

CHATHAM COUNTY CONNECTION



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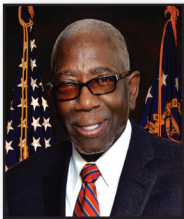
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<http://www.chathamcounty.org/Government/BoardofCommissioners/CommissionDistrictMaps.aspx>

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Al Scott, Chairman

As we begin the fall season in Chatham County, I know residents have several issues on their mind. At the forefront of those issues are collection of debris from Hurricane Irma and police services in the Special Service District (SSD).

For the first 30 days after Hurricane Irma impacted our area, Chatham County had two county employee crews removing debris from the SSD. At the same time our FEMA

approved debris removal contractors prepared to deploy resources to expedite the cleanup process. Our contractors now have more than 10 crews helping to remove debris. To date more than 45,000 cubic yards of debris have been collected from both public and private roads. Removal efforts will continue over the next several weeks to months until all the debris has been removed.

After Hurricane Matthew, the Board of Commissioners approved a onetime fee of \$131 to help rebuild reserve funds used to fund the cleanup of debris from Matthew. At this time, the County does not anticipate an additional fee will be needed as a result from the debris cleanup of Hurricane Irma.

Most residents of Chatham County are aware that in June of this year the City of Savannah Council voted to end the contract for police services for the Special Service District, commonly referred to as Unincorporated Chatham County. As a result, Chatham County has opted to re-

institute the Chatham County Police Department.

Shortly after City of Savannah Council made their decision, I asked County Manager Lee Smith to form a transition team and move forward with providing police services to the SSD. The transition team has been hard at work ensuring that a police department of the highest quality is ready to serve the public on February 1, 2018.

The Chatham County Police Department will be based out of three County owned buildings: the Whitefield Precinct, the Islands Precinct and the West Chatham Precinct. The County will start work on the Whitefield Precinct in November. This work will include setting up network systems for computers and telephone systems. It is anticipated that both the Islands and West Chatham precincts will be shared with Savannah Police Department until a time when the City of Savannah has adequate space to move their police operations.

A nationwide search is underway for a Police Chief and interviews are being conducted for command staff and officers. The County Human Resources Department anticipates the first wave of hiring for the police department will come in the first part of December. After the staff is onboard, they will receive their equipment and start training. It is likely that residents of the SSD will see Chatham County Police Officers and their vehicles in their neighborhoods as early as January 2018 as they learn their new beats and are out meeting residents and business owners.

As the new Chatham County Police Department begins its operations to protect and serve unincorporated Chatham County we will be facing exciting and challenging opportunities. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Team Chatham, and the Chatham County Police Department will ensure excellent services going forward without interruption during the transition.

Vote for Chatham County Sheriff's Office

This year, the Aftermath K9 Grant will award a total of \$15,000 in grants to five departments and their existing or prospective K9 programs for maintenance, safety equipment, or officer training. Officers and community members nominate and vote for local departments; the top five departments with the most votes will be awarded grants in the following denominations:

- 1st PLACE — \$5,000
- 2nd PLACE — \$4,000
- 3rd PLACE — \$3,000
- 4th PLACE — \$2,000
- 5th PLACE — \$1,000

Voting for the 2017 Aftermath K9 Grant is officially underway! From now until November 7th, you have a chance to vote and help your

department earn up to \$5,000 in grants for maintenance of your K9 unit, safety equipment, or officer training.

Everyone, from your fellow officers to community members to local businesses, can vote, so rally the troops and spread the word! The five departments with the most votes will be awarded grants. Submit your first vote today

VOTE FOR CHATHAM
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AT:

www.aftermath.com/k9-grant

Marine Patrol Commander Attends Training for Newly Appointed Heads of Law Enforcement Agencies

Chatham County Marine Patrol Lieutenant Daniel P. Davis attended the Chief Executive Training Class 17-53 for newly appointed chiefs of police and heads of law enforcement agencies at the Dr. Curtis E. McClung Training Center in Duluth, GA, from September 18-27, 2017.

The 60-hour course, administered and provided by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP), is required by state law for all newly appointed heads of law enforcement agencies.

The curriculum is designed to give newly appointed law enforcement administrators and command staff personnel training on police management, as well as inform them of laws and policies affecting their departments. Topics covered in the course include: Managerial Liability and E.E.O.C. Laws, Police Manpower Allocation & Staffing, Community Policing, Budget Administration, Political & Practical Realities, Risk Management, Evolution of Ethics, Media Relations, Departmental Organization, Employee Selection Process, Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Overview, Promotional Systems, United States Department of Justice Programs, Leadership/Management Role of the Chief, Employee Performance & Employee Discipline, Legislative Process, Social Media for Law Enforcement Leaders, and other timely topics.

