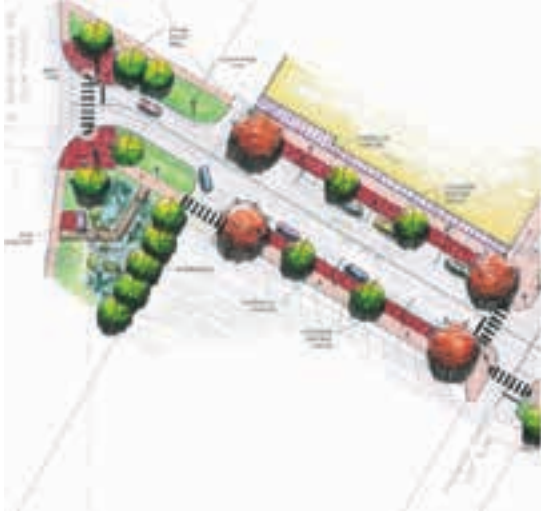
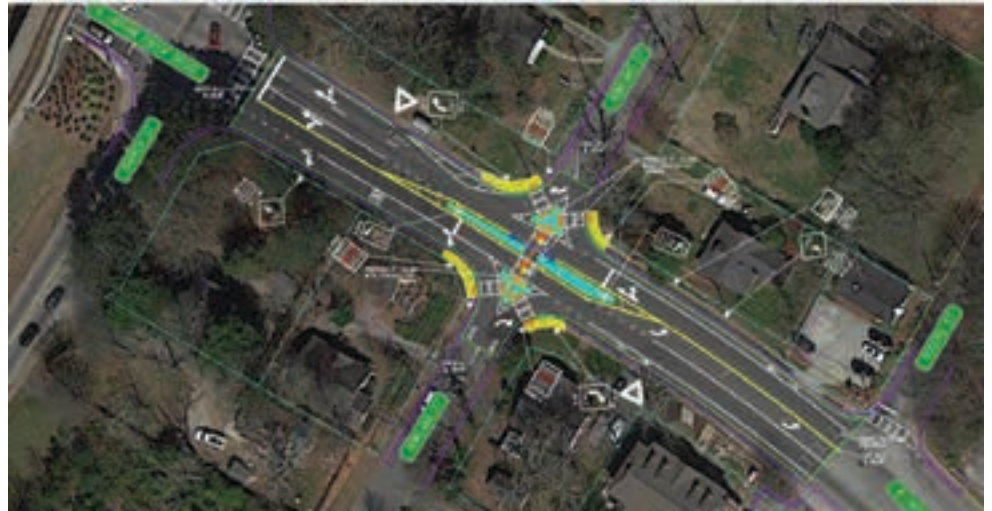


## Clarkston, a City Under Construction

By Terry Sanders



*Market Street*



*SPLOST Project A: North Indian Creek & Rowland Street*

“Pardon us as we grow!”, is the mantra being repeated in the city of Clarkston. As of this newsletter publishing, there are over 15 construction projects underway, simultaneously, in the city of Clarkston. With that stated, the City of Clarkston would like to thank its residents, visitors and everyone that live, work and play in Clarkston for their patience, tolerance and cooperation.

The City of Clarkston is in the latter half of a nearly \$6,000,000 Streetscape-sidewalk improvement/enhancement project spanning the main arteries in Clarkston: Church Street, East Ponce de Leon, Brockett Road, Montreal Road, Norman Road, our City Center on Market Street, and a few side streets. Holistic project improvements include resurfacing/re-striping streets, new ADA-compliant sidewalks, new curbing, new crosswalks, additional landscaping, additional and replaced traffic and pedestrian signage, and even additional wider bus cut-outs is scheduled to conclude in about 1 year.

“Considerable work is visible and complete all with

the intent of slowing-down vehicles, enhancing visibility, and enhancing over-all pedestrian and traffic safety. There will continue to be lots of construction in Clarkston, please pardon our dust and traffic delays over the next year”, stated Robin Gomez, City of Clarkston City Manager.

Gomez further stated, “Once complete numerous Clarkston main streets and a few side streets will not only be beautified, but made safer. And, the City of Clarkston’s future plans also include annexing areas on North Indian Creek Road, from Clarkston Elementary to the South where the City can make similar enhancements in another heavy pedestrian area to increase pedestrian safety.”

The person overseeing and managing the City of Clarkston’s infrastructure projects is Larry Kaiser, City Project Engineer. Kaiser started his contracting role with the City in 2011; his first project was the Milam Park renovations and construction.

