ACC from A to Z
A Guide to the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and Community Services
2023 Edition
### Important Contacts

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

**Emergency (Fire / Police / Sheriff / Ambulance)**

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<td>ACC Job Hotline</td>
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<td>ACC Municipal Court</td>
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<td>ACC Police Department (Non-Emergency After Hours)</td>
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<td>ACC Public Utilities Department (Water or Sewer Emergencies)</td>
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<td>Georgia Crisis Line - Mental Illness / Substance Abuse / Developmental Disabilities</td>
<td>800-715-4225</td>
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<td>Georgia Health Department</td>
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**Other accounts:**

- [www.accgov.com](http://www.accgov.com)
- [www.facebook.com/accgov](http://www.facebook.com/accgov)
- [www.instagram.com/accgov](http://www.instagram.com/accgov)
- [www.twitter.com/accgov](http://www.twitter.com/accgov)
- [www.youtube.com/accgov](http://www.youtube.com/accgov)

**Contact Information:**

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- [www.facebook.com/accgov](http://www.facebook.com/accgov)
- [www.twitter.com/accgov](http://www.twitter.com/accgov)

**Location:**

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

**Phone Number:**

706-613-3795 (Public Information Office)
Athens-Clarke County Organizational Chart Overview

Residents of Athens-Clarke County

Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Coroner
Judges and Officers of the Courts*
Mayor and Commission
Sheriff
Tax Commissioner

Independent Agencies
Authorities and Boards
Clerk of Commission
Manager
Attorney
Municipal Court Judge
Internal Auditor

As of January 2023

* Excludes Municipal Court Judge, who is appointed by the Mayor & Commission.
** Divisions of the Manager’s Office
--- Appointed by others
Common Athens-Clarke County Acronyms

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

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Athens-Clarke County By the Numbers

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

Geography
- Approximately 122 square miles in area
- Smallest of Georgia’s 159 counties

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

Demographics (2021 Census ACS estimates, unless noted)
- Population, including students: 128,711
- UGA enrollment (Athens only, Fall 2022): 38,699
- Median age in years: 29.3
- Median household income: $50,447
- High school graduates (ages 25+): 89.6%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher (ages 25+): 49.1%
- Persons below poverty level: 20.7%
- Unemployment (GA Dept. of Labor, Dec. 2022): 2.6%

Employment
- Largest employers (estimates, Dec. 2022)
  Figures may include part-time employees
  11,541 – University of Georgia
  3,300 – Piedmont Athens Regional
  2,350 – Clarke County School District
  1,863 – St. Mary’s Health Care System
  1,728 – Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (FY21)
  1,500 – Caterpillar
  1,300 – Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation
- GA Entrepreneur-Friendly Community
- GA Certified Work-Ready Community
- #8 - Best-Performing Small Cities 2018 index of 201 U.S. metros for economic growth (Milken Institute)

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: 7 secondary & elementary
- Higher education: The University of Georgia, Athens Technical College, Piedmont University

Accolades
- Best Places to Travel in 2023 (Forbes Advisor)
- South’s Best College Town (Southern Living, 2022)
- Top 100 Best Places to Live in 2020 (#32 nationally, #1 in Georgia, Livability)
- Coolest Small Towns in America (Discoverer, 2020)
- Best Places to Retire in 2019 (Forbes)
- Prettiest Town in Georgia (The Daily Meal, 2017)

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 February 2023.
**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 2023 (FY23) Budget
- Runs July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- $287.7 million total budget for all funds
- The General Fund supports the majority of basic government services

**General Fund Expenditures**
- 22% General Government
- 7% Judicial
- 38% Public Safety
- 11% Public Works
- 6% Culture & Recreation
- 3% Housing & Development
- 4% Independent Agencies
- 3% Transfers & Debt Service
- 7% Capital

**General Fund Revenues**
- 50% Property Taxes
- 18% Sales Taxes
- 15% Other Tax
- 8% Charges for Services
- 1% Fines & Forfeitures
- 4% All Other Revenues
- 4% Use of Fund Balance (for capital)

**Employees**
- 43 departments / offices / courts
- 1,769 (FY23) full-time positions
- 13.4 (FY23) employees per 1000 residents

**Property Taxes**
- For a $250,000 home in 2023 *(Note: only an estimate – other exemptions possible)*

**Sales Tax:** 8%
- 4% State of Georgia
- 1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) - ACC General Fund credit on property taxes
- 1% E-SPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)
- 1% TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)

**Average General Fund cost per ACC resident for local government services (FY23):**

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**Average overall cost per resident**

- **$1,262 annually**
- **$105.17 monthly**
- **$3.46 daily**

**Millage Rate [FY23]**

- $18.80 School district
- $13.10 Unified Government
- $31.90 Total

**With homestead exemption**

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**Total**

- **$2,674.50**

**Without homestead exemption**

- **$3,190.00**
Athens-Clarke County Commission Districts (New as of 2023)

Voters may check on districts, precincts, and sample ballots by calling the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department 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-Claire County Mayor & Commission

Mayor – Kelly Girtz **
706-613-3010 (office) • 301 College Avenue, Suite 300, Athens, GA 30601
kelly.girtz@accgov.com
Initial Term: 01-08-19

District 1 – Patrick Davenport **
706-202-4339
P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
patrick.davenport@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district1
Initial Term: 01-08-19

District 2 – Melissa Link *
706-372-3382
P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
melissa.link@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district2
Initial Term: 04-04-23

District 3 – Tiffany Taylor **
706-351-4929
240 Fairview St., Athens, GA 30601
tiffany.taylor@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district3
Initial Term: 01-03-23

District 4 – Allison Wright *
706-549-3518
P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
allison.wright@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district4
Initial Term: 01-02-13

District 5 – Dexter Fisher **
706-224-4313
125 Melbourne Dr., Athens, GA 30606
dexter.fisher@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district5
Initial Term: 01-03-23

District 6 – Jesse Houle *
706-395-5029
P.O. Box 445, Athens, GA 30603
jesse.houle@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district6
Initial Term: 11-17-20

District 7 – John Culpepper **
770-354-5444
824 Hawthorne Ave., Athens, GA 30606
john.culpepper@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district7
Initial Term: 01-03-23

District 8 – Carol Myers *
706-296-1948
P.O. Box 1868, Athens, GA 30603
carol.myers@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district8
Initial Term: 1-06-21

District 9 – Ovita Thornton **
706-202-4437
P.O. Box 82313, Athens, GA 30608
ovita.thornton@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district9
Initial Term: 01-08-19

District 10 – Mike Hamby *
706-338-3970
375 West Rutherford Street, Athens, GA 30606
mike.hamby@accgov.com
www.accgov.com/district10
Initial Term: 01-06-09

Commissioner Thornton is the mayor pro-tempore for 2023 and presides in the absence of the mayor.

* Election takes place in 2024
** Election takes place in 2026

Regular Voting Meetings: 1st Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 PM in City Hall
Work Session Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays monthly at 5:30 PM in City Hall
Agenda Setting Sessions: 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:00 PM in City Hall
Special Called Sessions: Scheduled only when necessary
Committee Meetings: Schedule varies by committee
Meetings subject to change due to holidays, elections, or other factors.

- Meetings streamed live on:
  - www.accgov.com/videos
  - www.youtube.com/accgov
  - www.facebook.com/accgov
  - YouTube app (Apple TV, Roku, etc.)
  - Roku channel (accgov)
- Meetings aired live & rebroadcast on ACTV (schedule on p. 15).

Mayor and Commission biographies, a full calendar of meetings, meeting minutes, and online comment forms are available at www.accgov.com/commission. Tentative meeting agendas are available at www.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
150 Buddy Christian Way
Athens, GA 30605

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

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

Probate Court Judge
Susan Schaffer *
706-613-3320
325 East Washington Street, Suite 200
Athens, GA 30601

Sheriff
John Q. Williams *
706-613-3250
325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
Athens, GA 30601

Solicitor General
Will Fleenor **
706-613-3215
325 East Washington Street, Suite 550
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Chief Judge
Charles Auslander *
706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

State Court Judge *
Ryan Hope
706-613-3200
325 East Washington Street, Suite 425
Athens, GA 30601

Superior Court Chief Judge
Eric Norris **
706-546-7704
325 East Washington Street, Suite 580
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
Lisa Lott **
706-310-3606
325 East Washington Street, Suite 325
Athens, GA 30601

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

* Election takes place in 2024
** Election takes place in 2026

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 Brian Kemp **
Republican
gov.georgia.gov
206 Washington Street, Suite 203,
State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-1776

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

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

Representative Houston Gaines *
Republican – GA District 120
houston.gaines@house.ga.gov
P.O. Box 1203, Athens, GA 30603
612-F Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-0325

Representative Marcus Wiedower *
Republican – GA District 121
marcus.wiedower@house.ga.gov
P.O. Box 623, Watkinsville, GA 30677
612-G Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-0325

Representative Spencer Frye *
Democrat – GA District 122
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

* Election takes place in 2024
** Election takes place in 2026

Representative Trey Rhodes *
Republican – GA District 124
trey.rhodes@house.ga.gov
1051 Ben Hammond Dr., Greensboro, GA 30642
228-A State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-5099

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

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

Senator Raphael Warnock **
Democrat – Senator
warnock.senate.gov
B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3643

Senator Jon Ossoff *
Democrat – Senator
ossoff.senate.gov
825 B&C Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3521 / 202-224-2575 (fax)
District Address – Atlanta
3280 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 2640
Atlanta, GA 30305
470-786-7800 / 404-949-0912 (fax)

Representative Mike Collins *
Republican – 10th Congressional District
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409 Cannon 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)
Animal Services - Dogs, Cats & Other Animals  
[ACC Code Chapter 4-1]
- Keep pets under control at all times, meaning:
  - (1) on a leash or in a crate when off your property except in dog park off-leash areas
  - (2) in passenger areas of a vehicle (not in a truck bed)
  - (3) on your property and attended by a person
  - (4) confined by an electronic containment system, pen, fence, or other structure to prevent escape.
- Do not attach or tether pets to stationary objects unless it is temporary with a collar or harness while a person is with them.
- Do not leave animals in vehicles without sufficient ventilation and protection from excessive heat or cold.
- Keep pets off of others’ property without permission.
- Do not let pets pee or poop on others’ property without permission. Remove poop immediately from public property and private property not under your control, such as apartment complex common areas.
- Do not let pets disturb the peace by making loud, persistent noises such as barking. You can be cited if you have received a written warning within 90 days of the charged violation and at least two complaining witnesses have signed a written statement.
- Rabies vaccinations must be current and displayed on tags at all times (except ear-tipped community cats).
- Know the new rules approved in 2022 on transferring or selling pets (Section 4-1-31) before doing either.
- 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 concerns to Animal Services 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 the property line:
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
    - Fridays & Saturdays: 7:00 AM – midnight.
  - 100 feet from the property line:
    - Sundays – Thursdays: 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM
    - Saturday & Sunday mornings: midnight – 7:00 AM
  - 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 PM – 8:00 AM (9:00 PM – 7:00 AM in AR district).
- Construction noise cannot be plainly audible within any residential zoning district more than 100 feet beyond the property between 11:00 PM – 6:00 AM except for projects with a variance from the ACC Building Permits and Inspections Department and government and utility company construction and maintenance projects.
- See ‘Fireworks’ entry for details on fireworks noise.
- 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.
• RS = Single Family Residential district & AR = Agricultural Residential district. Call the Planning Department (706-613-3515) for zoning details.

Within RS zoning districts or “AR neighborhoods”
• A single dwelling unit cannot have more than two unrelated individuals residing 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 PM 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, alleys, 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.
• These restrictions do not apply to Board of Regents property such as the University of Georgia; passengers of limousines, similar vehicles, or buses driven by a commercially-licensed driver; or occupants in a living area 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)
• Outdoor events with commercial entertainment or electronic amplification must register at least 72 hours beforehand with the ACC Police Department.
• Events cannot take place during 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and between midnight – 7:00 AM 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.
• Do not park in a loading zone unless (1) the vehicle is properly identified as a delivery or pickup vehicle; (2) the person is parked there for no longer than 30 minutes; and (3) the person is actively loading/unloading materials while parked in the loading zone.

Property Maintenance [ACC Code Sections 3-12-19, 3-13-17, 5-2-14[k] & 7-1-1]
• Keep property free of litter and undesirable vegetation.
• Keep 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.
Leaf and limb collection by the ACC Solid Waste Department is provided at no additional cost to all residents on a six-week schedule. One of the six Areas A-F is collected weekly. An automated phone system (706-613-3501 ext. 2) 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.
**Disposal of Items in Athens-Clarke County**

Visit [acccgov.com/recycle](http://acccgov.com/recycle) for a detailed list of items accepted for recycling in Athens-Clarke County.

