

## City Council New Year's Wishes to Clarkston

By Terry Sanders, Communications & Community Outreach Manager, City of Clarkston

Councilman Jamie Carroll



"I wish for all Clarkston residents a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year!"

Councilwoman Debra Johnson



"I would like to wish the residents of Clarkston a blessed COVID -19 free and safe New Year. Together we will weather this COVID-19 storm!"

Councilman Awet Eyasu



"I want to wish the entire Clarkston Community a Happy New Year with much healing and blessings from me and my family."

Mayor Beverly Burks



"A New Year is a new chapter in our lives. I wish that Chapter 2021 provides an opportunity to write an amazing new story in our lives. I wish you good health, peace, hope, encouragement and togetherness."

Councilman Ahmed Hassan



"May the New Year include an end to these challenging times, better health, wellness, and safety. In 2021 may we be unified in pursuit of improving our quality of life, strengthening relationships and community engagement."

Councilwoman Laura Hopkins



"In 2021, may you find deeper meaning, greater joy, more fulfilling relationships, and a profound sense of community and belonging. Let's all strive to raise each other up, whether in person or at a safe physical distance, because togetherness is always right. "

# CITY NEWS & SERVICES

## City of Clarkston Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Highlights

Contributor: Robin Gomez, City Manager, City of Clarkston

Under Georgia and City codes and laws, the City of Clarkston must adopt a balanced budget, in which all City Revenue equals all City Expenditures. The City's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 total Budget is \$11,508,463, a 13% decrease over the FY 2020 total Budget of \$13,175,759.

**So, how does the City receive its Revenue?** Mostly from taxes and fees including: property, sales, and excise taxes, City property rentals, building permits and franchise fees. The table below lists, by main categories, the sources of the City's revenue specifically in the General Fund.

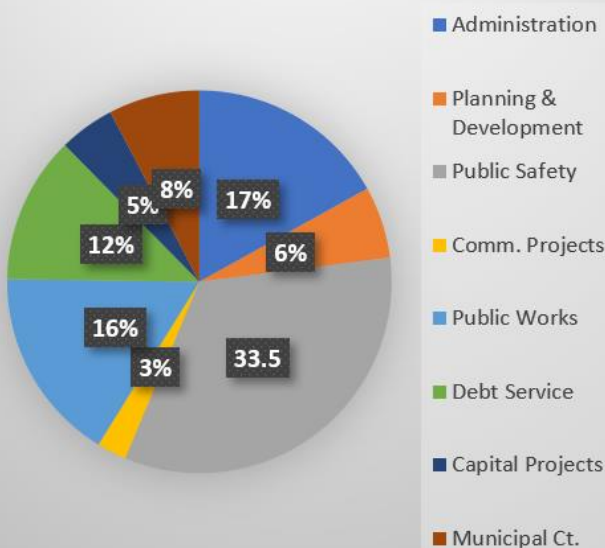
### GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Property Tax	\$3,642,543	53.6%
Other Tax/Fees	\$2,280,280	33.6%
Permits	\$ 107,600	1.6%
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 539,000	7.9%
Debt Issuance	\$ 221,000	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,790,423</b>	

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$1,104,436	16.3%
Planning & Development	\$ 440,601	6.5%
Community Action Projects	\$ 171,500	2.5%
Municipal Court	\$ 489,805	7.2%
Police	\$2,258,713	33.3%
Public Works	\$1,164,556	17.1%
Debt Service	\$ 840,812	12.4%
Capital Projects-GF	\$ 320,000	4.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,790,423</b>	

### 2021 Budgeted General Fund Expenditures by Function



### FY 2021 ALL FUNDS

General Fund	\$ 6,790,423	59.0%
Federal Seizures	\$ 80,000	0.7%
Grants	\$ 104,000	0.9%
HOST	\$ 71,194	0.6%
Stormwater	\$ 326,190	2.8%
Sanitation	\$ 217,900	1.9%
SPLOST	\$ 3,918,756	34.1%

**TOTAL = \$11,508,463**

## “Bring One For The Chipper” Christmas Trees Recycling

*Contributor: Kash Hatami, Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc.*

The City of Clarkston, as part of its Environmental Protection program, is offering the ninth annual “Bring One For The Chipper” Christmas Trees recycling services starting Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and ending Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Clarkston residents and nearby neighbors are encouraged to drop off their undecorated Christmas Trees at Milam Park, 3867 Norman Road, Clarkston, GA 30021.



By supporting the City’s trees recycling efforts, participants are actively keeping trees out of landfills, protecting the environment by reducing the release of methane and other harmful greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. In 2019 the City’s Public Works Department recycled an estimated 20 Christmas Trees. The mulch produced from these trees was then used in various landscaping projects in Clarkston, including Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary and city-wide noticeable areas where soil erosion had occurred and at other locations as needed ground coverings.

So do your part and “Bring One For The Chipper”, in Clarkston!

## Friendship Forest Wildlife Sanctuary Renovations

On December 17th, the City of Clarkston announced the reopening of Friendship Forest renovated main entrance parking lot and sanctuary amenities.

Renovations and improvements that totaled \$1.85 million included reconstructed wetlands, paved asphalt walkways, wooden viewing decks, a paved parking lot, a covered pavilion with restrooms, and a second restroom building at the sanctuary’s East Ponce de Leon main entrance.

The resurfaced main entrance parking lot is open daily, Monday through Sunday, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

Friendship Forest---located at 4380 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021, just ½ mile north of Clarkston’s town center and business district---is a former recreation park that was deeded to the City of Clarkston government by DeKalb County government.

In 2002 Clarkston City Council designated the 18.5 acres sanctuary as an official Greenspace with wetland protection and only allowing passive outdoor recreational activities that include: jogging, walking, and observation of birds, trees, plants, wildflowers, wildlife and animals in a natural habitat.



## The Return of Curbside Recycling

To explore all viable recycling service delivery options that would be most beneficial to and for Clarkston residents and businesses, the City of Clarkston---after assessing cost and return on investment (ROI), landfill usage with contaminated items intended for recycling and environmental impacts, and recycling industry changes surrounding cost, importing supply and demand---ended recycling operations with Waste Management in January 2020.


















But the need for recycling remained. Addressing this need and determining interim recycling solutions, the City of Clarkston evaluated potential recycling partnerships with various vendors, proposed alternative recycling drop off locations and finally choosing a recycling vendor to deliver and fulfill recycling needs and requirements.



On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Clarkston City Council approved a three year agreement with **Latham Home Sanitation Company, LLC**, to serve as its weekly curbside recycling service vendor. Latham representatives will deliver an 18-gallon recycling container to each residential and small commercial structure in the city of Clarkston. Customers will not see an increase nor additional billing for recycling services provided by Latham as associated fees and cost are included in annual property tax bills.

Latham will begin collecting paper, plastic, aluminum and steel cans, and flattened cardboard for recycling on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

With over 20 years of operating in Georgia, Latham is responsible for fulfilling recycling services for 13 plus cities and entities throughout the state, with the majority of cities served in the greater Atlanta metro area.

