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## City Hall/Fire Station Update

The City of Clayton is pleased to announce the completion of its new Fire Station at the northeast corner of Bemiston Avenue and Forsyth Boulevard. On July 27, 2004, Fire Department staff moved into the new two-story addition to City Hall. The facility has five engine bays, including one with rear access drive-through capabilities for the City's large ladder truck. The station also includes offices and living quarters for staff, as well as a hose drying tower in the back, constructed to double as a fire rescue training facility.



Additionally, the Forsyth side of the station includes a clock tower, with two clocks that automatically maintain the correct time throughout changes to and from daylight savings time.

With the completion of the new Fire Station, work began on remodeling the old portions of the attached building into office space for the City Hall administrative staff. A large part of the first floor was previously the Fire Department engine bays constructed in 1924. The rest of the building undergoing renovation was originally completed in 1931. The restoration project started with the removal of the interior walls and the installation of new HVAC duct work, a fire suppression system, electrical wiring, voice and data cabling and plumbing. Framing and dry wall will be followed by wainscoting and paint. The second floor Council Chambers will remain intact as it was recently renovated; however, it will be cleaned, polished and returned to its pre-construction condition.

Completion of the renovation project is expected to be December of 2004.

## Clayton's 2004-2005 Annual Budget

In late August, City officials finalized the FY 2004-2005 budget. To be sure all stakeholders had an opportunity to provide input, Clayton's Board of Aldermen held four public sessions to discuss the City's financial plans. At its meeting on August 10, 2004, the Board also held a formal public hearing on the proposed budget to allow citizens an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions, and on August 24, the new budget was officially approved.

Based upon the dialogue at the public meetings, the Board of Aldermen recommended that the 2004 City tax rate remain at the current level of \$0.652 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which will result in a total levy of \$4,576,253. The Special Tax District tax rate, which is used to fund appropriate economic development activities in the Central Business District, will also stay at its current rate of \$0.047 per \$100 assessed valuation for a total levy of \$122,388. While the budget provides for higher expenditures than revenues, the City is comfortable in using reserves to cover the almost \$650,000 deficit in the General Fund. The City has worked very hard to maintain responsible reserve balances.

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Ward II Alderman  
Jill Belsky

## News from Ward II

With a western boundary at Hanley Road, Forest Park Parkway on the north, Clayton Road on the south, and a portion of Fontbonne University's and Concordia Seminary's campuses on the east, Clayton's Ward II enjoys a wonderful mix of residential, academic and commercial/retail. We appreciate this opportunity to fill you in on the latest news from our ward.



Ward II Alderman  
Linda Goldstein

- Construction is underway for a condominium project at the corner of Cromwell Drive and Clayton Road in the Moorlands. The development will include a public green space that will be maintained by the condominium association. Local artist Carol Fleming has proposed two sculptures for the area.
- Phase I of another development will begin soon on Forest Court. This project is a 3-1/2 story, 15-unit condominium with an exterior that is in keeping with design elements in the rest of the neighborhood. The building will include 30 parking spaces with access off Bemis Way. Phase II on Westwood Drive will begin at a later date.
- And, speaking of parking, the City's 2005 fiscal year budget includes funds to examine the possibility of constructing a multilevel parking lot at the corner of Wydown Boulevard and Hanley Road. The location is currently a City-owned single level parking lot. Maximizing the use of that particular lot will be a real benefit for the bustling retail district in the area.
- The City continues to work with the property owner of the former Schnucks site at the northeast corner of Hanley and Clayton Roads to review possible redevelopment ideas for the site. As soon as a viable and responsible plan is developed, the City will communicate the plan with the residents.
- Ward II contains one of our City's treasures, Oak Knoll Park. The Oak Knoll Park Pond Renovation Project was completed this past spring including improvements to the walking path, amphitheater repairs, enhanced landscaping, installation of a lighted fountain, and a new monument sign. On Monday, September 27, 2004 the City will observe the start of the fall season with a celebration at Oak Knoll Park. The community is invited to enjoy live music, snacks, and fun giveaways. The festivities will take place between 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- Our new sculpture, Man on a Horse, by Fernando Botero, which is being donated to the City by the Gateway Foundation will be arriving soon. Stay tuned for more information on the celebration surrounding the installation.

