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Welcome, Lily!

Have you noticed that Attorney Jillian Todd has been MIA lately? It's for an amazing reason! Welcome to the world, sweet Lily! She graced the world this July and has stolen hearts since. We are so grateful to our friends, colleagues, and readers for their kind words and for understanding Jillian's hiatus and she is looking forward to being back in the office at the end of October!



It's a girl! ♥





National Traffic Awareness Month Extra Important As Kids Head Back To School



August is National Traffic Awareness Month, and while it's important to practice safety on the roads all year long, the end of summer and the beginning of the school season are the perfect times to remind ourselves to be extra cautious.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 7,342 pedestrians were killed in traffic fatalities in 2021, a staggering 13% increase over 2020's already historically high number. Traffic fatalities were also up 10.5% over 2020, as an estimated 42,915 people lost their lives in car accidents around the country.

Majority of these deaths were completely preventable. To save lives and prevent serious, debilitating injuries to other drivers and pedestrians, follow these tips from the NHTSA:

- *Teaching kids to walk safely near traffic is especially helpful if they ride the bus to and from school, but it's a life lesson that could save your child well into adulthood. Safekids.org suggests:*
- *Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.*

- *It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.*
- *Teach kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.*
- *Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.*
- *Encourage kids to be especially alert for cars that are turning or backing up.*
- *Teach kids not to run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.*
- *If kids are walking when it's dark out, teach them to be especially alert and make sure they are visible to drivers. Have them wear light- or brightly-colored clothing and reflective gear.*
- *Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce the message with teenagers.*
- *Pull headphones down or turn off the volume before crossing the street.*
- *Be aware of others who may be distracted and speak up when you see someone who is in danger.*
- *If kids need to use a cell phone, teach them to stop walking and find a safe area to talk.*
- *Be a good role model. Set a good example by putting your phone, headphones and devices down when walking around cars.*
- *When driving, put cell phones and other distractions in the back seat or out of sight until your final destination.*
- *Be especially alert and slow down when driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones.*
- *Be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.*
- *Give pedestrians the right of way and look both ways when making a turn to spot any bikers, walkers or runners who may not be immediately visible.*



Out & About In Clayton County

Historic Main Street in Downtown Jonesboro has been a special place in our hearts since Attorney Joe Todd first bought his building at 104 not long after he moved to Georgia from New York to attend law school. Over the past nearly 50 years, we have watched the community grow, but we still love the old buildings. Send us a photo of you

near your favorite historic building to win a \$25 gift card to a local Clayton County business of your choice!

Email responses to anneke@josephm-todd.com or tag us on Facebook or Instagram!



Raving Fan of the Month

“Mr. Todd and his daughter are very welcoming and understanding. He is straight to the point and always guides you in the right direction if you listen and do what he asks of you. The office staff is great as well and they will let you know he’s not available, but relay messages and he answers right back. He has serviced two of my cases and both experiences on his end were great. I didn’t have to worry - he took care of everything.”

– Cynthia Clark

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Turkey, Feta, & Cranberry Pinwheels



Easy to make ahead and the perfect lunch addition, these pinwheels are versatile and kid-friendly!

INGREDIENTS

- 8oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- ¼ cup green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup dried cranberries, chopped
- ½ pound sliced deli turkey
- 4 burrito-sized tortillas

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl whisk together the cream cheese, feta cheese, green onions, and cranberries.
2. Evenly spread ½ cup of the filling onto each tortilla and top with 2-3 slices of turkey.
3. Wrap each tortilla in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
4. Cut each tortilla into 12 slices.



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Livy

August is National Dog Month and to celebrate our furry friends, we'd love to receive candid photos of your canines! Share with us a photo of your favorite dog by tagging us on our Joseph M. Todd, PC Facebook or Instagram pages for a chance to win one of two \$100 Amazon gift cards! You can also contact us to add a family member or friend to our mailing list and send them the gift of great recipes and stories each month! Livy the Dachshund Lab and Moose the Lab Mastiff were so excited to read about Owen, one of the previous photo contest winners, that they wanted their pictures submitted too!



Moose