LATHAM HOME SANITATION ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING		LATHAM HOME SANITATION ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING		LATHAM HOME SANITATION ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING	
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# CITY NEWS & SERVICES



## SPLOST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS & STATUS (as of 12/28/2020)

PROJECT	FUNDING	CURRENT SCHEDULE	PENDING ISSUES	OTHER
East Ponce de Leon PH III Granite Curb Replacement	SPLOST 01	100% Completed		Under budget
<b>40 Oaks Entrance</b>	<b>SPLOST 02</b>	<b>100% Completed</b>		<b>Under Budget</b>
Resurfacing City Streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brockett Rd</li> <li>• Mell Ave</li> <li>• East Ponce – Church to Market</li> <li>• Church St – North Decatur Rd to East Ponce de Leon</li> </ul>	SPLOST 03	100% complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Punch list remains</li> <li>• Contractor to repave police parking lot due to poor workmanship</li> <li>• Striping with thermoplastic weather permitting</li> </ul>	Low bid over budget  (added police parking lot and Mell Ave)
<b>Pedestrian Improvements - Design</b>	<b>SPLOST 04 (04A, B, C, D)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIC @ Rowland HAWK signal – 4A</li> <li>• Rowland “Green” Street – 4B</li> <li>• Church @ Northern Trail Head Park – 4C</li> <li>• Church St @ East Ponce pedestrian enhancements – 4D</li> </ul>	<b>North Indian Creek @ Rowland St HAWK signal – completed</b>  <b>Church St @ East Ponce de Leon Sidewalks – PH 1 completed; PH II sidewalks pending CSX approval</b>  <b>Rowland “Green St/Road Diet” &amp; Trail Head park – bids received Nov. 2020. Pending city</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertise to-bid 4D in February &amp; on council agenda for approval of low bidder in April</li> <li>• Advertise to-bid 4A Feb. &amp; on council agenda for approval of low bidder in April</li> <li>• PATH partial funding on 4A</li> <li>• One final PIOH for Rowland Street in March and advertise to-bid May and low bidder recommendation to Council in June or July for 4B &amp; 4C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low bid within budget</li> </ul>

		council review in January 2021.		
Montreal Rd Sidewalk Modifications - ADA	SPLOST 05	100 % complete		Low bid under SPLOST budget by 40%
<b>Montreal Rd RRFB at Bus Shelter (adjacent to Avalon Apartments entrance)</b>	<b>SPLOST 06</b>	<b>100% complete</b>		<b>Low Bid over SPLOST budget by 5%</b>
Norman Road Dam - design	SPLOST – #TBD	Request for Proposal for design services being developed. Expect design to start spring 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design firm to be selected – RFP not prepared yet</li> </ul>	
<b>City Streetscape Improvements</b>	<b>SPLOST GDOT FHWA ARC</b>	<b>95% complete</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>On-going</b></li> <li><b>Delayed 15 months due to county water line installation and COVID</b></li> <li><b>Bus shelters under construction</b></li> <li><b>Anticipate completion Feb. 2021</b></li> </ul>	
Market Street Sidewalks	SPLOST #08	Survey work completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anticipate introducing 2 draft design layouts for sidewalk placement to city council late spring 2021</li> </ul>	
<b>City Transportation Plan</b>	<b>SPLOST</b>	<b>Request for Proposal to be developed spring 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1<sup>st</sup> Transportation Plan ever developed in the city</b></li> <li><b>Public input will be sought</b></li> <li><b>Plan required to pursue federal funding for future SPLOST projects; North Indian Creek Road Diet and others identified in the city approved 2017 SPLOST program</b></li> </ul>	

# PEOPLE & PLACES



## Your Vote, Your Voice!

More than 1.6 million voters cast ballots in the first week of early voting in Georgia's two Senate Runoff Elections, a turnout rate that is unusually high for runoff contests and on par with the participation seen in November's general election.

Nearly 2.1 million people have already cast ballots in a U.S. Senate Runoff Election in Georgia.

So far, more than 2.3 million people have submitted applications to vote by mail in Georgia, down only 4 percent from the number of mail ballot applications at this point in the run-up to the General Election.

More than 132,000 people who did not vote in the General Election requested mail-in ballot applications. The surge is another sign of the high level of turnout for the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 election.

### CLARKSTON HAS TWO DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

- Clarkston Library, 951 North Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, 30021
- Clarkston City Hall, 3921 Church Street, Clarkston, 30021

### WANT TO KNOW WAIT TIME AT VOTING LOCATIONS BEFORE YOU GO!

Visit DeKalb County's webpage: [dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/our-mission](https://dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/our-mission)



### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU FOR IN-PERSON VOTING:

- A valid ID, such as a driver's license, passport, or voter identification card
- A mask to help ensure your safety and the safety of the poll workers and voters around you
- Chair, water, and snacks if the location has a long wait line
- Your absentee ballot if you are wanting to vote in-person instead. If you do not have your absentee ballot, you will need to sign an affidavit stating that you are instead casting your ballot in-person

### WHERE TO VOTE IN-PERSON IN CLARKSTON ON ELECTION DAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2021:

CLARKSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 3999 Church Street, Clarkston, GA 30021  
CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CENTER 3701 College Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021

**No matter who you vote for, no matter if you vote by mail, ballot drop boxes or in-person, no matter if you vote early or on Election Day, the City of Clarkston encourages all to just VOTE!!**

## Your Vote, Your Voice!

## Retiring Commissioner Kathie Gannon Bids Farewell to Clarkston

*"This December 31st not only ends 2020, but is also significant to me, as it ends my tenure as Super District 6 Commissioner."*



*Clarkston holds a special place in my heart and will always remain "my center" of DeKalb. Together, through vision, inspired by you, the citizens, and materialized through your City Government and at times, with DeKalb County, these collaborations have helped to reshape Clarkston and feature some of the best potential of who and what you are.*



*I am honored to have been at the table many times and continue to wish all of Clarkston health, peace, and prosperity. Happy New Year and thank you for representing such an important part of District 6 and a piece of the wonderful memories I take with me in the next chapter of my life."*

## Friends of Refugees Christmas Store

*Contributor: Jim Neal, Director of Operations, Friends of Refugees*



Friends of Refugees held their annual Holiday Christmas Store December 18-19 at the Clarkston Community Center. Donated new coats and toys were sold at \$1 to \$5 so parents could choose for their family and shop with dignity. The store helped more than 250 families find new coats and toys, and all proceeds from the store will go to the PTA at Indian Creek Elementary School. Thank you to all who donated and volunteered to make this wonderful event happen. Special thanks to GraceSnellville and Decatur City Church for collecting toys and coats.





## IRC Above and Beyond Services

*Contributor: Justin Howell, Acting Executive Director, International Rescue Committee (IRC)*



The IRC (International Rescue Committee)-Atlanta is the largest refugee resettlement agency in Georgia. Since opening in 1979, we have welcomed more than 26,500 refugees from 67 countries to rebuild their lives in communities across the state. Forced to switch to remote working in March 2020, the IRC in Atlanta has continued to provide core programming—including resettlement and case management services, youth and adult education classes, employment assistance, and immigration services—and in addition, has expanded services to include large-scale, mobile COVID-19 testing, ongoing delivery of food boxes, and the disbursement of emergency cash assistance, including CARES Act funding, to community members impacted by the pandemic.

