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It is impossible to ignore Rabun County's brilliance. Whether you are in Georgia's most northeastern corner a few minutes or a few generations, it does not take long to see realize how impressive Rabun County and its municipalities are.

Mountains, lakes and wildlife are amazing aspects of the county that accent beautiful homes, top-level restaurants, superb shops, demanding golf courses, phenomenal waterfalls, and other sensational views.

Rabun is a county that provides a multitude of answers as to what people like. However, people can still have questions.

Questions always abound and when there are questions, answers are needed.

The 2025 Rabun County Answer Book is here to help and welcome you to our community.

Whether you are visiting; staying a while; or residing full-time, Rabun County offers a vast selection of opportunities. To fully experience these opportunities even more, accessible and accurate information is vital for you to live, work, shop, worship and play in Rabun County.

The 2025 Rabun County Answer Book gives information on where to register to vote; who the local, state and federal elected officials are; how to get utilities turned on; and where to pay taxes.

These are among the many key questions you can ask yourself.

Also, there are questions like where is the closest police department and fire station?

Where is the nearest recycling center and what are the hours of operation?

Restaurants in the county offer a variety of tasty meals and multiple churches provide chances to worship throughout the week.

How about learning the locations of hiking trails, parks and camp sites? State parks like Black Rock Mountain, Tallulah Gorge and Moccasin Creek are outstanding outdoor adventures. Miles of hiking trails are available and Rabun County is a part of the renown Appalachian Trail. More than 30 waterfalls with names are located in Rabun County.

These are only a few of the countless questions and tidbits you can find out more about in The 2025 Rabun County Answer Book.

In the pages of this annual publication, you will find where to attend a local governmental meeting; and learn an array of other aspects about living in Rabun County.

This publication may not answer all your potential questions about the county, but we believe we will shed some light on quite a few of them.

Please make the information in this book a valuable part of your daily life. Keep it throughout 2025 and beyond as a guide you can reference whenever you have questions. Knowing the telephone numbers to electric companies, natural gas, cable, internet, propane and water and sewer is important.

Additionally, we encourage you support the local businesses in pages of The 2025 Rabun County Answer Book as these businesses connect with thousands of potential customers such as yourself.

By just spending a little time in Rabun County, you will be able to attest that this part of Georgia is very blessed. We certainly are proud to call Rabun home and we are glad you have made our community part of your life.

Great outdoor activities, fine dining, and big-time shopping experiences are merely some of the extra perks for this extraordinary mountainous region with its down-home appeal.



ENOCH AUTRY
Publisher

For all its significant aspects, it remains the people who live in this notable part of Georgia who make Rabun County a great place to live, work, worship and play. Although the world is fast-paced and constantly changing, Rabun County holds true to its special blend of small-town values and good-hearted people.

We welcome all of those who are new to Rabun County, and we are willing to assist as you settle into your new home.

If you have been either a full-time or part-time resident for years, it is always great to see your smiling face.

When questions pop up, remember that knowledge is power so always consider referring to your copy of The 2025 Rabun County Answer Book.

HELP

» FAITH:
706-782-1003

» Crisis Line:
706-782-1338

» Outreach Office:
706-782-1003

» Emergency, **Call 911**

» Mountain Lakes Medical Center:
706-782-3100

» Rabun County EMS:
706-782-6520

» Rabun County
Health Department:
706-212-0289

911

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

» Board of Commissioners: 706-782-5271

» Rabun County UGA Extension Service:
706-782-3113

» Rabun County Public Library:
706-782-3731

» Rabun County Solid Waste/
Recycling Center:
706-782-2015

» Rabun County Transit/Senior Center:
706-782-3853

» Rabun County Tax Commissioner:
706-782-3613

» Rabun County Tax Assessor:
706-782-5068

CITY GOVERNMENT

» City of Clayton:
706-782-4512

» City of Dillard:
706-746-5891

» City of Mountain City:
706-746-3513

» City of Sky Valley:
706-746-2204

» Town of Tallulah Falls:
706-754-6040

» Town of Tiger:
706-982-9439

LAW ENFORCEMENT (Non-Emergency Numbers)

» Clayton Police Department office:
706-782-2181

» Dillard Police Department office:
706-746-5891

» Rabun County 911 dispatch non-emergency: 706-782-6226

» Sky Valley Police Department:
Contact Rabun County 911 dispatch
non-emergency at 706-782-7777

» Rabun County Sheriff's Office:
706-782-3612

» Georgia State Patrol - Post 7 Toccoa:
706-282-4531

» Tallulah Falls Police Department:
Contact Habersham County 911 dispatch
non-emergency at 706-778-3911 or
Tallulah Falls Town Hall at 706-754-6040

CITY GOVERNMENTS

CITY OF CLAYTON

KURT CANNON

MAYOR



Clayton City Council members hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month with work sessions to begin at 4 p.m. and regular meetings at 5 p.m. at the Clayton Municipal Complex, 837 Highway 76 West.

It collects a 5 percent hotel-motel tax. A percentage goes to the Clayton Merchants and Business Association and a percentage goes to Forward Rabun.

» **Phone:** 706-782-4512

» **Council:**

Amanda Harrold - Post 1

Althea Bleckley - Post 2

Tony Allen - Post 3

Sarah Gillespie - Post 4

Stacy Fountain - Post 5

» **City Manager:** Trudy Crunkleton

» **City Clerk:** Kessiah Gipson

» **Zoning Administrator:** Richard Moncus

» **Police Chief:** Andy Strait

» **Assistant Police Chief:** John Grist

CITY OF MOUNTAIN CITY

GRACE WATTS

MAYOR



Mountain City City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Mountain City Municipal Complex, 41 Education St. City Hall is closed Wednesday afternoons, Thursday and Friday.

No Property taxes are levied. Revenue comes from business licenses and permits, franchise fees, insurance tax and fines and forfeitures.

The city had a Census 2020 population of 904.

» **Phone:** 706-746-3513

» **Council:**

Michael Holt, Eric McCrackin,

Robert Sutton and Brenda Hooper

» **City Clerk:** Cissy Henry

» **Police Chief:** Jeremy Welch

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

HOLLIE STEIL

MAYOR



The city of Sky Valley council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Sky Valley City Hall, 3608 Highway 246, Sky Valley.

Sky Valley operates on a well system. Residents are on individual septic tanks. Garbage pickup includes household, recycle, yard and debris pickup.

The city had a Census 2020 population of 482.

Sky Valley City Hall is located at 3608 Highway 246, Sky Valley.

» **Phone:** 706-746-2204

» **Council:**

Tony Allred, Bill Oliver, Jim Curtis,
Bruce Turner and Dan McAfee

» **City Manager:** Jason Streetman

» **City Clerk:** Karen Fleming

» **Deputy Clerk:** Summer Murphy

» **City Attorney:** Doug Kidd

» **Police Chief:** Ron Baumes

» **Public Works Director:** Jerry Shope

» **Communications Specialist:** Sherron Van Camp

TOWN OF TIGER

MIKE CARNES

MAYOR



Tiger City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Tiger Town Hall, 3011 Old Highway 441 South.

The city of Tiger installed a park with a playground, picnic tables with a pavilion, and other amenities. The land was bought by the city and the project was funded through Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds.

Tiger has no full-time employees.

The city charges no property taxes.

The city had a Census 2020 population of 422.

» **Phone:** 706-982-9439

» **Council:**

John Grist, Pete Marziliano,

Karen Lovell, and James Gragg

CITY OF DILLARD

CLAUDE DILLARD

MAYOR



Dillard City Council meets at 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 892 Franklin St.

Dillard collects an Accommodation Tax. They collect 8 percent tax and 37.5 percent goes to General Fund, 43.75 percent goes to our Tourism Fund and 18.75 percent goes to Tourism Projects.

The city had a Census 2020 population of 337.

» **Phone:** 706-746-5891

» **Council:**

Gordon Jenkins, Jeff Harris,

Terry Wilson and Jack Roberts

» **City Manager:** Gary Fesperman

» **City Clerk:** Glenda Enloe

» **Police Chief:** Kenneth Watts

» **Police Clerk:** Lisa Hopper

TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS

MIKE EARLY

MAYOR



Tallulah Falls City Council meets once a month on the second Thursday at 6 p.m. at Tallulah Falls Town Hall, 255 Main Street, Tallulah Falls.

