

CLARKSTON MAYORAL CANDIDATES

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



All qualifying candidates seeking to fill the position of Mayor on the Clarkston City Council, were invited to submit completed questionnaires and to provide an image. The following requested information was submitted by the qualifying candidates and are presented in the order received, by newsletter publishing deadline.



Name: Beverly H. Burks

Date of Birth: November 30, 1967

Profession: Director of Community Engagement

Highest Educational Level: Bachelors

How long have you lived in the city of Clarkston? 21 Years

Briefly describe why you have chosen to run for public office:

As a former Vice Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, a former City Council Member and a Community Advocate, I am running for Mayor of Clarkston so we can plan our City's future, lead with excellence, embrace our diversity, build a sense of community and be the voice for the voiceless.

If elected, please, describe your policy agenda including ways you want to improve the economic, civic and social conditions of citizens living, working and playing in the city of Clarkston:

As Mayor of Clarkston, we will work together to develop an affordable housing solution, support our businesses that are financially impacted by COVID-19, create transformational policing, protect our environment, leverage partnerships and grants to increase services for residents, reduce health disparities and promote activities that build and strengthen our community.

If you could only use one word to describe how others have defined your leadership style and practice, what would that word be? Collaborative



Name: Yterenickia "YT" Bell

Date of Birth: September 2, 1988

Profession: Social Worker and Director, Progressive Governance Academy

Highest Educational Level: Masters: Social Work and Public Administration & Planning and Economic Development

How long have you lived in the city of Clarkston? 6 Years

Briefly describe why you have chosen to run for public office:

As a previous Councilmember and a current Social Worker – I love to serve others and want to prioritize the needs of residents to move the city forward with new, fresh ideas.

If elected, please, describe your policy agenda including ways you want to improve the economic, civic and social conditions of citizens living, working and playing in the city of Clarkston:

As the first Black woman, millennial Mayor, I will continue to move the city forward while working relentlessly on progressive, innovative legislation that focuses on the areas of community development, health care, and economic development. I will work to increase and diversify housing options; establish a non-police responder unit with social workers; support a plan for a more walkable and vibrant downtown center; and proactively respond to the multi-faceted healthcare crisis we are currently facing.

If you could only use one word to describe how others have defined your leadership style and practice, what would that word be? Compassionate

2020 Mayoral Election and Governing Statues

Contributor: Robin Gomez, City Manager, City of Clarkston



In addition to the presidential, federal, state, and various county elections, being held in 2020, Clarkston registered voters are going to the polls to choose a new Mayor who will take office at the December 1, 2020, City Council Work Session.

The City held a qualifying period for the special election to fill the Mayor's position on the City of Clarkston's City Council on three (3) consecutive days, Monday, September 14, 2020 to Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Clarkston City Hall Annex, 1055 Rowland Avenue. During that qualifying period two individuals qualified to run for the vacant Mayor seat: Beverly Burks and Yterenickia Bell (**See Front Page For Candidates Information**).

- [Georgia Constitution Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph V](#), provides that the office of an elected municipal official immediately becomes vacant upon the official qualifying for another elected office, which occurred on March 4, 2020, when the previous Clarkston Mayor (Ted Terry) qualified as a candidate for DeKalb County Commission.
- [Clarkston City Charter, Section 2.05 \(a\)](#) provides that a vacancy in the office of Mayor shall be declared by the Vice Mayor (**Awet Eyasu**) at a regular meeting of the City Council and shall be affirmed by a majority vote of the City Council (**Jamie Carroll, Laura Hopkins, Debra Johnson, Ahmed Hassan**), which occurred on May 5, 2020.
- [Clarkston City Charter, Section 2.05 \(c\)](#) provides that such a vacancy is to be filled by a special election if the term of the vacant seat will not expire in the next twelve (12) months (term to conclude December 31, 2021). Furthermore, Clarkston City Charter, Section 2.05 (c) provides that such a special election shall be held on a date provided by GA code, Section 21-2-450(c), which is the date of the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.



Where to Vote in Clarkston on Election Day, November 3, 2020

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!

Clarkston's registered voters can cast their in-person ballots at two locations on November 3rd, 2020:

CLARKSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



3999 Church Street, Clarkston, GA 30021

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CENTER



3701 College Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021

2020 Census Ends Early Via Supreme Court Ruling

Although the 2020 Census completion deadline date was set and reaffirmed judicially to end on October 31, 2020 the Trump Administration via a Supreme Court ruling officially ended 2020 Census data collection on October 15th. As a recourse, prior to the Supreme Court ruling, local, including the City of Clarkston, and state governments and advocacy groups throughout the country filed a lawsuit that charged the Administration with violating the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment, Article I, Section 2 and related statutes that requires every resident in the United States, be counted in the census.



While a lower court upheld the 2020 Census deadline date of October 31, 2020, the Supreme Court's ruling dealt a bitter defeat to local, state governments and advocacy groups who brought the lawsuit to keep the population count going to prevent White House officials, instead of the Census Bureau experts, determining representation in the House of Representatives and in state and local governments---commonly known as redistricting.

Another reason that the City of Clarkston joined the lawsuit along with the other U.S. local and state governments was learning that the Trump Administration had plans to exclude undocumented immigrants from the count. Excluding undocumented immigrants could have potentially seismic political ramifications. Time will tell if the Supreme Court's ruling will allow the Administration to execute its---redistricting and immigrants exclusion---plans.

City Conducting Remote Virtual Inspections

Contributor: Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Economic Development Director, City of Clarkston



Even with the COVID-19 crisis, the City's Code Compliance staff continues to perform inspections while observing social distancing guidelines. With these precautionary measures in place, staff wants to reassure residents and business owners that code compliance staff will continue to perform inspections for the duration of the current crisis. In lieu of conducting physical inspections of occupied dwellings and businesses, the City is offering a new service to accomplish these types of inspections are known as, "Remote Virtual

Inspections", or RVIs.