Ward II is certainly bustling with activity. The pedestrian friendly neighborhoods and commercial areas create a true vibrancy for our community.

Jill S. Belsky  
Ward II Alderman

Linda Goldstein  
Ward II Alderman

## Transit Center Dedication

In 2001, St. Louis County started work on the construction of its 1284-space parking garage located at the corner of Shaw Park Drive between Meramec and Central Avenues. The project was completed in Spring 2004, and on July 6, 2004, officials from the City of Clayton and St. Louis County presided over the dedication ceremony for the Shaw Park Drive Garage/Clayton MetroBus Center.

The 416,000 square foot Shaw Park Drive Garage provides seven levels of above-ground parking for St. Louis County employees, jurors and the public. The Clayton MetroBus Center includes a passenger drop-off area with seven MetroBus stop shelters which include information kiosks and security cameras. Six local MetroBus routes serve this facility approximately every 5 to 10 minutes during the week and every 15 minutes on the weekends. When the MetroLink station, now underway on Forest Park Parkway, is completed in 2006, it will be connected by a passenger walkway to the MetroBus Center.



St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley and City of Clayton Mayor Ben Uchitelle

### October Meeting Schedule

The following list of public meetings contains 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.

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|---------|---|
| Oct. 4  | Plan Commission/ARB<br>The Center - 5:30 p.m.   |
| Oct. 7  | Board of Adjustment<br>The Center - 5:00 p.m.   |
| Oct. 11 | Art Commission<br>The Center - 6:00 p.m.        |
| Oct. 12 | Board of Aldermen<br>The Center - 8:00 p.m.     |
| Oct. 15 | C.R.S.W.C.<br>The Center - 7:30 a.m.            |
| Oct. 18 | Plan Commission/ARB<br>The Center - 5:30 p.m.   |
| Oct. 21 | Landscape Committee<br>Clayton High - 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | Ecology & Environ.<br>Clayton High - 5:30 p.m.  |
| Oct. 25 | Parks & Recreation<br>The Center - 7:00 p.m.    |
| Oct. 26 | Board of Aldermen<br>The Center - 8:00 p.m.     |

Arts in Transit selected Catherine Woods to create artwork for the new facility. Ms. Woods saw the potential to create a soothing spot to stop and relax. She created "Oasis", eight suspended thirteen-foot by three-foot panels. Four are heat strengthened and insulated glass and four are water-jet cut aluminum pierced with abstract designs inspired by symbols of good fortune.

The project represents a collaboration between St. Louis County, the City of Clayton and Metro, and a benefit to those who work and do business in Clayton.

## MetroLink Update

Progress continues on MetroLink construction in Clayton with the replacement of the Central Avenue off-ramp from Forest Park Parkway. Recently, crews demolished the old Central Avenue off-ramp and construction of the replacement is well underway. The new ramp will open when the Forest Park Parkway reopens in 2005.

Three new bridges will be constructed over Hanley Road. Two of the bridges will serve as the new traffic lanes for Forest Park Parkway over Hanley, and the third bridge will be in the median to carry MetroLink. Two pedestrian walkways will be restored with the completion of the project.

A new MetroLink bridge has taken shape over the City of Clayton's Public Works maintenance yard just off Shaw Park Drive. The bridge, visible from Forest Park Parkway, will allow MetroLink to transition from the median of Forest Park Parkway to the former terminal railroad right-of-way for its trip south to Shrewsbury. Steel has been set for this bridge and work continues on the decking for the bridge.

A new off-ramp from eastbound Forest Park Parkway to Brentwood Boulevard is also underway. Crews will begin building a new ramp from Brentwood Boulevard to westbound Forest Park Parkway. Work will continue on both ramps over the next several months.

For more information, the Cross County Project Team can be reached by calling 314.923.3050 or by e-mailing [crosscountyconstruction@metrostlouis.org](mailto:crosscountyconstruction@metrostlouis.org). Additional project information can be found on the project website, [www.crosscountymetro.org](http://www.crosscountymetro.org).





**BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT**

Hanley-Wydown Business District  
Wydown Fall Festival  
Saturday, October 16  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited to help the Hanley-Wydown business district celebrate its vitality. The event will also recognize the 50th anniversary of Protzel's Deli and the anticipated installation of a major piece of public art. This winter the City will install the 11'6" sculpture, *Man on a Horse*, by Fernando Botero at the intersection of Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard. All of the public, and particularly the loyal neighborhood patrons of the Hanley-Wydown area, are invited to the Wydown Fall Festival on Saturday, October 16.