Water fees are based on a graduated scale depending on usage.

Residents are on individual septic tanks.

The Town has a Census 2020 population of 199.

» **Phone:** 706-754-6040

» **Council:**

Craig Weatherly, Jimmy Franklin,

Scott Augustine and Mike Urpschot

» **City Clerk:** Linda Lapeyrouse

» **Police Chief:** Tonya Elrod

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

GREG JAMES

CHAIRMAN



Rabun County has five county commissioners. Commissioners serve four-year terms. Commissioners meet at 5:30 p.m. for a work session and 6 p.m. for regular session on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Rabun County Courthouse.

The county had a Census 2020 population of 16,883.

According to numbers from the 2020 Census, a population of 12,536 live in unincorporated areas.

County administration can be reached at: 706-782-5271

Commissioners:

- » Greg James: 706-490-1954
- » Will Nichols: 706-782-7798
- » Tom Garrison: 706-490-2289
- » Kent Woerner: 706-982-3610
- » Scott Crane: 706-490-1352

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

DARRIN GILES

ADMINISTRATOR



COUNTY OFFICES

25 Courthouse Sq., Suite 201 Clayton, GA 30525

» County Administrator:

Darrin Giles - 706-782-5271; 706-960-9701
Darrin.Giles@rabuncounty.ga.gov

» County Clerk:

Linda Ramey - 706-782-5271
linda.ramey@rabuncounty.ga.gov

» CFO:

David Conley - 706-782-5271
david.conley@rabuncountyga.gov

» County Attorney:

Allyn Stockton - 706-782-6100

» Road Department Supervisor:

Scott Provance - 706-960-9764
sprovance@rabuncounty.ga.gov

» Rabun UGA Extension Service:

706-782-3113

» County Marshal:

David Gerrells - 706-782-2657; 706-960-9721

RABUN COUNTY TAXES

LAUREN BENFIELD

TAX COMMISSIONER



The office is located at 19 Jo Dotson Circle, Suite 101, Clayton. It is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays. It sends out tax notices and collects taxes on all property, including land, buildings and vehicles. Taxes should be paid in full by the due date in order to avoid a penalty. If a person doesn't receive a tax bill in the fall of each year, he or she should contact the tax commissioner's office. Generally, Rabun County property taxes are due by December 1. If taxes are not paid on the property, it may be levied upon and ultimately sold. When mailing in tax payments a United States Postal Service postmark will be accepted (not metered post mark).

A person buying property should make sure that back taxes are not owed, or the new owner will be responsible.

Visit rabuncountytax.com to pay property taxes and renew motor vehicle registration.

Location now offers drive-thru services.

» Rabun County Tax Commissioner:

Lauren Benfield - 706-782-3613; 706-960-9736
lauren.benfield@rabuncounty.ga.gov

» Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner:

Haylei Cross - 706-782-3613; 706-960-9766
hcross@rabuncounty.ga.gov

MOBILE HOMES

Owners of mobile homes that are located in Rabun County on January 1 must pay the ad valorem taxes on the home by May 1 of each year and obtain their location permit at that time. Failure to pay the taxes and obtain the permit will result in a 10 percent tax penalty, issuance of a citation for appearance in Rabun County Magistrate Court, or possible sale of the mobile/manufactured home.

Mobile homeowners desiring to declare a different value from the existing value on the home have 45 days to file an appeal with the Board of Tax Assessors. If a taxpayer is dissatisfied with the value change or corrections, the taxpayer has the right to appeal to the Board of Equalization within 21 days of the date of the notice.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicle Tag Renewals: New residents must register their vehicles within thirty days of establishing residency in Georgia. A Georgia Driver's License must be obtained before registering your vehicle.

Out-of-state titles must be surrendered and transferred to Georgia titles (year models 1985 and older are not required to be titled in Georgia). If there is a lien on the vehicle and you do not have the title, we must have the current registration and name and address of the lien holder. Additionally, leased vehicles require power of attorney from the leasing company.

Georgia liability insurance is required to be transmitted to the state's database by your insurance company in order to register your vehicle. The vehicle must be covered by liability insurance at all times, or a lapse in coverage penalty will apply. If you cancel the insurance, you must also cancel the registration by coming into the office.

Tags expire on the birthday of the first owner shown. You should receive a bill 30 days prior to renewal. Penalties apply after the birthday deadline. Failure to receive a bill in the mail does not relieve the penalty. If you do not receive a bill, call the Tag Office with your tag number, and one will be mailed to you. This must be done in time to ensure registration by your birthday. **If your birthday falls on a weekend or holiday, you can renew the next business day without penalty.**

It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to ensure their vehicle is properly registered.

The penalty for late registration is 10 percent of the tax (\$5 minimum) and 25 percent of the tag fee. These penalties begin immediately following the due date.

New and Used Vehicles:

Newly purchased vehicles from a dealer must be registered within 30 days. From individual to individual, it is now 7 days. Title Ad Valorem Tax is due at the time the title is applied for on vehicles purchased from an out-of-state dealer or business.

TAVT is due at the time of titling, instate, or out-of-state titles. Contact the tag office for the amount.

If you sell a vehicle, you keep your tag. Tags can be transferred to new vehicles that are registered to the same first owner. The title (bill of sale for 1985 and older) is required to purchase a tag or transfer a tag from a vehicle you no longer own.

The office is located on the main floor of the county annex next to the Civic Center. It is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The office is located at 19 Jo Dotson Circle, Suite 101, Clayton, GA, 30525

Visit <https://rabuncounty.ga.gov/taxcommissioner> for more information. ➔

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

RABUN COUNTY TAXES

ERIK BLALOCK

CHIEF APPRAISER



The office is located at 19 Jo Dotson Circle, Suite 121, Clayton. It is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays.

The tax assessor's office is responsible for determining taxability, value and equalization of all assessments within the county. The County Board of Assessors notifies taxpayers when changes are made to the value of the property; receives and reviews all appeals filed; and ensures that the appeal process proceeds properly. In addition, they approve all exemptions claimed by the taxpayer.

The tax assessor board is appointed by the Rabun County Board of Commissioners.

The basis for property tax is the fair market value of the property, which is established on Jan. 1 of each year. The tax is levied on the assessment value, which by law is established at 40 percent of fair market value. The amount of tax is determined by the millage rate.

Homestead exemptions: There are various homestead exemptions that might lower a homeowner's property tax bill. Many of the special exemptions are targeted at older residents, especially those with lower income. You must file for a homestead exemption in person by April 1 of the year for which the exemption is first claimed by the taxpayer. Once you have applied for an exemption, you do not need to reapply unless you move to another location.

The applicant for any exemption must be a full-time resident. The tax assessor's office can supply more detailed information.

Conservation use tax exemption: You may be eligible for conservation use or preferential agricultural assessment exemption if you are in good faith agricultural/forest production. This would include; producing plants, trees, fowl or animals, or the production of aquaculture, horticulture, floriculture, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry and apiarian products.

The property has to be held for 10 years to qualify for the preference. Agricultural preferential assessment generally provides a 25 percent advantage over fair market value. Conservation use can offer significant savings, in some cases greater than 50 percent of fair market value.

A property must be used and be zoned agriculturally and must be at least 10 acres in area. Applications for a conservation use tax exemption are available in the tax assessor's office Jan. 2 to April 1.

Disabled veterans exemption: Available to certain disabled veterans, or their spouse and minor children. Check with the tax assessor's office for more information.

19 Jo Dotson Circle, Suite 121, Clayton.

- » **Rabun County Chief Appraiser:**
Erik Blalock - 706-782-5068; 706-960-9728
eblalock@rabuncounty.ga.gov
- » **Real Property Appraiser:** William Brooks
- » **Personal Property Appraiser:** Pam Speed

PLANNING & ZONING

SHYLAN WOOD

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



The office is located at 18 Old Raco High Drive, Suite 102, Clayton. The Rabun County Planning Commission consists of five members appointed by the Rabun County Board of Commissioners. It meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Rabun County Courthouse, 25 Courthouse Square, Clayton.