RVIs are inspections performed remotely using devices---e.g., cellphones, computers, etc.---with the capabilities to video conference. The City is using tech driven RVIs to continue to provide high-quality customer service to residents and business owners (current and proposed) during critical times. RVIs are available for code compliance residential complaints and inquiries, quality of life inspections, and business license, health and safety inspections. The RVI method of inspection allows the code compliance officer to safely inspect occupied dwellings while continuing to perform required inspections in a timely manner.

"A RVI is an efficient and effective service provided to the residents and business owners in Clarkston with public safety top of mind and practice", said Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Economic Development Director, City of Clarkston.

Although RVIs will not surpass the customary in-person inspections, they do address how to prepare for, conduct and participate in remote virtual types of interactions which are the norm during challenging times.



City Conducting Remote Virtual Inspections *(Continued)*

How to Schedule a RVI:

1. Contact the Code Compliance officer at ssmith@cityofclarkston.com or 678 939 7916 to request an inspection.
2. Schedule an appointment Monday through Friday during the business hours of 8:30am -4:30pm.
3. The requester shall send an email or call the code compliance officer with the following information:
 - a. Time
 - b. Date
 - c. Location Address
 - d. Type of Inspection
 - e. Consent to conduct a RVI
4. A confirmation email will be sent to the requester acknowledging the inspection and to conduct a RVI.

How to Prepare for a RVI:

1. Have a legal adult be in attendance during the RVI.
2. Make sure proper lighting is available to view the space to be inspected.
3. Follow all instructions given by the compliance officer.
4. Be prepared to answer any questions from the compliance officer during the inspection.

What to Expect During a RVI:

1. The code officer will confirm a legal adult is in attendance during the inspection.
2. A remote walk through with the requester and the code officer.
3. The code officer will ask questions, write down notes or comments during the inspection.

What to Expect After a RVI:

Inspection results will be entered into the City's code compliance database within a timely manner of the completed RVI. The code compliance officer will email the customer within 24 hours of the RVI with all comments and if needed, requests for additional information.

The City will continue to document and research ways to improve and promote the RVIs services and processes, while taking advantage of the opportunity to achieve another level of service, reduce cost, increase efficiency and to save time.



New 4-Way Traffic STOP

As part of the City of Clarkston's continued Streetscape Construction, the intersection of Market Street and Vaughan Street is NOW a 4-WAY (all way) STOP.

Drivers are to adhere to the posted signs by coming to a complete STOP at this intersection. Please continue to observe all posted speed limits, obey all posted signs, and most importantly, to wear your seat belt. Drive carefully and attentively!



New STOP Sign: Southbound, Market Street at Vaughan Street, toward East Ponce de Leon



New STOP Sign – Northbound, Market Street at Vaughan Street, toward North Indian Creek

Five Things To Do When Stopped By Police

Contributor: City of Clarkston Police Department



Carefully Choose Where You Stop: When pulled over, do not get off the road if it has a narrow shoulder or little room for your vehicle and for the officer to safely stand between a vehicle and the road. Instead, use turn signal or hazards to let the officer know that you intend to stop when a wider, safer and well-lit area is located. Don't keep driving indefinitely — pulling off the road quickly is advised — but choose a safe location for you and the officer, as many officers die every year as a result of roadside accidents.



Make Yourself Visible: After stopping, day or night, shut off the vehicle and any music; sit still with both hands on the steering wheel. After the officer approaches your vehicle, especially at night, ask the officer for consent to make yourself more visible, ideally by turning on the light inside the car to make the officer and you more comfortable. Do not scramble at any time during the stop; as scrambling could lead the officer to believe that you are scrambling to hide contraband or getting a weapon.



Roll Down Window After Officer Arrives At Vehicle: With the officer's consent to do so, roll down your window to easily communicate with the officer. If for some reason you are not able to roll down the window — a broken automatic window system, for example — make sure that you communicate this clearly to the officer when they arrive at the vehicle. Do not make a move to open the door or do anything else unless you're told to by the officer.

Five Things To Do When Stopped By Police *(Continued)*



Do Not Reach For Anything: With your hands placed on the steering wheel wait until the officer asks you to provide your license and proof of insurance. After the officer asks for these items, you should inform the officer where they are kept and then tell the officer that you intend to reach for them. Once the officer has verbally confirmed that he or she knows what you are doing, then you can proceed with getting those items. Upon the officer has these items in hand, place your hands back on the steering wheel and sit still while the officer verifies your provided information in his/her vehicle. Calmly await the officer's return to your vehicle to issue further or concluding instructions.



Be Polite, Be Respectful: Everyone involved in any encounter with the police should be polite and respectful. Being polite and respectful, oftentimes, leads to better interactions and outcomes for everybody. Drivers should always follow officers' instructions, and avoid the urge to ramble when responding to any officer. Being polite and respectful and responding with yes or no answers, will go a long way to improve and facilitate safer, more productive and favorable results.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Starnes Senior Living is Accepting Reservations



Starnes Senior Living, a Class A 128 unit property, is taking reservations from prospective residents to be a part of their Clarkston family in 2021. Starnes Senior Living located at 3543 Clarkston Industrial Boulevard, 30021, offers exciting resident activities and amenities, ranging from 24-hour emergency maintenance service and a state-of-the-art fitness center, to laundry facilities, community areas, and a resident business center with free Internet access.

