

**Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce**

P. O. Box 629 - 270 Athens St.

Jefferson, Georgia 30549

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# NEWCOMERS PACKET



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# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

706-387-0300

[www.jacksoncountyga.com](http://www.jacksoncountyga.com)

[info@jacksoncountyga.com](mailto:info@jacksoncountyga.com)

### Utilities

#### Electricity

City of Commerce: 706-335-3164

Georgia Power: 706-357-6519

888-660-5890

Jackson EMC: 706-367-5281

#### Water

Braselton 706-654-3915

Commerce 706-335-3164

Hoschton 706-654-3034

Jefferson 706-367-5121

Maysville 706-652-2274

Nicholson 706-757-2230

Jackson Co. Water & Sewer 706-367-1747

#### Gas - Natural

Atmos Energy 888-824-3434

City of Commerce 706-335-3164

Hoschton & Talmo

Atlanta Gas Light 706-425-8430

Maysville-GA Natural Gas 877-850-6200

Scana Energy 877-467-2262

Vigas, Inc. 770-867-6015

#### Gas – Propane

Triple L Gas Company 706-367-8782

#### Local Telephone

Windstream Communication 706-335-0333

AT&T (limited area) 888-757-6500

#### Trash Service

Commerce 706-335-3164

Hoschton 706-654-3034

Jefferson 706-367-5121

Maysville 706-652-2274

Talmo 706-693-2325

Garbage Hound 706-658-2679

Waste Pro 706-227-3222

#### Cable

Windstream (primary) 706-335-0333

Comcast (limited area) 800-266-2278

#### Post Offices

Braselton Post Office 706-654-3301

Commerce Post Office 706-335-3566

Hoschton Post Office 706-654-3168

Jefferson Post Office 706-367-8264

Maysville Post Office 706-652-2825

Nicholson Post Office 706-757-3363

Pendergrass Post Office 706-693-2205

Talmo Post Office 706-693-2666

#### Jackson County Government Info

706-367-1199

#### Jackson County Courthouse Information

706-387-6000

#### Car Tag and License

706-367-6320

#### Business License/Building Permits

706-367-6335

**Driver's License Athens** 706-542-9928

**Better Business Bureau** 866-225-1090

**Consumer Affairs** 800-869-1123

**JC Senior Citizens Center** 706-367-5101

**Jackson County Transit** 706-367-7433

**GA Dept. Of Labor** 706-583-2550

**GA Poison Control** 800-222-1222

#### Newspapers

The Jackson Herald 706-367-5233

Commerce News 706-335-2927

The Paper 770-867-7557

Gainesville Times 770-532-1234

# JACKSON COUNTY TAX RATES 2009

	<u>City Tax:</u>	<u>County Tax</u>	<u>School Tax</u>	<u>School Bond</u>	<u>Fire Tax</u>	<u>State Tax</u>	<u>Total Rate:</u>
<b><u>Incorporated</u></b>							
Maysville		9.49	18.90	3.10	1.10	0.25	32.84
Jefferson	6.40	9.49	13.24	3.30	0.00	0.25	32.68
Arcade		9.49	18.90	3.10	1.16	0.25	32.90
Braselton		9.49	18.90	3.10	1.67	0.25	33.41
Hoschton		9.49	18.90	3.10	1.67	0.25	33.41
Nicholson		9.49	18.90	3.10	0.71	0.25	32.45
Pendergrass		9.49	18.90	3.10	0.73	0.25	35.47
Talmo		9.49	18.90	3.10	0.73	0.25	32.47
Commerce	1.50	9.49	17.75		0.00	0.25	28.99
County		9.5	18.90	3.10		.25	30.86
<b><u>Unincorporated</u></b>							
Arcade Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.64	0.25	32.02
East Jackson Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.60	0.25	32.46
Jackson Trail Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	.95	0.25	31.81
Maysville Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.10	0.25	31.96
South Jackson Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.50	0.25	32.36
West Jackson Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.67	0.25	32.53
Nicholson/Center Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	0.96	0.25	31.57
Harrisburg Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.47	0.25	32.33
Plainview Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	1.50	0.25	32.36
North Jackson Fire District		8.61	18.90	3.10	0.73	0.25	31.59
*Unincorporated Jefferson Area		9.19	18.40	3.70	0.00	0.25	28.25

\*A small area around Jefferson that is not in any fire district

\*CITY OF MAYSVILLE State & County 32.84 City M&O 2.73 Total 35.57

\* This rate is used for vehicle tax only.