**Diamond Shop's Patriarch Retires**

An institution in the jewelry business is stepping down. After 60 years of serving the public, Diamond Shop owner Joe Kohn is retiring. Four generations of St. Louisans know and have done business with the affable jewelry expert. The day-to-day business dealings will be passed to Joe's son and daughter-in-law, Thom and Mona Kohn. "Thom and Mona have been involved in the business for decades, and I am confident they will continue providing the quality and good service for which the Diamond Shop is known," stated Mr. Kohn. The Diamond Shop, located at 12 North Central in downtown Clayton, is recognizing Mr. Kohn's farewell celebration with a sale on select items.

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"The proposed budget maintains the extraordinary level of service that has been traditionally provided by the City," confirmed City Manager Mike Schoedel. During the public hearings, expenditures, revenues, real estate assessed valuation and fund balances were reviewed. Major infrastructure improvements associated with the budget, include:

- improvements to the Forest Park Parkway/S. Brentwood Boulevard interchange (MetroLink project) - \$1.5 million
- completion of the renovation of City Hall - \$730,000
- replacement of City vehicles that are at the end of their life cycle - \$475,000
- improvements and repairs in several parks and at the Hanley House - \$385,000
- refuse/recycling collection contract increase, as the prior contract expired - \$300,000
- parking study to determine feasibility of a parking structure at southeast corner of Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard - \$80,000
- improved signage in the Central Business District - \$50,000

An unstable economic environment, rising health care and benefits costs, maintaining high-quality services and regional issues represent concerns for future budget preparation. The City Manager confirms that staff will continue to review activities, identify trends to find cost-savings and other opportunities to improve the City's financial situation, while continuing to provide the high level of services that Clayton residents expect.

**Protzel's Deli Celebrates Its Golden Anniversary**

Ron Protzel confirms that things at the Deli have been kept pretty much the way they were back when his mother and father, Evelyn and Bob Protzel, started the business in 1954. "In 50 years, the only thing I've done to change the business . . . about eight years ago, we added counter space and seating," Ron said. Probably the biggest reason the business has been around so long is because it continues to provide fresh and well-prepared products. Bakery items are made fresh daily. Favorites in the deli section are smoked fish, pastrami and corned beef. Protzel's is known for its corned beef, which is prepared from a secret recipe. Mr. Protzel reports that people come from all over the country for the corned beef. A gentlemen from California stops at Protzel's for a few pounds of corned beef on his way to visit his mother in Indiana, and then stops again on his way back home.

Jerry Nicole Parchman, who was adopted by Ron's parents, has worked at the shop for over 35 years. "I'll be here until the walls are torn down," states Mr. Parchman. Ron represents the second generation of Protzels in the business, and now his nephew Max is taking over. "It's a lot about family around here," said Ron. "There have been times when I would be waiting on four generations of the same family."

"The City is proud of the role it played in the history of an institution like Protzel's," said City Manager Mike Schoedel. "We hope that they will be doing business in Clayton for at least another 50 years."

Protzel's will officially celebrate 50 years at its Clayton location during the month of October.

## 2004 Leaf Collection Program

The following is the 2004 Leaf Collection Program schedule. Listed below are dates for collections on each street and in each subdivision of Clayton. NO LEAF COLLECTION DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 - 26.

**WEEK OF:**

**October 4 - 7**

**October 18 - 21**

**November 1 - 4**

**November 15 - 18**

**December 6 - 9**

**December 20 - 23**

Monday

8100 blk of Stratford\*  
Clayton Gardens Subdivision  
Polo Subdivision  
Country Club Court  
7700 blk Shirley Drive  
7700 blk Walinca Terrace

Tuesday

8100 blk of Stratford\*  
Hillcrest Subdivision  
Ellenwood Subdivision  
Tuscany Park Subdivision