The planning and zoning office is responsible for issuing Building permits; Land disturbing activity permits; Processing applications for rezoning; Specific purpose and Variances. The office administers zoning; soil erosion; sedimentation; pollution control; and flood damage prevention sections of the Rabun County Code of Ordinances.

- » **Zoning Administrator:**
Shylan Wood - 706-782-1579
shylan.Wood@rabuncounty.ga.gov

RABUN COUNTY ELECTIONS

TAMMY WHITMIRE

ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION DIRECTOR



Voter registration can be completed at various locations, including Rabun County High School, Rabun County Public Library, Division of Family and Children Services, or the Rabun County Board of Elections Office, located at 184 S Main St. Suite 102, Clayton.

Office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voter registration can also be completed online at registertovote.sos.ga.gov/

Members of the board are Chair Roy Lovell; Jimmy Bleckley and Liz Dixon. Rabun County currently has one polling place, the Rabun County Voting Center, located at 184 S Main St. Suite 102, Clayton. This is the location where all votes are cast.

- » **Elections & Voter Registration Director:**
Tammy Whitmire - 706-782-1878
- » **Deputy Registrar:** Derik Pendrey

RABUN COUNTY RECYCLING

DANIEL WATTS

SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR/RECYCLING SUPERINTENDENT



The Rabun County Recycling program has seven recycling stations that accept plastic #1 and # 2 bottles, glass bottles and jars: green/brown/clear, cans, white goods, steel, scrap metal, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, cardboard, pasteboard, paper shopping bags, antifreeze, motor oil, batteries, electronic equipment including computers, monitors, cell phones, and miscellaneous, and household garbage. Businesses must use Boggs Mountain. Building materials will be deposited into the C&D Landfill. You will be charged per ton for the disposal of this material.

All recycling centers, except Boggs Mountain and Laurel Lodge stations, are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The Boggs Mountain station is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Saturday (During Summer) 8:00 - noon.

The Laurel Lodge station's winter hours span the end of Oct. to the first of April Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Summer hours of operation are Friday, noon - 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m and Monday, 8 a.m - 12 p.m.

The transfer station and C&D landfill is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. and during the summer, also from 7 a.m. until noon. Haulers are responsible for separation of items. Separated items that are accepted at the transfer station include tires, metal, cardboard, yard waste and building materials.

The current rates for regular tires are \$2 without rim and \$3 with rim. Larger tires are \$3 without rim and \$5 with rim. Large quantities of metal may be dropped off at the metal pad at no charge. Large quantities of cardboard may be taken to the bailing facility at no charge. Boxes must be empty of trash, packing or wrapping material. Limbs, grass clippings, leaves and →

brush may be carried to a designated drop off area in the C&D landfill. Building materials must be deposited into the C&D landfill. You will be charged per ton for disposal of this material.

For information or suggestions, call 706-782-2015 or visit rabuncounty.ga.gov.

» **Director: Daniel Watts**
706-782-2015; 706-960-9748
dwatts@rabuncounty.ga.gov

BOGGS MOUNTAIN

718 Longview Road, Tiger, GA 30576
Monday - Friday: Open 7 a.m - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday (During Summer): Open 8 a.m. - noon
» 706-782-1473

CHECHERO

1776 Highway 76 East, Clayton, GA 30525
Monday - Saturday: Open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday: Open noon - 5 p.m.
» 706-782-3357

CHARLIE MOUNTAIN

1405 Charlie Mountain Road, Clayton, GA 30525
Monday - Saturday: Open 7 a.m - 7 p.m.
Sunday: Open noon - 5 p.m.
» 706-782-6921

RABUN GAP

144 Kelly's Creek Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568
Monday - Saturday: Open 7 a.m - 7 p.m.
Sunday: Open noon - 5 p.m.
» 706-782-1473

TALLULAH FALLS

9976 Highway 441 S., Tallulah Falls, GA 30573
Monday - Saturday: Open 7 a.m - 7 p.m.
Sunday: Open noon - 5 p.m.
» 706-754-0031

LAUREL LODGE

4532 Laurel Lodge Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523
Summer Hours: Friday noon - 5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
Monday 8 a.m. - noon
Winter Hours: End of Oct. to the first of April
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
» 706-947-8814

WARWOMAN

5869 Warwoman Road, Clayton, GA 30525
Monday - Saturday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday noon - 5 p.m.
» 706-782-3357

FORWARD RABUN

RICK STORY

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Forward Rabun is a public-private partnership established to integrate tourism and economic development marketing under one organization with support and joint oversight by the county and city governments and the private sector. It exists to steer the county toward building a better future for all by joining forces with individuals and organizations from the community and connecting people with resources and information they need.

Forward Rabun is located at 10 Seed Tick Road Clayton, GA.

- » 706-960-9863
- » **Director of Development:** Rick Story
- » **Manager of Marketing and Tourism:** CJ Thompson
- » **Rabun County Welcome Center Manager:** Linda Scofield
- » **Business and Economic Development Strategist:** Mickey Duvall

RABUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

DYANA C. COSTELLO BANKS

BRANCH MANAGER AND LIBRARIAN



The Rabun County Public Library is located at 73 Jo Dotson Circle, Clayton and offers current and classic literature, periodicals, newspapers, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and high-speed internet access and wireless service.

The children's library features books, computers, AWE stations, programs and services for children of all ages.

The mission of the library is to provide information to stimulate thinking; to promote an informed citizenry; and to enhance the educational, recreational, civic and cultural pursuits of the residents and visitors of Rabun County.

The Northeast Georgia Regional Library System offers the Bookmobile that provides library resources and services to Rabun, Habersham, Stephens and White counties. Anyone with a Pines library card can check out two books at a time from the Bookmobile and return them to the designated return bins or the local library just as they would with any other resources that were checked out at a branch location. Anyone interested may also sign up for a library card through the mobile unit.

The Bookmobile offers age-appropriate reading for children, juveniles, and young adults, as well as books in large print, fiction and nonfiction. It has its own collection and surplus supplies will be housed at the regional office. Books are its main focus, so currently only books can be checked out from the Bookmobile.

The library is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Library System and is a Georgia PINES library.

It is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact the library at 706-782-3731 or visit www.rabuncountylibrary.org for more information

» **Librarian:** Dyana C. Costello Banks



PUBLIC SAFETY

RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MARK GERRELLS

SHERIFF



The Rabun County Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction anywhere in the county. The sheriff oversees three primary functions: chief law enforcement officer of the county, operation and maintenance of the county jail and officer of the court who carries out a judge's orders. It is located at 56 Boen Creek Road, Tiger.

The office employs 65 employees between the sheriff's office and detention center.

It has five School Resource Deputies (SRDs) to provide a deputy at each school as well as the main gate.

The sheriff's office is also an active member of the GBI, Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (GBI-ARDEO) which is overseen by a board of sheriffs and chiefs with the Special Agent in Charge being Trent Hillsman.

The sheriff's office also provides residents with OffenderWatch, a sex offender registry and public notification tool that is part of a nationwide network of more than 5,000 law enforcement agencies. Although the program costs the sheriff's office approximately \$795 per year, the services provided to residents are offered at no cost. OffenderWatch is available 24/7 and is updated in real time as offender information changes and is reported.

It's available on the sheriff's office website: www.rabunsheriff.org. The sheriff's office also has a free smartphone app available for download.

The Rabun County Detention Center was constructed at 175 Boen Creek Rd. Tiger, off of East Boggs Mountain Rd., in 2005.

» **Rabun County Sheriff:** Mark Gerrells - 2025 706-782-3612

Visit <https://www.rabunsheriff.org/> for more information.

» **Chief Deputy:**
Michael Pearson

CLAYTON POLICE

ANDY STRAIT

POLICE CHIEF



The Clayton Police Department is comprised of 11 full-time officers, five part-time officers, and Police Clerk Selena Garland.

The department is located at 837 Highway 76 West Suite 125, Clayton.

