About the Cover (3rd in the Athens Artist Cover Series):
Rachel Winters is an Athens, GA-based hand embroidery artist. She was born in Wales and lived in Vancouver, Canada before meeting her American husband in Italy and moving to the United States in 2006. She has been sewing for over 12 years and taught herself the art of embroidery. Rachel prefers stitching free hand botanicals and enjoys working with new textures, color combinations, and fabrics. Contact her at floraembroideryga@yahoo.com or view more work on Instagram or Etsy at floraembroideryga.
Important Contacts

Detailed listings for departments and agencies listed below can be found within this book.

Emergency (Fire / Police / Sheriff / Ambulance) ................................................................. 911

ACC Animal Control ........................................................................................................... 706-613-3540 / 911 (After Hours Emergency)
ACC Board of Elections ....................................................................................................... 706-613-3150
ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts .................................................................................. 706-613-3190
ACC Code Enforcement Division .......................................................................................... 706-613-3790
ACC Crime Stoppers Tip Line ............................................................................................... 706-705-4775
ACC Emergency Management Office (Non-Emergency) ...................................................... 706-613-3410
ACC Fire Department (Non-Emergency) .............................................................................. 706-613-3360
ACC Job Hotline .................................................................................................................. 706-613-3100
ACC Municipal Court ......................................................................................................... 706-613-3690
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency General Information) ........................................ 706-613-3888
ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency After Hours) ..................................................... 706-613-3345
ACC Public Information Office ............................................................................................. 706-613-3795
ACC Public Utilities (Brown, Discolored, or Other Water Quality Issues) .......................... 706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities (Emergency Sewer & Water Service) .................................................... 706-613-3481 / 706-613-3495 (After Hours)
ACC Solid Waste Department / Leaf & Limb Service ............................................................. 706-613-3501
ACC Transit (Public Transportation) ..................................................................................... 706-613-3430
ACC Transportation & Public Works (After Hours) ............................................................... 706-613-3345 (Police)
ACTV (Channel 180 / University Cablevision Channel 6) ..................................................... 706-613-3795
Clarke County School District ............................................................................................... 706-546-7721
Georgia Crisis Line - Mental Illness / Substance Abuse / Developmental Disabilities .......... 800-715-4225
Georgia Health Department ................................................................................................. 706-389-6921 / 706-389-6871 (Birth Certificates)
Georgia Travel Info ............................................................................................................. 511
Information & Referral Helpline for Health and Human Services (United Way) .................. 211
University of Georgia Directory Assistance ............................................................................ 706-542-3000
Utilities Protection Services (Call Before You Dig) ............................................................... 811

www.accgov.com

www.twitter.com/accgov

www.facebook.com/accgov

www.instagram.com/accgov

www.youtube.com/accgov

ACTV (Charter - 180 / UGA - 6)

P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603-1868

Other accounts: www.accgov.com/socialmedia
Y

Yard Sales (see: Garage Sales)

Young Urban Builders - 706-613-0122
Athens Land Trust
The Young Urban Builders program is designed to provide job training and experience while working on community projects and aiding in neighborhood revitalization. The program was started in 2018 as a way to address youth unemployment and perform owner-occupied rehabilitation in the West Broad Neighborhood (see also: Land Trusts).

Young Urban Farmers - 706-613-0122
Athens Land Trust
The Young Urban Farmers Program is a work-based learning youth development program for high school students to learn technical gardening and farming skills, gain exposure to new foods through culinary arts, and explore entrepreneurial endeavors (see also: Land Trusts).

Youth Leadership Athens
www.youthleadershipathens.wordpress.com
Youth Leadership Athens (YLA) is a leadership program for area high school students. Applications are due in early fall for the program, which begins in late fall.

Youth Sports Complex (see: Holland Youth Sports Complex; Satterfield Park; Tennis Center)

Z

Zoo (see: Bear Hollow Zoo)

Zoning Code – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
The Zoning Code includes ordinances detailing categorical use zones, definitions, overlay districts, conditional uses, variance procedures, and other specialized development standards. The Zoning Code and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Future Development Map; Development Standards).
veterans.georgia.gov
9249 US Highway 29, Suite D
Discharged veterans with questions about DD2-14 forms should visit the Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

Victim Assistance Program
• Solicitor-General (State Court) – 706-613-3222
Handles misdemeanor crimes and serves as an advocate for victims.
• District Attorney (Superior Court) – 706-613-3740
Handles felony crimes and serves as an advocate for victims. Notification of court dates, hearings, and explanations of legal terms is provided by this office.

Victim Impact Panel – 706-613-3222
Solicitor General’s Office
Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the State Court room on the fifth floor of the ACC Courthouse, 325 E Washington Street.

Victim Notification
• Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) – 706-613-3270 / 800-467-4975
www.vinelink.com
Automated system through the Sheriff’s Office that allows victims of crimes to check on the status of offenders and also receive notification when an arrested offender is transferred or released.
• Victim Information Program (VIP) – 800-593-9474
Twenty-four hour automated information system used by the GA Department of Corrections with the State Board of Paroles to provide victims of crime and/or their families information regarding custody and status of an inmate. Individuals registered with the Office of Victim Services can also automatically receive notification of the release of an offender from custody.

Visitor Centers
• Athens Welcome Center (see: Welcome Center, Athens)

Common Athens-Clarke County Acronyms
Detailed information for most acronyms listed below can be found within the guide, usually under the full name.

ACCC Athens-Clarke County (geographic area) or Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
ACCFES Athens-Clarke County Fire Department
ACCGOV Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
ACCPD Athens-Clarke County Police Department
ACCUUG Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCGOV preferred)
ACT Athens Creative Theatre
ACTV Athens-Clarke County Television (Government Access Channel)
ADDA Athens Downtown Development Authority
ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution
AMI Advanced (Water) Metering Infrastructure
ARCH Athens Resource Center for Hope
CASB Court Appointed Special Advocates
CCSD Clarke County School District
CCSO (Athens-)Clarke County Sheriff’s Office
CDBG Community Development Block Grants
CERT Community Emergency Response Team
ChaRM Center for Hard to Recycle Materials
CTC Community Tree Council
CVB Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau
DAPS Downtown Athens Parking System
DCA Georgia Department of Community Affairs
DFCS / DFACS Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
EADG East Athens Development Corporation
EFNEP Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
EMS Emergency Medical Services
FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation
GBI Georgia Bureau of Investigation
GDOT Georgia Department of Transportation
GEMA Georgia Emergency Management Agency
GIS Athens-Clarke County Geographic Information Services Office
GOC Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission’s Government Operations Committee
HCD Athens-Clarke County Housing and Community Development Department
HUD United States Housing and Urban Development
ICE United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
IRS Internal Revenue Service
KACCB Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LRC Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission’s Legislative Review Committee
MACORTS Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study
MRF Materials Recycling Facility
NNI Neighborhood Notification Initiative
NTMP Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
PIO Athens-Clarke County Public Information Office
PUD Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department
RDC Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center
SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SPLOST Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TPW Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department
VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
UGA The University of Georgia

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Warrants – 706-613-3250
Warrants are issued by the ACC Magistrate Court and served by the ACC Sheriff’s Office.

UGA Visitors Center – 706-542-0842
visit.uga.edu
405 College Station Rd.

Vital Records (see: Birth Certificates; Death Certificates)
Voluteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – 706-546-1154 / 706-613-3358
300 Henderson Extension, Hancock Community Development Corporation
A program of the Community Capacity Development Office, formerly known as Weed and Seed (see also: Community Capacity Development Office).

Volunteering
• ACC Leisure Services – 706-613-3800
Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the ACC Leisure Services Department. Examples of opportunities include trail guides, coaching, after school program helpers, animal caretakers, and Morton Theatre and Athens Creative Theatre ushers. Listings are available at www.accgov.com/volunteer.
• Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACC)
www.keepathensbeautiful.org
• ACC Police – 706-613-3888 ext. 272
Voter Registration / Voting – 706-613-3150
www.accgov.com/elections
The ACC Board of Elections and Voter Registration office registers citizens to vote over the age of 17 1/2 years old. At 18 years of age, the Board issues a card and citizens are officially eligible to vote. A Driver’s License or Georgia ID number or the last 4 digits of their Social Security number, along with the date of birth, proof of residency in Georgia, and a signature are required. Voter ID cards can be made at the Board of Elections office for voters without a photo ID that is required for voting (see also: Absentee / Early Voting; Advance Voting; Board of Elections).

Warden (see: Corrections)
Warden, Game (see: Conservation Ranger)
Ware-Lyndon Historic House Museum – 706-613-3823
www.accgov.com/warelulynhouse
211 Hoyt Street
The Ware-Lyndon House (c.1856) is the only surviving building from the Lickskillet neighborhood of Athens. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places

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Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

Incorporated Areas
1. Athens-Clarke County
2. City of Athens
3. City of Bogart (partial)

Geography
- Approximately 122 square miles in area
- Smallest of Georgia’s 159 counties
- 70 miles northeast of Atlanta
- Over 425 miles of streams & rivers

History
- 40 nationally-registered historical sites
- 16 districts on National Register of Historic Places
- 15 local historic districts
- 43 individual local historic landmarks
- Athens named for Greek center of learning
- Clarke County named for Revolutionary War General Elijah Clarke

Demographics (2013-2017 Census data, unless noted)
- Male: 47.6%
- Female: 52.4%
- Population, including students (2017 est.): 125,691
- University of Georgia (UGA) chartered
- Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected
- Town of Athens chartered
- Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

Education
- Clarke County School District is separate from the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- GA Department of Labor
- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community

Trees, Fallen
- Blocking roadways due to storms
- On public property or right-of-way
- Leaning or hanging trees not yet fallen
- Community Forester (706-613-3561)

Unemployment
- GA Department of Labor
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community

Vehicle Registration
- Georgia Municipal Association & Georgia Trend
- Best Places to Retire in 2018 (Forbes)
- South’s Best Food Cities 2018 (Southern Living)
- America’s Coolest Southern Towns (Jetsetter, 2017)
- 706-613-3561
- Athens-Clarke County
- City of Athens
- City of Bogart (partial)

Vehicle Registration
- License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration
- Door-to-Door (see: Door-to-Door Sales)
- Downtown - 706-613-3530
- Downtown street vendors are permitted by the ACC Central Services Department and display an identification badge. Only select areas in downtown are available for vending.
- Private Property - 706-613-3050
- Vendors on commercial private property, such as a parking lot, are permitted by the ACC Finance Department.

Veterans Court
- 706-224-5029
- Veterans Court - 706-224-5029
- ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
- The Western Judicial Circuit Veterans Court targets veterans in Athens-Clarke or Oconee County who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from mental illness or substance abuse problems associated with service. It is administered by the Superior Court with supplementary services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (see also: Veterans Service)

Utilities
- Private companies provide natural gas, electricity, and phone service to Athens-Clarke County. For problems or complaints with these regulated utilities, contact the Georgia Public Service Commission in Atlanta (800-282-5813 / www.psc.state.ga.us). Water and water reclamation (sewer) services are provided to most of the county by the ACC Public Utilities Department (see also: Public Utilities; Outage, Power)

Utility Poles
- Utility poles are maintained by their respective utilities. For issues related to utility poles, citizens may contact the responsible utility directly.

Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator
- 811 / 800-282-7411 (Call Before You Dig)
- This service will help citizens determine if areas on their property are safe locations for digging.

U.S. metros for economic growth (Milken Institute)
- Best Places to Retire in 2018 (Forbes)
- Door-to-Door (see: Door-to-Door Sales)
- Athens-Clarke County
- City of Athens
- City of Bogart (partial)
- Vehicle Registration

Unification
- The former City of Athens and Clarke County governments were officially unified into one governing body on January 14, 1991 as a result of a voter referendum in August of 1990.

United States Government Information
- 844-872-4681 (800-USA-GOV1)
- United States District Court (see: Federal Court)
- United States Government Information

United Way of Northeast Georgia
- The mission of the United Way of Northeast Georgia is to increase the ability of people to care for one another through the combined efforts of volunteers and service providers, and to be an effective catalyst in a community-wide effort to provide a quality of life for all. The United Way also operates the 211 resource and information helpline.

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Traffic Offenses – 706-613-3680
ACC Municipal Court

Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division

Trail Creek Park – 706-208-0185
www.accgov.com/trailcreek
200 Trail Creek Street
Formerly East Athens Community Park, this 113-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. The park includes two lighted football/soccer fields, an outdoor fitness zone, a playground, one practice baseball field, a splash pad, two picnic shelters, a walking trail, and mountain bike trails.

Trails
www.accgov.com/trails
The ACC Leisure Services Department offers several choices of varying difficulties, including both paved paths and natural surface trails.

Multimodal Center
775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector
The ACC Transit Department provides transportation service in Athens-Clarke County with The Bus and The Lift. Transit carries approximately 1.7 million passengers per year (see also: Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center).

Translation, Spanish (see: Catholic Social Services; United Way)

Transportation and Public Works www.accgov.com/publicworks
• Main Office / Stormwater Management / Engineering – 706-613-3440
120 West Dougherty Street
• Streets and Drainage Division – 706-613-3465
605 Spring Valley Road
• Traffic Engineering Division – 706-613-3460
2705 Lexington Road
The ACC Transportation and Public Works Department provides technical service for traffic operations systems, construction and maintenance of road systems, engineering inspection of public roads, sidewalks, and drainage facilities, and support services to other ACC projects involving public improvements (see also: Animal, Dead Removal; Drainage, Street; Graffiti Reporting / Removal; Parking, Residential; Road Work Reports; Sidewalks; Stormwater Management Program; Street Lights; Street Repair; Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair).

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) plans, constructs, maintains, and improves the state’s roads and bridges; provides planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit and airports; provides airport and air safety planning; and provides air travel to state departments. GDOT also provides administrative support to the State Tollway Authority, the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority, and the Georgia Southwest Rail Excursion Authority.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – 706-613-3515 (ACC Planning Department) www.macorts.org
The TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) is an annually-updated document that details funded transportation projects to be undertaken in the Athens Urbanized Area. The role of the TIP is to document the implementation of the short-range (four-year) elements of the Long Range (20-year) Transportation Plan. Although only federally-funded projects located within the urbanized area are required to be included in the TIP, all transportation projects are included for informational purposes.

Trash (see: Dumping, Illegal; Litter; Solid Waste)

Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC) – 706-354-3995
www.accgov.com/tac
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
The ACC Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC) targets individuals who are or could be charged with a felony or misdemeanor criminal offense stemming from their mental illness or mental disability. Many of these individuals have a co-occurring addictive disease. The Treatment & Accountability Court is administered by the Superior Court with assistance from the Probate Court (see also: Veterans Court).

Trees

Best Management Practices for Community Trees is a 134-page technical guide to selecting, placing, conserving, protecting, maintaining, establishing, removing, and replacing trees in Athens-Clarke County. It is available from the ACC Landscape Management Division and online at www.accgov.com/landscape (see also: Arborist; Community Forestry Coordinator; Community Tree Council; Landmark Trees; Landscape Management Division; Trees, Fallen).

Employees
• 42 departments / offices / courts
• 1,673 [FY19] full-time positions
• 13.2 [FY19] employees per 1000 residents

- 33% Public Safety
- 32% Public Works
- 20% Judicial
- 8% General Government
- 4% Leisure Services
- 2% Housing & Development

Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Budget
• Runs July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
• $242.6 million total budget for all funds
The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

General Fund Expenditures

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$3,237.50

Sales Tax: 8%

State: Georgia
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LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
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disburses related taxes and fees; advises taxpayers of legal means of transferring vehicle ownership and proper registration and titling procedures; and assists law enforcement in identifying vehicle ownership (see also: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration).

**Tax, Income**
- Federal (see: Internal Revenue Service)
- State (see: Revenue, GA Department of)

Forms may also be available at the Athens Regional Library or post offices. The Weed and Seed Program offers a free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax preparation service for individuals below a certain income level (see also: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)).