# JACKSON CO. MUNICIPALITIES INFORMATION

## **City of Arcade**

PO Box 417  
Jefferson GA 30549  
706-367-5500  
F 706-367-8972  
Doug Haynie - Mayor  
Emergencies: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-367-1821  
Fire Dept.: 706-367-4488  
www.arcade-ga.com

## **City of Braselton**

PO Box 306  
Braselton GA 30517  
(706-654-3915  
F 706-654-3109  
Bill Orr – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-654-3915  
Library: 706-654-1992  
Emergencies: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-654-3915  
Inspect. Dept. 706-654-9827  
Sewage Treatment: 706-654-3144  
www.braselton.net

## **City of Hoschton**

79 City Square  
Hoschton GA 30548  
706- 654-3034  
F 706- 654-9834  
Erma Denny – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-654-3034  
Emergency: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-824-1911  
www.cityofhoschton.com

## **City of Talmo**

PO Box 400  
Talmo GA 30575  
706-693-2325  
Larry Wood—Mayor  
Utilities: 706-693-2325  
Library: 706-693-1905  
Emergency: 911  
www.talmo-ga.com

## **City of Commerce**

PO Box 348  
Commerce GA 30529  
706- 335-3164  
F 706- 335-6879  
www.commercega.org  
Charles L. Hardy - Mayor  
Utilities: 706-335-3164  
Library: 706-335-5946  
Housing Authority:  
706-335-3611  
Park and Recreation Dept:  
706-335-3236  
Commerce City Schools:  
706-335-5500  
Emergency: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-335-3200  
Fire Dept.: 706-335-2190

## **City of Jefferson**

**(County Seat)**  
147 Athens Street  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-5121  
F 706-367-5134  
Jim Joiner – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-367-5121  
Library: 706-367-8012  
Housing Authority:  
706-367-8311  
Park and Recreation Dept:  
706-367-5116  
Jefferson City Schools:  
706-367-2880  
Emergency: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-367-5231  
Fire Dept.: 706-387-7400  
www.cityofjeffersonga.com

## **City of Maysville**

PO Box 86  
Maysville GA 30558  
706-652-2274  
F 706- 652-2111  
Jerry Baker – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-652-2274  
Library: 706-652-2323  
Emergency: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-652-3494  
www.cityofmaysville.org

## **City of Nicholson**

PO Box 365  
Nicholson GA 30565  
706-757-3408  
F 706-757-2631  
Ronnie Maxwell – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-757-2230  
Library: 706-757-3577  
Emergency: 911  
Fire Dept.: 706-757-3912  
www.nicholson-ga.com

## **City of Pendergrass**

P.O. Box 95  
Pendergrass, GA 30567  
706-693-2494  
Monk Tolbert – Mayor  
Utilities: 706-693-2494  
Library: 706-693-4450  
Emergency: 911  
Police Dept.: 706-693-2386  
www.cityofpendergrass.com

# JACKSON CO. SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Commerce City Schools

[www.commerce-city.k12.ga.us](http://www.commerce-city.k12.ga.us)

**Superintendent** – Dr. James “Mac” McCoy Phone: 706-335-5500

Commerce Primary School – Kim Savage, Principal

395 Minish Drive, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-335-5587

Commerce Elementary School—David Cash, Principal

825 Lakeview Drive, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-335-1801

Commerce Middle School – Chuck Bell, Principal

7690 Jefferson Road, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-335-5594

Commerce High School – Donnie Drew, Principal

272 Lakeview Drive, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-335-5942

## Jefferson City Schools

[www.jeffcityschools.org](http://www.jeffcityschools.org)

**Superintendent** – Dr. John Jackson Phone: 706-367-2880

Jefferson Elementary – DeMaris Gurley, Principal

415 Hoschton Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-367-8242

Jefferson Academy DeMaris Gurley, Principal

99 Dragon Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-367-2300

Jefferson Middle – Brandy Corbett, Principal

100 Dragon Drive, Jefferson, Georgia 30549 Phone: 706-367-2882

Jefferson High School – Dr. Kevin Smith, Principal

575 Washington Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-367-2881

## Jackson County School System

[www.jackson.k12.ga.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ga.us)

