

CHATHAM COUNTY CONNECTION



October 19, 2014



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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Al Scott, Chairman

It is that time of year when all eligible citizens need to get out and exercise their right to vote. Our country has been from the start, founded upon the principle of representative government and officials. It has only been within the last century that all Americans have had the right to vote and many Americans sacrificed a lot to gain this right. With this right, the government will always be

accountable to the people who put them in office. However, for this accountability to work we must exercise our right to vote, and we must do so responsibly.

Below you will find information that Chatham County Voter Registration has provided for this year's election. Even though the registration date has passed for the November 4th election date you should still register and keep that registration up to date. There should be no excuse for any registered voter not to vote.

Early Voting has begun at the Voter Registration Office, 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite E in Savannah. If you can't make it during the week voting is available on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sunday, October 26th from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. There will be four additional locations open for early voting the week of October 27th.

Watch the Election Returns on Comcast Channel 16, November 4th starting at 7:00 pm.

I am pleased to welcome the new classes of our future leaders that are found in both the Chatham County Youth Commission and in the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876. These two programs represent the best of our community's young people. Their interest local government and public safety are to be encouraged and their accomplishments over the years are to be applauded. I enjoy having representatives from the Youth Commission at our regular meetings and have had the privilege of congratulating Explorer Post 876 for their performances in national competition.

Along with these two programs there is another for even younger children and that's the annual Live Oak Library Children's Book Festival which takes place

on Saturday, November 15th in Forsyth Park. Attendance at this event has grown over the years from a few hundred to more than 35,000. This year's event promises to continue that trend.

Chatham County is pleased to be a part of the Campaign for Health Kids and Families. This is being led by the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council, Step Up, key partners of county and city government and is funded by the National League of Cities. This information provided in this issue can help provide peace of mind to uninsured families in Chatham County.

There is a lot to be proud of in this community and we are helping to pave the way for our future. That should be reason enough to get out and vote. ■



Voting information for

2014 General Election

Election Date: November 4, 2014

State Run-off Date (if required): December 2, 2014

Federal Run-off Date (if required): January 6, 2015

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Chatham County Voter Registration

We're on Twitter
@Chathamvotes

Online Voter Registration

Must have a GA Driver's License or State ID to register online.

- Go to the GA Secretary of State website: www.sos.ga.gov
- Click Elections
- Click the red box: Register to Vote

Mobile App

- Available to use to update voter registration
- Search: GA Votes in App Store



Log in to
www.sos.ga.gov

Voter Education— Things to Know:

Voter Registration Deadline: October 6, 2014

Prior to Election Day – confirm your registration and poll location by calling Voter Registration at 912-790-1520 or use the website poll locator at <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/> Keep your residence and mailing address updated with the Voter Registration Office.

Absentee Voting By Mail:

Request for mail out absentee ballots may be submitted as early as 180 days prior to the Election. Mail out of absentee ballots will begin on **September 20, 2014 and end on October 31, 2014.** Request may be submitted either by mail or fax. You must file a separate application for each election for which you are requesting an absentee ballot; there are exceptions for voters over the age of 75, disabled, military or overseas citizens. Please submit your application early and declare a party on your application. Call Chatham County Voter Registration at 912-790-1520 for further details.

Absentee Early Voting:

October 13, 2014 – October 31, 2014

Early in-person voting is available 21 days prior to the General Election. Any eligible registered voter desiring to vote in advance during this period may do so **in-person at the Voter Registration Main Office, 1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E, Savannah, GA 31406, Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** No reason is required for absentee advance voting.

Saturday and Sunday Voting:

October 25, 2014 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 26, 2014 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Voter Reg Main Office, 1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E

Additional Voting Locations:

October 27, 2014 – October 31, 2014

Additional voting locations around the county will be opened for your convenience. See locations and times below.