**Tax, Property (Filing)** – 706-613-3120
ACC Tax Commissioner

**Tax Sale Auctions** – 706-613-3120
Tax sale auctions conducted by the ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office are held on the steps of the ACC Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Listings of available properties are placed in the Athens Banner-Herald four weeks prior to the sale.

**Taxi Driver Permits** – 706-613-3330
ACC Police Department

Taylor-Brady House – 706-549-8688
www.taylorgradyhouse.com
634 Prince Avenue
This Greek revival home built in the mid-1840s was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976. It is owned by Athens-Clarke County and managed by the Junior League of Athens for tours and rentals.

**Television** (see: ACTV; Cable Television)

**Teen Matters**
www.teenmattersathens.com
- 168 South Rocksprings Court – 706-369-5670
- 1275 Cedar Shoals Drive – 706-227-7198

A state Health Department program for teenagers ages 11-19 that offers a variety of medical services, as well as health education programs, guidance counseling, and community involvement opportunities.

**Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders – 706-613-3190**

Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs) are both filed through the Clerk of Superior and State Court. These two different types of orders are issued by a court restraining the conduct of a person and protecting a victim from the activities of an abusive person (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

**Tornado Sirens** (see: Sirens, Tornado)

**Towing**
For questions related to towing from public property, contact the Police Department. Non-consensual towing from private property is governed by state and local ordinances and overseen by the Public Service Commission (see also: Booting, Vehicle; Public Service Commission).

**Traffic Engineering** – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division

**Tennis Center** – 706-613-3991
www.accgov.com/tennis
4460 Lexington Road
The facility accommodates year-round usage for open play, leagues, instructional programs, clinics, and tournaments. The center includes 12 lighted, hard-surface courts with viewing and staging areas, a covered pavilion, restrooms, and meeting space facilities. The center is a component of Southeast Clarke Park and maintained by ACC Leisure Services.

**Theatre, Public** (see: Athens Creative Theatre, Morton Theatre)

**Thomas N. Lay Park** (see: Lay Park and Community Center)

**Think at the Sink** (see: Water Conservation)

**Tickets, Parking** (see: Parking Tickets)

**Tickets, Traffic** (see: Traffic Offenses; Municipal Court)

**Tip Line, Crime** (see: Crime Stoppers Tip Line)

**Tires, Scrap** (see: Landfill)

**Titles, Mobile Home** – 706-613-3130
ACC Tax Commissioner

**Titles, Vehicle** – 706-613-3130
ACC Tax Commissioner

**Tool Shed** – 706-613-3501 ext. 309
ACC Solid Waste Department – Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful

Community members can borrow landscaping and gardening tools for school beautification projects, community gardens, or neighborhood community improvement projects.

**Tornado Sirens** (see: Sirens, Tornado)

**Towing**
For questions related to towing from public property, contact the Police Department. Non-consensual towing from private property is governed by state and local ordinances and overseen by the Public Service Commission (see also: Booting, Vehicle; Public Service Commission).

**Traffic Engineering** – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division
Department’s Stormwater Management Program goals are to alleviate flooding, reduce the discharge of harmful pollutants associated with stormwater runoff, and to protect the water quality of our streams and rivers (see also: Rain Barrels).

**Stream Monitoring & Clean-Ups** (see: Adopt-a-Stream)

**Street Addresses – 706-613-3515**
ACC Planning Department

**Street Lights – 706-613-3457 ext. 226**
www.accgov.com/streetlights
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Engineering Division

**Street Repair – 706-613-3465**
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

**Subdivision of Property – 706-613-3515**
ACC Planning Department

**Substance Abuse** (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

**Summer Camps** (see: Camps, Summer)

**Summer Employment (ACC Leisure Services) – 706-613-3829**
www.accgov.com/jobs

The ACC Leisure Services Department offers summer employment opportunities in athletics, natural resources, and recreation. Positions include summer camp management, camp counselors, and aquatics staff. Applications are usually accepted from mid-January until May or later, depending on the position.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) – 706-613-3640**
SNAP-Ed is a federally-funded program that helps families and individuals learn how to eat healthier meals and snacks, stretch food dollars, and reduce the risk of food-borne illness. Contact ACC Cooperative Extension to arrange a class, obtain educational materials, or for more information.

**Surveys, Land**
Surveys can be provided by private companies. Athens-Clarke County does not provide survey services.

**Sustainability Office – 706-613-3838**
www.accgov.com/green

110 Bray Street
The ACC Sustainability Office works as a steward of public resources by promoting practices and policies to innovatively reduce environmental footprints, grow the local economy, and foster a thriving community by networking staff, ideas, and resources across departments and throughout the community to achieve outcomes supported by a long-term sustainability plan.

**Swimming** (see: Pools, Public; Splash Pads)

**Tags, Vehicle** (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

**TANF [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families]**
(see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

**Tax Assessor – 706-613-3140**
www.accgov.com/taxassessor

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 280
The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes (see also: Property Values).

**Superior Court – 706-613-3183**
www.accgov.com/courts

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Third Floor
The Superior Court has jurisdiction in divorce, felony, land-title, equity, adoption, and certain civil suits. Most Accountability Courts are also part of the Superior Court. The Western Judicial Circuit is comprised of Athens-Clarke County and Oconee County. This court also handles appeals from the Probate Court (see also: Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts).

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

**Tax Commissioner – 706-613-3120 / 706-613-3130 (Tag Office)**
www.accgov.com/tc

- **Main Office – ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 250**
- **Tag Office – 3025 Lexington Road**

The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office is involved in the preparation of the digest, collection of ad valorem tax on real and personal property, disbursements of these collections to the levying authorities, and final audit of these transactions. The office also works with delinquent ad valorem taxpayers. For motor vehicles, the office registers and titles vehicles; collects and

### Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission

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706-369-9457 • 562 Pulaski Street, Athens, GA 30601
kelly.girtz@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-08-19

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Initial Term: 01-01-19

**District 2 – Mariah Parker **
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387 Flint St, Athens, GA 30601
mariah.parker@accgov.com
Initial Term: 06-05-18

**District 3 – Melissa Link **
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Initial Term: 01-06-15

**District 4 – Allison Wright **
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Initial Term: 01-02-13

**District 5 – Tim Denson **
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Initial Term: 01-08-19

**District 6 – Jerry NeSmith **
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Initial Term: 01-02-13

**District 7 – Russell Edwards **
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400 Duncan Springs Road, Athens, GA 30606
russell.edwards@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-08-19

**District 8 – Andy Herod **
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andy.herod@accgov.com
Initial Term: 03-22-07

**District 9 – Ovita Thornton **
706-202-3173
170 Fowler Drive, Athens, GA 30601
ovita.thornton@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-08-19

**District 10 – Mike Hamby **
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mike.hamby@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-06-09

Commissioner NeSmith is the mayor pro-tempore for 2019 and presides in the absence of the mayor.

* Election takes place in 2020
** Election takes place in 2022

** Regular Voting Meeting:** 1st Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall

** Work Session Meetings:** 2nd Tuesdays monthly at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall

** Agenda Setting Session:** 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall

** Committee Meetings:** Schedule varies by committee

Meetings subject to change due to holidays, elections, or other factors. Further information is available at www.accgov.com/commission. Tentative meeting agendas are available at least 24 hours before each meeting and include public comment information. For additional information, contact the Clerk of Commission’s Office at 706-613-3031 (City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204).
Additional Athens-Clarke County Local Elected Officials

Clerk of Superior and State Court
Beverly Logan *
706-613-3190
325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1805, Athens, GA 30603

Coroner
Sonny Wilson *
706-613-3999
3195 Atlanta Highway
Athens, GA 30601

District Attorney
Ken Mauldin *
706-613-3240
325 East Washington Street, Suite 500
Athens, GA 30601

Magistrate Court Chief Judge
Patricia Barron *
706-613-3310
325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
Athens, GA 30601

Probate Court Judge
Susan Tate *
706-613-3320
325 East Washington Street, Suite 215
Athens, GA 30601

Sheriff
Ira Edwards *
706-613-3250
325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
Athens, GA 30601

Solictor General
C.R. Chisholm **
706-613-3215
325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
Athens, GA 30601
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State Court Chief Judge
Ethelyn N. Simpson *
706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Judge
Charles Auslander *
706-613-3310
325 East Washington Street, Suite 240
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Judge
Lawton E. Stephens *
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325 East Washington Street, Suite 315
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 8064, Athens, GA 30603

Superior Court Judge
H. Patrick Haggard *
706-613-3780
325 East Washington Street, Suite 405
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1623, Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Judge
Eric Nix **
706-546-7704
325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Judge
Lisa Lott **
706-310-3606
325 East Washington Street, Suite 325
Athens, GA 30601

Tax Commissioner
Toni Meadow *
706-613-3120
325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
Athens, GA 30601

All offices listed above are elected county-wide. Superior Court Judge and District Attorney offices cover the Western Judicial Circuit, which also includes Oconee County.

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SNAP-Ed (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

Snipes Water Resources Center – 706-613-3481
780 Barber Street
The Bobby M. Snipes Water Resources Center houses ACC’s water treatment and water reclamation laboratories, along with a public meeting room.

Social Media Accounts (ACCGOV)
www.accgov.com/socialmedia
ACCGOV has a wide variety of social media accounts to keep residents and visitors informed.

Special Events Permits (see: Central Services)

Speed Humps (see: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program)

Splash Pads
www.accgov.com/splashpads
Splash pads are outdoor water playgrounds located at Trail Creek Park and Rocksprings Park for use during summer months. Each splash pad includes multiple elements that shoot water from the floor as well as drop water from buckets from above. All water is recycled and reused through a filtering system (see also: Pools, Public).

SPLOST – 706-613-3025
www.accgov.com/splost
The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters that funds a variety of capital projects. A citizens’ advisory committee oversees projects, which are managed by a private company contracted by Athens-Clarke County. Progress reports and other information is available online.

Sports, Youth and Adult
www.accgov.com/sports
The ACC Leisure Services Department offers a variety of sports leagues through their Athletics Division (706-613-3589) and Recreation Division (706-613-3596 or 706-613-3593).

St. Mary’s Hospital (see: Saint Mary’s Hospital)

State Court – 706-613-3200
www.accgov.com/statecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
State Court has concurrent jurisdiction with Superior Court in civil actions except where exclusive jurisdiction is given to the Superior Court by the Georgia Constitution. State Court handles appeals from the Magistrate’s Court and has criminal jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases. The DUI/Drug Court is also part of State Court (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts).

State Government Information (see: Georgia Government Information)

State Patrol (see: Georgia State Patrol)

Stormwater Management Program – 706-613-3440
www.accgov.com/stormwater
The ACC Transportation and Public Works
by the ACC Leisure Services Department (see also: Managed Forest Project).

**Sandy Creek Park – 706-613-3631**
www.accgov.com/sandycreekpark
400 Bob Holman Road
This 782-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department provides year-round amenities including picnic shelters, large facility rentals, dog parks, disc golf, trail access, playgrounds, and basketball courts. The 260-acre Lake Chapman provides fishing, boating, and swimming opportunities. A $2 per person entry fee is charged for visitors ages 4-64 (see also: Lake Chapman).

**Satterfield Park – 706-613-3991** (Tennis Center)
www.accgov.com/satterfield
2950 Cherokee Road
This 13-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named for late Dr. Wayne Satterfield, a founding member of the Little League program in Athens. The park has five athletic fields, three tennis/pickleball courts, a batting cage, and a playground.

**Satula Building**
375 Satula Avenue
This building houses ACC’s Finance Department, Human Resources Department, Organizational Development Division, and Housing and Community Development Department (see also: individual department and division entries).

**Schools** (see: Clarke County School District)

**Section 8 Rental Assistance** (see: Housing Choice Voucher Program)

**Septic Systems / Tanks**
Basic information about septic systems is available at www.accgov.com/septic or by calling the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795. For septic system inspections, plan reviews, maps, locations, service provider complaints, installation permits, and more detailed information, contact the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division at 706-583-2658 or www.georgiaeh.us.

**Sewer Services [ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks]**
(see: Emergency Water or Sewer Service)

**Sex Offender Registry – 706-613-3250**
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is the central repository for Georgia’s Violent Sexual Offender Registry. A searchable online database for the state is available at www.obi.georgia.gov and a listing of Athens-Clarke County offenders can be found at www.accgov.com/sheriff.

**Sexual Assault Center** (see: Cottage, The)
Sheriff’s Office – 706-613-3250
www.accgov.com/sheriff
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
The Sheriff is responsible for the physical health and welfare of all inmates in the jail and the management of their property and money. The office serves criminal warrants, civil papers, and subpoenas; executes evictions; transports prisoners to court; extradites prisoners from other states to court; and provides security for Athens-Clarke County jail and courthouse (see also: Courthouse (Athens-Clarke County); Evictions; Jail; Sex Offender Registry; Warrants; and individual court entries).

**Sidewalk Cafes** (see: Cafes, Sidewalk)
Sidewalks – 706-613-3485
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

**Sign Installation [Traffic]** (see: Traffic Sign / Sign Installation / Repair)
Sign Permits [Private Property] – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department

**Signals, Traffic** (see: Traffic Sign / Sign Installation / Repair)

**Sirens, Tornado – 706-613-3410** (ACC Emergency Management Office)
These 12 outdoor sirens located around the community are sounded only to alert the public when a tornado warning has been issued for Athens-Clarke County and during testing each year in February as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week or during other testing times. The sirens are designed to alert people outdoors at the time to seek immediate shelter and are not designed for notifying people already indoors.

**Skate Park** (see: Southeast Clarke Park)

**Small Business Development Center – 706-542-7438**
www.georgiasbdc.org
1180 East Broad Street

**Small Claims Court** (see: Magistrate Court)

**Smoking**
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment in Athens-Clarke County, with a few exemptions. Smoking is also prohibited in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County. Report any violations to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345.

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Selected Ordinances

The ordinances listed below are for general information only and are current as of February 18, 2018.

Animal Control - Dogs, Cats & Other Animals

ACC Code Chapter 4-1

- Keep pets under control at all times, meaning:
  - (1) on a leash when off your property (except in dog park off-leash areas)
  - (2) in passenger areas of a vehicle (not in a truck bed)
  - (3) on your property and attended by a person
  - (4) confined by an electronic containment system, pen, fence, or other structure to prevent escape.
- Do not attach or tether pets to stationary objects unless it is temporary with a collar or harness while a person is with them.
- Do not leave animals in vehicles without sufficient ventilation and protection from excessive heat or cold.
- Keep pets off of others’ property without permission.
- Do not let pets pee or poop on others’ property without permission. Remove poop immediately from public property and private property not under your control, such as apartment complex common areas.
- Do not let pets disturb the peace by making loud, persistent noises such as barking. You can be cited if you have received a written warning within 90 days of the charged violation and at least two complaining witnesses have signed a written statement.
- Vaccination for rabies must be current and displayed on a tag at all times (except for ear-tipped feral cats).
- Provide safe and sanitary shelter for pets. Provide clean water at all times.
- Do not let pets menace or attack persons on public rights-of-way or on someone else’s property.
- Report complaints and suspected animal abuse to ACC Animal Control at 706-613-3540.

Bicycle Rights, Duties & Sidewalk Riding

ACC Code Chapter 3-10

- Bicyclists generally have the same rights and duties as vehicle drivers.
- Only children 12 years old or younger can ride bicycles on sidewalks. No one can ride bicycles on sidewalks downtown or where the door of a building opens directly onto a sidewalk.
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks.

Dumping (ACC Code Section 5-2-14[g] & 5-2-19)

- Do not dump or otherwise place trash, dead animals, or other discarded personal property on any public road or on another’s property.
- Do not place trash in a dumpster without permission.