**Superintendent** – Dr. Shannon Adams Phone: 706-367-5151

Benton Elementary – Pam Shields, Principal

5488 Hwy 441 S. Nicholson, GA 30565 Phone: 706-757-2211

East Jackson Elementary – Jennifer Halley Principal

1531 Hoods Mill Road, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-336-7900

East Jackson Middle School – Heidi Hill, Principal

1880 Hoods Mill Road, Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-335-2083

# JACKSON CO. SCHOOL INFORMATION (cont.)

East Jackson Comprehensive High School Pat Stueck, Principal  
1435 Hoods Mill Rd. Commerce, GA 30529 Phone: 706-336-8900

Gordon Street Center MaryAnn Hale, Principal  
441 Gordon St., Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-367-2341

Gum springs Elementary School Alisa Hanley, Principal  
600 Gum Springs Church Road, Jefferson Phone: 706-654-5580

Jackson County Comprehensive High School Dr. Todd McGhee, Principal  
1668 Winder Highway, Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-367-5003

Kings Bridge Middle School Debra Morris, Principal  
1630 New Kings Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30607 Phone: 706-208-3552

Maysville Elementary School Jackie Morgan, Principal  
9270 Highway 98 Spur., Maysville, GA 30558 Phone: 706-652-2241

North Jackson Elementary School Kathy Elrod, Principal  
1880 Old Gainesville Hwy, Talmo, GA 30575 Phone: 706-693-2246

South Jackson Elementary – Pam Johns, Principal and Jane Scales, Principal  
8144 Jefferson Road, Athens, GA 30607 Phone: 706-543-8798

West Jackson Intermediate – Diane Carr, Principal  
391 East Jefferson Street, Hoschton, GA 30548 Phone: 706-654-2044

West Jackson Primary – Linda Bell, Principal  
4825 Highway 53, Braselton, GA 30517 Phone: 706-654-2243

West Jackson Middle School – Malissa Hill, Principal  
400 Gum Springs Church Rd., Jefferson, GA 30549 Phone: 706-654-2775

## **Private Pre-Schools:**

First Baptist Church, Jefferson 706-367-5226  
Galilee Christian Church, Jefferson 706-367-8038

## **Colleges and Universities:**

Gainesville State College 770-718-3610  
Lanier Technical College, Gainesville 770-531-6304  
Lanier Tech Commerce Campus 706-335-1931

# AREA HOSPITALS, MEDICAL & DENTAL

## HOSPITALS

**BJC Medical Center**  
70 Medical Center Drive  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-1000

**Northeast Georgia Medical Center**  
743 Spring Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
770-535-3553

## PEDIATRICIANS

**Commerce Pediatrics**  
716 Hospital Road  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-2108

**Jefferson Pediatrics**  
2610 US Hwy 129N  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-1010

## FAMILY MEDICINE

**Athens Associates in Family Practice**  
300 Hawthorne Lane  
Athens, GA 30606  
706-353-7648

**Medical Center Family Practice**  
45 Medical Center Court  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-5155

## URGENT CARE

**Jefferson Medical  
Regional First Care**  
528 Panther Drive  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-387-5555  
706-387-5656

**Urgent Care Banks Crossing**  
415B Pottery Factory Drive  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-336-0074

