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Grand Opening Celebration - June 21 & 22

Shaw Park Pool Reopens



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To the casual observer, the Shaw Park Pool might not look much different.

But, according to Clayton's new Parks Director, Patty DeForrest, it was a major undertaking. Discussions about renovations began back in the mid-1990's. The City decided to wait until The Center of Clayton was up and running before starting a project which would require shutting down the pool for an extended period of time. In the summer of 2001, the City determined that renovating the 35 year old facility would be more significant than originally anticipated. The project design team, with substantial input from user groups and the Parks & Recreation Commission, developed a plan that called for replacing the dive tank, competition pool and children's play pool and included an entirely new layout for the bathhouse and concessions stand.

In order to complete the project for the 2003 Memorial Day opening, the pool was closed two weeks earlier than usual last summer. "Completing this project in time for the May 24th opening was no small feat. It would not have happened had it not been for the persistent effort of the design team and general contractor," said project manager John Wulf. Finishing touches were being made until the day of the opening. Guests to the new facility will find an expanded and refurbished bathhouse with two private family changing rooms, new lockers, shower stalls and fixtures; a concession stand with shaded table seating; an expanded 50-meter competition pool; a new dive tank with a platform for twin 3-meter springboards; a children's play pool with shaded areas and play features including water mushroom maze and dolphin slide; and a new pool deck. The reception desk has been relocated to a new bay window overlooking the pool.

"We believe that this is the only municipal pool project in the area that was completed on time in the past couple of years. The fact that it was done during the worst winter this region has seen in ten years made it even more challenging. Clayton citizens will enjoy the amenities of a world-class facility and will not have missed one day for swimming during the 2003 season," stated City Manager Scott Randall.

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MetroLink Update

By adding 8 miles to the existing rail system, which currently spans 34.4 miles between Belleville, Illinois to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, the Cross County extension of the MetroLink system will connect additional communities. From the existing Forest Park station to Shrewsbury, the extension will connect the cities of St. Louis,



From left: Metro president Larry Salci, Harvey Harris of the Metro Board of Commissioners, Washington University Chancellor Mark Wrigton, Shrewsbury Mayor Bert Gates, Clayton Mayor Frank Kenney (at the podium), Richmond Heights Mayor Betty Humphrey, University City Mayor Joseph Adams, County Executive Buzz Westfall, Cross County MetroLink Committee Chair Elizabeth Van Uum.

University City, Clayton, Richmond Heights, Brentwood, Maplewood and Shrewsbury. It will include nine new passenger stations, and at least twenty-two new light rail vehicles will be added to the existing stock to serve the projected ridership of 18,000 additional daily riders.

A milestone was reached on April 9, 2003, when local officials participated in a ground breaking ceremony on the site of the future Forsyth Station. The station is located at Forsyth and Forest Park Parkway at the border of Clayton and University City.

Construction began in May on tunnels, roadway bridges and trackbed between Kingsland and Ritz Carlton Drive. This work necessitated the first in a series of temporary closures of Forest Park Parkway. The various closures will be staged as needed to accommodate construction.

The most recent projected timeline for closing each section is:

On May 5, Forest Park Parkway was closed between Big Bend Boulevard in University City and Central Avenue in Clayton. The Ritz Carlton Drive westbound on-ramp will remain open until December.

In early June, Forest Park Parkway will be closed between Skinker Boulevard in St. Louis and Central Avenue in Clayton. Only local traffic will be permitted between Big Bend and Skinker for access to Washington University facilities; there will be no through traffic.

In early July, Forest Park Parkway will be closed between DeBaliviere Avenue in St. Louis and Central Avenue in Clayton.

In June of 2004, Forest Park Parkway will be closed between DeBaliviere Avenue in St. Louis and Brentwood Boulevard in Clayton. Forest Park Parkway will remain open between Brentwood Boulevard and I-170 during all phases of construction.

These road closures are scheduled to last until mid-2005 to accommodate construction.

Skinker Boulevard, Big Bend Boulevard, Hanley Road and Brentwood Boulevard will be open to vehicular traffic and provide for pedestrian access at all times during construction. Four lanes of traffic, two northbound and two southbound, will be maintained during morning and evening rush hours. Forsyth Boulevard will remain open for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. However, lane restrictions will be in effect at the Forest Park Parkway overpass, and periods of alternating one-way traffic will be required.

