Dear Residents and Friends of Athens-Clarke County,

Welcome to the most recent edition of ACC from A to Z: A Guide to Athens-Clarke County, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government’s resource directory. This award-winning guide has been updated and improved for more than 15 years and has proven invaluable to many of our residents and staff. I hope you find it just as useful as they have over the years.

In February 2018, the Unified Government changed its website and email addresses from athensclarkecounty.com to accgov.com in order to make it easier for residents and visitors to find information and contact staff. Among other updates, this year’s guide reflects this change throughout.

Starting with the 2016 edition, each year’s cover art for the A to Z Guide features a unique interpretation of the iconic City Hall clock dome created by a local artist. Not only does this help differentiate annual editions from one another, but the beautiful artwork also helps to highlight the wealth of creative talent right here in Athens-Clarke County.

The Unified Government is committed to providing its citizens with information and resources to help us pass on an improved community to future generations. An oath uttered by the youth in our namesake of Athens, Greece remains as relevant today as it was in ancient times: “Thus in all ways we will transmit this City, not only not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.” You can find this oath etched on the base of the Athena statue in front of the Classic Center in downtown Athens.

The Unified Government strives for a government that is open, transparent, and accessible to everyone. This ACC from A to Z: A Guide to Athens-Clarke County, designed to support that effort, is updated annually by the Public Information Office and contains everything from community and contact information to descriptions of a wide range of services and service providers. The information in it is also available online at www.accgov.com/atoz in a variety of formats for print, e-reader, and electronic use.

The information has been compiled from the many questions that the Public Information Office has received over the years. Please contact the Public Information Office at 706-613-3795 or info@accgov.com if you have suggestions for future editions of ACC from A to Z or if you cannot find what you are looking for within these pages.

We hope you find this guide valuable in bringing your government closer to you.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Denson
Mayor
Common Athens-Clarke County Acronyms

Detailed information for most acronyms listed below can be found within the guide, usually under the full name.

ACC  Athens-Clarke County (geographic area) or Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
ACCFD  Athens-Clarke County Fire Department
ACCGOV  Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
ACCOPD  Athens-Clarke County Police Department
ACCUG  Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
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
CASA  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
EADC  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
TSPLST  Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
TPW  Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department
VITA  Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
UGA  The University of Georgia
Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

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

70 miles northeast of Atlanta
425 Over 425 miles of streams & rivers

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

1785 University of Georgia (UGA) chartered
1801 Clarke County created as 25th county in Georgia and the site of UGA selected
1806 Town of Athens chartered
1991 Clarke County and the City of Athens governments unified on January 14

Demographics (2012-2016 Census data, unless noted)
- Population, including students (2016 est.): 123,371
- UGA Athens only enrollment (Fall 2017): 36,095
- Median age in years: 26.7
- Median household income: $32,959
- High school graduates (ages 25+): 86.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher (ages 25+): 40.8%
- Persons below poverty level: 35.5%
- Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Dec. 2017): 4.2%

Racial Makeup
- White: 65.4%
- Black: 28.2%
- Asian: 5.2%
- Other: 3.3%
- Hispanic or Latino (may be any race above): 10.6%

47.6% Male
52.4% Female

Most populous of Georgia’s 538 cities/towns

Most populous of Georgia’s 159 counties

Employment
Largest employers (Aug. 2017)
10,665 – University of Georgia
2,418 – Clarke County School District
2,180 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
2,090 – St. Mary’s Health Care System
1,700 – Caterpillar
1,650 – Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation
1,348 – Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- #6 community in the United States in job growth for 2017 (24/7 Wall Street, Dec. 2017)

Education
- Clarke County School District is separate from the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government
- 9 elected to the Board of Education
- Public schools: 15 Pre-K sites, 14 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high
- Private schools: 6 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont College

Accolades
- 2018 Live, Work, Play Award for Large Cities (Georgia Municipal Association & Georgia Trend)
- America’s Coolest Southern Towns (Jetsetter, 2017)
- 12 Best Music Towns in the Nation (Expedia, 2017)
- Prettiest Town in Georgia (The Daily Meal, 2017)
- 25 Most Giving Cities in the U.S. (Travelocity, 2016)

Information from UGA, the Georgia County Guide, GA Department of Community Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau, GA Department of Labor & ACC Unified Government departments. Updated March 2018.
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

MISSION: Athens-Clarke County, an open and responsive government, facilitating a positive environment for individuals to obtain a high quality of life and local organizations to achieve success by providing innovative, high quality services and responsible stewardship of the community’s resources, to benefit current and future generations. (Adopted November 4, 1997)

LEGISLATIVE
Elected Mayor and 10 elected Commissioners. Each citizen has two directly-elected local representatives.

EXECUTIVE
Day-to-day operations are overseen by a Manager appointed by the Mayor and Commission and two Assistant Managers.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 (FY18) BUDGET
- Runs July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- $235.4 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
- 30% Public Safety
- 21% Judicial
- 17% General Government
- 12% Public Works
- 6% Culture & Recreation
- 4% Independent Agencies
- 2% Housing & Development
- 8% Other

GENERAL FUND REVENUES
- 42% Property Taxes
- 18% Other Taxes
- 17% Sales Tax
- 10% Charges for Services
- 5% All Other Revenues
- 2% Fines & Forfeitures
- 5% Use of Fund Balance (for capital)

EMPLOYEES
- 42 departments / offices / courts
- 1,649 (FY18) full-time positions
- 13.4 (FY18) employees per 1000 residents

AVG. GENERAL FUND COST PER ACC RESIDENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES [FY18]:
- $312 Public Safety
- $218 Judicial Services
- $171 General Government
- $121 Public Works
- $62 Culture & Recreation
- $25 Housing & Development
- $42 Independent Agencies
- $44 Capital Projects
- $37 Transfers to Other Funds & Debt Services

PROPERTY TAXES
For a $150,000 home in 2017 (Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)

MILLAGE RATE [FY17] (PROPERTY TAX RATES)
- 20.00 School district
- 13.95 Unified Government
- 33.95 Total

WITH HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
- ACC $985.00
- School $1,000.00
- State $0
- LOST credit -$287.50

TOTAL
- $1,697.50

SALES TAX: 8%
- 4% State of Georgia
- 1% SPOLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
- 1% E-SPLOST (Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) - added as of April 1, 2018
Athens-Clarke County Commission Districts

Voters may check their districts, precincts, and sample ballots by calling the ACC Board of Elections at 706-613-3150 or visiting the GA Secretary of State’s “My Voter Page” online at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or through www.accgov.com/elections.
Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission

Mayor – Nancy Denson *
706-613-3010
420 Forest Heights Drive, Athens, 30606
nancy.denson@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-04-11

District 1 – Sharyn Dickerson *
706-613-2416
317 Blue Heron Drive, Athens, GA 30605
sharyn.dickerson@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 2 – Mariah Parker *
502-396-9023
387 Flint St, Athens, GA 30601
mariah.parker@accgov.com
Initial Term: 06-05-18

District 3 – Melissa Link *
706-372-3382
148 Hiawassee Avenue, Athens, GA 30601
melissa.link@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 4 – Allison Wright **
706-549-3518
430 Hampton Court, Athens, GA 30605
allison.wright@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-02-13

District 5 – Jared Bailey *
706-338-9019
145 Marsha Court, Athens, GA 30606
jared.bailey@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-04-11

District 6 – Jerry NeSmith **
706-248-3547
210 Deerhill Drive, Bogart, GA 30622
jerry.nesmith@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-02-13

District 7 – Diane Bell *
706-548-0314
130 Duncan Springs Road, Athens, GA 30606
diane.bell@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-06-15

District 8 – Andy Herod **
706-543-0281
315 Brookwood Drive, Athens, GA 30605
andy.herod@accgov.com
Initial Term: 03-22-07

District 9 – Kelly Girtz *
706-369-9457
562 Pulaski Street, Athens, GA 30601
kelly.girtz@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-02-07

District 10 – Mike Hamby **
706-338-3970
375 West Rutherford Street, Athens, GA 30606
mike.hamby@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-06-09

Commissioner Wright is the mayor pro-tempore for 2018 and presides in the absence of the mayor.

* Election takes place in 2018
** Election takes place in 2020

- 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 Dougherty Street Auditorium
- 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.

- Meeting aired live & rebroadcast on ACTV (schedule on p. 12).
- Meeting streamed live online & available on-demand at accgov.com/videos.