Clarkston's Starnes property is designed around a central courtyard with amenities that include a business center, exercise facility and recreation areas. Offerings include 11 Efficiency and 117 One Bedroom units that are sure to satisfy every desire and need. At Starnes Senior Living, every apartment home comes equipped with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, and a spacious walk-in closet. Think modern comfort and convenience, paired with urban flair and neighborhood charm. The Starnes Senior Living team can be contacted at (678) 510-2160, starnes@thehdc.org or cynthia.nelson@thehdc.org

Clarkston's First Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil



To commemorate the courage, strength and perseverance of victims and survivors of domestic abuse, Clarkston residents, advocates and supporters, most befittingly wearing purple, gathered in October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to heighten awareness and prevention.



Event organizer and Clarkston Councilwoman Debra Johnson knows the pain of losing a sister to domestic violence first hand; therefore she is a proponent of year-round focus and actions to combat domestic violence and its repercussions on every level, at every opportunity and everywhere that it occurs. To that end, she will make this vigil an annual occurrence in Clarkston. **National domestic violence statistics confirm the need for such awareness: nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the US, one in four women and one in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical and sexual violence, 1 in 10 women have been raped by an intimate partner, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence---beating, burning, strangling---by an intimate partner in their lifetime.**

goPuff Makes Clarkston Launch and Deliveries

goPuff, the go-to consumer tech platform for immediate, everyday needs, launched its services in Clarkston in September. With the launch of its fifth facility in Atlanta, goPuff now delivers everything from cleaning supplies, home needs and OTC (over the counter) medications to food and drinks to customers in the Clarkston area.

With its own centrally located facilities in every local market served, goPuff delivers thousands of products in just minutes for a flat \$1.95 delivery charge.

Hours of operations for goPuff in Clarkston are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., to bring what you need, when you need it most. So, whether you need diapers and ice cream at midnight on Monday, notebooks, pens and calculators on Tuesday morning or butter and flour on Wednesday afternoon, goPuff has you covered with its Non-Contact Delivery option.



To learn more, visit: www.gopuff.com



The Beautification of Clarkston Continues

Contributors: Larry Kaiser, President and Kash Hatami, Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc.



The City was presented with opportunities to replace typical landscape plantings during three (3) of its active city infrastructure projects. These plantings allow the City to utilize alternative landscaping designs that incorporates urban agriculture plants and land usage.

Known in the industry as “Urban Productive Landscaping”, this new approach to landscaping weaves edible and non-edible native plants at “high pedestrian” locations whereby the public can visualize and be educated on non-traditional landscape plantings. This non-traditional approach can also result in less maintenance and as important, increase the cohesiveness of a community through social interaction.

“Urban Productive Landscaping” planting locations in Clarkston include Refuge Coffee, E. Ponce and Market Street, Friendship Forest Wild Life Sanctuary and Brockett Triangle.



District 4 Community and Senior Center Enters Final Pre-Construction Phase



The final pre-construction phase of what will be the newest Community and Senior Center near Clarkston is underway and has moved into the planning of the center's design, engineering, and programming specifics.

This District 4 center will be located on County owned land at 4875 Elam Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Construction site for the center was determined by a 2016 Comprehensive Feasibility Study that identified the area as a high priority for senior services and community activities. The 24,000 square foot center will include a state-of-the-art functional facility with a multi-purpose dining room, classrooms, fitness room, a therapeutic pool with lap lanes, and many other exciting amenities.

Questions about the center should be directed to DeKalb County's Community Development Department: 404-969-9921 and/or Commissioner Steve Bradshaw: (404) 371-4749.

Voting, Voting, Voting, VOTED!



DeKalb County residents are not letting long lines deter them from casting their ballots during in-person Early Voting. More than 253,760 DeKalb voters have already exercised their right to vote. **Deadline to vote early is Friday, October 30, 2020, before Election Day, November 3, 2020.** Drop Boxes and in-person drop off at DeKalb's Voter Registration and Elections office (4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, 30032) remain voting options until 7:00PM on Election Day.



To date, October 30th, Georgia has a 71% increase in Total Turnout, according to the Secretary of State reporting data. And a 27% increase in Total Early, In-Person Turnout (to date as of October 30th).

Of the more than 7.6 million registered Georgia voters, according to state reported early voting data, in Georgia as of October 29th, the total number of in-person ballots casted is 3,619,278.



ELECTION UPDATE

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL-SPECIAL ELECTION

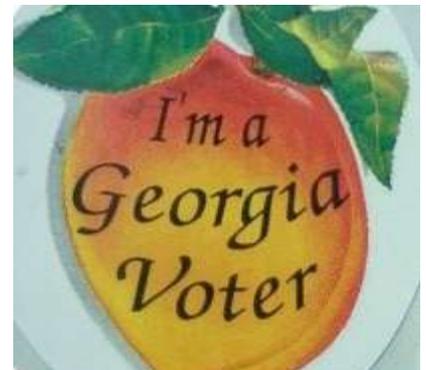
November 06, 2016

The following is a cumulative summary of statewide advance in-person voting and vote-by-mail turnout as of today:

NOVEMBER 06, 2016 GENERAL STATEWIDE TURNOUT

> Number of ballots cast:	2,361,816
> Number of ballots voted in person:	2,200,117
> Number of mail-in ballots returned:	181,289
> Number of mail-in ballots outstanding:	62,186

Per a release issued from the Secretary of State office, the percentage in first day total turnout, as of Tuesday October 20th, was 142% over 2016's turnout. In 2016, 90,000 voters showed up on the first day of Early Voting; in 2020 more than 128,000 voters casted ballots, a 40% increase, shattering all of 2016 stats and records, comparatively.