**Metal Cans & Containers**
- Empty & Rinse
- Replace Lid

**Glass Jars & Bottles**
- Empty & Rinse

**Hard Plastic Bottles & Containers**
- Empty & Rinse
- Replace Lid

**Paper, Cartons & Flattened Cardboard**
- Empty & Rinse

Visit [acccgov.com/landfill](http://acccgov.com/landfill) for more information on landfill hours, fees, and procedures.

**Chip and candy wrappers**

**Diapers**

**Hoses**

**Food soiled items**

**Plastic utensils**

**Straws**

**No construction materials**
Construction materials must go to the C&D Landfill in Oglethorpe County

Visit [acccgov.com/charm](http://acccgov.com/charm) for more information on CHaRM hours, fees, and a list of items accepted for recycling.

**Glass: plates, cups, mugs, windows, mirrors**

**Plastic bags & stretchy plastic**

**Electronics**

**Shredded paper**

**Batteries**

**Light bulbs**

**Styrofoam (all kinds)**

**Metal: pots, pans, tools, auto parts, cords, chains, hangers**
Outdoor Water Use Schedule

**Allowed anytime**
- Drip or soaker hose irrigation
- Hand watering with a hose with an automatic cut-off or with a handheld container
- Hydroseding
- Watering of newly installed turf (for first 30 days)
- Watering personal food gardens
- Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems
- Pressure washing
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas
- Irrigation of horticultural crops held for sale, resale, or installation
- Water from personal well or alternate source (grey water, rain water, condensate)
- Washing vehicles, driveways, parking lots or sidewalks *with* a shutoff valve or nozzle

**Allowed only between 4:00 PM - 10:00 AM**
- Automated irrigation systems
- Hand watering without an automatic cut-off spray nozzle
- Lawn sprinklers

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

This Outdoor Water Use Schedule is consistent with the Outdoor Water Use Rules set forth in the Georgia Water Stewardship Act that went into effect statewide on June 20, 2010 and the Georgia Drought Management Rules, Chapter 391-3-30 Level 1 and Non-Drought Response. Water wasting prohibitions are per Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances Article 7, Sec. 5-3-123. This schedule may be changed by Athens-Clarke County Unified Government or the State of Georgia due to drought conditions.

Athens-Clarke County Water Conservation Office
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/thinkatthesink
ACTV Government Access Television

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

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

Programming Schedule

Televised Mayor & Commission Meeting Schedule
- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 6:00 PM (live)
- 2nd Tuesdays - 5:30 PM (live)
- Other Tuesdays - 6:00 PM (rebroadcast)
- Thursdays - 6:00 PM (rebroadcast)
- Sundays - 3:00 PM (rebroadcast)

Note: Some live televised meeting days may be altered due to holidays, elections, or other factors.

ACTV is seen live on:
- Spectrum Cable Channel 180
- www.accgov.com/actv

Live streaming of meetings
- www.accgov.com/videos
- www.youtube.com/accgov
- www.facebook.com/accgov
- YouTube app (Apple TV, Roku, etc.)
- Roku channel (accgov)

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 ACCGov
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.

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.
### SPLOST 2020

- **Approved by voters Nov. 5, 2019**
- **35 projects totaling $314 million**
- **Collections began April 1, 2020**

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### What is SPLOST, TSPLOST & E-SPLOST?

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is a 1% sales tax voted on by residents to fund a wide variety of community capital projects. The SPLOST Program provides opportunity to use the sales tax dollars that nonresidents provide to ease the burden on funding from local taxpayers. TSPLOST is a special type of SPLOST that can be used only for transportation-related projects. The SPLOST management team for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government oversees the planning, design, and construction associated with SPLOST and TSPLOST projects and assists in program scheduling, financial management, and reporting. An E-SPLOST is an educational SPLOST separately managed by the Clarke County School District.

### SPLOST 2011

- **Approved by voters Nov. 2, 2010**
- **35 projects totaling $195 million**
- **Collections began April 1, 2011**
- **Collection ended March 31, 2020**

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- Approved by voters May 24, 2022
- 34 projects totaling $150 million
- Collections began Oct. 1, 2022
- Projected collection end date: September 30, 2027
- [www.accgov.com/tsplost2023](http://www.accgov.com/tsplost2023)

#### TSPLOST 2023 Projects
1. Winterville Storm Drainage Improvements
2. Lexington Road Corridor Improvements
3. Lexington Road Sidewalk Gap
4. Atlanta Highway / West Broad Street Improvements
5. Prince Avenue / Jefferson Road Corridor Improvements
6. Timothy Road / Mitchell Bridge Corridor Improvements
7. East Athens Pedestrian & Lighting Safety
8. East Athens Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
9. East Athens Neighborhood Pavement Rehabilitation
10. East Athens Neighborhood Transit Improvements
11. East Athens MLK Parkway Oconee River Greenway Trail
12. East Athens Neighborhood Greenway Connectors
13. East Athens Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements
14. North Athens Transportation Improvements
15. Sycamore Drive Pedestrian Improvements
16. Westchester Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
17. Stonehenge Neighborhood Area Pedestrian Improvements
18. Firefly Trail Project
19. ACCGov Public Transit Operations
20. Electrify the Fleet Program
21. Pavement & Bridge Maintenance Program
22. Culvert & Live Stream Pipe Replacement Program
23. Greenway Trail Safety Improvements
24. Historic District Street Signage
25. Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Program
26. West Broad & Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Program
27. Five Points Intersection Safety Improvements
28. College Square Pedestrian Plaza
29. Smithonia & Smokey Road Pedestrian Improvements
30. Traffic Safety Infrastructure Improvements
31. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
32. Traffic Signage Replacement Program
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### TSPLOST 2018
- Approved by voters Nov. 7, 2017
- 19 projects totaling $109.5 million
- Collections began April 1, 2018
- Collection ended Sep. 30, 2022

#### TSPLOST 2018 Projects & Sub-projects
1. Airport Capital Improvement Program Matching Funds
   - Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation
   - Relocation of Runway 9-27 Localizer
   - Taxiway A Rehabilitation
2. Transit Vehicle Expansion & Replacement
3. Bus Stop & Transfer Facilities
4. Transit Service Expansion
5. Oconee Rivers Greenway
   1. 3.5. Oconee Rivers Greenway sub-projects funded by SPLOST 2011 Project #9
   2. Oconee Hill Cemetery Connector
   4. Research Drive Connector
   6. Carr’s Creek / Barnett Shoals Road Connector
   7. Oak / Oconee Bridge Underpass
   8. Riverside Trail – MLK Parkway
   9. Riverside Trail – North Oconee River Park
   10. North Avenue Pedestrian Bridge
   11. North Oconee River Park Bridge
6. Firefly Trail
   1. Old Winterville Road to Winterville Road Section
   2. Winterville Road to County Line Section
   3. Bridge over Trail Creek
7. Pavement Rehabilitation
8. Tallassee Road Bridge Replacement
9. Downtown Transportation Improvements
10. Whitehall Road at South Milledge Avenue
11. Bicycle Improvements Program
   1. Cherokee Road Multiuse Path
   2. Riverbend Road Multiuse Path
   3. Jefferson River Road Multi-use Path
   7. Barber Street Multi-use Path
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   3. Jefferson River Road Multiuse Path
   4. West Broad Sidewalk Gap
   5. King Avenue Sidewalk
   6. FY17 Sidewalk Gaps
   7. Barber Street Multiuse Path
13. West Broad Pedestrian Improvements
   1. Roundabout at West Broad Street & West Hancock
14. Lexington Highway Corridor Improvements
15. Atlanta Highway Corridor Improvements
16. Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements
17. Acquisition of Private Streets
   1. Laurel Springs
18. City of Winterville Projects
19. Town of Bogart Projects
Aaron Heard Park and Community Center (see: Heard Park and Community Center)

Abandoned Vehicles 706-613-3345
It is unlawful to leave a vehicle parked in one place on a public street, highway, or other ACCGov-owned property for more than 48 hours. If a vehicle is reported to have been abandoned, it is first determined whether or not it has been reported stolen. If it has been reported stolen, or if its position on a roadway makes it a potential traffic hazard, the vehicle can be towed immediately. If it has not been reported stolen and is not a potential traffic hazard, then its tires will be marked. After 48 hours, if the marked vehicle has not been moved, it can lawfully be towed (for vehicles on private property, see ‘Junk Vehicles’ ordinances on pg. 11).

Absentee Voting 706-613-3150
www.accgov.com/elections
Voters may vote by absentee ballot by mail or in person prior to elections. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department or through the GA Secretary of State website (www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

Access to Justice Initiative, Athens www.athensaccessstojustice.org
Provides resources to people who are taking on a civil legal action without an attorney (see also: Georgia Legal Services Program; Legal Aid and Assistance).

Accident Reports
Arrest reports may be obtained from the law enforcement agency that issued it for a fee:
• ACC Police Department
  ◦ Online at accgov.com/police (For troubleshooting issues – 706-613-3330 ext. 3)
  ◦ East Precinct, 3035 Lexington Road – 706-613-3330
• UGA Police Department – 706-542-5813
  286 Oconee Street, Suite 100
• Georgia State Patrol – 706-552-4439
  ◦ Online record requests at dps.ga.gov
  ◦ 1505 U.S. Highway 29 North

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

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

ACTION, Inc. 706-546-8293 (Admin) / 706-546-8293 ext. 21 (Community Services) 706-546-8293 ext. 19 (Weatherization) www.actionathens.org
2440 West Broad 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 this government access channel on Spectrum Cable Channel 180 with programming regarding ACCGov activities. Some meetings of the Mayor and Commission are broadcast live and rebroadcast (see also: Public Information Office; ACTV Government Access Television schedule on pg. 15).

ADDA (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA))

Addiction (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Addresses (see: Street Addresses)

Adopt Athens 706-613-3501 ext. 7879
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 and coordinate community clean-up efforts through programs such as Rivers Alive (see also: Adopt Athens; Rivers Alive).

Adoption, Animal
706-613-3540
ACC Animal Services Adoption Center
www.accgov.com/animalservices
125 Buddy Christian Way
An application, a fee, and an adoption appointment are required (see also: Animal Services Department).

Adoption, Child
877-210-5437 (877-210-KIDS)
www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov
GA Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services

Advance Voting
706-613-3150
www.accgov.com/elections
Administered by the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department, advance voting allows voters to cast ballots in person prior to each election. A full schedule and voting location(s) are available through the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
706-613-3479
www.accgov.com/ami
This automated water meter system used by the ACC Public Utilities Department eliminates the need for manual meter readings by using low power radio signals to record, store, and transmit information from water meters. The highly accurate data collection decreases the possibility of incorrect manual meter readings, identifies potential leaks quickly, and improves customer service. Customers can access the data to better manage and monitor their water use through the online WaterSmart AMI Portal (see also: WaterSmart AMI Portal).

Advantage Behavioral Health Systems
www.advantagebhs.org
The GA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (dbhdd.georgia.gov) contracts with Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) as a publicly-funded provider of behavioral health, developmental disabilities, 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 Line (GA)).

• Behavioral Health Center – 706-389-6767 / 855-333-9544
  240 Mitchell Bridge Road (mental health, addiction, intellectual and disability services, youth and adult programs, therapy and day programs, medical and pharmacy services)

• Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services – 706-389-6790
  126 Barrington Drive

• Homeless Day Service Center - 706-354-1154
  240 North Avenue (see also: Homeless Services)

• Youth Services Clinic – 706-369-6363
  240 Mitchell Bridge Road

• Women’s Services – 706-227-5321
  250 Bray Street

Aging (see: Council on Aging, Athens Community)

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

ADR (see: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR))

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.

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 (AMI))*

**Animal Emergency Veterinary Services** *(see: Veterinary Services - Emergency)*

**Animal Services Department**
706-613-3540 / 911 [After Hours Emergency]
www.accgov.com/animalservices
125 Buddy Christian Way
The ACC Animal Services Department operates the animal shelter and adoption center and protects the public from dangerous or seriously sick animals and at-large dogs. The department also investigates animal cruelty allegations, enforces the animal ordinances, manages adoptions and reclams of impounded and surrendered dogs and cats, and provides public education on a variety of animal-related topics, including 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 & Drainage Division – 706-613-3465 ext. 9
- **Inside Urban Service District** *(area where residential waste is collected by ACC Solid Waste)*: ACC Solid Waste Department – 706-613-3501
- **State roads** *(any road maintained by the state in Athens-Clarke County)*: GA Department of Transportation – 706-583-2644

**Animal Shelter** *(see: Adoption, Animal)*

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

**Annulments**
706-613-3190
The Clerk of Superior & State Courts charges a filing fee and the Sheriff’s Office charges a fee for their service. Copies of the petition and Sheriff’s information are needed.

