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State Rep. Mike Glanton took time for a photo opportunity with United States Congressman Sanford Bishop (L) (D-Albany) and Congressman John Barrow (R) (D-Savannah) who both served as panelist for the Annual Chamber of Commerce’s Congressional Legislative Luncheon held in Dublin, Georgia on Tuesday, August 18th. Rep. Glanton is recognized by the Georgia Chamber as a member of its 2009 Legislators’ **“Honor Roll”** for his efforts in making Georgia a premier destination for economic growth and development.

Education Stimulus Money Hits States Early

By [Mikel Chavers](#), *CSG Associate Editor*

More than \$11 billion in stimulus education funding to states will be available a month early to help save jobs and drive education reform, according to the U.S. Department of Education. That’s the second part of the stimulus funding for education. States will get the remaining Title I funding, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding and vocational rehabilitation dollars early. “The sooner we are able to make that funding available for districts to use, the easier it is for them to get their programs in place,” said Catherine Cross Maple, the deputy education secretary for New Mexico. “It will and does have an immediate effect on the end of this last school year and upcoming year and the first part of the next school year.” New Mexico, like many other states was forced to cut its education budget. “New Mexico is experiencing a budget deficit in education,” Maple said. But it’s not as dramatic as states hit harder by the recession such as Ohio, neighboring California and Michigan, for example, Maple said. “The special education and Title I money is not used to offset all of the cuts that have happened in education

as a whole,” Maple said. Instead, the stimulus funds will beef up programs. In April, the first 50 percent of each state’s Title I Recovery Act funds, disabilities education act funds and vocational rehabilitation funds were distributed to the states. The remaining 50 percent, or \$11.37 billion, was supposed to hit the states Sept. 30, but now states will get the rest of the stimulus dollars for education Sept. 1, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The Title I funding for low-income students and the disabilities education act funding is designed for school districts to ramp up efforts to serve disadvantaged kids, said Maple. The sooner the school districts can have their share of the state’s money, the sooner those programs will get a boost, she said. “There is an immediacy to being able to use this money effectively and wisely,” Maple said. “These two program areas will help close the achievement gap.” The \$5 billion in Title I funding hitting the states early will go to local educational agencies for schools that have many impoverished students who are at risk of not meeting education standards, according to a U.S. Department of Education press release. The \$6.1 billion in disabilities education act funding hitting the states early goes to programs helping students with

disabilities, according to the release. The \$270 million in vocational rehabilitation funding is particularly for those with significant disabilities, the press release said. In New Mexico, stimulus vocational rehabilitation dollars will help the state serve more clients, avoiding waiting lists when possible—something the state can do when it has more money for those types of programs. “We can serve the client list without having to put them in an order of selection and serve the

clients in a more timely manner,” Maple said. The stimulus funding may come at just the right time, Maple said. From an administrative angle, the end of September closes a quarter for New Mexico, so the earlier the state gets the money before Sept. 30, the less it has to deal with a huge waterfall of deadlines come the end of September. So in this case, the earlier the money comes in, the better, Maple said.

SAVE THESE DATES: Clayton County Schools Performing Arts Center **PRESENTS *Atlanta Symphony Orchestra*** on September 18, 2009 at 8:00pm. The Concert is **FREE**. This is the first time the full Orchestra of the ASO has appeared in its entirety in Clayton County. For more information contact Dr. Anita Lloyd at (770) 473-2875 or alloyd@clayton.k12.ga.us.

The First Annual South Metro Caribbean Festival at the International Beach hosted by the Caribbean Association of Georgia and in partnership with Clayton County on Saturday, September 5, noon to 8:00 p.m. The Cultural Celebration is open to the public with a \$3.00 parking fee per car. Access to the beach will cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. As this event is provided to park patrons at no additional cost, attendees are encouraged to donate non-perishable food item(s) and or new/gently used book(s) to the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services. Food vendors will

provide a variety of delicious, international and local cuisines for those in attendance. Events will include live reggae, calypso, soca, gospel, poetry, dancing, and moco jumbi performance. For additional information, please contact Ms. Jacki Watson at (678) 464-0680 or Mr. Courtney MacFarlane at (678) 313-4831 or visit www.caribbeangeorgia.org.

“Riverdale: Showcasing Our Diversity & Creativity” Food, Arts & Crafts Festival Saturday, September 19, 2009 On the grounds of Riverdale City Hall 10 AM to 10 PM. Fun for the entire family: American, Caribbean, Latino European, Asian, African. For vending opportunities or to showcase your talent, call (770) 997-8989. Provided by the city of Riverdale – Department of community Cultural Affairs & Leisure Services in association with the Clayton Heritage & Caribbean, LLC.

