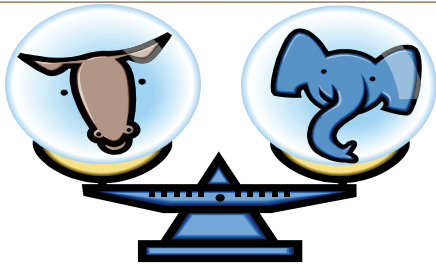


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2008 General Primary Election

County wide elections for a number of offices will be held this year. The following offices will be up for elections:

Sheriff
Clerk of Superior Court
Tax Commissioner
Probate Judge*
Magistrate Judge
Coroner
County Commissioner District 3
County Commissioner District 4
County Commissioner District 5
School Board Member District 3*
School Board Member District 4*
School Board Member District 5*

Dates to qualify for the General Primary are April 28, 2008, 9:00 a.m. thru May 2, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Elections for the General Primary will be on July 15, 2008.

*These offices run Nonpartisan and will be qualifying Junes 23, 2008, 9:00 a.m. thru June 27, 2008, Noon for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2008.

General Requirements to Run for Elected Office:

- You must be a resident of Clay County for one year prior to the election
- Candidates for Commissioners must be a resident of their respective district prior to the election
- No person who has been adjudged a "subversive person" under OCGA code may run for office.

For additional details, please contact the Probate Judge, Lisa Shivers at 229.768.2445.

Annual Clay County "Keep Georgia Beautiful Campaign"

April has been designated as "Keep Georgia Beautiful" month and in so doing, Clay County and Fort Gaines plan their clean up campaign kick off for Monday March 31st through April 4th. We encourage everyone to clean up their neighborhoods, local streets and roads and around their homes.

1. The campaign will cover the entire city of Fort Gaines and all of Clay County. You must reside in Clay County or be a customer of the Clay County Refuse plan.

2. Landfill will be open to Clay County landowners or residents for free disposal from March 31st through April 4, 2008. Refuse will be accepted from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No Businesses Please! All disposals must meet the following guidelines:

All refuse must be sorted according to the type of refuse regardless if it is picked up at your home AND/OR taken to the landfill. *All mixed loads will be rejected at land fill.*

White goods – stoves, refrigerators, freezers, etc.

Wood, yard trash – must be less than 12 inches in diameter, inert materials, NO stumps. No plastic bags allowed in the landfill area. Contents dumped into the inert landfill (leaves, organic waste) will need to be dumped out of plastic bags by hauler. *No plastic bags can be accepted in this area.* (This does not apply to regular garbage being sent to outside landfill.)

Lumber – All building materials must be less than 6' long for disposal. Boards with nails in them will be rejected.

You must be a resident of Clay County (have a Clay County license tag on your vehicle) OR provide your Clay County Refuse Billing statement for verification.

ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT ALLOWED! No Tires, No bed springs, No fencing materials, No paint, gas, diesel or other flammable materials. (Empty paint cans, dry with

lids removed will be accepted.) No stumps, No shingles, No dead animals or carcasses, No batteries, No containers with any kind of liquid, No refuse accepted from commercial vendors, contractors, home builders, construction, etc.



Call 229-768-3238 to schedule pick up of materials from your home. Reservations for pickup will be taken from March 17th through March 28th. Items must be sorted per the above list to be picked up. Pickup will be between March 31 and April 4, 2008. Materials placed beside the road after county personnel have serviced your area or road will not be picked up.

Please note the county will begin enforcing zoning policy for trash, junk and junk yards throughout the county. Now is a great opportunity to get rid of unsightly materials in and around your property.

Help us make Bluffton, Fort Gaines and Clay County a place to be proud of and welcoming to our visitors!



Clay County Chamber of Commerce
P O Box 825
Fort Gaines, GA 39851

The Clay County Chamber of Commerce is seeking members for the new year. Members enjoy many benefits such as quarterly newsletters, meetings, breakfast, business after hours, business promotion, business learning classes, networking, and more. If you would like to become a member, please complete the following information and return this form along with your deductible membership dues check to the address listed above.

Annual Membership Dues: (Check the appropriate category)

Associate Member:	\$ 25.00 ___	Business:	
Individuals or Couples	\$ 40.00 ___	1-10 Employees	\$ 85.00 ___
Business—Self Owned/Operated	\$ 50.00 ___	11-39 Employees	\$150.00 ___
Non-Profit Organizations	\$ 50.00 ___	40-69 Employees	\$300.00 ___
		70-99 Employees	\$400.00 ___

For More Employees, Contact Chamber Director for quote.

Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Type of Business: _____ Current number of employees: _____

Please tell us your concerns for business and community in Clay County and any special interests you have:



Notes from the Bookshelf

What's Happening at the Clay County Library

- **New Landscape:** Thanks to a generous donation from the Fort Gaines Home and Garden Club, the library has gotten a complete landscaping face-lift. We have eliminated the lawn and replaced it with groundcover, shrubs and flower beds. Cynthia Coleman, one of the library's trustees and owner of Coleman Gardens, provided the landscape design. Mobley Landscaping Service did the work. Cornuta Holly borders the groundcover of Asian Jasmine. Tulips have been planted in new flower beds, and we hope to have children from Clay County Head-start help plant the daylilies.
- **Archives:** Plans for the new archives wing are progressing. The firm Jinright, Ryan and Lynn Architects of Thomasville has been selected to design the addition. This is the same architectural firm that designed our present library, so we know they do quality work. Once the plans are approved by both the Library Board and the County Commissioners, we will start the grant application process.

International Fashion Model Andressa Costa will be at the library on Wednesday, April 23 at 4:00 PM. Andressa will answer your questions about what it takes to become a fashion model, how she got into the field, and what her life is like. Andressa was born in Brazil, currently lives in New York City and travels all over the world for her photo shoots.

All programs are free and open to the public. The Clay County Library is open Monday – Friday, 9 – 6 and Saturday, 9-5. Call 229-768-2248 for more information.

Southwest Georgia Regional Technology Authority Receives OneGeorgia Grant

On Friday, March 7, 2008, Governor Sonny Perdue will be awarding OneGeorgia Grants and Loans to deserving communities. The Southwest Georgia Regional Technology Authority which encompasses Clay, Quitman, Stewart and Randolph Counties, will be awarded \$38,700 for a business study of our local area. This is planned to be phase one of a project to develop broadband in our four county area to encourage business development. Your community leaders are hard at work, making our area a better place to live and work.

WORK BEGINS ON COUNTY WIDE PROPERTY REVALUATION

The Clay County Board of Assessors is currently under a reappraisal of all real property within our county. This reappraisal will be done during the next several months.

All persons working on this process will have proper identification confirming their employment with Technical Appraisal Services, Inc. and/or Clay County Tax Assessors. We are requesting every taxpayer's cooperation during this process to ensure that a fair and equitable program of property evaluation be achieved.

Our intent is to make sure that every parcel of land is treated fairly and equitably. If you have any questions, please contact the Clay County Tax Assessor's office at 229.768.2000.

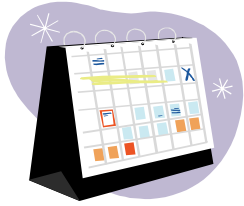


The Georgia DOT will hold a Detour Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at George T. Bagby State Park in the Chattahoochee Suite to discuss the upcoming replacement of the Drag Nasty Creek Bridge and the required detour. Residents in the Drag Nasty Road area are encouraged to attend.

INCREASING KNOWLEDGE

Congratulations to our County Leaders for continuing to Learn!

- Bobby Dupree and Pam Ward attended the LGRMS class on Personnel Liability Issues in Tifton, Ga.
- Pam Ward recently completed the CCAP program for Advanced Financial Management in Tifton, GA. and the UGA on line course for "Debt Administration".
- Adria Williams and Bill Koch are attending the 2008 Georgia Academy for Economic Development



Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

April 5th—Antique Sale sponsored by the Fort Gaines Historic Society at Hatchet's Drug Store on Washington St. Also county wide yard sales are being held around Clay County in conjunction

with the annual Heritage Tour in Eufaula.

Did You Know?

You can have copies made at both the County Administrative Annex and the County Library?

The County Administrative Annex and the County Library provide free Notary Public Services?

Economize and visit us first!



REFUSE PICKUP HOLIDAY NOTICE



REFUSE TRUCKS WILL NOT RUN ON MARCH 21ST OR MAY 26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY. SERVICE WILL RESUME ON THE NEXT WORK DAY AFTER THE HOLIDAY..

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH THE REFUSE STAFF AS THEY WORK HARD

TO KEEP CLAY COUNTY CLEAN.



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FORT GAINES, GA 39851

WE'RE ON THE WEB: WWW.CLAYCOUNTYGA.ORG

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.

Clay County Chamber of Commerce meeting schedules vary. Please contact Chamber Director Sylvia Dowding for details at 229.768.2247.

UPCOMING COUNTY HOLIDAYS

County Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Mar 21st—Good Friday
- May 26th—Memorial Day

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