**Appraisal, Property** *(see: Property Values)*

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

**Arborist**
706-613-3515
The Athens-Clarke County Arborist, housed in the Planning Department, is responsible for the successful implementation of the Community Tree Management Ordinance during the development process. The Arborist reviews tree management plans and notices of timber harvesting, and also inspects properties before, during, and after development to ensure that trees are conserved and planted in accordance with the tree ordinance. The position also provides educational outreach and works with some environmental commissions *(see also: Community Forester; Planning Department)*.

**ARCH** *(see: Athens Resource Center for Hope (ARCH))*

**Arrests** *(see: Jail)*

**Art, Public**
- www.accgov.com/publicart
- Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) *(see: Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens)*

**Arts Center** *(see: Lyndon House Arts Center)*

**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 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 (DAPS)).

Athens in Motion
www.accgov.com/athensinmotion
The Athens In Motion Plan identifies a clear strategy for near and long-term projects that will result in a safe, connected, and equitable bike and pedestrian network for Athens-Clarke County. The Athens in Motion Commission (AIMC) is responsible for development, implementation, and modification of the plan for a safe and connected network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Athens-Clarke County (see also: Bicycle Facilities; Boards, Authorities, and Commissions).

Athens Land Trust (see: Land Trusts)

Athensmade
www.athensmade.com
Athensmade is a non-profit organization that supports entrepreneurship in Athens, GA by connecting entrepreneurs to opportunities, resources, and networks; uniting Athens entrepreneurship around the Athensmade brand; and promoting stories of Athens entrepreneurs in and outside of Athens.

Athens Regional Medical Center
(see: Piedmont Athens Regional)

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

Babies Can’t Wait
706-369-6101
www.bcw-bibs.com
740 Prince Avenue, Building 15
Statewide 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

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
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.

Attorney’s Office
706-613-3035
www.accgov.com/attorney
Civic Hall, 155 East Washington Street
The ACC Attorney’s Office provides legal services to the Mayor and 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
www.govdeals.com
(see also: Foreclosure Auctions; Tax Sale Auctions)

Auditor’s Office (see: Operational Analysis Office)

Authorities (see: Boards, Authorities, and Commissions)

Bankruptcy Court (Federal Court)
478-752-3505 [Macon Divisional Office]
www.gamb.uscourts.gov
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.

Barking Dogs (see selected ordinances on pg. 10)
**Bear Creek Reservoir**
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.

**Ben Burton Park**
706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces 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

**Better Business Bureau**
404-766-0875 / 877-651-4222 [text]
www.bbb.org
235 Peachtree Street, Suite 900, Atlanta, GA 30303
The Better Business Bureau of Atlanta 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/bicycles
ACCGov provides a variety of facilities that provide services for bicycles and riders in the community including:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safety Coordinator
- Bicycle lanes on roadways
- Bicycle racks on ACC Transit
- Firefly Trail / Rails-to-Trails multiuse paths
- Mountain bike trails at Walker Park
- Oconee Rivers Greenway multiuse paths
- Bike racks in the downtown areas and buildings
- Bike lockers at the Multimodal Transportation Center & Oconee Street Park and Ride Lot (see also: Athens in Motion; Bicycle Lanes; Bicycle Trails; Oconee Rivers Greenway; Transit; Walker Park; ‘Bicycle Rights, Duties & Sidewalk Riding’ ordinances on pg. 10).

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

**Bicycle Trails**
706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]
(see: Firefly Trail; Oconee Rivers Greenway; Walker Park)

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

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

**Birth Certificates**
706-389-6871 (Vital Records) / 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.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens
www.greatfuturesathens.com

**Boating** (see: Ben Burton Park; Sandy Creek Park)

Bogart, City of
770-725-7386 [City Hall]
www.cityofbogart.com
125 Main Street, Bogart, GA

**Boothing, Vehicle**
- **Private property**: Boothing on private property can only take place where signage is posted and only by a vehicle immobilization service or operator that is licensed by the ACC Police Department. Additional requirements for signage, fees, payment types, equipment, and other specifics can be found in ACC Code Section 3-3-67 or at www.accgov.com/boothing (see also: Code of Ordinances).
- **Public Property**: Vehicles may be booted on public property if they accumulate a certain number of parking violations or amount of unpaid fines for penalties from parking violations. If a vehicle’s owner is determined, written notice will be provided to them prior to the vehicle being subject to booting. Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) handles most booting at meters and public parking spaces (see also: Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)).

Boulevard Woods Park
706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces 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

**Brown Water [Faucet / Tap]** (see: Water Quality / Testing)
Budget, Athens-Clarke County
706-613-3685
www.accgov.com/budget
The budget for the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government 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 ACCGov 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; Georgia Forestry Commission)

Burning
706-613-3365
ACC Fire Department – Fire Marshal
Most types of open burning – including the burning of vegetative matter such as leaves, tree stumps, brush, and forest residue – are prohibited in Athens-Clarke County. Additionally, non-containment devices such as backyard fireplaces, open metal drums, burn barrels, or burn pits cannot be used for open burning. There are a few exceptions for such things as cooking food, using open flame devices such as welding torches, and “prescribed burning” permitted by the GA Forestry Commission (see also: Georgia Forestry Commission).

Bus Information
706-613-3430
www.accgov.com/transit
Live bus tracking, schedules, and trip planning are available through the myStop mobile app and on Google Maps. Bus routes, schedules, videos, and downloadable route flyers are available on the ACC Transit website. Passenger wayfinding kiosks are available at the Multimodal Transportation Center, the Classic Center, ACC Parking Services on College Avenue, and the ACC Library.

Business Licenses
706-613-3050
www.accgov.com/finance
ACC Finance Department
Prospective businesses should check their location with the ACC Planning Department before contacting the ACC Finance Department to fill out a Business Occupation Tax Application form. In most cases, a certificate can be issued in approximately 24 hours. Fees are based on the number of people involved in the business. A general information booklet for new businesses and a list of existing businesses are available from the Finance Department, the Public Information Office, and the ACCGov website.

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. Residents with continued service issues after contacting the company may contact the ACC Public Information Office at 706-613-3795.

Cadets, Police
706-613-3330
www.accgov.com/police
Program for high school or college students age 16 to 22 who have an interest in learning more about law enforcement functions and developing community service events.

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 or Utilities Locator)

Camera Ready (see: Filming)

Camera Registry, Police
706-613-3330
www.accgov.com/cameraregistry
Residents and business owners have the option to register their home and/or business camera systems with the Police Department. The registry does not allow anyone at the Police Department to view camera
systems. Instead, it informs officers that a registered camera is nearby. An officer or detective could then contact a registrant if the camera system could provide evidence for a criminal case.

**Camps, Summer [ACC Leisure Services]**
www.accgov.com/camps
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 Elections & Voter Registration Department

**CASA (see: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA))**

**Cats**
706-613-3540 [Adoption Center]
www.accgov.com/animalservices
125 Buddy Christian Way
The ACC Animal Services Department 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 Services also investigates reports of animal neglect or animal cruelty involving cats during normal business hours. Animal Services will not set traps for cats or pick up cats in traps. Animal Services also operates the adoption center. Persons who wish to register as a feral cat colony caretaker must submit an application to Animal Services. Animal Services can also issue citations to a cat owner in violation of ordinances. The ACC Fire and Emergency Services Department does not remove cats from trees or other places (see also: Animal Services Department; Humane Society, Athens Area).

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

**Central Services Department**
706-613-3530
www.accgov.com/centralservices
150 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Central Services Department manages ACCGov buildings, facilities, grounds, vehicles, landscaping, parking, records, and department support services. The department also provides services to the public through special event permitting, sidewalk cafes, sidewalk vending, and publication racks.

**Certified Blue**
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/blue
ACC Water Conservation Office

The Certified Blue program assists restaurants, bars, and venues in ACC with using less water and promoting water efficiency.

**Chamber of Commerce, Athens Area**
706-549-6800
www.athensga.com
246 West Hancock Avenue
The mission of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members by developing an environment conducive to business. Visitors may stop by to obtain maps and relocation packages.

**Charities (see: Better Business Bureau)**

**CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials)**
706-613-3501 ext. 4
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. Accepted items, hours of operation, and appointment forms are available online.

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

**Checks (Bad)**
706-613-3310 ext. 5
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 Department]
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**
855-422-4453 / 911 [Emergency]
dfcs.georgia.gov
GA Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) (see also: Family and Children Services, Division of)

**Child Care Resource & Referral**
1-877-255-4254
families.decal.ga.gov
Provides referrals to parents seeking Georgia child care, afterschool programs, Georgia Pre-K, Early/Head
Start, and summer camps in Northeast Georgia.

**Child Support Services**
- **877-423-4746 (GA Hotline)**
- [childsupport.georgia.gov](http://childsupport.georgia.gov)
- GA Department of Human Services
- 850 Hawthorne Avenue

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

**Citizen Police Academy** *(see: Community Police Academy)*

**City Hall**
- [www.accgov.com/cityhall](http://www.accgov.com/cityhall)
- 301 College Avenue
- City Hall houses the ACCGov Mayor, Manager, Geospatial Information Office (GIO), Public Information Office, ACTV, Operational Analysis Office, Clerk of Commission, SPLOST, Inclusion Office, and Commission Chamber.

**Clarke County School District**
- **706-546-7721**
- [www.clarke.k12.ga.us](http://www.clarke.k12.ga.us)
- 595 Prince Avenue
- 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](http://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 (CVB))*.

**Clerk of Commission**
- **706-613-3031**
- [www.accgov.com/clerkofcommission](http://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 website.

**Clerk of Superior and State Courts**
- **706-613-3190**
- [www.accgov.com/clerkofcourts](http://www.accgov.com/clerkofcourts)
- 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 and the Appeal Administrator charged with the oversight of the Board of Equalization.

**Code Enforcement Division**
- **706-613-3790**
- [www.accgov.com/codeenforcement](http://www.accgov.com/codeenforcement)
- 120 West Dougherty Street
- The ACC Code Enforcement 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](http://www.accgov.com/commission)
- The Commission is the governing authority of Athens-Clarke County and consists of 10 members, each representing a geographical district. As a result, each ACC citizen has two direct representatives, including the Mayor. Terms last four years and are staggered. The Mayor serves as the Chair of the Commission and can only vote in case of a tie. The Commission normally holds its regular voting session on the first Tuesday of each month, a work session on the second Tuesday of each month, and an agenda-setting session on the third Tuesday of each month, except in the case of holidays or elections. Meetings are generally televised live and rebroadcast on ACTV, as well as streamed live and on-demand online at [www.accgov.com/videos](http://www.accgov.com/videos) and ACCGov’s YouTube channel. 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 contact the Clerk of Commission at 706-613-3031 or visit the website *(see also: Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission on pg. 7; Athens-Clarke County Commission Districts on pg. 6; Clerk of Commission)*.

**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](http://www.dca.ga.gov)
- 1854 Shackleford Court, Suite 400, Norcross, GA, 30093
- DCA operates a host of state and federal grant
programs; serves as the state’s lead agency in housing finance and development; promulgates building codes to be adopted by local governments; provides comprehensive planning, technical, and research assistance to local governments; and serves as the lead agency for the state’s solid waste reduction efforts (see also: Housing Choice Voucher Program).

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
706-613-3155  
[www.accgov.com/cdbg](http://www.accgov.com/cdbg)  
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 Forester  
706-613-3561  
[www.accgov.com/forester](http://www.accgov.com/forester)  
The ACC Community Forester, 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 (see also: Arborist).

Community Government Academy  
706-613-3020  
[www.accgov.com/cga](http://www.accgov.com/cga)  
The Community Government Academy is a nine-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.

Community Police Academy  
706-613-3330  
[www.accgov.com/police](http://www.accgov.com/police)  
This 13-week course is held twice a year by the ACC Police Department to expose residents to the inner workings of its functional units.

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 #2 (265 Cleveland Road)  
  - Station #3 (1198 South Milledge Avenue, Five Points)  
  - Station #4 (900 Oglethorpe Avenue)  
  - Station #7 (2350 Barnett Shoals Road)  
  - Station #8 (3955 Jefferson Road)  
  - Station #9 (1650 Danielsville Road)
- **Leisure Services**  
  - Bishop Park – 706-613-3589  
  - East Athens Educational Dance Center – 706-613-3624  
  - Heard Park and Community Center (formerly East Athens Community Center) – 706-613-3593  
  - 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 / Water Business Office (124 Hancock Avenue) – 706-613-3470  
  - Water Resource Center Presentation / Training Room (780 Barber Street) – 706-613-3481

Community Tree Council  
706-613-3561 [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 resident groups in order to provide resource information, outreach, and education about tree management. The CTC also promotes sustainability and responsible stewardship of community trees. The ACC Community Forester serves on the Council (see also: Community Forester).