Mayor and Commission biographies, a full calendar of meetings, meeting minutes, and online comment forms are available at accgov.com/commission. Tentative meeting agendas are available at accgov.com/agendas 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

**Solicitor General**
C.R. Chisholm *
706-613-3215
325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
Athens, GA 30601

**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 **
706-613-3175
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 30603

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

**Superior Court Judge**
Regina Quick *
706-310-3606
325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
Athens, GA 30601
Mailing: P.O. Box 1765, Athens, GA 30603

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

* Election takes place in 2018
** Election takes place in 2020

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.
State & Federal Elected Legislators

**Governor Nathan Deal***
Republican  
206 Washington Street, Suite 203,  
State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-1776

**State Elected Legislators**
Each represents a part of Athens-Clarke County in the Georgia General Assembly.

**Senator Bill Cowsert***  
Republican – GA District 46  
bill.cowsert@senate.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 512, Athens, GA 30603  
706-543-7700 / 706-543-7731 (fax)  
236 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-463-1366 / 404-657-9887 (fax)

**Senator Frank Ginn***  
Republican – GA District 47  
frank.ginn@senate.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 1136, Danielsville, GA 30633  
706-680-4466  
121-I State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-4700 / 404-657-3248 (fax)

**Representative Deborah Gonzalez***  
Democrat – GA District 117  
deborah.gonzalez@house.ga.gov  
337 S. Milledge Ave., Suite 224  
509-C Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0220

**Representative Spencer Frye***  
Democrat – GA District 118  
spencer.frye@house.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 8101, Athens, GA 30603  
706-363-0637  
604-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0265 / 404-463-2634 (fax)

**Representative Jonathan Wallace***  
Republican – GA District 119  
jonathan.wallace@house.ga.gov  
P.O. Box 1411, Watkinsville, GA 30677  
706-363-0863  
404-G Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-0109

**Federal Elected Legislators**
Senators represent all of Georgia. Each representative represents one of Georgia’s 14 districts in the U.S. Congress.

**Senator John H. ‘Johnny’ Isakson**  
Republican – Senior Senator  
[www.isakson.senate.gov](http://www.isakson.senate.gov)  
131 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3643 / 202-228-0724 (fax)  
District Address – Atlanta  
One Overton Park  
3625 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 970  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-661-0999 / 770-661-0768 (fax)

**Senator David Perdue**  
Republican – Junior Senator  
[www.perdue.senate.gov](http://www.perdue.senate.gov)  
B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3521 / 202-228-1031 (fax)  
District Address – Atlanta  
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1340  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
404-865-0087 / 770-226-8633 (fax)

**Representative Jody Hice***  
Republican – 10th Congressional District  
[www.hice.house.gov](http://www.hice.house.gov)  
1516 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-4101 / 202-226-0776 (fax)  
District Address – Monroe  
100 Court St.  
Monroe, GA 30655  
770-207-1776 / 770-226-6751 (fax)

**Representative Doug Collins***  
Republican – 9th Congressional District  
[www.dougcollins.house.gov](http://www.dougcollins.house.gov)  
1504 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-9893 / 202-226-1224 (fax)  
District Address – Gainesville  
210 Washington St. NW, Suite 202  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
770-297-3388 / 770-297-3390 (fax)

* Election takes place in 2018  
** Election takes place in 2020
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.
- Do not let 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 from the elements with space for them to make normal body movements appropriate to their age, size, and health.
- 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 have generally 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 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.
**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, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, and first cousins.
- "Residing": Staying overnight for more than 30 days in a 90-day period.

**Within RS zoning districts or “AR neighborhoods”**
- A single dwelling unit cannot have more than two unrelated individuals residing there.
- 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 6-5-23)**
- 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, wrecked, dismantled, or otherwise inoperable.
- 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 and transporting it as per Georgia state law is allowed.
- These restrictions do not apply to 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 3-5-24[d])**
(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[k] & 7-1-1)**
- 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.
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
*Note: Some live televised meeting days may be altered due to holidays and elections.*

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

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. (1 hour)

Bulletin Board Government Information Programming (Hourly)
*The following 10-minute magazine schedule repeats every hour when not superceded 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.

- **Job Opportunities with ACC**
  Current listing of available jobs with the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, including full-time, part-time, and summer opportunities.

- **Public Safety Updates**
  Fire and crime prevention tips, reward and persons wanted information, public safety (Police, Fire, Sheriff) information, warnings and alerts, requests for citizen assistance, recognition for personnel.

- **All About Athens**
  General ACC information, dog listings, ordinance information, operating hours, general parks and recreation information, important phone numbers, and more.

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.
Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

- Plastic Food Trays and Cups
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Wide-Mouth Plastic Containers #1-#7
- Rigid Plastics
- Empty Aerosol Cans Lids Removed
- Milk & Juice Cartons & Juice Boxes
- Aluminum Cans, Foil & Trays
- Glass Bottles & Jars Lids Removed
- Cereal & Food Boxes Flattened
- Cardboard & Pizza Boxes Flattened
- Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs
- Paperback Books
- Metal Food Cans
- Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags & Newspaper

Items that ARE NOT accepted for recycling:

- NO Plastic Bags
- NO Shredded Paper
- NO Pots & Pans
- NO Glassware
- NO Paper Plates or Cups
- NO Napkins or Paper Towels
- NO Plastic Cutlery
- NO Food
- NO Clamshells or Styrofoam
- NO Batteries or Light Bulbs
- NO Wire Hangers
- NO Ceramics

- 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
Leaf and limb collection by the ACC Solid Waste Department is provided at no additional cost to all citizens on a six-week schedule. One of the six Areas A-F is collected weekly. An automated phone system (706-613-3501 ext. 451) provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information - including a searchable area map and a signup for notifications - is online at www.accgov.com/leaflimb.
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 Athens-Clarke County 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.buyocrash.com](http://www.buyocrash.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
  1505 Highway 29 North

Accounts Payable (by Athens-Clarke County) – 706-613-3057
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 five accountability courts that operate out of the ACC Courthouse: DUI/Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Treatment & Accountability Court, and Veterans Court (see also: individual entries).

ACTION, Inc. – 706-546-8283 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 Charter Spectrum Channel 180 and University of Georgia Cablevision 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. 12).

ADDA (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/kaccb

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).

**Adoption, Animal**
ACC Animal Control Shelter – 706-613-3540
www.accgov.com/animalcontrol
125 Buddy Christian Way
An application, a fee, a landlord letter of approval (if applicable), and a waiting period are required. Dogs and cats are not adopted out to those residing in fraternity or sorority houses (see also: Animal Control; Animal Shelter).

**Adoption, Child** – 877-210-5437 [877-210-KIDS]
www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov
GA Department of Human Resources’ Office of Adoptions

**Advance Voting** – 706-613-3150
www.accgov.com/elections
Administered by the ACC Board of Elections, advance voting allows voters to cast ballots in person for any reason or simply for convenience prior to each primary or election. It begins on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and ends on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. A full schedule and voting location(s) are available through the ACC Board of Elections.

**Advanced Metering Infrastructure [AMI]** – 706-613-3479
www.accgov.com/ami
This new automated water meter reading system used by the ACC Public Utilities Department uses low-power radio signals instead of manual meter readings to record, store, and transmit information from water meters. The highly accurate data collection decreases the possibility of incorrect manual meter readings, identifies leaks quickly, and allows customer service representatives to change accounts and address billing questions far more quickly and efficiently. After the entire system is up and running in 2018, an online portal will assist customers in managing and monitoring their water consumption.

**Advantage Behavioral Health Systems**
www.advantagebhs.org
The GA Department of Human Resources Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (www.mygcal.com) contracts with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) as a publicly-funded provider of behavioral health, developmental disability, and addictive disease services for 10 counties in Northeast Georgia, including Athens-Clarke County. ABHS provides treatment, counseling, supportive services for community living, activity groups, and other services for people whose health affects their behavior, such as people suffering from mental illness or people battling alcohol or drug addiction (see also: Crisis & Access Line).

- **Behavioral Health Center** – 706-389-6767
  250 North Avenue (Adult Mental Health, Support Services)
- **Developmental Disabilities Service Center** – 706-389-6767
  250 North Avenue
- **Drug & Alcohol Center** – 706-369-5745
  240 Mitchell Bridge Road (Adult Addictive Diseases, Intensive Treatment Program, Assertive Community Team, Community Support Team, Crisis Stabilization)
- **Homeless Day Service Center** (see: Homeless)
- **South Milledge Clinic** – 706-369-6363
  2085 South Milledge Avenue, Suite 1 (Child & Adolescent Services, Adult Mental Health Day Programs, Residential Services, Community Employment)
- **Women’s Services** – 706-227-5321
  250 North Avenue (Women’s Recovery Residence, Intensive Outpatient)

**Aging** (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)

**Agriculture & Natural Resources** – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension provides a wealth of information for residents and home gardeners including landscaping, identification of plants, insects, plant diseases, soil, and water testing. (see: Cooperative Extension)

**ADR** (see: Alternative Dispute Resolution)

**Airport [Athens-Ben Epps Airport]** – 706-613-3420
www.accgov.com/airport
1010 Ben Epps Drive
Athens-Ben Epps Airport provides air travel services to Athens-Clarke County and Northeast Georgia. Services are provided for charter air travel, general aviation, and military users.