## CARDIOLOGIST

**Commerce Cardiology Clinic**  
170 Cardiology Place  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-2000

## GYNECOLOGY

**Meadows Surgical Arts**  
30931 Hwy 441 S  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-3555

## OPTOMETRIST

**Milford & Doss O.D., PC**  
1115 South Elm Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-5139

# AREA HOSPITALS, MEDICAL & DENTAL (CONT.)

## DENTIST

### **Commerce Dental Group**

**Dr. Samuel Thomason**

**Dr. Adam Brown**

1397 South Elm Street

Commerce, GA 30529

706-335-4222

### **Dr. Douglas Cleveland, DDS**

441 Athens Street

Jefferson, GA 30549

706-367-9861

### **L. Justin Payne, DMD**

5391 Hwy 53, Ste. 101

Braselton, GA 30517

706-654-1557

### **Traditions Dental**

**Dr. Steven Wells**

55 Freedom Pkwy, Ste 104

Hoschton, GA 30548

706-658-2383

## PEDIATRIC DENTIST

### **Leslie M. Pitts, DMD,**

**Pediatric Dentistry**

215 Mercer Place

Commerce, GA 30529

706-335-7793

## ORTHODONTIST

### **Howell Orthodontics**

**Dr. Emily Howell**

2614 Highway 129 N

Jefferson, GA 30549

706-387-0606

### **Newell Orthodontics**

**Dr. William Newell**

1681 Old Pendergrass Road, Ste 195

Jefferson, GA 30549

706-387-0122

## ASSISTED LIVING / NURSING HOMES

### **BJC Medical Center Nursing Facility**

70 Medical Center Drive

Commerce, GA 30529

706-335-1195

### **Bentley Assisted Living at Northminster**

50 Sumner Way

Jefferson, GA 30549

706-387-7000

### **Hill Haven Nursing Home**

880 Ridgeway Road (P.O. Box 396)

Commerce, GA 30529

### **Peachtree Village of Georgia**

199 W. W. Gary Road

Commerce, GA 30529

706-336-5848

### **Tranquility Personal Care Home**

**Serenity of Jefferson**

1442 Johnson Mill Road

Jefferson, GA 30549

706-367-0300

## HOME HEALTH CARE

### **Amedisys Home Health Care**

265 South Elm Street

Commerce, GA 30529

706-335-2302

# JACKSON CO. ATTRACTIONS

Atlanta Dragway  
500 East Ridgeway Road  
Commerce, Georgia 30529  
706-335-2301  
[www.atlantadragway.com](http://www.atlantadragway.com)

Crawford W. Long Museum  
28 College Street  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549  
706-367-5307  
[www.crawfordlong.org](http://www.crawfordlong.org)

Funopolis Family Fun Center  
40155 Hwy 441  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-3866  
[www.funopolisfamilyfuncenter.com](http://www.funopolisfamilyfuncenter.com)

J & J Flea Market  
11661 Commerce Road  
Athens, GA 30607  
706-613-2410

Hurricane Shoals Park  
416 Hurricane Shoals Road  
Maysville, GA 30558  
706-652-2370

Mayfield Dairy Visitors Center  
1160 Broadway Avenue  
Braselton, Georgia 30517  
1-888-298-0396  
[www.mayfielddairy.com](http://www.mayfielddairy.com)

Gresham Motorsports  
388 Lyle Field Road  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549  
706-367-9461  
<http://GreshamMotorsportsPark.com>

Pendergrass Flea Market  
5641 Highway 129 N.  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549  
706-693-4466

Double Oaks Golf Club  
3100 Ila Road  
Commerce, Georgia 30529  
706-335-8100

Shields-Etheridge Heritage Farm  
P.O. Box 662  
Jefferson, Georgia 30549  
706-367-2949  
[www.shieldsethridgefarm.org](http://www.shieldsethridgefarm.org)

Traditions of Braselton Golf  
2095 Hwy 211 NW  
Braselton, GA 30517  
678-963-0220

## **Recreation Centers:**

Jackson County Park & Recreation  
706-387-6350

Jefferson Park & Recreation  
706-367-5116 (Pool & Swim Team)  
[www.jeffersonrec.com](http://www.jeffersonrec.com)

# **CIVIC/COMMUNITY GROUPS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**American Cancer Society**  
1684 Barnett Shoals Rd.  
Athens, GA 30605  
706-549-4893

**Axiom Student Mall**  
3955 Hwy 53  
Hoschton, GA 30548  
404-578-9763

**Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County**  
412 Gordon St.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8553

**Commerce Civic Center**  
P.O. Box 1392  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-6417

**Commerce Downtown Development**  
P.O. Box 717  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-2954

**Friends of the Braselton/  
West Jackson Library**  
65 Frances St.  
Braselton, GA 30517  
678-546-3380

**JC Certified Literate Program**  
1482 Galilee Ch. Rd.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8574

**JC Community Outreach**  
P.O. Box 746  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-3367

**Jackson County Area  
Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 629  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-387-0300  
[jacksoncountygga.com](http://jacksoncountygga.com)