“I have been asked by former and current city managers to inspect, monitor, perform project engineering

services, and construction management services for all of the City’s infrastructure projects to ensure that plans, development and construction meet applicable city, state and federal codes,” said Kaiser.

Kaiser is currently managing eight of the City’s SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Sales Tax) projects:

In addition to the City’s SPLOST and Streetscape projects and DeKalb County’s Water Main Relocation construction, Friendship Forest, Milam Park and 40 Oaks renovations, Clarkston is also experiencing a robust increase in commercial/economic development projects throughout the city. These projects include, but are not limited to the following: North American Mission Board is building a multi-purpose complex on Rowland Street down to Indian Creek, two locations of tiny/cottage homes, new townhomes construction and on-going much needed rehabbing of apartment units and buildings.

Clarkston, “where possibilities grow”, is proof of Heraclitus’ quote that “the only constant is change”!

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# Clarkston, a City Under Construction Continued

## SPLOST INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS (As of February 19, 2019)

PROJECT	FUNDING	CURRENT SCHEDULE	PENDING ISSUES	OTHER
East Ponce de Leon PH III Granite Curb Replacement	SPLOST 01	Completed		Under budget
40 Oaks Entrance	SPLOST 02	Completed		Under Budget
Resurfacing City Streets · Brockett Rd · Mell Ave · East Ponce - Church to Market · Church St - North Decatur Rd to East Ponce de Leon	SPLOST 03	99% complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Punch list remains</li> <li>· Contractor to repave police parking lot due to poor workmanship</li> <li>· Striping with thermoplastic weather permitting</li> </ul>	Low bid over budget  (added police parking lot and Mell Ave)
Pedestrian Improvements -Design · NIC @ Rowland HAWK signal - 4A · Rowland "Green" Street - 4B · Church @ Northern Trail Head Park - 4C · Church St @ East Ponce pedestrian enhancements - 4D	SPLOST 04 (04A, B, C, D)	Design plan development on going for 4 projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Advertise to-bid 4D in February &amp; on council agenda for approval of low bidder in April</li> <li>· Advertise to-bid 4A Feb. &amp; on council agenda for approval of low bidder in April</li> <li>· PATH partial funding on 4A</li> <li>· One final PIOH for Rowland Street in March and advertise to-bid May and low bidder recommendation to Council in June or July for 4B &amp; 4C</li> </ul>	
Montreal Rd Sidewalk Modifications - ADA	SPLOST 05	99% complete	Punch list to be developed	Low bid under SPLOST budget by 40%
Montreal Rd RRFB at Bus Shelter (adjacent to Avalon Apartments entrance)	SPLOST 06	Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) to be installed within 2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Installation when equipment arrives and good weather</li> <li>· Message board on Montreal board providing advanced notification</li> </ul>	Low Bid over SPLOST budget by 5%
Norman Road Dam - design	SPLOST - #TBD	RFP being developed	· Design firm to be selected - RFP not prepared yet	
City Streetscape Improvements	SPLOST, GDOT, FHWA, ARCI		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· On-going</li> <li>· Delayed 12 months due to county water line installation</li> </ul>	

BEFORE



1. EXISTING VIEW FROM CHURCH TO PONCE

AFTER



1. VIEW FROM CHURCH TO PONCE

BEFORE



2. EXISTING FROM CHURCH STREET AT RAILROAD CROSSING

AFTER



2. VIEW FROM CHURCH STREET AT RAILROAD CROSSING

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3. EXISTING DOWN PONCE DE LEON AVE.

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3. VIEW DOWN PONCE DE LEON AVE.

BEFORE



TRAILHEAD - EXISTING

AFTER



TRAILHEAD - IMPROVED





From using leftover coffee beans to preventing dirt from getting underneath fingernails, master gardener Paul James shares his top 9 tips and shortcuts to make spring gardening a breeze.

## Nine Simple Gardening Tips and Tricks

By Paul James, host of Gardening by the Yard

**1** To remove the salt deposits that form on clay pots, combine equal parts white vinegar, rubbing alcohol and water in a spray bottle. Apply the mixture to the pot and scrub with a plastic brush. Let the pot dry before you plant anything in it.

**2** To prevent accumulating dirt under your fingernails while you work in the garden, draw your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt can't collect beneath them. Then, after you've finished in the garden, use a nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.

**3** To prevent the line on your string trimmer from jamming or breaking, treat with a spray vegetable oil before installing it in the trimmer.

**4** Turn a long-handled tool into a measuring stick! Lay a long-handled garden tool on the ground, and next to it place a tape measure. Using a permanent marker, write inch and foot marks on the handle. When you need to space plants a certain distance apart (from just an inch to several feet) you'll already have a measuring device in your hand.