**ALCES** (see Latino Center for Education and Services, Athens)

**Alcohol** (see: Alcohol Licenses; Open Containers)

**Alcohol & Other Addictive Drug Services** (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

**Alcohol Licenses** – 706-613-3047
www.accgov.com/finance
ACC Finance Department
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – 706-613-3210
www.accgov.com/adr
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210
This process refers to any form of settling a dispute other than litigation. Mediation is one type and the method used by the courts in Athens-Clarke County. Mediation is a process by which a neutral third party facilitates negotiations between other parties in conflict.

AMI (see Advanced Metering Infrastructure)

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 (see: 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.athensareacf.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 workshop 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 (ADDA) – 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
The Athens Wellbeing Project is a community wide partnership between the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, the Clarke County School District, the Athens Area Community Foundation, Family Connection-Communities in Schools, the United Way of Northeast Georgia, and the University of Georgia. The project’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.

Attn. Care 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 Commission, 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)

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 Office 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.bearcreekwtp.com
This regional reservoir located north of Bogart and west of Cleveland Road in Jackson County serves Athens-Clarke, Jackson, Barrow, and Oconee counties. The Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority was formed by these counties to address long-term water needs through regional approaches. The 505-acre lake helps Athens-Clarke County to ensure an adequate water supply during periods of drought. ACC’s 44% share of the reservoir water is pumped to Athens-Clarke County for treatment (see also: Public Utilities).

Bear Hollow Zoo – 706-613-3580
www.accgov.com/bearhollow
Memorial Park, 293 Gran Ellen Drive
Bear Hollow is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and the home to more than 35 native non-releasable animals housed in natural habitat exhibits. Educational programming is offered year-round.

educate, support and promote homegrown brands, entrepreneurs and creative professionals in Athens, GA.

Athens Regional Medical Center (see: Piedmont Athens Regional)

Athens Resource Center for Hope (ARCH) – 706-354-1154
www.athensresourcecenter.org
240 North Avenue
ARCH co-locates necessary services so that members of the community at risk of and experiencing homelessness have realistic access to opportunities to work toward independence. ARCH consists of multiple organizations constructing a multi-disciplinary approach to eradicating homelessness, including safe housing, mental health services, medical services, affordable quality daycare, employment programming, case management, and basic needs such as food, showers, and laundry.

Athens Technical College – 706-355-5000
www.athenstech.edu
800 US Highway 29 North

Athens Transit System (see: Transit)

Athens Wellbeing Project
www.athenswellbeingproject.org
Ben Burton Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services Office]
www.accgov.com/benburton
616 Mitchell Bridge Road
This 35-acre park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department and features nature trails on the Middle Oconee River, picnic tables, grills, and a canoe/kayak boat launch.

Ben Epps Airport (see: Airport [Athens-Ben Epps Airport])

Benefits, Government
www.benefits.gov

www.atlanta.bbb.org
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. Compliments about a company may also be submitted, and national charities may also be evaluated (see also: Consumer Protection Unit).

Bicycle Facilities
www.accgov.com/bike
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 Rivers 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 through the ACC website system notifications.

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.

Boards, Authorities, and Commissions
www.accgov.com/bacs
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)

Boulevard Woods Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services Office]
www.accgov.com/boulevardwoods
298 Barber Street
Boulevard Woods Park is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. The 1.8-acre park is passive in nature and features a small paved walking loop, a bench, and an open lawn area.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens
www.greatfuturesathens.com
• Administrative / Main Office – Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse, 705 Fourth Street – 706-546-5910
• The Club @ H.T. Edwards, 440-4 Dearing Extension – 706-357-5368

Brown Water (Faucet / Tap) – 706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities Department

Budget, Athens-Clarke County – 706-613-3685
www.accgov.com/budget
The budget for the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County runs for a fiscal year (FY) from July 1 of one year until June 30 of the following year and is adopted by the Mayor and Commission. The ACC Finance Department’s Budget and Management Division is responsible for coordinating the development of the budget each year. Full budgets and Budgets in Brief are available on the ACC website.

Building Permits and Inspections Department – 706-613-3520
www.accgov.com/buildinginspection
120 West Dougherty Street
The ACC Building Permits and Inspection Department protects public safety, health, and general welfare with respect to the built environment. The department issues permits for building, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, gas, graphics, demolition, temporary structures, manufactured homes, swimming pools, and building relocations.

Burn Permits (see: Burning)

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
**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 administered and permitted by the ACC Central Services Department.

**Call Before You Dig (see: Utilities Protection Services)**

**Camps, Summer (ACC Leisure Services)**

The 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]**

The ACC Animal Control Division responds to reports of seriously sick or injured cats, cats trapped within a living space, or cat 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 cat shelter facility. 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).

**CDBG (see: Community Development Block Grants)**

**Central Services Department – 706-613-3530**

The ACC Central Services Department is responsible for managing ACC buildings, facilities, grounds, landscaping, parking, records, and department support services. The department also manages the Animal Control Division and Fleet Management Division and provides services to the public through the permitting of special events, sidewalk cafes, sidewalk vending, and publication racks.

**CERT (see: Community Emergency Response Team)**

**Chamber of Commerce, Athens Area – 706-549-6800**

The mission of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members by developing an environment conducive 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)**

**CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) – 706-613-3512**  
www.accgov.com/charm  
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 ACC 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.

**Child Abuse and Neglect – 706-227-7021 / 911 (Emergency)**  
dfcs.dhs-georgia.gov/clarke-county-dfcs-office  
GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)  
(see also: Family and Children Services, Division of)

**Child Support Services – 877-423-4746 (GA Hotline)**  
www.ocss.dhs.georgia.gov  
GA Department of Human Services  
850 Hawthorne Avenue

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

**Citizens Government Academy – 706-613-3020**  
www.accgov.com/cga  
The Citizens Government Academy is a 10-week program designed to give residents an opportunity to learn how to access their government; familiarize themselves with government services, functions and activities of Athens-Clarke County; gain a better understanding about how to become involved in local government; and enhance their ability to communicate effectively with local officials.

**Citizens Police Academy – 706-613-3330**  
This 13-week course is held twice a year by the ACC Police Department to expose citizens to the inner workings of its functional units.

**City Hall**  
www.accgov.com/cityhall  
301 College Avenue  
City Hall houses the ACC’s Mayor’s Office, Manager’s Office, Public Information Office, ACTV, Operational Analysis Office, Clerk of Commission, SPLOST Program Management, and Commission Chambers (see also: individual entries).

**Clarke County School District – 706-546-7721**  
www.clarke.k12.ga.us  
440-1 Dearing Extension  
The Clarke County School District is a separate entity from the Unified Government and consists of all public elementary, middle, and high schools in the county. The Board of Education is made up of nine members elected by districts to four-year terms.

**Classic Center – 706-208-0900 / 706-357-4555 (Event Line) / 706-357-4444 (Box Office)**  
www.classiccenter.com  
300 North Thomas Street  
The Classic Center contains meeting and exhibit space, a performing arts theatre, and breakout space in a series of renovated warehouses. It also houses the offices for the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau (see also: Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens).

**Classic City Tours – 706-353-1820**  
www.athenswelcomecenter.com  
290 E. Dougherty Street  
The Athens Welcome Center offers guided tours on a 19-passenger bus.

**Clerk of Commission – 706-613-3031**  
www.accgov.com/clerkofcommission  
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 204  
The ACC Clerk of Commission directs the activities necessary to prepare for Commission meetings and dispenses information regarding the decisions and actions of the Commission. Agendas and other information can be found on the ACC website.
Clerk of Superior and State Courts – 706-613-3190
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, notary 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.