"The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police is pleased to provide executive level training for the professional development of Georgia's new law enforcement leaders," said GACP President Dennis Nelson of the Clayton County Department of Corrections.

Lieutenant Davis was among 50 law enforcement administrators attending the course. The GACP provides the executive training for newly appointed heads of law enforcement agencies and command staff personnel twice a year, along with several other training programs throughout the state. It is the largest professional association for law enforcement administrators in Georgia, and one of the largest in the country. The membership of over 1,700 includes executives representing municipal and county law enforcement agencies, college and university police departments, corporate and private security firms, and numerous state and federal agencies.



»»»» VOTING IS OPEN! ««««
HELP YOUR LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT EARN AN
AFTERMATH K9 GRANT!



ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Learn the skills.
Help save a life.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

Now available in
Chatham County!

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Cost: \$125 per participant. This \$250 course will only cost \$125 thanks to the generous support of the Chatham County Commissioners and community sponsors. Need based scholarships available.

Registration: To register for a workshop, visit <https://www.chathamssafety.net.org/asist-registration/>, call 912-661-0577, or email ASIST@chlink.org.



Date	Weekdays	Location
October 16-17, 2017	Monday/Tuesday	Union Mission
October 26-27, 2017	Thursday/Friday	Juvenile Court
November 1-2, 2017	Wednesday/Thursday	Coastal Health District
November 2-3, 2017	Thursday/Friday	Savannah State
November 16-17, 2017	Thursday/Friday	Juvenile Court
November 18-19, 2017	Saturday/Sunday	St. Joseph's Hospital
November 29-30, 2017	Wednesday/Thursday	Chatham County Public Schools
December 6-7, 2017	Wednesday/Thursday	Sheriff's Office
December 15-16, 2017	Friday/Saturday	St. Joseph's Hospital
January 11-12, 2018	Thursday/Friday	Coastal Health District
January 17-18, 2018	Wednesday/Thursday	St. Joseph's Hospital
March 5-6, 2018	Monday/Tuesday	Coastal Health District
March 14-15, 2018	Wednesday/Thursday	St. Mary's Community Center

WHAT IS ASIST?

- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is the world's leading suicide intervention workshop.
- It is a two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills.
- Participants learn and practice a life-saving intervention model. It is widely used by the general public and by professionals.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ASIST WORKSHOPS?

- ASIST can be learned and used by anyone.
- ASIST teaches participants, 16 or older, how to apply suicide first-aid skills in many settings: with family, friends, co-workers, and teammates, as well as formal caregiving roles.
- Anyone who interacts with suicidal individuals on a monthly basis can benefit from the skills gained through ASIST workshop.
- First responders, hospital employees, human resources staff, counselors, parole officers, and teachers can benefit from the skills gained through ASIST workshop.

Thank you to our
community partners
and sponsors



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
Armstrong State University
Chatham County Health Department
Chatham County Juvenile Court
Chatham County Sheriff's Office
Forever4Change Inc.

Memorial Health
Savannah Chatham County Public School System
Savannah State University
St. Joseph's/Candler Health System
St. Mary's Community Center
Union Mission



Chatham County is pleased to inform our residents about a new show that will air on its public, educational and government (PEG) Channel 16. The new program, titled The Chat with Chatham, will take viewers on an in depth tour of Chatham County. "The Chat" will cover a range of topics, including historical and current events relating to Chatham County. The show will premiere a new, 20 to 30 minute episode once a month. There will be several encore presentations of each new episode, so our viewers will have plenty of opportunities to tune in. "The Chat" will serve as a catalyst for the residents of Chatham County. Each month, we will delve further into the various county departments to give our audience a better understanding of the day to day operations of county government. "We want to demonstrate what Team Chatham is all about. We want to educate our community on what their government is all about." – Lee Smith, Chatham County Manager.

Comcast customers can watch "The Chat" every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 A.M. and every Monday and Friday evening at 8 P.M. on Channel 16. Each episode will also be posted to our Facebook page. Just search for Chatham County and like our page.

Free, In-Person Enrollment Assistance for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids

Your child or teen may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids. These



health benefits will get them the care they need, such as a physical, and provide coverage throughout the year. Children in a family of four earning \$60,768 a year may qualify. With Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids, they can get the immunizations, check-ups, eye exams, dental visits and other care they may need to fully participate in classroom and after-school activities.

To see if your child is eligible, visit coastalcampaign.org or call one of our enrollment assistors, Tamara Solomon



at 912-661-1272 or Yahira Heraldez at 912-661-1290. Our enrollment specialists offer free, in-person mobile enrollment assistance and can meet parents/guardians at locations convenient for them. Evenings and Saturday morning appointments available if needed.