Noise Ordinance

ACC Code Section 3-5-24 & O.C.G.A. § 40-6-14

- Generally, noise is prohibited if it is audible:
  - 300 feet from the property line:
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
    - Fridays & Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. – midnight.
  - 100 feet from the property line:
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
    - Saturday & Sunday mornings: midnight – 7:00 a.m.
  - 100 feet away at any time:
    - Vehicle stereos
    - 5 feet beyond the wall or boundary:
      - Any apartment, condominium, duplex, or other dwelling unit with adjoining points of contact.
      - Landscape maintenance devices (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc.) within 300 feet of any residential zoning district cannot be used from 8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. (9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. in AR district).
      - Construction noise cannot be plainly audible within any residential zoning district more than 100 feet beyond the property between 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. except for projects with a variance from the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and government and utility company construction and maintenance projects.
- Report complaints to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345 or 911.

Disorderly Conduct Activities & Behaviors

ACC Code Section 3-5-1

These are only some of the behaviors and activities considered disorderly conduct.
- Making a person fear for their safety or placing a person’s property in danger through violent actions.
- Causing, provoking, or engaging in any fight or riotous conduct or gathering for that purpose.
- Intending to get money from a person by fraud in a public place.
- Suddenly starting, stopping, turning, or operating a vehicle so as to endanger a person or their property.
- Aiding or encouraging a minor to do any act of disorderly conduct or a breach of peace.
- Gathering for unlawful purposes, including gaming.
- Using “fighting words.”

Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters

ACC Code Section 3-12-17

Do not post notices, posters, handbills, or other items on any lamppost, public utility pole, tree, or public structure or building.

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who are considering moving to Athens-Clarke County.

Reports, Accident and Incident (see: Accident Reports)

Residency

New Georgia residents must apply for a Georgia driver’s license within 30 days and register with the Board of Elections within 30 days of the next election to be considered a resident. Residency requirements for University of Georgia-related issues should be addressed with the appropriate University office.

Restaurant Inspections – 706-583-2658

www.publichealthathens.com

189 Paradise Blvd.
Inspections are performed by the GA Health Department’s Office of Environmental Health.

Restraining Orders (see: Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders)

Revenue, GA Department of – 706-389-6977 (Athens Regional Office) / 877-602-8477

Georgia Square Mall, 3700 Atlanta Highway, Suite 268

Right-of-Way Maintenance

The ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561) handles all litter pickup and maintenance of right-of-way areas belonging to Athens-Clarke County or some state routes by agreement. The GA Department of Transportation (706-583-2644) maintains all other state routes.

Rivers Alive

www.accgov.com/riversalive

Rivers Alive is an annual effort of Athens area volunteers and a variety of organizations to clean local rivers, lakes, and streams each fall as part of the continuing statewide campaign to clean and preserve over 70,000 miles of Georgia’s rivers and streams. This event is part of the annual Georgia Waterway Cleanup, a joint program of the Environmental Protection Division Outreach Education Programs and the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.

Riverside Parks (see: North Oconee River Greenway)

Road Work Reports

Weekly notifications of road and lane closures from the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department’s Traffic Engineering Division (706-613-3460) are listed at www.accgov.com/roadclosures. Some closures are also shown on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 15).

Robert G. Stephens Federal Building

355 East Hancock Avenue


Rocksprings Park – 706-613-3602

www.accgov.com/rocksprings291 Henderson Extension

This 6-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and includes athletic field, basketball courts, playground, swimming pool, splash pad, and a community center. The center offers year-round programming, including an afterschool program and summer camp.

RYDC (see: Regional Youth Detention Center)

Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC) – 706-613-3615

www.accgov.com/scnc

205 Old Commerce Road

This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1977 and currently houses the Education & Visitor Center, Walker Hall, and a variety of trails. Programming and events are offered year-round, including summer camps for children and teens. It is supported by Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc., a non-profit support organization. This facility was built almost entirely using recycled, recyclable, or energy efficient materials and houses environmental learning centers. Additionally, the center features Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trails. The facility is operated...
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Radon Testing and Education – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension
Radon in homes can lead to lung cancer. Test kits are available at the Cooperative Extension office (see also: Cooperative Extension).

Raffles, Licenses for – 706-613-3250
Organizations wishing to hold a raffle must first contact the Sheriff’s Office.

Rain Barrels – 706-613-3440 ext. 383
The Stormwater Management Program provides rain barrel workshops to assist citizens with building their own rain barrels.

Rallies (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

RDC (see: Northeast Georgia Regional Commission)

Real Estate Records – 706-613-3195
Clerk of Superior and State Courts, ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450
Some information such as ownership is also available online through the ACC Tax Assessor’s website at www.accgov.com/taxassessor.

Records, Historical – 706-613-3551
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 150
The ACC Records Room houses historical information such as marriage licenses and wills from 1800 to the early 1900’s. Other information of interest to the public housed in the Records Room includes probate records such as estate and tax digests dating to 1801.

Records, Real Estate (see: Real Estate Records)

Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF) – 706-548-9808 / 706-613-3512 [Tours]
699 Hancock Industrial Way
The RMPF opened in 1995 as the first public-private partnership facility of its kind in Georgia to process recyclable materials collected. The facility is owned by ACC and operated by a private partner.

Recycling – 706-613-3512
www.accgov.com/recycling
ACC Solid Waste Department – Recycling Division
725 Hancock Industrial Way
Athens-Clarke County became Georgia’s first municipally operated curbside recycling program when it began in 1988. All private carriers are also required to offer recycling services. Free recycling drop-off centers are located throughout Athens-Clarke County (see also: CHaRM, Recovered Materials Processing Facility; Solid Waste; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13).

Recycling Center (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility)
Reese-Pape Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services]
www.accgov.com/reseepapeweek
375 Reese Street
This 1.5-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features a playground, basketball court, and pavilion with picnic tables.

Regional Development Center (see: Northeast Georgia Regional Commission)

Regional Youth Detention Center (Gainesville) – 770-535-5485
www.dj.georgia.gov
450 Crescent Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501
This GA Department of Juvenile Justice facility provides temporary, secure care and supervision to youths in Athens-Clarke County and other Northeast Georgia counties who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by Juvenile Court.

Relocation Packet – 706-353-1820
www.athenswelcomecenter.com
The Athens Welcome Center provides a relocation packet for a shipping fee with information for people who have been relocated from Athens-Clarke County.

Single Family Housing - Number of Residents
[ACC Code Section 9-15-18]
Definitions
• “Family”: Two or more persons residing in a single dwelling unit where all members are related by blood, marriage, adoption, or foster care, up to the second degree of consanguinity.
• “Consanguinity”: Spouses, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, siblings and their spouses, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, and first cousins.
• “Residing”: Staying overnight for more than 30 days in a 90-day period.
• RS = Single Family Residential district & AR = Agricultural Residential district. Call the Planning Department (706-613-3515) for zoning details.
Within RS zoning districts or “AR neighborhoods”
• A single dwelling unit cannot have more than two unrelated individuals residing therein.
• Families, as defined above, cannot have more than one unrelated individual residing with them.

Smoking [ACC Code Chapter 4-3]
• No smoking in any enclosed public places and enclosed places of employment, except for a few specified locations.
• No smoking in any park, youth sports complex, or recreation area owned, leased, or operated by Athens-Clarke County.

Picketing & Demonstrations [ACC Code Section 5-6-23]
• Picketing, demonstrations, gatherings, processions, or other activities protected by the Constitution cannot block entry and exit from any public or private place.
• Persons or groups planning these activities must submit an application to the ACC Police Department.

Trash Receptacles / Rollcarts [ACC Code Section 5-2-14(a)]
Trash receptacles must be stored behind or next to the service location or screened from view from the public right-of-way, except from 6:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled collection day to noon the day after the scheduled collection day.

Junk Vehicles [ACC Code Sections 3-9-2 & 3-5-8]
• A junk vehicle is one that does not have a current license plate lawfully displayed or is abandoned, dismantled, or otherwise incapable.
• Junk vehicles include golf carts, RVs, boats, buses, campers, go-karts and other means of conveyance.
• Do not park a junk vehicle on public property for more than three days or on private property for more than 30 days unless under a carport or similar structure.

Open Containers – Alcoholic [ACC Code Section 6-3-12] & Glass [ACC Code Section 3-12-23]
• Alcoholic beverages in open containers and all open glass containers (even non-alcoholic) are prohibited on public streets, sidewalks, alleyways, or rights-of-way; in public or semi-public parking facilities; or on outdoor public patios except licensed sidewalk cafes.
• Semi-public parking facilities include privately-owned areas where vehicles are parked by the public for a business, office, church, school, or multi-family dwelling.
• Removing a resealed bottle of wine from a restaurant is a violation of the Georgia wine law.
• Alcohol is prohibited from being consumed on property owned by the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia such as the University of Georgia, passengers of limousines or similar vehicles, passengers of buses driven by a commercially-licensed driver, or occupants in the living quarters of a camper or motor home.

Outdoor Event Registration [ACC Code Section 3-5-84(1)]
(see also: Events, Special and/or Outdoor in listings)
• All outdoor entertainment events with commercial entertainment or electronic amplification must register at least 72 hours prior to the event with the ACC Police Department.
• Events cannot take place during 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between midnight – 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Parking [ACC Code Chapter 3-3 & Section 9-30-8]
• Do not park a vehicle on a non-prepared, unimproved surface such as grass in a front or side yard in a residential zone.
• Vehicles parked downtown may be immobilized or towed if they have six or more unpaid citations or more than $200 in penalties.
• Certain residential streets allow permit parking only. Permits must be displayed prominently at all times.
• Do not park in marked handicapped spaces at any time without a displayed permit. Report violations to the ACC Police Department at 706-613-3345 or 911.

Property Maintenance [ACC Code Sections 3-12-19, 3-13-17, 5-2-14(1)(a) & 3-30-41]
• Maintain your property free of litter and undesirable vegetation
• Maintain your property in compliance with local codes, as well as those sections of the International Property Maintenance Code (linked at www.accgov.com/codeenforcement) adopted by Athens-Clarke County.
• Solid waste (e.g., litter, trash, debris, or other materials), whether yours or others’, should not accumulate on a property for more than 15 days.

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of property taxes. Property appraisal values and other property information is available online or through public access computer terminals at the ACC Tax Assessor’s Office, Clerk of Superior and State Courts, and ACC Planning Department (see also: Tax Assessor’s Office).

Protective Orders (see: Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders)

Protests (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Public Defender – 706-369-6440
www.athenspublicdefender.com
440 College Avenue, Suite 220
The Public Defender Office of the Western Judicial Circuit offers services to citizens of Athens-Clarke and Oconee counties who need legal services but cannot afford to pay for the services of a private criminal attorney. Individuals seeking no-cost civil legal services should contact Georgia Legal Services (see also: Georgia Legal Services).

Public Housing (see: Housing Authority, Athens (AHA); Housing Choice Voucher Program)

Public Information Office – 706-613-3795
www.accgov.com/pio
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 102
The ACC Public Information Office (PIO) provides clear and open communications to the residents of Athens-Clarke County about the Unified Government’s goals, activities, and services. Along with providing other services, the PIO maintains accgov.com, this guide to services, the main ACCGOV social media channels, and the ACTV government access cable television channel (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 15; Website).

Public Library (see: Library System, Athens Regional)

Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy – 706-369-6342
155 Buddy Christian Way

Public Service Commission – 800-282-5813 / 404-656-4501 [Atlanta Office]
www.psc.state.ga.us
The Public Service Commission is responsible for gas, electric, telecommunications, household goods moving company, non-consensual towing, bus, motor carrier, and luxury limousine carrier issues throughout Georgia (see also: Gas, Natural; Utilities).

Public Transportation (see: Transit; Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center)

Public Utilities – 706-613-3470
www.accgov.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Public Utilities Department provides water and water reclamation (sewer) services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers (see also: Water Business Office; Snipes Water Resource Center, Bear Creek Reservoir).

Public Works (see: Transportation and Public Works)

Publication Racks – 706-613-3530
The ACC Central Services Department manages publication racks in the downtown public areas.

Purchasing – 706-613-3072
www.accgov.com/purchasing
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Purchasing Division of the Finance Department is responsible for coordinating the procurement of goods and services for the Unified Government. Purchasing also handles all bid information. Perusal of bid opportunities is also available online (see also: Bid Information).
Prescription Drug Discount Card – 877-321-2852
www.accgov.com/drugcard
Free prescription drug discount cards are available under a program sponsored by Athens-Clarke County and the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 22% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The cards are not insurance and may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. There is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Athens-Clarke County to make these money saving cards available to residents. Cards are available for printing online and at:
• Athens Neighborhood Health Center (675 College Avenue)
• Athens Nurses Clinic (496 Reese Street)
• City Hall (301 College Avenue)
• Division of Family and Children Services (284 North Avenue)
• Health Department Main Office (345 North Harris Street) & East Athens Clinic – Miriam Moore Community Center (402 McKinley Drive)
• Mercy Health Center (700 Oglethorpe Avenue)
• Miriam Moore Community Center (402 McKinley Drive)
• Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center’s Emergency Department or Social Work Services (1199 Prince Avenue) or by calling a Patient Affairs Coordinator at 706-475-3533

Pre-Trial Diversion – 706-613-3911
265 East Hancock Avenue
Program for first time offenders in Municipal and State Court (see also: Probation).

Prison (see: Corrections Department)

Probate Court – 706-613-3320
www.accgov.com/probatecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 215
The Probate Court assists the public with the business affairs of those who have died, or in dealing with family members who are mentally ill, alcoholic, drug-dependent, or otherwise incapacitated, while protecting people who are unable to protect themselves or their property. The court also conducts emergency evaluations for the mentally ill, issues marriage licenses, issues weapons carry permits, and provides a host of related services (see also: Court Administrator; Firearms Permit; Marriage Licenses).

Probation
• Adult (Felony) – 706-369-6000
  Athens Probation Services, 171 Old Epps Bridge Road
• Adult (Misdemeanor) – 706-613-3911
  Athens-Clarke County Probation, 110 Bray Street
• Juvenile – 706-369-5610
  GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice, 550 Hawthorne Avenue
• Pre-Trial Diversion – 706-613-3911
  Athens-Clarke County Probation, 110 Bray Street

Proclamations – 706-613-3010
Individuals or groups seeking proclamations should contact the Mayor’s Office for details.

Project Safe – 706-543-3331 (24-Hour Hotline) / 706-765-8019 (Teen Text Line) / 706-549-0922 (Business Line)
www.project-safe.org
Project Safe is non-profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention, ongoing support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and advocacy/systems change work in the community.

Project SHARE – 706-543-5350 (Salvation Army)
www.accgov.com/projectshare
The program helps those in the community who might experience days without water due to financial hardship. Customers can make donations through their water bill to assist their neighbors in need. Water customers in need of assistance apply to the local Salvation Army, which determines eligibility requirements and program recipients (see also: Salvation Army).

Property Information (see: Property Values)

Property Lines / Plats / Records (see: Deeds)

Property Maintenance [Private Property] – 706-613-3780
www.accgov.com/codeenforcement
The ACC Code Enforcement Division enforces private property maintenance ordinances.

Property Subdivision (see: Subdivision of Property)

Property Surveys (see: Surveys, Land)

Property Taxes
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office (706-613-3120) is responsible for billing and collecting property taxes. Property taxes are based on assessments from the ACC Tax Assessor’s Office (706-613-3140) and calculated using millage rates. Both offices are located on the second floor of the ACC Courthouse at 325 East Washington Street (see also: Millage Rates).

Property Values – 706-613-3140
www.accgov.com/taxassessor
The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes.

Items that ARE NOT accepted for recycling:
• Empty and rinse all containers.
• Plastic caps and lids are recyclable.
• These guidelines apply to all recycling collection containers except bag customers in the downtown district.
• SAVE and POST this information.