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 and an agenda-setting session on the third Tuesday of each month, except in the case of holidays or elections. Both meetings are televised live and rebroadcast on ACTV, as well as streamed live and on-demand online at www.accgov.com/videos. Work sessions are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month while 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
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, Newtown, 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 Forestry Coordinator – 706-613-3561
www.accgov.com/landscape
The ACC Community Forestry Coordinator, based in the ACC Central Services Department’s Landscape Management Division, is responsible for implementing the Community Tree Program to support public and private tree conservation and management.
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 #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
  - Lyndon House Arts Center – 706-613-3623
  - Memorial Park – 706-613-3580
  - Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770
  - Rocksprings Community Center – 706-613-3603
  - Quinn Hall – 706-613-3580
  - Sandy Creek Nature Center – 706-613-3615
  - Sandy Creek Park – 706-613-3631

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

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

Community Tree Council – 706-613-3585 or 706-613-3561 (Community Forester)
[www.athenstrees.com](http://www.athenstrees.com)
The Community Tree Council (CTC) 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 Forestry Coordinator serves on the Council (see also: Community Forestry Coordinator).

Community Tree Program (see: Community Forestry Coordinator)

Compost
[www.accgov.com/compost](http://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** – 706-613-3508 / 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 ACC’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/compplan](http://www.accgov.com/compplan)
ACC Planning Department
The purpose of the Community Comprehensive Plan is to help the community address critical issues and opportunities while moving toward realization of a unique vision for the future. Comprehensive plans for every local government in Georgia are guided by state statute and must meet the planning requirements established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Athens-Clarke County and the City of Winterville adopted plans in 2008. The Five-Year Update was completed in June 2013. The next ten-year review is being completed in 2018 (see also: Future Development Map/Plan; Development Standards; 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](http://www.georgiawildlife.com)
GA Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division

Consumer Affairs (see: Consumer Protection Unit)

Consumer Protection Unit – 404-651-8600 / 800-889-1123 (GA Department of Law)
[www.consumer.georgia.gov](http://www.consumer.georgia.gov)
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 356
Atlanta, GA
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 – 706-613-3815**

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/ce

2152 West Broad Street

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).

**Cottage, The – 706-546-1133 (Office) / 706-353-1912 or 877-363-1912 [24-Hour Hotline]**

www.northgeorgiacottage.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**

ACC Courthouse, 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.athensoconeecasa.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)
**Courthouse [Athens-Clarke County]**
325 East Washington Street
The ACC Courthouse houses ACC’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program, Clerk of Superior & State Courts, Court Administrator, District Attorney, DUI/Drug Court, Family Dependency Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Law Library, Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Probate Court, Records Room, Sheriff's Office, Solicitor-General, State Court, Superior Court, Tax Assessor’s Office, Tax Commissioner’s Office, Treatment and Accountability Court, and Veterans Court (see also: individual entries).

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

**Courts, Athens-Clarke County** (see: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Court Administrator; Drug Court; Juvenile Court; Magistrate Court; Municipal 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
(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.

**Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens**
www.accgov.com/acac
Advises the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government on cultural affairs and the aesthetic development of the built environment (see also: Boards, Authorities, and Commissions).

**Curfew, Juvenile – 706-613-3345**
ACC Police Department
By local ordinance, it is unlawful in many instances for unsupervised minors under the age of 18 to loiter, wander, stroll, or play in public places at night between 11:00 p.m. (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays) and 5:00 a.m. and during school days between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Exceptions are detailed in the Code of Ordinances (see also: Ordinances).

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)

**Criminal Investigations – 706-613-3337**
ACC Police Department

**Criminal Records** (see: Background Check)

**Crisis Line [GA] – 800-715-4225 [24 Hour Hotline]**
Mental health, substance abuse, and crisis and emergency services.

**Cruising**
Motor vehicles, except for excluded vehicles, cannot pass the same traffic point in a no-cruising zone on any day of the week between midnight and 4:00 a.m. within any one hour period more than three times. The no-cruising zone is designated as the area enclosed by Broad Street, Pulaski Street, Hancock Avenue, and Foundry Street downtown. Excluded vehicles include vehicles for business purposes and permitted special events, as well as those used by residents of no-cruising zones traveling to a specific destination.

**Death Certificates – 706-389-6921**
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 – 706-613-3190
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.athensbusiness.org
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 Parking Permit – 706-613-3130
dor.georgia.gov/documents/forms
GA Department of Revenue
3700 Atlanta Hwy. (inside the Georgia Square Mall)
An affidavit form from the GA Department of Revenue must be submitted to the ACC Tag Office.

Disability Transportation (see: LIFT Information)

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

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 help 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 are 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 call the number listed here with questions about the status of divorces that have already been filed.

DMV (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of)

Do Not Call List (see: National Do Not Call List)
**Dog Parks**

[www.accgov.com/dogparks](http://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 706-613-3790 (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 reported 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](http://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.downtownathensga.org](http://www.downtownathensga.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** – 706-552-4427 (Recording) / 678-413-8400 (State)

[www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.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 Card** (see: Prescription Drug Discount Card)

**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/duidrugcourt](http://www.accgov.com/duidrugcourt)
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430

• **Felony Drug Court (Superior Court)** – 706-208-7078
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210

**Drug Hotline** – 706-613-3295

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** – 706-227-4188 ext. 1

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 Athens Drug Lab also is available to provide drug and alcohol screening to government agencies and local businesses.

**Drugs & Other Addictive Diseases Services** (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

**Dudley Park** – 706-613-3801

[www.accgov.com/dudley](http://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** – 706-613-3790

ACC Code Enforcement Division
Early Voting (see: Advance Voting)

East Athens Community Center – 706-613-3583
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.athensbusiness.org
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)

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 – 706-613-3410
www.accgov.com/ema
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 are provided in Athens-Clarke County by National EMS, a private company.

Emergency Water or Sewer Service – 706-613-3495 / 706-613-3481 [After Hours]
ACC Public Utilities Department
ACC is responsible for water and sewer leaks on public streets, rights-of-way, and easements. If a leak is on private property (between the water meter and the house), an independent plumber should be called. If it is uncertain where the leak lies (public or private property), call ACC Public Utilities for assistance.

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 notification, as well as on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 10).

Employment, Summer (See: Summer Employment)

EMS (See: Emergency Medical Services)

Environmental Coordinator – 706-613-3530 ext. 255
www.accgov.com/green
ACC Central Services Department
This position’s duties include: supporting Unified Government departments on environmentally-related projects and programs; interacting with community and university groups and agencies on environmental topics; monitoring planning and zoning requests for potential environmental issues; serving as the LEED policy coordinator on Unified Government construction and renovation projects; leading the development of a Sustainability Plan; providing interdepartmental coordination of the Green Space Program; and working on electric vehicle readiness initiatives.

**Environmental Health Division (see: Health Department)**

**Envision Athens – 706-613-3020 [Manager’s Office]**
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 will result in a strategy to guide community and economic development for the next 20 years.

**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.

**Estates – 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/centralservices (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. Dispossessory 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 and Children Services, Division of – 706-227-7021 (Region 5)**
www.dfcs.dhs.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, 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 zoning information about a property, contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515). To report violations, contact the ACC Code Enforcement Division (706-613-3790) (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

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).

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 (SANE), 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).

FBI (see: Federal Bureau of Investigations)

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) – 706-227-1094
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)

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 – 706-613-3360
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
• Station #3 – 1198 South Milledge Avenue
• Station #4 – 900 Oglethorpe Avenue
• Station #5 – 1090 Whit Davis Road
• Station #6 – 580 Athena Drive
• Station #7 – 2350 Barnett Shoals Road
• Station #8 – 3955 Jefferson Road
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 – 706-613-3320
The Probate Court issues firearms permits to Athens-Clarke County residents 21 years or older who want to carry a firearm on their person or in their vehicle (concealed carry). Background checks and fingerprinting are required for each applicant. Fees are required by both the Probate Court and the Sheriff’s Office.

Firefly Trail – 706-613-3801
www.accgov.com/firefly
The Firefly Trail is a planned 39-mile rail-trail from Athens to Union Point in Northeast Georgia, connecting Athens-Clarke, Oglethorpe, and Greene Counties. The first mile of the project in Athens-Clarke County is along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor between East Broad Street and the intersection of Old Winterville Road and Little Oak Street. Future plans call for continuing the improved surface trail to Winterville and to the county line. In Athens-Clarke County, the Firefly Trail is administered and maintained by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Fires (see: Burning)

Fireworks
Fireworks sales and use are regulated by Georgia law. Among other restrictions, consumer fireworks cannot be used on public rights-of-way such as roads or on parks or other property owned by Athens-Clarke County or the State of Georgia. Consumer fireworks cannot be used before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. on any day, except for on January 1, July 3, and July 4 (each until midnight) and December 31 (until 1:00 a.m. on January 1). Written permission or special permits are required for exceptions to some regulations. Consumer fireworks cannot be ignited by someone under the influence of alcohol and/or any drug to the extent that it unsafe to do so. Report violations to the ACC Police Department.