Community Tree Program (see: Community Forester)

Compost  
[www.accgov.com/compost](http://www.accgov.com/compost)  
- **Backyard Compost Bins** – 706-613-3501 ext. 9  
  Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful sells compost bins to the public for backyard composting.
- **Commercial Composting** – 706-613-3508 / 706-613-3501 ext. 8 (Site Tours)  
  Landfill, 5700 Lexington Road
The ACC Landfill operates a commercial composting facility designed to handle a high volume of organic material. The compost is produced using bio-solids collected from ACCGov’s Water Reclamation Facilities and leaf and limb debris. Compost can be purchased by the cubic yard or by the bucket at the landfill.

- **Drop-Off Program**
  The ACC Solid Waste Department offers drop-off for food scraps and compostable products (paper plates, napkins, clamshells) for residential composting at no charge. Locations include the CHaRM, Extension Office, Landfill, and Solid Waste Administration Office (see also CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Food Scraps; Landfill).

- **Master Composter** (see: Master Composter Program)

**Comprehensive Plan**
706-613-3515
[www.accgov.com/compplan](http://www.accgov.com/compplan)
ACC Planning Department
ACCGov’s update of its Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Mayor and Commission after approval by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in June 2018. The document is required by the state and represents ACCGov’s initial step toward implementing the recommendations of the community-wide Envision Athens initiative that was also completed in 2018. The Comprehensive Plan is a main source for identifying agreed upon goals, vision, policies, needs, opportunities, and a work program over the next 10 years (see also: Development Standards; Envision Athens; Future Development Map / Plan; Zoning Code).

**Computers and Peripherals, Recycling** (see: CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Landfill; Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County on pg. 13)

**Concealed Weapon Permit** (see: Firearms Permit)

**Conservation Ranger (Game Warden)**
706-595-4211
[www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com)
142 Bob Kirk Road, Tomson, GA 30824
GA Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division

**Consumer Affairs** (see: Consumer Protection Unit)

**Construction Noise** (see: Noise Ordinance on pg. 10)

**Construction, Road** (see: Road Work Reports)

**Consumer Protection Unit**
404-651-8600 / 800-869-1123
[www.consumer.georgia.gov](http://www.consumer.georgia.gov)
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 356, Atlanta, GA
The Georgia Department of Law’s Consumer Protection Unit is the consumer protection agency for the State of Georgia. The office helps protect consumers from unfair and deceptive acts and practices in consumer transactions. It investigates consumer problems, monitors the marketplace to promote fair and honest competition, takes enforcement action against violators, and publishes consumer education materials and alert warnings (see also: Better Business Bureau; National Do Not Call List).

**Convention and Visitors Bureau, Athens (CVB)**
706-357-4430
[www.visitathensga.com](http://www.visitathensga.com)
300 North Thomas Street (Classic Center Firehall)
The CVB’s primary goal is to increase the economic impact of the hospitality and visitor industry by attracting individual visitors, group tours, and meetings and conventions to Athens. It publishes and distributes visitor information, maintains a community events calendar, and assists local businesses and associations in bringing meetings and conventions to Athens.

**Cook’s Trail**
706-613-3615
[www.accgov.com/trails](http://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. The one way trail is open from Sandy Creek Park to Oxbow Loop. The section of trail from Oxbow Loop to Sandy Creek Nature Center is closed indefinitely (see also: Sandy Creek Park; Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC); North Oconee River Greenway).

**Cooling Assistance** (see: ACTION, Inc.)

**Cooperative Extension** (see: Extension, ACC )

**Coronavirus** (see: COVID-19 Information)

**Coroner**
706-613-3999
[www.accgov.com/coroner](http://www.accgov.com/coroner)
150 Buddy Christian Way
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. The Coroner’s Office is located at the Athens-Clarke County morgue.
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
www.accgov.com/courts
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, Superior, and Treatment and Accountability Courts of Athens-Clarke County.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
706-613-1922
www.athensocooneecasa.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.

Courthouse (Athens-Clarke County)
325 East Washington Street
The ACC Courthouse houses ACC’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Clerk of Superior and State Courts, Court Administrator, District Attorney, DUI / Drug Court (State Court), Family Treatment Court, Felony Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Law Library, Magistrate Court, Municipal Court, Parental Accountability Court, Probate Court, Records, Real Estate, Sheriff’s Office, Solicitor General, State Court, Superior Court, Tax Assessor, Tax Commissioner, Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC), and Veterans Court.

Courthouse (Federal) (see: Federal Court (US District Court))

Courts, Athens-Clarke County
www.accgov.com/courts
(see: Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Court Administrator; Drug Courts; Family Treatment Court; Juvenile Court; Magistrate Court; Municipal Court; Parental Accountability Court; Probate Court; State Court; Superior Court; Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC); and Veterans Court entries)

COVID-19 Information
• ACCGov: www.accgov.com/coronavirus
• Region: publichealthathens.com
• State: dph.georgia.gov
• Federal: cdc.gov

Crime Prevention
706-613-3330 ext. 7180
ACC Police Department East Substation
385 Fairview Street

Crime Reports
www.accgov.com/crimereports
(see also: Police)

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 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. Callers can leave messages if they call outside of this time frame. To ensure confidentiality, residents calling the tip line do not leave their names, but are assigned a number to guarantee anonymity.

Criminal Investigations
706-613-3337
ACC Police Department

Criminal Records (see: Background Checks)
Crisis Line (GA)
800-715-4225 (24 Hour Hotline) / 988
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 AM 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.

Cultural Affairs Commission, Athens
www.accgov.com/acac
Advises ACCGov on cultural affairs and the aesthetic development of the built environment with public art projects and artwork (see also: Boards, Authorities, and Commissions).

Curbs, Yellow (see: Parking, Residential)

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 PM (midnight on Fridays and Saturdays) and 5:00 AM and during school days between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Exceptions are detailed in the Code of Ordinances (see also: Ordinances).

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
706-613-3250
The D.A.R.E. program is for elementary and middle school students taught by experienced and selected ACC Sheriff’s Office-certified deputies. It presents lessons on drug and gang awareness, as well as dealing with life problems such as peer pressure, good and bad consequences, and making good decisions.

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

Dead Animals (see: Animal, Dead Removal)

Death Certificates
706-389-6921 (Vital Records)
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 (706-208-0900)
• College Avenue – Managed by the Downtown Athens Parking System (706-613-7978)
• Courthouse – Managed by the ACC Central Services Department (706-613-3552 - direct / 706-613-3530 - Central Services))
• 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: Family, Definition of)

Demonstrations (see: selected ordinances on pg. 10)

Development Services
706-613-3233 ext. 6502
www.investathensga.com
The Site Development Services Coordinator, housed in ACC’s Economic Development Department, serves as a point of contact and liaison between the development community, business community, and ACCGov staff and officials to assist in determining the process a proposed project will need to follow and its code requirements.

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)**

**Diaper Bank, Athens Area**
706-621-7265
www.athensareadiaperbank.com
Provides diapers to low-income families in the Athens area. Diapers are distributed to families from our partner organizations around the community. A list of current partners can be found on the website.

**Digging [Private Property] (see: Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator)**

**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 Programs (see: Therapeutic Recreation Programs)**

**Disability Transportation (see: Lift Information)**

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

**Disc Golf**
www.accgov.com/discgolf
Sandy Creek Park's Disc Golf course currently includes 27 holes and is open to the public during regular park hours. There is a fee of $1 per person to play plus regular park admission (see also: Sandy Creek Park).

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

**Discrimination**
The ACCGov local ordinance on unlawful discrimination (Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances Chapter 6-21) provides the right of an otherwise qualified person to be free from discrimination because of that person’s actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, marital status, familial status, or veteran/military status (see also: Ordinances).
- **All Businesses**: Businesses, as defined in Code Chapter 6-21, are prohibited from discriminating against a person based on the above categories in employment, public accommodations, service in retail establishments, and housing.
- **Bars**: Bars are prohibited from discriminating by refusing any person admission, service, or products based on any of the protected classes in Athens-Clarke County Code Sections 6-3-6. Bars using a dress code must apply it uniformly to all persons, enforce it consistently on any given day, and post the dress code clearly to all persons seeking admittance.
- **Filing Complaints**: The form for discrimination complaints of either kind is available at www.accgov.com/attorney and can be submitted by email, mail, or in person at the ACCGov Attorney’s Office. Complaint forms must be notarized, which can be done at the ACC Attorney’s Office (see also: Attorney’s Office).

**Disorderly Conduct (see: Disorderly Conduct Activities & Behaviors)**

**Dispossessory Warrant (see: Evictions)**

**District Attorney**
706-613-3240
www.accgov.com/da
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 370
The 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 in and around the area.

**District Court (see: United States District Court)**

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

**Divorce Filing**
706-613-3180
ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts
Divorce records are maintained in the Clerk of Superior and State Courts Office. If residents 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
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: selected ordinances on pg. 10)

**Dogs (see: Adoption, Animal; Animal Services Department; Dog Parks; selected ordinances on pg. 10)**

**Door-to-Door Sales**
706-613-3050 (Permits) / 706-613-3345 or 706-613-3780 (Report Violations)
Individuals selling items door-to-door must have a vending permit from the ACC Finance Department and display a vendor badge. They may not sell on properties posted with ‘No Solicitation’ signs. Violators may be 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 the ACCGov Building Permits and Inspections Department, Code Enforcement Division, Planning Department, and Transportation and Public Works Department.

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

**Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS)**
706-613-7978
www.downtownathensga.org
287 College Avenue (lower level of 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 (ADDA); Parking Tickets).

**Downtown Development Authority (see: Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA))**

**Drainage, Street**
706-613-3465
ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Streets and Drainage Division
605 Spring Valley Road

**Driver Services, Georgia Department of**
878-413-8400 [State]
dds.georgia.gov
1505 Highway 29 North
Closed Mondays, open Tuesdays – Saturdays
This office issues driver licenses and Georgia ID cards.

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

**Drought Information (see: Public Utilities)**

**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 Treatment Court (State Court)**
  706-613-3206
  www.accgov.com/duitreatmentcourt
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430
- **Felony Drug Court (Superior Court)**
  706-208-7078
  www.accgov.com/courts
  ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 210

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

**Drug Lab, Athens**
706-613-3911 ext. 6606
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 430
The Athens Drug Lab is part of the ACC State Court’s DUI/Drug Court program. It is currently available to the courts for court-ordered drug and alcohol screens. The lab can also provide drug and alcohol screening for government agencies and local businesses.

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

**Dudley Park**
706-613-3620
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)**

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**Early Voting (see: Advance Voting)**

**East Athens Community Center (see: Heard Park and Community Center)**

**East Athens Community Park (see: Walker Park)**

**East Athens Development Corporation (EADC)**

706-208-0048

www.eadcinc.org

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.investathensga.com

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 & Voter Registration Department**

706-613-3150

www.accgov.com/elections

155 East Washington Street

The ACC Elections and Voter Registration Department 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 office handles the qualification process for candidates and maintains an accurate list of voters for elections, for candidates, and for jury lists.

**Electricity**

- **Georgia Power** – 888-660-5890
- **Jackson EMC** – 888-228-9166
- **Walton EMC** – 770-267-2505
- **Rayle EMC** – 706-678-2116

(see also: Outage, Power; Utilities)

**Electronics, Recycling (see: CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Landfill; Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County on pg. 13)**

**Emergencies – 911**

For fire, police, animal services, or medical emergencies.

**Emergency Management Office**

706-613-3360

www.accgov.com/ema

700 College Avenue

The local Emergency Management Coordinator develops and updates government plans for responding to and recovering from natural and man-made disasters, assists the general public in learning preparedness for all types of hazards, and coordinates emergency resources, among other duties.

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**

911 [Emergency] / 706-286-7007

Emergency Medical Services are provided in Athens-Clarke County by National EMS, a private company.

**Emergency Water or Sewer Service**

ACC Public Utilities Department

- **Water & Sewer Division** – 706-613-3495
  Report an emergency, such as a water main break or sewer blockage.
- **Meter Management** – 706-613-3479
  Call to have a water meter shut off due to an emergency.
- **After-Hours/Weekends** – 706-613-3481
  Call if an emergency occurs after-hours or on the weekend.
Employment, Athens-Clarke County
706-613-3100 (Job Hotline) / 706-613-3115 (Hearing Impaired)
www.accgov.com/jobs
Applicants interested in positions with the ACC Unified Government can apply online and Monday – Friday (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) at the Human Resources Department in the Satula Building (375 Satula Avenue). Job listings are also available online and through e-mail/text notifications, as well as on ACTV and social media (see also: ACTV Government Access Television).