For more information call 706-613-3512 or go to www.accgov.com/recycling
Printed on recycled content
Outdoor Water Use Schedule
Effective March 2017

Allowed anytime
• Drip or soaker hose irrigation
• Hand watering with a hose with an automatic cut-off or with a handheld container
• Hydroseeding
• Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems
• Pressure washing
• Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas
• Irrigation of horticultural crops held for sale, resale, or installation
• Watering of newly-installed plants, seeds, or turf during a 30-day establishment period after the initial planting date
• Watering personal food gardens
• Water from personal well or alternate source (gray water, rain water, condensate)
• Washing vehicles, driveways, parking lots or sidewalks with a shutoff valve or nozzle

Allowed only between 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.
• Automated irrigation systems
• Hand watering (with or without a shutoff nozzle)
• Lawn sprinklers

Not allowed anytime
• Failing to repair or bypass a leaking sprinkler head or emitter, valve, faucet, pipe, or toilet
• Potable water flowing into public rights of way such as alleys, streets, or gutters or onto another person’s property.
• Operating an irrigation system during rain events exceeding 1/4 inch
• Washing vehicles, driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks without using a shutoff valve or nozzle

This Outdoor Water Use Schedule is consistent with the Outdoor Water Use Rules set forth in the Georgia Water Stewardship Act that went into effect statewide on June 2, 2010 and the Georgia Drought Management Rules, Chapter 391-3-30 Level 1 and Non-Drought Response. Water wasting prohibitions are per Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances Article 7, Sec. 5-3-123. This schedule may be changed by Athens-Clarke County Unified Government or the State of Georgia due to drought conditions.

Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office
706-813-3729
www.accgov.com/thinkatthesink

For poison emergencies or questions requiring expert assistance. Call 911 right away if the individual collapses, has a seizure, has trouble breathing, or can’t be awakened.

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improvements necessary to implement plans. The commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Dougherty Street Governmental Building and schedules work sessions as needed (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions).

Planning Department – 706-813-3515
www.accgov.com/planning
120 West Dougherty Street
The ACC Planning Department effectively manages community change in both the short and long term with regard to land use, transportation, historic preservation, and overall community development in order to ensure that the natural and built environment of Athens-Clarke County are of the highest quality. The tools used in achieving this mission are the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Flood Protection Ordinance, Street Numbering Ordinance, Historic Preservation Ordinance, Graphics Ordinance, the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Transportation Study (MACORTS) area, and GIS (Geographical Information Services) (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Future Development Map / Plan; MACORTS; Zoning Code).

Plots – 706-813-3180
Property plat information is available through the Real Estate Division of the Clerk of Superior and State Courts (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

Playgrounds (ACC Leisure Services) - 706-813-3801 (Report Maintenance Issues)
www.accgov.com/playgrounds
Playgrounds are available at these ACC public parks:
• Bishop Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• East Athens Community Center: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• Lay Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• Memorial Park: Open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset
• Reese & Pope Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• Sandy Creek Park: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. during winter months) - sunset
• Satterfield Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• Southeast Clarke Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
• Trail Creek Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
• World of Wonder (WoW) Park at Southeast Clarke Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset

Poison Control – 800-222-1222
www.poison.org
For poison emergencies or questions requiring expert assistance. Call 911 right away if the individual collapses, has a seizure, has trouble breathing, or can’t be awakened.
Parking, Residential

- On-street residential parking permits: ACC Transportation and Public Works Department (706-613-3440).
- Residential parking on non-prepared surfaces in front or side yards adjacent to the public right-of-way: Report violations to the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790).
- Acceptable parking surfaces: ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515) (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

Parking Tickets

Parking tickets are either issued by Downtown Athens Parking (DAP) or the ACC Police Department (see also: Downtown Athens Parking: Municipal Court).

- DAP-issued tickets can be paid in a variety of ways, including:
  - Drop boxes located throughout downtown
  - By mail
  - In person at the DAP offices (287 College Avenue)
  - Online through www.downtownathensga.com

- ACC Police-issued tickets can be paid:
  - In Municipal Court
  - By mail
  - Online through www.accgov.com/municipalcourt

Parks (see: Leisure Services)

Parole (see: Parole, Georgia Board of)

Passports – 877-487-2778

www.travel.state.gov

Forms are available at the Athens Main Post Office (575 Olympic Drive), UGA Passport Services (45 Baxter Street), and the Athens Regional Library (2025 Baxter Street).

Pavement Maintenance Program – 706-613-3465

This program of the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department addresses the maintenance needs of the ACC public roadway system. Specific roadways are determined by assessed pavement conditions and the final list for each year’s project is determined by available funding. Roadways and/or treatments may be revised during construction if funding and/or other circumstances dictate.

Peer Court

www.fanning.uga.edu/athenspeercourt/

Athens Peer Court is a leadership program in which youth volunteers serve as the lawyers, judge, and jury in sentencing hearings for first-time misdemeanor offenders under age 18 who have accepted their charges. Volunteers receive training on leadership skills, public speaking, and restorative justice to promote behavioral change and reduce recidivism (see also: Juvenile Court).

Permits

- Building (see: Building Permits & Inspections Department)
- Parking (see: Parking, Residential)
- Road Closure and Right of Way Encroachment (see: Traffic Engineering)
- Special Events (see: Events, Special and/or Outdoor)
- Vendors (see: Vending)

Personal Property – 706-613-3140

ACC Tax Assessors Office

Business personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies, and inventory of a business that may be taxable. Personal property also includes boats and aircraft (see also: Freepost Exemption).

Personnel (see: Human Resources)

Picketing (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Pickleball

www.accgov.com/pickleball

Pickleball is a paddle sport combining elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The ACC Leisure Services Department maintains pickleball courts or combined tennis/pickleball courts at Bishop Park, East Athens Community Center, Lay Park and Community Center, Satterfield Park, and Southeast Clarke Park.

Picnic Shelters [Parks]

www.accgov.com/picnic

Picnic shelters are available for use and/or rental at a number of ACC public parks.

Piedmont Athens Regional – 706-475-7000

www.athenshealth.org

T19 Prince Avenue

Pinewoods Community Library & Education Center – 706-613-3708

1465 Highway 29 North Lot G-10

Part of the Athens Regional Library System (see also: Library System, Athens Regional).

Planning Commission

www.accgov.com/planning

This independent commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission related to zoning, land use regulations, subdivision regulations, and public

ACTV Government Access Television

ACTV, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government’s television channel, is produced by the ACC Public Information Office and airs government-related programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on TV, online, and in some public space waiting areas.

Programming includes bulletin board information, public service announcements, videos, and live and rebroadcast Mayor and Commission meetings. Special programming may replace scheduled programming; watch ACTV or check online for details. Background music over bulletin board information exclusively features Athens musicians.

Programming Schedule

Televised Mayor & Commission Meeting Schedule

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. (live)
2nd Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. (live)
Other Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)
Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)
Sundays - 3:00 p.m. (rebroadcast)

Note: Some live televised meeting days may be altered due to holidays and elections.

Georgia Department of Labor’s JobTV

Area job listings and career tips.

Daily - 3:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Board Government Information Programming (Hourly)

The following 10-minute magazine schedule repeats every hour when not superseded by other programming.

Mayor & Commission Information

Biographical and contact information for the Mayor and Commissioners, goals and objectives, agendas, district maps, updates on other issues.

Government Services Updates

Road work reports, water restrictions, leaf and limb pickup schedules, water conservation tips, Transportation and Public Works updates, Public Utilities updates, Solid Waste information.

What’s Happening in Athens?

Time sensitive information on ACC activities and programs, Leisure Services program information, and public meetings and forum information.

Videos online at www.accgov.com/videos

Watch videos of ACTV programming such as Mayor & Commission meetings, public service announcements, short videos, and special events on-demand. Most videos are also on YouTube (www.youtube.com/accgov) and the YouTube mobile device/TV app by searching for ‘accgov.’

For questions about ACTV, suggestions for local government programming, or reporting ACTV problems, contact the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795 or actv@accgov.com.
Abandoned Vehicles (Public Property) – 706-613-3345

It is unlawful to leave a vehicle parked in one place on a public street, highway, or other ACCGOV-owned property for more than 48 hours. If a vehicle is reported to have been abandoned, it is first determined whether or not it has been reported stolen. If it has been reported stolen, or if its position on a roadway makes it a potential traffic hazard, the vehicle can be towed immediately. If it has not been reported stolen and is not a potential traffic hazard, then its tires will be marked. After 48 hours, if the marked vehicle has not been moved, it can lawfully be towed (for vehicles on private property, see Junk Vehicles).

Absentee Voting – 706-613-3150

www.accgov.com/elections

Voters may vote by absentee ballot by mail or in person without providing a reason prior to elections. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the ACC Board of Elections or through the GA Secretary of State website (www.sos.georgia.gov/elections).

Accident Reports

Arrest reports may be obtained from the law enforcement agency that issued it for a fee:

• ACC Police Department
  - Online at www.buycrash.com (For troubleshooting issues – 706-613-3330 ext. 287)
  - East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road – 706-613-3330 ext. 245
• UGA Police Department – 706-542-5813
  286 Oconee Street, Suite 100
• Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439

Accounts Payable (by Athens-Clarke County) – 706-613-3040
ACC Finance Department

Accountability Courts

Accountability courts aim to address underlying problems such as substance abuse and mental health. Graduates of accountability courts can receive reduced sentences, lower fines, and other incentives. There are six accountability courts that operate out of the ACC Courthouse: DUl/Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Parent Accountability Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court (see also: individual entries).

ACTION, Inc. – 706-546-8293 ext. 25 or 28 (Rent & Utility Assistance)

www.actionathens.org

594 Oconee Street

A community-based human development service agency that operates programs in a 10-county area.

ACTV

www.accgov.com/actv

The ACC Public Information Office maintains the ACC Government Access Channel on Spectrum Cable Channel 180 and University of Georgia Cable Channel 6 with information and programming regarding the Unified Government’s activities. Additionally, some meetings of the Mayor and Commission are broadcast live and rebroadcast (see also: Public Information Office; ACTV schedule on p. 15).

ADA (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority)

Addictive Diseases (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Addresses (see: Street Addresses)

Adopt Athens – 706-613-3501 ext. 312

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful

ACC Solid Waste Department

www.accgov.com/solidwaste


Adopt-a-Bus Stop (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Highway (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Park (see: Adopt Athens)

Adopt-a-Stream

Volunteers can monitor water quality in streams through the Georgia Adopt-a-Stream program. Sandy Creek Nature Center staff (706-613-3615) is the regional coordinator for Georgia Adopt-a-Stream and offers occasional training workshops. For stream clean ups, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful and ACC Stormwater Management Program provide opportunities for groups to clean up streams, as well as coordinate community clean-up efforts through programs such as Rivers Alive (see also: Adopt Athens).

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by the ACC Mayor and Commission, five of whom are recommended by the President of the University of Georgia (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions; Oconee Rivers Greenway).

Open Containers (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Open Records Request

www.accgov.com/openrecords

Records related to the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government may be requested through an online form or by contacting the appropriate open records officer. Individual departments can also provide information about their open records officer and request process.

Operational Analysis Office – 706-613-3012

www.accgov.com/oa

City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 202

The ACC Operational Analysis Office, previously known as the Auditor’s Office, conducts internal audits of the fiscal affairs and operations of departments, offices, and agencies of the Unified Government. The office provides strategic planning, organizational analysis, feasibility and program evaluations, staffing reviews, and other services all with the intent of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations for the benefit of Athens-Clarke County.

Ordinances

www.accgov.com/code

The ACC Commission approves all ordinances and changes to existing ordinances. Ordinances are contained in the Code of Athens-Clarke County, which is available for public viewing at the Athens-Clarke County Library and the ACC Clerk of Commission Office. Searchable ordinances and recently approved ordinances are available online (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

Organizational Development – 706-613-3110

www.accgov.com/od

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

Organizational Development creates meaningful programs and learning experiences for ACCGOV employees that support strategic relationships and the mission and goals of the organization, as well as develop talent prepared to step into advanced positions.

Outage, Power (see also: Utilities)

• Georgia Power – 888-891-0938
  www.georgiapower.com
  706-613-3345

• Walton EMC – 770-267-2505
  www.waltonemc.com

Parade of Lights (see: Downtown Athens Parade of Lights)

Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of – 706-398-5820 / 404-656-4861 (Parole Call Center) pan.georgia.gov

171 Old Epps Bridge Road

Parental Accountability Court – 706-369-6080

www.accgov.com/pac

The Parental Accountability Court program is a joint effort of the GA Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Services and Superior Court Judges to offer an alternative to incarceration and to help chronic nonpayers of child support make regular payments. The program uses community resources and judicial oversight to address barriers that keep parents from meeting their support obligations.

Parking Decks (see: Decks, Parking)

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www.accgov.com/parade

www.athensga.gov/parade

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Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI) – 706-613-3358
www.accgov.com/nni

The Neighborhood Notification Initiative facilitates communication between neighborhood residents and developers regarding construction projects proposed in or adjacent to a neighborhood’s boundaries. One component of the NNI is an electronic mailing list that members of the public may sign up for to receive planning and development-related information for various geographic areas within the county, including commission districts, registered neighborhoods, and special interest overlays.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) – 706-613-3460 (Traffic Engineering)
www.accgov.com/ntmp

The purpose of the NTMP is to reduce accidents, traffic volumes, and/or speeds; thereby improving pedestrian safety and creating more pleasant neighborhoods for the residents of Athens-Clarke County. It considers a wide range of potential solutions to address specific concerns of a neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch Program – 706-613-3358 ext. 230
ACC Police Department – Crime Prevention Unit

This program is designed to prevent crime in residential areas and is governed by residents being vigilant for persons, vehicles, or occurrences in their neighborhood that do not fit into the ordinary ebb and flow of the area.

Neutering / Spaying Animals (see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)

NNI (see: Neighborhood Notification Initiative)

No Call List (see: National Do Not Call List)

Noise Disturbances (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

for homeless, unemployed, underinsured, uninsured, and other underserved populations in the Athens-Clarke County area.

Nutrition (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

North Oconee River Greenway (see Oconee Rivers Greenway)

North Oconee River Park – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.accgov.com/npd

Between Martin Luther King Boulevard & Willow Street
This 20-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission – 706-389-5650
www.negrc.org

305 Research Drive
This agency, formerly the Regional Development Center (RDC), serves 12 counties and 54 municipal governments as a focal point for regional issues and as a resource for those governments in a variety of specialized areas. These include local government planning, economic development, grant preparation and administration, job training, and aging services.

Notary Public – 706-613-3190 (Notary Applications)
The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A fee, notarized application, and two residents’ character witness statements are required. The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts does not notarize documents. Documents may be notarized by some banks, private companies, or individuals.

Nurses’ Clinic – 706-613-6876
www.athensnursesclinic.org

240 North Avenue
This part-time clinic provides some health care services for homeless, unemployed, underinsured, uninsured, and other underserved populations in the Athens-Clarke County area.

Nutrition (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

Oconee Rivers Greenway – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.accgov.com/greenway

The Oconee Rivers Greenway is a network of natural areas with the floodplains of the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Oconee River and their major tributaries as its core. The network includes a system of river-oriented trails that connect the river corridors with adjacent parks and green spaces and natural and cultural resources in Athens-Clarke County. The greenway trail system has multi-use trail, street-based trail, and foot trail. The Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission provides oversight for project construction, program management, and the development of the countywide greenway master plan (see: North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission).

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission

This independent commission is charged with developing the plan for a river-oriented greenway system within the county for the benefit and enjoyment of all citizens. It is composed of 15 citizens appointed

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Oconee Rivers Greenway – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.accgov.com/greenway

The Oconee Rivers Greenway is a network of natural areas with the floodplains of the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Oconee River and their major tributaries as its core. The network includes a system of river-oriented trails that connect the river corridors with adjacent parks and green spaces and natural and cultural resources in Athens-Clarke County. The greenway trail system has multi-use trail, street-based trail, and foot trail. The Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission provides oversight for project construction, program management, and the development of the countywide greenway master plan (see: North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission).