» **Clayton Police Department office:**
706-782-2181

» **Rabun County 911 Dispatch non-emergency:**
706-782-6226

DILLARD POLICE

KENNETH WATTS

POLICE CHIEF



The Dillard Police Department is located at 892 Franklin Street, Dillard.

» **Police Chief:** Kenneth Watts

» **Police Clerk:** Lisa Hopper

» **Dillard Police Department office:**
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» **Rabun County 911 Dispatch non-emergency:**
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MOUNTAIN CITY POLICE

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The Mountain City Police Department is located at 41 Education Street, Mountain City.

For the Mountain City Police Department, contact: 706-746-2621

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SKY VALLEY POLICE

RON BAUMES

POLICE CHIEF



The Sky Valley Police Department is comprised of four full-time officers, a chief and two part-time officers.

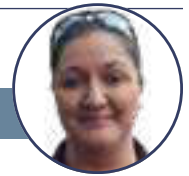
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

MIKE CARNES

EMS/911 DIRECTOR



Rabun County Emergency Services serves the residents and visitors of Rabun County with three Advanced Life Support Ambulances 24 hours a day. Two ambulances are currently stationed near the center of Rabun County in Clayton and one ambulance is stationed for coverage of northern Rabun County in Dillard. Rabun County EMS utilizes a fleet of four-wheel drive ambulances in most cases and also has four-wheel drive support vehicles to access more difficult locations.

Rabun County EMS utilizes the First responder system in conjunction with the Rabun County Fire Services and Rabun County Search and Rescue for some responders, resulting in quicker responses to outlying areas and additional personnel with more critical cases. EMS consists of 16 paramedics and 9 EMTs.

Rabun County EMS is located adjacent to fire Station 1 at 36 Emergency Dr., Clayton.

E911 has 16 full-time dispatchers.

- » CAD Manager: Gregg Dover
- » Rabun County 911 Dispatch non-emergency: 706-782-6226
- » Emergency: 911

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BRIAN PANELL

EMA DIRECTOR



» Rabun County Rescue Squad (SAR) is a division of the EMA. SAR responds to lost and injured people in remote areas, swift water accidents, high angle/technical rescues, boating accidents, drownings and hazardous materials incidents. SAR utilizes UAS/Drone Services and high angle/technical rescues including Tallulah Gorge Rescue. They respond to missing person calls and water rescues including Swiftwater, boating accidents and drownings. EMA also educates about Severe Weather Awareness/Preparedness and responds to natural disasters.

If you interested in joining the Search and Rescue team, please come to a meeting. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. (November and December meetings may vary)

145 Syrup City Rd., Tiger, GA 30576

Please sign up for Rabun County's Emergency Notification CODERED. The link is found on the Rabun County Board of Commissioners Web Page.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

JAMES REED

FIRE CHIEF



Rabun County Fire Services consists of combination paid and volunteer firefighters. It has 150 volunteers and 14 paid firefighters, including 12 on the 24-hour shifts and two in administration. There are 12 stations in the county.

Rabun County Fire Services responds to an average 2,000 calls which consist of structure fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents, and emergency calls. Rabun County currently has an ISO rating of 4/4x. To qualify for the rating, your residence must be within five miles of a fire station and within 1,000 ft. of an approved water source.

We are always looking to increase the number of volunteers in our department. If you are interested, stop by your local station or come by our headquarters at Station 1 in Clayton to pick up an application.

- » Assistant Chief: Dalton Freeman
- » Phone: 706-782-2751
- » Rabun County 911 Dispatch non-emergency: 706-782-6226

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14 Emergency Drive Suite 105
Clayton, GA 30525
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Three judges oversee Superior Court cases, including William R. "Bill" Oliver. As of press time, the other two judges had not yet been approved by Gov. Brian Kemp.

» William R. "Bill" Oliver

MAGISTRATE COURT

» Judge James V. Blalock oversees Magistrate Court cases.

Rabun County Magistrate Court handles civil small claim matters under \$15,000, dispossessories, misdemeanor crimes, county ordinance violations, and deposit account fraud. The court also handles pre-warrant application hearings and bond modification hearings.

» Phone: 706-782-3615

PROBATE COURT

Georgia Probate Court Online System Standard Forms available to download in .PDF format. Includes useful pages such as Instructions for the forms; Uniform Rules; Marriage License Information; and Weapons Carry License Information. The office is located in the Rabun County Courthouse, 25 Courthouse Square, Suite 215, Clayton, Ga. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court hears deprivation, termination and delinquency cases, and those involving the Division of Family and Children Services.

CLERK OF COURT

» Holly E. Henry-Perry serves as the Rabun County Clerk of Court and jury clerk. This office maintains all land records such as deeds, plats, agreements and security interests. The office also serves as custodian of the record and provides court support for superior, juvenile, accountability and magistrate courts.

This office oversees and manages all jury selection and revision. Passport applications are also processed within this office, including renewals and first-time applications. The clerk's office also issues notary public certificates while also processing trade name applications.

Chief Deputy Clerks are Amie Alderman and Jessica Brown.

The office is located at 25 Courthouse Square, Suite 105.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

» Phone: 706-782-3615

JURY SELECTION

The Rabun County jury pool is compiled from several lists. Known citizens of Rabun County, taxpayer and property records, voter registration list, Georgia driver's lists and local directories are sources from which the jury pool is comprised.

Jurors are drawn by the Clerk of Court's Office per orders from a Superior Court judge. Jurors might be drawn for traverse or trial juries involving matters of a civil or criminal nature. Jury revision occurs every year to update and manage the jury pool. Jury revision is performed by the clerk of court.

» A grand jury consisting of 23 members is selected for each Superior Court term. Grand jurors serve a six-month term and are selected from the master jury list. The jury pool is managed by the Clerk of Court's Office.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

GEORGE CHRISTIAN

MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



George Christian serves as district attorney for Rabun, Habersham, Stephens and Banks Counties. He was elected to his first term which began January 2017. He was re-elected for another four-year term that began January 2025.

Because Rabun County does not have a state court, the office prosecutes misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Rebecca Fogal is Rabun County's Assistant District Attorney.

- » Victim Services: Christy Morgan
- » Legal Assistant: Lori Shirley York
- » Habersham Office: 706-839-0370
- » Stephens County Office: 706-886-7920

Q. How are jurors selected?

A. The names of all licensed drivers and registered voters in Rabun County are placed into a jury-management computer system operated by the Clerk of Court. The combined list is updated each year to account for address changes, name changes, additions and deletions. The computer runs comparisons to eliminate duplicate names and then randomly selects the names of those who will be issued subpoenas to appear, upon request by the Jury Commission.

Q. What if I am selected as a juror?

A. Prior to reporting to jury duty you may call 706-782-3527 after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday to confirm that court has not been cancelled or delayed.

Q. Can I be excused from jury duty?

A. Yes. By completing and returning the affidavit provided on the back of the jury summons. You must be: Full-time student at a college (OCGA15-12-1(2)), Primary caregiver which has active care and custody of a child under six years of age, with no reasonable available alternative child care (OCGA 15-12-1(a)(1)), Over 70 years of age, Permanent medical excuse statement provided by a doctor, Primary teacher in a home school program (Home Study Code Section (c) 20-3-690), or Service member on ordered military duty.

Q. What is mediation?

A. "Mediation is an informal way for people to come together and talk through their conflict with the help of an impartial third party. During the mediation, each person has the opportunity to vocalize their issues and concerns surrounding the conflict. The mediator helps each person evaluate their needs and goals for reaching a solution. All decisions are made by the parties, not the mediator."

Q. Are you required to file deeds?

A. Deeds (warranty, quit claim, and security) and plats are not required by law to be filed, but making sure they are recorded may be a big protection to a property owner in the future should a dispute arise regarding ownership or the legality of a sale.

Q. Are you required to file military discharges?

A. No. Military discharges are not required by law to be recorded, but doing so may prevent unnecessary problems should the original papers be lost.

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RABUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rabun County School System is overseen by the Rabun County Board of Education. The board meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Tiger Administrative Building, 963 Tiger Connector, Tiger. All called meetings are advertised at least 24 hours prior to the meeting time. All board meetings are open to the public.