**5** To have garden twine handy when you need it, just stick a ball of twine in a small clay pot, pull the end of the twine through the drainage hole, and set the pot upside down in the garden. Do that, and you'll never go looking for twine again.

**6** Little clay pots make great cloches for protecting young plants from sudden, overnight frosts and freezes.

**7** To turn a clay pot into a hose guide, just stab a roughly one-foot length of steel reinforcing bar into the ground at the corner of a bed and slip two clay pots over it: one facing down, the other facing up. The guides will prevent damage to your plants as you drag the hose along the bed.

**8** To create perfectly natural markers, write the names of plants (using a permanent marker) on the flat faces of stones of various sizes and place them at or near the base of your plants.

**9** Got aphids? You can control them with a strong blast of water from the hose or with insecticidal soap. But here's another suggestion, one that's a lot more fun; get some tape! Wrap a wide strip of tape around your hand, sticky side out, and pat the leaves of plants infested with aphids. Concentrate on the undersides of leaves, because that's where the little buggers like to hide.

## Three Tips for Successful Spring Cleaning

The flowers are blooming, the birds are serenading, and our house still feels like it's stuck with winter blues. Spring cleaning is a tradition that allows us to freshen up our homes and get a head start on the hectic seasons of spring and summer.

### Clean Room-By-Room

Approaching your house room-by-room is the most effective way to deep-clean your home at any time of the year, but especially in spring. Use room checklists as a springboard for deep-cleaning the areas of your home that really need extra attention. Feel free to skip items that have recently been cleaned and focus on the parts of your home that have been neglected all winter long.

### Organize and Clear the Clutter

One of the biggest parts of spring cleaning is getting rid of clutter that you don't need. Now is a good time to advantage of the natural spring urge to get rid of items that are weighing you down and begin fresh with a more streamlined lifestyle. Identify problems, analyze reasons, determine solutions, and implement remedies can be extremely productive at this time of year. Sorting your belongings into four categories—trash, give-away, store, or put-away—can also be effective as you begin the spring-cleaning process.

Now is a great time to plan a garage sale or to donate items to good causes. Cleaning will be a lot easier when the clutter is gone.

### Get the Family Involved

If you need a little help in your cleaning endeavors, get your family involved. Even the most unwilling helper can make a big difference in the workload. Don't worry: There are ways to deal with even the most reluctant helpers. This is actually a great time of year to get the entire family to work together. Try throwing on some music or establishing a family reward as an incentive to get the work done.



## Ethne Health Provides Healthcare Aligned With Faith

The mission of Ethne Health is to deliver “comprehensive, high value healthcare through a culturally sensitive, neighbor-centered medical home that advances Jesus’ love and justice in our vibrant community.”

Family medicine physician, Esther Kim, is one of the co-founders of the clinic moved with her family to Clarkston in 2017. Before moving to Clarkston and in doing her research, it was discovered that Clarkston has one of the highest uninsured rates and a slightly higher poverty rate when compared to the rest of DeKalb County. She and other non-profit leaders also discovered some healthcare statistics that were “astounding” given Clarkston’s close proximity to Atlanta.

“What struck us the most was what is called a penetrance rate that is used by the government to tell how many people are accessing a clinic. In a good city it could be 30% or higher, so for example the city of Baltimore is 50%. In 2016 the city of Clarkston the number was 7.5%. Meaning eight people out of 100 people are using the services at a health clinic in Clarkston.

So, what is going on with the other 92%? They are going to emergency rooms for primary care; which isn’t a good place for that. Medicaid, federal recipients tend to use ERs thirteen times more than commercially insured patients,” said Dr. Kim.

Dr. Kim wasn’t alone in moving to Clarkston, she and her husband, also a physician, were joined by two other physicians and their families. All four physicians are co-founders of Ethne Health clinic.

In surveying and assessing the healthcare in Clarkston, they determined four reoccurring needs: People said they want a clinic that they can walk to, a clinic that allows self-pay (people without insurance and, or Medicaid), transparency in cost and payments upfront to avoid bill-

ing surprises and they also want translations at the clinic to eliminate language, and communication barriers.

“From those four areas of need, is how and why we started this clinic. We are not a clinic that just opens once in a while, we are not a free clinic, we want to be the medical home for Clarkston”, said Dr. Kim.

Ethne is the root word for ethnic group and its Greek meaning is “all people”.

“So, we want a place that takes care of all people”, said Dr. Kim. “We offer healthcare from the cradle to right before the grave. We are a primary care clinic that can do everything.”