If you have questions or concerns about construction of the Cross County MetroLink Extension, the Project team can be reached via the Cross County Construction Hotline at (314)923-3050 or by e-mailing the construction team directly at crosscountyconstruction@metroslouis.org.

Community Cooperative Update

In June 2001, the Cities of Clayton, Maplewood and Richmond Heights unanimously approved a joint resolution, which outlined a process for studying all opportunities to cooperate, share, partner and combine information, services, departments and/or facilities in order to improve their respective communities. The effort involved discussions on how services to residents could be improved through cooperation. To date, an estimated \$300,000 in costs savings have been recognized without minimizing, and in many instances improving, services.

Phase I of the research, which included an inventory of current operations in all three cities, was compiled by committees comprised of department directors from each of the three cities. In March of 2003, department directors met with the City Managers to review and discuss to the Phase I report.

Clayton has participated in a number of initiatives as a result of this collaboration. For example, Clayton provides parking meter enforcement for Richmond Heights; provides public safety dispatch service for Maplewood, and is participating in a new five-community dispatching consortium; and participates in a joint purchasing program in which each city recognized an approximate savings of \$12,000 on micro-surfacing bids and approximately \$3,700 on concrete work.

In March, Clayton's Board of Aldermen approved three new intergovernmental initiatives. The three cities have entered into agreements for the purpose of combining self-contained breathing apparatus maintenance, testing and training for the Fire Department, and sharing equipment and personnel for various types of street striping. Additionally, in May, Clayton began providing elevator inspections in Maplewood.

In June, revised reports will be submitted to the City Managers about consolidating the three communities and creating the optimal design for combining each department.

The cooperative has been recognized in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the St. Louis Business Journal and won the "What's Right with the Region" award from FOCUS St. Louis.

June 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.

June 2	Plan Commission/ARB The Center - 5:30 p.m.
June 5	Board of Adjustment The Center - 5:00 p.m.
June 9	Art Commission The Center - 7:00 p.m.
June 10	Board of Aldermen The Center - 8:00 p.m.
June 16	Plan Commission/ARB The Center - 5:30 p.m.
June 19	Landscape Committee Clayton High - 5:00 p.m.
June 23	Parks & Recreation The Center - 7:00 p.m.
June 24	Board of Aldermen The Center - 8:00 p.m.
June 27	C.R.S.W.C. The Center - 7:30 a.m.

City Hall/Fire Station Project Update



The Clayton City Hall/Fire Station project is well underway with asbestos removal and demolition on the portion of the building east of the existing Fire Station having been completed. Drilling for half of the piers needed in this area, which is where the new Fire Station will be built, has also been completed. Excavation for the new three-level parking structure began in April and backfill under the new Fire Station apparatus bays started during the first week of May. Mechanical work in the basement of the west wing of City Hall started mid-May. Project completion is still on target for the fall of 2004.

Your Clayton Board of Aldermen

Goodman and Lichtenfeld Elected

In April, Judy Goodman was elected Alderman in Ward I. Ms. Goodman has lived in Clayton for 15 years with husband, Mark, and their three children. Her professional background is in the health field, specializing in psychotherapy. She serves on several boards, and currently works as the director of public relations for Lents & Associates.



From left: Ward I Alderman Judy R. Goodman, Ward III Alderman Steven E. Lichtenfeld, Ward II Alderman Jill S. Belsky and City Clerk Catherine Moore



Retiring Ward I Alderwoman
Mary Huebner

Steven Lichtenfeld was elected Ward III Alderman, replacing Dan Human. Mr. Lichtenfeld is a licensed architect. He has served on several advisory boards and commissions for the City of Clayton including the Plan Commission and Strategic Issues Committee. He has also worked on committees for the Clayton School District. He and his wife, Ruth-Ellen, have three children.

Jill Belsky, who ran unopposed, will serve a third term as Ward II Alderman.

Aldermen Belsky, Goodman and Lichtenfeld were sworn in on April 22, 2003. "Clayton's outstanding quality of life is a direct result of the dedicated efforts of its elected officials. We are fortunate and honored to work with these individuals on maintaining the viability of the community," said City Manager Scott Randall.



