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## City Staff Moves Back to City Hall

On February 11, Clayton City administrative staff moved back to offices in City Hall at 10 North Bemiston. While City Hall was being renovated and a new Fire Station constructed, staff worked out of temporary quarters at the Police Department building at 227 South Central.

Clayton City Hall has undergone many modifications and has an interesting history. It started in 1924, when the Board of Aldermen approved a bond issue to build the City's first official Fire Station. On August 18, 1924, the 2300 square foot Williamsburg style building was completed. As the City prospered, it became necessary to create offices to accommodate the staff that maintained the day to day functions of the City. In 1930, a bond issue was passed to purchase land adjacent to the new Fire Station for construction of City Hall. The design for the building was developed. City Hall was built, and a dedication ceremony was held on July 2, 1931. In 1937, the City received a Public Works Administration grant to construct an addition to City Hall, which would house a library. The new library opened on November 14, 1938 and was enlarged in 1952.



On Wednesday, May 18, the public is invited to attend the rededication ceremony of Clayton's newly renovated City Hall at 9:00 a.m. and an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A limited supply of the "challenge coin", a bronze commemorative medallion, will be available. Guests may take a self-guided tour of the new facilities. There will be balloons for the kids and refreshments. Clayton: a history by Dickson Terry will be available for \$5.00 each. City staff looks forward to welcoming everyone on the 18th.

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## Consultant Works with Neighborhood to Identify Urban Design Standards

Clarion Associates of Denver, Colorado was hired by the Board of Aldermen to help establish an Urban Design District (UDD) for Clayton Road, east of Big Bend to the St. Louis City line. This same consultant collaborated with the City and other neighborhoods in previous years to successfully complete five UDDs. This is the first time that a UDD is being planned for a C-2 area, commercially zoned since the 1960s. UDDs have been used in neighborhoods experiencing development pressures to ensure that new development is compatible with the character of the surrounding area. The five-month process involves gathering input from all citizens, stakeholders, City officials and staff, and formulating Draft Urban Design Standards for public review. The Draft is a working document of recommended standards and guidelines, and its next version will be presented in a second public forum on April 28. All comments will be considered at that time as well, before the proposed UDD is brought before the Plan Commission for their consideration. Finally, the UDD Standards will go to the Board of Aldermen for its deliberation.



Bev Wagner  
Ward I Alderman

## A Day in the Lives of Your Ward 1 Aldermen

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share a glimpse of our commitment to serve you. As Aldermen, we address a wide variety of topics that emanate from our Ward as well as those that have to do with the City as a whole. We do our very best to solve today's problems and to position the City for the future. We encourage residents, business owners, stakeholders and visitors to communicate with us and our four fellow Aldermen, the Mayor, City Manager and City staff.



Judy Goodman  
Ward I Alderman

In addition to our semimonthly Board of Aldermen meetings, now held in the beautifully renovated City Hall, we each serve on various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Judy is a member of the CRSWC Board, which meets monthly to oversee the operation of The Center of Clayton. Most notably, The Center is recognized as a unique collaborative, state-of-the-art facility that is successfully moving toward financial independence. With a new executive director at the helm, an ambitious agenda is set for membership, marketing and future expansion. Judy also serves on the Uniform Pension Board, which oversees the management of invested pension funds. Prudent investing strategies and an improving economy have provided for a responsible pension fund for police and fire retirees.

Bev serves on the Landscape Committee and the Clayton Art Commission. The Landscape Committee has embarked on a Comprehensive Landscape Master Plan with SWT Associates, dealing with signage, tree preservation and inventory, and enhancement of Brentwood Boulevard. The Art Commission signed a contract with Gateway Foundation to secure a sculpture by international artist Fernando Botero, to be installed this spring at the intersection of Hanley and Wydown. Bev is also a member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, which is addressing all the challenges of creating "an animated urban environment" in our Central Business District in addition to new development opportunities.

Beyond our scheduled "official" meetings, we meet regularly with residents and special interest groups to hear concerns and plan for the future. One example is a multitude of meetings with citizens who are concerned about issues related to development pressures on the 6300 and 6400 blocks of Clayton Road. The Board of Aldermen recently engaged a professional firm to establish Urban Design District standards for all of Clayton Road, from Big Bend to the east City limit.