Fishing [ACC Leisure Services areas]
www.accgov.com/fishing
Fishing is allowed along the Greenway, at Ben Burton Park, at Memorial Park, and at Sandy Creek Park with a valid Georgia Department of Natural Resources fishing license (see also: Fishing and Hunting Licenses).

Fishing and Hunting Licenses – 800-366-2661
www.georgiawildlife.com
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources administers hunting and fishing licenses and regulations. Licenses are available over the phone, online, and from some local retailers (see also: Hunter Education).

Fleet Management – 706-613-3447
225 Newton Bridge Road
The Fleet Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department maintains Unified Government vehicles.

Flu Shots – 708-389-6921
GA Health Department Main Office
345 North Harris Street
Flu shots are administered to the public by the GA Health Department. Flu shots may also be available through private retailers and physicians. Shots administration may be restricted by age and/or health conditions.

Food Banks
• Athens Area Emergency Food Bank – 706-353-8182
  640 Barber Street
  www.athensfoodbank.org
• Food Bank of Northeast Georgia – 706-354-8191 (Referral Line)
  861 Newton Bridge Road
  www.foodbanknega.org

Food Education (see: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education)

Food Preservation and Safety – 706-613-3640
Cooperative Extension answers questions and provides instructions to residents in food safety and proper preservation of foods through canning, freezing, and dehydration methods. (see: Cooperative Extension)

Food Stamps (see: Family and Children Services, Division of)
Food Trucks – 706-613-3530
ACC Central Services Department
Food trucks and other mobile food vendors can provide food for sale to the general public in specific areas and at certain times once permitted by the ACC Central Services Department. Applications are available at www.accgov.com/centralservices.

Foreclosure Auctions
These are conducted by private banks and/or attorneys on the first Tuesday every month at 10:00 a.m. on the steps of the ACC Courthouse. Announcements are placed in the legal organ newspaper prior to auctions (see also: Foreclosures; Tax Sales Auctions).

Foreclosures – 706-613-3190 ext. 4
ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts records documents that pertain to foreclosures, but no information is provided over the phone. Contact a lawyer for information or with questions. A fee is charged for each copy of documents (see also: Foreclosure Auctions).

Forestry Commission (see: Georgia Forestry Commission; Burn Permits)

Foster Homes / Foster Children
www.homein5.net
(see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

4-H (see: Cooperative Extension)

Freeport Exemption – 706-613-3140
ACC Tax Assessors Office
Freeport exemptions in Athens-Clarke County allow 100% of the inventory of qualified manufacturers under certain conditions to be exempt from taxation.

Future Development Map / Plan – 706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/commplan
ACC Planning Department
The Future Development Map is prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan that is being updated in 2018. 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).

Garbage Bags, Downtown – 706-613-3501 ext. 0
ACC Solid Waste Department
Clear garbage bags purchased from Athens-Clarke County are used for commercial and residential garbage collection and recycling in the Downtown Business District. Bags are available at the Athens Downtown Development Authority’s Parking Services Office (287 College Ave), the ACC Solid Waste Department (725 Hancock Industrial Way), and the ACC Water Business Office (124 E. Hancock Avenue). Bulk orders can also be delivered by the ACC Solid Waste Department.

Garbage Collection – 706-613-3501
The ACC Solid Waste Department provides residential collection and disposal services for garbage and recycling within the Urban Service District. Various private haulers serve outside of this area. Additionally, the ACC Solid Waste Department provides commercial collection county-wide. A list of private haulers is available at www.accgov.com/privatehaulers (see also: Solid Waste).

Gardener, Master (see: Master Gardener)

Gardening Tool Bank (see: Tool Shed)

Gardens, Community (see: Community Gardens)
Gas, Natural
Provision of natural gas in Athens-Clarke County is handled by private companies regulated by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC). A list of certified gas marketers is available at the PSC website (www.psc.state.ga.us). Cooperative Extension also provides consumer education for natural gas customers (see also: Cooperative Extension; Public Service Commission).

GBI (see: Georgia Bureau of Investigation)

Geographical Information Services Office (GIS) - 706-613-3872
www.accgov.com/gis
301 College Ave., Suite 301B
The ACC Geographic Information Services Office designs, develops, and executes a comprehensive system to make geospatial data available in the form of common platform, allowing users to deploy GIS products.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) – 706-542-7901
www.gbi.georgia.gov
1170 Highway 29 North
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is an independent, statewide agency that provides assistance to the state’s criminal justice system in criminal investigations, forensic laboratory services, and computerized criminal justice information (see also: Sex Offenders Registry).

www.gfc.state.ga.us
1055 East Whitehall Road
The GA Forestry Commission houses the County Forester office, the Urban and Community Forestry program, the Stewardship and Forestry Help programs, and some state-run forestry programs. The Fire Control office distributes burn permits for the area. These burn permits are for limited burning practice, as most burning in Athens-Clarke County is prohibited by local ordinance (see also: Burning).

Georgia Government Information – 800-GEORGIA
www.georgia.gov

Georgia Legal Services Program – 706-227-5362
www.glsp.org
1865 W. Broad Street
No-cost legal services for civil matters of those who cannot afford a lawyer. Individuals seeking criminal defense should contact the Public Defender’s Office (see also: Public Defender).

Georgia Power (see: Utilities)

Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439
www.dps.georgia.gov
1505 Highway 29 North
The GA State Patrol investigates traffic crashes and enforces traffic and criminal laws on the state’s roads. They no longer handle driver’s licenses (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of).

GIS (see: Geographical Information Services Office)

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

Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs (see: Georgia Department of Law - Consumer Protection Unit)

Graffiti Reporting / Removal – 706-613-3440
The ACC Transportation & Public Works Department handles graffiti removal on bridges, street signs, and some other public rights-of-way materials. Property owners are responsible for removal of graffiti on private property. Report persons who produce graffiti to the ACC Police Department.

Grass Cutting, Public (see: Right-of-Way Maintenance)

Green Schools – 706-613-3512
www.accgov.com/greenschools
The Green School Program is a project of the ACC Solid Waste Department’s Recycling Division, ACC Public Utilities Department’s Water Conservation Division, ACC Transportation & Public Works Department’s Stormwater Program, Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, and ACC Planning Department’s Community Arborist. It is designed to assist schools with environmental education and improvement efforts that focus on conservation, preservation, and beautification.

Greenfest – 706-613-3512
www.accgov.com/greenfest
ACC Solid Waste Department
Greenfest is a community-wide celebration providing citizens with the opportunity to increase their awareness of and interest in improving the environment of their house, yard, business, and community.

Greenway (see: Oconee Rivers Greenway)
Grills (Multi-Family Housing)
Charcoal and gas grills are prohibited on balconies and on ground level within 10 feet of combustible patios in multi-family housing. Contact the ACC Fire Marshal at 706-613-3365 for details (see also: Fire Marshal).

Gun Permit (see: Firearms Permit)

Gymnastics (see: Bishop Park)

www.athenshabitat.com
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.

Hancock Corridor Development Corporation – 706-546-1154
www.hancockcdc.org
300 Henderson Extension

Handicap Permits (see: Disability Parking Permits)

Hands on Athens
The mission of Hands on Athens is to create a coalition of organizations dedicated to assisting low-income homeowners in historic neighborhoods to maintain, repair, and restore their properties as part of overall neighborhood revitalization. The event is normally held in spring and organized by a sub-committee of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation (see also: Heritage Foundation, Athens-Clarke).

Hand on Northeast Georgia (see: United Way)

HCD (see: Housing and Community Development)

Head Start – 706-546-7721
Community Development Institute (CDI) 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 – 706-546-5526 (Spanish translator available)
- 402 McKinley Drive (Miriam Moore Community Center) – 706-543-1145
- After-hours emergency – 706-357-9706

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.achfonline.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**
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 come from federal grants administered locally by the ACC Housing and Community Development Department and fund single-family housing construction.

