



# CITY VIEWS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CLAYTON BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL CITIZENS

## Facilities Top the City's Capital Improvements Program List

### Shaw Park Pool Undergoing Renovation

For the past year and a half, the City of Clayton has been working closely with its architects and pool users to design a facility that will meet the needs of the community. The new design addresses changes in aquatic standards, while protecting the integrity of Shaw Park Pool's unique layout.

The facility will include an expanded and refurbished bathhouse with family changing rooms and a concession stand; new dive tank with platform and springboards; an expanded 50-meter competition pool; children's play pool with shaded areas and play features; and a new pool deck.

With the design approved, the Board of Aldermen reviewed bids for the construction and recently awarded the project to BSI Construction. The total cost for the renovation is \$5.5 million.



In order to have the work completed by May of 2003, BSI began demolition on August 20, 2002. The City plans to open the newly renovated Shaw Park Pool during Memorial Day Weekend in 2003.

### Transformation Planned for City Hall/Fire Station



In April of 2002, the architectural firm, Archimages, Inc., provided City officials with an analysis to determine the feasibility of a project that would renovate Clayton City Hall and rebuild the Fire Station. The Clayton Fire Station was built in 1923; with the City Hall addition constructed in 1931.

The schematic design calls for removal of approximately two-thirds of the existing 38,337 square foot City Hall building. This will allow for a new Fire Station with 5 bays fronting on Forsyth; new living quarters for the fire fighters; and administrative offices. The remaining portion of City Hall, except for the Council Chambers, will be renovated and will include offices for the Administration, Finance, Planning and Public Works Departments' staff. A two-level parking facility is also proposed.

Later this year, City Hall staff, with the exception of the Fire Department, will be moved temporarily to the second floor of the City's Police Department building for the twenty months of construction, and plan to move into their new offices in April of 2004.

The costs for modifications to City Hall and construction of the new Fire Station are part of the City's 2003 capital improvements program and total \$7.5 million.

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Francis L. Kenney III  
Mayor

We expect our uniformed policemen to be perfect. Do we train and pay them to be so?

Clayton police are often in the news. And in my tenure, those appearances have always reflected well on the department and the community. Most recently, Clayton police were involved in the apprehension and arrest of an individual who had approached a juvenile in one of our neighborhoods. The police involved used their judgment and training in pursuing and arresting the alleged criminal. It is their judgment and courage for which we pay them and which is tested every day.

I am often contacted about police conduct in our city and it is, with few exceptions, always positive. Two recent contacts made me reflect on how we have come to expect and do expect perfection in our police.

The first incident occurred in the early morning, around 4:00 a.m. An individual was stopped by an officer as he exited a Clayton neighborhood driving a somewhat older, less expensive car. The individual was given a ticket for failure to use his turn signal as he turned onto Wydown. There was very little, if any, traffic at the time. The ticketed individual is a Clayton resident, a physician and was on his way to work at one of the local hospitals.

The second incident also occurred early morning (2:45 a.m.). An officer observed two men parked in a late model automobile on one of our residential streets in an area where two early morning thefts had been reported four days earlier. A short time later, the officer saw the same vehicle leaving the area with only one individual in it. He stopped the car and found that the vehicle was not registered to the driver at the address on his license. The driver indicated the car was purchased after a recent move. He had just left his friend's home in Clayton and was on his way home. Another patrolman was sent to the Clayton address to verify the statement. The driver's statement was verified and the individual was then released or permitted to go on his way. No ticket was issued.

I was contacted in the first instance by the driver, a Clayton resident, and in the second by the Clayton resident. Both individuals questioned the appropriateness of the police's involvement. Of the two stopped individuals, one was black. I mention that fact because it may, in some peoples' minds, help justify police action in certain situations, while it may allow others to explain police actions but not justify them.

In each of the two situations, were the police actions appropriate?

Obviously, but very importantly, these incidents are but two in hundreds of police responses that occur on a weekly basis. And while the stress of being a policeman in Clayton is different from those in other jurisdictions, each traffic stop is a potential danger, regardless of the type of car, the time of day or ethnicity of the people involved. And what if we, the community, have asked our police to crack down on individuals who are driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol? Does that make a difference in the appropriateness of the police response? Should the police use a technical traffic

violation to stop vehicles in an effort to detect a more serious problem? Sometimes yes and sometimes no?