LOCATIONS

Voter Reg Main Office
Voter Reg Main Office
Civic Center
Mosquito Control
Islands Library
Southwest Library (Sav Mall)

ADDRESS

1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E
1117 Eisenhower Dr, Suite E
301 W. Oglethorpe Ave
65 Billy B. Hair Dr
125 Wilmington Island Rd
14097 Abercorn St

HOURS

8:00 am – 5:00 pm (M,W,F)
8:00 am – 7:00 pm (T, TH)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M-F)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (M-F)
10:00 am – 5:00 pm (M-F)
10:00 am – 5:00 pm (T-F)

CHATHAM COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE

1117 Eisenhower Drive Suite E, Savannah, GA 31406
MAIL: P.O. Box 13757, Savannah, GA 31416
PHONE: 912-790-1520
FAX 912-790-1519
Email: voter@chathamcounty.org
Website: <http://voter.chathamcounty.org>

Chatham County Health Dept. Family Planning



planning services at the Chatham County Health Department should be prepared to present a photo ID and proof of income* and will be expected pay low cost fees for services.

“We really appreciate the patience and understanding from our Family Planning Program patients as we all work through this new process together,” said Coastal Health District Health Director, Diane Weems, M.D. “It will always be our mission to provide the services that our patients need at a cost that is affordable to them.”

In order to provide Family Planning

services at the lowest cost possible, patients over the age of 19 must provide verification of income so that fair and affordable fees can be determined. Without verification of income, patients will be asked to pay the full amount for services they receive.

Accepted proof of income includes:

- W-2 form
- Current tax return
- Current paychecks and/or pay check stubs for 1 month
- Unemployment / Department of Labor compensation notice or check stub
- Notarized statement of

income from employer on letterhead

- WIC or SNAP approval letter including family size and income

Accepted Photo ID includes:

- State issued driver's license
- Government issued ID
- Student ID

There will be payment options for family planning services and accepted forms of payment include:

- Cash
- Debit/credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover)

- Medicaid
- Peachcare for Kids
- Amerigroup, Peachstate, Wellcare

To qualify for a fee discount, patients must provide proof of income. Patients who do not provide proof of income will be asked to pay the full amount for services received at the time of visit.**

The Chatham County Health Department will continue to offer a broad spectrum of family planning services including physical exams, counseling and education, and provision of effective contraceptive methods.

“We value all of our patients and strive to provide the highest quality family planning services in an atmosphere of caring and respect,” said Weems.

Any questions about changes to the Family Planning Program can be directed to the Chatham County Health Department at 356-2441. ■

**Proof of income will not be required for clients 19 and under.*

***Patients who do not provide proof of income may be offered a 20% discount if paying full amount with cash or debit card at the time of visit.*

CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION 2014 - 2015



Chatham County Youth Commission is sworn in ■ 2014-2015 ■

Friday, September 13, 2014 during the Chatham County Commission meeting, the Honorable Al Scott, Chairman of the Chatham County Commission gave the oath of office to 44 Chatham County Youth Commissioners, appointing them to serve as the representatives of youth of Chatham County. 27 of these young people are new candidates and 20 are returning for another term.

“These young people have contributed over 100 summer hours to join our family,” said Van R. Johnson, II, Youth Commission Director. He added, “They are not only the heroes of tomorrow, but they are the leaders of today.”

The Youth Commission was founded by Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas in 1992. 2014 summer activities included tours of the Savannah History Museum, Savannah College of Art and Design, Chatham County Detention Center, Hunter Army Airfield, Memorial Health, Chatham Area Transit and attendance at the Chatham County Commission and Savannah City Council meetings. Since its inception, over 500 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.

This program has been replicated in Fulton County (Atlanta), GA, Alachua County (Gainesville), FL,

Savannah, GA (Savannah Youth Council), Prince George's County, MD, Cass County (Fargo), ND and Dougherty County, (Albany), GA, Riverdale, GA and Newnan, GA, Miami-Dade County, FL, DeKalb County, GA and Jasper County, SC.