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission

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on or adjacent to a neighborhood’s boundaries. One component of the NNI is an electronic mailing list that members of the public may sign up for to receive planning and development-related information for various geographic areas within the county, including commission districts, registered neighborhoods, and special interest overlays.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) – 706-613-3460 (Traffic Engineering)
www.accgov.com/ntmp

The purpose of the NTMP is to reduce accidents, traffic volumes, and/or speeds; thereby improving pedestrian safety and creating more pleasant neighborhoods for the residents of Athens-Clarke County. It considers a wide range of potential solutions to address specific concerns of a neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch Program – 706-613-3358 ext. 230
ACC Police Department – Crime Prevention Unit

This program is designed to prevent crime in residential areas and is governed by residents being vigilant for persons, vehicles, or occurrences in their neighborhood that do not fit into the ordinary ebb and flow of the area.

Neutering / Spaying Animals (see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)

NNI (see: Neighborhood Notification Initiative)

No Call List (see: National Do Not Call List)

Noise Disturbances (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

North Oconee River Greenway (see Oconee Rivers Greenway)

North Oconee River Park – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office)
www.accgov.com/npd

Between Martin Luther King Boulevard & Willow Street
This 20-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission – 706-389-5650
www.negrc.org

305 Research Drive
This agency, formerly the Regional Development Center (RDC), serves 12 counties and 54 municipal governments as a focal point for regional issues and as a resource for those governments in a variety of specialized areas. These include local government planning, economic development, grant preparation and administration, job training, and aging services.

Notary Public – 706-613-3190 (Notary Applications)
The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A fee, notarized application, and two residents’ character witness statements are required. The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts does not notarize documents. Documents may be notarized by some banks, private companies, or individuals.

Nurses’ Clinic – 706-613-6876
www.athensnursesclinic.org

240 North Avenue
This part-time clinic provides some health care services for homeless, unemployed, underinsured, uninsured, and other underserved populations in the Athens-Clarke County area.

Nutrition (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

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www.accgov.com/greenway

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Animal Control Division – 706-613-3540 / 911 (After Hours Emergency)  
www.accgov.com/animalcontrol

125 Buddy Christian Way

The ACC Animal Control Division of the Central Services Department operates the animal shelter and is responsible for public safety from dangerous or seriously sick animals and at-large dogs, barking dog complaints, investigations of animal cruelty allegations, enforcement of the ACC Animal Control ordinances, adoption or reclaim of impounded and surrendered dogs and cats, public education on a variety of animal-related topics, and information regarding lost or found dogs and cats (see also: Adoption, Animal; Animal Shelter; Cats; Wildlife; selected ordinances on p.10).

Animal, Dead Removal

Dead animals are only removed from public rights-of-way. Dead animals on private property can be disposed of by private wildlife removal companies or by transporting them to the ACC Landfill.

- **Outside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by private haulers): ACC Transportation and Public Works Department Streets and Drainage Division – 706-613-3465
- **Inside Urban Service District** (area where residential waste is collected by ACC Solid Waste): ACC Solid Waste Department – 706-613-3501
- **State roads** (any road maintained by the state in Athens-Clarke County): GA Department of Transportation – 706-583-2644

Animal Shelter (see: Adoption, Animal)

Animal Spaying/Neutering (see: Humane Society, Athens Area or call private veterinarians)

Annulments – 706-613-3190

The Clerk of Superior & State Courts charges a filing fee and the Sheriff’s Office charges a fee for their service. Copies of the petition and Sheriff’s information are needed.

Appraisal, Property (see: Property Values)

Aquatics [ACC Leisure Services]  
www.accgov.com/aquatics
(see: Pools; Public; Splash Pads)

Arborist – 706-613-3515

The Athens-Clarke County Arborist, housed in the Planning Department, is responsible for the successful implementation of the Community Tree Management Ordinance during the development process. The Arborist reviews tree management plans and notices of timber harvesting, and also inspects properties before, during, and after development to ensure that trees are conserved and planted in accordance with the tree ordinance. Other aspects of the position include educational outreach and liaison with some environmental commissions (see also: Planning).

ARCH (see: Athens Resource Center for Hope)

Arrests (see: Jail)

Arts Center (see: Lyndon House)

Asbestos – 404-363-7026

GA Department of Natural Resources

Athens Area Community Foundation – 706-357-7148  
www.athensareaacf.org

The Athens Area Community Foundation is a public grantmaking foundation that exists to build, distribute, and preserve philanthropic assets to enhance the quality of life in the Athens area.

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) – 706-613-3628  
www.accgov.com/act

ACT is a unit of the Arts & Nature Division of the ACC Leisure Services Department with offices housed at the Morton Theatre and both performance and rehearsal space at Quinn Hall inside Memorial Park. Athens Creative Theatre has provided quality workshops opportunities, classes, and live theatrical performances since 1966. Their Quinn Hall black box performance space at Memorial Park is named for ACT founder and former UGA drama professor Jane Quinn and is available for event rentals. ACT is known for its main stage musicals, second stage dramas, all-inclusive programming (including programs for the cognitively challenged), and “Hit the Pit” live pit orchestra program.

Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDAD) – 706-353-1421  
www.downtownathensga.com

Gameday Building, 250 West Broad Street, Suite 108

The ADDA promotes, maintains, and enhances a safe and economically viable Central Business District by focusing both private and public resources on the potential of downtown to benefit the entire community (see also: Downtown Athens Parking System).

Athens Land Trust (see: Land Trusts)

Athensmade  
www.athensmade.com

Athensmade is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, support and promote homegrown brands, entrepreneurs and creative professionals in Athens, GA.

Athens Regional Medical Center (see: Piedmont Athens Regional)

Name Change – 706-613-3190

Documents are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. An attorney’s services may be needed.

National Do Not Call List – 888-382-1222  
www.donotcall.gov

This federal program allows citizens to register home seminaries, awards shows, pageants, community events, social gatherings, and more.

Mosquito Control  
www.accgov.com/mosquito

The Mosquito Control Program encourages citizens to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating standing water, picking up litter around property, and cleaning up excess vegetation overgrowth. Larvacide briquets can be purchased at home improvement stores. More tips and contacts for specific areas are available online or by calling the ACC Public Information Office (706-613-3795).

Motor Vehicle Registration (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

Mountain Biking (see: Bicycle Facilities)

Moving to Athens (see: Relocation Packet)

MRF (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility)

Multimodal Transportation Center – 706-613-3430  
www.accgov.com/transit

775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector

The Multimodal Center is designed to connect people with a variety of transportation modes, including buses, pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. From here, passengers can take intracity transit to Atlanta and other cities. It also houses the ACC Transit Department’s administrative offices (see also: Transit).

Municipal Court – 706-613-3690  
www.accgov.com/municipalcourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 108

The ACC Municipal Court has jurisdiction in most misdemeanor traffic offenses. The court also has jurisdiction (with certain statutory exceptions) in misdemeanor offenses of underage possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and theft by shoplifting. The court handles local ordinance violations, including parking violations (see also: Court Administrator).

or mobile phones in order to limit telemarketing calls. Registration by phone requires calling the above number from the phone number being registered.

Nature Center (see: Sandy Creek Nature Center)

Neighborhood Health Centers (see: Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department)
Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Medication Disposal – 706-613-3330
Pols’ Department East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road
A prescription medication drop box is located outside of the ACC Police East Precinct / Headquarters. Sharpsh and liquids are not accepted.

Memorial Park – 706-613-3580
www.accgov.com/memorial
293 Gran Ellen Drive
This acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department houses Bear Hollow Zoo, Athens Creative Theatre’s Quinn Hall, and the Fred Birchmore Trail, along with other facilities such as a lake, playground, swimming pool, dog park, and operations center (see also: Bear Hollow Zoo; Athens Creative Theatre).

Mental Health Care (see: Treatment and Accountability Court; Veterans Court)

Mental Health Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Mentor Program – 706-549-8800 ext. 227
www.clarkecountymentorprogram.org
A partnership between the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarke County School District pairing trained community volunteers with local public school children.

Mercy Health Care Center – 706-425-9445
www.mercyhealthcenter.net
700 Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite C7
Mercy Health Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care for low-income uninsured people in the Athens area (see also: Athens Health Network).

Metal, Scrap (see: Landfill; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13)

Meters, Parking (see: Downtown Athens Parking System)

Meters, Water – 706-613-3479
ACC Public Utilities – Meter Management

Millage Rate – 706-613-3120
The Commission sets the millage rate for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government annually. Other entities such as the state of Georgia and Clarke County Board of Education set additional millage rates. The millage rates are fractional multipliers that help determine the tax rate of property. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax liability of $1.00 per $1,000.00

Babies Can’t Wait – 706-369-6101
202 Ben Burton Circle, Bogart, GA 30622
Babies Can’t Wait is a statewide service delivery system run by the GA Health Department for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.

Background Checks – 706-613-3330 [Police] or 706-613-3250 [Sheriff’s Office Field Section]
For a fee, both the ACC Police Department (East Precinct on Lexington Rd) and ACC Sheriff’s Field Section (ACC Courthouse) can conduct a criminal records background check for employment or housing.

Bankruptcy Court (Federal Court) – 478-752-3505 [Macon Divisional Office]
www.gamb.uscourts.gov/USCourts/
US Post Office & Federal Courthouse
115 East Hancock Avenue
Athens is part of the Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon.

Bear Creek Reservoir – 706-369-5650 (Admin) / 770-725-4339 [Plant Management]
www.bearcreekwp.com
This regional reservoir located north of Bogart and the Athens Area Community Foundation, Family Connection-Communities in Schools, the United Way of Northeast Georgia, and the University of Georgia. The Police Department’s mission is to integrate planning efforts and improve the outcomes achieved by local institutions, organizations, and community stakeholders through collecting and sharing open-access, neighborhood-level data representative of the community’s population.

Attorney’s Office – 706-613-3035
www.accgov.com/attorney
Civic Hall, 155 East Washington Street
The ACC Attorney’s Office provides legal services to the Mayor and Commissioner, the Manager, and all other departments and divisions of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. The office researches and drafts local legislation concerning ACC and all ordinances to be adopted by the Mayor and Commission.

Auctions, Property (see: Foreclosure Auctions; Tax Sale Auctions)

Auditor’s Office (see: Operational Analysis Office)

Authorities (see: Boards, Authorities and Commissions)
Ben Epps Airport (see: Airport (Athens-Ben Epps Airport))

Benefits, Government
www.benefits.gov

503 Oak Place, Suite 590, Atlanta, GA 30349
The Better Business Bureau of Metro Atlanta, Athens, and Northeast Georgia provides free business reliability reports on member and non-member companies alerting buyers to complaint history, law enforcement actions, and advertising practices. Consumer alerts of scams and fraud may be accessed on the website. Complaints about a company may also be submitted, and national charities may also be evaluated (see also: Consumer Protection Unit).

Bicycle Facilities
www.accgov.com/bicycles
The Unified Government provides a variety of facilities that provide services for bicycles and riders in the community including:
• Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
• Bike lanes on roadways
• Bus n’ Bike Program
• Firefly Trail / Rails to Trails
• North Oconee River Greenway
• Mountain bike trails at Trail Creek Park
• Bike racks in the downtown area
• Bike lockers at the Multimodal Transportation Center & Oconee Street Park and Ride Lot (see also: Bicycle Lanes; Bicycle Trails; Bus n’ Bike Program; North Oconee River Greenway; Trail Creek Park; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Bicycle Lanes – 706-613-3460
ACC Transportation and Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division

Bicycle Trails – 706-613-3801 (Park Services Office) (see: Firefly Trail; Oconee River Greenway; Trail Creek Park)

Bid Information – 706-613-3072 ext. 4 www.accgov.com/purchasing
Contact the ACC Purchasing Division to inquire about bids or to be placed on the vendor list for Athens-Clarke County. Bid opportunities are also available online and through ACCGOV’s website notification system.

Birchmore Trail – 706-613-3580 (Memorial Park) www.accgov.com/birchmore
The Birchmore Trail is a 1.25-mile natural surface trail located at Memorial Park in the Five Points neighborhood. The trail winds through a mature hardwood ravine, over bridges, near creeks, and along the massive Great Wall of Happy Hollow stone wall built by legendary Athenian Fred Birchmore while he was in his 70’s. The five and a half-year project used 12 train boxcar loads of large rocks and reaches 18’ high.

Birth Certificates – 706-389-6871 / 706-389-6921 (Health Department Main Line) www.publichealthathens.com
345 North Harris Street
The GA Health Department has birth records for Athens-Clarke County and all other Georgia counties dating back to July 1919. Certified copies are available for a fee. Identification is required. Birth certificates can also be requested online or by mail from the GA Department of Community Health, 404-679-4702, www.health.state.ga.us (see also: Health Department).

Birthday Parties (Athens-Clarke County Facilities)
A number of Athens-Clarke County Unified Government facilities offer birthday packages. Rental fees and programs vary by facility. Locations include:
• Fire Department
  • Fire Station #1 (College Avenue) – 706-613-3360
• Leisure Services Department
  • Bear Hollow Zoo – 706-613-3580
  • Bishop Park (Gymnastics) – 706-613-3589
  • Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615
  • Tennis Center – 706-613-3991
Bishop Park – 706-613-3589
www.accgov.com/bishop
705 Sunset Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named in honor of former City of Athens Mayor Julius Bishop. The 33-acre park features athletic fields, basketball courts, a large gymnasium, a playground, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a pickleball court, a walking trail, and a picnic area. The park offers a range of youth sports during the year, including the area’s premier gymnastics program (see also: Tennis).

Board of Education (see: Clarke County School District)

Board of Elections and Voter Registration – 706-613-3150 www.accgov.com/elections
155 East Washington Street
The ACC Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office manages all voter registrations and conducts all elections held in Athens-Clarke County. The office educates the public on all election dates and laws and is responsible for the certification of election results. The Board of Elections handles the qualification process for candidates and maintains an accurate list of voters for elections, for candidates, and for jury lists.

MACORTS – 706-613-3515 www.macorts.org
MACORTS (Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study) is a cooperative transportation planning body for the urbanized area, which includes Athens-Clarke County and portions of southern Madison County and northern Oconee County. The ACC Planning Department is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), one of fifteen MPOs in the state (see also: Transportation Improvement Program).

Magistrate Court – 706-613-3310 www.accgov.com/magistratecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 230
The ACC Magistrate Court provides assistance to the general public, police agencies, and attorneys in the prosecution of criminal and civil cases in Athens-Clarke County. Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Section 15-10-2 sets forth jurisdiction of the court, with duties divided between the Civil, Criminal, and Bad Check Divisions. Additionally, marriages can be performed in this court (see also: Marriage Licenses; Checks, Bad; Court Administrator; Evictions).

Managed Forest Project – 706-613-3815 www.accgov.com/managedforest
This multi-generational project at Sandy Creek Nature Center demonstrates natural succession over the years in the Piedmont region of Georgia to help visitors see and experience the living forest first-hand (see also: Sandy Creek Nature Center).

Manager – 706-613-3020 www.accgov.com/manager
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suites 301 & 303
The ACC Manager’s Office is responsible for the implementation of all programs, policies, contracts, ordinances, and resolutions as approved and directed by the Mayor and Commission. The office includes a Manager and two Assistant Managers and performs the administrative functions of the government, which support the activities of the Mayor and Commission. The authority and responsibilities of the Manager are dictated by the ACC Charter (see also: Charter).