To see if your child is eligible or to enroll now, call (912) 661-3040 or visit coastalcampaign.org

Our Enrollment Assistance Partners...

In Chatham County, in-person assistance for signing up or renewing coverage is available from the Campaign for Healthy Kids enrollment partners:

New Enrollment Site

Oglethorpe Mall Library Branch
7 Mall Annex, Savannah
Details: Third Monday of each month
Hours: 4:00pm-6:30pm

Locations Accepting Walk ins

Bull Street Public Library
2002 Bull Street, Savannah
Details: 2nd Tuesday of each month
Hours: 4pm-7pm **NEW HOURS**

Centro Hispano de Savannah
First Hispanic Baptist Church
(SE HABLA ESPAÑOL)
1 Gamble Road, Savannah
912-429-3803
Hours: Tuesdays 9am-4:00pm, 6pm-9pm
& Thursdays 6pm-8pm

Oglethorpe Mall Library Branch
7 Mall Annex, Savannah
Details: Third Monday of each month
Hours: 4:00pm-6:30pm

Locations Accepting Walk ins and Appointments

Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Center
(SE HABLA ESPAÑOL)
Two locations:

106 E. Broad St.
Savannah, GA 31401
912-527-1000
Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8am-5pm,
Tuesday & Thursday 8am-7pm,
Saturday 9am-2pm

2 Roberts St.
Savannah, GA 31408
912-527-1100
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

St. Mary's Community Center
812 W. 36th Street, Savannah
912-447-0578 •
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

Locations Accepting Appointments Only

Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council
Chatham County Health Department
1395 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah
912-356-2887
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Step Up Savannah
428 Bull Street, Savannah
912-232-6747
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Coastal Campaign for Healthy Kids Mobile Enrollment

Call for locations.
912-661-1272
912-661-1290 (SE HABLA ESPAÑOL)
Hours: Monday 8:30am-4:30pm,
Saturday 10am-12:00pm

POST STORM PERMIT ISSUANCE PROCEDURE

The following procedure identifies the building permit and submittal requirements after a high-wind event. These procedures are applicable to emergency response for dwellings, accessory and commercial buildings, whether for manually or electronically issued permits.

No Permit Required	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board up windows.Repair siding/exterior claddingPlace tarpaulin over roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 50% roof shingle/exterior cladding replacementNon-structural repairYard cleanup
Permit Required/No Drawings Needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Repair of accessory buildingsWindow replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plumbing, Electrical, heat/air repairsDemolition
Permit Required/Drawings Needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">New structuresRepair of structural damageReplacement of structural damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drawings for Commercial buildings require a Georgia Architect or Engineer seal
State License/Occupational Tax Certificate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">State license required for all plumbing, electrical heat/air contractor for repairs and replacement work requiring a permitAfter July 1, 2008, all residential and commercial general contractors doing work requiring a permit must have a State license	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All contractors and subcontractors doing repair, replacement, or new work requiring a permit must have a County Occupational Tax Certificate
Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services (912) 201-4300 • 1117 Eisenhower Dr # D, Savannah, GA 31406	

Chatham County New Skateboard Park

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners and staff recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Skateboard Park at Lake Mayer. The new park is a 7,000 square foot concrete facility that includes ramps, bowl corners, handrails, banks, flatbars, and ledges. It is the first of its kind in the County. The project was funded 100% by the Chatham County Skate Park Supporters who contributed \$200,000, the Tony Hawk Foundation who contributed \$25,000 and Chatham County who provided the land for the project. The Skateboard Park was designed and built by Orlando, FL, based company, Team Pain Skate Parks. They have been a world- renowned skate park builder for over 30 years. Ben Maher, C.E.O. for Chatham County Skate Park Supporters, first approached the Chatham County Board of Commissioners with the idea for a skateboard park in 2009. He spent the next several years promoting and advocating for the park, believing it would have a positive impact on

the community. “It gets people out of the house and off of social media. It gives them a chance to meet other people. I meet some of my best friends through skateboarding, and I’ve been skateboarding for over 20 years” – Ben Maher. The Skateboard Park is an addition to the existing recreation facilities at Lake Mayer and it is free and open to all users.



Tee Time, Anyone?



Owned by Chatham County, Henderson Golf Club is a beautiful, 18-hole championship course conveniently situated off Interstate 95 and Highway 204 on Al Henderson Drive. It has breathtaking views of centuries-old live oaks, draped with Spanish moss, pristine wetlands, towering pines and magnolia trees. The front nine holes are open and rolling like a traditional links course, while the back nine offers tree-lined fairways in a natural setting. The par 71 layout covers 6,700 acres of playing area.