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. Now in our 20th year, we have over 400 graduates and have started similar programs 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 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 Twitter page @ChathamCountyYC

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

FREE DANCE THURSDAYS at The Lake Mayer Community Center

9:30 am - 10:15 am and 10:30 am - 11:15 am
“Little Movers” Creative Dance

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
“Lunch Break” Dance Workout for Adults

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
“Super Seniors” Dance Fitness for Mature Adults

5:30 pm - 6:15 pm and 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Teens and Adults African Dance Fitness



Sponsored by Chatham County Park Services
For more info call (912) 652-6784

Chatham County Park Services Presents:

THE HAUNTED HOUSE at L. SCOTT STELL PARK

FREE FUN for ALL AGES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact: Pam Pope for more info (912) 925-8694



Topic: Bullying

October 23, 2014 at the Georgia Coastal Center
9:00 am – 11:00 am • Registration begins at 8:30 am

Presented by
District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program and The Rape Crisis Center
Coming together to serve our community
Continental Breakfast Provided

Our kids' health: What matters most Campaign for Healthy Kids and Families



How do I know if I'm eligible?

Right from the Start Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids are two public health insurance programs for kids 0-19. Right from the Start Medicaid is a no-cost program. PeachCare for Kids can be no-cost, or may require a small monthly premium (\$0-\$35, with a maximum of \$70 for two or more children). Premiums for PeachCare for Kids depend on your income and household size.

Children under age 19 with household income up to \$47,700 per year (for a family of four) may qualify for Right from the Start Medicaid or a household income of \$58,932 (for a family of four) for PeachCare. It's best to contact an enrollment assistance partner who can walk you through the process.

Whether you work or not, your kids may be eligible. Many jobs don't offer health insurance or it's too expensive to cover your children.

Parents, grandparents and legal guardians can apply on behalf of their children.

Kids and teens should stay enrolled as long as they qualify. You do need to renew their coverage every year, however. Make sure your enrollment assistance partner knows how to reach you.

Enrollment Locations Open to General Public

St. Mary's Community Center
812 W. 36th Street, Savannah
912.447.0578, option 4
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:20am-5pm
Details: Accepts walk-ins. Spanish interpretation available.

Moses Jackson Advancement Center
1410B Richards Street, Savannah
912.525.2166
Hours: By appointment – ask for Natasha Butler

Centro Hispano/First Hispanic Baptist Church
1 Gamble Road, Savannah
912.777.8955
Hours: Tuesdays from 12-8pm & Fridays from 8-2pm
Details: Accepts walk-ins. Spanish interpretation available.

MedBank (multiple locations)
MedBank Headquarters
836 E. 65th Street, Ste. 12, Savannah, GA 31405
912.356.2898
Hours: Wed. 1pm - 4pm or call for an appointment

MedBank at Bryan County United Way Office
9611 Ford Avenue, Richmond Hill
912.656.6888
Hours: Mon -Tues. 9am - 5pm

MedBank Mobile Screener: Angela Toole:
912.356.2898 or 912.856.7908

Available at these locations by appointment only:

- **Eastside Concerned Citizens**
WW Law Center, 909 E. Bolton Street, Savannah
Hours: Tues. 11:30am - 1:30pm
- **Interfaith Hospitality Network**
126 Horizon Park Drive, Savannah
Hours: By appointment
- **Salvation Army**
3100 Montgomery Street, Savannah
Hours: Tues. 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Social Apostolate**
502 East Liberty Street, Savannah
Hours: Tues. 9:00am - 11am
- **Union Mission Employment & Training Center**
711 East Broad St., Savannah
Hours: Thurs. 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council
1395 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah
(located within Chatham County Health Department)
912.356.2887
Hours: Monday, 9-1pm & Wednesday 1-5pm. By appointment only

FOR PREGNANT WOMEN ONLY:

Chatham County Health Department
1395 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, GA 31406
(912) 356-2157 or (912) 356-2048

Details: Processing for Pregnant Women Medicaid is a walk-in service Monday through Friday. Walk In clients are asked to come in at 8 AM and/or 1 PM for service. Planning for Healthy Babies applications are also available.

Midtown Health Clinic
1602 Drayton Street, Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 651-3378 or (912) 651-2023

Details: Processing for Pregnant Women Medicaid is a walk-in service Monday through Friday. Walk In clients are asked to come in at 8 AM and/or 1 PM for service. Planning for Healthy Babies (Family Planning Medicaid) applications are also available.