Wednesday

Carrswold Subdivision  
Southmoor Subdivision  
Forest Ridge Subdivision

Thursday

E. Brentmoor Subdivision  
W. Brentmoor Subdivision

**WEEK OF:**

**October 11 - 15**

**October 25 - 29**

**November 8 - 12**

**November 29 - December 3**

**December 13 - 17**

**December 27 - 31**

Monday

Bemiston Subdivision(Old Town)\*  
Maryland Terrace Subdivision(7400 blk Maryland)\*  
Hanley Place Subdivision(7500/7600 blks Westmoreland)\*  
Parkside Subdivision(10 blk Brighton & Topton Way)\*  
Northmoor Subdivision(Bland Ave.)  
7400 blk of Moorlands Subdivision  
7500 blk of Moorlands Subdivision\*  
Forest Court\*

Tuesday

Bemiston Subdivision(Old Town)\*  
Maryland Terrace Subdivision(7400 blk Maryland)\*  
Hanley Place Subdivision(7500/7600 blks Westmoreland)\*  
Parkside Subdivision(10 blk Brighton & Topton Way)\*  
Skinker Heights Subdivision  
Wydown Terrace Subdivision  
Hi-Pointe Subdivision\*

Wednesday

Claverach Park Subdivision  
Clayshire Subdivision  
Clayshire Ridge Subdivision  
Haddington Court  
Wenneker Drive

Thursday

Wydown Forest Subdivision\*  
Hi-Pointe Subdivision\*  
6300 & 6400 blks Forsyth

Friday

Davis Place Subdivision\*  
7500 blk Moorlands Subdivision\*  
Forest Court\*

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

**REMINDERS:**

- Please 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 collection day falls on a holiday, leaves will be collected the day before or the next non-holiday work day.
- Rake ONLY leaves to curb line; 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.



On October 1, 2, 3 - 8, 9, 10 & 15, 16, 17 the Clayton Community Theatre will present *The Real Thing*, a tale about marriage and emotional fidelity. It is an entertaining, clever, and often touching play written by Tom Stoppard that reveals the complications of marital maneuvering and failed relationships.

Productions will be held in Clayton High School's Little Theatre at #1 Mark Twain Circle. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets (evening performances - \$15, matinees - \$12) are available from Metrotix at The Center of Clayton and Spicer's 5 & 10. For more information, call 314.997.7392

The Clayton Symphony Orchestra's next performance is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton High School, #1 Mark Twain Circle.



The program will include the Hungarian Dance No. 2 by Brahms, movements of the Brahms Violin Concerto in D Major and from his Symphony #1 in C Minor Opus 68.

Tickets will be available at the door: students - \$5, adults - \$10, groups (10 or more) - \$5 per person. For details, visit the Symphony's web site [www.claytonsymphony.org](http://www.claytonsymphony.org).

**PARKS NEWS**

**Center of Clayton Adopt a Fish Program**

The Clayton Parks Foundation recently donated a 125-gallon aquarium to The Center of Clayton. The new aquarium, which is located in the lobby area, will help to enhance the experience of visiting The Center.

To help stock the new aquarium, the Foundation has established The Center of Clayton Adopt a Fish Program.

"It's as easy as 1-2-3," stated Parks Foundation Chairman Ken Goldman. Here is how it works.

1. Donors must go to the Clayton Pet Emporium at 509 S. Hanley Road (phone 314.725.7757) next door to Café Manhattan to purchase a fish. Emporium staff should be advised that the purchase of a fish is for The Center of Clayton aquarium.
2. Donors should browse through the store and select their favorite fish. Emporium staff will advise of the best choices and accept payment.



From left: Clayton Parks Foundation Chairman Ken Goldman, Parks & Recreation Dept. Director Patty DeForrest, Parks Foundation members Cindy Berger and Daniel Human

3. Emporium staff will install the fish in The Center's aquarium during their next bi-weekly maintenance visit.

Donors' names will be posted near the tank after the adoption process has been completed. "We hope that this will not only enhance 'The Center' experience, but also provide an opportunity for community involvement," added Mr. Goldman.

Adopt a Fish is an ongoing program until the tank is full. For more information, call Parks & Recreation Director Patty DeForrest at 314.290.8464.



**Shaw Park Skating Rink**

Opens Friday, November 26, 2004

The Shaw Park Ice Rink will open the day after Thanksgiving. Season passes may be purchased at The Center of Clayton. This year weekend hours will be extended in order to better serve the needs of the skating community. For more information on rink hours and skating lessons or to rent the rink for a private party, contact Eric Gruenfelder at 314.290.8509.

