Records Coordinator to establish a records and information governance program within the county.

ARC policies and procedures updated, including updating the information on CNET.

Department records coordinators assigned for each department.

ARC establishes a county-wide contract for shredding with commercial vendor, Shred-It.

Staff gains approval for the destruction of 1500+ boxes of records.

Staff transfers custody of 756 boxes of Division of Family and Children's Services (DFACS) records to the Department of Human Services, its parent agency.

### BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE



Developed a mobile website that provides citizens with easy access to events and activities provided by the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department

Launched the Clayton County DUI Court website for increasing accountability of those enrolled in the DUI Court program.

Participants in the program log in to the program from home daily for instructions, and the site contains educational and encouraging information.

Automated the County's internal processes for the Clayton County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Agenda. This system directly provides increased accountability and saves money every month on paper cost, copying expense, and labor hours for many employees.

### COMMUNICATIONS



Installation and implementation of the \$23 million countywide Public Safety Digital Network (PSDN) funded through the approval of the 2009 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum

Instrumental in the design and installation of the equipment necessary to broadcast video of the Commissioner's business meetings

### TECHNICAL SERVICES



Implementation of an employee technical training program comprised of workshops designed to enhance the technical skills and digital literacy of county employees

Continued work on the installation of over 58 miles of fiber optic cable, connecting over 80% of county facilities to a centralized high speed data network, increasing the services available and reducing recurring communications costs

## New and Great things from the Clayton County Library System

Clayton County Library revealed:

- a brand new website ([www.claytonpl.org](http://www.claytonpl.org))



- a brand new Logo
- a new quarterly print and digital publication named 'Branching Out'

As always, Clayton County Library has had a very successful Summer Reading Program during the summer of 2014 and anticipants an even more successful Reading Program this coming summer.

During the year of 2014, Clayton County Library System was awarded 1 grant; The HUD Community Development Grant

During the beginning of the New Year, Clayton County Library System will be celebrating the multiple cultures that make up our demographics; focusing a lot on Black History. On January 12, 2015, our Lovejoy Branch will be hosting a forum called "I Have a Dream Too" where patrons have the opportunity to share their dreams for a better tomorrow and express things they would like to see happen in their homes, communities, and around the world.

On Thursday, January 15, 2015 children and adults can join Mr. Scott and the Lovejoy staff as we honor the memory of Dr. King with a story and craft. Education and fun go hand in hand with during this special event. Starting at 3:00pm.

Make sure to grab your family and friends to enjoy a few classic Black History movies such as 'Ruby Bridges' on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 3:30 pm and 'The Butler' on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Lovejoy Branch.

To find out more information on all the great things that the Clayton County Library System has to offer, visit us at [claytonpl.org](http://claytonpl.org) and download your digital copy of our winter edition of our quarterly newsletter 'Branching Out'.

Also Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at: [claytongalib](https://www.facebook.com/claytongalib).



## Refuse Control's Services to Citizens

As a service to all of unincorporated Clayton County citizens, Refuse Control picks up items that private sanitation companies do not pick up.

After unwanted items are placed on the curb on the County right of way residents place an order with us and we send a County Refuse Control inspector to the address normally within 24 hours to assess the debris. There is no charge for the estimate. If the residents choose to use the service there is a minimum fee of \$20.00 and the charge goes up from there depending on the amount of debris at the curb. Typically, \$20.00 is a pick-up truck sized load.

Refuse Control performs inspections and completes pick-up tickets for citizens. These services results in additional revenue for the County.

- Refuse Control cleans, cuts, and maintains over 725 miles of county roads, including cleaning and cutting state roads that are located in the county. The State pays a fee of approximately \$156,000 per year to the County for this service.
- Refuse Control picks up dead animals on county and state right of ways.
- Refuse Control also picks up dead pets belonging to the citizens of Clayton County for a flat fee of \$20.00.
- Refuse Control is designated as a State of Georgia Community Service Agency with community service hours recorded and reported to over 25 probation companies.
- Refuse Control is also responsible cleaning up the Code Enforcement Abatements. This happens when someone is evicted from a residence or a vacant property needs to be maintained.
- Refuse Control picks up trash dumped alongside the roadways of the county and state right of ways.
- Refuse Control also cleans county and state roads.

## **Refuse Control's Services to Citizens cont.**

- Refuse Control picks up illegally dumped tires on the county right of ways.
- Refuse Control coordinates with the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and with the Clayton County Prison on pauper burials. This service provides a burial service for Clayton County residents that would not be able to afford a burial for loved ones.

Most of these services are provided using inmate labor from the Clayton County Correctional Institute. By cutting out labor costs this magnifies the effect of the fees taken.



## **Elections and Registration**

Since January 1, 2014, the Elections and Registration Department has registered 11,519 voters.

The Election and Registration Office conducted four successful elections in 2014 ending with the November 4<sup>th</sup> General /Special Election. During the November election, the department implemented Balotar software allowing the printing of absentee ballots on demand for the county election saving the county hundreds of dollars. For 2014 election results, refer to the county website under the Elections and Registration Department.

The Elections and Registration Department will be implementing Easy File software in 2015 allowing elected officials and candidates to file required documents electronically.

## CCTV Year-in-Review



- Filmed 24 Board of Commissioners Meetings
- Obtained 100 new Facebook Followers, 30 Instagram Followers, and 30 YouTube Subscribers
- Produced 10 PSA's
- Reached 10,000 views on YouTube
- Added AT&T U-Verse Channel 99
- Live Stream is now available on the web



### **First Saturday Talks 2015**

The 2015 schedule of meetings are:

March 7, 2015

June 6, 2015

October 3, 2015

December 5, 2015

Each meeting will be held at:

South Clayton Recreation Center

1837 McDonough Rd. , Hampton GA 30228

10:00 am—12:00 pm