We are regularly engaged in coffees, phone calls and emails about traffic, parking, safety, fences and any number of topics that impact quality of life. Each of us regularly gives time in special areas of interest and expertise: Bev closely evaluates landscape and public art proposals, and Judy leads the charge in many marketing initiatives for the City. Our commitment is to ensure a healthy balance between the residences, businesses and institutions we are fortunate to host within our boundaries. It is the interplay and synergy of all that make Clayton such a desirable community and destination. Please keep us informed about your views.

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## Merger Study

On March 8, Clayton's Board of Aldermen voted to proceed with a joint merger study and/or the combining of one or more essential services with the City of Richmond Heights. It is expected that the elected bodies of the two cities will hold a joint meeting in April to vote on a joint resolution approving the study, setting forth guidelines for establishing a joint study committee and its duties.

## Police Auction

The Clayton Police Department will hold its biannual Police Auction on Thursday, May 5, 2005, starting at 5:00 p.m. Items will be available for inspection at 3:00 p.m. The auction will be held in the garage of the Police Department located at 227 S. Central. Included in the auction will be 25 bicycles, a lawn mower, various unclaimed property and several pieces of used office furniture. All items purchased must be paid for by cash or check and must be removed from the premises within twenty-four hours. Inquiries about the auction can be directed to Detective Ron Spielman at 314.290.8416.

## April Meeting Schedule

The following list contains all regularly scheduled public 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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| Apr. 4  | Plan Commission/ARB<br>City Hall - 5:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 7  | Board of Adjustment<br>City Hall - 5:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 11 | Art Commission<br>City Hall - 6:00 p.m.      |
| Apr. 12 | Board of Aldermen<br>City Hall - 8:00 p.m.   |
| Apr. 18 | Plan Commission/ARB<br>City Hall - 5:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | Landscape Committee<br>City Hall - 5:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 22 | C.R.S.W.C.<br>The Center - 7:30 a.m.         |
| Apr. 25 | Ecology & Environ.<br>City Hall - 5:30 p.m.  |
| Apr. 25 | Parks & Recreation<br>The Center - 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 26 | Board of Aldermen<br>City Hall - 8:00 p.m.   |

## House Numbering Ordinance

Over the years, the Clayton Fire Department has experienced some difficulty in locating the address numbers on homes in Clayton. In April, in an effort to provide better response to emergencies, firefighters will be checking every home to make sure that they are able to find the address number. They will visit citizens to discuss fire and medical emergencies, and will focus on residential and business address numbers to be sure they can be read from the street. The firefighters will distribute informational packets about appropriate house numbering as they canvas the neighborhoods. Follow-up visits will be made to ensure that problems have been appropriately addressed.

The City of Clayton Codes and Ordinances state that "addresses shall be no smaller than four inches in height, a minimum of one-half inch in stroke width and color contrasting with its background." Residents are asked to remember that even a few extra minutes during a fire or medical emergency could be the difference between life and death. For more information, visit the City's Website at [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us) (CITY HALL, *City Departments*, *Fire Department*) or contact Battalion Chief James Worth at 314.290.8483.

## Electronic Recycling Event in Clayton

A recycling event will be held on The Center of Clayton parking lot on Friday, April 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The collection will be conducted by Web Innovations and Technology Services (WITS).

Businesses and residents may dispose of computers, printers, phones, pagers, fax machines, small appliances, software, cables for peripheral, copy machines up to 150 pounds and televisions up to 100 pounds (console TVs must be dropped off at the Web Innovations and Technology Services facility on Holly Avenue). WITS guarantees secure Department of Defense removal of all data on reusable computers. Appropriate recycling is guaranteed for all nonreusable items, or the items will be demanufactured at WITS facility and will not be put in the landfill.

A donation of \$5 is requested for disposal of each monitor and television. Additional donations can be made to help cover costs of repairing computers for low-income families. All donations are tax deductible.

## City Allows Off-Season Outdoor Dining

Recently, restaurant owners requested assistance in making Clayton competitive with new restaurants opening throughout the area. Restaurant owners wanted to take advantage of warm days during the off-season and asked to change a section of the outdoor dining standards that prohibited outdoor dining between December 21<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. A few restaurants also asked that outdoor dining be allowed on Friday and Saturday nights during the off-season regardless of temperature.