Our uniformed patrolmen are asked to make those type of decisions every day and in many cases we ask them to leave behind their own personal perspective and biases while applying those of the community. And they often do so in situations when their own personal safety is challenged. Protect us but do not get us in trouble. We ask them to be perfect.

## October Meeting Schedule

The following list of public meetings contain all regularly scheduled meetings of the City of Clayton. Meetings may be added, canceled or rescheduled, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as the need arises.

October 3 Board of Adjustment  
City Hall - 5:00 p.m.

October 7 Plan Commission/ARB  
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

October 8 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

October 11 C.R.S.W.C.  
The Center - 7:30 a.m.

October 14 Art Commission  
City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

October 17 Landscape Committee  
City Hall - 5:00 p.m.

October 21 Plan Commission/ARB  
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

October 22 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 8:00 p.m.

October 25 C.R.S.W.C.  
The Center - 7:30 a.m.

October 28 Parks & Recreation  
The Center - 7:00 p.m.

## 2003 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget

In July of 2002, the City's Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for fiscal years 2003 through 2007 was submitted to the Clayton Board of Aldermen. The budget, which includes revenue and expense projections for a five-year period, was reviewed during two lengthy workshop sessions, a public hearing and two Board of Aldermen meetings before being approved on August 13th.

As previously highlighted, the 2003 budget calls for an aggressive capital improvements program with expenditures in excess of \$13.5 million, which includes:

- A new Fire Station; total rehabilitation of Clayton City Hall; reconstruction of Shaw Park Pool; and completion of the Public Works garage renovation
- Major street improvements in the Ellenwood Subdivision; on Brentwood at Forest Park Parkway; and on such arterial streets as Forsyth, North Meramec and in the central business district
- Construction of 250 parking spaces in the new Clayton Transit Center
- Continuation of the City's comprehensive street/right-of-way maintenance program
- Investment in new public safety dispatch equipment
- Reconstruction of the Oak Knoll Pond

Cumulative expenditures of \$30.1 million represent an increase of \$5.36 million, or 21.67 percent over budgeted expenditures in 2002. Most of this increase can be attributed to the initiation of various capital improvements.

With revenues increasing by less than 1 percent and the cost of personnel services increasing by approximately 10 percent, the City faced some hard decisions. For the first time in more than a decade, staff was downsized through the elimination of 5 1/2 positions. For the first time in seven years, the City also increased the property tax levy by \$85,658 from \$4.257 million to \$4.342 million. This means that the property tax rate will increase from its current level of 64.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to a rate of 65.6 cents in fiscal year 2003.

Although difficult, the new budget allows the City of Clayton to undertake a number of new programs, continue its significant investment in infrastructure and facilities, and provide an extraordinary level of service to its citizens -- all in rather austere times.

## Wydown Park Renovation Project Underway

In 1999, the City of Clayton initiated plans to redesign Wydown Park. To insure its compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood, residents within a quarter-mile radius of Wydown Park were asked to identify uses they would like to see incorporated in a redesign of the park. Residents asked for landscaped green space, public art and an open space for children to play.

The City solicited proposals for design services to assist in developing plans to improve the space. The project was awarded to Mackey Mitchell & Associates' design team. EDAW Incorporated was selected as the landscape architects.

Additional public forums were held during the design process to further clarify what residents wanted in the park. The design proposal, which was recently approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Board of Aldermen, features a brick column entry way, a meandering walking path accented with brick pavers, benches, cafe seating, an open play space, public art and landscaping.

The newly designed park will provide a "Village Green" atmosphere. Most of the renovation will be completed this fall. An original work of art by artist Todd Frahm was installed in September, with landscaping to be completed in the spring of 2003.





## 2002 Leaf Collection Program

The following is the 2002 Leaf Collection schedule for the bi-weekly leaf collection program listing the weeks and days of collection for each subdivision in Clayton.