COVID-19 vs. the Flu vs. a Cold

Cold and Flu season has arrived amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. So now, more than ever, it is important to know the differences and the similarities between a common cold, the flu and COVID-19.

Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu (Influenza)	COVID-19 (Wuhan Coronavirus)
Fever	Mild if present	Often	Often
Fatigue, Tiredness	Occasional, mild	Common	Occasional
Sneezing	Common	Infrequent	Infrequent
Body Aches	Common	Common	Occasional
Headache	Very infrequent	Common	Occasional
Sore Throat	Common	Occasional	Occasional
Stuffy or Runny Nose	Common	Occasional	Infrequent
Diarrhea	No	Occasional	Infrequent
Watery eyes	Common	Common	Infrequent
Cough	Mild	Dry cough	A dry cough, often severe
Shortness of Breath	No	Rare	With mild/moderate infection
Difficulty Breathing*	No	In severe infections*	Common in severe infections*

*Needs oxygen or ventilator

Colds: The [common cold](#) is a viral infection of the upper respiratory system (nose, throat, sinuses, Eustachian tubes, trachea, larynx, and bronchial tubes). Rhinoviruses cause about 30%-50% of colds. However, more than 200 different [viruses](#) may cause the common cold. Colds are [contagious](#), can spread from person to person, and have an incubation period of about 1-7 days. A cold's duration (how long it lasts) is about 7-10 days. However, depending upon the viral strain, a cold can last up to 2 weeks. Colds are a mild upper respiratory illness with a runny, stuffy nose without [fever](#). Doctors mainly diagnose colds using clinical observation and medical history. No tests are necessary.

Flu (influenza): Influenza (commonly termed the flu) is a viral infection of the upper respiratory and/or lower respiratory system. Influenza viruses cause the flu. These viruses usually cause more serious symptoms in the respiratory system than cold-causing viruses. The flu is contagious, can spread from person to person, and has an incubation period of about 1-4 days. The flu's duration varies from about 5 days to 2 weeks depending upon the severity of the infection. The flu can become an intense and potentially fatal illness ([pneumonia](#)) in some individuals. Hallmarks of the flu include mild to high fever, moderate to severe [headache](#), [cough](#), [fatigue](#), and body aches/pains. Severe flu may have symptoms that develop rapidly and require supportive care. Doctors diagnose the flu based on clinical symptoms and by readily available lab tests.

COVID-19 (2019 novel coronavirus): Is a single-stranded, positive-sense RNA coronavirus. It is a new strain of coronavirus (the term *corona* means [crown](#)) responsible for causing a pandemic of serious respiratory problems that started in Wuhan, China. Researchers believe it originated from infected animals and jumped over to infecting people in a large open seafood/animal market. Also, it has been able to spread from person to person and is

rapidly spreading worldwide. It is related to the [SARS](#) and [MERS](#) coronaviruses. It has an incubation period ranging from 2-14 days. Person-to-person spread may happen even if the infected person has no symptoms during the incubation period. Infected people may also not be aware they have the virus and may not show symptoms. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are fever (usually high), moderate to severe [coughing](#), and shortness of breath. Other symptoms and signs may include a [sore throat](#), [diarrhea](#), body aches and pains, and a stuffy or runny nose. At first, it seemed to target people over 60 years old and have severe underlying health conditions like [heart disease](#), lung disease, and [diabetes](#), but recent data from Italy suggests that people 20-60 years of age may get the disease at about the same rate. About 80% recover without specific treatment, while about 20% may require some respiratory support (oxygen and/or ventilator support).



RECOGNITIONS

Two New and One Rehire Join Clarkston Police Department

Contributor: City of Clarkston Police Department



Officer Preston Snowden



Preston Snowden was born and raised in Atlanta, GA and attended Booker T. Washington High School. Snowden joined the Army right out of high school where he served for 21 years. During his time in the service, he was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan on multiple combat missions. Snowden was hired, as a police officer by the City of Clarkston, on April 6, 2020.



Officer Jason Boyd

Jason Boyd is from Willingboro, NJ where he graduated from Willingboro High School in 2007. After high school, Boyd attended St. Augustine College in Raleigh, NC from 2008-2012. While in college he studied sports management and ran track. Boyd relocated to Georgia and followed his sister's footsteps joining the Georgia Department of Corrections. Boyd was first hired by Clarkston in October 2018, attended the police academy, graduated and completed Field Training before resigning in April 2019. Boyd went to work for Constellis and was sent overseas on a security detail for the US Military for one year. Boyd was rehired on April 20, 2020 as a police officer.



Officer Ralph McGruder



Ralph McGruder was raised in Stockbridge, GA and attended Union Grove High School. He continued his education at Clayton State University where he earned two bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Health & Fitness. McGruder has been employed with Clayton County Police Department and Clayton State University. He has nine (9) years of experience in law enforcement. McGruder was hired by the City of Clarkston on August 31, 2020.



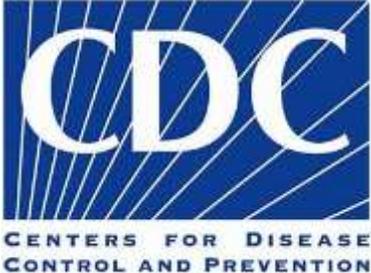
Clarkston High School Cross Country Track Team Are The Champions!