Employment, Summer (see: Summer Employment (ACC Leisure Services))

EMS (see: Emergency Medical Services (EMS))

Environmental Health Division (see: Health Department)

Envision Athens
www.envisionathens.com
Envision Athens is a community-wide effort to develop a common vision for the future of Athens-Clarke County. This process resulted 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 Assessors 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 Education 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.

Evictions
www.accgov.com/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).

Expungement (see: Record Restriction)

Extension, ACC
706-613-3640
www.accgov.com/extension
275 Cleveland Road
ACC 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 & Natural Resources; Food Preservation and Safety; Master Composter Program; Master Gardener Program; Master Naturalist Program; Radon Testing and Education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)).
Family and Children Services, Division of
706-227-7021 (Region 5: Athens)
dfcs.georgia.gov
284 North Avenue
The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) investigates reports of child abuse; finds foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children; issues SNAP, Medicaid, TANF and child care assistance to low-income families; helps out-of-work parents get back on their feet; and provides numerous services and 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 pg. 10).

Family Treatment Court
706-613-3300
www.accgov.com/ftc
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 115
The Athens-Clarke County Family Treatment Court is a program through Juvenile Court that aims to break the cycle of addiction and resulting neglect through monitored service delivery, limiting foster care stays for affected children, addressing and influencing substance abuse in deprivation cases in order to ensure the safety and well-being of children, and facilitating 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, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Project Safe, the ACC Police Department, the Cottage, and the District Attorney that work with child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence cases.

FBI (see: Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI))

Federal Building (see: Robert G. Stephens Federal Building)

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

Federal Court (US District Court)
706-227-1094
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 residents about local issues affecting them.

Felony Drug Court (see: Drug Courts)

Fences
706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/planning
Fence installation requires a Zoning Permit from the ACC Planning Department.

Feral Cats (see: Cats)

Filming
706-613-3795
www.accgov.com/film
Athens-Clarke County is designated as a Camera Ready community by the Georgia Music, Film & Digital Entertainment Office. The ACC Public Information Office is the official liaison and works with local partners.

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

Fingerprinting  
The ACC Police Department (706-613-3330), and ACC Sheriff’s Office (706-613-3250) offer fingerprinting services for a fee to residents 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 – 265 Cleveland Road
- Station #3 – 1198 South Milledge Avenue
- Station #4 – 900 Oglethorpe Avenue
- Station #5 – 1090 Whit Davis Road
- Station #6 – 580 Athens Drive
- Station #7 – 2350 Barnett Shoals Road
- Station #8 – 3955 Jefferson Road
- Station #9 – 1650 Danielsville Road
- Fire Training Center – 155 Paradise Boulevard

Fire Hydrants  
706-613-3495 [Waterline Maintenance]  
ACC Public Utilities Department

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

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

Firearms Permit (see: Weapons Carry License)

Firefly Trail  
706-613-3620  
www.accgov.com/firefly  
The Firefly Trail is a planned 39-mile rail-trail from Athens to Union Point in Northeast Georgia, connecting Athens-Clarke, Oglethorpe, and Greene Counties. In Athens-Clarke County, several segments along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor between East Broad Street, Winterville, and the county line have been completed or are under construction. In Athens-Clarke County, the Firefly Trail is administered and maintained by the ACC Leisure Services Department.

Fires (see: Burning)

Fireworks
Fireworks are restricted by state law and the local noise ordinance. State law permits fireworks after 10:00 AM for the last Saturday and Sunday in May (Memorial Day weekend), July 3 and 4 (Independence Day), the first Monday in September (Labor Day), and on December 31 (New Year’s Eve) through 1:00 AM on January 1. On all other days, fireworks are prohibited before 10:00 AM by state law and prohibited if they can be heard more than 100 feet from the place or property line between 10:00 AM and 11:59 PM by the local noise ordinance. State law also governs most other fireworks restrictions, including prohibiting their use while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and or within 100 yards of certain locations such as health care facilities, gas stations, or hospitals.

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

Fishing and Hunting Licenses  
800-366-2661  
www.georgiawildlife.com
The GA Department of Natural Resources administers hunting and fishing licenses and regulations. Licenses are available over the phone, online, and at 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 ACCGov vehicles.

Flu Shots  
706-389-6921
GA Health Department Main Office  
345 North Harris Street
Flu shots are administered to the public by the GA Health Department. They may also be available through private retailers and physicians. Shot administration may be restricted by age and/or health conditions.
Food Banks
- Athens Area Emergency Food Bank – 706-353-8182
  www.athensfoodbank.org
  640 Barber Street
- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia – 706-354-8191 (Referral Line)
  www.foodbanknega.org
  861 Newton Bridge Road

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

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

Food Scraps
706-613-3501 ext. 7878
www.accgov.com/foodscraps
The ACC Solid Waste Department offers drop-off for food scraps and compostable products (paper plates, napkins, clamshells) for composting at several public locations for Athens-Clarke County residents. The department also offers collection of food scraps for commercial businesses, nonprofits, and organizations in Athens-Clarke County (see also: Compost).

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 of every month at 10:00 AM on the steps of the ACC Courthouse. Announcements are placed in the legal organ newspaper prior to auctions (see also: Foreclosures; Tax Sale Auctions).

Foreclosures
706-613-3190 ext. 4
The ACC Clerk of Superior and 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).

Forester (see: Community Forester)

Forestry Commission, Georgia
1-800-GA-TREES / 706-743-5703 (Area 5 Chief Ranger – Crawford) / 912-601-9554 [Forester]
www.gatrees.org
1055 East Whitehall Road
The GA Forestry Commission houses the state’s 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 for limited burning, as most burning in Athens-Clarke County is prohibited by local ordinance (see also: Burning).

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

4-H
706-613-3640
www.accgov.com/4h
The mission of Georgia 4-H is to assist youth in grades 5-12 in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished through “hands-on” learning experiences, focused on agriculture awareness, environmental issues, leadership, communication skills, food and nutrition, health, energy conservation, and citizenship. Coordinated by Athens-Clarke County Extension locally, Athens-Clarke County 4-H offers a variety of programs including in-school meetings, competitive events including project achievement and judging teams, community service projects, and summer 4-H camps (see also: Extension, ACC).

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/compplan
ACC Planning Department
The Future Development Map is prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan. 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 serves as a reference for evaluating land use decisions (see also: Comprehensive Plan; Development Standards; Zoning Code).

Gambling Helpline
800-522-4700 (National)
www.ncpgambling.org
National Council on Problem Gambling

Game Warden (see: Conservation Ranger (Game Warden))

Garage Sales
706-613-3515
ACC Planning Department
Garage sales are considered temporary, non-commercial activity conducted on the premises of a private residence for the purpose of the disposal of goods or belongings of the residents of the dwelling. Garage sales cannot be longer than two days and cannot occur more than twice in any 365-day period. Off-premises garage sale signs are not allowed and all signs should be out of the right-of-way.

Garbage Bags, Downtown
706-613-3501 ext. 6
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 Avenue), 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 Program)

Gardening Tool Bank (see: Tool Shed)

Gardens, Community
706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/planning
ACC Planning Department
Community gardens less than 1 acre in size are permitted in all zoning districts in ACC. To start a community garden on a vacant lot, a permit must be issued by the Planning Department and renewed annually. Community gardens on the same lot as a house, church, or commercial building need only zoning permits for any associated fences and/or sheds.

Gas, Natural
For gas leaks, call Atlanta Gas Light at 877-427-4321 or call 911. Natural gas in Athens-Clarke County is provided 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.ga.gov). ACC Extension also provides consumer education for natural gas customers (see also: Extension, ACC; Public Service Commission).

GBI (see: Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI))
GDOT (see: Transportation, Georgia Department of)

Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)
706-552-2309
www.gbi.georgia.gov
1170 U.S. 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.

Georgia Government Information
800-GEORGIA
www.georgia.gov

Georgia Legal Services Program
706-227-5362 [Athens Regional Office] / 833-457-7529 [Intake Line]
www.glsp.org
1865 West Broad Street, Suite B
Provides 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: Electricity)

Georgia State Patrol
706-552-4439 [Post 32 - Athens]
[www.dps.georgia.gov](http://www.dps.georgia.gov)
1505 U.S. Highway 29 North
The GA State Patrol investigates traffic crashes
and enforces traffic and criminal laws on the state’s
roads. They do not issue driver’s licenses (see: Driver
Services, Georgia Department of).

Geospatial Information Office (GIO)
706-613-3872
[www.accgov.com/gio](http://www.accgov.com/gio)
301 College Avenue, Suite 301B
The ACC Geospatial Information Office designs,
develops, and executes a comprehensive system to
make geospatial data available in the form of a common
platform, allowing users to deploy geospatial products.

GIS (see: Geospatial Information Office (GIO))

Glass Containers (see: Open Containers - Alcoholic)

Government, Athens-Clarke County (see: Public
Information Office)

Government, State (see: Georgia Government
Information)

Government, Federal (see: United States Government
Information)

Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs (see:
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 Life Awards
706-613-3512
[www.accgov.com/greenlife](http://www.accgov.com/greenlife)
ACC Solid Waste Department
The Green Life Expo & Awards is a community-wide
celebration providing residents with the opportunity to
increase their awareness of and interest in improving the
environment of their house, yard, business, and community.

Green Schools
706-613-3512
[www.accgov.com/greenschools](http://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 Office,
ACC Transportation & Public Works Department’s
Stormwater Program, Keep Athens-Clarke County
Beautiful, and ACC Planning Department’s Arborist.
It assists schools with environmental education and
improvement efforts that focus on conservation,
preservation, and beautification.

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).

Guardian (see: Probate Court)

Gun Permit (see: Weapons Carry License)

Gymnastics (see: Bishop Park)

Habitat for Humanity, Athens Area
706-208-1001 [Main Office] /
706-354-0936 [Athens ReStore East] /
706-715-6729 [Athens ReStore West]
[www.athenshabitat.com](http://www.athenshabitat.com)
532 Barber Street (Main Office / ReStore East) /
4125 Atlanta Highway, Bogart, GA (ReStore West)
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 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](http://www.hancockcdc.org)
300 Henderson Extension

Handicap Permits (see: Disabled Person’s Parking
Permit)
Hands On Athens
Hands On Athens is a coalition of area organizations that work to repair and revitalize home exteriors for low-income residents living in historic Athens neighborhoods. It is administered by Historic Athens (see also: Historic Athens).

HCD (see: Housing and Community Development Department (HCD))

Head Start
706-357-5239
Clarke County School District Office of Early Learning
440-2 Dearing Extension
Head Start exists to promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low income families.

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
- Hilsman Health Clinic - 870 Gaines School Road (Hilsman Middle School) – 706-546-7463
  For students and staff during the school year. When school is on break, it is open to the community.
- After-hours emergency – 706-475-9706

Health Department, Clarke County
www.publichealthathens.com
The county Health Department is funded by the Georgia Department of Public Health and is part of the 10-county Northeast Health District. It provides a range of health services to ACC residents, including women's health, child health, school health, disabled children's services, communicable disease control, chronic disease services, dental health, environmental health, nutrition services, vaccinations, COVID-19 testing, and health education (see also: Babies Can't Wait; Birth Certificates; Death Certificates; Restaurant Inspections; Teen Matters).

- Health Information Hotline – 800-473-4357
- Main Health Department – 706-389-6921
  345 North Harris Street
- Environmental Health Division – 706-583-2658
  189 Paradise Boulevard
- Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Clinic – 706-369-5816
  645 Meigs Street
- Vital Records – 706-389-6871
  345 North Harris Street

Heard Park and Community Center
706-613-3593
www.accgov.com/heardpark
400 McKinley Drive
Formerly known as East Athens Community Center, 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.

Hearings Board
706-613-3515
www.accgov.com/planning
ACC Planning Department

Heating Assistance (see: ACTION, Inc.)

Hiking (see: Trails)

Historic Athens
706-353-1801
www.historicathens.com
Firehall No. 2, 489 Prince Avenue
Historic Athens, formerly the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, is a non-profit organization concerned with the value of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and heritage. It also operates the Athens Welcome Center (see also: Welcome Center, Athens).

Historic Preservation
www.accgov.com/hpc
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; Historic Athens; Planning Department).