To volunteer or to learn more about the campaign please contact the Healthy Kids Campaign Manager, Eva Elmer, at evaelmer@chlink.org

Every parent without insurance who has sought treatment for her child running a high fever, suffering with chronic asthma, or a broken bone knows the financial worries and pressure associated with medical bills.

A major new initiative was launched in August that should offer peace of mind to Chatham County's uninsured families. The Campaign for Healthy Children and Families aims to get all of our children and families who are eligible enrolled in Georgia's public health insurance programs.

The campaign, which will run through December 2015 and is led by the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council, Step Up Savannah and key partners in county and city government, is funded through the National League of Cities. It is part of a national initiative to expand access to healthcare. The campaign seeks to reduce by at least half the number of children in our community who are eligible for Right from the Start Medicaid and PeachCare but are not enrolled.

Of Chatham County's roughly 60,000 children 18 and under, more than 30% live below the poverty line. As many as 5,493 children in our community reportedly had no health insurance at the start of the campaign though the vast majority of them, 4,559, were eligible under existing public insurance programs.

Without health insurance these children are at risk for preventable diseases, their families are financially burdened, and costs to hospitals and taxpayers continue to rise as families depend on emergency room visits for routine care.

The health insurance programs cover well visits, immunizations, routine care, emergency care, dental care and more for children ages 0- 19.

The campaign involves a layered approach to assist families in enrolling and staying enrolled in the insurance programs as well as aggressive and wide-ranging outreach efforts. Enrollment assistance has already started at five key community centers, federally qualified health clinics, area hospitals, and will be available at various public events. Outreach



will be conducted at schools, clinics, and through social and traditional media.

The 3-1-1 call center is acting as the central referral number to direct families seeking enrollment assistance and to provide basic eligibility information.

An Advisory Board of city, county, health and social service agency representatives, and community leaders has been convened to advise and support the effort. Additionally, a campaign manager has been hired to coordinate all aspects of this ambitious effort. Eva Elmer will be coordinating outreach efforts, collecting data from the enrollment assistance partners and assist in reporting the numbers to the funders. Advisory board members will help the campaign make course corrections throughout the initiative, based on the enrollment numbers reported.

"Ours is one of just eight communities from around the country selected for this grant," explained Lisa Hayes, director of Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council. "We're working hand-in-hand with local government, community organizations and our healthcare system to provide a focused effort to get our kids enrolled and stay enrolled. Call 3-1-1 to find an enrollment assistance partner near you."



Strive for wellness.

Obese adults have a greater risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoarthritis, gall bladder disease and some cancers. Children are at increased risk for hypertension, diabetes, sleep apnea, asthma and low self-esteem.

SOURCE: OBESITY.OVPR.UGA.EDU/OBESITY-FACTS

Physical activity is an important part of a weight control program. UGA Extension's Walk Georgia is a free, online program that allows you to track your physical activity, while encouraging you to move more!

- SET PERSONAL FITNESS GOALS
- JOIN A GROUP! SUPPORT EACH OTHER WITH MUTUAL GOALS
- FIND RECIPES, STATE PARK INFO, APP AND WEBSITE REVIEWS, AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY UGA EXTENSION ON THE WALK GEORGIA BLOG
- A PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY YOUR LOCAL UGA EXTENSION OFFICE, 1-800-ASK-UGA1



Check out your two new library branches

Garden City Library: Sunshine Ave. & Dean Forest Rd. / **Islands Library:** Whitmarsh Island Rd. & Johnny Mercer Blvd.

Extended hours of operation: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The Garden City Library and Islands Library, at 16,000 square feet each, have identical layouts with bright open spaces and a variety of comfortable seating options throughout. Each library features:

- 40+ computers for adults and children
- 30,000+ items (books, DVDs) added to the overall collection
- Large meeting room that can accommodate 50 lecture-style, 30 with seminar seating
- Three meeting/study rooms – one for up to 10, two for up to 6
- Large dedicated children's area including a storytime room with seating space for more than 100 children
- Dedicated arts & crafts and activity space

For a complete fact sheet on the new hours, visit:

www.liveoakpl.org



Savannah Children's Book Festival

Sat., Nov. 15, 2014

Forsyth Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rain location: Savannah Civic Center

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