Henderson is one of the many alluring attractions within the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department. On September 1, 2016, Chatham County Parks and Recreation assumed responsibility for the day-to-day management and upkeep of the golf course. They have spent the past year rehabilitating the property to make it a beautiful place to play golf.

The club has undergone many changes in the past year. Not only has the County restored the physical property to its former glory, many professional services and incentives are now offered. One such enticement is the addition of golf professional Gordon Gnann. “We’re in really good shape and it’s a great time to come out here. We offer memberships for a great value. We also have golf lessons and re-gripping, and soon we will offer golf fitness.” – Gordon Gnann

While Henderson’s eye catching scenery alone is enough to attract



tourists from all over, the complexity of the course itself is the real standout feature for the passionate golfer. It is a course where accuracy and finesse are paramount over length. Significant undulations combined with generous collars require a delicate touch at each green. While the course may be challenging, that shouldn’t be a deterrent for those who have never played the sport. “I’m not much of a golfer, but I’ve played this course. There’s definitely some challenges to it, but it’s also beginner friendly. I played it and didn’t lose too many golf balls” – Holly Holdsworth

The Parks and Recreation Department recently held a Re-Grand Opening of the golf course. This gave current members and local residents a chance to see firsthand how much hard work the County has put into bettering the club.

If you’re looking for an enjoyable and unique playing experience, Henderson Golf Club just might be the hole in one for you.

For more information on Henderson Golf Club or to set up your tee time visit hendersongolfclub.com or call (912)920-4653.



NEW BEACH WHEELCHAIR FOR PUBLIC USE



On August 8th, 2017 Chatham County's Occupational Safety and Risk Management Department, which houses the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator position, recently provided a beach wheelchair for the public's use. The chair is available for use at the Ocean Rescue building near the Tybee Island Pier and Pavilion along with the two existing chairs belonging to the City of Tybee Island. There is no charge to use any of the chairs. Although reservations are not taken, you can check the availability by calling Ocean Rescue at 912-786-9873.

If you have any questions on The Americans with Disabilities Act the Chatham County ADA Coordinator can be reached at 912-652-7937 or via email at jeaberson@chathamcounty.org.



2017-2018 Chatham County Youth Commission Sworn In



Friday, September 22, 2017, during the Chatham County Commission meeting, the Honorable Al Scott, Chairman of the Chatham County Commission, gave the oath of office to 37 Chatham County Youth Commissioners, thereby appointing them to serve as the representatives of youth of Chatham County. Twenty-two of these young people are new candidates and 15 are returning for another term.

Summer activities for 2017 included tours of the Savannah College of Art and Design, Chatham County Detention Center, Memorial Health, Chatham Area Transit and attendance at the Chatham County Commission and Savannah City Council meetings.

Title/ Name	School/Organization	Class	Term
Chair			
Ms. Nisi King	Savannah Country Day	SR	3rd
Vice Chair			
Ms. Riche' Williams	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	2nd
Secretary			
Ms. Lydia Poole	Calvary Baptist	SR	3rd
Parliamentarian			
Ms. Alani Coppock	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	2nd
Executive Members			
Ms. Aiah Daniels	Savannah Christian	SR	2nd
Mr. Ahmad O'Neal	Savannah Early College	SR	2nd
Mr. Nykobe Richardson	Woodville Tompkins	JR	2nd
Members			
Ms. Dominique Barnes	Windsor Forest	JR	1st
Ms. Kayah Brantley	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	2nd
Ms. Michaela Bryant	Calvary Day	SR	2nd
Ms. Lindsey Dixon	Savannah Christian	JR	2nd
Ms. Madison Dubroc	Savannah Early College	JR	2nd
Ms. Aisha Duck	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	1st
Mr. Jonathan Gibson	Woodville Tompkins	JR	2nd
Mr. Stacy Golden	Savannah Early College	SO	1st
Ms. Syri Harris	New Hampstead	SO	1st
Ms. Anna Hill	Johnson High	SO	1st
Mr. Martin Hima	Windsor Forest	JR	1st
Ms. Sahara Howard	Windsor Forest	JR	1st
Ms. Shanayah Howard	Beach High	SO	1st
Ms. Amaya James	Calvary Day	JR	2nd
Ms. Samantha Jenkins	Savannah Early College	JR	1st
Mr. Ihrael Jones	Savannah Arts Academy	SR	1st
Ms. Michaela Kaigler	Savannah Arts Academy	JR	2nd
Ms. Andrea Linton	Savannah Early College	SR	3rd
Ms. Auriel Lofton	Woodville Tompkins	JR	1st
Ms. Maria Lotson	St. Vincent's	SO	1st
Ms. Catherine Morris	Jenkins High	JR	1st
Ms. Jada Mosely	Windsor Forest	SR	2nd
Mr. Jared Pacheco	Jenkins High	JR	1st
Mr. Langston Redden	Savannah Country Day	JR	1st
Ms. Gabrielle Sanders	Woodville Tompkins	SR	2nd
Ms. Kaydiana Simpson	Woodville Tompkins	JR	1st
Ms. Jaidyn Smokes	Johnson High	JR	1st
Mr. Ilya Snyder	Benedictine Military	JR	1st
Mr. Rio Washington	New Hampstead	SO	1st