While Clarkston already has seven established clinics, five that are private and two that are free, but only opens on weekends and a couple of times during the week. Dr. Kim notes that Ethne clinic differences, in comparison to the other clinics; first Ethne is a non-profit with the beneficiary being the communities in Clarkston.

Second, in striving a be a medical home, Ethne provides comprehensive healthcare offerings and services that includes, preventative medicine, physical exams, lab works, vaccines for immunizations, ultrasound equipment to do point of care exams, and board certified doctors dedicated to changing the healthcare system and provision in Clarkston.

Third, all four Ethne physicians and their families live in Clarkston.

And fourth, Ethne Health is a faith based practice; with all co-founders’ motivation and inspiration coming from their Christian faith. And receive funding from churches and religious organizations.

“We are taking care of our neighbors and motivated, to do so, by our faith”, stated Dr. Kim.



## Live Healthy DeKalb Coalition and DeKalb County Board of Health Co-Hosted Diabetes Alert Day

On March 26th, the Live Healthy DeKalb Coalition co-hosted Diabetes Alert Day with the DeKalb County Board of Health. The event was held at the T.O. Vinson Health Center in Decatur. Thirty-one of the ninety-six attendees received free screenings to assess their risk for Type 2 Diabetes.

This event also featured diabetes education resources, healthy snack options, on-site risk assessments and glucose screenings, a Q & A session and activities such as Tai Chi Chair-A-Cise and Silver Sneaker Fitness.



# Clarkston Business Owners Weigh in on DeKalb's and MARTA's Comprehensive Transportation Plan



The City of Clarkston was invited to select three Clarkston business owners to serve on a DeKalb County Transit Master Plan Focus Group. In fulfilling this request from project management firm, CERM (Corporate Environmental Risk Management), the City asked, Kitty Murray, Owner/Operator of Refuge Coffee, Inc., Joseph Arnold, CEO/Director of Positive Growth, Inc., and Esther Kim, physician and co-founder of Ethne Health Clinic.

These three Clarkston business owners, joined their DeKalb County peers for an informative, productive and insightful focus group whose input will influence DeKalb County's and MARTA's future-state transit plans, design, development and implementation.

The focus group was asked to assess short- and long-term transportation needs and solutions to be considered in addressing heavy rails, customized bus routes—that would go directly into neighborhoods to make pick-ups and drop-offs-- more rider-friendly and accessible.

### What is DeKalb County's Transit Master Plan?

The Transit Master Plan will address DeKalb County's mobility challenges, help to enhance future development opportunities, and improve the quality of life within each of DeKalb's cities and unincorporated communities, both north and south. The plan will also seize opportunities in DeKalb County for service enhancements today and expansion opportunities tomorrow to create a 30-year vision and beyond for transit investments.

- **Live, work, play and use transit:** The Master Plan will focus on creating an environment where transit is a seamless part of living, working and playing in DeKalb County. By creating a robust network of complementary modes that include different types of transit solutions, the plan will improve residents' quality of life and businesses' bottom lines.
- **Make sure transit is available for everyone:** The Master Plan will provide mobility options for all DeKalb County residents. The recommendations will balance the needs of discretionary riders who could choose to commute via private automobile instead of transit with the needs of more transit-dependent riders such as seniors, individuals with low incomes, underserved residents, persons with disabilities, and youth.
- **Ensure that the transit vision is affordable and effective:** By creating an environment to listen, educate, and collaborate with residents, local businesses, cities, and DeKalb County, together we can develop a prioritized list of well-defined, realistic, and feasible transit improvements to guide us for the next few years and beyond.
- **Make sure thriving and emerging areas have transit service:** By defining fiscally sensible solutions, the Master Plan will bolster economic development activities in currently prosperous areas and encourage investment in those areas identified for future growth so that all areas of the County will benefit from future transit improvements.

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## City Council Pre-Work Session Mixers

January 29, 2019



The City of Clarkston's City Council Pre-Work Session Mixers continue their success in promoting and encouraging community and civic engagement. These Clarkston Mixers are believed to be the first of its kind of events to be held and sustained in DeKalb County.

February 26, 2019



Special Guests of Honor for January, February and March Mixers were Robin Gomez, Clarkston City Manager, Johnny Waits, DeKalb County Historian, Dr. Heval Kelli, Emory Cardiologist, Julie Gomez and daughters, family of City Manager, Robin Gomez, Shawanna Qawi, City of Clarkston Planning & Development Director, Doris Mukangu, Executive Director, Amani Women's Center, City Councilwomen "YT" Bell and Andrea Cervone.