**Parks Foundation**

The Clayton Parks Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 to provide private funding for projects outside the scope of the City budget. Some of the projects supported by the Parks Foundation include the Acorn sculpture in Wydown Park, a swimming pool cover for the diving tank in Shaw Park, a tree labeling program in Oak Knoll Park and a donation for the sculpture proposed for The Center of Clayton. In addition, the Foundation provides scholarships to Parks & Recreation programs for Clayton students who would otherwise not be able to participate.



## Wine Tasting in Shaw Park

Thursday, October 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Attend the Shaw Park Wine Tasting for an overall introduction to wine tasting by the experts at The Wine Merchant. Learn about the history of wine, the production process and pairing wine with food. Fee per person is \$25. To register, call The Center of Clayton's Welcome Desk at 314.290.8500. Please register by September 30.

## Special Olympics

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, the Clayton Police Department and St. Louis Track Club will host the fourth annual Special Olympics 10K Run to help the more than 13,000 special athletes who participate in sports activities around the State of Missouri. Funds raised from entry fees and monetary contributions support the Special Olympics program.

The 2005 Special Olympics Run is scheduled for Sunday, November 6. Those interested in learning more about assisting with the event or in making a financial contribution should contact Clayton Police Department's Captain Kevin Murphy at 314.290.8407.

## Holiday Champagne Stroll

S u n d a y ,  
November 21, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. between Hanley Road and Brentwood Boulevard on Clayton Road, 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, the Holiday Champagne Stroll is a great way to start the Holiday Season. Call 314.725.2622 for more information.

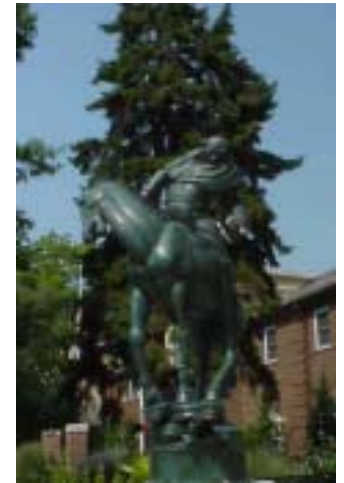


## Clayton Public Art Tour

To capitalize on its incredible collection of public artwork, the City of Clayton plans to conduct at least two public art tours each year. Representatives from Clayton's Art Commission, Barbara Decker and Anne Murphy, conducted the City's first public art walk on July 17. "The City has a lot to be proud of, and that includes its outstanding collection of public art," stated Art Commission Chair Joan Cohen.

The group attending the summer excursion was introduced to several of Clayton's significant works, including *Five Rudders* by Alexander Calder (on loan from Washington University), *FM6 Walking Jackman* by Ernest Trova, and *Folke Filbyter* by Carl Milles (on loan from the St. Louis Art Museum).

Plans for a fall art tour, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2004, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., are underway. The route will begin at City Hall (Bemiston & Forsyth) and will traverse the streets of downtown Clayton. "The art tours are not only fun, they provide an excellent opportunity for people in the community to learn more about the art in Clayton and public art in general," said Ms. Cohen. Registration fee is \$5 per person. For more information or to register, call The Center of Clayton Welcome Desk at 314.290.8500.



## Clayton Farmers' Market

North Central Avenue in downtown Clayton  
8:00 a.m. to noon

Oct. 2 - the Missouri beef co-op, Heartland Canned Beef, canned beef cooking demonstration

Oct. 9 - cooking demonstration by Chef Kirk Warner

Oct. 16 - demonstration by Chef Michael Holmes of Truffles Restaurant

Oct. 23 - *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Food Editor Judy Evans (Let's Eat) will prepare bison chili at the market

Oct. 30 - Sauce Magazine Day - Sauce sponsors the market and local growers, their reps will be on hand to give cooking demos and hand out *saucemagazine*

For more information about all the activities at the Clayton Farmers' Market, call Julie Ridlon at 314. 645.5807.



# FACTS ABOUT CLAYTON

**Q:** Besides CityViews, how can I obtain information on the City of Clayton, its elected officials and City departments.

**A:** Visit the City's web site [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us), then click on "Government".

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

<b><i>In Case of Emergency</i></b> .....	<b>911</b>
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) .....	645.3000
Public Works .....	290.8540
TDD .....	290.8435

## 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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