Marriage License (Probate Court) – 706-613-3320 www.accgov.com/probatecourt
The ACC Probate Court provides marriage license applications, which list the requirements. A fee is charged and applicants for marriage must come into the office together. The ACC Magistrate Court and ACC Juvenile Court can also perform marriages. Marriage license records are held in the Records Room of the ACC Courthouse (dated 1800s-1900s) or the Probate Court (see also: Magistrate Court; Probate Court).
www.thela.org/laa-athens/ 445 Huntington Road, Suite 120
The mission of the LAA is to empower Latinos to adapt, integrate and thrive. The LAA offers direct services that help Latino individuals assimilate and become contributing members of Georgia’s community.

Law Library – 706-613-3177 www.accgov.com/lawlibrary
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 333 The ACC Law Library is available for public use and has a collection of state and federal code books, volumes of United States Reports and Supreme Court Reports, Georgia laws, legal digest, and legal encyclopedias. It also has online computer research capabilities with resources from other jurisdictions as well as Georgia.

Library Resource Centers (see: Library System, Athens Regional)
Library System, Athens Regional – 706-613-3850 / 706-613-3855 (Hearing impaired) www.athenslibrary.org 2025 Baxter Street Off-site Library Resource Centers are located at the Lyndon House Arts Center, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Pineview Community, Thomas N. Lay Community Center, and East Athens Community Center (see also: Individual entries).

Legal Aid (see: Public Defender)

Legal Assistance (see: Georgia Legal Services; Public Defender)

Legal Organ Each county in Georgia has a newspaper designated as the official outlet for legal notices and other information. In Athens-Clarke County, it is currently the Athens Banner-Herald.

Administration – Allen House, 205 Old Commerce Road The ACC Leisure Services Department is responsible for the planning, development, and operation of parks, trails, the zoo, recreational and athletic facilities, visual and performing art facilities, natural resource facilities, and other educational and recreational programs at a variety of ACC facilities. These include: Athens Creative Theatre, Bear Hollow Zoo, Ben Burton Park, Bishop Park, Boulevard Woods Park, Dudley Park, East Athens Community Center, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Firefly Trail, Holland Youth Sports Complex, Lay Park, Lyndon House Arts Center, Memorial Park, Morton Theatre, North Oconee River Greenway, Parkview Community Center, Reese-Pope Park, Rocksprings Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Sandy Creek Park, Satterfield Park, Southeast Clarke Park, the Tennis Center, and Trail Creek Park (see also: Individual entries).

Legal Assistance

Leash Law (see: selected ordinances on p. 10; Animal Control; Dog Parks)

Leasure Aid (see: Public Defender)

Library Resource Centers

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

The following Boards, Authorities, and Commissions have positions that are advertised and have applications submitted to the Clerk of Commission for consideration by the Mayor and Commission for appointments. Other advisory boards not listed below follow other appointment processes. The Clerk of Commission releases announcements of board openings to local news media, on ACTV, and on the ACC website usually twice a year in mid-spring and mid-fall. For more information, contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 (see also: Individual entries for some boards, authorities, and commissions). • Airport Authority • Athens Downtown Development Authority • Board of Elections • Board of Health • Board of Tax Assessors • Classic Center Authority • Construction Board of Appeals • Development Authority of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County • Division of Family and Children Services • East Central Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Board (Industrial) Economic Development Authority • Hearings Board • Historic Preservation Commission • Library Board • Planning Commission • Vision Committee

Boating (see: Ben Burton Park, Sandy Creek Park) Bogart, City of – 770-725-7388 [City Hall] www.cityofbogart.com 125 Main Street, Bogart, GA

Booting, Vehicle

Burning – 706-613-3365 ACC Fire Department – Fire Marshal Most types of open burning – including the burning of vegetative matter such as leaves, tree stumps, brush, and forest residue – are prohibited in Athens-Clarke County. Additionally, non-containment devices such as backyard fireplaces, open metal drums, burn barrels, or burn pits cannot be used for open burning. There are a few exceptions for such things as cooking food, using open flame devices such as welding torches, and “prescribed burning” permitted by the GA Forestry Commission (see also: Georgia Forestry Commission).
Bus 'n' Bike – 706-613-3430
ACC Transit buses offers a “Bus ‘n’ Bike” option for cyclists to transport bikes on the front of every bus in the special carriers. A cyclist pays only the normal transit fare; there is no additional charge. Each carrier can hold up to three adult-size bicycles.

Cable Television
Private cable television companies are provided franchises by either Georgia or Athens-Clarke County to operate and utilize the public rights-of-way. Cable problems should initially be addressed with cable companies directly. Citizens with continued service issues after contacting the company may contact the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795.

Cafes, Sidewalk – 706-613-3530
Sidewalk cafes on public rights-of-way are addressed and permitted by the ACC Central Services Department.

Call Before You Dig (see: Utilities Protection Services)

Camera Ready (see: Filming)

Camps, Summer (ACC Leisure Services)
www.accgov.com/camps
ACC Leisure Services Department offers more than 50 camps every summer. Camp listings are available online and on ACTV.

Candidate Qualification – 706-613-3150
ACC Board of Elections

CASA (see: Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Cats – 706-613-3540 [Shelter]
www.accgov.com/animalcontrol
125 Buddy Christian Way
The ACC Animal Control Division responds to reports of seriously sick or injured cats, cats trapped within a living space, or cats bites or scratches to persons or other domestic animals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Animal Control also investigates reports of animal neglect or animal cruelty involving cats during normal business hours. Animal Control will not set traps for cats or pick up cats in traps. Animal Control also operates the animal shelter. Persons who wish to register as a feral cat colony caretaker must submit an application to Animal Control. Animal Control can also issue citations to a cat owner in violation of Animal Control ordinances. The ACC Fire and Emergency Services Department does not remove cats from trees or other places (see also: Animal Control; Humane Society; Athens Area).

CERT (see: Community Emergency Response Team)

Certified Blue – 706-613-3728
www.accgov.com/blue
ACC Water Conservation Office
The Certified Blue program assists restaurants, bars, and venues in ACC with using less water and promoting water efficiency.

Lake Chapman – 706-613-3631
www.accgov.com/sandycreekpark
400 Bob Holman Road
This 260-acre lake is located inside of Sandy Creek Park and is part of the ACC Leisure Services Department. Lake Chapman provides amenities including fishing, a boat ramp, swimming, and seasonal boat rentals. A $2 per person entry fee is charged for all visitors ages 4-64 (see also: Sandy Creek Park).

Land Trusts
- Athens Land Trust – 706-613-0122
www.athenslandtrust.org
Promotes quality of life through integration of community and the natural environment by preserving land, creating energy-efficient and affordable housing, and revitalizing neighborhoods.
- Oconee River Land Trust – 706-552-3138
www.ortc.com
Conserves natural lands to protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance quality of life.

Landfill – 706-613-3508 / 706-613-3512 [Tours]
www.accgov.com/landfill
5700 Lexington Road
The Municipal Solid Waste Landfill is a division of the ACC Solid Waste Department that accepts waste, scrap metal, scrap tires, leaf and limb materials, and recyclable materials (including electronics, grease, hardback books, and clothing/textiles) from ACC residents. The landfill is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., except for holidays. All garbage must be bagged or covered. The landfill also sells compost (see also: Compost; Leaf and Limb Pick-Up; Recycling; Solid Waste).

Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues
www.dca.ga.us / www.accgov.com/landlord
The GA Department of Community Affairs provides the Landlord Tenant Handbook to answer questions and describe the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and landlords.

Landmark Trees – 706-613-3561
ACC Central Services Department – Landscape Management Division
Healthy trees meeting certain criteria can be designated as community resources.

Latin American Association (LAA) – 706-248-6768
www.orlt.com
Conserves natural lands to protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance quality of life.
Information, Georgia State Government (see: Georgia State Government Information)

Information, United States Government (see: United States Government Information)

Information Technology Department [IT] – 706-613-3075 www.accgov.com/it

596 Prince Avenue
The ACC Information Technology Department, formerly the Computer Information Services Department, provides high quality computer services, state-of-the-art computer networks and software applications, reliable equipment and system access, proficient technical support, and assistance that encourages the application of technology to improve the efficiency and productivity of Athens-Clarke County operations.

Jail – 706-613-3270 www.accgov.com/sheriff
3015 Lexington Road
The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff’s Office as a temporary holding facility for persons arrested for criminal offenses or local ordinance violations; persons being held for probation/parole violation, contempt of court, or offenses committed in another county or state and offenders sentenced to incarceration in the jail or another correctional facility. A list of inmates and recently arrested individuals can be found on the ACC website. The ACC Jail Commander can schedule tours for the jail for groups. Video visitation details:
• Monday-Friday
  9:00-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-4:00 p.m. / 7:00-9:00 p.m.
  • Saturday & Sunday
  11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. / 7:00-9:00 p.m.
• Female inmate workers only
  Thursdays - 8:30-10:30 p.m.
• Male inmate workers only
  Mondays - 8:30-10:30 p.m.
  Saturdays - 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Job Hotline, Athens-Clarke County – 706-613-3100
Provides information on employment opportunities with the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County. Information and job vacancies are also available through the ACC website at www.accgov.com/jobs or on ACTV (see also: Employment; ACTV schedule on p. 15).

Jobs, Area (see: Labor, Georgia Department of)

Inmates, Jail (see: Jail)


Internships with Athens-Clarke County Internship opportunities are available to students with a number of Athens-Clarke County departments including Finance, Geographic Information Office, Leisure Services, various courts, Operational Analysis Office, Planning, Solid Waste, and the Public Information Office (see also: individual department entries).

Jobs, Summer with Athens-Clarke County (see: Summer Employment)

JobTV A service of the GA Department of Labor and ACTV. JobTV shows area jobs and job-seeking information (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 15).

Junior Deputy – 706-613-3250
The Sheriff’s Office will come to schools or groups to discuss drugs, crime, and how to be a good citizen. Junior Deputy badges are presented to the group.

Junk Vehicles (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Jury Call-In – 706-613-3199 Superior Court jury only. Jurors may enter the courthouse parking deck on Hancock Avenue between Jackson and Thomas streets. To speak with someone concerning jury duty, call the Clerk of Superior and State Courts at 706-613-3190.

Juvenile Court – 706-613-3300 www.accgov.com/juvenicourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
Juvenile Court has original jurisdiction over cases involving deprivation, delinquency, or unruliness concerning children under 17, except certain offenses excluded by statute. The Family Dependency Treatment Court and Peer Court are also part of the Juvenile Court (see also: Court Administrator; Family Dependency Treatment Court; Peer Court).

Job Corps of Athens-Clarke County conducts to business. The building location serves as a “one stop shop” for business in Athens by housing not only the Chamber of Commerce, but also the ACC Economic Development Department, the Industrial Development Authority, and the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission. Visitors may stop by to obtain maps and relocation packages.

Charities (see: Better Business Bureau)

1005 College Avenue
The CHaRM is a one-stop drop-off location for items that cannot be recycled at the curb or at other Athens-Clarke County recycling drop-off sites. A full list of acceptable items is available online.

Charter, Athens-Clarke County
www.accgov.com/code
The Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County was adopted on August 7, 1990 and details the government’s structure, functions, and organization. Copies of the charter are available from the Clerk of Commission or on the ACCGOV website.

Checks [Bad] – 706-613-3310 ext. 4
The ACC Magistrate Court’s Criminal and Bad Check Division accepts reports from both businesses and individuals who have received a bad check.

Chickens – 706-613-3515 [ACC Planning Dept.]
Keeping chickens for noncommercial purposes is permitted with some restrictions by ordinance in all zoning districts. Private neighborhood covenants prohibiting or restricting chickens supersede the ordinance.

GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) (see also: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Child Care Resource & Referral – 706-543-8177
Provides referrals to parents seeking Georgia child care, afterschool programs, Georgia Pre-K, Early/Head Start and summer camps in Northeast Georgia.

GA Department of Human Services 850 Hawthorne Avenue

Christmas Parade, Downtown (see: Downtown Athens Parade of Lights)

Citizens Government Academy (see: Labor, Georgia Department of)
and dispenses information regarding the decisions and actions of the Commission. Agendas and other information can be found on the ACC website.

**Clkier of Superior and State Courts – 706-613-3180 [www.accgov.com/courts]**

**ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450** The Clerk of Superior and State Courts is the Clerk of Superior Court and the Clerk of State Court. The Clerk of Superior and State Courts keeps the official record of all civil and criminal actions filed in each court, Courts’ minutes, notable appointments, and requested filings of DD2-14 forms from US Military Service personnel (certificate of release or discharge from active duty). The Clerk of Superior Court is also the official custodian for all land records and the Appeal Administrator charged with the oversight of the Board of Equalization.

**Code Enforcement Division – 706-613-3790 [www.accgov.com/codeenforcement]**

120 West Dougherty Street The ACC Code Enforcement Division (formerly known as the Community Protection Division) is a division of the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and responsible for code compliance and enforcement.

**Code of Ordinances (see: Ordinances)**

**Commission of Athens-Clarke County [www.accgov.com/commission]**

The Commission is the governing authority of Athens-Clarke County and consists of 10 members, each representing a geographical district. As a result, each ACC citizen has two direct representatives, including the Mayor. Terms last four years and are staggered. The Mayor serves as the Chair of the Commission and can only vote in case of a tie. The Commission normally holds its regular voting session on the first Tuesday of each month, a work session on the second Tuesday of each month, and an agenda-setting session on the third Tuesday of each month, except in the case of holidays or elections. These three meetings are televised live and rebroadcast on ACTV, as well as streamed live and on-demand online at [www.accgov.com/videos](http://www.accgov.com/videos). Committee meeting schedules vary by committee. Among powers conferred by the Charter, the Commission has the power to set tax rates, adopt a budget, and establish policy through the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. For more information about the Commission, contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 or visit the ACC website (see also: Clerk of Commission; Mayor and Commission contact information on p. 7; district map on p. 6).

**Commissions (see: Boards, Authorities and Commissions)**

**Community Affairs, GA Department of (DCA) – 800-359-4663 [Central Office] / 770-806-5050 (Northern Regional Office – Rental Assistance) [www.dca.ga.gov]**

1854 Shackelford Court, Suite 400, Norcross, GA, 30093

DCA operates a host of state and federal grant programs; serves as the state’s lead agency in housing finance and development; promulgates building codes to be adopted by local governments; provides comprehensive planning, technical, and research assistance to local governments; and serves as the lead agency for the state’s solid waste reduction efforts (see also: Housing Choice Voucher Program).

**Community Capacity Development Office (formerly Weed and Seed) – 706-613-3358**

Police Department, East Substation – 385 Fairview Street Since 1998, the ACC Police Department has been awarded a Weed and Seed grant from the US Department of Justice. The strategy is two-pronged: “weeding out” of criminal elements in target neighborhoods and “seeding” the area with human services to encourage prevention and neighborhood revitalization. The target area includes East Athens, Northeast Athens, Newton, Boulevard/Buena Vista, and Spring Valley/Woodridge (see also: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

**Community Connection of Northeast Georgia (see: United Way)**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – 706-613-3155**

ACC Housing and Community Development Department CDBG is a federal grant program administered locally that provides direct benefits to low and moderate income families and individuals concerning housing and economic development opportunities. These grants create jobs and job training programs and also fund single-family housing construction and repairs, as well as community infrastructure improvements.

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – 706-613-3410**

ACC Emergency Management Office This program trains citizens to assist their neighbors during emergencies and disasters, provide immediate assistance to victims, organize volunteers at a disaster site, and assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

**Community Forester – 706-613-3561**

[www.accgov.com/landscape](http://www.accgov.com/landscape)

The ACC Community Forester, based in the ACC Central Services Department’s Landscape Management Division, is responsible for implementing the Community

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However, applications must be filed by April 1 for property owned as of January 1 of the taxable year in order to have the exemption apply to the current year’s tax bill (see also: Tax Commissioner).