March 26, 2019



Started in April 2018, these monthly Mixers provide informal opportunities for Clarkston residents, City Council Work Session Stakeholders and the public at-large to mix and mingle with City of Clarkston elected officials, Administrative Staff, community and civic influencers and Special Guest(s) of Honor, before the regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. City Council Work Session.

We, the City of Clarkston, are looking forward to continuing these Mixers and to bringing more events and programs to all of Clarkston in on-going efforts to increase and continue community and civic engagement!

## City Council and City Administrative Staff Hold First 2019 Retreat

To ensure advancing City Council's plans, objectives and determinations, the first retreat of 2019 was held on Friday, March 29, 2019 with City Council and City Senior Administrative Staff in attendance.

During this day-long retreat, council and staff was presented with a proposal from Roots Down Consulting's Jamie Rosenthal. The proposal details the creation of a seven months Urban Agriculture Director/Consultant Agreement to help position the City of Clarkston as an innovator in sustainable urban farm development.

**Other Presentations included:** City Finance Update & Review by Dan Defnall, Finance Director; Public Safety Update & Review---Police and Code Enforcement, Police Chief Christine Hudson and Planning & Development Director, Shawanna Qawi; Construction Update & Review, Robin Gomez, City Manager, included Streetscape (Norman, Market Street, East Ponce de Leon), Friendship Forest, 40 Oaks, Milam Park, Public Works, and Beautification, Other

**Council Issues For Discussions included:** 100% Clean Energy-Sustainability, Economic/Community/Housing Development, Communications, Work Session Meeting Processes, One Region-Welcoming City Initiative, Public Comment Policy, New City Hall, Standing Advisory Committees, Charter Code Changes, Other



## NOW PLAYING

City of Clarkston's Radio Shows, Clarkston Speaks and Conversations With Council, now available on the City's Website and streaming on [SagalRadio.org](http://SagalRadio.org)

### CLARKSTON SPEAKS

#### Clarkston Speaks, Robin Gomez, Clarkston's City Manager

(L-R) Clarkston Speaks radio show host, Beverly Burks, sat down with Clarkston's City Manager, Robin Gomez, to discuss his role, Clarkston's construction projects, City of Clarkston's goals and priorities, and balancing the needs of the city, with increasing economic development, affordable housing and land mass via future-state annexation(s).



Listen in to learn more about Gomez as he gives his personal and professional assessments of living in Clarkston, City of Clarkston services and delivery, City staff and personnel, and Clarkston's diversity.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

#### Conversations With Council, Hemp and Medicinal Usage

(L-R) Joining Conversations With Council radio show host Councilman Awet Eyasu in Sagal Radio studio to discuss "Hemp and Medicinal Usage" were guests, Dr. Sarah Neely, a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist at Ethne Health in Clarkston, Duane Piel, General Manager at CBD American Shaman and Life Griffith, Executive Director of Veterans Health Solutions/First To Care. Host and guests delved into the timely topics of Hemp, CBD oils and bi-products, usage, Georgia laws and the future-state of marijuana's legalization, nationally, by states and locally.





## City of Clarkston “True Colors of Clarkston” Artwork Contest Kickoffs

For the second year of celebrating Georgia Municipal Association’s Georgia Cities Week, the City of Clarkston is partnering with Jolly Elementary, Indian Creek Elementary and Clarkston High School to kickoff and conduct the “True Colors of Clarkston!” Artwork Contest.

In kicking off the contest at each of the participating schools, students were asked to submit entries that depict, represent and exhibit---native and foreign born---richness, diversity and multi-cultured attributes found in city of Clarkston.

Students were instructed by Robin Gomez, Clarkston City Manager, at each kick-off, that they can use any and all applicable, appropriate mixed-media artwork supplies and resources that can be displayed during and after the contest. Entries could be in the submissions of drawings, paintings, jewelry, clothing and digital recordings, etc.

The contest will run from Monday, April 1st to Friday, April 19th. With contest entries judging taking place during Georgia Cities Week, April 22nd – 26th at each of the schools.

Contest judges include members of the City of Clarkston Public Art Advisory Committee, Clarkston City Council members and City Administrative Staff.

Judges will select 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 10 Honorable Mention winners. Prizes to be awarded are gift cards in the amounts of: 1st Place = \$200, 2nd Place = \$100, 3rd Place = \$50 and 10 Honorable Mentions = \$25.

Winners will be recognized with entries displayed and prizes awarded on April 30th at the City of Clarkston City Council Pre-Work Session Mixer. Parents of winners, and Jolly Elementary, Indian Creek Elementary and Clarkston High School officials will also be the City’s Special Guests of Honor at the Mixer. The public will also be invited to mix and mingle with contest winners, parents, elected and school officials and City Administrative Staff.

