



# Clermont Connection

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## TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor: James E. Nix  
770-983-1248

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Brady  
678-616-4778  
James "Sonny" Helton  
770-983-1984  
Albert Reeves  
678-414-7437  
Seth Weaver  
770-503-5802  
Mary Ellen Rogers  
770-983-3140

## Town Council

### Meeting Schedule

First Tuesday of each Month  
7:00pm  
Clermont Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 2, 2011  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011

## TOWN STAFF

Town Clerk: Sandra Helton  
Deputy Clerk: Amy Lomax  
Maintenance Workers:  
Tommy Rogers  
Jason Greenway  
Building Inspector:  
Ronald Couch

## Contact Information

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Clermont Town Hall  
122 Dean Street

**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 257  
Clermont, GA 30527

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30  
Closed 2nd & 4th Wednesday

## FROM THE MAYOR

### 100 AND COUNTING

Born July 24, 1911 in the shadows of Wauka Mountain was a young lady named Mary Gearin. Mary's birth predates the time when the Town of Clermont was chartered. Mary married Aubrey Strickland and they have two sons, Myron and Harold. She has always lived in, or within a couple of miles, of the Town limits of Clermont. Mary has always been a loyal friend and mentor to many of the citizens of this community, and this has earned her a high level of respect from these people. She is also a source of living history for many of us who have called on her on numerous occasions for answers to questions about this area. She remembers the construction of the railroad through this area, the trains that came through town, and then the dismantling of the old tracks. To my knowledge, Mary is the oldest living citizen in Clermont. It is very fitting that the Town of Clermont has declared July 2011 as Mary Strickland month. Mary's family and close friends are hosting a celebration on July 24, 2011 to honor her. It will be held at Concord Baptist Church at 2:00 pm so come by and wish her a happy birthday. Also, send her a birthday card at P.O. Box 121 Clermont, GA 30527.



### CLERMONT LIBRARY

In July 1981, the Town Council of Clermont wrote to the Chestatee Regional Library concerning a desire to locate a library in Clermont. In August 1981, the Council was informed that the Chestatee Regional Library had accepted the proposal. Thus was the beginning of the Clermont Library. For years, the Town operated this library, paying all operating costs, with the exception of the books, and it was staffed by em-

ployees of the Town. Later on the Hall County Library system provided the staffing, but the Town continued to pay all the utilities, maintenance of the building, cleaning services, etc. Last year, the Town of Clermont tried to obtain a seat on the Library Board because of our financial support to the Library System. Instead of giving us a seat on the Board, the Library Board entered into a contract to pay rent on the building and to pay the utility expenses. On June 30, 2011, the Hall County Library Board locked the doors to the Clermont Library and the Clermont Library ceased to operate.

We are still hoping to see a new library constructed in Clermont, on the land the



County purchased for this purpose, and with money from the SPLOST VI funds. The timing of the construction is uncertain; but, to this date there has not been any official action to say that the County will not follow through with the actions the County Commissioners took in their commission meeting in early January 2011.

In the meantime, Clermont is moving forward with its own library. This was started before the doors to the Clermont Branch of the library were closed on June 30. We are collecting books and have devoted part of the classroom space at the gym to a library. Members of the Clermont Historical Society have agreed to help staff the library and to offer cultural and art classes as part of the library activities. The Town has very limited funds to devote to this endeavor at this time; therefore, its success will depend largely on volunteers. We need people to help sort, catalog, and put books on shelves and then to help staff the library. So, if you have books to donate or can help with the work, please contact us.

## Clermont Days 2011

We are in the planning stage for this year's festival. We are still looking for volunteers to help plan the festival. The more help we have the better the festival will be. If you would like to help, please call John at 678-616-4778.

We will be having a two -day festival on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th this year. Having a two- day festival

will help us to have more vendors of arts and crafts to display their hand-crafts.

If you know of any local musical groups or individuals who would like to show off their talent and entertain us, please have them get in touch with us.

We invite and encourage local vendors to come join us and display their

arts and craft skills.

Their will be a 5k run, 1 mile fun walk, cake walk, car show, parade, music, and fireworks show. For more information , please visit our website.

[www.clermontdays.net](http://www.clermontdays.net).



### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **Notice of Call of 2011 General Election and Notice of Qualifying Period for 2011 General Election by the Town of Clermont, Georgia**

The Town of Clermont, Georgia, will conduct a General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing the following:

(A) The office of Town Councilmember of the Town of Clermont, Georgia, which will be elected at large for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015, with said Seat currently held by Seth Weaver.

(B) The office of Town Councilmember of the Town of Clermont, Georgia, which will be elected at large for a term of four (4) years beginning on January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015, with said Seat currently held by John Brady.

(C) The office of Town Councilmember of the Town of Clermont, Georgia, which will be elected at large for a term of four (4) years beginning on January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015, with said Seat currently held by Albert Reeves.