**Hospitals (see: Piedmont Athens Regional; Saint Mary’s Hospital)**

**Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) – 706-613-3155**

[www.accgov.com/hcd](http://www.accgov.com/hcd)

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Housing and Community Development Department strives to improve and develop viable neighborhoods by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity for low- to moderate-income individuals. Formerly known as the Human and Economic Development Department.

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – 404-331-5001 or 404-331-5136 (Regional Director’s Office) / 800-CALL-FHA (800-225-5342) [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)**

Five Points Plaza 15th Floor

40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Housing Authority, Athens (AHA) – 706-425-5300 [www.athenshousing.org](http://www.athenshousing.org)

300 South Rocksprings Street The AHA is a dependable source of safe and affordable housing for the elderly, disabled individuals, working families, and families in transition. Rents in AHA neighborhoods are income-based. The AHA also provides opportunities for affordable home ownership through ACT1 Homes.


**ICE (see: Immigration)**

**Identification Cards (see: Driver Services, GA Department of)**

**Identity Theft (see: Police Department; Georgia Department of Law - Consumer Protection Unit)**

**Immigration**


2150 Parklake Drive Atlanta, GA 30345

GA Department of Community Affairs (Northern Office) 1854 Shackelford Court, Suite 400, Norcross, GA 30093

Sometimes referred to as Section 8 Rental Assistance, this is a tenant-based assistance program that assists low-income individuals and families to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market (see also: Community Affairs, GA Department of).

**HUD (see: Housing and Urban Development)**

**Human Resources Department – 706-613-3080 / 706-613-3100 (Job Hotline) [www.accgov.com/hhr](http://www.accgov.com/hhr)**

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue

The ACC Human Resources Department provides personnel support services to the various departments and agencies of the Unified Government. Job listings can be viewed on ACTV and browsed online (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 15; Employment; Job Hotline).


1781 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville, GA

The Athens Area Humane Society (AAHS) is dedicated to providing shelter, care, and medical treatment for unwanted and abandoned animals of the community while finding them homes. The AAHS also runs the Athens Regional Spay & Neuter Center (see also: Animal Control; Animal Shelter; Cats).

**Hunter Education [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com)**

The Hunter Education System is managed by the GA Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division. Information is available online or by calling the Regional Office in Thomson, GA at 770-918-6401 or 706-595-4211 (Law Enforcement).

**Hunting (see: Fishing / Hunting License; Hunter Education)**

- US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [Atlanta Field Office – 404-893-1210 [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)]

180 Spring Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Incident Reports (see: Accident Reports)**

**Income Tax (see: Tax, Income)**

**Indigent Defense (see: Public Defender)**

**Information, Athens-Clarke County Government (see: Public Information Office)**
neighbohoods. It is administered by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation (see also: Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke).

Hands on Northeast Georgia (see: United Way)

HCD (see: Housing and Community Development)

Head Start – 706-357-5238
Clarke County School District Office of Early Learning 440-2 Dearing Extension

Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood
These private, non-profit health center clinics were established in 1971 to provide low-cost health care.
675 College Avenue – 706-546-5262 (Spanish translator available)
402 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center) – 706-543-1145
After-hours emergency – 706-475-9706

Health Department
www.publichealthathens.com
The GA Health Department is part of the Northeast Health District under the GA-Division of Public Health. It provides a range of health services to ACC citizens, including women’s health, child health, school health, disabled children’s services, communicable disease control, chronic disease services, dental health, environmental health, nutrition services, and health education (see also: Babies Can’t Wait; Birth Certificates; Death Certificates; Restaurant Inspections; Teen Matters).

East Athens Clinic – 706-369-5816
410 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center)

Environmental Health Division – 706-583-2658
189 Paradise Boulevard

Main Health Department – 706-389-6921 / 706-389-6871 (Birth Certificate Direct Line)
345 North Harris Street

Heating Assistance (see: ACTION, Inc)

HED (see: Housing and Community Development Department)

Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke – 706-353-1801
www.achforline.org
Firehall No. 2, 489 Prince Avenue

This non-profit organization is concerned with the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage. It also operates the Athens Welcome Center (see also: Welcome Center, Athens).

Hiking (see: Trails)

Historic Preservation
www.accgov.com/planning

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is an independent commission that makes recommendations to the Mayor and Commission for the designation of specific places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, or works of art that are determined to be historically significant. The HPC also reviews plans for exterior changes to properties designated under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Historic Preservation Planner at the ACC Planning Department serves as staff to the HPC (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions; Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke; Planning Department).

Historical Information (see: Records, Historical)

Historical Markers – 404-382-5410 [Atlanta Office] www.georgiahistory.com
The Georgia Historical Society manages the Historical Marker program for Georgia.

Holland Youth Sports Complex – 706-613-3991 / 706-613-3604 (After 4:00 p.m.)
www.accgov.com/holland
250 Vincent Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1993 and is named in honor of former Clarke County Commission Chairman Jim Holland. The facility has seven baseball fields and four soccer fields.

Home Economist (see: Cooperative Extension)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program – 706-613-3155
HOME funds approved from federal grants administered locally by the ACC Housing and Community Development Department and fund single-family housing construction.

Homeless Services
Athens Resource Center for Hope (see: Athens Resource Center for Hope)

Homeless Day Service Center – 706-354-1154 www.advantageath.com/homeless-services.cms
240 North Avenue

Homeless Shelter, Athens Area – 706-354-0423 www.helpathenshomeless.org
620 Barber Street
The shelter’s focus is to provide a transitional facility for homeless women and their children.

Homestead Exemption – 706-613-3120
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office allows for a homestead exemption to be granted to residents who own their homes/land on the first day of each year for tax purposes. Each county in Georgia sets its own exemptions. Homeowners may file an application for homestead exemption any time during the year.

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Tree Program to support public and private tree conservation and management (see also: Arborist).

Community Protection Division (CPD) (see: Code Enforcement Division)

Community Rooms
A number of ACC departments offer rooms and meeting spaces for use by the general public and community groups. Rental fees may apply and vary by facility.
Community rooms available include:

Central Services – 706-613-3530
• Courthouse Atrium

Fire Department – 706-613-3360
• Station #3 (1198 South Milledge Avenue, Five Points)
• Station #4 (900 Oglethorpe Avenue)
• Station #7 (2350 Barnett Shoals Road)
• Station #8 (3955 Jefferson Road)
• Station #9 (1650 Danielsville Road)

Leisure Services
Bishop Park – 706-613-3589
East Athens Community Center – 706-613-3593
East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624

Lay Park – 706-613-3596
Lynden House Arts Center – 706-613-3623
Memorial Park – 706-613-3380
Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770
Rocksprings Community Center – 706-613-3603
Quinn Hall – 706-613-3580
Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615

Rocksprings Community Center – 706-613-3631

Police Department – 706-613-3888
East Precinct / Headquarters Community Room

Public Utilities
Customer Service Center / Water Business Office (124 Hancock Avenue) – 706-613-3470
Water Resource Center Presentation / Training Room (780 Barber Street) – 706-613-3481

Community Tree Council – 706-613-3565 or 706-613-3561 [Community Forester] www.athenstrees.com

The Community Tree Council (CCTC) offers programs and events for the local government, the private sector, and citizen groups in order to provide resource information, outreach, and education about tree management. The Council also promotes sustainability and responsible stewardship of community trees. The ACC Community Forester serves on the Council (see also: Community Forester).

Community Tree Program (see: Community Forestry Coordinator)

Compost
www.accgov.com/compost

• Backyard Compost Bins – 706-613-3501 ext. 309
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful sells compost bins to the public for backyard composting.

• Commercial Composting – 706-613-3580 / 706-613-3512 (Site Tours)
Landfill, 5700 Lexington Road
The ACC Landfill operates a commercial composting facility designed to handle a high volume of organic material. The compost is produced using bio-solids collected from ACCGOV’s Water Reclamation Facilities and leaf and limb debris collection. Compost can be purchased by the cubic yard or by the bucket at the landfill.

• Master Composter (see: Master Composter)

Comprehensive Plan – 706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/complan

ACC Planning Department

ACC GOV’s update of its Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Mayor and Commission after approval by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in June 2018. The document is required by the state and represents ACCGOV’s initial step toward implementing the recommendations of the comprehensive-wide Envision Athens initiative that was also completed in 2018.

The Comprehensive Plan is a main source for identifying agreed upon goals, vision, policies, needs, opportunities, and a work program over the next 10 years (see also: Development Standards; Envision Athens; Future Development Map/Plan; Zoning Code).

Computer Information Services Department (see: Information Technology Department)

Computers and Peripherals, Recycling (see: CHaRM; Landfill; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13)

Concealed Weapon Permit (see: Firearms Permit)

Conservation Ranger (Game Warden) – 706-595-4211 www.georgiawildlife.com

GA Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division

Consumer Affairs (see: Consumer Protection Unit)

Consumer Protection Unit – 404-651-8600 / 800-869-1123 [GA Department of Law]
www.consumer.georgia.gov
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 356
Atlanta, GA 30334.

The Georgia Department of Law’s Consumer Protection Unit is the consumer protection agency for the State
of Georgia. The office helps protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in consumer transactions. It investigates consumer problems, monitors the marketplace to promote fair and honest competition, takes enforcement action against violators, and publishes consumer education materials and alert warnings (see also: Better Business Bureau; National Do Not Call List).

Construction Noise (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Construction, Road (see: Road Work Reports)

Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens (CVB) – 706-357-4430

www.visitathensga.com

300 North Thomas Street (Classic Center Firehall)
The CVB’s primary goal is to increase the economic impact of the hospitality and visitor industry by attracting individual visitors, group tours, and meetings and conventions to Athens. It publishes and distributes visitor information, maintains a community events calendar, and assists local businesses and associations in bringing meetings and conventions to Athens.

Cook’s Trail – 706-613-3615

www.accgov.com/trails

205 Old Commerce Road

Cook’s Trail connects Sandy Creek Park and Sandy Creek Nature Center as part of the Greenway (see also: Sandy Creek Park; Sandy Creek Nature Center; North Oconee River Greenway).

Cooling Assistance (see: ACTION, Inc.)

Cooperative Extension – 706-613-3640

www.accgov.com/ce2152 West Broad Street (moving to 275 Cleveland Avenue by Fall 2019)

Cooperative Extension’s mission is to respond to people’s needs and interests in agriculture, horticulture, agribusiness, landscaping, the environment, families, and 4-H/youth with unbiased, research-based education and information. It is the official educational arm of the University of Georgia and the US Department of Agriculture, but also a part of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (see also: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Food Preservation and Safety; Master Composter; Master Gardener; Master Naturalist; Radon Education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP)).

Coroner – 706-613-3999

www.accgov.com/coroner

The primary mission of the Coroner’s office is to hold investigations and inquests regarding persons having died by unlawful, violent, suicidal, or mysterious means.

 Corrections – 706-613-3400

www.accgov.com/Corrections

2825 County Farm Road

The ACC Corrections Department provides a humane and safe environment for inmates, staff, and the community at large through the use of modern correctional management techniques and supervision.

The department manages the Correctional Facility and the Diversion Center (see also: Diversion Center).


www.northgeorgiacottages.org

3019 Lexington Road

The Cottage provides intervention, advocacy, referrals, and support to survivors and families impacted by child abuse and sexual assault, and provides sexual assault prevention education and awareness to the community.

It was formerly known as the Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia.

Council on Aging, Athens Community – 706-549-4850

www.accaging.org

135 Hoyt Street

A resource for education, information, referral, counseling, support, and general assistance for older persons, including a Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day Care Center, and Senior Center.

Court Administrator – 706-613-3161

www.accgov.com/courtscourthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 400

The Court Administrator provides a broad range of management and administrative services to the Juvenile, Magistrate, Municipal, Probate, State, and Superior Courts of Athens-Clarke County.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – 706-613-1922

www.athenscconecca.org

The CASA program is an organization of volunteers who advocate in the juvenile court system for abused and neglected children, helping them find safe, permanent homes. A trained CASA volunteer assesses the child’s situation and reports to the judge on the child’s best interests.

Court, Bankruptcy (see: Bankruptcy Court)

Court, Federal (see: Federal Court)

Court, Probate (see: Probate Court)

Geography

Habitat for Humanity, Athens Area – 706-208-1001

www.athenshabitat.org

532 Barber Street / 4125 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, GA

Athens Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing in Clarke, Oconee, and Oglethorpe counties. The Habitat ReStore takes in new and used home furnishings and sells them at up to 90% off retail cost. All funds raised support Athens Habitat in its continuing effort to eliminate poverty housing in the community.

Hands on Athens

Hands On Athens is a coalition of area organizations that work to repair and revitalize home exteriors for low-income residents living in historic Athens

Hancock Corridor Development Corporation – 706-546-1154

www.hancockcdc.org

300 Henderson Extension

Handicap Permits (see: Disable Person’s Parking Permit)

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The Comprehensive Plan that is being updated in 2019. It graphically displays the geographic arrangement of desired land uses for the entire county to a defined date in the future. The Future Development Plan is intended to serve as a reference document for evaluating land use decisions (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Zoning Code).

**Courthouse (Federal) (see: Federal Court)**

Courts, Athens-Clarke County

www.accgov.com/courts

(see: Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Court Administrator; Drug Courts; Family Dependency Treatment Court; Juvenile Court; Magistrate Court; Municipal Court; Parental Accountability Court; Probate Court; State Court; Superior Court; Treatment and Accountability Court; and Veterans Court entries)

**Crime Prevention – 706-613-3358 ext. 235**

ACC Police Department East Substation

385 Fairview Street

**Crime Reports**

www.crimereports.com/agency/accpolice

(see also: Police Department)

**Crime Stoppers Tip Line – 706-705-4775**

Callers with information about a crime that has been committed in Athens-Clarke County can speak directly to an operator between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Callers can leave messages if they call outside of this time frame. To ensure confidentiality, citizens calling the tip line do not leave their names, but are assigned a number to guarantee anonymity.

**D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) – 706-613-3250**

The D.A.R.E. program is for elementary and middle school students taught by experienced and selected ACC Sheriff’s Office-certified deputies. It presents lessons on drug and gang awareness, as well as dealing with life problems such as peer pressure, good and bad consequences, and making good decisions.

**DD2-14 Form (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts)**

**Dead Animals (see: Animal, Dead Removal)**

**Death Certificates – 706-388-6921**

www.publichealthathens.com

The GA Health Department maintains a collection of death certificates for those who have died in Athens-Clarke County. There is a fee for the general public for a death certificate (see also: Health Department).

**Decks, Parking**

- Behind Classic Center – Managed by the Classic Center (706-357-4444 / 706-208-0900)
- College Avenue – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)
- Courthouse – Managed by ACC Central Services Department (706-613-3552 / 706-613-3530)
- University of Georgia (8 decks) – Managed by UGA Parking Services (706-542-7275)
- West Washington Street – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)
Deeds – 706-613-3180
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Deed records are housed in the Real Estate / Deeds Room (ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 450). Index information from 1998 to within 14 days of current date is available at www.gsccca.org.

Defender, Public (see: Public Defender)

Definition of Family (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Demonstrations (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Development Services – 706-613-3233 ext. 234
www.whyathensga.com
The Development Coordinator, housed in ACC’s Economic Development Department, serves as a point of contact and liaison between the development community, business community, and ACC staff and officials. The Development Coordinator can provide assistance determining the process a proposed project will need to follow and code requirements needed for permitting and completion, whether the project is installation of a backyard fence or construction of a multi-million dollar industrial facility.

Development Standards – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
The Development Standards establish guidelines and performance measures for the development of specific site design standards, subdivision of property, environmental areas, street and greenway dedications, as well as on- and off-street parking. The Zoning and Development Standards are collectively called the Development Regulations (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Future Development Map / Plan; Zoning Code).

DFCS (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Digging (Private Property) (see: Utilities Protection Services)

Disabilities, Commission on People with
This commission recommends programs to the Mayor and Commission and the private sector to increase acceptance and full participation of persons with disabilities in the life of the community (see also: Boards, Authorities and Commissions).