The Board of Education is located at 963 Tiger Connector, Tiger, Georgia 30576

- » **Chairman:** Steve Cabe
- » **Vice-Chair:** Mark Beck
- » **BOE Members:** Scott Horton, Allyn Stockton and Rick Story
- » **Phone:** 706-212-4350
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RABUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STEVEN COLE

SUPERINTENDENT



Steven Cole was appointed Superintendent of Rabun County Schools in September of 2024. He has spent 30 years in the service of public education primarily in the Fayette County School System where he served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent of operations. The school system serves approximately 2,300 students and employs 405 individuals dedicated to serving the children and the community of Rabun County. Mr. Cole's office is at the Board of Education District Office located on Tiger Connector.

- » **Superintendent:** Steven Cole
706-212-4350 Ext. 5237
- » **Secretary for Superintendent:** Kitty Panell
706-212-4350 Ext. 5221
- » **Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Student Achievement and Operations:**
Matthew Remillard
706-212-4350 Ext. 5238
- » **Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Student Achievement and Student Services:**
Kelly McKay
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- » **Administrative Assistant:** Kelly Nixon
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RABUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12
230 Wildcat Hill Drive, Tiger

- » **Principal:** Justin Spillers
- » **Assistant Principal:** Allen Blair
- » **Assistant Principal:** Kelsey Thompson
- » **CTAE Director:** Tammie West
- » **Phone:** 706-782-4526

RABUN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 7-8
95 Wildcat Pride Way, Tiger

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706-782-5470 Ext. 3001
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Ext. 3003
- » **Phone:** 706-782-5470

RABUN COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades 3-6
1115 Boggs Mountain Road, Tiger

- » **Principal:** Keri Coleman
- » **Assistant Principal:** Jason Crain
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- » **Phone:** 706-782-3116

RABUN COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grades: Pre-K-2
801 E. Boggs Mountain Road, Tiger

- » **Principal:** Carla Truelove
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MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Campus Hours are Monday-Thursday
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The Rabun County site of Mountain Education Charter High School is located at 963 Tiger Connector, Tiger.

- » **Principals:** Allen Blair,
allen.blair@mymec.org and Christine Bray,
christine.bray@mymec.org
- » **Campus Secretary:** Debbie Taylor
- » **District Support Specialist:** David Fields
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EARLY EDUCATION

HEAD START

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- » **Director:** Sabrina Morales
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- » **Director:** Rabun County Community Resource Center
- » **Community Resource Coordinator:**
Kallie White
- » **Phone:** 706-782-3704
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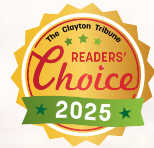
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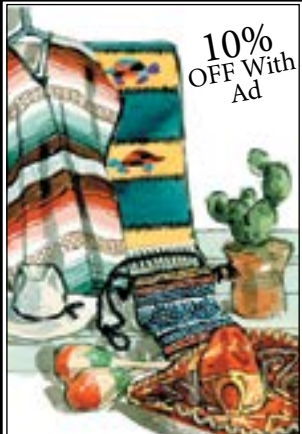
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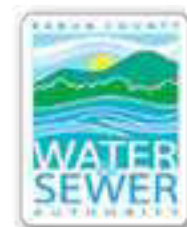
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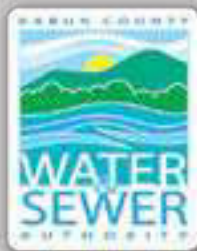
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The Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) oversees the delivery of water and wastewater services to 3,800 customers throughout much of the county. The RCWSA is nearing its one-year anniversary since the consolidation of both services from the City of Clayton under one entity.

A nine-member RCWSA governs decisions relating to the RCWSA's \$5.6 million budget (fiscal year 2025) and its 32 employees. About \$200,000 of that amount is received from the Rabun County BOC (3 percent), while the remaining 97 percent is covered by water and sewer unit rates and user fees.

The RCWSA is composed of two members appointed by the City of Clayton and Rabun County and one member appointed by the cities of Dillard, Mountain City, Tiger, Sky Valley and Tallulah Falls. Those members are: Clayton, John Joyce and Brett Cohee; Rabun County, Jerry Krivsky and Sam Beck; Dillard, Claude Rickman; Mountain City, Stephen Arbitter; Tiger, Jeff Hunter, Sky Valley, Dee Van Camp; and Tallulah Falls, David Hart. They meet at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the RCWSA's office at 137 Hiwassee St. in Clayton. Day-to-day operations are overseen by General Manager Brendan Thompson.

RCWSA is projected to receive \$6 million in revenue over the next seven years from the Special-Purpose Local

Option Sales Tax initiative that was approved by voters last November. This revenue is used for the installation and construction of capital improvement projects throughout the Community.

The RCWSA currently is nearing completion on two large infrastructure projects. A little more than 1,000 feet of 8-inch ductile pipe remain to be laid as part of the \$3 million project to install 17,000 total feet of water line around Wolfork Valley. The project will extend water service around the valley, improve operational aspects of the water system and increase fire protection with the installation of 34 fire hydrants. The fire hydrants being placed every 500 linear feet. The extended line also will provide an additional source of water from the Little Tennessee River Water Treatment Plant and provide redundancy for its customers' water supply.

Work began in January on replacing two filters at the Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant. Thompson said both filters should be up and running by mid-April.

The RCWSA also is in the process of applying for a \$250,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to develop an overall water and wastewater master plan, which Thompson said would be a living document that will look 20-50 years ahead as to future needs. If approved, the process to compile a master plan will take two years to assess the authority's assets.

Sam Beck, who has served as chairman of the RCWSA for 10 years, said consolidation of the water and sewer systems had been a goal since the Carl Vinson Institute of Government had made such a recommendation 13 years ago. He said the authority had experienced some growing

pains while trying to wrap its hands around all of the infrastructure.

"Our main goal is to reduce water losses and provide water at the absolute least amount we can for the public," he said.

Beck said some progress had been made in reducing water losses but not as much as he had hoped. He noted that a completed master plan would be a big step toward effecting those changes. The RCWSA is looking into hiring a leak detection and analysis firm to help detect from where leaks are originating.

Thompson said the RCWSA has been steadily upgrading its technology to help reach its goals. Those include an automated meter infrastructure (AMI), leak detectors and a Geographic Information System (GIS). The AMI will enable meters to be read remotely using a receiving unit atop Screamer Mountain. The GIS is being used to pinpoint the locations of water and sewer assets in the community by field verification to be downloaded into an electronic tablet. The RCWSA has been working with Rabun County Fire Department on the GIS project.

Beck said a spirit of cooperation seemed to be prevalent as different organizations work hand in hand toward the same goal.

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- » Phone: 706-982-9432
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RABUN COUNTY TRANSIT/SENIOR CENTER

The county's senior center is home to the Program on Aging and provides a variety of services to the county's elderly population. The center offers yoga classes, art classes, computer classes, swimming, bingo and bridge. It is equipped with a quilt room, a game room with two pool tables, ping pong table, and numerous card or game tables. Blood pressure screening are offered monthly at the center. Recreational day trips are planned as funds and time allow.

The senior center is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Program on Aging is funded by the county. It offers social activities five days a week, a hot noon meal and transportation services. It is available for persons 60 and older.

Seniors who qualify for aid from the Georgia Department of Human Resources are not required to pay, but are asked to donate weekly as they can. For more information or to schedule a ride, call 706-782-3853. Hot meals are served in the center's dining room and are delivered to the homebound. Candidates for the program must apply. The program is always in need of volunteers to help with meal delivery.

- » 2832 Old Highway 441 S, Tiger, GA 30576
- » Director: Wanda Henry
- » Phone: 706-960-9760

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF RABUN/ RABUN COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION

The Community Partnership of Rabun is the Family Connection site for the county. Family Connection is a statewide network of 159 county collaboratives. Each collaborative serves as the local decision-making body, bringing community partners together to develop, implement and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing Georgia's children and families.

Community Partnership, for instance, helps oversee the Ferst Foundation

for Childhood Literacy, which is dedicated to improving childhood literacy by providing children a book a month from birth until 5 years old.