**Homeless**
- **Athens Resource Center for Hope** (see: Athens Resource Center for Hope)
- **Homeless Day Service Center – 706-354-1154**
  www.advantagebhs.org/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. 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; St. Mary’s Hospital)

**Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) – 706-613-3155**
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
Five Points Plaza 15th Floor
40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA

**Housing Authority, Athens (AHA) – 706-425-5300**
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 ACT I Homes.

**Housing Choice Voucher Program – 888-621-9885 / 770-806-5050**
GA Department of Community Affairs (Northern Regional Office) 1854 Shackleford Court, Suite 400 Norcross, GA 3093
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 – 706-613-3090 / 706-613-3100 (Job Hotline)**
www.accgov.com/hr
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
Humane Society, Athens Area – 706-769-9155
www.athenshumanesociety.org
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
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

**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.

Inmates, Jail (see: Jail)

**Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner –**
800-656-2298 / 404-656-2070
www.gainsurance.org

Internal Revenue Service [IRS] – 706-546-2008 / 800-829-1040 [Assistance for Individuals]
www.irs.gov

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

Intoxication (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)
Jail – 706-613-3270
www.accgov.com/sheriff
3015 Lexington Road
The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff’s Office and 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 of 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**
  Sundays - 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- **Male inmate workers only**
  Saturdays - 1:00-2:00 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. 12).

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

**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. 12).

**Junior Deputy – 706-613-3250**
The ACC 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 juries 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/juvenilecourt
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
Juvenile Court has original jurisdiction over cases involving deprivation, delinquency, or unruliness concerning children under age 17, except certain offenses excluded by statute. The Family Treatment Court and Peer Court are also part of the Juvenile Court (see also: Court Administrator; Family Treatment Court; Peer Court).

**Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) – 706-613-3501 ext. 312**
www.accgov.com/kacb
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The mission of Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is to educate and empower citizens and businesses with the resources to take action as environmental stewards of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification. Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful administers several community programs such as the Athens Tool Shed, Bring One for the Chipper Christmas Tree Recycling, Adopt Athens, Adopt-A-Highway, School Gardens, the Litter Hotline, ink jet/cell phone recycling, neighborhood clean-up initiatives, Rivers Alive, MLK Day of Service, Green Schools, Loop 10 daffodil plantings, and more (see also: Adopt Athens; Green Schools; Tool Shed).
The GA Department of Labor provides a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. These include administration of Georgia’s unemployment insurance, employment service, and vocational rehabilitation programs; provision of workforce information to the public and private sectors; inspection of boilers, pressure vessels, amusement park and carnival rides; and oversight of child labor issues. Hour-long area job listings are shown via JobTV on ACTV (see also: ACTV schedule on p. 12).

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.orlt.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.gov / 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.

Landscape Management Division – 706-613-3561  
www.accgov.com/landscape  
2555 Lexington Road  
The Landscape Management Division of the ACC Central Services Department provides landscaping services to public buildings, parks, and rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County. It is their responsibility to mow all public rights-of-way in Athens-Clarke County, with the exception of some state roads.

Latino Center for Education and Services, Athens (ALCES) – 706-549-5002  
www.athenslatinocenter.org  
445 Huntington Road (behind Georgia Square Mall)  
ALCES is an organization dedicated to helping the Athens Latino community become a part of the larger Athens area community while preserving and enriching its own heritage. ALCES furthers that aim by offering education and services that will help people to advance themselves in society and make contacts within the local community. These include programs such as language education, immigration assistance, and advocacy.

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 digests, and legal encyclopedias. It also has online computer research capabilities with resources from other jurisdictions as well as Georgia.

Lawns, Overgrown – 706-613-3790  
www.accgov.com/codeenforcement
Report overgrown lawns, yards, and lots to the ACC Code Enforcement Division for investigation.

**Lay Park and Community Center – 706-613-3596**  
[www.accgov.com/lay](http://www.accgov.com/lay)  
297 Hoyt Street  
This facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department opened in 1975. Lay Park features a gymnasium, full-service kitchen, multi-purpose room, resource library, computer lab, game room, sports fields, swimming pool, picnic shelter, fitness room, pickleball courts, and playground. The park offers year-round programs for children and adults.

**Leaf and Limb Pick-Up – 706-613-3501 ext. 451**  
[www.accgov.com/leaflimb](http://www.accgov.com/leaflimb)  
ACC Solid Waste Department  
This service is provided countywide to all citizens on a six-week cycle. The automated phone system provides current and upcoming pickup locations. Schedules and detailed information is also available online, through electronic subscriptions, and on ACTV (see also: Leaf & Limb collection map on p. 14; ACTV schedule on p. 12).

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

**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.

**Leisure Services Department – 706-613-3800 [Administration] / 706-613-3625 [Public Information]**  
[www.accgov.com/leisure](http://www.accgov.com/leisure)  
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).

**Library Resource Centers** (see: Library System, Athens Regional)

**Library System, Athens Regional – 706-613-3650 / 706-613-3655 [Hearing Impaired]**  
[www.athenslibrary.org](http://www.athenslibrary.org)  
2025 Baxter Street  
Off-site Library Resource Centers are located at the Lyndon House Arts Center, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Pinewoods Community, Thomas N. Lay Community Center, and East Athens Community Center (see also: individual entries).

**License, Alcohol** (see: Alcohol License)

**License, Business** (see: Business License)

**License, Driver’s** (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of)

**License, Fishing / Hunting** (see: Fishing / Hunting License)

**License, Marriage** (see: Marriage License)

**License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration – 706-613-3130**  
[www.accgov.com/tc](http://www.accgov.com/tc)  
ACC Tax Commissioner Tag Office, 3025 Lexington Road  
**Liens – 706-613-3190**  
A lien is a claim or charge for payment of some debt, obligation, or duty. Liens are filed with the Clerk of Superior and State Courts, which is a public record office with all records available for viewing. Some lien index information is available online through [www.gsccca.org](http://www.gsccca.org).

**LIFT Information – 706-613-3435**  
[www.accgov.com/lift](http://www.accgov.com/lift)  
The ACC Transit Department provides the same coverage area as The Bus for riders with disabilities through door to door service with The LIFT. Approved applicants must schedule rides within 24 hours of desired time. Applications for eligibility can be obtained at ACC Transit or online (see also: Transit).
Light Pollution
Citizens with questions about light pollution should contact the ACC Planning Department (706-613-3515) first for information about the ordinance and its applicability. If it is determined that a potential violation has occurred, the ACC Code Enforcement Division will be notified.

Litter
- **Thrown from Vehicle** – 706-613-3506
  [www.accgov.com/litterhotline](http://www.accgov.com/litterhotline)
  Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful Litter Hotline
  If possible, report date, time, location, persons, item(s), as well as car make, model, color, and tag.
- **Private Property** – 706-613-3790
  Code Enforcement Division
  [www.accgov.com/codeenforcement](http://www.accgov.com/codeenforcement)
  Private property owners must keep lawns free of litter unless it is kept in a garbage can for pick-up.

**Right-of-Way** (see: Right-of-Way Maintenance)

Lyndon House Arts Center – 706-613-3623
[www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse](http://www.accgov.com/lyndonhouse)
211 Hoyt Street
This facility, purchased by the city in 1939, became a government-sponsored community arts center in 1973. As part of the SPLOST IV Program in 1999, the Lyndon House Arts Center expanded to include galleries, artist studios, and a youth education wing. The campus of the Arts Center includes the historic Ware-Lyndon House Museum (c. 1850) and the interpretive Victorian-styled garden. The Lyndon House Arts Center offers rotating contemporary art exhibits, youth and adult classes, and an open studio membership. The Lyndon House Arts Center is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

MACORTS – 706-613-3515
[www.macorts.org](http://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](http://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).

Marriage License (Probate Court) – 706-613-3320
[www.accgov.com/probatecourt](http://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).

Marshal (see: Code Enforcement Division)

Master Composter Program – 706-613-3640
Upon completion of an educational program, volunteers will use the knowledge gained to instruct others in the community on the value of and how to compost. Classes are offered annually beginning in February for 10 weeks. This program is a collaborative effort between Cooperative Extension and the ACC Solid Waste Department.
After completion of an educational program, participants lend their expertise in the community through a variety of volunteer opportunities aimed at educating others in horticultural topics including vegetable gardening, turfgrass, soils, fruits, and more. Classes run for three months and are offered annually beginning in January by ACC Cooperative Extension.

This adult environmental education program explores habitats, ecosystems, and the natural environments of Georgia through a combination of lectures and hands-on field studies. Classes are offered annually beginning in April for nine weeks by ACC Cooperative Extension.

The Mayor is elected countywide for four-year terms for a maximum of two consecutive terms to serve as the head of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Chair of the Commission. The Mayor’s duties include setting the agenda for Commission meetings; recommending candidates for the ACC positions of Manager, Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, and Internal Auditor; and presenting the budget (see also: Mayor and Commissioner contact information on p. 7).

Mercy Health Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care for low-income uninsured people in the Athens area (see also: Athens Health Network).