Indian Creek Elementary  
March 7, 2019



Jolly Elementary  
March 15, 2019



Clarkston High School | March 18, 2019



## They Came Together in Solidarity to Combat Hate

If anyone ever doubted the true spirit of the heart of Clarkston, their disbelief was overwhelmingly dissuaded at the “Standing With Our Muslim Neighbors” gathering at Refuge Coffee on March 21st.

This supportive gathering attracted an estimated crowd of 400 people in attendance. The gathering was an opportunity to join together with “our Muslim family as we mourn the attacks on the Christchurch, in New Zealand community and stand united against all hatred. We invite our friends, families and neighbors to be with us in our pursuit to promote understanding and support of one another”.

Organizers included Emory Cardiologist, Dr. Heval Kelli, who rose to prominence from a refugee dishwasher to renown physician. In telling the story of how his mother had recently survived a heart related medical trauma, he interwove how help during this personal crisis came from diverse medical professionals that are considered to be “enemies” to the outside world.

He told the crowd, “Hate is a disease that must not be allowed to grow; it must be prevented wherever and whenever it can, and will occur”, said Dr. Kelli.



## Planning & Development Director Touts Clarkston’s Growth and Opportunities

City of Clarkston Planning & Development Director, Shawanna Qawiy was invited to speak at the Council for Quality Growth, a DeKalb County Advisory Group, about Clarkston’s Streetscape Project and the numerous housing developments coming to the city of Clarkston; as well as Clarkston’s recent and pending ordinance changes surrounding micro-breweries, late night alcohol sales, affordable housing, and zoning reforms.



# Clarkston's Chief Court Clerk Settles into New Position

Dorothy Jackson has officially assumed the position of Chief Court Clerk for the City of Clarkston. Jackson ascended through the ranks in obtaining the position.

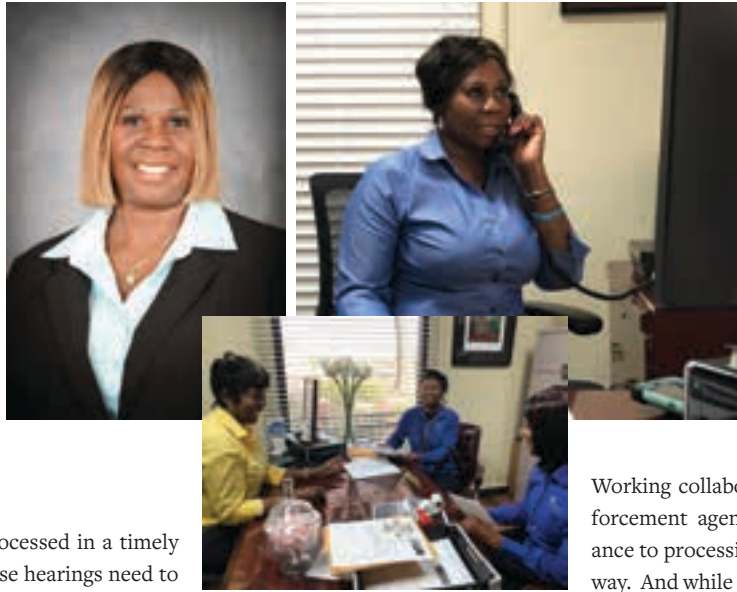
"We, me and my team, Susie Keys and Deborah Samuels, process all of the citations and arrests that are issued and made nightly by the City of Clarkston police officers. We ensure compliance because some cases have to be heard within 48 hours, and some don't have to be heard as quickly, like violations of probation, which cases are to be heard within 72 hours", said Jackson.

Other prioritized cases that are to be processed in a timely manner are Failure To Appear (FTA), these hearings need to take place quickly in order for bonds to be set and defendants to be processed within a certain time period. Certain charges, like driving with a suspended license, already have pre-determined set bond amounts that are levied accordingly and defendants can bail out in a short period of time after being arrested.

Jackson and her team also process daily walk-ins seeking assistance with reporting incidents, accidents and, or violations with the assistance of officers on duty. They process people in need of background checks and those wanting adult entertainment and alcohol server permits renewals and initial issuance.

Monthly Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) showing statistics of the types of crimes committed, and frequency, by percentages/rates, generated by the Clarkston Police Department (CKPD); and which are compiled and transmitted by Jackson directly to the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations), who is the requesting and funding agency.