Historical Information (see: Records, Historical)

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

Holland Youth Sports Complex
706-613-3991 / 706-613-3604 [After 4:00 PM]
www.accgov.com/holland
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: Extension, ACC)

**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 Services**
- **Athens Homeless Coalition**
  [www.endathenshomelessness.com](http://www.endathenshomelessness.com)
- **Athens Resource Center for Hope (ARCH)**
  [www.athensresourcecenter.org](http://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.
- **Homeless Day Service Center** – 706-354-1154
  [www.advantagebhs.org/homeless-services.cms](http://www.advantagebhs.org/homeless-services.cms)
  240 North Avenue
- **Homeless Shelter, Athens Area** – 706-354-0423
  [www.helpathenshomeless.org](http://www.helpathenshomeless.org)
  620 Barber Street
  The shelter’s focus is to provide a transitional facility for homeless women and their children.

**Homestead Exemptions**
706-613-3120
[www.accgov.com/tc](http://www.accgov.com/tc)
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, as well as a low-income exemption for those who qualify. 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; Saint Mary’s Hospital)

**Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)**
706-613-3155
[www.accgov.com/hcd](http://www.accgov.com/hcd)

Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
The ACC Housing and Community Development Department strives to improve and develop viable neighborhoods by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunity for low- to moderate-income individuals.

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
404-331-5136 / 800-CALL-FHA (800-225-5342)
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)
Five Points Plaza 15th Floor
40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Housing Authority, Athens (AHA)**
706-425-5300
[www.athenshousing.org](http://www.athenshousing.org)
300 South Rocksprings Street
The AHA is a dependable source of safe and affordable housing for the elderly, disabled individuals, working families, and families in transition. Rents in AHA neighborhoods are income-based. The AHA also provides opportunities for affordable home ownership through ACT I Homes.

**Housing Choice Voucher Program**
888-858-6085 (Application Assistance Hotline) / 770-806-5050
[www.dca.ga.gov](http://www.dca.ga.gov)
GA Department of Community Affairs (Northern Office)
1854 Shackleford Court, Suite 400, Norcross, GA 30093
Sometimes referred to as Section 8 Rental Assistance, this is a tenant-based assistance program that assists low-income individuals and families to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market (see also: Community Affairs, GA Department of (DCA)).

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

**Human Resources Department**
706-613-3090 / 706-613-3100 (Job Hotline)
[www.accgov.com/hr](http://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 can be viewed on ACTV and browsed online (see also: ACTV Government Access Television; Employment, Athens-Clarke County; Job Hotline, Athens-Clarke County).

**Humane Society, Athens Area**
706-769-9155
[www.athenshumanesociety.org](http://www.athenshumanesociety.org)
1030 Mitchell Bridge Road
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 Services Department; Animal Shelter; Cats).

Hunter Education
www.georgiawildlife.com
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ICE (see: Immigration)
Identification Cards (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of)
Identity Theft (also: Police; Consumer Protection Unit)
www.consumer.georgia.gov

Immigration
• US Citizenship and Immigration Services Atlanta Field Office – 800-375-5283 (Customer Service)
  www.uscis.gov
  2150 Parklake Drive Atlanta, GA 30345
• US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
  Atlanta Field Office – 404-893-1290
  www.ice.gov
  180 Ted Turner Drive SW, Suite 522, Atlanta, GA 30303

Incident Reports (see: Accident Reports)

Inclusion Office
706-613-3015
www.accgov.com/inclusion
The Inclusion Office is a division of the Manager’s Office that focuses on the value of differences, makes room for more voices, and aims to close the gaps as ACCGov delivers services, administers programs, and stewards public resources.

Income Tax (see: Tax, Income)

Indigent Defense (see: Public Defender)

Information, Athens-Clarke County Government (see: Public Information Office)

Information, Georgia State Government (see: Georgia Government Information)

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

Information Technology Department [IT]
706-613-3075
www.accgov.com/it
596 Prince Avenue
The ACC Information Technology Department 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 Safety Fire Commissioner
800-656-2298 / 404-656-2070
www.oci.ga.gov

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
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 the Finance Department, Geospatial Information Office (GIO), Leisure Services Department, Inclusion Office, Operational Analysis Office, Manager’s Office, Planning Department, Public Information Office, Solid Waste Department, Transportation and Public Works Department, and various Courts (see also: individual department entries).
Jail
706-613-3270
www.accgov.com/sheriff
3015 Lexington Road
The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff’s Office as a temporary holding facility for persons arrested for criminal offenses or local ordinance violations; persons being held for probation/parole violation, contempt of court, or offenses committed in another county or state; and offenders sentenced to incarceration in the jail or another correctional facility. A list of inmates and recently arrested individuals can be found on the ACC website. The ACC Jail Commander can schedule tours of the jail for groups.

Video visitation details:
- **Inmates, last name A-J**
  Tuesdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
  Saturdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:45 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Inmates, last name K-Z**
  Wednesdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
  Sundays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Female inmate workers only**
  Sundays – 1:00-2:00 PM
- **Male inmate workers only**
  Saturdays – 1:00-2:00 PM

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

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB)
706-613-3501 ext. 9
www.accgov.com/kaccb
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The mission of Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is to educate and empower residents and businesses with the resources to take action as environmental stewards of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

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www.accgov.com/sheriff
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www.accgov.com/sheriff
3015 Lexington Road
The ACC Jail is operated by the Sheriff’s Office as a temporary holding facility for persons arrested for criminal offenses or local ordinance violations; persons being held for probation/parole violation, contempt of court, or offenses committed in another county or state; and offenders sentenced to incarceration in the jail or another correctional facility. A list of inmates and recently arrested individuals can be found on the ACC website. The ACC Jail Commander can schedule tours of the jail for groups.

Video visitation details:
- **Inmates, last name A-J**
  Tuesdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
  Saturdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:45 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Inmates, last name K-Z**
  Wednesdays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
  Sundays – 9:10-9:45 AM / 1:00-4:00 PM / 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Female inmate workers only**
  Sundays – 1:00-2:00 PM
- **Male inmate workers only**
  Saturdays – 1:00-2:00 PM

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

Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB)
706-613-3501 ext. 9
www.accgov.com/kaccb
725 Hancock Industrial Way
The mission of Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful is to educate and empower residents and businesses with the resources to take action as environmental stewards of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification.

Juneteenth
706-613-3800
www.accgov.com/juneteenth
Community celebration to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States.

Junk Vehicles
(see: ‘Junk Vehicles’ ordinances on pg. 11)

Jury Call-In
706-613-3199
www.accgov.com/jury
Superior Court juries only. Jurors may enter the Courthouse parking deck on Hancock Avenue between Jackson Street and Thomas Street. 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 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).

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

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Labor, Georgia Department of
706-583-2550
dol.georgia.gov
150 Evelyn C. Neely Drive
The GA Department of Labor provides a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. These include administering Georgia’s unemployment insurance, employment service, and vocational rehabilitation programs; providing workforce information to the public and private sectors; inspecting boilers, pressure vessels, and amusement park and carnival rides; and overseeing child labor issues.

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 managed by 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.oconeeriverlandtrust.org
  Conserves natural lands to protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, and enhance quality of life.

Landfill
706-613-3508 / 706-613-3501 ext. 8 [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 by appointment. The landfill is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM, and Saturday, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM, except for holidays. All garbage must be bagged or covered. The landfill also sells compost (see also: CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); 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.

Law Clinics (see: Legal Aid and Assistance)
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
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. 2 [Schedule Information]  
www.accgov.com/leaflimb  
ACC Solid Waste Department  
This service is provided countywide to all residents at no added cost 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: Athens-Clarke County Leaf & Limb Collection on pg. 12; ACTV schedule on pg. 15).

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

**Legal Aid and Assistance** (see: Access to Justice Initiative, Athens; Georgia Legal Services Program; Public Defender; UGA School of Law Clinics)

**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  
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 (ACT), Bear Hollow Zoo, Ben Burton Park, Bishop Park, Boulevard Woods Park, Dudley Park, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Firefly Trail, Heard Park and Community Center, Holland Youth Sports Complex, Lay Park and Community Center, Lyndon House Arts Center, Memorial Park, Morton Theatre, North Oconee River Greenway, Reese & Pope Park, Rocksprings Park, Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC), Sandy Creek Park, Satterfield Park, Southeast Clarke Park, the Tennis Center, and Walker Park.

**Library, Athens-Clarke County**  
706-613-3650 / 706-613-3655 [Hearing Impaired]  
www.athenslibrary.org  
2025 Baxter Street  
Off-site Library Resource Centers are located at the Pinewoods Community Library and Education Center, Lay Park and Community Center, and East Athens Community Center.

**License, Alcohol** (see: Alcohol Licenses)  
**License, Business** (see: Business Licenses)  
**License, Driver’s** (see: Driver Services, Georgia Department of)  
**License, Fishing / Hunting** (see: Fishing and Hunting Licenses)  
**License, Marriage** (see: Marriage License (Probate Court))  
**License, Weapons** (see: Weapons Carry License)  
**License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration**  
706-613-3130  
www.accgov.com/tagoffice  
Mitch Schrader Motor Vehicle 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 at www.gsccca.org.

**Lift Information**  
706-613-3435  
www.accgov.com/lift  
The ACC Transit Department provides The Lift for people with a mobility impairment that prevents them from using regular bus service. It is curb-to-curb transportation anywhere within one mile of an ACC Transit fixed bus route. Full details and applications for eligibility are available at ACC Transit or online (see also: Transit).

**Light Pollution**  
Residents 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.

**Linnentown**  
www.accgov.com/linnentown  
Linnentown was an area in Athens bounded by Baxter Street, South Church Street, and South Finley Street displaced by the urban renewal process in the 1960s. In 2021, the Mayor & Commission approved a resolution in support of recognition and redress for Linnentown,
its descendants, and Athens-Clarke County Black communities harmed by urban renewal.

**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)

**Low Income Homestead Exemption** (see: Homestead Exemptions)

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**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 (TIP)).

**Magistrate Court**  
706-613-3310  
[www.accgov.com/magistratecourt](http://www.accgov.com/magistratecourt)  
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 240  
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: Checks (Bad); Court Administrator; Evictions; Marriage License (Probate Court)).

**Managed Forest Project**  
706-613-3615  
[www.accgov.com/managedforest](http://www.accgov.com/managedforest)  
This multi-generational project at Sandy Creek Nature Center demonstrates natural succession over the years in the Piedmont region of Georgia to help visitors see and experience the living forest first-hand (see also: Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC)).

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

**Marriage License (Probate Court)**  
706-613-3320  
[www.accgov.com/marriage](http://www.accgov.com/marriage)  
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. Other courts can perform ceremonies, although availability may be limited. Contact the Court Administrator at 706-613-3161 for options. 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, Fire** (see: Fire Marshal)
Master Composter Program  
706-613-3640  
ACC Extension  
Upon completion of an educational program, volunteers use their knowledge 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 collaboration between ACC Extension and the ACC Solid Waste Department.

Master Gardener Program  
706-613-3640  
ACC Extension  
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 Extension.

Master Naturalist Program  
706-613-3640  
ACC 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 Extension.

Mayor  
706-613-3010  
www.accgov.com/mayor  
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 300  
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: Athens-Clarke County Mayor & Commission; Budget, Athens-Clarke County).

Medicaid  
404-657-5468 / 877-267-2323  
medicaid.georgia.gov / www.medicaid.gov  
Medicaid is a medical assistance program that helps many people who can’t afford medical care pay for some or all of their medical bills. It is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Medicare  
866-552-4464 [GeorgiaCares Program] / 800-633-4227 [800-MEDICARE]  
www.mygeorgiacares.org / www.medicare.gov  
Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant.

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

Memorial Park  
706-613-3580  
www.accgov.com/memorial  
293 Gran Ellen Drive  
This 72-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department houses Bear Hollow Zoo, Athens Creative Theatre’s Quinn Hall, and the Fred Birchmore Trail, along with other facilities such as a lake, playground, swimming pool, dog park, and operations center (see also: Athens Creative Theatre (ACT); Bear Hollow Zoo).

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

Mental Health Services (see: Advantage Behavioral Health Systems)

Mentor Program  
706-850-0315  
www.clarkecountymentorprogram.org  
A partnership between the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarke County School District pairing trained community volunteers with local public school children.

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

Metal, Scrap (see: Landfill; Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County)

Meters, Parking (see: Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS))
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; Tax Commissioner).  

Miriam Moore Community Service Center  
706-208-0048 (East Athens Development Corp.)  
410 McKinley Drive  
This neighborhood facility is located adjacent to the Heard Park and 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 ACC 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.

Morgue (see: Coroner)

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 voter-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 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, awards shows, pageants, community events, and more.

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

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

Mountain Biking (see: Bicycle Facilities)

Moving (to Athens) (see: Relocation Packet)

MRF (see: Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF))

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. 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.
**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 residents 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.