**COVID-19 Testing Project:** The IRC in Atlanta in partnership with CORE Response and the DeKalb County Board of Health brought free, mobile Drive-Thru and Walk-Up COVID-19 Testing to Clarkston and the surrounding central DeKalb County area. Clarkston—known as the Ellis Island of the South—has been a first home to many newly-arriving refugees for decades.

The IRC-CORE team of former refugees—now green card holders and naturalized U.S. citizens over 16 weeks, three days a week, via its mobile COVID-19 testing between June and December 2020—provided 8,038 (*cumulative data through 12/19/2020*) self-administered tests, with interpretation available in more than 20 languages. This team has also provided more than 116 flu vaccinations in partnership with the DeKalb County Board of Health.



IRC in Atlanta has disbursed more than **\$453,000** in direct cash assistance to community members impacted by COVID-19 for rent, mortgage, utilities, childcare, medical expenses payments and grocery items between March and November 2020. While primarily serving DeKalb County communities---that include refugees, immigrants and native-born Americans---IRC supports all in need.

## 2020 Census Processing Delays Has Redistricting Data Hanging in the Balance

During the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> the U.S. 2020 Census Director and senior career U.S. Census Bureau officials told members of Congress and Congressional staff that the date that apportionment/redistricting data will be completely processed is yet to be determined due to encountering data processing anomalies and issues.

Specific data processing anomalies and issues have not been released. But, it has been determined that internal tracking documents would not convey the uncertainty around projected dates and may fail to reflect the additional resources employed to correct data anomalies. To assure congress and the public, that it is working on data processing technology patching software to thoroughly correct and address all issues and anomalies as a part of its mission to deliver accurate 2020 Census data as close to the statutory deadline as possible.



The statutory deadline for reporting the tabulation of the total population by state to the president is December 31, 2020. This data is used for reapportionment of congressional seats. It's still not clear whether that deadline, or the deadline for the release of data for redistricting, will be met this cycle.

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## 2020 Census Processing Delays Has Redistricting Data Hanging in the Balance

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There are two federally mandated deadlines that could be impacted if there are delays in releasing census data:



- Under current law, data to be used for reapportioning districts in the U.S. House of Representatives is to be delivered to the president by Dec. 31, 2020 (13 U.S.C. 141). This data determines how many congressional seats each state will have for the following 10 years.
- Under current law, data to be used by the states for redistricting legislative and congressional seats is due to the states no later than April 1, 2021 (13 U.S.C. 141). In previous decades, this data has been provided to the states on a rolling basis, starting at least six weeks prior to the deadline.

In all states a delay in the release of data would compress the timeline for redistricting. For some states, the requested delays would be uncomfortable; for others, delays would mean deadlines that are established in state constitutions or statutes would be impossible to meet.

To date, the state of Georgia does not appear to be impacted by the 2020 Census data processing delays. However, known interdependencies between census data accuracy and timeliness are: legislative elections scheduled in November 2021, constitutional redistricting deadlines in 2021, statutory redistricting deadlines in 2021, and states with constitutions calling for redistricting in the year after the census, effectively meaning in 2021.

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## Clarkston Library Expands Services

*Contributor: Kady MacFarlane, Branch Manager/Senior Librarian, Clarkston Library*

While the buildings are closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, DeKalb County Public Libraries are still providing free and contactless services!

Patrons can [put books on hold through the online catalog portal](#) to receive notification as to when their materials have arrived. With that notification, they can then either come in to the Clarkston branch or arrange to pick up their items using the library's [contact free curbside service](#).

[Free wireless printing](#) of up to 10 pages, also delivered via contact free curbside pick up, remains to be a favorite and popular library service offerings.

Youth services librarians are on hand to [curate custom book bundles](#) for children and teen readers.

The newest service at the library is its [Technology Takeout](#) program. Library patrons can check out Chromebook laptops to be returned by the end of the business day.

In addition, the library offers [free WiFi access](#) in the Clarkston branch parking lot.

**To learn more about all of these featured services and more, visit: [dekalblibrary.org](https://dekalblibrary.org)**



## COVID-19 VACCINES: Pfizer vs. Moderna

What follows is a head-to-head comparison of the vaccines developed by Pfizer and its partner, BioNTech, and by Moderna. Note that the chances of most individuals being able to “pick” one or the other are slim to none, especially in the initial rollout. The vaccine available is the one you’ll get.

**Target Population:** The Pfizer emergency use authorization is for people aged 16 and older. Moderna’s is for people 18 and older, though the company has recently begun testing its vaccine in 12- to 17-year-olds.

**Vaccine Efficacy:** Both vaccines have shown astonishing — and essentially equivalent — degrees of efficacy, at least in the early stages after vaccination. How they stack up over the long term remains to be seen.

The Pfizer vaccine showed efficacy of 95% at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection, measured starting from seven days after the second dose was administered. The vaccine appeared to be more or less equally protective across age groups and racial and ethnic groups.

The Moderna vaccine was 94.1% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19, measured starting from 14 days after the second dose. The vaccine’s efficacy appeared to be slightly lower in people 65 and older, but during a presentation to the Food and Drug Administration’s advisory committee the company explained that the numbers could have been influenced by the fact there were few cases in that age group in the trial. The vaccine appeared to be equally effective across different ethnic and racial groups. Both vaccines seemed to reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 disease. It’s not yet known if either prevents asymptomatic infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Nor is it known if vaccinated people can transmit the virus if they do become infected but don’t show symptoms.

**Number of doses/amounts of vaccine per dose:** Both the Moderna and the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines require two shots: a priming dose, followed by a booster shot. The interval between Moderna doses is 28 days; for the Pfizer vaccine, it’s 21 days. Each dose of Pfizer’s contains 30 micrograms of vaccine. Moderna went with a much larger dose of vaccine, 100 micrograms. It means it is using a little more than three times as much vaccine per person as Pfizer is. And yet, they aren’t getting better results.

**Side-Effect Profile:** In the vernacular of vaccinology, vaccines that trigger a range of transient side effects in a lot of recipients are known as reactogenic. Both these vaccines — in fact, most if not all the COVID-19 vaccines that have reported data so far — fall into the reactogenic category. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an expert panel that helps the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set vaccination policies, has advised hospitals they may want to stagger vaccinations among staff — for instance, don’t vaccinate all the emergency room staff at the same time — in case some feel too unwell to work the day after being vaccinated. The most common side effects are injection site pain, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, and joint pain. Some people in the clinical trials have reported fever. Side effects are more common after the second dose; younger adults, who have more robust immune systems, reported more side effects than older adults.

**To Be Clear:** These side effects are a sign of an immune system kicking into gear. They do not signal that the vaccine is unsafe. To date there are no serious, long-term side effects associated with receipt of these vaccines, which will be closely monitored as their use expands.