On January 25, 2005, the Board of Aldermen considered and approved standards to allow the requested off-season outdoor dining. The regular outdoor dining season normally concludes on December 21<sup>st</sup> and does not resume until March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. However, during the off-season on days where the temperature exceeds 60 degrees Fahrenheit, outdoor dining will be permitted for restaurants with a current outdoor dining permit. Restaurateurs who wish to provide outdoor dining on a Friday or Saturday





## Taste of Clayton 2005

### Shaw Park

### Sunday, June 5th

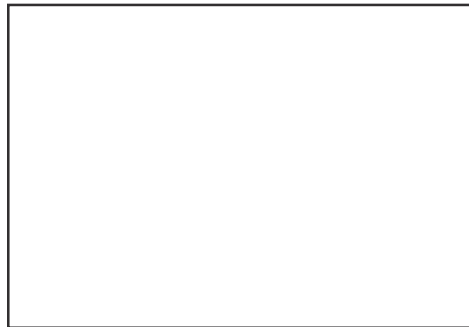
TASTE was named Best  
2004 Annual Food Event  
by Sauce Magazine

The thirteenth annual Taste of Clayton is set for Sunday, June 5th. From 1:00 until 9:00 p.m., Shaw Park will be the site of the finest alfresco dining in the region.

In addition to sampling the region's best cuisine, guests will be treated to live entertainment throughout the day and evening. Radio and television personalities will be on-hand with live broadcasts. There will be special appearances by area media and sports celebrities who will judge the restaurant booths for the most creative design. The chefs' demo tent is where the area's best-known chefs will demonstrate how to prepare their mouth-watering dishes.

Taste Jr., the "everything for kids" area, will include an array of games and inflatable sports activities and cuisine just for the younger set. Taste too! with a selection of restaurant specialties, delicious desserts, beer and wine starts at 7:00 p.m. and features live music. At 9:00 p.m., a fireworks extravaganza will be "the icing on the cake" of a perfect day.

The event is known for its generosity to its charitable organizations: St. Vincent's Ministries, LaClinica, Angels' Arms and Lift for Life. Last year \$70,000 was donated to the charities, which brought the total contributed since the event's inception to \$657,600. For details, call Clayton's Special Events Hotline at 314.290.8474.



## Volunteers Make the Difference

Enthusiastic individuals to volunteer for the thirteenth annual Taste of Clayton and Taste too! are needed. Earn Taste tickets and a Taste of Clayton volunteer T-shirt. By volunteering, you will join the City of Clayton and the Clayton Restaurant Association in throwing one of the hottest food festivals and charitable benefits in the entire region. Shift times are from **noon to 3:00 p.m.**, **3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, and **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Diane Reedy 314.290.8448 to sign up.



## CLAYTON . . .

### APRIL

- The streets in Clayton will be part of the St. Louis Marathon route on **Sun, April 10**. For more information, visit [stlouismarathon.com](http://stlouismarathon.com).

### MAY

- Public Art Lecture & Walking Tour are scheduled for **Fri & Sat, May 6 & 7**. To register, call 314.290.8500.

### . . . starting in MAY

- Concerts will be held in Oak Knoll Park every **fourth Sun** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. May - Sep. For information, call at 314.290.8544.
- Clayton Farmers' Market will be held every **Sat** from 8:00 a.m. to noon May - Sep in downtown Clayton. For information, call 314.645.5807.
- Parties in the (Shaw) Park will be held every second **Wed** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. May - Sep. For details, call The Chamber at 314.726.3033.

### JUNE

- Taste of Clayton will be held in Shaw Park on **Sun, Jun 5**, 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. For information, call 314.290.8474.
- US Bank Saint Louis Jazz Festival is scheduled for **Fri & Sat, Jun 24 & 25**, in Shaw Park. For information, call 314.863.0278.

. . . the “center for outstanding special events”.

JULY

- COCA Comes to Clayton with performances every **Fri** in Jul (except Jul 1) from noon to 1:00 p.m. in downtown Clayton. For details, call 314.290.8508.

SEPTEMBER

- Saint Louis Art Fair, ranked #1 on Top Fine Art & Craft Show in the Harris List, is scheduled for **Sep 9, 10, and 11** in downtown Clayton. For information, call 314.863.0278.

OCTOBER

- Wydown Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sat, Oct 8**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard. For information, call 314.290.8544.

NOVEMBER

- Holiday Champagne Stroll will be held on **Sun, Nov 20**, from noon until 5:00 p.m. For details, call 314.725.2622.

DECEMBER

- Holiday carriage rides every **Thurs** in Dec (except Dec 29) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in downtown Clayton. For details, call 314.290.8544.