ABOUT THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

The Chatham County Youth Commission was established in 1992 by Chatham County Commissioner Priscilla D. Thomas and the Chatham County Commission. The program is directed by Van Johnson. Since its inception 25 years ago, over 600 Chatham County youth have graduated from the program and are all over the country doing positive things and are active in the communities in which they live.

Similar programs can be found in Savannah, GA (Savannah Youth Council), Fulton County (Atlanta), GA, Prince George County, MD, Alachua County (Gainesville), FL, Cass County (Fargo),

ND, Dougherty County (Albany), GA, Riverdale, GA, Newnan, GA, Miami-Dade County, Tybee Island, GA, Gwinnett County, GA, with several other programs in development phases.

Please check out the Chatham County Youth Commission Facebook fan page or follow the Youth Commission on their pages for Twitter: @ChathamCountyYC, and Instagram: @YouthCommission.

For more information on the Chatham County Youth Commission, visit their website at www.ChathamYouth.com

Chatham County Animal Services Celebrates BARKTOBERFEST



Saturday, October 14th, marked the first annual Barktoberfest for Chatham County Animal Services. This event helped raise awareness of Animal Services and all the animals available for adoption. Families and pets attended in costume and enjoyed many carnival style games for both humans and four-legged friends. Local vendors offered tasty food, inspiring crafts, and vital pet care information.

The highlight of Barktoberfest was the pet parade and pet costume contest. Owners proudly walked their costumed pets in the

parade in hopes of winning first place. Dogs dressed as sea animals, food items, flying creatures, and more made it difficult for the judges to pick, but in the end matching Heidi pups took home the prize. With an estimated 300 in attendance and many pets finding their new forever homes, this was certainly a successful event! Chatham County Animal Services plans to host Barktoberfest once a year, but will have other events throughout the coming months. Follow them on Facebook for all their event and pet adoption announcements.



The Winner!



Chatham County Commissioner District News & Events



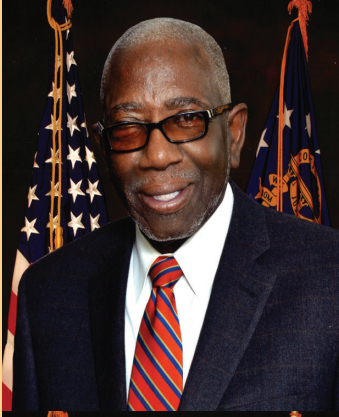
District 1: Helen Stone

A Community Conversations District Meeting will be held on November 15th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Jewish Educational Alliance (5111 Abercorn Street).



District 2: James J. Holmes

Community Conversations District Meetings were held on October 12th and October 17th. Citizens are encouraged to attend any future meetings held in other districts.



District 3: Bobby Lockett

A Community Conversations District Meeting was held October 16th. Citizens are encouraged to attend any future meetings held in other districts.



District 4: Patrick K. Farrell

Community Conversations District Meetings were held on October 10th, October 16th, and October 17th. Citizens are encouraged to attend any future meetings held in other districts.



District 5: Tabitha Odell

Community Conversations District Meetings will be held on November 2nd from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Henderson Golf Club (1 Al Henderson Drive) and on November 7th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Hodge Elementary (975 Clinch Street).



District 6: James "Jay" Jones

A Community Conversations District Meeting will be held on November 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Georgetown Elementary (1516 King George Blvd).



District 7: Dean Kicklighter

Community Conversations District Meetings will be held on October 30th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at Savannah Tech – Academic Commons (5717 White Bluff Road) and on November 1st from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at West Chatham Middle School (800 Pine Barren Road).



District 8: Chester A. Ellis

Community Conversations District Meetings will be held on November 13th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Mercer Middle School (201 Rommel Ave) and on November 14th from 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Port Wentworth Gym (101 Turnberry Street).