- » 269 Ridgecrest Circle, Clayton, GA 30525
- » Mail to: P.O. Box 691 Clayton, GA 30525
- » Coordinator: Laura Lane
- » Phone: 706-782-8390
- » Email: rabuncountyfamilyconnection@gmail.com
- » Chair: Rev. Don Barber
- » Email: pastor.rabungappresbyterian@gmail.com
- » Phone: 706-746-2020
- » Web: rabun.gafcp.org/ for more information

NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY INC. / COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

Ninth District Opportunity offers two programs: The Community Services Program and Head Start/Pre-K.

The Rabun County Community Resource Coordinator is Kallie White. Her office is the source of much information on emergency community assistance.

Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- » 1236 Old Highway 441 South, Clayton, GA 30525
- » Mail to: P.O. Box 691 Clayton, GA 30525
- » Phone: 706-782-3704 » Toll-Free: 1-800-822-0179

The Community Services Program Director for the ninth district is Brenda Dalin, whose office is in Gainesville.

- » Phone: 770-532-3191

The program is organized primarily as a tool for helping low-income individuals through an emergency crisis. Part of the outreach and referral activities include working with other organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, Rabun County Interagency Coalition, Rabun Aid Program, Division of Family and Children Services, Legal Aid, Sharing & Caring, Community Partnership, Community Pantry and FAITH.

The Ninth District Community Services Program office oversees the following programs:

» **Sharing & Caring** — Sharing and Caring-The program administers funds for Sharing and Caring and makes referrals to the organization's food pantry. Sharing and Caring is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- » 108 Plaza Way Clayton, GA 30525
- » Phone: 706-782-6340

» **Weatherization program** — The agency provides insulation, weather-stripping and caulking to qualifying individuals. It prioritizes its program, serving the elderly and handicapped first. Others are served on a limited basis.

» **Housing assistance** — One of the agency's primary programs. It makes referrals to rental assistance agencies, such as the Georgia Housing Finance Authority or the Clayton Housing Authority, which has three locations in the county. Wiley Presbyterian Church operates a temporary shelter that can accommodate one family for a limited time.

- » For more information, call 706-782-3775.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

» **Energy Assistance Program** — Persons who qualify are helped with their heating bills. The program is limited and is offered to the homebound on a priority basis. Others receive assistance when funds are available. Assistance is available only once a year to those who qualify.

» **The Rabun County Head Start/Pre-K Center**

RABUN COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

» **Community Resource Coordinator:** Kallie White
» 1236-B Old Highway 441 South, Clayton, GA 30525
Mail to: P.O. Box 691, Clayton, GA 30525
» **Phone:** 706-782-3704
» **Fax:** 706-782-9602
» **Email:** rabun@ndocsbg.org

RABUN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

All persons are welcome at the department as no one is denied service because of an inability to pay.

The office is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m.- Noon Friday.

The department is closed from 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m. daily for lunch.

» 184 South Main St., Clayton, GA 30525

» **Web:** www.phdistrict2.org

» **County Nurse Manager:** Melissa Wenger, BSN, RN

» **County Office Manager:** Shelia Watts

» **Environmental Health Manager:** James Reece

» **Clinical Services** — The health department offers services and information for AIDS; cancer detection; child health; children's medical services; community care services program; dental health; diabetes screening; non-emergency medical services; environmental health services; family planning; teen family planning; genetics/sickle cell; health education/promotion; hearing, vision and dental screening; immunizations; maternal health; scoliosis screening; sexually transmitted diseases; stroke and heart attack prevention; tuberculosis; and the WIC program.

» **Phone:** 706-212-0289

» **Fax:** 706-212-0296

» **District WIC Clinic:** 1-888-371-9288

» **Environmental Health Services** — The health department checks water supplies for purity, checks septic tanks and sewerage systems, inspects food preparation businesses, and inspects hotel and public swimming pools.

A bacterial water sample test costs \$25. Resamples cost \$10.

» **Phone:** 706-212-0294

» **Fax:** 706-212-0295

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA EXTENSION OFFICE

The Rabun County Extension Service Office coordinates and integrates resources of the University of Georgia Extension Office according to the needs of residents and businesses. It provides information on all phases of agriculture and family and consumer science.

The office provides leadership to 4-H clubs and other youth programs. Programs are available for civic clubs and other organizations on a variety of topics related to agriculture and family and consumer science.

Soil tests, water tests for mineral content and educational pamphlets are available through this office, which is open 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

» 184 South Main St., Clayton, GA 30525

» **Phone:** 706-782-3113

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

Rabun County Division of Family and Children Services administers programs for foster care, foster parents, adoptions, abused and neglected children, food stamps, all Medicaid programs, emergency energy program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and employment services.

The division is open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

» **Director:** Tony Galloway

» 128 Hiawassee St., Clayton, GA 30525

» **Phone:** 706-782-4283

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FAITH

Provides emergency shelter and offers support for domestic violence victims.

» **Executive Director:** Caroline Wallis

» **Phone:** 706-782-1003

» **Shelter:** 706-782-1338

CRISIS HOTLINE

A 24-hour service in crisis intervention is available to anyone.

» **Phone:** 888-782-1338

» **Case Manager:** 888-782-1338

FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

» 46 Plaza Way Clayton, GA 30525

» **Phone:** 706-782-0780

» **Mountain Branch Director:** James Brim

Athens Branch

» 890 Newton Bridge Rd. Athens, GA 30607

» **Phone:** 706-354-8191

FREEDOM MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Rabun County.

It's a nine-month Christ-centered recovery residence for men. It provides in-house and outpatient services to people in the community. The organization provides services for people who struggle with drugs and alcohol.

The ministry holds an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group meeting on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., a prayer group on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and a church service on Saturdays at 6 p.m., along with other counseling sessions.

The Freedom Ministries Lighthouse in-house facility houses seven men. Currently, the men are aged 30-58. Men as young as 21-years-old are able to stay at the facility.

» 7247 Old 441 S, Lakemont, GA 30552



- » **Director:** Dan Crane / **Phone:** 706-817-1173
- » **Case Manager:** Ashley York / **Phone:** 478-230-4036
- » **Office:** 706-212-0272

CLAYTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Offers housing for low-income families. To apply, contact the office. Applications can be picked up in office. Rent is based on income. Normal office hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on weekends.

- » 393 Shadyside Dr. #31 Clayton, GA 30525
- » **Phone:** 706-782-6467

VICTORY HOME

Located in Tallulah Falls, the home is intended to promote sobriety for alcoholics and drug addiction. It is a live-in rehabilitation program for a 25-week period. There is a \$550 intake charge, with fees \$300 or less per week. Prices vary based on availability. Its thrift store hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

- » **Telephone:** 706-754-6030
- » **Web:** victoryhome.org
- » **Chairman and CEO:** Dr. Ben Huff - ben@victoryhome.org
- » **Executive Director:** Mark Beach, LCP - mark@victoryhome.org
- » **Medical Director:** Dr. Laura West, M.D. - **Email:** laura@victoryhome.org
- » **Certified Addictions Counselor:** Kevin Montford, CADC II. - kevin@victoryhome.org

REGENCY SOUTHERNCARE HOSPICE-HIAWASSEE

Professionals and volunteers dedicated to helping terminally ill patients remain at home. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

- » 350 S Main St. Hiawassee, GA 30546
- » **Phone:** 706-896-1251 (open 24 hours-all week)

SID WEBER MEMORIAL CANCER FUND

Provides funds and support to cancer victims and their families in Rabun County. Funds can be used for basic needs like food, fuel and child care. For more information or to apply for assistance, call 706-746-3350 for a confidential interview.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

State office: Stephens Federal Building

- » 355 E. Hancock Avenue, STE 300, Athens, GA 30601
- » **Phone:** 706-546-2162
- » **Toll-free:** 800-338-5975

SUPPORT SERVICES

GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Georgia Legal Services provides services to senior citizens and low-income clients based on case type and financial eligibility. The Gainesville office location is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- » 705 Washington St. SW #1, Gainesville
- » **Phone:** 770-535-6939

VETERANS GROUPS

- » **Chapter 15 of the Disabled American Veterans** holds a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at 174 Cornelia Crossing in Cornelia. The meeting follows at 6 p.m.
- » **Chapter Commander:** Doug Wayne, 706-782-2152
- » **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4570** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The address is 1105 North Main Street in Clayton.
- » **Post Commander:** Gary Cantwell, 706-301-6226
- » **American Legion Post 220** holds a food distribution every Thursday from noon-6 p.m. Lunch is provided. Volunteers are welcome to help at 10 a.m.
- » **Post Commander:** David Cross 706-982-5794

Al-Anon Meeting

Al-Anon, a group providing hope for all who struggle with drug or alcohol problems, meets on Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the small building beside St. James Episcopal Church.

