

## Councilman Kenny Ruffin, Ward 4

Kenny Ruffin was elected to the Riverdale City Council in the fall of 2003 on a platform of enhancing youth services and economic development within the city. Within his first year in office, he held that promise with the formation of the Riverdale Youth Basketball League and DUBB Blacktop Classic. He is a 2006 graduate of the Clayton County Leadership Program which is an enrichment program offered through the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce. Ruffin also completed the Georgia Academy for Economic Development in 2007. His dedication and hard work continued by establishing and guiding the Riverdale Youth Council in 2008. In 2009, Ruffin was publicly honored by having a Lite House After School Care Center named in his honor.

2021 marked the 16th annual Riverdale Night at the Atlanta Hawks which Ruffin has spearheaded since its inception. Ruffin has sponsored four \$1,000 Dr. Ben Carson college scholarships and brought the NLC Drug Prescription Discount Card program to Riverdale. The prescription program has saved residents over \$10,500 to date. His appointments are as follows: Clayton County Foster Care Review Panel, Executive Committee of the University of Georgia's Archway Partnership and the Council of the National League of Cities Youth, Education and Families Institute. As a new initiative, Ruffin has brought various agencies together and started a series of seminars on Human Trafficking. The goal is to bring awareness and resources to our community on this growing issue.

In the last several years, Kenny has joined the Georgia Family Connection Partnership and Georgia Municipal Association's Children and Youth Advisory Council to ensure support services are available to all of the state's youth. The focus of these organizations is to provide various tools to keep families safe and whole in order for children to thrive.