The qualifying period, to qualify for the above offices, shall open on Monday, August 29, 2011 and will continue from day to day through Friday, September 2, 2011. The hours of qualifying each day shall be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (except for a one hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 p.m. each day).

The qualifying fee for each Council seat shall be \$21.60. Prospective candidates may qualify at the Town Hall, 122 Dean Street, Clermont, Georgia, by meeting with the Assistant Registrar and/or Town Clerk and by contacting the Town Clerk at (770) 983-7568. All qualified candidates are encouraged to run.

## North Hall / Clermont Lions Club

The Clermont North Hall Lions Club had a very busy spring. We approved applications for eye services and glasses for 7 applications. We have partner with Lenscrafter at Lakeshore Mall thru Sight First to provide this service. We received applications from Department of Family Children Service for these needs. We recommend Lenscrafters for all your eye care needs. If you need help call us.

In April we worked at the Georgia Mountain Center for several special events taking

up money for parking for the GMC. We are employed by the GMC to collect a fee for parking, and we split the proceeds. We use the money for community service projects.

Lisa Short, Director of Occupational Therapy at Challenged Child talked with us about the programs they offer. We discussed ways that our club could work with them on special projects to benefit these children.

We have been approved to adopt Hwy 129 (from mile marker

24 to 25, starting at the X-tra space storage to Al Cain's) for clean up. Our first pick was in April. We are scheduled again for September.

May - Local, State Representative, Doug Collins spoke about what was going on under the Gold Dome.

June- Clermont Lions Club Officer induction we had Don Wangner , Past District Governor participated in a ceremony to swear in the new officers. Dr John Pearce was also a

guest. He is Director of Lions International and has a lot of experience in traveling and speaking about Lions Club Project. Chuck Westfall was selected as Lion of the Year. Guy Mullinax won the entertainer of the year for stories and jokes he has brought to us as Tailwister. Thanks to everyone for the job you do for Lions and the community.

We would love for you to join us as a member or as our guest. Come to our meetings and hopefully you will enjoy yourself

enough to join us.

If anyone is interested in renting the Lions Club Building for special occasions or interested in Lions club membership call 678-616-4778 for information.



North Hall / Clermont  
Lions Club  
Chartered in 1983  
200 Spring Street  
Clermont, Ga. 30527  
President John Brady  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:30  
PM

### Recipe Corner

#### Peach Smoothie Recipe

- 1 cup frozen peach slices
- 1/2 banana, sliced
- 3 tablespoons nonfat vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup orange juice or apple juice
- 1/2 cup nonfat rice milk, optional
- add sugar to taste

Throw all ingredients in the blender and chop and then puree for many seconds until it is delightfully smooth.

#### Jackson's Simple Blueberry Smoothie

- 2 cups fresh or slightly thawed frozen blueberries
  - 5 Slices Peaches
  - 2 - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1/3 cup sugar or to taste
  - Crushed ice
- Place all ingredients, except the ice cubes, into container and blend until smooth. Add ice cubes and blend until smooth.  
Serve immediately.



### Funny Quotes about Life

- Life is like a ten speed bicycle.
- Most of us have gears we never use.
- Charles M. Schulz
- Don't go around saying the world owes you a living; the world owes you nothing; it was here first.
- Mark Twain
- Families are like fudge... mostly sweet with a few nuts.
- Anonymous
- A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.
- Bernard Meltzer

The next issue of the Clermont Connection will be published in October. Anyone wishing to submit articles or recipes for consideration may do so by email or by dropping them off at the Town Hall. We reserve the right in all instances to edit for length and content.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

4 Person Scramble – Mossy Creek Golf Course

Saturday, August 6th

9:00 am Shot Gun Start

Cost/ \$75 per person

Includes Golf, Snack Lunch and Admission to Men's Conference and Dinner

Sunday, August 7th

Team Prizes: 1st – \$300, 2nd – \$200.

Other Prizes and Hole sponsorships available

All proceeds support local mission and ministry opportunities.

Register by August 3rd at Mossy Creek or call 770-983-7272



### MEN'S CONFERENCE

STEP UP to the PLATE

Concord Baptist Church



Sunday, August 7th

5:30pm– 10:00pm

Cost: \$15 if purchased separately from Golf Package.

Includes Steak Dinner

Concord Christian Preschool, a school serving the Gainesville, Dahlonega and Cleveland areas, is currently registering students for the 2011–2012 school year. Our goal is to meet your child's spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs. If you are looking for a solid foundation on which to build a godly future for your little one, we encourage you to register your child. We offer a half-day program for Toddlers through Pre-K. Concord Christian Preschool is a ministry of Concord Baptist Church in Clermont, Georgia.



Guiding Hearts and Hands to Jesus

For more information contact Robin Bryson (770) 983-7272 Ext. 218.



The Town of Clermont would like to thank all the volunteers who came out and participated with our clean up day. It was a huge success and the Town looked great as a result of everyone's hard work. We hope to make next year's event even bigger and have more volunteers.

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