**National EMS (see: Emergency Medical Services)**

**Nature Center (see: Sandy Creek Nature Center (SCNC))**

**Neighborhood Health Centers (see: Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department)**

**Neighborhood Notification Initiative (NNI)**  
**706-613-3515**  
www.accgov.com/nni  
The Neighborhood Notification Initiative facilitates communication between neighborhood residents and developers regarding construction projects proposed in or adjacent to a neighborhood’s boundaries. One component of the NNI is an electronic mailing list that members of the public may sign up for to receive planning and development-related information for various geographic areas within the county, including commission districts, registered neighborhoods, and special interest overlays.

**Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)**  
**706-613-3460 (Traffic Engineering)**  
www.accgov.com/ntmp  
The purpose of the NTMP is to reduce accidents, traffic volumes, and/or speeds; thereby improving pedestrian safety and creating more pleasant neighborhoods for the residents of Athens-Clarke County. It considers a wide range of potential solutions to address specific concerns of a neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Watch Program**  
**706-613-3330 ext. 7159**  
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 (NNI))**

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

**Noise (see: Noise Ordinance on pg. 10)**

**North Oconee River Greenway (see: Oconee Rivers Greenway)**

**North Oconee River Park**  
**706-613-3620 (Trails & Open Spaces 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 (Notary Applications)**  
The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts provides applications for potential applicants for Notary Public. A fee, notarized application, and two residents’ character witness statements are required. The ACC Clerk of Superior and State Courts does not notarize documents. Documents may be notarized by some banks, private companies, or individuals.

**Nurses’ Clinic**  
**706-613-6976**  
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 (SNAP-Ed))**
Oconee Rivers Greenway
706-613-3620 [Trails & Open Spaces Office]
www.accgov.com/greenway
The Oconee Rivers Greenway is a network of natural areas with the floodplains of the North Oconee River, Middle Oconee River, and Oconee River and their major tributaries as its core. The network includes a system of river-oriented trails that connect the river corridors with adjacent parks and green spaces and natural and cultural resources in Athens-Clarke County. The greenway trail system has multi-use trails, street-based trails, and foot trails. The Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission provides oversight for project construction, program management, and the development of the countywide greenway master plan (see: North Oconee River Park; Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission).

Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission
www.accgov.com/greenway
This independent commission is charged with developing the plan for a river-oriented greenway system within the county for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents. It is composed of 15 residents 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; Oconee Rivers Greenway).

Open Containers (see: selected ordinances on pg. 11)

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

Operational Analysis Office
706-613-3012
www.accgov.com/oa
City Hall, 301 College Avenue, Suite 202
The ACC Operational Analysis Office, previously known as the Auditor’s Office, conducts internal audits of the fiscal affairs and operations of departments, offices, and agencies of ACCGov. The office provides strategic planning, organizational analysis, feasibility and program evaluations, staffing reviews, and other services all with the intent of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations for the benefit of Athens-Clarke County.

Ordinances
www.accgov.com/code
The ACC Commission approves all ordinances and changes to existing ordinances. Ordinances are contained in the Code of Athens-Clarke County, which is available for public viewing at the Athens-Clarke County Library and the ACC Clerk of Commission Office. searchable ordinances and recently approved ordinances are available online (see also: Selected Ordinances on pg. 10).

Organizational Development
706-613-3110
www.accgov.com/od
Satula Building, 375 Satula Avenue
Organizational Development creates meaningful programs and learning experiences for ACCGov employees that promote strategic relationships across departments and supports the mission and goals of the organization.

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)

Outdoor Watering
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/publicutilities
ACC Public Utilities
Outdoor watering using a public water system is restricted year round in Athens-Clarke County by certain types of watering, as well as days and/or hours. These restrictions are consistent with Georgia’s Outdoor Water Use Rules. During times of drought, the schedule is updated as required by the GA Environmental Protection Division and local ordinances (see also: Outdoor Water Use Schedule on pg. 14).

Overgrown Yards / Lots (see Lawns, Overgrown)

Overview Commission
www.accgov.com/overview
As mandated by the Charter, this Commission reviews the operation of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government every 10 years unless scheduled
Panhandling (see: Soliciting)

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

Pardons and Parole, Georgia Board of
404-656-4661 (Parole Call Center)
pap.georgia.gov

Parental Accountability Court
706-612-3499
www.accgov.com/pac

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

Parking Decks (see: Decks, Parking)

Parking, Metered (see: Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); Parking Tickets)

Parking, Residential (see also: ‘Parking’ ordinances on pg. 11)
• 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)

Parking, Street
• Metered spaces (see: Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); Parking Tickets)
• On-street residential parking permits (see: Parking, Residential)
• Ordinances (see: ‘Parking’ ordinances on pg. 11)
• Yellow curb & signs (evaluation / maintenance): ACC Transportation and Public Works Department – Traffic Engineering Division (706-613-3460)

Parking Tickets
Paging tickets are either issued by Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS) or the ACC Police Department (see also: Downtown Athens Parking System (DAPS); 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 DAPS 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 Department)

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-Clarke County Library (2025 Baxter Street).

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

Pavement Maintenance Program
706-613-3440 ext. 9
www.accgov.com/pavement
This program of the ACC Transportation and Public Works Department addresses the maintenance needs of the ACC public roadway system. Specific roadways are determined by assessed pavement conditions and
the final list for each year’s project is determined by available funding. Roadways and/or treatments may be revised during construction if funding and/or other circumstances dictate.

Peer Court
www.fanning.uga.edu/athenspeercourt
The Athens Peer Court program is a collaboration between the ACC Juvenile Court and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership at the University of Georgia. Youth volunteers serve as the lawyers, judge, and jury in sentencing hearings for first-time misdemeanor offenders under age 18 who have accepted their charges. Volunteers receive training on leadership skills, public speaking, and restorative justice to promote behavioral change and reduce recidivism (see also: Juvenile Court).

Permits
• Building (see: Building Permits and Inspections Department)
• Film (see: Filming)
• 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 Department)

Pétanque
www.accgov.com/sports
Pétanque (pay-tonk) is an international French sport related to Italian bocce ball for teams of two or three, played by rolling or throwing metal balls at a smaller wooden target ball. Courts are available at Lay Park.

Picketing (see: selected ordinances on pg. 10)

Pickleball
www.accgov.com/sports
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, Heard Park and 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 Medical Center
706-475-7000
www.piedmont.org/athens
1199 Prince Avenue
Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center is a 360-bed non-profit hospital and regional referral center serving a 17-county service area in Athens and northeast Georgia. It offers a Level 2 Trauma Center, Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and urgent care centers.

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 PM 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 (Geospatial 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 also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

Playgrounds (ACC Leisure Services)
706-613-3801 (Report Maintenance Issues)
www.accgov.com/playgrounds

Playgrounds are available at these ACC public parks:
- Bishop Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Heard Park and Community Center: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Lay Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Memorial Park: Open daily, 8:00 AM - sunset
- Reese & Pope Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Rocksprings Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Sandy Creek Park: Open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:00 AM (8:00 AM during winter months) - sunset
- Satterfield Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Southeast Clarke Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- Walker Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset
- World of Wonder (WoW) Park at Southeast Clarke Park: Open daily, sunrise - sunset

Poison Control
800-222-1222
www.poison.org

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

Police
706-613-3330 /
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, Community (see: Community Police Academy)

Police Academy, Northeast Georgia (see: Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy)

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

The ACC Leisure Services Department owns and operates five pools located at Bishop Park, Heard Park and Community Center, Lay Park Community Center, 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 pg. 10)

Post Office
706-369-3200 [Metro Area Main Office] /
800-275-8777 (800-ASK-USPS)
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)

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

Prison (see: Corrections Department)

Probate Court
706-613-3320
www.accgov.com/probatecourt

ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 200
The Probate Court assists the public with the business affairs of those who have died, or in dealing with family members who are mentally ill, alcoholic, drug-dependent, or otherwise incapacitated, while protecting people who are unable to protect themselves or their property. The court also conducts emergency evaluations for the mentally ill, issues marriage licenses, issues weapons carry permits, and provides a host of related services (see also: Court Administrator; Firearms Permit; Marriage License (Probate Court)).

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

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

Project Safe
www.project-safe.org
Project Safe is non-profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention, ongoing support services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and advocacy/systems change work in the community.

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

Property Information (see: Property Values)

Property Lines / Plats / Records (see: Deeds)

Property Maintenance [Private Property]
706-613-3790
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 Rate).

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 (see also: Tax Assessor’s Office).

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

Protests (see: selected ordinances on pg. 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 residents 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 Program).

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

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

Public Interest Practicum (see: UGA School of Law Clinics)

Public Library (see: Library, Athens-Clarke County)
Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy, Georgia
478-538-3561
www.gpstc.org
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: Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center; Transit)

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

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 coordinates the procurement of goods and services for the Unified Government. Purchasing also handles all bid information. Bid opportunities are also available online (see also: Bid Information).

Quinn Hall (see: Athens Creative Theatre (ACT); Memorial Park)

Radon Testing and Education
706-613-3640
ACC Extension
Radon in homes can lead to lung cancer. Test kits are available at the ACC Extension office (see also: Extension, ACC).

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. 6717
The Stormwater Management Program provides rain barrel workshops to assist residents with building their own rain barrels.

Rallies (see: Picketing & Demonstrations)

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.

Record Restriction
www.accgov.com/recordrestriction
Formerly known as expungement, arrest record restriction allows certain records in some cases to be only viewed by those inside the judicial branch. Record restriction can be done at any time. In addition, the Solicitor General’s Office coordinates periodic no-cost record restriction events for Athens-Clarke County residents (see also: Solicitor General).
Reese & Pope Park
706-613-3588 [Recreation Administration]
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 pickup only that includes information for people who are considering moving to Athens-Clarke County.

Rental Assistance
833-827-RENT / 833-827-7368
georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov
The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) launched the Georgia Rental Assistance program in March 2021 to provide relief to individuals, families, and landlords whose finances have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic (see also: Community Affairs, GA Department of (DCA)).

Rentals, Short Term
706-613-3040
www.accgov.com/shorttermrentals
Short term rentals or short term vacation rentals - such as homes listed on websites such as Airbnb or VRBO - are considered “hotels” as defined by ACCGov Code of Ordinances Section 2-3-1. Operators of short term rentals in Athens-Clarke County are required to have a Business Occupation Tax Certificate and to collect and pay the 7% local hotel motel excise tax to the ACCGov Finance Department each month.

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

Reports, Accident and Incident (see: Accident Reports)

Residency
New Georgia residents must apply for a Georgia driver’s license within 60 days of moving to the state.
license within 30 days and register with the ACC Elections & Voter Registration Department 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
706-389-6877 (Athens Regional Office) / 877-423-6711
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/iversalive
Rivers Alive is an annual effort of Athens area volunteers and a variety of organizations to clean local rivers, lakes, and streams each fall as part of the continuing statewide campaign to clean and preserve over 70,000 miles of Georgia’s rivers and streams. This event is part of the annual Georgia Waterway Cleanup, a joint program of the Environmental Protection Division Outreach Education Programs and the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation.

Riverside Parks (see: North Oconee River Greenway)

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

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 (Gainesville))

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/Health Care System
706-389-3000
www.stmaryshealthcaresystem.org
1230 Baxter Street
St. Mary’s Health Care System is a not-for-profit Catholic health care system that includes three hospitals, numerous physician practices, a medical residency program, home health care/hospice services, a retirement community, and outpatient services.

Salvation Army
706-543-5350 (Service Center / Lodge / Thrift Store)
www.salvationarmygeorgia.org/athens
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.
materials and houses environmental learning centers. Additionally, the center features Americans with Disabilities Act accessible trails. The facility is operated by the ACC Leisure Services Department (see also: Managed Forest Project).

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

Satterfield Park
706-613-3991 [Tennis Center]
www.accgov.com/satterfield
2950 Cherokee Road
This 13-acre facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department is named for the 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 Office, and Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

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 is available at www.accgov.com/sheriff.

Sexual Assault Center (see: Cottage, The)

Sheriff’s Office
706-613-3250
www.accgov.com/sheriff
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 125
The Sheriff is responsible for the health and welfare of jail inmates 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); Courts, Athens-Clarke County; Evictions; Jail; Sex Offender Registry; Warrants).

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
www.accgov.com/planning

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

Sirens, Tornado
706-613-3360 [ACC Fire & Emergency Services]
These 12 outdoor sirens located around the community are sounded only to alert the public when a tornado warning has been issued for Athens-Clarke County and during testing each year in February as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week or during other testing times. The sirens are designed to alert people outdoors at the time to seek immediate shelter and are not designed for notifying people already indoors.