**WEEK OF:**

**October 14 - 18**

**November 25 - 27**

**October 28 - November 1**

**December 9 - 13**

**November 11 - 15**

**December 23, 24, 26, 27**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8100 Blk of Stratford*	8100 Blk of Stratford*	Carrswold Subdivision	E. Brentmoor Subdivision
Clayton Gardens Subdivision	Hillcrest Subdivision	Southmoor Subdivision	W. Brentmoor Subdivision
Polo Subdivision	Ellenwood Subdivision	Forest Ridge Subdivision	
Country Club Court	Tuscany Park Subdivision		
7700 Blk of Walinca Terrace			

**WEEK OF:**

**October 21 - 25**

**December 2 - 6**

**November 4 - 8**

**December 16 - 20**

**November 18 - 22**

**December 30, 31 - January 2, 3**

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p>Bemiston Subdivision(Old Town)*</p> <p>Maryland Terrace Subdivision(7400 blk of Maryland)*</p> <p>Hanley Place Subdivision(7500/7600 blks of Westmoreland)*</p> <p>Parkside Subdivision(10 blk of Brighton Way)*</p> <p>Northmoor Subdivision(Bland Ave.)</p> <p>7400 Blk of Moorlands Subdivision</p> <p>7500 Blk of Moorlands Subdivision*</p> <p>Forest Court*</p> <p>St. Rita Avenue*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p>Bemiston Subdivision(Old Town)*</p> <p>Maryland Terrace Subdivision(7400 blk of Maryland)*</p> <p>Hanley Place Subdivision(7500/7600 blks Westmoreland)*</p> <p>Parkside Subdivision(10 blk Brighton Way)*</p> <p>Skinker Heights Subdivision</p> <p>Wydown Terrace Subdivision</p> <p>Hi-Pointe Subdivision*</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p>Claverach Park Subdivision</p> <p>Clayshire Subdivision</p> <p>Clayshire Ridge Subdivision</p> <p>Haddington Court</p> <p>Wenneker Drive</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday</p> <p>Wydown Forest Subdivision*</p> <p>Hi-Pointe Subdivision*</p> <p>6300 &amp; 6400 Blks Forsyth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday</p> <p>Davis Place Subdivision*</p> <p>7500 Blk of Moorlands*</p> <p>Forest Court*</p> <p>St. Rita Avenue*</p>

*\*Denotes restricted parking for street sweeping. Please keep this schedule for future reference.*

**REMINDERS:**

- Obey the street sweeping signs on the scheduled leaf collection day.
- Collections will be made on the day scheduled or the following work day, rain or shine.
- When a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, leaves will be collected the day before or the next non-holiday work day.
- Rake ONLY leaves to curblin; no plastic bags, limbs or brush.
- In case of inclement weather (heavy rain, snow or ice), the leaf collection schedule will be modified. Please call Public Works at 290.8540 for a revised schedule.
- Please do not rake leaves onto islands, parkways or common areas. Leaf pickup in these areas will be made only as time permits, and may be skipped to maintain the scheduled leaf collections in front of residential properties.
- Do not pile leaves in alleys, since alley pickup is not available.

Two Missouri Fire Departments Are Awarded Grants

## Clayton Receives Federal Funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) recently announced that the Clayton Fire Department would be one of two fire departments in Missouri awarded grant funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Program. "The funds will pay for a medical examination for every Clayton firefighter, each firefighter will also complete a comprehensive physical fitness program. The fitness program will consist of dietary and nutritional evaluation with counseling, a fitness evaluation and individual exercise program development, injury prevention and immunization programs," stated Fire Chief Mark Thorp.

More than 19,500 fire departments applied for grant awards this year. A lengthy peer review, involving 300 fire service representatives from throughout the United States, was conducted by the USFA. Clayton, one of 72 fire departments in the nation to be awarded grant funds, received \$80,298.

FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh said, "These grant awards provide FEMA the opportunity to improve significantly the safety of these men and women, who provide fire and EMS services to Americans." The funds, which are made available by Congress, will be used to increase the effectiveness of fire fighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, EMS programs and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs.