"Congratulations to the Clarkston High School Boys Cross Country Team on their DeKalb County District Championship! We would also like to congratulate our head coaches, Coach Rickard and Coach Clarke! This has been a challenging time for our athletic programs. Thank you for representing Clarkston High School and the Clarkston community. We are so proud! Please join me in congratulating our students and coaches."--- **Pattie Lemelle, Principal, Clarkston High School**



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCES GUIDE

Healthcare & Information Sources

ORGANIZATIONS	WEBSITES	TELEPHONES
	https://www.ethnehealth.org/	<p>(470) 799-0044</p>
	https://www.cdc.gov	<p>(800) 232-4636</p>
	https://www.dekalbhealth.net/	<p>COVID-19 Call Center: 404.294.3700</p>
	https://www.nih.gov	<p>(301) 496-4000</p>
	https://www.who.int	<p>202.974.3000</p>

Healthcare & Information Sources

CLARKSTON & CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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BI-WEEKLY COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE



2020 & 2021 DATES & TIME:

Monday, November 2, 2020, 8:30PM
Monday, November 16, 2020, 8:30PM
Monday, November 30, 2020, 8:30PM
Monday, December 14, 2020, 8:30PM
Monday, December 28, 2020, 8:30PM
Monday, January 11, 2021, 8:30PM
Monday, January 25, 2021, 8:30PM

To Join Zoom Teleconferences: <https://zoom.us/j/503893151> **Use Meeting ID:** 503 893 151
Dial-In Numbers: 1.301.715.8592 US OR 1.253.215.8782 US

To find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abPEqVpA99>

Testing Locations



Ethne Testing

Week of 10/12- 69 tests (25 out of 64 positive) - 39%

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 136 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%

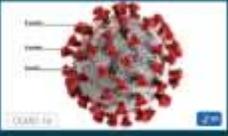
Week of 7/20- 68 tests (17 positive) - 25.0%

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

COVID-19 TESTING SITES IN DEKALB COUNTY

TESTING SITE	LOCATION	HOURS OF OPERATION
BrandsMart USA Parking Lot Make An Appointment in English Registro en Español 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	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

<p>or</p> <p>call (404) 294-3700 Option 1 for an appointment</p>		<p>from Oct. 13 through Oct. 29 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church</p> <p><u>Make An Appointment in English</u></p> <p><u>Registro en Español</u></p> <p>or</p> <p>call (404) 294-3700 Option 1 for an appointment</p>	<p>1879 Glenwood Ave. SE Atlanta, Ga. 30316</p>	<p>Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed</p>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

For more information, call (404) 294-3700 or go to 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.

**DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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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*

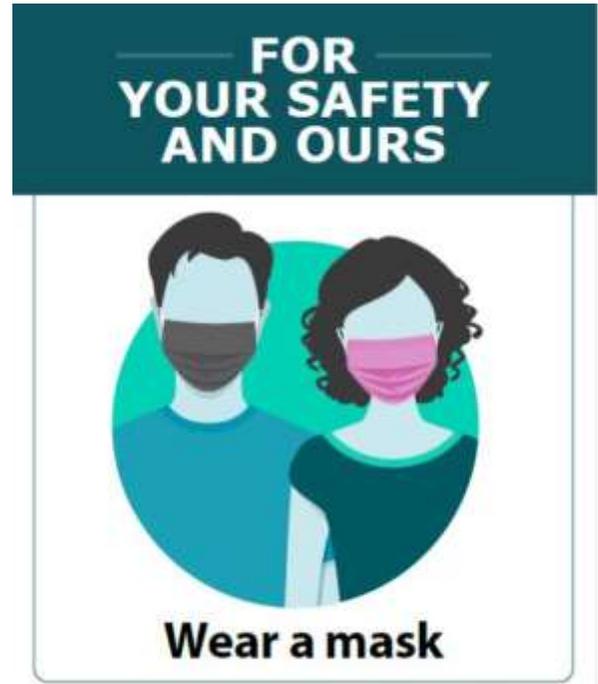
To register, go to:
www.dekalbhealth.net/drivethruflu

For more information, call (404) 294-3700 or go to 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.

**DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Healthcare Reminders



SOCIAL DISTANCING

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

6 Feet

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		Cook
Concerts, Sporting Events, Theater		Game Night
Gyms		Yard Work
Group Hangouts		Take a Walk*
Weddings		Go for a Hike*
		Play in your yard*
		Offer Your Skills to Others Electronically
		Be Creative

* 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

Free Meals for Students
during COVID-19 School Closure

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

DCSD Schools

Region I	Region V
• Cross Keys HS	• Chapel Hill MS
• Seconjash MS	• Harvie J. Harris ES
• John R. Lewis ES	• Midar Grove MS
Region II	Region VI
• Mileswood ES	• Bothane MS
• Tucker MS	• Canby Lane ES
• Avondale ES	• Peachcrest ES
Region III	Region VII
• Lithonia HS	• McNair MS
• Marbat ES	• Cedar Grove ES
• Stephenson MS	• Early Learning Center
Region IV	
• Clarkson HS	
• Jolly ES	
• Freedom MS	

Recreation Centers (Monday-Friday)
Directs will be available between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Gresham Recreation 3113 Gresham Road Atlanta, GA 30316	Lucious Sanders 2884 Bruce Street Lithonia, GA 30058
Exchange Intergenerational 2771 Columbia Drive Decatur, GA 30034	Mason Mill 1348-B McConnell Drive Decatur, GA 30033
Redan Recreation 1839 Phillips Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058	Hamilton 3263 Chapel Street Scottsdale, GA 30079
Tobie Grant 644 Parkdale Drive Scottsdale, GA 30079	N.H. Scott 2239 Tibbon Road Decatur, GA 30032
Midway Recreation Center 3181 Midway Rd Decatur, GA 30032	

DeKalb County
GEORGIA
Department of Communications
www.dekalbcountyga.gov

MEDIA CONTACTS

Andrea Collins Communications Manager 404-371-2805 (o) 470-853-4408 (c)	Jean Hudson Chief Communications Officer 404-371-2815 (o) 470-822-8823 (c)
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 28, 2020

DeKalb to Hold October Food Distribution
County, community groups to give away 2,500 boxes of produce, chicken

DECATUR, Ga.—DeKalb County Government continues to fight food insecurity during a monthly food distribution event scheduled for this weekend.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, the county will host three drive-through food distribution events during which 2,500 DeKalb residents will receive one 20-pound box of fruit and vegetables and a 10-pound package of chicken tenders.

