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Groundbreaking of New City Hall Brings More Growth to Jonesboro



Photo credit: Clayton News Daily

The landscape of Jonesboro is going to improve again with a new building that will bring a brand-new City Hall to Lee Street Park.

The \$12.1 million, 23,000 square-foot building will be right near Todd Law's backyard on Smith Street on the west end of Lee Street Park and will include the courthouse, police department, probation offices, community room,

and atrium. Deemed the Jonesboro City Center, the two-story building will also house Municipal Court and City Council Chambers along with the Permit and Licensing Department.

We were thrilled to learn that the atrium will be named in Mayor Day's honor, we are excited to watch the construction for the new complex get underway, and will be anxiously awaiting the grand opening slated for March 2022.



City officials break ground. Photo credit: Captured by V





Getting Injuries Paid For After An Uber or Lyft Accident Can Be Complicated Without an Attorney's Help



While Uber and Lyft have become a convenient way of finding on-demand transportation, ride-sharing services have been linked to a rise in traffic fatalities since its conception in 2009.

When an accident happens in an Uber or other rideshare vehicle like a shuttle or taxi, it can be extremely difficult to figure out who is going to pay for your injuries. There are usually multiple insurance companies and trying to locate a police report when you may not even know where you are can seem next to impossible.

On top of that, to successfully prove an Uber or taxi driver's negligence, a claimant must establish the following:

- The defendant driver owed a duty of care to the plaintiff
- The rideshare driver breached their duty of care
- Their breach of duty directly caused the plaintiff's injuries
- The plaintiff suffered actual harm or loss as a result

What does this all mean? Basically, it's up to the injured person to prove that he or she did not cause the accident, that the accident caused the passenger's injuries, and that the injuries were significant enough to result in medical bills.

It sounds simple, but the amount of paperwork and communication involved can be steep, on top of trying to figure out which insurance company is going to pay for the cost of medical treatment, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

If you were injured in an accident in any type of ride-share vehicle, even if it didn't happen in Georgia, contact us and we can help you. The most important thing to remember is never to sign any paperwork from an insurance company or the ride-share company without first speaking to an attorney. We'd be happy to review your case – for free – to make sure you are protected.

Uber

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Puff Pastry Chicken Pot Pie

A perfect way to use up leftover chicken from the grill, this version saves time with puff pastry instead of typical pie dough and tastes even better!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package frozen puff pastry
- 2lbs cooked chicken breast
- l teaspoon salt
- l teaspoon pepper
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2. In a large skillet, heat butter over

medium-high heat and sauté onion until tender, 5-7 minutes. Add garlic, cook one minute longer. Stir in flour until blended; cook and stir one minute. Gradually stir in broth and cream. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, until thickened, about two minutes.

- 3. Stir in vegetables, lemon juice, chicken, salt and pepper; return to a boil. Transfer to a greased 2-quart baking dish. Top with puff pastry, trimming to fit.
- 4. Bake uncovered until bubbly and golden brown, 45-55 minutes. Let sit for 15 minutes before serving. Enjoy!



Is My Car Accident Claim Still Worth Anything If I Wasn't Working & Don't Have Lost Wages?



Just because you don't work outside the home doesn't mean that you are not an important, contributing part of the family. Your inability to move around the house because of a car accident injury can have a huge impact on the household, even if you were not bringing in a paycheck at the time of the accident. That is why Georgia state law allows for Loss of Household Services as part of the pain and suffering aspect of a car accident claim. This means that you would be entitled to additional settlement money if your attorney is able to show that there are economic damages (i.e. costs or expenses) since you are not able to perform the important things around the home and in caring for the family. For example, if you are a stay-at-home mom who can no longer cook meals, take the kids to and from school, do all of the laundry, clean the house, and give your children a bath, your attorney can calculate the cost of hiring someone to do all of those things as part of the economic damages. If the insurance adjuster is refusing to consider these things, call us. We can help you prove Loss of Household Services and show the insurance company the true impact of how the home cannot run without you.

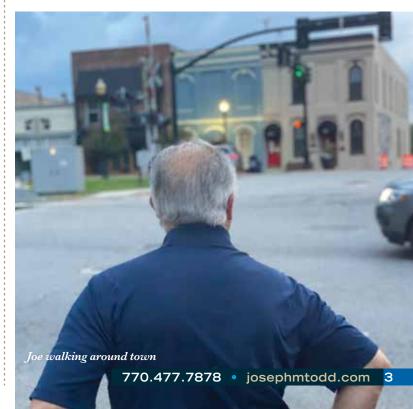


Out & About in Clayton County

One of our favorite things about Clayton County is the mix between old and new. There are gorgeous new buildings and yet the historical parts have been well-preserved and show where we came from.

We love the historic downtown area where our office is located. Can you guess which intersection we are standing on?

Share with us your favorite spots – new or old – around Clayton County and tell us what you enjoy about them or the stories they represent. Send your favorite locations to anneke@josephmtodd.com or post to our Facebook page a photo of your favorite spot and be entered for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to the local Clayton County business of your choice!





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Bike Helmets Are Back This Summe

Be sure to stay tuned to the Todd Law Times and our Facebook page for updates on when we will be holding another kid's bike helmet giveaway day! To spread the word about child safety and accident



injury prevention, Todd Law will be giving helmets to kids of all ages - for free – this summer. Check back for dates and times so you can RSVP your child for their complimentary helmet!

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Raving Fan of the Month

"I loved working with both attorneys, they were kind very attentive to my needs. They took care of my case in an extremely fast timeline. There were no surprises, I was briefed before every step of the process. I was also given an timeline when to expect may case to be over. That timeline was accurate.

I have recommended them to my co-workers who was also thankful for the recommendation. So, if you are reading my review, I suggest that you give them a call you will be happy you did.

I would like to thank the Todds again!"

- L. Newkirk