Retiring Ward III Alderman
Dan Human

Huebner and Human Retire

Mary Huebner has stepped down as Ward I Alderman. She served one three-year term. With a degree in architecture and background in planning, she was influential during the expansion of Washington University, Concordia Seminary and resolving the expansion of Walgreens.

Dan Human has served on the Board of Aldermen three terms, and due to term limits, must retire as Ward III Alderman. Mr. Human was instrumental in representing Clayton during an extraordinary time of commercial development.

Clayton Selects a New Director of Parks & Recreation

Patty DeForrest was promoted to the position of Director of Parks & Recreation after a three and a half-year tenure as the first Aquatics Supervisor for the City of Clayton. During that time, she played a major role opening The Center of Clayton, developed a comprehensive aquatics program for the City, and managed operations of Shaw Park Pool. She has served as contact person for the department during the reconstruction project of Shaw Park Pool, while serving as swim coach for the Clayton High School Greyhound's boys and girls swim teams.

Ms. DeForrest has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Missouri at Columbia, where she earned All-American honors in swimming, and a Master's Degree in Athletic Administration from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she also completed postgraduate course work in Labor Relations and Personnel Management.

"I look forward to the challenges that come with the Director of Parks & Recreation position," said Ms. DeForrest, who officially accepted her duties as Parks Director on April 10, 2003.



Clayton's new Parks Director
Patty DeForrest



Francis L. Kenney III
Mayor

From the Desk of the Mayor

The Center of Clayton. What is it? It is the building behind Clayton High School. It consists of six basketball courts (four hardwood and two multipurpose flooring), an eight lane twenty five yard competition pool, a two lane lap pool, several leisure pool areas, a fitness facility, a free weight room, several class and/or meeting rooms, a daycare room, an indoor track, a climbing wall, nine locker rooms, an eating area, offices, meeting rooms and a front desk. It sits on land contributed by the Clayton School District and was built for roughly Twenty Million Dollars, 2/3 from the City and 1/3 from the School District.

Who runs it? The Clayton Recreation Sports and Wellness Commission (the CRSWC for short) runs it. It took me two years to remember the order of those letters. The CRSWC is a not-for-profit partnership between the City of Clayton and the Clayton School District. Its commission consists of two aldermen, two school board members and two citizens at-large chosen by the commission members. The term of each member is two years with one from each group up in the odd years and the other in the even years. They elect their own officers.

The current members are Aldermen Linda Goldstein and Judy Goodman, School Board Directors Bob Margulis and Amy Murphy, and at-large members Tom Johnson and Bernard Gerdelman.

Who uses it? It has three primary users. Clayton High School uses it for its indoor athletic facility and most locker rooms, as well as offices for its coaches and athletic director. The city uses it for its Parks and Recreation offices and all of our indoor recreation programming. OASIS (a nationally recognized senior citizen organization) uses it for its St. Louis office in an area built with funds contributed by BJC Health Care. In effect, all three users are tenants under agreements with the CRSWC.

An operations committee made up of staff from the School District, the City and OASIS sets user priorities. Clayton city employees provide programming for the Center. The expenses for indoor programming are reimbursed to the city by the CRSWC. The revenues for the indoor programming are retained by and revenue of the CRSWC.

The CRSWC receives revenue from memberships, space or room rental, program and user fees and rent (reimbursements) from its primary users.

The current CRSWC budget projects expenses of \$2,248,686.00 and revenue of \$2,098,687.00. The deficit at the end of the year is split equally between the City and the School District. The deficit for the first 15 months of operations was more than \$600,000, for the second year approximately \$265,000 and projected for the current year to be less than the budgeted \$150,000 (the fiscal year is October 1 to September 30).

