



TODD LAW TIMES

ISSUE 1 • VOLUME 2
JANUARY 2020

104 S Main Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236
770.477.7878

josephmtodd.com



Family-Owned Duncan's Landscape & Maintenance Takes Outdoor Living Spaces to a New Level



Pulling up to a home or business that has impeccable landscaping is incredibly welcoming and has the power to put the visitor immediately at ease. For more than 50 years, Duncan's Landscaping &

Maintenance has taken that power and put it to humble use in the way they serve and treat their customers. Brothers Gary, Johnny, and Jeff had been working for their dad's lawn maintenance company each summer growing up and wanted to continue the legacy he started in 1967 by taking over the business from their father in 1983.

The brothers' passion for the outdoors led them to expand and offer more services, in order to provide a complete esthetic look for a property beyond a well-manicured lawn. Duncan's Landscaping & Maintenance grew to also specialize in areas like:

- Landscaping and landscape design
- Stone and paver walkways
- Firepits
- Waterfalls and water gardens
- Fertilizing and weed control
- Retaining walls
- Ponds and fountainscapes
- Pest control



"There is just something about a Water Garden, from the first time you turn that water on and it starts running over the rocks then waterfalls, and down the stream into the pond; it is just magical. Then you add in the fish, all those cool water plants, patio, fire pit and night lighting...It's just something we get excited about every time."

– *The Duncan Brothers*

As one of the few Certified Aquascape Contractors in the area, Duncan's knows their way around the water. The brothers have a love of water features, which is apparent by large portfolio of work they have done all over Georgia. They know which fish and plants will thrive together in water features, how to tie the look into other landscapes and patios, and how to properly maintain the yard art.

The Duncan difference is not only apparent in the quality of their work, but also in the way that they interact with clients. Their commitment to making the customer happy is highlighted by the fact that they start all landscaping work by mapping out what the entire project will look like before they begin planting or installing anything in the yard. This allows for open communication and the chance to plan out the best way to exceed expectations and ensure the project's beauty lasts for years to come.

For more information on how Duncan's Landscaping can help your Atlanta-area home or business look its best, visit their website, duncanslandscaping.com, follow them on Facebook, or call (770) 478-0098 to schedule a consultation.





TODD
LAW
TIMES

New Year Is The Perfect Time For A Free Auto Policy Review



There are certain things that you should do once a year, like flipping your mattress, throwing away expired medication, and cleaning your oven, but checking over your auto insurance policy is definitely one yearly task you do not want to overlook. Making sure that you have adequate

uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, medical payments, and liability coverage is extremely important.

At Todd Law, we unfortunately see cases all the time where clients are seriously injured but there is simply not enough coverage under the policy to pay for their medical bills. Even Georgia's state minimum liability coverage requirement of \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 total per accident is nothing compared to the extremely high cost of injuries that require hospitalization,

physical therapy, and surgery. And sadly, drivers don't always follow the law by carrying insurance at all, so if you are hit by one of those drivers, you are out of luck, unless you have the right type of policy that includes uninsured and underinsured coverage.

What is the difference between "uninsured" and "underinsured" insurance coverage?

Uninsured motorist coverage protects you when the other driver causes the accident but has NO insurance.

Underinsured motorist coverage protects you when the other driver causes the accident but doesn't have enough insurance to cover your damages.

Buying an auto policy with enough uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to protect yourself and your family in case the unthinkable happens. Therefore, we offer completely free auto insurance policy reviews. Simply call us at (770) 477-7878 to schedule an appointment to bring in your insurance declarations page and we can give you advice on what changes, if any, need to be made.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Healthy(ish) Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

For those of us who are trying to be a little bit healthier in 2020, try these oatmeal cookies that swap out half of the butter for applesauce and honey instead of processed sugar. You can't tell the difference – they are that good!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ¼ cups quick oats
- 1 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter – melted and cooled
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup raisins
- ¼ cup well chopped raw walnuts or pecans

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the oats, flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt.
2. In a medium bowl, combine the applesauce, butter, egg, vanilla, and honey. Whisk until blended. Pour the liquid mixture into the flour mixture and stir just until combined. The dough

will be wet and sticky. Fold in the raisins and walnuts. Cover bowl with plastic wrap, place in the refrigerator, and let chill for at least 30 minutes or up to 3 days.