Electronic reporting also includes, CCH (Criminal Computerized History),



this is the application used to initiate and track criminal histories and backgrounds, commonly called a "rap sheet". These criminal background checks are triggered by fingerprinting upon arrest and police jail tickets. These tickets are sent to Jackson from DeKalb County Police processing an arrest made by Clarkston Police, to enable her to update defendants "rap sheets". Updates are made possible via the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI). Jackson is certified to have access to GBI's database.

Working collaboratively with all of these various law enforcement agencies, provides impartial checks and balance to processing and procedural actions taken along the way. And while no intersecting agency can alter electronic records managed by any of the other agencies, jointly used systems do allow transparency to keep all agencies accurately informed.

Prior to coming to the City of Clarkston in 2015, Jackson earned nine years of experience with the DeKalb County Police Records Department and she was a criminal court clerk, a traffic specialist clerk and a judicial assistant to a circuit court judge in Florida.

When asked what the best part of her job is, Jackson quickly said, "The best part of my job and what makes me happy is delivering customer service that makes a customer happy before leaving. Because they are happy, I know that we have delivered customer service successfully."

Jackson being foreign born herself, want Clarkston's diverse residents to know that she and her team are here to help, not to arrest or deter them from getting the assistance needed, while following the law.

## City of Clarkston Seniors Advisory Committee

During regularly scheduled meetings, held the second Friday of each month, 1:00PM - 2:00PM, Woman's Club, 3913 Church Street, Clarkston, GA 30021, the City of Clarkston Seniors Advisory Committee identified actions to fulfill their charge of designing, developing and proposing a City of Clarkston Seniors Program.

To assist the committee with assessing the needs of seniors living in Clarkston, a survey is being created that will allow multiple methods for completion and return, to garner as much input and feedback as possible. Needs of Clarkston seniors cannot be addressed, if those needs are not known.

And to provide greater opportunities for survey completion and to recruit additional engagement from Clarkston seniors and residents, the committee will host several upcoming events.





## Congratulations Mayor Ted Terry

Clarkston's Mayor Ted Terry was selected as "100 Most Influential Georgians of 2019: Propelling Positive Change" by Georgia Trend magazine. According to Henry David Thoreau, "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." His assessment is an apt description of the individuals included in Georgia Trend's 21st annual listing of the 100 Most Influential.



## Clarkston Has Been Awarded the Greenest City Award



Clarkston has been awarded the Greenest City Award for the state of Georgia by Insurify. This honor goes out to the city with the most environmentally-conscious living and driving practices in each state.

To select award winners, Insurify's data team analyzed driver behavior, vehicle features, urban sprawl, park space, air quality, and renewable electricity programs to

determine the highest scoring community in each state.

More information about your award and the full list of winning communities can be found here: <https://insurify.com/insights/insurifys-greenest-cities-awards-2019/>

## Congratulations Clarkston Library, One of the Year's Best

The Georgia Public Library Service has named the DeKalb County Public Library as Georgia's Public Library of the Year. DeKalb was recognized for offering public programming that embraces the county's diverse community.



## Amani Women Center Has a Whole Lot of Good Going On



Living up to its tagline, "Stitching Lives Together", Amani Women Center Sewing Academy awarded sixteen refugee women with certificates of completion from the Center's Sewing Academy. Six of the women will move into the advance sewing level and were presented with their very own Singer sewing machines. And ten members of the beginners' class will advance to the intermediary class.

Amani Sewing Academy added a new instructor and 24 new students since the beginning of 2019. Classes are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



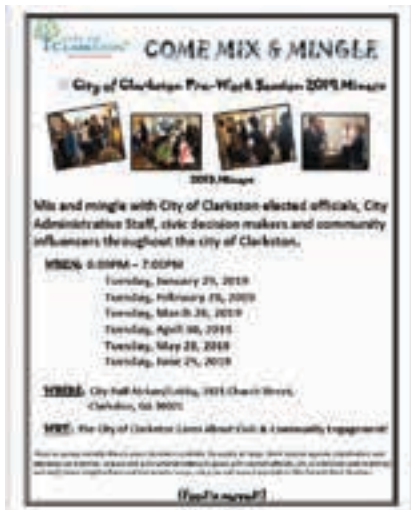
More good things came Amani Women Center's way when Alston & Bird and Hands On Atlanta, partnered to give the Amani Sewing Academy and Women Center a much needed and appreciated facelift. Together, Alston & Bird, an international law firm and Hands on Atlanta provided the volunteers and resources to make the Academy/Center, like new, from ceiling to floor.