There have been a handful of reports of people having allergic reactions to the Pfizer vaccine since its rollout began. Those reactions — anaphylaxis or a less severe allergic reaction — were not seen in the clinical trials. It remains to be seen if similar events will be seen with the Moderna vaccine.

**Safety for those who are pregnant or lactating:** Neither of the vaccines has been tested in these two groups.

Moderna has completed animal studies the FDA demanded of manufacturers; these studies look for evidence that the vaccine might harm the pregnancy or the developing fetus. The company said it saw no such signals.

Pfizer has only interim data from its animal studies, but said it saw no concerning signs either.

## COVID-19 VACCINES: Pfizer vs. Moderna

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The authorizations for both vaccines state there are not enough data to gauge whether they are safe for pregnant or lactating people. Experts advise those who are pregnant should choose whether to be vaccinated after discussing the risks and benefits with their physicians.

**Storage Requirements:** Both of these vaccines require an elaborate cold chain, the term used to describe the conditions under which vaccines must be stored during distribution and when they are in the doctors' offices, pharmacies, or public health clinics where they'll be administered.

But the Moderna vaccine will be far easier to use than Pfizer's. For starters, Moderna's must be shipped at -4 Fahrenheit; Pfizer's must be shipped and stored at -94 Fahrenheit. The former is the temperature of a regular refrigerator freezer; the latter requires special ultra-cold freezers that need to be topped up with dry ice every five days. Doctors' offices do not have ultracold freezers; neighborhood pharmacies don't either.

After thawing, a vial of the Pfizer vaccine must be used within five days; Moderna's is stable at fridge temperature for 30 days and at room temperature for 12 hours.

**Minimum Purchase Order:** The ultracold storage requirement is not the only challenging aspect of the Pfizer vaccine. The minimum amount of vaccine a location can order is 975 doses. A large teaching hospital might need several of those. But there are plenty of places across the country that don't need 975 doses to vaccinate the people currently eligible for vaccination — health workers and nursing home residents. This is the vaccine that needs to be kept at -94 F. The minimum order size will limit the locations in which this vaccine can be used.

The Moderna vaccine's minimum order is 100 doses, a much more manageable number.

The Pfizer vaccine is shipped in five-dose vials; Moderna's vaccine is shipped in 10-dose vials.

**Durability of Protection:** Figuring out how long the protection provided by either of these vaccines will last will take time. It's going to involve periodic blood draws from some volunteers to see what their antibody levels look like, though a decline in antibody levels doesn't necessarily equate to loss of protection.

But a large part of this work will involve watching for reports that people who were immunized are starting to contract COVID-19 in larger numbers, a development that would probably lead to recommendations to give people booster shots at some yet-to-be-determined interval.



# RECOGNITIONS

## CLARKSTON POLICE PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES



*Officer Joshua Rosa was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in CKPD's Uniform Patrol Division. He is a certified officer with five years of experience in Georgia and is eager to serve the residents of Clarkston.*



*Officer Alberta Fountain (Right Side) was promoted to the rank of Detective in CKPD's Criminal Investigation Division.*



*CKPD welcomed Officer Wendell Maharaj (Right Side) to the family. Prior to joining CKPD he acquired four years of Law Enforcement experience with the Cobb County Police Department. As an immigrant from the island of Trinidad and Tobago, he came to the United States at the age of 12 years old in 1990 to pursue his passion of becoming a police officer.*



*Cadet Stewart Smith is the most recent CKPD hire. As such, he will be attending basic mandated training academy in January 2021.*



*Officer Ralph McGruder was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in CKPD's Uniform Patrol Division.*



*Making history once again, Officer Ryan Koirala was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the CKPD Uniform Patrol Division.*

*Officer Koirala made history previously as the first diverse, foreign born, immigrant officer hired by the Clarkston Police Department in 2017.*

# RECOGNITIONS

## Clarkston Community Health Center Receives Well Deserved Donation

DeKalb County **Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson** has allocated \$250,000 in District 7 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC). The center will use the funding to provide healthcare to individuals and families in DeKalb County who have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



The appropriation will be used to assist CCHC in the purchase of new telemedicine equipment, portable X-ray machines, personal protective equipment and COVID-19 testing kits. The funds will also be used to provide in-person screenings and treatment as well as telemedicine services for remote monitoring and evaluation of COVID-19 patients.

Led by Chief Medical Officer and co-founder **Dr. Gulshan Harjee**, CCHC was founded as a nonprofit 501c(3) clinic and has been providing free medical services for low-income residents in the City of Clarkston, DeKalb County and surrounding communities since 2013.



### A Mission of Compassion:

Emory Alumna Improves Access to Care for Clarkston Community

“We offer a vast array of healthcare services including preventive and primary care, laboratory diagnostic services, and staff that speak a variety of languages,” patient who walks into a private practice care, and these funds will allow us to



is located at 3700 Market Street, Suite E, Clarkston. The center is appointment only and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Clarkston Community Health Center open on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. by 2 p.m. The Women’s Clinic is open on

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCES GUIDE

## Healthcare & Information Sources

ORGANIZATIONS	WEBSITES	TELEPHONES
	<a href="https://www.ethnehealth.org/">https://www.ethnehealth.org/</a>	(470) 799-0044
	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov">https://www.cdc.gov</a>	(800) 232-4636

**DEKALB COUNTY**



**Board of Health**

<https://www.dekalbhealth.net/>

**COVID-19 Call Center:  
404.294.3700**



<https://www.nih.gov>

**(301) 496-4000**



<https://www.who.int>



**202.974.3000**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION


# Healthcare & Information Sources

**CLARKSTON & CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**JOIN**

 **ethnē health** a community clinic &  **CITY OF CLARKSTON** where possibilities grow

**BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE**



**2021 DATES & TIME:**

- Monday, January 11, 2021, 8:30PM
- Monday, January 25, 2021, 8:30PM
- Monday, February 8, 2021, 8:30PM
- Monday, February 22, 2021, 8:30PM
- Monday, March 8, 2021, 8:30PM

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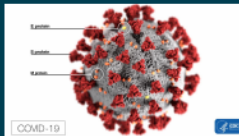
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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Testing Locations



### Ethne Testing



Week of 11/23-28 tests (1 out of 25 positive) - 4.0%  
 Week of 11/16-57 tests (3 positive) - 5.3%  
 Week of 11/9- 41 tests (9 positive) - 22.0%  
 Week of 11/2- 54 tests (9 out of 49 positive) - 18.4%  
 Week of 10/12- 69 tests (27 out of 68 positive) - 39.7%  
 Week of 10/5- 110 tests (16 out of 109 positive) - 14.7%  
 Week of 9/28- 55 tests (8 positive) - 14.5%  
 Week of 9/21- 60 tests (32 positive) - 53.3%  
 Week of 9/7- 59 tests (20 out of 57 positive) 35.1%  
 Week of 8/31- 116 tests (26 out of 113 positive) - 23.0%  
 Week of 8/24- 139 tests (94 out of 138 positive) 68.1%  
 Week of 8/17- 101 tests (26 positive) - 25.7%  
 Week of 8/10- 105 tests (46 positive) - 43.8%  
 Week of 8/3- 69 tests (14 of 60 positive) - 23.3%