"Residents of Clayton can rest assured that they are protected by one of the best fire departments anywhere. This demonstration grant will allow Clayton fire personnel to develop a physical fitness and wellness program that will be a model for fire departments across the country," said City Manager Scott Randall.

## Fire Department Receives International Recognition for Life Safety Activities

The City of Clayton was recently notified that its Fire Department earned the 2001 Fire & Life Safety Achievement Award. The award recognizes community fire departments for outstanding fire safety results and sustainment of a proactive life safety program. The Operation Life Safety - Residential Fire Safety Institute and the National Association of State Fire Marshalls evaluate the performance of fire departments from the United States, Canada, and Iceland, who compete for the Life Safety Award.

This is the third consecutive year that the Clayton Fire Department has received this honor. Clayton is one of only 1,072 fire departments in the three countries to receive the 2001 Life Safety Award. In a ceremony planned for later this fall, Missouri State Fire Marshall William Farr will formally present the award.

## 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



Clayton Fire Department's Honor Guard and Ceremonial Bell

The Clayton Fire Department joined other departments throughout America in a nationwide remembrance ceremony to honor victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

## National Child Identification Program

The Clayton Police Department, in response to a rash of high-profile child abductions, will participate in the National Child Identification Program.

Child Identification Kits have recently been distributed to the parents of all elementary and junior high students attending schools in the City of Clayton. The kits contain a fingerprint card, ink pad and instructions on how to take a child's fingerprints. After taking the fingerprints, parents are urged to keep the fingerprint card with other identifying documents such as birth certificates.

Fingerprints are still the most commonly used and accepted means available for rapid identification. They can be classified into a digital code that can be transmitted across the country and can be highly useful when attempting to locate a missing person.

The Optimist Club of Clayton provided significant funding in order to make this program available in Clayton.

For additional information about the program, or to obtain a kit, please call the Clayton Police Department Community Service Office at 290.8425.



## Clayton Symphony Orchestra

A symphony orchestra has recently been added to the amenities that make up Clayton's charm and quality of life. It is a community affiliate of the School District of Clayton. The Clayton Symphony Orchestra, which until recently resided in Kirkwood, now calls Clayton High School home.

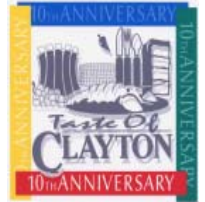
Over the 53-year history of the orchestra, a number of excellent conductors and soloists have performed with the orchestra. During that same time period, the orchestra performed at a variety of locations, including a number of Kirkwood and west county churches, St. Louis Community College at Meramec Theater, as well as "on the road" performances in the Metro East and at a number of greater St. Louis area schools and auditoriums.

On October 22, 2002, the orchestra will be performing works by Wagner, Beethoven, Strauss and Tchaikovsky with an appearance by Julius Hunter of KMOV-TV as Special Guest Conductor. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Clayton High School auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door; adults - \$8, students and seniors - \$4. For more information, call Jayne Hanlin at 314.434.4589 or visit the orchestra's web site at [www.claytonsymphony.org](http://www.claytonsymphony.org).

\$80,000 Donated to Local Organizations

## Tenth Annual Taste of Clayton

At a recent ceremony, checks totaling \$80,000 were presented to St. Vincent's Ministries, Lift for Life Gym, Kids' ClubHouse and the Clayton Park Foundation. Over its ten-year history, the Taste of Clayton has donated \$550,000 to charitable organizations.



"The Taste of Clayton continues to provide an excellent opportunity to showcase Clayton's top restaurants, it offers its guests one of the more popular special events in the region, and, most importantly, it helps those in need," said Mayor Frank Kenney.

Event coordinators are making preparations for the 2003 Taste of Clayton, which is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2003.



From left: Taste Executive Board member Bill Schicker presented checks to Program Director for Kids' ClubHouse Paivi Tetri, Founder & Director of Lift for Life Gym Marshall Cohen, Taste Board member Janet Eiserle on behalf of the Clayton Park Foundation, and Brother Dave Berning of St. Vincent's Ministries

## Clayton History Books Available

"Clayton: a history," by Dickson Terry is available at City Hall. The book was published by the City of Clayton and dedicated to the commemoration of the Nation's Bicentennial in 1976 and to Clayton's Centennial as the St. Louis County seat in 1977. The writer attempted to write about Clayton's history in terms of the people who started Clayton, the people who have lived here and the people who have helped to make it what it is. The books cost \$5 each and can be picked up at Clayton City Hall. Call Marta in the City Manager's office at 290.8460 to obtain a copy.