Skate Park (see: Southeast Clarke Park)

Small Business Development Center
706-542-7436
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 (SNAP-Ed))

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

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

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

Soil Testing (see: Extension, ACC)

Soliciting
Begging, panhandling, or soliciting for money or things of value is legal on most public property unless a person accosts another, forces themselves upon another, or acts in a boisterous, turbulent, or agitated manner. Report violations to the Police Department at 9-1-1 or 706-613-3345. Soliciting door-to-door requires a permit (see also: Door-to-Door Sales).

Solicitor General
706-613-3215
www.accgov.com/solicitor
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 residents and small- and large-sized community businesses (see also: CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials); Garbage Collection; Landfill; Leaf and Limb Pick-Up; Recovered Materials Processing Facility (RMPF); Recyclable Items in Athens-Clarke County on pg. 13; Recycling; Trash Receptacles / Rollcarts).

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: Latin American Association (LAA); United Way of Northeast Georgia)

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

Speakers’ Bureau (ACCGov)
706-613-3795
Contact the ACC Public Information Office to request a speaker from the Unified Government.

Special Events Permits (see: Central Services Department)

Speed Humps (see: Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP))

Splash Pads
www.accgov.com/splashpads
Splash pads are outdoor water playgrounds located at Walker Park and Rocksprings Park open in summer months. Each splash pad includes multiple elements that shoot water from the flooring as well as drop water from buckets from above. 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. An advisory committee oversees projects, which are managed by a private company contracted by Athens-Clarke County. Progress reports and other information is available online (see also: SPLOST & TSPLOST projects on pg. 16-17).
Sports, Youth and Adult
www.accgov.com/sports
The ACC Leisure Services Department offers a variety of sports leagues and facilities.

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. 7806
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 (ACC Leisure Services))

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. Most Accountability Courts are also part of the Superior Court. The Western Judicial Circuit is comprised of Athens-Clarke County and Oconee County. This court also handles appeals from the Probate Court (see also: Accountability Courts; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Clerk of Superior and State Courts; Court Administrator; Drug Courts).

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 Extension to arrange a class, obtain educational materials, or for more information.

Surplus Items, ACCGov
www.govdeals.com

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

Swimming (see: Pools, Public; Splash Pads)
Tags, Vehicle (see: License Plates / Motor Vehicle Registration)

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

Tax Assessor
706-613-3140
www.accgov.com/taxassessor
ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 280
The ACC Tax Assessor’s Office appraises all property located in Athens-Clarke County at its fair market value to ensure taxpayers pay no more than their fair share of property taxes (see also: Property Values).

Tax Commissioner
706-613-3120 / 706-613-3130 (Tag Office)
www.accgov.com/tc
• Main Office – ACC Courthouse, 325 East Washington Street, Suite 250
• Tag Office – 3025 Lexington Road
The ACC Tax Commissioner’s Office is involved in the preparation of the digest, collection of ad valorem tax on real and personal property, disbursements of these collections to the levying authorities, and final audit of these transactions. The office also works with delinquent ad valorem taxpayers. For motor vehicles, the office registers and titles vehicles; collects and 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 (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 AM 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
706-613-3530
www.accgov.com/taylorgrady
634 Prince Avenue
This Greek revival home built in the mid-1840s was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976. It is owned by the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government.

Television (see: ACTV; Cable Television)

Teen Matters
www.teenmattersathens.com
• 168 South Rocksprings Court – 706-369-5670
• 1275 Cedar Shoals Drive – 706-227-7198
A state Health Department program for teenagers ages 11-19 that offers a variety of medical services, as well as health education programs, guidance counseling, and community involvement opportunities.

Temporary Protective Orders / Temporary Restraining Orders
706-613-3190
Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs) are both filed through the Clerk of Superior and State Court. These two different types of orders are issued by a court restraining the conduct of a person and protecting a victim from the activities of an abusive person (see also: Clerk of Superior and State Courts).

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

Tennis Center
706-613-3891
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 (ACT); Morton Theatre)
Therapeutic Recreation Programs
706-613-3800
www.accgov.com/tr
ACC Leisure Services offers Therapeutic Recreation programs, services, and activities that are accessible to all individuals with disabilities. Leisure Services supports and encourages opportunities for inclusion in all programs. In addition, adaptive programs are available to provide individuals with disabilities a modified experience for recreational success.

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

Think at the Sink (see: Water Conservation Office)

Tickets, Parking (see: Parking Tickets)

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

Tip Line, Crime (see: Crime Reports)

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. 7872
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)

Tours
• ACCGov Facility / Department Tours
  Tours can be arranged for groups at some ACCGov facilities and/or departments based on availability. See individual entries for contact info.
• Historic Athens Heritage Tours – 706-353-1820
  www.athenswelcomecenter.com
  290 E. Dougherty Street
  The Athens Welcome Center offers several different guided bus and walking tours.

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

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

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 (see: Walker Park)

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] / 706-613-3432 [Department Administration]
www.accgov.com/transit
Multimodal Transportation Center
775 East Broad Street / Hickory Street Connector
The ACC Transit Department provides transportation service in Athens-Clarke County through fixed-route bus service and the Lift paratransit service (see also: Bus Information; Lift Information; Multimodal Transportation Center).

Transition Center (see: Diversion Center)

Translation, Spanish (see: Spanish Language / Translation Assistance)

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 [Athens Area 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 (see also: MACORTS).

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

Treatment and Accountability Court (TAC)
706-354-3995
www.accgov.com/tac

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 Community Forester and online at www.accgov.com/forester (see also: Arborist; Community Forester; 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) - ACC 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 (see also: SPLOST & TSPLOST Projects on pp. 16-17).

UGA (see: University of Georgia)

UGA School of Law Clinics
• Business Law Clinic – 706-542-9236
  This clinic offers free transactional legal services for small businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs.
• Jane W. Wilson Family Justice Clinic – 706-369-6272
  This clinic provides free legal representation to victims of domestic violence and stalking in protective order cases in Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties. The clinic also represents its protective order clients in their related domestic relations cases such as divorces, legitimations, and name changes.
• Public Interest Practicum – 706-542-5213
  The practicum provides general legal information, research, referrals, and guidance for self-representation in civil legal matters including eviction, repair problems with rental property, debt, consumer complaints, simple probate, powers of attorney and advanced medical directives, arrest
record restriction, and public benefits.
• **Veterans Legal Clinic – 706-542-6439**
  The clinic represents veterans and their dependents with claims for benefits from the Veterans Administration and the military. It focuses on low-income, homeless, and other vulnerable veterans and accepts cases from around Georgia, particularly veterans living in a 15 county region around Athens.

**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 (US District Court))*

**United States Government Information**
844-872-4681 (844-USA-GOV1)
www.info.gov / www.usa.gov

**United Way of Northeast Georgia**
706-543-5254 / 211
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 distribution and collection services are provided to most of the county by the ACC Public Utilities Department *(see also: Outage, Power; Public Utilities)*.

**Utilities Protection Services or Utilities Locator**
811 / 800-282-7411 [Call Before You Dig]
This service will help residents 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, residents may contact the responsible utility directly.

**Vaccinations**
Vaccinations can be administered by public or private providers *(see also: Health Centers, Athens Neighborhood; Health Department)*.

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

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

**Veterans Affairs Clinic [Athens]**
706-733-0188 ext. 45511 [Main] / 706-733-0188 ext. 5512 [Mental Health Clinic]
www.va.gov
9249 US Highway 29 South
Outpatient clinic providing primary care and specialty health services, including mental health services, nutrition counseling, blood pressure management programs, women’s health services, and more.

**Veterans Court**
706-224-5029
www.accgov.com/courts
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 Affair Clinic; Veterans Affairs Court)*.
Visitor Centers
- Athens Welcome Center (see: Welcome Center, Athens)
  visit.uga.edu
- UGA Visitors Center – 706-542-0842
  405 College Station Road

Vital Records (see: Birth Certificates; Death Certificates, Health Department)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- East Athens Development Corporation – 706-338-0192
  www.eadcinc.org
- UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences – 706-592-8237
  www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce/vita

Volunteering
- ACC Leisure Services – 706-613-3800
  Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the ACC Leisure Services Department. Examples of opportunities include trail guides, coaching, after school program helpers, animal caretakers, and Morton Theatre and Athens Creative Theatre ushers. Listings are available at www.accgov.com/volunteer.

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

Voter Registration / Voting
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Walker Park
706-613-3991
www.accgov.com/walker
200 Trail Creek Street
Formerly known as Trail Creek Park, Walker Park is a 113-acre park facility of the ACC Leisure Services Department. The park was named in 2020 for Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker, a community leader in East Athens where the park is located. 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.

Warden (see: Corrections)

Warden, Game (see: Conservation Ranger (Game Warden))

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: Water Quality / Testing)

Water Business Office [Billing]
706-613-3500
www.accgov.com/waterbusiness
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Water Business Office issues and collects bills for water distribution and collection 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: Project SHARE; Public Utilities; Stormwater Management Program).

Water Conservation Office
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/thinkatthesink
124 East Hancock Avenue
The ACC Public Utilities Department Water Conservation Office provides free residential water audits, tips, and tools to help residents conserve and become more water efficient.

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

Water Quality / Testing
- Public Water (Non-Well) – 706-613-3481
ACC Public Utilities Department
Contact the ACC Public Utilities Department for questions regarding discolored water from the faucet/tap or to obtain information on the Water Quality Report or Quarterly Tap Water Analysis.
- Private Wells
The GA Health Department’s Environmental Health Division (706-583-2658) or ACC Extension (706-613-3640) provides well water testing.

Water Resources Center (see: Snipes Water Resources Center)

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

WaterSmart AMI Portal
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/watersmart
WaterSmart is a free online water management tool available to Public Utilities Department customers to monitor their water use, set up leak alerts, and receive step-by-step savings tips (see: Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)).

Water Wasting
706-613-3729
www.accgov.com/code
Certain water wasting activities are prohibited by ordinance Section 5-3-123.

Watering Restrictions [Outdoor] (see Outdoor Water Use Schedule on pg. 14)

Weapons Carry License
706-613-3320
www.accgov.com/weaponscarry
The Probate Court issues weapons carry licenses to Athens-Clarke County residents 21 years or older.
Background checks are required for each applicant, including fingerprinting for new applications. Application forms are available online or in the Probate Court. Fees required by law are collected by the Probate Court and the Sheriff's Office.

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

Weddings (see: Leisure Services Department for facility listings; Marriage License)

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 Historic Athens as a house museum and welcome center.

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

Well Water Testing (see: Water Quality / Testing)

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Supplemental Nutrition Program (see: Health Department)

Wildlife
The ACC Animal Services Department (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, contact a licensed wildlife removal company.

Wills
706-613-3320
Probate Court
The court does not notarize wills (see also: Notary Public).

Winterville
706-742-8600 (City Hall)
www.cityofwinterville.com
125 North Church Street, Winterville, GA, 30683
Since unification in 1991, Winterville has been the only municipality located wholly within Athens-Clarke County. The City of Winterville receives some services from Athens-Clarke County and has its own mayor and city council.

Women's Shelter (see: Homeless Services; Project Safe)

Work Release (see: Diversion Center)

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

Yellow Curbs (see: Parking, Street)

Yard Sales (see: Garage Sales)

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

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

Youth Leadership Athens
www.youthleadershipathens.com
Since 1990, Youth Leadership Athens (YLA) has served as a leadership development and civic education program for area high school students.

Youth Arrest (see: Regional Youth Detention Center (Gainesville))

Youth Sports (see: Holland Youth Sports Complex; Satterfield Park)
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; Development Standards; Future Development Map / Plan).

Zoo (see: Bear Hollow Zoo)
Previous **ACC from A to Z Covers**

**ACC from A to Z** has been published annually since 2000. In 2016, as part of the 25th anniversary of Athens-Clarke County's unification, the Public Information Office created a special cover featuring a color photograph of the City Hall dome.

In 2017, the Public Information Office started the annual Athens Artist Cover Series to showcase local artists' renditions of the City Hall dome in a variety of media and styles.

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**2017**

*Artist: Jamie Calkin*

Watercolor

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**2018**

*Artist: Randy Sanders*

Mosaic

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**2019**

*Artist: Rachel Winters*

Embroidery

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**2020**

*Artist: Marvella Castaneda*

Chalk on hardboard

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**2021**

*Artist: Ashley King*

Baked cookie and icing

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**2022**

*Artist: Jared Brown*

Digital art
About the Cover
(7th in the Athens Artist Cover Series):
Abigail West is an Athens-based artist and trail runner. She carves linoleum blocks inspired by her adventures and often hand-prints on reclaimed maps. The use of maps ties in connection to place and a desire to reduce waste. She has also worked for three years as the Reuse Coordinator in the Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department. See more of her work on Instagram @upinthewoods or online at www.abigailwest.net.