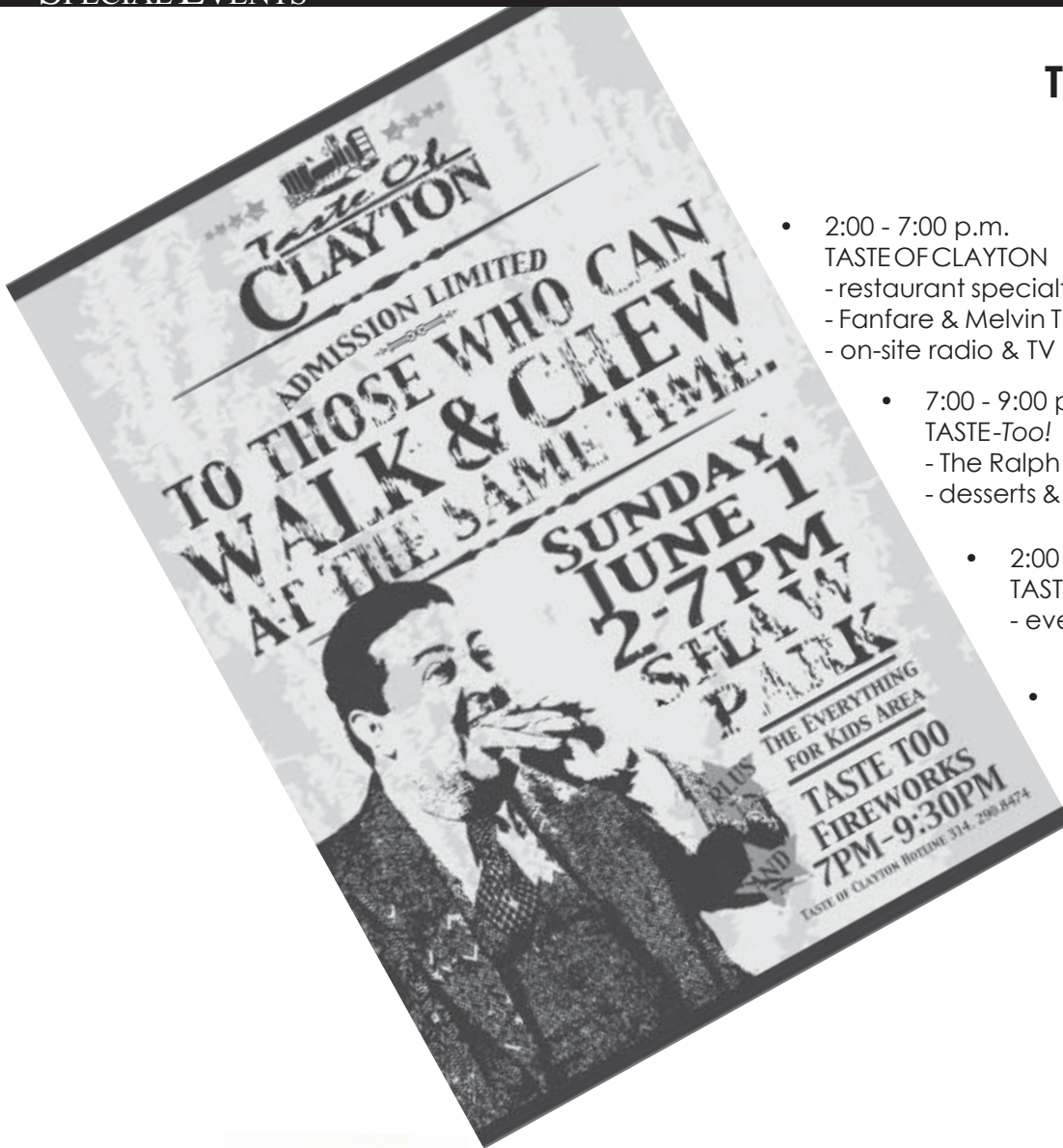
In addition to paying rent (a percentage of utilities) for the office space and room rentals (for city meetings), the city also provides supporting services including financial, which includes payroll and human resources, management and informational systems, community programming and general facility management.

The city pays \$968,120 annually towards its original debt of approximately \$12 million (which will be paid off in 2018) to pay for constructing the building. This comes from the one-half cent sales tax approved by the voters in 1997. The city also pays its share of any deficit from this same revenue source.

The city's portion of operating and capital expenditures each year is substantial. This Board believes that physical and mental well being are important elements of a vibrant community. This allocation of city resources, when coupled with the benefits The Center provides to the school district, is a good one. Please join The Center. Membership is available to all residents and people who work in Clayton. If you are interested, please call: 314.290.8500.