Mercy Health Care Center – 706-425-9445
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, 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 of assessed value. The ACC Tax Assessor's Office performs all tax assessments while the ACC Tax Commissioner's Office calculates the tax bill and collects it (see also: Homestead Exemption; Tax Assessor's Office; Tax Commissioner's Office).

Miriam Moore Community Service Center – 706-208-0048 (East Athens Development Corp.)
410 McKinley Drive
This neighborhood facility is located adjacent to the East Athens Community Center and houses facilities for the Athens Tutorial Program, the Athens-Clarke County Health Department, the East Athens Neighborhood Health Center, and the East Athens Development Corporation (EADC).

Mold
Individuals with mold or suspected mold problems should visit www.epa.gov/mold or www.fcs.uga.edu/ext/housing or contact Cooperative Extension (706-613-3640) for information about remedies and removal. Some private companies who work with mold remediation can be found in the phone book.

Morton Theatre – 706-613-3770 / 706-613-3771 [Box Office]
www.accgov.com/morton
195 West Washington Street
The Morton Building was built in 1910 and houses the oldest surviving African-American built, owned, and operated vaudeville theatre in the United States. The building was saved by the nonprofit Morton Theatre Corporation in the late 1980's and is still supported by them to this day. The 1987 citizen-approved SPLOST program helped renovate the building for community use. The Morton is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a unit of the Arts & Nature Division of the ACC Leisure Services Department. Today, the Morton operates as a rental facility with multiple spaces including the 480-seat auditorium. The theatre has state-of-the-art theatrical equipment and box office capabilities allowing it to host events including live theatre, weddings, music concerts, worship services, dance performances, receptions, seminars, 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. Larvicide 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-Clarke County (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 transport 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 170
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).
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 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)

Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI) – 706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/nni
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 citizens 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/norp
Between Martin Luther King Boulevard & Willow Street
This 20-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission – 706-369-5650
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
The ACC Clerk of Superior & State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A fee, notarized application, and two residents’ character witness statements are required. Documents may be notarized by the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office, some banks, or private companies or individuals.

Nurses’ Clinic – 706-613-6976
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)
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 Greenway; North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission).

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission
This independent commission of Athens-Clarke County is charged with developing the plan for a river-oriented greenway system within the county for the benefit and enjoyment of all citizens. The Commission is composed of 15 citizens appointed 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; North Oconee River Greenway; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission).

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
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
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 Regional Library, the ACC Clerk of Commission Office, and the ACC Public Information Office. Searchable ordinances and recently approved ordinances are available online through www.accgov.com/code (see also: selected ordinances on p. 10).

Organizational Development – 706-613-3110
www.accgov.com/od
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
Organizational Development provides training programs designed to meet the needs of Athens-Clarke County employees while reinforcing the mission and goals of the Unified Government. All curriculum and program materials are developed in-house so that they are cost-effective and reflect Athens-Clarke County values, current research, and best practices.

Outage, Power (see also: Utilities)
- Georgia Power – 888-891-0938
  www.georgiapower.com
- Jackson EMC – 800-245-4044
  www.jacksonemc.com
- Rayle EMC – 706-678-2116
  www.rayleemc.com
- Walton EMC – 770-267-2505
  www.waltonemc.com

Outdoor Events (see: Events, Special and/or Outdoor)

Overgrown Yards / Lots (see Lawns, Overgrown)

Overview Commission
As mandated by the Charter, this Commission reviews the operation of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government every 10 years unless scheduled sooner by the Mayor and Commission. Members are appointed by a Grand Jury of the Superior Court. The next overview commission is scheduled for 2020. Staff support is provided by the ACC Operational Analysis Office (see also: Charter; Operational Analysis Office).
Parade of Lights (see: Downtown Athens Parade of Lights)

Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of – 706-369-5620 / 404-656-4661 (Parole Call Center)
www.pap.state.ga.us
171 Old Epps Bridge Road

Parking Decks (see: Decks, Parking)

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 except for certain citations that require a court appearance

Parks (see: Leisure Services)

Parole (see: Pardons and 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).

Pauper’s Grave – 706-613-3530
ACC Central Services Department

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.athenspeercourt.org
Athens Peer Court is a leadership program through Juvenile Court 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. The volunteers receive training on leadership skills, public speaking, and restorative justice to promote behavioral change and reduce recidivism. Athens Peer Court gives customized sentences that focus on the harm caused to the community by crime and creates opportunities for youth to connect to their community (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: Freeport 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
1199 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 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 – 706-613-3515
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).

Plats – 706-613-3190
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 – 706-613-3801 [Reporting Maintenance Issues]
www.accgov.com/playgrounds
ACC Leisure Services Park Services Division
Playgrounds are available at these ACC public parks:
- Bishop Park: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset
- East Athens Community Center: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Lay Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Memorial Park: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset
- Reese & Pope Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Rocksprings Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Sandy Creek Park: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. during winter months) - sunset
- Satterfield Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Southeast Clarke Park: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - sunset
- Trail Creek Park: Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- World of Wonder (WoW) Park at Southeast Clarke Park: Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - sunset, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 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.

Police – 706-613-3888 / 706-613-3345 [Non-Emergency After Hours]
www.accgov.com/police
The ACC Police Department strives to eliminate crime, fear of crime, and general disorder, while respecting the dignity and worth of all people and establishing an ethically based, problem solving partnership with the community.
- East Precinct / Headquarters – 706-613-3330
  3035 Lexington Road
- West Precinct – 706-353-4218
  3700 Atlanta Highway (Georgia Square Mall)
- Downtown Substation – 706-613-3705
  265 College Avenue
- East Substation – 706-613-3358
  385 Fairview Street
- West Substation – 706-208-1718
  1060 Baxter Street
**Police Academy, Citizens** (see: Citizens Police Academy)

**Police Academy, NE GA** (see: Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy, Georgia (Athens))

**Pools, Permitting and Testing**
The ACC Building Inspections Department (706-613-3520) issues building permits for pools, while the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division (706-583-2658) handles public pool testing.

**Pools, Public**
[www.accgov.com/aquatics](http://www.accgov.com/aquatics)
The ACC Leisure Services Department owns and operates five pools located at Lay Park Community Center, East Athens Community Center, Bishop Park, Memorial Park, and Rocksprings Park during the summer months. See individual park and community center entries for addresses and phone numbers (see also: Splash Pads).

**Posting Handbills / Notices / Posters** (see: selected ordinances on p. 10)

[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)
575 Olympic Drive (Metro Area Main Office)

**Potholes**
- **Locally-Maintained Roads** – 706-613-3465
  ACC Transportation & Public Works
- **State-Maintained Roads** – 706-583-2644
  GA Department of Transportation

**Power Outage** (see Outage, Power)

**Prescription Drug Discount Card** – 877-321-2652
[www.accgov.com/drugcard](http://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 Centers (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](http://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 firearms conceal/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, 1720A Lexington Road
- **Juvenile** – 706-369-5610
  GA Dept. of Juvenile Justice, 550 Hawthorne Avenue
- **Pre-Trial Diversion** – 706-613-3547
  Athens-Clarke County, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 540

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

[www.project-safe.org](http://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.

Property Information (see: Property Values)

Property Lines / Plats / Records (see: Deeds)

Property Maintenance [Private Property] – 706-613-3790
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. 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.

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 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 citizens 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. 12; 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 wastewater (sewer) services to residential, commercial, and industrial customers (see also: Water Business Office; Bobby 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).
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: 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).

Public Drop-Off Facilities
• ACC CHaRM Facility
  1005 College Avenue
• ACC Fleet Management
  225 Newton Bridge Road
• ACC Landfill
  5700 Lexington Road - limited hours
• ACC Recycling Facility
  699 Hancock Industrial Way
• City of Winterville Public Works
  Corner of Church and Parkview
• College Avenue and Cleveland Drive
  1005 College Avenue
• Fire Station #8
  3955 Jefferson Road
• Fire Station #9
  1626 Danielsville Road
• Georgia Square Mall Cinema Parking Lot
  3700 Atlanta Highway
• Jail Road and Lexington Road
  Behind ACC Tag Office lot

Recycling Center (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility)

Reese-Pope Park – 706-613-3801 [Park Services]
www.accgov.com/reeseandpope
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] – 770-535-5465
www.djj.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 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 to clean local rivers, lakes and streams 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. Estimated 25,000 volunteers statewide participate in the annual river cleanup.

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. 12).