Week of 7/27- 54 tests (14 of 52 positive) - 26.9%  
 Week of 7/20- 68 tests (17 positive) - 25.0%  
 Week of 7/13- 129 tests (33 of 128 positive) - 25.8%  
 Week of 7/6- 146 tests (39 positive)- 26.7%  
 Week of 6/29- 152 tests (36 positive)- 23.7%  
 Week of 6/22- 79 tests (19 positive)- 24.1%  
 Week of 6/15- 50 tests (7 positive)- 14%  
 Week of 6/8- 38 tests (7 positive)- 18.4%  
 Week of 6/1- 59 tests (9 positive)- 15.2%  
 Week of 5/25- 59 tests (11 positive)- 18.6%  
 Week of 5/18- 47 tests (3 positive)- 6.4%  
 Week of 5/11- 47 tests (6 positive)- 12.7%  
 Week of 5/4- 23 tests (8 positive)- 34.8%  
 Week of 4/27- 20 tests (3 positive)- 15%  
 Week of 4/20- 29 tests (6 positive)- 20.7%  
 Week of 4/13- 32 tests (8 positive)- 25%  
 Week of 4/6- 17 tests (3 positive)- 17%

To Make an Appointment Call: **470-799-0044**

New Patient? Your first appointment must be scheduled for a time between 9AM-3 PM.

No new patients will be seen after 3 PM.

Fill out patient paperwork before your first appointment [here](#).

Please review our no show policy [here](#).

**Clinic Hours M|T|W|TH 9 AM-5 PM;  
 Friday 9 AM- 12 PM**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Testing Locations

### COVID-19 TESTING SITES IN DEKALB COUNTY

TESTING SITE	LOCATION	HOURS OF OPERATION
BrandsMart USA Parking Lot  <a href="#">Make An Appointment in English</a>  <a href="#">Registro en Español</a>  or  call (404) 294-3700 Option 1 for an appointment	5000 Motors Industrial Way Atlanta, Ga. 30360	Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed



Former Sam's Club Parking Lot

[Make An Appointment in English](#)

[Registro en Español](#)

or

call (404) 294-3700 Option 1 for an appointment

2994 Turner Hill Rd  
Stonecrest, Ga. 30038

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

**\*Special Hours\***  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
from Oct. 13 through Oct. 29  
9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church

[Make An Appointment in English](#)

[Registro en Español](#)

or

call (404) 294-3700 Option 1 for an appointment

1879 Glenwood Ave. SE  
Atlanta, Ga. 30316

Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Healthcare Resources


**DeKalb County GEORGIA** Department of Communications [www.dekalbcountyga.gov](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov)

**MEDIA CONTACTS**  
 Andrew Cauthen, Communications Manager: 404-371-2806 (o), 470-553-4408 (c)  
 Quinn Hudson, Chief Communications Officer: 404-371-2813 (o), 470-522-8923 (c)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
December 22, 2020

**DeKalb Launches Mobile Wellness Units to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic**  
*First two of 10 healthcare vehicles placed into service*

**DECATUR, Ga.** – Today, DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond and Dr. S. Elizabeth Ford, district health director, announced the launch of two step vans funded with federal CARES Act money that will be owned and deployed by the DeKalb County Board of Health (DCBOH). By Dec. 31, 2020, two additional vans and six mobile medical units will be in operation.



The step vans cost \$262,000 each, for a total expenditure of \$1.1 million, the mobile medical units will cost \$262,000, each, for a total expenditure of \$1.7 million.

(more)

DeKalb County Communications Department | Manuel J. Maloof Center | 1300 Commerce Drive, 6th Floor | Decatur, GA 30030

**DeKalb Launches Mobile Wellness Units to Fight, p.2**

"The health, safety and economic well-being of all DeKalb residents are the primary objectives of the county's response to the pandemic," said CEO Thurmond. "We are fortunate to have Dr. Ford and her excellent team as partners."

"These mobile units will be a game-changer for health care delivery in DeKalb County," said Dr. Ford. "With these units, the Board of Health will address the current pandemic, as well as the underlying chronic health issues in the County that led to over-representation of populations of color in COVID-19 cases, such as hypertension, diabetes, and food insecurity."

The step vans will expand the current mobile farmers market program, sponsored by DCBOH and the county Cooperative Extension Service. The vans will provide nutritional and healthcare services, which are essential to mitigate the consequences of COVID-19 and improve the health of the vulnerable populations in DeKalb County.

Equipped with medical equipment and in-take and examination rooms, the six mobile medical units will allow the DCBOH to expand to provide telehealth services, immunization and community outreach to vulnerable populations in DeKalb County.

The DeKalb County Government has allocated to the DCBOH a total of \$16 million of CARES Act grant funding.

A total of more than \$19 million has been budgeted from the CARES Act funds for health & wellness, mental health and prevention and education.

In addition, \$1.8 million has been allocated for initiatives that address food insecurity including monthly food distribution events in communities experiencing high rates of COVID infections and food insecurity.

To date, more than 25,000 families have received food assistance.

More than \$5 million has been spent for housing assistance and homelessness programs.

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## DeKalb County Board of Health Flu Shots

**MASK UP. LATHER UP. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE.**

Getting a flu shot is more important than ever this flu season because of COVID-19.

### DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**East DeKalb Health Center  
2277 S. Stone Mountain-Lithonia Rd  
Lithonia, GA 30058**

Schedule your appointment online to reduce contact and promote physical distancing.

Open to the public.  
Flu vaccine is free or low cost\*

To register, go to:  
[www.dekalbhealth.net/eastdrivethruflu](http://www.dekalbhealth.net/eastdrivethruflu)

For more information, call (404) 294-3700 or go to [www.dekalbhealth.net/flu](http://www.dekalbhealth.net/flu)

\*Flu shots are FREE for Medicare recipients, children enrolled in Medicaid, and with most private insurance. A fee is applied for persons whose insurance plan does not cover flu vaccination or for those who are paying out of pocket. Must bring insurance information and photo ID, if applicable. Only Debit/ Credit Cards Accepted.

**MASK UP. LATHER UP. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE.**

Getting a flu shot is more important than ever this flu season because of COVID-19.

### DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC

**Weekdays  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**North DeKalb Health Center  
3807 Clairmont Rd. NE  
Chamblee, Ga 30341**

Schedule your appointment online to reduce contact and promote physical distancing.