Disability Transportation (see: LIFT Information)

Disabled Person’s Parking Permit – 706-613-3130
dor.georgia.gov/documents/forms
GA Department of Revenue
3700 Atlanta Hwy. (inside the Georgia Square Mall)
A Disabled Person’s Parking Affidavit form from the GA Department of Revenue must be submitted to the ACC Tag Office.

Discharge Papers [Military – DD2-14 Forms] (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts)

Disqualification Complaints [Bars]
By Athens-Clarke County Code Sections 6-3-6[h] and [l], bars are prohibited from discriminating against any person by refusing them admission or denying them service or products based on a person’s race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, or pregnancy. Bars using a dress code must apply it uniformly to all persons. It must remain consistent on any given date or special event, and it may not be used to discriminate. Any dress code must be posted on a sign so that all text is clearly visible and legible to any person seeking admittance. Discrimination complaints can be reported online at www.accgov.com/attorney or in person at the ACC Attorney’s Office. Complaint forms must be notarized, which can be done at the ACC Attorney’s Office.

Disorderly Conduct (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Dispossessory Warrant (see: Evictions)

District Attorney – 706-613-3240
www.accgov.com/da
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 370
The ACC District Attorney’s Office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal offenses, felonies and misdemeanors, as well as certain civil actions such as drug, gambling, and bond forfeitures in the Superior Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit. These prosecutions, both civil and criminal, are generated primarily by the police agencies operating in and around this jurisdiction.

District Court (see: United States District Court)

Diversion Center – 706-613-2022
www.accgov.com/corrections
2725 Lexington Road
The center is operated by the ACC Corrections Department and provides quality cost-effective management of non-violent offenders whose confinement in traditional incarceration would limit them from more quickly integrating into society. It also helps build skills sets to encourage successful re-entry back into the community.

Divorce Filing – 706-613-3190
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Divorce records are maintained in the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office. If citizens of Athens-Clarke County planning to file for divorce, it is suggested they seek an attorney for legal advice prior to contacting the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. The public may

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2725 Lexington Road
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Divorce Filing – 706-613-3190
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Divorce records are maintained in the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office. If citizens of Athens-Clarke County planning to file for divorce, it is suggested they seek an attorney for legal advice prior to contacting the Clerk of Superior and State Courts. The public may

Discharge Papers (Military – DD2-14 Forms) (see: Clerk of Superior and State Courts)

Discrimination Complaints [Bars]
By Athens-Clarke County Code Sections 6-3-6[h] and [l], bars are prohibited from discriminating against any person by refusing them admission or denying them service or products based on a person’s race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, or pregnancy. Bars using a dress code must apply it uniformly to all persons. It must remain consistent on any given date or special event, and it may not be used to discriminate. Any dress code must be posted on a sign so that all text is clearly visible and legible to any person seeking admittance. Discrimination complaints can be reported online at www.accgov.com/attorney or in person at the ACC Attorney’s Office. Complaint forms must be notarized, which can be done at the ACC Attorney’s Office.

Disorderly Conduct (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

Dispossessory Warrant (see: Evictions)

District Attorney – 706-613-3240
www.accgov.com/da
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 370
The ACC District Attorney’s Office is responsible for prosecuting all criminal offenses, felonies and misdemeanors, as well as certain civil actions such as drug, gambling, and bond forfeitures in the Superior Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit. These prosecutions, both civil and criminal, are generated primarily by the police agencies operating in and around this jurisdiction.

Kentucky marriage license for natalie meeks on November 19th 2014.
Family Protection Center  
2795 Lexington Road  
The Family Protection Center provides a single location/facility for collaborative services between multiple agencies such as the GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANEX), Project Safe, the ACC Police Department, The Cottage of NE GA, and the District Attorney that work with child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases (see also: individual entries).

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)  
Federal Building (see: Robert G. Stephens Federal Building)  
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) – 706-549-6477 (Athens)
atlanta.fbi.gov
Robert G. Stephens Federal Building 355 Hancock Avenue, Room 336  
The Athens Resident Agency covers 10 counties and is part of the Atlanta Division.

Federal Court (US District Court) – 706-227-1084
www.gamd.uscourts.gov
US Post Office and Federal Courthouse 115 East Hancock Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Athens is part of Middle District of Georgia, which has its main office in Macon (478-752-3506).

Federal Government Information (see: United States Government Information)  
Federation of Neighborhood and Community Associations  
www.accneighborhoods.org  
The Federation studies and informs neighborhood groups and citizens about local issues affecting them.

Felony Drug Court (see: Drug Courts)  
Fences – 706-613-3515  
Fence installation requires a Zoning Permit from the ACC Planning Department.

Feral Cats (see: Cats)  
Filming – 706-613-3795
www.accgov.com/film  
Athens-Clarke County has been designated as a Camera Ready community by the Georgia Music, Film & Digital Entertainment Office. The ACC Public Information Office serves as the official liaison and works with local partners.

Finance Department – 706-613-3040
www.accgov.com/finance  
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue  
The ACC Finance Department directs the financial operations and budget management activities of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government. The divisions are Accounting, Financial Services, Management and Budget, and Purchasing (see also: Budget, Purchasing).

Fingerprinting  
The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), UGA Police Department (706-542-5813), and ACC Sheriff’s Office (706-613-3250) offer fingerprinting services for a fee to citizens applying for jobs.

Fire and Emergency Services Department – 706-613-3380
www.accgov.com/fire  
The ACC Fire and Emergency Services Department is a progressive and responsive department dedicated to the preservation of life and property through prevention, education, mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery programs (see also: Burning; Fire Marshal; Fire Reports).

• Administration / Station #1 – 700 College Avenue  
• Station #2 – 3500 Atlanta Highway (moving to 265 Cleveland Avenue in Fall 2019)  
• Station #3 – 1198 South Milledge Avenue  
• Station #4 – 900 Oglethorpe Avenue  
• Station #5 – 1000 Whit Davis Road  
• Station #6 – 580 Athens Drive  
• Station #7 – 2360 Barnett Shoals Road  
• Station #8 – 3955 Jefferson Road  
• Station #9 – 1650 Danielsville Road  
• Fire Training Center – 155 Paradise Boulevard

Fire Hydrants – 706-613-3495 [Waterline Maintenance]
ACC Public Utilities Department  
Fire Marshal – 706-613-3365  
The ACC Fire Department’s Fire Marshal manages the Fire Prevention Bureau by supervising fire inspections/investigations; promoting fire safety through code enforcement; reviewing and approving building construction plans; issuing permits; and directing fire safety education programs.

Fire Reports – 706-613-3360  
Available at the ACC Fire Department Administrative Offices (700 College Avenue) for a fee.

Firearms Permit (see: Weapons Carry License)  
Firefly Trail – 706-613-3620
www.accgov.com/firefly  
The Firefly Trail is a planned 39-mile rail-trail from call the number listed here with questions about the Family Protection Center

Do Not Call List (see: National Do Not Call List)  
Dog Parks
www.accgov.com/dogparks  
Off-leash dog parks can be found at ACC Leisure Services’ Sandy Creek Park, Memorial Park, and Southeast Clarke Park, as well as at UGA’s Lake Herrick (see also: individual entries; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Dogs (see: Adoption, Animal; Animal Control; Dog Parks; Leash Law; selected ordinances on p. 10)  
Door-to-Door Sales – 706-613-3050 (Permits) / 706-613-3345 or 706-613-3780 (Report Violations)  
Individuals selling items door-to-door must have a vending permit from the ACC Finance Department and display a vendor badge. They may not sell on properties posted with ‘No Solicitation’ signs. Violators may be referred to the ACC Police Department or to the ACC Code Enforcement Division.

Dougherty Street Governmental Building 120 West Dougherty Street  
This building houses an auditorium, as well as ACC’s Building Permits and Inspections Department, Code Enforcement Division, Planning Department, and Transportation and Public Works Department (see also: individual entries).

Downtown Athens Parade of Lights – 706-613-3800
www.accgov.com/parade  
This annual tradition celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a parade and lighting of the community Christmas tree downtown. It is held on the first Thursday in December. The parade is coordinated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) – 706-613-7978
www.downtownathensgqa.org  
College Avenue (200 block) Parking deck  
DAPS is a division of the Athens Downtown Development Authority established in 1993. It manages Athens-Clarke County on- and off-street parking facilities including parking meters, off-street lots, and the College Avenue and West Washington Street Parking Decks (see also: Athens Downtown Development Authority; Parking Tickets).

Downtown Development Authority (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority)  

Drainage, Street – 706-613-3465

ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division
605 Spring Valley Road

Driver Services, Georgia Department of – 877-413-8400 [State]
dds.georgia.gov
1505 Highway 29 North  
Closed Mondays, open Tuesdays – Saturdays  
This office issues driver licenses and Georgia ID cards.

Driver’s License (see entry above)  
Drought Information (see: Public Utilities Department)  
Drug Courts (see: Prescription Drug Discount Card)  
Drug Report (see: United States Government Information)  
Drug Courts  
The ACC Drug Courts provide a non-traditional approach to sentencing criminal offenders who are drug and/or alcohol addicted (see also: Veterans Court).

• DUI / Drug Court (State Court) – 706-613-3206
www.accgov.com/duilocourt  
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430

• Felony Drug Court (Superior Court) – 706-208-7078
www.accgov.com/courts  
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210

Drug Hotline – 706-613-3297
ACC Police Department – Drug Task Force  
Citizens may call this hotline at any time to report illegal drug activity. Calls can be anonymous.

Drug Lab, Athens – 706-13-3911 ext. 294
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430

The Athens Drug Lab is part of the ACC State Court’s DUI/Drug Court program. It is currently available to the courts for court-ordered drug and alcohol screens. The lab can also provide drug and alcohol screening to government agencies and local businesses.

Drugs & Other Addictive Diseases Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)  
Dudley Park – 706-613-3820
www.accgov.com/dudley  
100 Dudley Drive  
This 8.5-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It features picnic tables and trails along the North Oconee River. It is named after former City of Athens Mayor A.J. Dudley.

DUI/Drug Court (see: Drug Courts)  
Dumping, Illegal – 706-613-3780
ACC Code Enforcement Division
Early Voting (see: Advance Voting)

East Athens Community Center – 706-613-3593
www.accgov.com/eastathens
400 McKinley Drive
This facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It is equipped with a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, pickleball courts, a picnic shelter, and playground. It offers year-round programs for children and adults.

East Athens Community Park (see: Trail Creek Park)

East Athens Development Corporation [EADC] – 706-208-0048
www.eadcinc.com
410 McKinley Drive, Suite 101
EADC provides neighborhood revitalization, community-based micro-enterprise, job development, and affordable housing initiatives.

East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624
www.accgov.com/dance
390 McKinley Drive
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department offers year-round dance classes for children and adults and an annual production at the Morton Theatre.

Economic Development Department – 706-613-3233
www.whyathensga.com
246 W. Hancock Avenue, Chamber of Commerce Building
The ACC Economic Development Department is the primary point of contact for industries, large commercial developments, site location consultants, and state economic development organizations interested in developing, expanding, or locating new or expanded businesses in Athens-Clarke County.

Education, Board of (see: Clarke County School District)

Elderly Services (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)

Elections (see: Board of Elections)

Electricity (see: Utilities)

Electronics, Recycling (see: CHaRM; Landfill; list of accepted items for recycling on p. 13)

Emergencies – 911
For fire, police, animal control, or medical emergencies.

Emergency Management Office – 706-613-3411
www.accgov.com/emra
1650 Danielsville Road
The local Emergency Management Administrator develops and updates government plans for responding to and recovering from natural and man-made disasters, assists the general public in learning preparedness for all types of hazards, and coordinates emergency resources, among other duties.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – 911 (Emergency) / 706-286-7007
Emergency Medical Services are provided in Athens-Clarke County by National EMS, a private company.

Emergency Water or Sewer Service – ACC Public Utilities Department
• Water & Sewer Division – 706-613-3495
Report an emergency, such as a water main break or sewer blockage.
• Meter Management – 706-613-3479
Call to have a water meter shut off due to an emergency.
• After-Hours/Weekends – 706-613-3481
Call if an emergency occurs after-hours or on the weekend.

Employment, Athens-Clarke County – 706-613-3100 (Job Hotline) / 706-613-3115 (Hearing Impaired)
www.accgov.com/jobs
Applicants interested in positions with the ACC Unified Government can apply online and Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) at the Human Resources Department in the Satula Building (375 Satula Avenue). Job listings are also available online and through e-mail/ SMS text notifications, as well as on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 15).

Employment, Summer (See: Summer Employment)

EMS (See: Emergency Medical Services)

Environmental Health Division (see: Health Department)

Envision Athens – 864-481-0511
www.envisionathens.com
Envision Athens is a community-wide effort to develop a common vision for the future of the Athens-Clarke County community. This process has resulted in a strategy to guide community and economic development for the next 20 years.

Family and Children Services, Division of – 706-227-7021 (Region 5)
dfcs.georgia.gov
284 North Avenue
The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues SNAP, Medicaid, TANF and child care assistance to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help families in need (see also: Medicaid).

Family Connection / Communities in Schools – 706-369-9732
www.clarke.gafcp.org
This partnership is designated the planning body for services for children and families in Athens-Clarke County and brings together more than 100 partners to address their needs. The goals are to improve child health, child development, school performance, family functioning, and family economic capacity.

Family Dependency Treatment Court – 706-613-3300
www.accgov.com/courts
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
The Athens-Clarke County Family Dependency Treatment Court is a program through Juvenile Court that aims to break the cycle of addiction and resulting neglect through monitored service delivery, limit foster care stays for affected children, address and influence substance abuse in deprivation cases in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and facilitate healthy family reunification (see also: Juvenile Court).

Equalization, Board of – 706-613-3140
This three-member board is appointed by the Grand Jury to hear appeals on property values and exemptions. Members are appointed for three-year terms and answer to a Superior Court Judge. The independent board sets the date and time for hearings, hears evidence from both the taxpayer and the ACC Tax Assessor’s office, and makes a decision on the value of the property/exemption. If either party disagrees with the decision, it may be appealed to the Superior Court.

E-SPLOST – 706-546-7721
www.clarke.k12.ga.us
The Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) is a 1% sales tax approved by voters and operated by the Clarke County School District to build facilities and acquire technologies that support the educational process.

Estate – 706-613-3321
The Estates Division of the Probate Court issues probate wills as required by law and deals with petitions involving estates, guardianship of person and property of minors, and incapacitated adults.

Events, Special and/or Outdoor
Any organized activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation, and/or education (such as a festival, celebration, foot/vehicle race, parade, march, rally, or assembly) that takes place on a public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way, or occurs on private property and impacts government services on public rights-of-way, must submit an application to the ACC Central Services Department at least 60 days in advance. All outdoor events with commercial entertainment or amplification must be registered with the ACC Police Department at least 72 hours beforehand. Registration for events falling during Sunday – Thursday, 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m., or Saturday and Sunday mornings, midnight – 7:00 a.m., will not be accepted. Special event permit applications are available online at the ACC website at www.accgov.com/callcenterservices (see also: Demonstrations; Picketing; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Evictions
Owners or agents wishing to evict a tenant must first file a dispossessory warrant affidavit in the Magistrate Court. Dispossessor warrants are then served by the Sheriff’s Office (see also: Magistrate Court; Sheriff’s Office).

Exploring Programs
Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who are 14-20 years old. The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), the ACC Sheriff’s Office (706-613-3250), and the ACC Fire Department (706-613-3360) all have groups.

Extension Service (see: Cooperative Extension)

Family, Definition of
Single-family dwelling units in Athens-Clarke County cannot have more than a certain number of unrelated individuals residing in them. The number depends upon the zoning classification for the property. For fire, police, animal control, or medical emergencies. contact the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790) (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

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www.accgov.com/courts
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