- » 260 Warwoman Rd. Clayton, GA 30525

For more information

- » **Phone:** 706-782-6179
- » **Web:** www.al-anon.alateen.org

ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group provides interaction, information and inspiration for family members and caregivers in a confidential and supportive environment. Dementia Support Group for Family Caregivers meets on Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at Clayton Presbyterian Church.

- » 150 North Church Street, Clayton GA 30525
- » **Phone (Local):** 706-782-5418
- » **Phone (Alzheimer's Association):** 800-272-3900

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Meets in the Clayton Presbyterian Church Library on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

- » 150 North Church Street, Clayton GA 30525
- » **Phone:** 706-782-5418
- » **Web:** www.claytonpresbyterian.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Northeast Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross offers various courses, such as CPR training for instructors, first aid and babysitter instruction throughout the year. For more information, visit www.redcross.org/local/georgia/locations/northeast-georgia.

- » **Phone:** 770-532-8453

NARCONON

Narconon Arrowhead offers out-patient help for drug and alcohol addiction with free counseling, referrals and assessments. For more information, visit www.stopaddiction.com.

Narconon Georgia offers out-patient help for drug and alcohol addiction with free counseling, referrals, assessments, drug education and outpatient rehabilitation.

- » **Phone (Narconon Arrowhead):** 888-775-1893
- » **Phone (Narconon Georgia):** 888-700-7751

FOXFIRE MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER

In 1966, students in a high-school English class decided to create a magazine, featuring stories gathered from their families and neighbors about southern Appalachia. The students called it "Foxfire" after the glow-in-the-dark fungus found in the local hills. This spark of an idea turned into a phenomenon of education and living history, exploring how our past contributes to who we are and what we can become – how the past illuminates our present and inspires imagination.

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We are open Monday to Saturday all year and open on Sundays after Easter. Please check our website for the hours of operation and follow us on social media. We can't wait to welcome you into the Foxfire Family!

For holiday schedules or more information,
Foxfire.org or 706-746-5828

We are below Black Rock Mountain State Park

- » **Address:** 98 Foxfire Lane, Mountain City, GA
- » **Executive Director:** Todd Faircloth
- » **Phone:** 706-746-5828
- » **Email:** foxfire@foxfire.org
- » **Website:** foxfire.org

HAMBIDGE CENTER FOR CREATIVE ARTS AND SCIENCES

Founded by Mary Crovatt Hambidge in 1934, the center is host to more than 100 artists annually on more than 600 acres. It is not open to the public.

The center holds a number of events including a number of pottery shows and nature hikes that are open to the public.

- » **Address:** 105 Hambidge Court, Rabun Gap
- » **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 339 Rabun Gap, GA 30568
- » **Phone:** 706-746-7324
- » **Email:** office@hambidge.org
- » **Website:** hambidge.org

LILLIAN E. SMITH CENTER

Acquired by Piedmont College in September 2013, the once Laurel Falls Camp on Screamer Mountain has become a center where artists and scholars in various disciplines may find quiet solitude and privacy to pursue their work. The center offers each resident a furnished cottage, which includes a bathroom and a kitchen.

- » **Address:** 496 Hershey Lane, Clayton, GA 30525
- » **Director:** Craig Amason
706-778-3000 Ext. 1233
- » **Email:** mteutsch@piedmont.edu
- » **Website:** www.piedmont.edu/lillian-e-smith-center

RABUN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rabun County Historical Society collects, preserves, and displays an extensive range of materials that document our 200-year history. Our museum houses a growing collection of artifacts, photographs and records that illustrate the major historical themes and events that have shaped the development of Rabun County and northeastern Georgia. The Society's archives encompass research materials of historical importance not only to Rabun County but also to the surrounding region. Land records include title abstracts dating to the original 1820 land lottery and a hand-drawn map of the original land lots. Other archived records include church histories; school histories; indexed back issues of The Clayton Tribune; railroad maps; family histories and genealogies; census records; cemetery records; obituaries; county histories; Civil War records; and marriage records. We also publish articles about Rabun County's history in newspapers and regional publications; make presentations at civic organizations, schools and churches; and commemorate buildings of historical importance with special markers.

Leadership includes George Prater, president/treasurer; Rebecca Peterson, vice-president; Linda Barden, secretary; Ron Barden; Dick Cinquina; Pat Coleman; and Wanda Dunn.

The board meets at the Rabun County Historical Society, 81 North Church St. Clayton, at 4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. Anyone interested in the history of Rabun County is welcome to attend.

Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- » **Address:** 81 North Church St. Clayton, GA 30525
- » **Phone:** 706-782-5292
- » **Website:** rabunhistory.org

CLAYTON MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

CMBA meets quarterly the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

- » **President:** Sonya Shook
- » **Email:** claytoncmba@gmail.com

ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

Meets every Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Community Room.

- » **President:** Sheryl Webster
- » **President-Elect:** Matt Freeman

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The purpose of Friends of the Rabun County Public Library shall be to maintain an association of volunteers interested in the progress and welfare of the public library system in Rabun County, GA; to promote the improvement of the public library system in Rabun County so as to increase its value in the community and to carry on fundraising, literary, cultural and educational activities that will promote these goals. Dues are \$20 per year individual; \$35 per year family; \$50 and up per year for supporting member.

Contact the Rabun County Public Library for more information.

- » **Phone:** 706-782-3731

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF RABUN COUNTY

Restore hours are: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- » Visit habitatrabun.com for more information.
- » **President:** Tracey Ronemus
- » **Restore:** 49 Chechero St. Clayton, GA 30525
- » **Email:** admin@habitatrabun.com
- » **Phone:** 706-212-2059

KIWANIS CLUB OF RABUN COUNTY

The Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving Rabun County children. It meets every second and fourth Wednesday at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Community Room.

- » **President:** Rhonda Lunsford
- » **Phone:** 706-782-6388

LAKE RABUN ASSOCIATION

The association is a nonprofit social welfare organization dedicated to nurturing the beauty, serenity and quality of life on and around Lake Rabun. Visit www.lakerabun.org for more information.

- » **President:** Darlene Warren - pres@lakerabun.org
- » **Vice President:** Jenny McClure - vp@lakerabun.org
- » **Secretary:** Neal Creech - sec@lakerabun.org
- » **CFO:** Anita Pittman - cfo@lakerabun.org

NORTH GEORGIA ARTS GUILD

The North Georgia Arts Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, founded in 1994 in Rabun County. The Guild is a thriving, dynamic, community-focused organization, growing from 20 founding members to over 100 members today. The strong tradition of arts and crafts in the beautiful Georgia mountain region attracts artists from near and far. Our members hail from all over the country, each bringing rich and unique art experiences – local, regional, national and international – with skills from beginner to advanced. Their art includes painting, fiber, photography,

pottery, glass, and other fine crafts. The Guild sponsors workshops, art related field trips, and numerous art shows, including the annual Sassafras Artisan Market and the Painted Fern Festival of Art at the Rabun County Civic Center and Pavilion, Clayton Georgia.

The North Georgia Arts Guild Board of Directors holds open meetings monthly at 9:30 a.m. the second Thursday at Oconee Federal Bank, 21 U.S. Highway 76 Clayton, GA 30525.

- » **President:** Randy Sells
- » **Web:** Visit www.northgeorgiaartsguild.com/contact/ for more information.

