

**Mark Your Calendar for These Events!**

**Oct. 19th** The Fort Gaines-Clay County Recreation Dept. will sponsor a two Man Scramble Golf Tournament at Meadowlinks Golf Course—for more information contact Morrie Gulbrandson at 229.768.3400.

**October 20th** 7th Annual Senior Softball Tournament at 9:00 a.m. at the ball field behind Georgia Giant. Round Robin tournament—for more information contact Morrie Gulbrandson at 229.768.3400.

**November 17, 2007** Christmas at the Fort. Crafts, food, fun and entertainment for the entire family. Located on the Bluff at Pioneer Village in Fort Gaines.

**REFUSE PICKUP HOLIDAY NOTICE**



REFUSE TRUCKS WILL NOT RUN ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY. SERVICE WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 4TH. MONDAY AND TUESDAY ROUTES WILL BE COLLECTED ON TUESDAY. PLEASE BE PATIENT

WITH THE REFUSE STAFF AS THEY WORK HARD TO KEEP CLAY COUNTY CLEAN.



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**Schedule of Events**

Clay County Board of Commission meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay County Courthouse Annex with the exception of December. The only regular meeting in December will be on the first Tuesday of December.

Economic Development Council meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at the private dining room at Bagby State Park Lodge at Noon for lunch and 12:30 p.m. for the meeting.

Family Connections meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at Bagby Lodge. All Clay residents, business owners and faith based organizations are invited to participate.

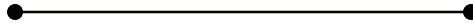
Planning & Zoning Commission business meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Clay County Commission Chambers. Planning & Zoning Public Hearings are held on an "as needed" basis. Contact County Clerk for schedule.

**UPCOMING COUNTY HOLIDAYS**

County Offices will be closed on the following date:

Labor Day, September 3, 2007

Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23, 2007



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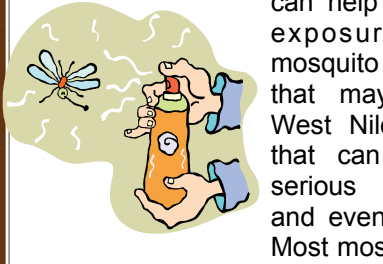
**WEST NILE VIRUS**

West Nile Virus (WNV) is an infectious disease that first appeared in the United States in 1999. Infected mosquitoes transmit the virus that causes it. People who contract WNV usually have no symptoms. Those with symptoms may have fever, headache, muscle aches, skin rash or swollen lymph glands. If West Nile Virus enters the brain, however, it can be deadly. It may cause inflammation of the brain called encephalitis, or inflammation of the tissue that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, called meningitis.

Statistically, a person's risk of contracting West Nile is low, and less than 1% of those infected develop a serious illness from the virus. People at highest risk for serious illness are the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. However, people of all ages can develop serious illness, so it is important for everyone to protect themselves from mosquito bites to minimize the risk of infections. Pets are not the only ones at risk of contracting the virus, our pets are also susceptible to the virus as we are.

**Fight the Bite!**

Enjoy the outdoors, but remember to protect yourself from mosquito bites. Take your repellent. Insect repellent can help reduce your exposure to mosquitoes that may carry West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne virus that can cause serious illness and even death. Most mosquitoes bite between dusk and dawn.



Choose repellents containing a higher concentration of active ingredient typically provide longer-lasting protection. Always follow the directions on the label of the repellent you are using. Sweating, perspiration, and alcohol can reduce the effectiveness of repellents.



**Clay County Planning & Zoning Commission Installed**

The Clay County Planning & Zoning Commission was sworn in to office on Thursday, June 21, 2007 by Judge of Probate Lisa Shivers. The new members are (L-R) Chair—Anne Lynn, Nathaniel Handy, Deeds Curry, Vice-Chair Phillip Wills and Bill Gleaton.