## The HEIRESS

*in Clayton High School's Black Box  
at #1 Mark Twain Circle*

The Heiress is based on the novel "Washington Square" by Henry James. The heroine, Catherine Stoper, is the plain daughter of a wealthy physician in mid-nineteenth century New York City. The audience is left to wonder if the handsome suitor desires her gentle soul or her inheritance.

Performances are scheduled for September 27, 28 and 29, October 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. On Fridays and Saturdays productions begin at 8:00 p.m., with Sunday performances beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for evening performances cost \$12, Sunday matinee tickets are \$10; group rates are available. Tickets are available at The Center of Clayton. For ticket information, call 854.6646. For details about the theatre, visit on-line at [www.placeseveryone.org](http://www.placeseveryone.org).





## THE GREAT PUMPKIN WALK

Families, join us on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**, for a whimsical walk through Shaw Park. The Walk is recommended for children 8 and under, and promises to be a night to remember. Space is limited, so register now. Registration ends on October 18. Sessions start from The Center of Clayton, and run every 30 minutes starting at 6:30 p.m. Residents - \$5; Non-Residents - \$6. For more information or to register, contact The Center of Clayton at 290.8500.

## Clayton Farmers' Market

October 5, 12, 19, 26  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon



North Central Avenue  
(Clayton's central business district)

## Holiday Tree Lighting

across from St. Louis County Gov't. Center  
*Friday, November 22*  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



St. Louis County and the City of Clayton coordinate with Christmas in St. Louis to provide special holiday festivities for all members of the family. All activities are free, including horsedrawn carriage rides. Parking is also free on downtown streets.

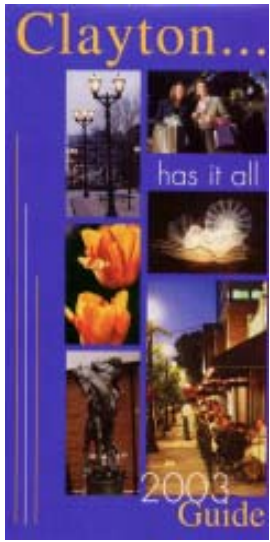
## Holiday Champagne Stroll

First 2 blocks west of Hanley on Clayton Road  
*Sunday, November 24*  
11:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Stroll along this charming area of antique shops and boutiques filled to the brim with unique gifts and ideas for the holidays. Sponsored by Clayton Row Antiques, **Holiday Champagne Stroll** is a great way to start the Holiday Season.



# FACTS ABOUT CLAYTON



## 2003 Clayton Retail Guide

Clayton's Office of Economic Development has recently completed the annual revision of the Clayton Retail Guide. Free copies of the 2003 edition are available in the lobby at Clayton City Hall or by calling 314.290.8473.

What would you like to know? Clayton citizens are invited to ask questions of their City officials. Forward your questions to: City of Clayton, ATTN: Judy Kekich, 10 North Bemiston, Clayton, MO 63105; Fax them to 314/863-0295; E-mail them to: [jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us](mailto:jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us)

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<i>In Case of Emergency</i> .....	<b>911</b>
City Manager .....	290-8400
Economic Development .....	290-8473
Finance .....	290-8443
Fire (non-emergency) .....	290-8485
Planning and Development .....	290-8453
Mayor/Board of Aldermen/City Clerk .....	290-8469
Parks and Recreation .....	290-8500
Park Program 24-Hour Registration .....	290-8501
Personnel .....	290-8449
Police (non-emergency) .....	727-4130
Public Works .....	290-8540
TDD .....	746-0495

## STATEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL CITIZENS

It is the City of Clayton's goal to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you or someone you know has a disabling condition and would like more information and support for accessibility of all programs and facilities, please contact us at 290-8501(V). Sign interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.

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