Beginning at 10 a.m., COVID-19 Care Baskets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, at three locations:

- Buck Godfrey Stadium, 2817 Clifton Springs Rd., Decatur, GA 30034
- James R. Hallford Stadium, 3789 Memorial College Ave., Clarkston, GA 30021
- New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, 6480 Woodrow Rd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Partners include La Vision newspaper, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, Saint Philip AME Church and The Faith Center.

The county is utilizing federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to purchase the produce and chicken.

For more information about the county's response to COVID-19, visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov/coronavirus.

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DeKalb County Communications Department | Website | Social Center | 1300 Commerce Drive, 9th Floor | Decatur, GA 30030

Other COVID-19 Resources

“Stitching Lives Together”
AWC
AMANI WOMEN CENTER
www.amaniwomenscenter.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

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FREE

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. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinityWiFi” network name and launch a browser.

DeKalb County
SERVING DISTRICTS

Other COVID-19 Resources



DO YOU NEED HELP?

Are you behind in your rent or mortgage?
 Has your landlord given you notice to leave?
 Have you received a foreclosure notice?
 Is your family living in a shelter or other temporary place?
 Have you received a disconnect notice for your utilities or is your heat or electric being shut off?
 Are you in need of food or personal care items?
 If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be eligible for Emergency Assistance (EA).

The PGI Emergency Assistance Program offers financial assistance to those having difficulty paying utilities, rent and/or housing bills, and provides support for food and emergency household necessities. This program ensures vulnerable, low-income families and individuals living in DeKalb County can remain in their homes, have access to essential support and life necessities during this crisis.

Eligibility Requirements, Must:

- Live in DeKalb County
- Be low income
- Provide proof of need
- Complete the application process

Call to set up a meeting with staff by appointment only. We are not available for drop-ins.

Eligibility Requirements
 Your family must live in DeKalb County, be low income, provide proof of need and complete the application process.

The [Positive Growth \(PGI\) Emergency Assistance Program](#) offers financial assistance to those having difficulty paying utilities, rent and/or housing bills. And provides support for food and emergency household necessities. This program ensures vulnerable, low-income families and individuals living in DeKalb County can remain in their homes, have access to essential support and life necessities during the COVID-19 crisis.

Call [\(404\) 298-9005](tel:4042989005) to set up a meeting with staff by appointment only. Drop-ins are not available.

Eligibility Requirements, Must:

- Live in DeKalb County
- Be low income
- Provide proof of need
- Complete the application process

For more information, please email Dr. Ziad Salah Jamal: zjamal@positivegrowthinc.org

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.



For more information, please contact: info@cdfaction.org or prc@gsu.edu

Other COVID-19 Resources

City of Clarkston COVID-19 Operations Update and Reminders



City Council
 Ayesha Ezzou, VW
 Jamie Carroll Alymed Hassan
 Laura Hopkins Debra Johnson

Robin I. Gomez, City Manager, City of Clarkston
 678.409.9683, rgomez@cityofclarkston.com

OCT 12, 2020, 17:00

• City of Clarkston City Operations – LATEST UPDATE •

(Clarkston, GA) – In response to help prevent the spread of the current Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the City of Clarkston reminds everyone to consider options and practices that promote good health including:

- WEAR A FACE COVERING/MASK
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Maintain prudent social distance (6 feet) from others
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact, congregate settings, and mass gatherings
- If you do not feel well, call the COVID-19 hotline: 844-442-2681

All of us together must make every effort to ensure our health and well-being and heed the various advice disseminated from our professional medical community, the Centers for Disease Control, and our Federal, State, and local government partners. Our City continues to monitor the situations and will continue to provide City services while minimizing risk to all residents.

Clarkston strongly encourages all to continue to maintain prudent social distancing (6 feet), to remain at home if sick, and only leave home with a face covering/mask to perform essential services (buy food, medicine, travel to/from work, exercise-walk/bicycle) as needed, and to avoid any gatherings outside your home.

CURRENT CITY OF CLARKSTON SERVICES:

- City of Clarkston offices at City Hall (3921 Church St) and at City Hall Annex (1055 Rowland St) will continue to remain CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until at least November 1.
- Please visit our website at www.clarkstonga.gov for City services information, accessing applications, and/or contacting specific departments or City staff via email or phone.
- Please call: 678.409.9683, for any additional information on any City service including making any City payments.
- Clarkston Police continues patrolling daily on a 24 hour basis; emergencies, please call 9-1-1.

- Clarkston Public Works continue maintaining streets/rights-of-ways as well as trash/debris control.
- Waste Management residential trash collection continues each Monday and is being supplemented by Clarkston Public Works.
- Milam Park parking lot is now open to park users; City Playgrounds and Park Bathrooms/Water fountains, will be open during park hours. Tennis Courts and Pavilions are closed for usage and gatherings; no group gatherings allowed at the park. Milam Park Pool remains closed until 2021.
- Clarkton Woman's Club, Milam Park Pavilions, and Milam Park Pool rentals are suspended at least through December 31.
- Clarkston Municipal/City Court continues to notify attendees of their specific court date and time(s).
- City Non-essential Staff continue working remotely and will continue to respond to all inquiries within 24 hours.