**Jackson County Dept.  
Family & Children Services**  
P.O. Box 526  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-3019  
[jacksonfamilyconnection@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonfamilyconnection@yahoo.com)

**Jackson County Family Connection**  
P.O. Box 883  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-3021

**Jackson County Humane Society**  
P.O. Box 567  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-1111

**Jackson County Extension Service**  
102 Cloverleaf Cir.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-6344

**Jefferson Civic Center**  
65 Kissam St.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-5754

## **CIVIC/COMMUNITY GROUPS (cont.)**

### **Jefferson Rotary Club**

P.O. Box 181  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-654-2237

### **Lindsey's Legacy Mentoring**

c/o Jackson Co. Family Connection  
P.O. Box 883  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-410-5525  
[jacksonmentors@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksonmentors@yahoo.com)

### **Lions Club—Jefferson**

244 Lakeview Bend Circle  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8259

### **March of Dimes of Georgia**

2955 Horizon Park Dr. Ste. B  
Suwanee, GA 30024  
678-546-0023  
[GA619@marchofdimes.com](mailto:GA619@marchofdimes.com)

### **Peace Place**

P.O. Box 948  
Winder, GA 30680  
770-307-3633  
[peaceplace@alltel.net](mailto:peaceplace@alltel.net)

### **Piedmont C.A.S.A.**

(Court Appointed Special Advocates)  
5000 Jackson Pkwy.  
Ste. 210  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-387-6375  
[akraymond@jacksoncountygov.com](mailto:akraymond@jacksoncountygov.com)

### **United Way of Northeast Georgia**

Contact – Rubielen Norris  
PO Box 80536  
Athens, GA 30608  
706-543-5254  
[unitedwaynega@g~net.net](mailto:unitedwaynega@g~net.net)

### **The Ark of Jackson County**

Contact—Carolyn Townes  
146 Longview Dr.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8365

# JACKSON CO. AREA CHURCHES

A Call to Salvation Ministries  
Arlene Smith  
1295 Jackson Trail Road  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-9612  
[www.acalltosalvation.org](http://www.acalltosalvation.org)

Arbor Point Church  
Joe McKechnie  
285 Meadow Creek Dr.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8294  
<http://arborpointe.org>

Commerce Presbyterian Church  
Richard M. Nelson  
P.O. Box 177  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-3282  
[www.cpres.org](http://www.cpres.org)

First Baptist Church of Jefferson  
Michael Helms  
Interim Senior Pastor  
P.O. Box 395  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8332  
[www.flacjefferson.org](http://www.flacjefferson.org)

Galilee Christian Church  
Tom Plank  
2191 Galilee Church Rd.  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8072  
[www.galilee.org](http://www.galilee.org)

Hope Crossing Assemble of God  
Chris Stephens  
P. O. Box 617  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-654-4673  
[www.hopecrossings.org](http://www.hopecrossings.org)

Hoschton First Baptist Church  
99 East Jefferson Street  
Hoschton, GA 30548  
706-654-2938  
[www.hoschtonfbc.com](http://www.hoschtonfbc.com)

Maysville Baptist Church  
Robert Dial  
8875 Hwy 82 Spur (PO Box 329)  
Maysville, GA 30558  
706-652-2228  
[www.maysvillebaptist.net](http://www.maysvillebaptist.net)

New Community...a Christian Church  
Chris Hoffman  
P. O. Box 298  
Braselton, GA 30517  
678-858-9165  
[www.newcommunityonline.com](http://www.newcommunityonline.com)

Paradise African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Sharon Miller  
431 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-9049

Pond Fork Baptist Church  
2615 Pond Fork Church Road  
Pendergrass, GA 30567  
706-693-2442  
[pondforkinformation@windstream.net](mailto:pondforkinformation@windstream.net)  
[www.pondforkbaptistchurch.org](http://www.pondforkbaptistchurch.org)

St. Paul's First Baptist  
Marvin Simmons  
573 Gordon Street  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
706-367-8425  
[www.StPaulFBC.org](http://www.StPaulFBC.org)