Robert G. Stephens Federal Building
355 East Hancock Avenue

Rocksprings Park – 706-613-3602
www.accgov.com/rocksprings
291 Henderson Extension
This 6-acre park is a facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department and includes an 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)
Safe Places
All ACC fire stations are designated as Safe Place locations where youth in trouble or bad situations can get immediate help (see also: Fire and Emergency Services Department).

Saint Mary’s Hospital – 706-389-3000
www.stmarysathens.com
1230 Baxter Street

Salvation Army – 706-543-5350 (Service Center / Lodge / Thrift Store)
484 Hawthorne Avenue

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. It also houses the Loggerhead sea turtle program and other environmental learning centers. Additionally, the center features Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trails. The facility is operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

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 baseball 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.gbi.georgia.gov and a listing of Athens-Clarke County offenders can be found at www.accgov.com/sheriff.

Sexual Assault Center of Northeast Georgia (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 – 706-613-3465
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division

Sign Installation (Traffic) (see: Traffic Signal / Sign Installation / Repair)

Sign Permits (Private Property) – 706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department

Signals, Traffic (see: Traffic Signal / 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 as otherwise necessary. 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 – 706-542-7436
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.

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 wastewater treatment laboratories.

Social Media [Athens-Clarke County]
www.accgov.com/socialmedia
Athens-Clarke County has a wide variety of social media accounts to keep residents and visitors informed.

Social Security Administration –
866-964-3294 [Athens] / 800-772-1213 [Federal]
www.socialsecurity.gov
1650 Prince Avenue

Soil Testing (see: Cooperative Extension)

Solicitor General – 706-613-3215
www.accgov.com
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
The Solicitor General’s Office is the prosecuting attorney in State Court and the Athens-Clarke County and Winterville Municipal Courts. The Solicitor General decides on prosecution of all misdemeanor offenses occurring within Athens-Clarke County.

Solid Waste – 706-613-3501
www.accgov.com/solidwaste
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The ACC Solid Waste Department provides collection and disposal services that meet or exceed state standards and are responsive to the community’s health and sanitary needs. Solid Waste collects trash and recycling for both residents and small- and large-sized community businesses (see also: CHaRM; Garbage Collection; Landfill; Leaf and Limb Pickup; Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF); Recycling; selected ordinances on p. 10).

Southeast Clarke Park – 706-613-3991 [Tennis Center]
www.accgov.com/southeast
4460 Lexington Road
This facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department. It houses baseball and softball fields, a 1-mile walking track, soccer fields, a nature trail, an off-leash dog park, the World of Wonder Park, a skate park, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and more.

Spanish Language / Translation Assistance (see: Latino Center for Education and Services, Athens; United Way)

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

Speakers’ Bureau [Athens-Clarke County Unified Government] – 706-613-3795
Contact the ACC Public Information Office to request a speaker from the Unified Government.
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 flooring 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
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 101
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 425
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 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) – 706-613-3625
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.

Superior Court – 706-613-3163
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. The Felony Drug Court, Treatment and Accountability Court, and Veterans Court 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: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts; Treatment and Accountability Court, Veterans Court).

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](http://www.accgov.com/green)

**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](http://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.

**Tax Commissioner – 706-613-3120 / 706-613-3130 (Tag Office)**

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

- 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 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-Grady House – 706-549-8688**

[www.taylorgradyhouse.com](http://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**

- 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).

**Tenant Rights** *(see: Landlord and Tenant Rights and Issues)*

**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: Public Service Commission).

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

**Traffic Offenses** – 706-613-3690  
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.

**Transit** – 706-613-3430 [Bus Information] / 706-613-3437 [Department]  
www.accgov.com/transit  
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. ATS 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
  2795 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).

Transportation, Georgia Department of – 706-583-2644 (Area Engineer Office) / 511 (GA Travel Info)
www.dot.ga.gov
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 & 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).

Trees, Fallen
• Blocking roadways due to storms - 911 or the ACC Streets and Drainage Division (706-613-3465).
• On public property or right-of-way - ACC Landscape Management Division (706-613-3561).
• Leaning or hanging trees (not yet fallen) - Community Forester (706-613-3561).

TSPLOST – 706-613-3025
www.accgov.com/tsplost
A Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) is a 1-cent sales tax approved by voters specifically for transportation purposes, including roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these facilities.

UGA (see: University of Georgia)

Unemployment – 706-583-2550
GA Department of Labor

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 District Court (see: Federal Court)

United States Government Information – 844-872-4681 (800-USA-GOV1)
www.info.gov / www.usa.gov
United Way of Northeast Georgia – 706-543-5254
www.unitedwaynega.org
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.

University of Georgia – 706-542-3000 [Directory Assistance]
www.uga.edu

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 wastewater (sewer) services are provided to most of the county by the ACC Public Utilities Department (see also: Public Utilities).

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.

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

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

Vending
• Door-to-Door (see: Door-to-Door Sales)
• Downtown – 706-613-3530
  Downtown street vendors must be 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, must be permitted by the ACC Finance Department.

Veterans Court – 706-208-7078
www.accgov.com
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).

Veterans Service, Georgia Department of – 706-369-5630 or 706-369-5631
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 explanation 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 East Washington Street.

Victim Notification
• Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) – 706-613-3270 / 800-467-4975
  Automated system through the ACC 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 Pardons and 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)
- UGA Visitors Center - 706-542-0842
  405 College Station Rd.

Vital Records (see: Birth Certificates; Death Certificates)

Volunteer 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 – 706-613-3625
  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 (KACCB) 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 – 706-613-3623
www.accgov.com/warelyndonhouse
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 in 1976. The house features an architectural style that is a blend of 19th century Italianate and Greek Revival and showcases furniture and historical artifacts from the Victorian period in Georgia. Adjacent to the Ware-Lyndon House is an interpretive Victorian-style Parterre garden. The facility is owned and operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

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

Waste (see: Solid Waste; Litter)

Water, Brown (see: Brown Water)

Water Business Office (Billing) – 706-613-3500
www.accgov.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Water Business Office issues and collects bills for water provision and wastewater treatment services by the ACC Public Utilities Department and stormwater fees for ACC Transportation and Public Works’ Stormwater Management Program. The office also handles water service (see also: Public Utilities; Stormwater Management Program).

Water Conservation – 706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/publicutilities
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Public Utilities Department Water Conservation Coordinator provides free residential water audits and tips and tools to help conserve water.

Water Meters (see: Meters, Water)

Water Quality / Testing
Public water system testing is done at the ACC Public Utilities Department Water Treatment Plant (706-613-3481). Well water testing is handled by the GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division or by Cooperative Extension (see also: Well Water Testing).

Water Resources Center (see: Snipes Water Resources Center)
Water Services (ACC System Broken Lines / Leaks)  
(see: Emergency Water or Sewer Service)

Water Wasting – 706-613-3729  
www.accgov.com/publicutilities  
Certain water wasting activities are prohibited by ordinance.

Watering Restrictions – 706-613-3729  
www.accgov.com/publicutilities  

Website – www.accgov.com  
Official website for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government.

Weed and Seed (see: Community Capacity Development Office)

Welcome Center, Athens – 706-353-1820  
www.athenswelcomecenter.com  
280 East Dougherty Street  
The Athens Welcome Center offers visitor and newcomer information, a gift shop, and community tours. It is housed in the Church-Waddel-Brumby House, built circa 1820 and believed to be the oldest house in Athens. The house is owned by Athens-Clarke County and administered by the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation as a house museum and welcome center.

Welfare (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)  
(see: Family and Children Services, Division of)

Well Water Testing  
- GA Health Department (Environmental Health Division) – 706-583-2658  
- Cooperative Extension – 706-613-3640

Wiggley Field (see: Southeast Clarke Park)

Wildlife  
The ACC Animal Control Division (706-613-3540) will respond to seriously sick, injured, or trapped wildlife, as well as any threat to public safety. If wild animals have nested, exist in large numbers, or are within a wall or other structure that would be damaged in order to gain access to the animal, a licensed wildlife removal company should be contacted.

Wills – 706-613-3321  
Probate Court  
Probate Court does not notarize wills. For notary services, contact the Clerk of Superior & State Courts.  
(see: Clerk of Superior & State Courts)

Winterville – 706-742-8600 (City Hall)  
www.cityofwinterville.com  
125 North Church Street, Winterville, GA, 30683

Women’s Shelter (see: Homeless Shelter, Athens Area; Project Safe)

World of Wonder Park (see: Playgrounds; Southeast Clarke Park)

Y

Yard Sales (see: Garage Sales)

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: J.R. Holland Youth Sports Complex; Satterfield Park)

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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).

Zoo (see: Bear Hollow Zoo)