Amani Sewing Academy (ASA) is an expansion of a social enterprise initiative of Amani Women Center (AWC). Amani Women Center (AWC) fills a very important gap for the work that is done in the refugee community by providing culturally sensitive programs and services to the different ethnic groups represented in Clarkston, Georgia.

# Save The Dates In 2019!

## CITY OF CLARKSTON: 2019 PRE-WORK SESSION MIXERS SCHEDULE

The Last Tuesday of the Month  
(Dates are subject to change accordingly)  
Clarkston City Hall  
6:00PM – 7:00PM



## GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

April 21 – 27, 2019



## CLARKSTON CULTURE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
10:00AM – 4:00PM

Hallford Stadium, 3789 Memorial College Avenue,  
Clarkston, GA 30021

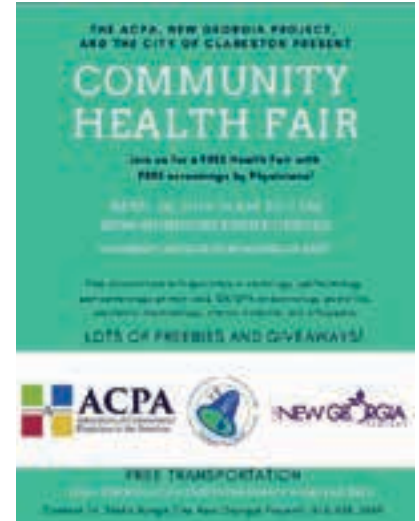


## CENTER FOR PAN ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (CPACS)

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770.446.0929

## FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

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## PHYSICIANS' CARE CLINIC: FREE MEDICATION EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 1, 2019  
T.O. Vinson Health Center  
440 Winn Way, Decatur, GA 30030  
6:00PM – 7:00PM



## Clarkston Culture Festival LAST Planning Meeting

April 11, 2019, 6pm-8pm  
Clarkston Woman's Club, 3913 Church Street,  
Clarkston GA 30021



## INTERNATIONAL SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 20, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Clarkston Community Center  
3701 College Avenue, Clarkston, GA 30021



POSITIVE GROWTH MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM  
Friday, July 26, 2019





**FREE CITIZENSHIP CLINIC**

Saturday, May 11, 2019  
 Georgia Gwinnett College  
 1000 University Center Lane,  
 Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
 10:00AM – 12:00PM

**To Qualify As A Program Site,**  
 Please Complete The Summer Food Application  
 By May 11, 2019



DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs is seeking sites to participate in the Summer Food Service Program from June 4 – July 27. The Summer Food Service Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture federally funded program that partners with agencies to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

To qualify as a site, 50 percent of children served must meet the income guidelines for free and reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Children who are members of households that receive food stamp benefits or Aid for Dependent Children assistance automatically qualify.

For more information, contact Rose Myrick, Summer Food Service Program Manager at 770-414-2109 or rbmyrick@dekalbcountyga.gov



**DEKALB COUNTY MEN'S RESOURCE FAIR**

Saturday, May 18, 2019  
 11:00AM – 3:00PM  
 Community Development Institute  
 815 Park North Blvd., Clarkston, GA 30021



**PHYSICIANS' CARE CLINIC: BENEFITS OF MEDITATION**

May 28, 2019  
 6:00PM – 7:00PM  
 T.O. Vinson Health Center Auditorium  
 440 Winn Way  
 Decatur, GA 30030

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

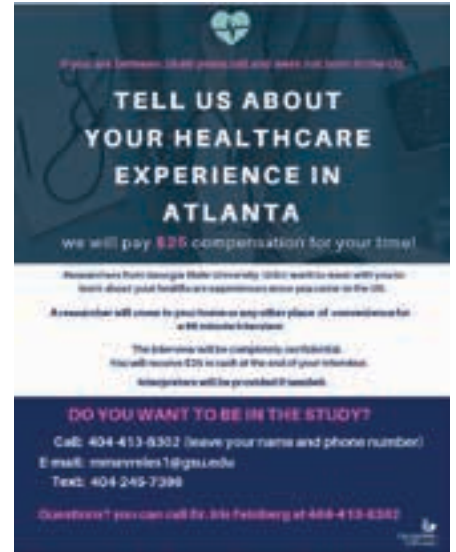
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
 Georgia Piedmont College Conference Center  
 495 North Indian Creek Drive,  
 Clarkston, GA 30021



**CLARKSTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**

Monday – Thursday, 4:00PM – 5:00PM  
 Clarkston Community Center  
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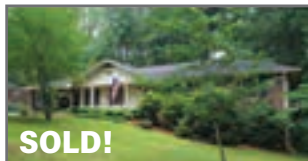
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