Open to the public.  
Flu vaccine is free or low cost\*

To register, go to:  
[www.dekalbhealth.net/drivethruflu](http://www.dekalbhealth.net/drivethruflu)

For more information, call (404) 294-3700 or go to [www.dekalbhealth.net/flu](http://www.dekalbhealth.net/flu)

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### the benefits of flu vaccination 2018-2019

Approximately 49% of the U.S. population chose to get a flu vaccine during the 2018-2019 flu season, and this prevented an estimated:

**4.4**  
million  
flu illnesses

More than the  
population of Los  
Angeles



**58,000**  
flu hospitalizations

About the number of  
students at  
The Ohio State University



**3,500**  
flu deaths

Equivalent to saving  
about 10 lives per day  
over the course of a year



get vaccinated  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

### the benefits of flu vaccination 2019-2020

Nearly 52% of the U.S. population aged 6 months and older got a flu vaccine during the 2019-2020 flu season, and this prevented an estimated:

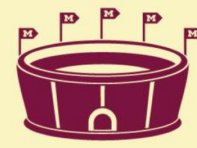
**7.5**  
million  
flu illnesses

More than the  
combined population of  
Kentucky and Kansas



**105,000**  
flu hospitalizations

Enough people to fill  
Michigan Stadium at the  
University of Michigan



**6,300**  
flu deaths

Equivalent to saving  
about 17 lives per day  
over the course of a year



get vaccinated  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)


# Healthcare Reminders

**STAY HOME,  
IF YOU CAN.**

**MASK UP, IF  
YOU CAN'T!**



**FOR  
YOUR SAFETY  
AND OURS**



**Wear a mask**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Avoid close contact, allow a 6 foot distance between yourself and other people.



**AVOID**  
Handshakes, Hugs, and Large Crowds!




**Reduce the spread of the Coronavirus!**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:**  
What does it mean?

Social distancing means reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infectious diseases.

Slowing the spread of the virus will help our hospitals be able to care for patients. If too many people get sick at once they might not be able to care for everyone who needs help.



AVOID	USE CAUTION / LIMIT <small>wash hands or use hand sanitizer after, keep space from others</small>	SAFE TO DO <small>keep space from others, wipe down plastics and wash hands after touching packaging</small>
Playdates	Grocery Stores	Watch TV or Movie (at home)
Playgrounds	Take Out Food	Video Chat
House Parties	Pick Up Medications	Take a Class Online
Bars	Contact a Neighbor, Friend or Relative to ask if you can drop off groceries/medication at door	Read a Book
Non-essential travel		Play Video Games
Museums, Arcades, Malls		Virtual Tour a Museum
Church Services		Paint
Sleep Overs		Listen to Music
Concerts, Sporting Events, Theater		Cook
Gyms		Game Night
Group Hangouts		Yard Work
Weddings		Take a Walk*
		Offer Your Skills to Others Electronically
		Be Creative
		Go for a Hike*
		Play in your yard*
		* Do these things alone or with members of your household

# Healthcare Reminders

## PREVENT THE SPREAD



STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK



WASH HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS



WEAR A FACE COVERING OR MASK



STAY AT LEAST 6 FT APART

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

**Thank you.**



# Food Resources

Local food pantries and churches are one of the leading places to turn to when you need help. Whether it is free groceries, meals, holiday items, advice, or other support, these organizations can oftentimes help.



**Briarcliff Baptist Church**  
Address: 3039 Briarcliff Rd., NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329  
Telephone: (404) 633-6103

**Salvation Army - North Druid Hills Unit/ Atlanta Temple Corps**  
Branch office - 2090 N. Druid Hills Rd., Atlanta, Georgia 30329  
Phone number - (404) 486-2800



They have a pantry on site and can usually help with other basic needs as well. For example, inquire into financial aid, clothing, gifts or meals for Christmas, and other social services. The location can usually advise on SNAP food stamps too.



**Haitian Ministry Theophile Church In Christ, Inc.**  
930 Custer Ave.  
Atlanta - DeKalb, GA 30316  
Dial - (404) 624-9432

# Food Resources



Monday through Friday  
from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

### DCSD Schools

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Region I</b><br>• Cross Keys HS<br>• Sequoyah MS<br>• John R. Lewis ES | <b>Region V</b><br>• Chapel Hill MS<br>• Narvie J. Harris ES<br>• Miller Grove MS |
| <b>Region II</b><br>• Idlewood ES<br>• Tucker MS<br>• Avondale ES         | <b>Region VI</b><br>• Bethune MS<br>• Canby Lane ES<br>• Peachcrest ES            |
| <b>Region III</b><br>• Lithonia HS<br>• Marbut ES<br>• Stephenson MS      | <b>Region VII</b><br>• McNair MS<br>• Cedar Grove ES<br>• Early Learning Center   |
| <b>Region IV</b><br>• Clarkston HS<br>• Jolly ES<br>• Freedom MS          |   |

### Recreation Centers (Monday-Friday) Snacks will be available between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Gresham Recreation</b><br>3113 Gresham Road<br>Atlanta, GA 30316           | <b>Lucious Sanders</b><br>2484 Bruce Street<br>Lithonia, GA 30058 |
| <b>Exchange Intergenerational</b><br>2771 Columbia Drive<br>Decatur, GA 30034 | <b>Mason Mill</b><br>1340- B McConnell Drive<br>Decatur, GA 30033 |
| <b>Redan Recreation</b><br>1839 Phillips Rd.<br>Lithonia, GA 30058            | <b>Hamilton</b><br>3263 Chapel Street<br>Scottsdale, GA 30079     |
| <b>Tobie Grant</b><br>644 Parkdale Drive<br>Scottsdale, GA 30079              | <b>N.H. Scott</b><br>2230 Tilton Road<br>Decatur, GA 30032        |
| <b>Midway Recreation Center</b><br>3181 Midway Rd<br>Decatur, GA 30032        |   |

# Other COVID-19 Resources

"Stitching Lives Together"

www.amaniwomencenter.org

**WHAT ROLE AMANI SEWING ACADEMY IS PLAYING TO ADDRESS COVID -19**

• Producing masks that can be supplied to hospitals, nursing homes and the community at large.

In these uncertain times, please donate whatever you feel comfortable with. We have an emergency fund to support the basic needs of refugee women and their families. They are able to sew medical masks from their homes to help support frontline medical providers.

DONATE

**XFINITY WIFI IS FREE FOR EVERYONE**

Xfinity WiFi hotspots will be available to anyone who needs them for free, including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers.

For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit [www.xfinity.com/wifi](http://www.xfinity.com/wifi)  
Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the "xfinitywifi" network name and launch a browser.

## Other COVID-19 Resources

### Now Available, COVID-19 Booklets for Children Ages Birth to Five Years

*This COVID-19 and young children booklet, in English and Spanish, was especially created and designed for families with young children who need information and have questions about COVID-19.*



Adult Literacy  
Research Center



**For more information, please contact: [info@cdfaction.org](mailto:info@cdfaction.org) or [prc@gsu.edu](mailto:prc@gsu.edu)**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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Aiwet Eyasu, Vice Mayor  
Jamie Carroll      Ahmed Hassan  
Laura Hopkins      Debra Johnson

Robin I. Gomez, City Manager, City of Clarkston  
678.409.9683, [rgomez@cityofclarkston.com](mailto:rgomez@cityofclarkston.com)

DEC 30, 2020

### \* HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR !! \*

(Clarkston, GA)— The City of Clarkston wishes all Clarkston residents, businesses, and visitors a wonderful and safe Happy New Year. Please help ensure a safe celebration and environment for you and your family by complying with the following guidelines and City ordinances:

1. Continue to Safe/Social distance
2. Wear a Mask/Face Covering
3. Wash Hands with Soap & Water for at least 20 seconds
4. Clean & Disinfect Frequently touched Objects & Surfaces
5. Avoid Close Contact and Large/Mass Gatherings
6. Fireworks are Permitted only until 1 am (on Jan 1)
7. Avoid celebratory discharging of weapons (guns, air rifles, pistols)

*Help us Ring in the New Year Safely!*

# Happy New Year 2021

Questions, please call/email: 678.409.9683, [rgomez@cityofclarkston.com](mailto:rgomez@cityofclarkston.com)

## FREE Christmas Trees Recycling!



When: December 26, 2020 - January 10, 2021

Where: Milam Park, 3867 Norman Rd, Clarkston 30021



Recycling your Christmas tree keeps trees out of landfills by recycling them into mulch. This saves precious landfill space and provides an easy and environmentally conscious solution for residents.