The new commission will be responsible for making decisions pertaining to variances, zoning changes and other requests that come under the Planning and Zoning Ordinances of Clay County.

We appreciate the time and effort these participants have so graciously volunteered to give to Clay County.

**Sign Thefts Dangerous for Residents**



The county has recently experienced a rash of sign thefts. Road, directional and street signs have all been disappearing. Vandals have taken some signs in the county as many as 6-8 times. Some think it's a neat thing to have these signs hanging on their walls. The down side of all this is that someone could well lose their life because of a missing sign.

Sign theft is a misdemeanor with stiff fines and possible jail time associated with it. Think what would happen if a stop sign was removed from an intersection and someone unfamiliar with the roads ran the intersection and got killed. What if, someone steals a road sign, a family member has a heart attack and the EMS can't find your road because the sign is missing? Signs cost the tax payers money and maybe your life. **Just Don't Do It!**

**INCREASING KNOWLEDGE**

- Deeds Curry has received her certificate of completion from the Georgia Planning Association and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for attending the Community Planning Institute in Dublin, GA on July 10th and 11th.
- Commissioner David Shivers completed the CCAP course for Public Speaking and Advanced Financial Management in June as part of his ongoing commissioner training.
- Teresa Smith and Ron Brown have completed the ACCG High Impact Health & Wellness Training Class which kicks off the county Health & Wellness Awareness Campaign for FY08
- Pam Ward completed a two day FEMA Debris Management Plan Workshop in Camilla, GA.

*Congratulations to our County Leaders for continuing to Learn!*

**Newsletter in the Mail**

If you are reading this edition of the *Commissioner Times*, its probably because you received it in the mail. With the current issues, we have begun to mail the newsletter to our property owners in order that each of you can be better informed of the events in Clay County. We will continue to post this and past issues on our county website so you can print or read it at your convenience.

We hope you enjoy and appreciate the information sent to you. Please note that there have been many changes over the last couple of years with the addressing system converting from a rural delivery to the new E-911 addresses. You received this newsletter based on the current address listed on your property cards. Please take a minute to review the address. If it is not current or there are any corrections that need to be made, please go on line to our new Address Update page ([www.claycountyga.org](http://www.claycountyga.org)) and correct the information or contact Customer Service at 229.768.3238 to have your address updated.



We are striving to improve communications in all areas of county government to our constituents but we must have your correct data in order to do so. Thank you for helping us to help you!

**NOTICE**

**THE NEW DUE DATE FOR CLAY COUNTY PROPERTY TAX WILL BE DECEMBER 20, 2007.**



**Notes from What's Happening at the County Library**

After years of not quite getting into a book club. If you love reading, come to our organization (see below). We will set a regular meeting at that time.

Other happenings at the library

- Toddler Story Time: Each Wednesday
  - Win a Gift Basket! To celebrate Book History Month, every time you use your library card during the month of September, you will enter a special gift basket drawing.
  - Sept 10, 5:30 PM: Introduction to your balance. Lower your blood pressure with this ancient exercise of gentle movement.
  - Sept 29 – Oct 6: Banned Books Week. A favorite banned book on display.
  - Oct 4, 6:00 PM: Amy Blackwell's "Ground", "Above the Fall Line" will send a special program at the library kick-off for our new book discussion.
  - Oct 26: Ed Wood film retrospective. Ed Wood was considered the worst director to ever screen a film from Ed Wood's B-movies. Time, place and place announced. Seating will be limited to serve your space. Popcorn and refreshments.
  - Nov 17, 9 AM – 4 PM: Annual Christmas at the Fort. Corner of Cambridge and...
- All programs are open to the public and are free. The Clay County Library is open Monday, 9 – 6 and Saturday, 9-5. For more information on any of the programs...



**ISO Rates**

Clay County's ISO ratings. ISO (Insurance Service Office of America) water system ratings and personal property coverage. The above information is for most insurance companies. A discount you can strive for. For more information on any of the programs...