

# WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

July - December  
2013



## In Clayton County Parks & Recreation

# Welcome



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Welcome to the first edition of E-News, designed to keep you informed of our upcoming events. We encourage active lifestyles and strive to promote overall health and wellness by providing affordable leisure activities that encourage participation by all citizens of Clayton County. We hope that you will join us at our events throughout the year.

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## July is Park and Recreation Month

Why do you love your local parks and recreation? Can you answer the question? The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) believe people in Clayton County can and are seeking the most creative answers during national Park and Recreation Month this July. This year, the Department's program of activities for Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to show and share the love for parks and recreation.

The 2013 theme of "I Love My Park and Recreation" encourages individuals, families, friends, and park-lovers everywhere to venture to their local parks and recreation areas to experience the many benefits they offer, such as programs to inspire healthy, active lifestyles and activities to appreciate nature and the environment. Paramount to this year's theme is the [fill-in-the-blank social media poster](#) that people can use to say why they love their local parks and recreation.

Clayton County Parks and Recreation will celebrate Park and Recreation Month through our local activities. Come out and enjoy! Celebrate with us!



## Get Involved!

Take our surveys! We value your opinion.  
[www.claytonparks.com/survey.aspx](http://www.claytonparks.com/survey.aspx)

## July is Park and Recreation Month

- **July 2013 – Super Saturdays – FREE!** No daily fees at all Recreation Centers every Saturday in July from 9:00am to 6:00pm.
- **July 6, 2013 – First Annual Health Fair –** Enjoy FREE Activities at South Clayton Recreation Center regarding healthy living. Join us for sports clinics, arts and crafts, and more!
- **July 11, 2013 – Guided Hike –** Join an experienced naturalist for a FREE guided hike on the trails at Reynolds Nature Preserve starting at 9:30am.
- **July 13, 2013 – Fishing Derby –** Located at International Park "The Beach". Prizes will be awarded for heaviest Catfish and heaviest Bass. \$5.00 per person.
- **July 13, 2013 – Family Luau –** FREE Event located at Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. Join us for a pool party, activities & games, and arts & crafts!
- **July 13, 2013 – Movie Under the Stars –** FREE Event. Located at Rex Park. Movie will begin at dusk. Movie Playing: "Rise of the Guardians"
- **July 20, 2013 – Family Luau –** FREE Event located at Jim Huie Recreation Center. Join us for a pool party, activities & games, and arts & crafts!
- **July 27, 2013 – Health and Wellness Fair –** Enjoy FREE Activities at Virginia Gray Recreation Center regarding healthy living. Join us for sports clinics, arts and crafts, and more!
- **July 27, 2013 – Movie Under the Stars –** FREE Event. Located at Panhandle Park. Movie will begin at dusk. Movie Playing: "Escape from Planet Earth"

## Take it to The Park!



Support Gerald Matthews Complex to become America's Favorite Park. Help the Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department win a \$100,000 Recreation Grant!

### How to Cast Your Vote

- Check in at Gerald Matthews Complex using the Foursquare app for five votes.
- Log at least 20 minutes of physical activity with MapMyFitness for ten votes.
- Vote for Gerald Matthews Complex online at [Coke.com/Parks](http://Coke.com/Parks) using a computer or smart phone. People can vote online once per day, and each click is worth one vote.

Vote for Gerald Matthews Complex in Hampton, Georgia until 11:59 p.m. ET on July 15, 2013. You can vote everyday! Spread the word and give back to the park you love!



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[www.ClaytonParks.com](http://www.ClaytonParks.com)

In the event that dates and times change and for the most updated information, visit our website at [www.claytonparks.com](http://www.claytonparks.com) or become a fan of our Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ClaytonCountyParks](http://www.facebook.com/ClaytonCountyParks).

## August at International Park

**August 3, 2013**

**YOUTH AND ADULT FISHING DERBY** –Cost is \$5 per person. 8:00am until 12:00pm. Located at International Park "The Beach" (Upper Lake). Please bring bait and equipment. Prizes will be awarded for heaviest Catfish and heaviest Bass. For more information please call (770) 603-4165.

**August 10, 2013**

**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS** –FREE Event located at International Park "The Beach". Movie will begin at dusk (9:00pm). Movie Playing: "Jack the Giant Slayer"

**August 24, 2013**

**CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL** – FREE event at International Park. For more information, please visit [www.caribbeangeorgia.org](http://www.caribbeangeorgia.org).



**August 31, 2013**

**LIFE'S A FISH THEN YOU FRY AT "THE BEACH"** – Cost is \$10 per person. 11:00am until 10:00pm. Come enjoy Fireworks, Live Entertainment, and a Comedy Show. Fish and Chips will be available for purchase.

## Signature and Special Events

**September 14, 2013 – Movie Under the Stars** – FREE Event. Located at Gerald Matthews Sports Complex. Movie will begin at 9:00pm. Movie Playing: "Oz: The Great and Powerful"

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – Lights On Afterschool** – FREE Event. Located at Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. 4:00pm–7:30pm. Join in on this Nationally Recognized "Lights on Afterschool Rally" to support after school programs. This event encourages parents to allow their kids to participate in after-school activities and programs.

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Movies Under the Stars** – Free Event. Located at International Park. Movie will begin at 9:00pm. Movie Playing: "Hotel Transylvania"

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival** – FREE Event. Located at Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center from 9:00am–3:00pm.

**October 18–19, 25–26 – Trail of Terror** – A haunted trail at Clayton County International Park "The Beach" Friday and Saturday: 7:30–11:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

**November 1–2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Spivey Road Race & BBQ Competition** – Categories: Ribs, Chicken, BBQ Sauce, Brunswick Stew, Anything But. Pre-Register by October 26, 2013 at [www.claytonparks.com/kids-outdoors.aspx](http://www.claytonparks.com/kids-outdoors.aspx). \$25 registration fee for 5k or 15k. Race will begin at 8:00am on Saturday, November 2nd. Register now at [www.lakespiveyroadrace.org](http://www.lakespiveyroadrace.org). Proceeds support the Kids Outdoors Initiative. [www.lakespiveyroadrace.org](http://www.lakespiveyroadrace.org)

**December 6, 2013 – Yule Log Celebration** – Join us for an evening outdoors filled with holiday cheer. Enjoy music by the Forest Park High School Orchestra, refreshments, face painting, bonfire, ornament making, storytelling, and more! This event is FREE and provides a shuttle service from Babb Middle School.

**December 6–22 – Festival of Trees and Lights** – With beautifully decorated trees, children's play area, great shopping, food, entertainment, photos with Santa, and other special events, the Festival has become a tradition among the community. 6:30pm–9:00pm.