Links to additional COVID-19 Resources:

1. State of Georgia COVID-19 hotline: [844-442-2681](tel:844-442-2681)
2. Georgia Department of Health COVID-19 Daily Status Report
<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>
3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov>
4. National Institutes of Health <https://www.nih.gov>
5. World Health Organization <https://www.who.int>



Other COVID-19 Resources

CITY OF CLARKSTON OFFERS RENTAL, MORTGAGE & UTILITIES PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Due to COVID-19's impact resulting in massive job loss and related financial hardships including the inability to make rent, mortgage and utilities payments, the City of Clarkston, via City Council's adoptions, has established assistance programs to address and aid in resolving these hardships.

Applicants must live in the city limits of Clarkston and meet specified program requirements listed on the application for each of the three assistance programs.



The Clarkston City Council has allocated up to **\$450,000.00** from its share of the Federal CARES Act Fund to provide for a temporary **RENTAL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE** grant program for Clarkston residents impacted by the COVID-19 economic crisis. Residents may receive rental assistance for up to \$3,000.00. **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, please email: rgomez@cityofclarkston.com or call: 678.409.9683**



The Clarkston City Council has allocated up to **\$450,000.00** from its share of the Federal CARES Act Fund to provide for a temporary **HOMEOWNERS MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE** program, for Clarkston homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 health and economic crises. **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT: clarkstonga.gov/city-clarkston-temporary-mortgage-payment-assistance-program; or email: rgomez@cityofclarkston.com**



The City of Clarkston continues to be mindful that individuals and families may still need various assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with other local agencies the Clarkston City Council has allocated up to **\$100,000.0** from its share of the Federal CARES Act Fund to provide for a temporary **UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE** grant program for Clarkston residents impacted by massive job loss and related financial hardships. **TO APPLY, VISIT: clarkstonga.gov/utility-payment-assistance-information-and-application, or call: 678.409.9683**



For more information about these City of Clarkston COVID-19 programs, please contact Robin Gomez, City Manager: 678.409.9683, rgomez@cityofclarkston.com

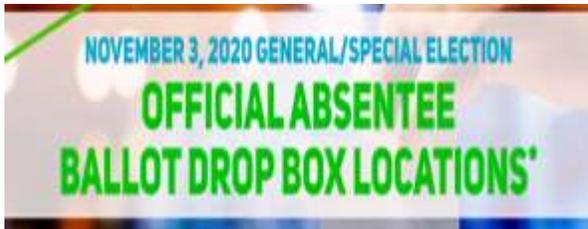


The City of Clarkston continues to encourage voters to always vote and to vote safely.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!

KNOW WAIT TIME AT VOTING LOCATIONS!

Want to know before you go? Visit DeKalb County's webpage that tells wait times at voting locations: dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/our-mission



CLARKSTON HAS TWO DROP BOX LOCATIONS

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning

BRIGHT FROM THE START

Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning
BRIGHT FROM THE START
Collaborating for Childhood Resilience in Early Care and Learning
2020 Virtual Summit

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND:
NOVEMBER 21, 2020
8:30 AM - 4:15 PM
OR
DECEMBER 5, 2020
8:30 AM - 4:15 PM

THIS IS A FREE EVENT - Attend your knowledge and network today without any cost to you!

Let's Join Together

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) invites early learning professionals, leaders, and community partners to join together for a one-day virtual summit on trauma-informed approaches for supporting young children and their families. You will learn skills you can use in your classrooms and in your work with families to build resilience and make positive and lasting impacts in your community.

Special Feature:
Early Learning Leadership Collaborative Idea Center
Representatives from DECAL's Early Learning Leadership Collaborative will present and answer questions about their trauma-informed care projects.

The summit is approved for 4 CEU conference hours, MHI Live, Related LAC and MFT, and PWP CEUs.

SUMMIT SCHEDULE
Attendance by date

8:30-8:40	Welcome
8:45-9:25	Keynote: Dr. Melissa Sadin
9:30-10:30	Workshop 1
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Workshop 2
11:45-12:15	Lunch Break
12:15-2:00	ELLC Idea Center
2:00-2:45	Break
2:45-3:00	Keynote: Joshua MacNeil
3:00-3:00	Break
3:00-4:00	Workshop 3
4:00-4:15	Getting Ready for Action
4:00-4:15	Wrap Up

Workshops are concurrent sessions. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose and participate in three different workshops.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE SUMMIT

1. Choose the date you would like to attend. The same program will be offered both dates. Presenters in the ELLC Idea Center vary by date (see page 1).
2. Click on the date of your choice and complete the registration form.
3. Mark your calendar for your summit date and get ready to learn!

[Saturday, November 21, 2020 Registration Link](#)
[Saturday, December 5, 2020 Registration Link](#)

Register early! Space is limited to 200 attendees per session.

Scholarships for Educators

Assistant Directors, Assistant Directors, Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and Family Child Care Providers:
You may qualify for a stipend if you register for and attend the entire summit. After the summit, DECAL Scholars (support@decalscholars.com) will request information from you to process your stipend.

COLLABORATING FOR CHILDHOOD RESILIENCE IN EARLY CARE AND LEARNING
2020 VIRTUAL SUMMIT

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

**Andreea Iudin, Ed.D., M.Ed., MAEd
Trauma-Informed Classrooms That Are Good For ALL!**

**Jackie Westfall, M.Ed.
Brain Region Specific Interventions**

**Debra Ross, MSW
The Three Rs for Building Resilience in Children**

**Mary Catherine Ansel, MEd
Secondary Traumatic Stress: The Cost of Helping**

**Denise Ross, Ph.D.
Getting Ready for Action**

CLOSING SESSION

SUMMIT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TWO DATES:

November 21st, 2020, 8:30AM - 4:15PM

Register: <https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS:10100&ShowUUID=351F46A9-3A1A-436F-90BB-F1DD36B5A2C9&GroupID=Nov21st>

December 5th, 2020, 8:30AM - 4:15PM

Register: <https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS:10100&ShowUUID=351F46A9-3A1A-436F-90BB-F1DD36B5A2C9&GroupID=Dec5th>

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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_a30YcCBTHnld7TL
2. Email Erin Weeks at: eweeks@gsu.edu.