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December 9, 2020 17:00

## **CURBSIDE RECYCLING RESTARTS ON JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The City of Clarkston is very excited to announce the restart of residential and small commercial **WEEKLY CURBSIDE RECYCLING** beginning Monday, January 4, 2021.

On Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 the Clarkston City Council approved a three year agreement with **Latham Home Sanitation Company, LLC**, to serve as its weekly curbside service vendor. With this selection, Clarkston residents and applicable businesses can place recycling items, specifically paper, plastic, aluminum/steel cans, and flattened cardboard, curbside for pickup by **Latham Home Sanitation Company, LLC**.

Over the next few weeks Latham Home Sanitation representatives will be delivering 18-gallon recycling containers to each residential and small commercial structure in the city of Clarkston. Customers will not see any increase/additional billing for the service as the fee is billed annually on property tax bills.

*Items that are to be placed inside of the 18-gallon container includes:*

**PAPER** – newspaper, junk mail, envelopes, magazines, catalogs, school paper, phone/paperback books



**PLASTICS** – soda & water bottles, milk jugs (rinsed out), detergent bottles (rinsed out)

**ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS** – steel food containers, empty aerosol cans, aluminum beverage cans, clean food containers



**CARDBOARD** – must be broken down and flattened


*Together we will make our Clarkston Weekly Curbside Recycling Program a Success! Please stay tuned for more information over the next few weeks. Questions, please call/email: 678.409.9683, [rgomez@cityofclarkston.com](mailto:rgomez@cityofclarkston.com)*

**Thank You!**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## City of Clarkston City Council 2021 Work Sessions & Meetings Schedule


*(In adherence to social distancing requirements, all meetings until further notice, will be held virtually via Zoom.)*



### 2021 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted all Worksessions & Meetings are on **TUESDAY** & begin at **7 pm**

DATE	MEETING TYPE & NOTES
JAN 7	WORKSESSION- THURSDAY, due to the Jan 5 Election
JAN 12	MEETING
JAN 26	WORKSESSION
FEB 2	MEETING
FEB 23	WORKSESSION
MAR 2	MEETING
MAR 30	WORKSESSION
APR 6	MEETING
APR 27	WORKSESSION
MAY 4	MEETING
MAY 25	WORKSESSION
JUNE 1	MEETING
JUNE 22	SPECIAL CALL 10 AM & 6:30 PM – MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING; WORKSESSION AT 7
JUNE 29	MEETING – MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT MILLAGE RATE
JULY 27	WORKSESSION
AUG 5	MEETING – THURSDAY, Due to National Night Out on Tue, Aug 3



### 2021 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted all Meetings are on **TUESDAY** & begin at **7 pm**

DATE	MEETING TYPE & NOTES
AUG 31	WORKSESSION
SEP 7	MEETING
SEP 28	WORKSESSION
OCT 5	MEETING
OCT 26	WORKSESSION
NOV 4	MEETING – THURSDAY, due to the Nov 2 Election
NOV 30	SPECIAL CALL – FY 2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & WORKSESSION
DEC 7	MEETING – FY 2022 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a **Special Election** will be held in Clarkston on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, to fill an unexpired term on the City of Clarkston's City Council; said term will expire on December 31, 2021.



**Special Election: March 16, 2021**

Persons wishing to qualify for this election may file a Notice of Candidacy with the Municipal Election Superintendent at Clarkston City Hall Annex, 1055 Rowland Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, beginning on Monday, January 18, 2021 to Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The qualifying fee for this election is \$360.

For more information, contact Tracy Ashby, City Clerk, City of Clarkston: [tashby@cityofclarkston.com](mailto:tashby@cityofclarkston.com)



## City of Clarkston 2021 Holidays With Office Closures



### 2021 CITY HOLIDAYS

Unless otherwise noted City Offices are closed on the following 13 days

	<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
1.	FRI, JAN 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
2.	MON, JAN 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
3.	MON, FEB 15	PRESIDENT'S DAY
4.	FRI, APRIL 2	SPRING DAY
5.	MON, MAY 31	MEMORIAL DAY
6.	FRI, JUN 18	JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
7.	MON, JULY 5	INDEPENDENCE DAY
8.	MON, SEP 6	LABOR DAY
9.	THU, NOV 11	VETERAN'S DAY
10.	THU, NOV 25	THANKSGIVING DAY
11.	FRI, NOV 26	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
12.	FRI, DEC 24	CHRISTMAS DAY
13.	FRI, DEC 31	NEW YEAR'S DAY 2022

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Healthy for Life Series "REWIND"

Listen, Learn and Earn (\$25)! Fathers Incorporated and the American Heart Association present the Healthy for Life, previously broadcasted, classes to promote healthier eating.

For More Information Contact: Lawrence Wilbon, 770-804-9800, [lwilbon@fathersincorporated.com](mailto:lwilbon@fathersincorporated.com)



## Georgia State University Recruits Participants for Virtual Parenting Interview



Georgia State University is recruiting parents of children 0-8 years of age, who may be interested in participating in a virtual interview on parenting.

### What will be discussed during the interview?

The interview questions ask about caregiving responsibilities among family members, rules and discipline strategies, and cultural differences in parenting after moving to the U.S. The feedback from participants will be used in adapting the SafeCare program to better support Clarkston's parents and their families.

### How long is the interview?

1 hour

### Where?

Due to current social distancing requirements, all interviews will be held virtually via Zoom.

### Will I be paid to participate?

If you are selected, and complete the interview, you will be sent \$25 for participating.

### Interested in participating?

1. **To Apply, Visit:** [https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a30YcCBTHnd7TL](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a30YcCBTHnd7TL)
2. **Email Erin Weeks at:** [eweeks@gsu.edu](mailto:eweeks@gsu.edu)

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

When the school day ends, let the fun begin!

DeKalb County Human Services Department's Office of Youth Services presents the Virtual Village, "Kids Just Wanna Have Fun" online series of Free, Fun-Filled classes.



**School is out, fun is in!**

After the bell rings, log into these FREE classes happening today.

**FriYAYs are for dancing, skating, and designing!**

After the bell rings, log into these FREE weekend classes.

**Let's share, explore, & learn together**

After the bell rings, log into these FREE classes happening today.