The Coalition of Clayton County Clergy will host its 1st Annual Fellowship and Community Service Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event location is in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballroom on the campus of Clayton State University. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale in September. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table. Sponsorships for a table and the event are available. For more information on tickets or sponsorship, and souvenir booklet ads, contact Ann Almond at (404) 207-3817. Seven to ten members of the Clayton Community will be recognized for their contributions to the County during the Awards Banquet.

12th Annual Free Prostate Screening on Saturday September 19th 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Foundation Education Center at Henry Medical Center. For more information and to see screening criteria or to register online www.henrymedical.com or call (678) 604-1040

Did you know that in 1858 our beautiful Clayton County was formed out of Fayette (to the West) and Henry (to the East)? The county was named after Judge Augustine S. Clayton who served in the Georgia General Assembly. At 143 square miles, our county is the third smallest county in the state (out of 159) and the second smallest in the 10 county region, larger only than Rockdale. For more information link http://www.co.clayton.ga.us/about_clayton/history/index.htm

Did you know that the Library System is comprised of six branch library locations: Forest Park, Jonesboro, Headquarters, Morrow, Riverdale and Lovejoy? Library cards are FREE for county and state residents. A Clayton County issued library card also entitles card holders to a range of free services including access to GALILEO, Georgia’s virtual library. For more information click on the following link <http://www.co.clayton.ga.us/libraris/index.htm> .

Did you know that you may access the FREE tutoring service from any computer including your home, school, or any Clayton County Public Library branch for LIVE HOMEWORK HELP Online? Students must log on with a Clayton County Public Library Pines Library card number. For more information call (770) 473-3850.

Did you know that Georgia became a national trailblazer this year, when the state allowed individuals to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance premiums from their state income taxes? Previously, only businesses could deduct the cost of health insurance (Georgia Public Policy Foundation 8/21/2009).

Did you know that The Georgia General Assembly, the formal title of the legislature, was formed in 1777 and is older than the United States Congress? At the time of its origin, the legislature consisted of a single house, but in 1789 it became a bicameral body, consisting of a House of Representatives and a Senate. The House of Representatives and Senate operate with similar powers, except that appropriation bills must originate in the House, while confirmation of the Governor's appointments rests with the Senate. The concurrence of both bodies is necessary before any bill may become a law. The House of Representatives has 180 members and the Senate has 56. Two-year terms of office apply to both houses, and the entire membership of each body is elected at the same time. For more information link <http://www.georgia.gov>



Rep. Mike Glanton participated in a Press Conference held on Tuesday, August 25th at the Clayton County Commissioners' Board Room. The Press Conference was to present Federal funding to Clayton County based non-profits. Receiving funding is the Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity (\$885,433), Salvation Army-Jonesboro (\$ 393,205) and Clayton County Community Services Authority (\$393,205). Rep. Glanton delivered remarks during the Conference praising the community work of the recipient organizations and thanking Mary Presley and Pat Hoban-Moore of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for their support and commitment to communities in Georgia. Pictured with Rep. Glanton (L) is Habitat President Emeritus, Judge Steve Teske. Pictured (C) is Salvation Army Metro Commander Major James Seiler and pictured (R) is CSA Executive Director Rev. Charles W. Grant. The funding is from the Community Development Block Grant, Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Rep. Mike Glanton convened a meeting on Tuesday, August 25th between the Clayton County Legislative Delegation and the Mayors of Forest Park, Jonesboro, College Park, Lake City and Riverdale. The breakfast meeting was held at the National Archives located in Morrow. Also in attendance were several city managers, Councilman Kenny Ruffin of Riverdale and Tom Gehl of GMA. The meeting was requested by the Clayton County Council of Mayors to discuss city specific issues and concerns regarding legislation passed during the last Legislative Session. Agenda items for the 2010 Legislative session is planned to be discussed in a follow-up meeting prior to the start of the 2010 Session. Delegation members participating included Senator Valencia Seay (D-34), Senator Gail Buckner (D-44), Rep. Darryl Jordan (D-77), Rep. Glenn Baker (D-78), Rep. Roberta Abdul-Salaam (D-74), and Rep. Mike Glanton (D -76) Delegation Chairman.