Pool Opening, *continued from Page 1*

A two-day grand opening celebration is scheduled for the weekend of June 21 and 22. Children ages 12 and under are invited to attend Kids' Day, which will be held on Saturday, June 21. On this first day of summer, children will be admitted free. Youngsters are encouraged to join Clayton's Parks & Recreation staff for poolside fun and games. Activities will begin at noon and continue throughout the afternoon. Sunday, June 22, has been set aside for Family Day. Activities will include a bathing suit fashion show, lifeguard competitions, demonstrations by the Clayton Diving Alliance, CSP Swim Team, Clayton Water Polo, and Clayton Synchronized Swim Team, a scavenger hunt, relay races in the pool, a picnic dinner and live music. On Family Day, admission to the pool will be free for all Clayton residents.



Eleventh Annual Taste of Clayton

Sunday June 1,
in Shaw Park

- 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
TASTE OF CLAYTON
- restaurant specialties
- Fanfare & Melvin Turnage Bands
- on-site radio & TV broadcasts
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
TASTE-Too!
- The Ralph Butler Band
- desserts & refreshments
- 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
TASTE, JR.
- everything for kids
- 9:00 p.m.
FIREWORKS



Clayton Farmers' Market

June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon

North Central Avenue
(Clayton's central business district)



Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team will hold the CSP Annual Summer Invitational Swim Meet on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, 2003. Shaw Park Pool will be closed to the public during the event. For more information call 314.727.7946

U.S. Bank Saint Louis Jazz Festival

June 20 & 21

Friday - 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

in Shaw Park

SCHEDULE

Friday, June 20

(gates open at 4:00 p.m.)

- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Winner of the
Saint Louis Bread
Company/Smooth Jazz
106.5 Amateur Jazz
Festival
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Chris Botti
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
SIUE Jazz Ensemble
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Dave Holland Big Band
- 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.
Dianne Reeves



Al Jarreau

Saturday, June 21

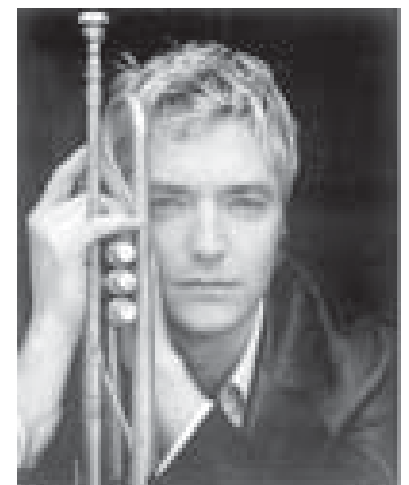
(gates open at 3:00 p.m.)

- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Coco Soul
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Joe Lovano Quartet
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Webster University
Jazz Ensemble
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Marlena Shaw
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Webster University
Jazz Ensemble
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Arturo Sandoval
- 9:30 - 11:00 p.m.
Al Jarreau



Dianne Reeves

On June 20 and 21, the U.S. Bank Saint Louis Jazz Festival returns to Clayton's Shaw Park. Event producers have lined up an impressive list of jazz personalities for this year's event. Heading the list of jazz greats appearing at the third annual Jazz Festival are Grammy Award winners Al Jarreau and Dave Holland Big Band. Rounding out the performance schedule are Dianne Reeves, Latin sensation Arturo Sandoval, Marlena Shaw, Chris Botti, Joe Lovano Quartet and others .



Chris Botti

Tickets are \$20.00 each day and available at any Metrotix outlet; online at Metrotix.com; by calling 314.534.1111; or through any St. Louis area U.S. Bank ATM. Children under 12 will be admitted free with a parent or guardian. For general festival information please call 314.863.0278 or visit online at www.saintlouisjazzfest.com.

FACTS ABOUT CLAYTON

Q. When will the City begin realizing revenue from the taxes generated by the new wireless communications tax?

A. The two municipally-initiated ballot propositions voted upon by Clayton residents required a simple majority to pass. Proposition One, License Fee/Telecommunications, passed with 54% of the votes cast. Proposition Two, Charter Amendment/Telecommunications, passed with 58% of votes cast. According to the City's Finance Director Don Yucuis, the City will see revenue from the license fee for a portion of the month of August; September will be the first full month the tax will be collected.

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<i>In Case of Emergency</i>	911
City Manager	290-8400
Economic Development	290-8473
Finance	290-8443
Fire (non-emergency)	721-9566
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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