For more information, visit: <https://dekalboys.org/>

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## DeKalb Tax Commissioner Launches "Click2Skip" Appointment System

To help customers avoid excessive wait times, DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, Irvin Johnson, is offering the Click2Skip reservation system. In just two easy steps, customers can now set, appointments for Motor Vehicle services at the Memorial Drive location.



DeKalb County Tax Commissioner Irvin Johnson is launching a new pilot program to help customers avoid extended wait times by scheduling appointments online. The Click2Skip reservation system is initially starting at the Motor Vehicle section of the Memorial Drive office. Eventually, we will expand to our Commercial and Property Tax areas as well as the two satellite tax offices.



**2 SIMPLE STEPS**  
In just 2 easy steps, customers can avoid extended wait times during their next visit.

1. Visit [DeKalbTax.org](http://DeKalbTax.org) and click the "APPOINTMENTS" button on the homepage. Complete the quick online application and receive an appointment confirmation via email.
2. Come to the Tax Commissioner's Office on Memorial Drive at your designated appointment time. Look for the  entrance.



**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:**

- A valid Georgia driver's license or ID is required for all transactions.
- Forms of payment accepted: cash, personal check, money orders, credit/debit card \*
- When you arrive, follow signs for "Click2Skip" lines at your




Visit: [DeKalb Tax.org](http://DeKalb Tax.org)

## Protecting Water Quality From Urban Runoff

This Stormwater Management Newsletter edition focuses on protecting water quality from urban runoff. Read all about stormwater and the effects of urban runoff in the City of Clarkston's latest Stormwater Management Newsletter.

The Stormwater Management Newsletter is produced in collaboration with the City of Clarkston's infrastructure contractor, Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc.



### Stormwater Management Newsletter

## PROTECTING WATER QUALITY from URBAN RUNOFF

**I**n urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.


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### How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality

**-Increased Runoff-**

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops prevent rain from infiltrating, and therefore most of the runoff remains above the surface.

Stormwater Management systems retain and disperse this runoff in a manageable way as to not disturb the natural land and waterways downstream.



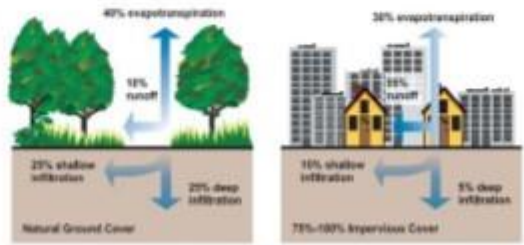
*Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size?*

**-Increased Pollutant Loads-**


Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Trash & Debris
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant. Development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff, and citizens should be vigilant about using Best Management Practices to reduce storm water pollution.



*Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. At 10% of 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed an 10% result in stream degradation.*



If you see suspicious discharges or violations, please report them to Public Works Department at 404-296-6489

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## PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS DISPOSAL

### Dispose of unused, expired and unwanted prescription drugs in Rx drop boxes in Clarkston!



#### HOW to DISPOSE of Your MEDICATIONS

##### EVERY SINGLE DAY:

- Over 1,000 people are treated in emergency rooms for misusing prescription opioids. (CDC)
- More than 46 people die from overdoses involving opioids. (CDC)

**2/3** of teens who misused prescription pain relievers report they got them from family and friends, including their home's medicine cabinets. (SAMHSA, 2014)

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**MISUSE**  
of a prescription drug means to use it in a way other than how it was prescribed.

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includes chronic or repeated misuse and/or taking the medication to experience a high.

**ABUSE**

##### CAN'T GET TO A DROP BOX? FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- Mix** drugs with a substance such as dirt, cat litter or coffee grounds.
- Place** the mixture into a disposal container with a lid or a sealable plastic bag.
- Throw** away the sealed mixture in your household trash.
- Scratch out** all personal information from the prescription container's label before recycling or disposing of it.



Many locations have drop boxes where unused & unwanted prescriptions can be disposed (excluding liquids, inhalants and needles).

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#### Prescription Drug Disposal Drop Box Locations in DeKalb County (By City)

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| <p><b>Atlanta</b><br/> <b>Brookhaven Police Department</b><br/>                 2665 Buford Highway NE<br/>                 Atlanta, GA 30324<br/>                 Phone: 404-637-0600</p>                                      | <p><b>Dunwoody</b><br/> <b>Dunwoody Police Department</b><br/>                 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road<br/>                 Dunwoody, GA 30338<br/>                 Phone: 678-382-6900</p>                                   |
| <p><b>Chamblee</b><br/> <b>Chamblee Police Department</b><br/>                 3518 Broad Street<br/>                 Chamblee, GA 30341<br/>                 Phone: 770-986-5005</p>   | <p><b>Georgia State University, Perimeter College</b><br/> <b>Student Center, Main Entrance Lobby</b><br/>                 2101 Womack Road<br/>                 Dunwoody, GA 30338<br/>                 Phone: 770-274-5318</p> |
| <p><b>Clarkston</b><br/> <b>Clarkston Police Department</b><br/>                 3921 Church Street<br/>                 Clarkston, GA 30021<br/>                 Phone: 404-292-9465</p>                                       | <p><b>Lithonia</b><br/> <b>Kaiser Permanente Stonecrest Medical Center Pharmacy</b><br/>                 8011 Mall Parkway<br/>                 Lithonia, GA 30038<br/>                 Phone: 678-323-7585</p>                  |
| <p><b>Georgia State University, Perimeter College</b><br/> <b>G Building, Room 1180</b><br/>                 555 North Indian Creek Drive<br/>                 Clarkston, GA 30021<br/>                 Phone: 678-891-3944</p> | <p><b>Lithonia Police Department</b><br/>                 6920 Main Street<br/>                 Lithonia, GA 30058<br/>                 Phone: 770-482-8947</p>  |
| <p><b>Decatur</b><br/> <b>Decatur Police Department</b><br/>                 420 West Trinity Place<br/>                 Decatur, GA 30030<br/>                 Phone: 404-373-6551</p>   | <p><b>Stone Mountain</b><br/> <b>Walgreens</b><br/>                 5320 Memorial Drive<br/>                 Stone Mountain, GA 30083<br/>                 Phone: 404-508-7166</p>   |
| <p><b>Georgia State University, Decatur Campus</b><br/> <b>SA Building, 1st Floor</b><br/>                 3251 Panthersville Road<br/>                 Decatur, GA 30034<br/>                 Phone: 678-891-2678</p>          | <p><b>Tucker</b><br/> <b>Kaiser Permanente Crescent Medical Center Pharmacy</b><br/>                 200 Crescent Centre Parkway<br/>                 Tucker, GA 30084<br/>                 Phone: 770-496-3523</p>              |
| <p><b>Doraville</b><br/> <b>Doraville Police Department</b><br/>                 3750 Park Avenue<br/>                 Doraville, GA 30340<br/>                 Phone: 770-455-1000</p>   | <p><b>For more information go to</b><br/> <a href="http://www.guideinc.org/takeback">www.guideinc.org/takeback</a></p>   |