3. When ready to bake, place a rack in the center of your oven and preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking sheet. Remove the dough from the refrigerator (if it is very stiff, you may need to let it sit out for 5 to 10 minutes). With a cookie scoop or spoon, drop the dough into 1 ½-inch balls and arrange on the baking sheet, leaving 1 inch of space around each. With your fingers, gently flatten each cookie to be about ¾-inch thick.

4. Bake until the cookies are golden and firm around the edges and set on top, about 9 to 10 minutes. Place the baking sheet on a wire rack and let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then transfer the cookies to the rack to cool completely.

Readers Share Their Favorite Holiday Memories To Close Out The Decade, Welcome 2020

The holidays may be over, but the wonderful feelings still linger about our favorite part of the season. Hands down, it was spending time with our family. Nothing beats having everyone together for the holidays. We asked our readers to share with us their favorite parts, too; thank you to those who took the time to share the joy!

“My favorite thing was that my grandniece, Ada, was so excited to give me the Christmas ornament she made that, she was waiting at the door for me. So cute!” – Edward N.

“Spending time with family and seeing my boys open presents. Happy Holidays!” – Jennifer D.

“Always nice to just get together! Merry Christmas to all!” – Jane W.

As we look back on the past decade, we are grateful to all our clients, friends, and readers we have gotten to know like family. May 2020 be filled with light and joy, health and prosperity, and surrounded by the ones you love. Happy New Year, from our family to yours.



Joe Todd with his daughters, Jillian, J, J, and J

ON LOCATION IN CLAYTON COUNTY

Do you recognize this historical home that is not only the oldest wooden home in Clayton County, but also once housed the president and students of Middle Georgia College?

Hints:

1. It was built in 1878 by Elijah Hanes, a Clayton County farmer, who made a fortune in Dahlonega during the 1820's gold rush.
2. It used to be referred to by newspapers as the “most beautiful house between Atlanta and Macon” when it was built.
3. It wasn't always its trademark “green” color

Share your guesses with us on our Facebook page and tell us about your favorite places in Clayton County so we can highlight them in the **Todd**

Law Times.

From the guesses, we will randomly select one lucky winner to receive a \$25 gift card to their favorite Clayton County business!



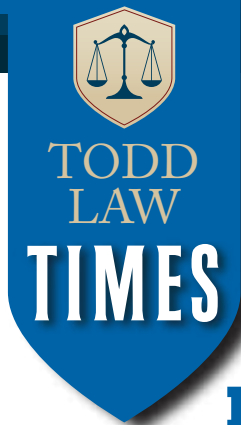


104 S Main Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236
770.477.7878



*Joe and
Jillian*

CALL US. YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL A WHOLE LOT
BETTER ABOUT THINGS. (770) 477-7878



CALL NOW: (770) 477-7878 FOR FREE CASE REVIEW

Broad Street Project Right In Todd Law Backyard To Bring Lots Of Fun To Jonesboro

It's so cool to look out the back door of the Todd Law office building and see construction for the Broad Street Project, as part of the City of Jonesboro's Arts & Entertainment District efforts. We are proud to be a part of historic downtown and love all the great new things happening to make it even better! Check out JonesboroGa.com to learn more about all the cool things going up on Broad Street and way to go, Mayor Joy Day and everyone at the City for making this happen!



*The City's plan of what Broad Street
will look like upon project completion*

ISSUE 1 • VOLUME 2 • JANUARY 2020

Raving Fan of the Month

"When we went to the last mediation table Jillian really fought for me. She and her dad Joe have done a great job with all my cases. If anything comes up, I know I have a good lawyer to call."

— Lynn Pearson

Thank you, Lynn, for the kind words. It's an honor to fight for our clients, especially when all sides can come to the table and find a solution, with the help of mediation. It's the best feeling when you can be a voice for your client at that table.