SPLOST ON TAP FOR CLAYTON COUNTY VOTERS

There will be a countywide Special Election held, September 15, 2009, "To Consider Extension of a Special One Percent Sales and Use Tax for Educational Purposes". The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, August 17, 2009. All polling locations will be those used during the November 4, 2008 General Election and the December 2, 2008 General Runoff Election. Voting hours will be 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Advance voting will take place one week prior to the election. The only advance site that will open for advance voting during the week of September 7-11 will be at the Elections and Registration, 121 S. McDonough Street. Office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Therefore, advance voting will not begin until Tuesday, September 8. Advance voting hours will be 8:00am to 7: pm. Registered voters may also request an absentee ballot by mail by following the instructions for a mail-in ballot. For any additional information, you may call (770) 477-3372.

More Summary of General Statutes Enacted at the 2009 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia. This represents one of the services which the Legislative Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Counsel perform for the legislative branch of government. This document contains a summary of the general statutes of state-wide application which were enacted at the 2009 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia. It is intended to be used as a convenient reference for persons desiring to know which laws were enacted or desiring to ascertain the main features of each Act without the necessity of reading the Act in its entirety. Acts may be readily located in the Georgia Laws by Act number. Copies of this summary and legislation may also be obtained electronically from the internet web site of the General Assembly: www.legis.ga.gov. I plan to provide you with 5-10 ACTS per newsletter until the list is exhausted.

TITLE 19 DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Act 77; HB 184

This Act provides for the release of information by the Department of Human Resources and probate courts concerning the need for testing for sickle cell disease and explaining the causes and effects of such disease. The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 19-3-40. **Effective July 1, 2009.**

Act 32; HB 145

This Act modifies provisions relating to deviations from standard child support amounts, including changing the definition of "low income" for purposes of a deviation based on low income. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 19-6-15. **Effective September 1, 2009.**

Act 151; SB 69

This Act expands the definition of "sexual exploitation" relating to child abuse in areas pertaining to reporting, investigating, and preventing child abuse and the confidentiality of records containing child abuse information. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 19-7-5, 19-15-1, and 49-5-40. **Effective May 5, 2009.**

Act 171; HB 388

This Act is cited as the "Option of Adoption Act." The Act allows for the relinquishment of rights to an embryo and provides that a child born from such relinquished embryo shall be the legal child of the recipient. The Act also corrects certain cross-references to Article 1 of O.C.G.A Chapter 19-8. The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 19-8-40 through 19-8-43 and amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-11-28, 19-8-26, 29-2-22, and 49-5-12. **Effective July 1, 2009.**



Rep. Mike Glanton addressed the family of SFC John Beale and CCWA employees during a Living Memorial Unveiling. The ceremony honored the service and sacrifice of SFC Beale who was killed in combat in June 2009 while deployed to Afghanistan



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The Third Annual Clayton County Business Community “Business2Business” Bowling

Tournament 2009 is Friday, October 23rd. The event hosted by State Representative Mike Glanton and Clayton County Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin will be held at Pin Strikes Bowling Center located at 3478 Mt. Zion Road Stockbridge, Georgia. The Tournament is slated to begin at 6pm. Registration is \$300 per team. Teams will consist of 5 members each. Three males and two females or three females and two males. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. All scores are scratch and awards will be presented in seven categories. Proceeds from the Tournament will support several local non-profits including the National Museum of Commercial Aviation, Better Babies Ministry, Inc., Price Performing Arts Center and Dance Company and others. The Clayton County Chamber of Commerce will award door prizes throughout the evening. **A SILENT AUCTION** will be conducted by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Women in

Business Council Mentoring Program. Tournament participants and spectators are encouraged to bring their families and friends. The bowling center has many activities catering to the whole family



experience including bumper cars, laser tag, video games, air hockey, billiards and much more....

According to Event Director, Rep. Mike Glanton, *“The mission of the Clayton County Business2Business Bowling Tournament is to bring members of the Clayton County Business Community together for a day of family and community oriented fun and fellowship. And to promote unity within our business community and general public and to raise*

awareness and crucial operating revenue for local non-profits and community events.”

Added Glanton “this is a great opportunity for businesses to share information, network and create business relationships that will benefit the county and its communities. It further provides for a venue for local businesses to reward their staff with a night of fun, food and friendly competition which promotes high morale, pride and enhanced production among employees. These ingredients I believe are vital to the foundations of positive economic growth and prosperity”.

For more information, sponsorship and team registrations contact Rep. Mike Glanton at (678) 479-7730 or Email: glantonm@bellsouth.net, or Commissioner Terry Baskin at (770) 477-3311 or Email: terry.baskin@co.clayton.ga.us .

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