RABUN AID PROGRAM

Founded in 1992, a non-profit mission program that aids the elderly, the physically handicapped and the economically disadvantaged. The 2025 dates are June 18-22.

Clayton First United Methodist Church
205 Ministry Mountain Dr. and P.O. Box 703 Clayton, GA 30525

- » **Phone:** 706-728-4426

RABUN COUNTY REPUBLICANS

The Rabun County Republican Party meets the third Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Community Room.

- » **Chair:** Carl Stokes, 678-794-7255
- » **Secretary:** Ed Henderson, 706-970-0983
- » **Treasurer:** Linda Burns, 302-584-0087
- » **Web:** Visit www.rabungop.org or follow us on Facebook for more current information.

RABUN COUNTY DEMOCRATS

The Rabun County Democrats meet on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Teaching Kitchen, 46 Plaza Way, Clayton.

- » **Chair:** Don Martin
- » **Web:** Visit www.rabundemocrats.com for more information.

TROUT UNLIMITED, RABUN CHAPTER

In the Beautiful Northeast Georgia Mountains.

The mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Established in 1986, Rabun TU has been recognized nationwide for its hands-on projects, policy work, and educational offerings for both youth and adults to ensure that future generations may enjoy fishing in cleaner, more abundant waters.

- » **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 371 Clayton, GA 30525
Contact rabuntu.org for more information.

LAKE BURTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The purpose and objectives of the Lake Burton Civic Association (LBCA) are to promote and maintain the interests of Lake Burton area residents in discovering and resolving mutual problems regarding safety, protection, zoning, environmental issues, clean water, and anything else that affects the welfare of our residents.

Our efforts include increased water quality testing and sedimentation control, voter education and registration, and fund-raising.

The LBCA was founded in 1968.
P.O. Box 1988 Clayton, GA 30525

- » **Phone:** 706-690-4283
- » **Web:** Visit www.lbca.net/ for more information



On behalf of all of us here at Clayton Veterinary Hospital, I want to thank you all for this honor. Our doctors and staff work hard to keep our clients and patients as happy as we can. Thank you all for acknowledging our effort!

– Brad Speed, DVM

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1769 Warwoman Road,
Clayton, GA
706-782-9656
www.battlebranchchurch.com
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Bethel Baptist Church

438 Bethel Road,
Tiger, GA
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Betty's Creek Baptist Church

123 Betty's Creek Church Lane,
Dillard, GA
706-379-3204
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Black Rock Baptist Church

345 N. Valley Street,
Clayton, GA
706-782-9298
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 6pm

Blue Heights Baptist Church

46 Cross Street,
Mountain City, GA
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Boggs Mountain Baptist Church

1471 E. Boggs Mountain Road,
Tiger, GA
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Camp Creek Baptist Church

4363 Camp Creek Road,
Lakemont, GA
706-782-2633
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Center for Spiritual Awareness

151 CSA Lane,
Lakemont
706-782-4723
Sunday Meditation & Inspiration 11am

Chapel of Sky Valley

817 Sky Valley Way #8,
Sky Valley, GA
www.skyvalleychapel.com
pastor@skyvalleychapel.com
Sunday Worship 10am
Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday
of each month.

Chechero Baptist Church

4973 Highway 76 East,
Clayton, GA
706-782-7179
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Clayton Baptist Church

87 South Church St.
Clayton, GA
706-782-4588
Sunday Contemporary Service 9am
Sunday Traditional Service 11am
Sunday School 10:30am
Wednesday Worship/Bible Study 6:30am

Clayton Church of God

235 Stekoa Falls Road,
Clayton, GA
706-982-0097
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 10:45am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Clayton First Assembly of God

128 Valley Street,
Clayton, GA
706-782-6854

Clayton First United Methodist Church Downtown Campus:

71 S. Main Street,
Clayton, GA
Traditional Sunday Worship 11am
Mountain Campus
(Family Life Center):
205 Ministry Mountain Drive,
Clayton, GA
Contemporary Sunday Worship 9am
Boat Church offered on Sundays
between Memorial Day & Labor Day
706-782-4426
www.claytonmethodist.com

Clayton Presbyterian Church

150 N. Church Street,
Clayton, GA
706-782-5418
www.claytonpresbyterian.com
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11am
Thursday Choir 5pm

Dillard United Methodist Church

5 Betty Whitecloud Street,
Dillard, GA
706-746-3787
www.Ngumc.org
Contemporary Sunday Worship 9am
Sunday School 10am
Traditional Worship 11am
Youth Group 5:30pm

Fairview Baptist Church

2155 Highway 76 West,
Clayton, GA
706-782-2105
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

Flat Creek Baptist Church

1433 Low Gap Road,
Lakemont, GA
706-782-2443
flatcreekbaptist@windstream.net
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Contact the church for midweek
Bible study and Youth Group.

First Christian Church

15 Black Rock Mountain Rd
Mountain City, GA
706-746-3168
fccmtntcty.org
info@fccmtntcty.org
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wednesday Meal 6pm & Study 6:45pm

Grace Bible Church

235 Dotson Street,
Mountain City, GA
706-746-5823
gbc@mygracebiblechurch.org
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:45am
Wednesday 6pm

Grace Chapel on High Holly Mountain

Lakeside Room of Sky Valley
Country Club
Sky Valley, GA
706-982-5563
Sunday Worship 10:45am

Head of Tennessee Baptist Church

895 Franklin Street,
Dillard, GA
706-746-2116
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6:30pm
Wednesday Prayer 6:30pm

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176 Shepherd Street,
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Sunday Public Talk 10am
Thursday Congregation
Bible Study 7:30pm

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

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Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday Worship 10:45am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm
Wednesday AWANA
(Sept. - May) 6:30pm

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Sunday Worship 10am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

Mountain City United Methodist Church

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Mountain City, GA
706-782-7335
Sunday Worship 10am

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2221 Persimmon Road,
Clayton, GA
706-212-7914
persimmonbaptistchurch@gmail.com
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 6:30pm

Persimmon Church of God

2360 Devils Branch Road,
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706-782-3726
www.persimmoncog.com
Sunday Worship 10am
Wednesday Service 6:30pm

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876 Bethel Road,
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Sunday Worship 11am
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Sunday Worship 9am and 11am

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Sunday Service 10am

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Sunday School 10 AM
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Wednesday 6:30 PM

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Sunday Mass 11am
Monday Mass 9am
Wednesday Mass 9am
Friday Mass 9am
Saturday Mass 5pm
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Confession:
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Sunday Evening 7pm

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Sunday Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7pm

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Sunday Worship 11am

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Wednesday 7pm

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» Phone: 706-212-0289 » Fax: 706-212-0296

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» Phone: 706-212-0294 » Fax: 706-212-0295

» County Nurse Manager: Melissa Wenger, BSN, RN

» County Office Manager: Sheila Watts

» Environmental Health Manager: James Reece

SERVICES OFFERED BY APPOINTMENT

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The day will be filled with musical performances throughout the city, culminating in an exciting evening concert featuring three incredible headliners, to be announced in the coming weeks. Ramshackle continues to uphold its reputation as a family-friendly extravaganza, complete with a special “Kid’s Zone” ensuring fun for children of all ages.

“We received overwhelming positive feedback from last year’s festival, and we are excited to expand the experience this year,” said Sonya Shook, CMBA President. “Ramshackle is not just a music festival; it’s a celebration of our community, our beautiful surroundings, and the thriving local businesses that make Clayton a wonderful place to live and visit.”

Set against the backdrop of the breathtaking Rabun County mountains, the festival invites attendees to make the most of their weekend by exploring the natural beauty and quality accommodations that Clayton has to offer. Those interested in lodging, dining, and event information can visit www.visitclaytonga.net.

The Clayton Merchants and Business Association (CMBA), alongside the City of Clayton, are the proud hosts of this vibrant festival. The support from CMBA members has been instrumental in planning events that shine a spotlight on the unique charm of Clayton and its community.

The festival derives its name from a quote by Andrew Ritchie in the early 1900s, remarking on his visit to the area. Ritchie described Clayton as a “ramshackle town,” but this festival flips that narrative, celebrating the town’s evolution into a thriving community that continues to flourish.

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