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 virtual 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

Interested in a FREE \$20 gift card? Want to Voice Your Opinion?



Are you thinking sure, I want free stuff BUT...what does it take?

Volunteer **1.5 hours of your time on Saturday November 14, 2020 @ 2pm** to participate in a focus group. **THAT'S RIGHT!!!** Free Stuff for your opinion.

PLEASE SEE THE DETAILS BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:

Who: African - American and Hispanic Adults age 18 and above residing in DeKalb County.

What: Participate in a focus group to voice your opinion about diabetes and other health related topics.

When: Saturday November 14, 2020 @ 2:00pm until 3:30pm

Where: ANYWHERE it's virtual via the Zoom video platform

How: Sign up by clicking on [DeKalb Focus Groups](#)

*Please note the registration will close when the max number of participants have registered

For more information please email Tress Flowers: tflowers.consulting@vc@gmail.com

THE HOME DEPOT IS PROUD TO INVEST IN THE SKILLED TRADES

YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. THE HOME DEPOT IS, TOO.

There will be over 3.5 million jobs available in home-improvement related trades in the next decade. That means you have unprecedented opportunities to land a rewarding, in-demand career and competitive salary.

The Home Depot is partnering with HB NEXT to offer a free 5-day, introductory boot camp to the skilled trades. Upon completion, you're ready for a full-time job in the trades.

PROGRAM BENEFITS	HIGH DEMAND TRADES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free, virtual, instructor-led courses Safety, professional & technical skills training Career coaching & connection to Home Depot's Pros for job opportunities 	<p>CARPENTRY ELECTRICAL HVAC PLUMBING</p>

BOOT CAMP BEGINS NOVEMBER 9.

LEARN MORE & APPLY NOW
hbnext.com/homedepottradesbootcamp

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 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 **CLICK2SKIP** 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

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.



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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

In 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.

How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality

-Increased Runoff-



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.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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)

police departments
pharmacies
college campuses

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

Flyer Created by www.guideinc.org

Dekalb County

MISUSE

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

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.

Sponsored by **DBHHS**
City of Behavioral Health Providers

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

<p>Atlanta</p> <p>Brookhaven Police Department 2665 Buford Highway NE Atlanta, GA 30324 Phone: 404-637-0600</p> <p>Chamblee</p> <p>Chamblee Police Department 3518 Broad Street Chamblee, GA 30341 Phone: 770-966-5005</p> <p>Clarkston</p> <p>Clarkston Police Department 3921 Church Street Clarkston, GA 30021 Phone: 404-292-9465</p> <p>Georgia State University, Perimeter College G Building, Room 1180 555 North Indian Creek Drive Clarkston, GA 30021 Phone: 678-891-3944</p> <p>Decatur</p> <p>Decatur Police Department 420 West Trinity Place Decatur, GA 30030 Phone: 404-373-6551</p> <p>Georgia State University, Decatur Campus SA Building, 1st Floor 3251 Panthersville Road Decatur, GA 30034 Phone: 678-891-2678</p> <p>Doraville</p> <p>Doraville Police Department 3750 Park Avenue Doraville, GA 30340 Phone: 770-455-1000</p>	<p>Dunwoody</p> <p>Dunwoody Police Department 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road Dunwoody, GA 30038 Phone: 678-382-6900</p> <p>Georgia State University, Perimeter College Student Center, Main Entrance Lobby 2101 Womack Road Dunwoody, GA 30038 Phone: 770-274-5318</p> <p>Lithonia</p> <p>Kaiser Permanente Stonecrest Medical Center Pharmacy 8011 Mall Parkway Lithonia, GA 30038 Phone: 678-323-7585</p> <p>Lithonia Police Department 6920 Main Street Lithonia, GA 30058 Phone: 770-482-8947</p> <p>Stone Mountain</p> <p>Walgreens 5320 Memorial Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Phone: 404-508-7166</p> <p>Tucker</p> <p>Kaiser Permanente Crescent Medical Center Pharmacy 200 Crescent Centre Parkway Tucker, GA 30084 Phone: 770-496-3523</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #e91e63; font-weight: bold;">For more information go to www.guideinc.org/takeback</p>
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CITY OF CLARKSTON CONNECTION

Be Part of a Growing Dynamic Community

CITY OF CLARKSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Looking to make a Difference and serve in a Long Honored Profession - Start your Career

Great Benefits

No Cost- Single Health Insurance

Defined Benefit Retirement Program- **No Required** Employee Contribution

Competitive Salary

Take Home Cars - Plus a Signing Bonus!!

The Clarkston Police Department is seeking team-oriented, community focused individuals to be one of the Clarkston Police Department's Finest.

\$37,440 – Entry/POST Academy Training

\$43,680 – POST Certified Officer

\$3,000 **Signing Bonus** for Georgia Certified Officers

\$1,000 **Signing Bonus** for Non-Certified Applicants

Must have the minimum qualifications to apply:

- ♥ H. S. Diploma or GED Equivalent
- ♥ 21 years of age
- ♥ Valid Driver's License
- ♥ Preference will be given for POST Certified Applicants



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