## The Center of Clayton 2004 Cornerstone Award Recipient

Each year, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses and individuals for their outstanding achievements, contributions and commitment to the City of Clayton. This year, The Center of Clayton was awarded the Chamber’s Cornerstone Award in recognition of the positive contribution The Center makes to the community.



In its fifth year of operation, the Center of Clayton has become a national model of joint-use. By merging the resources of the City and the School District, Clayton has a state-of-the-art recreational and athletic facility available for use by everyone in the community. Run by the dedicated staff of the City of Clayton Department of Parks and Recreation and the Clayton School District Maintenance Department, this facility offers a variety of programs and activities to make Clayton a better place to live and play. The Center is governed by the Clayton Recreation, Sports and Wellness Commission (CRSWC), a separate entity with representation from both partners, who also hires an executive director.

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## Mayor Ben Uchitelle on the St. Louis Influentials - Agents of Change List

The City of Clayton is proud to announce that Mayor Ben Uchitelle was selected by the *St. Louis Business Journal* as one of the St. Louis Influentials — Agents of Change for 2005. These are the business and civic leaders who have made things happen in the St. Louis region.

The Business Journal recognized Mayor Uchitelle for the impressive agenda he has developed for the City of Clayton. He is working: to prepare the City for the completion of the expansion of MetroLink through Clayton; to increase activities to benefit the Clayton business community; and to foster cooperative efforts with neighboring communities.

The St. Louis Influentials list appeared in the February 11 - 17, 2005 issue of the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

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### Dining, continued from Page 3

evening during the off-season may request permission from the City Manager by calling 314.290.8460. On March 8th, the Board also voted to extend the moratorium on Architectural Review Board requirements and design regulations on outdoor dining for an additional season beginning April 1, 2005 through November 15, 2005. This moratorium allows restaurants to expand outdoor dining during the evenings without approval by the Architectural Review Board and without adherence to the standard outdoor dining requirements.

For a list of the conditions, visit the City’s Website at [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us), click BUSINESS, select *Dining*, then *Outdoor Dining Standards*.



## Kudos to Advisory Boards and Commissions

The City of Clayton is fortunate to have the talent and dedication of more than 100 individuals, who devote literally thousands of hours to Clayton's advisory boards and commissions. The City, once again on behalf of all residential and business citizens, extends a heartfelt thanks to each of you for your extraordinary efforts to improve our community.

### ***Board of Adjustment***

Richard Bliss  
 Alan Berkowitz  
 Victor Cohen  
 Mel Disney  
 Warren Hauff\*  
 Anne Martin  
 Gary Soule  
 Kevin Williams

### ***Board of Appeals***

Paul Keller  
 William Kostedt  
 Kenneth Kuellmer  
 Jeffrey Melly  
 Salim Rangwala  
 Scott Starling

### ***City Plan Commission/ Architectural Review Board***

Tony Cuneo  
 Debbie Igielnik  
 James Liberman  
 Harold Sanger\*  
 Mark Zorensky

### ***Clayton Art Commission***

Jane Birdsall-Lander  
 Joan Cohen\*  
 Barbara Decker  
 Jill Fisher  
 Esther Lyss-Greenstein  
 Carolyn Miles  
 Deb Zimmerman

### ***Clayton Recreation, Sports and Wellness Commission***

Bernard Gerdelman  
 Linda Goldstein  
 Judy Goodman  
 Thomas Johnson\*  
 Bob Margulis  
 Amy Murphy

### ***Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee***

Frank Armstrong  
 Cindy Berger\*  
 Liz Forrestal  
 Marguerite Garrick  
 Lee Gerdelman  
 Tom Horlacher  
 Martha Kohn  
 Marc Lopata  
 Ronna Pohlman  
 John Williamson

### ***Economic Development Advisory Committee***

Don Estell  
 Vic Frankel  
 Ellen Gale  
 Claire Halpern  
 Richard Hummell  
 Fran Jackson  
 Gary Krosch\*  
 Julia Muller  
 Thom Schwetey  
 Thomas Stringer

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 Douglas Murdoch  
 Omri Praiss\*  
 Mark Robinson  
 Michael Schneider  
 Danya Stock

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 Marie Carlie  
 Walter Wittenberg\*  
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 Mary DeBenedetti  
 Suzi Forsyth  
 Lee Hanson  
 Kitty Hoblitzelle\*  
 Paula Kipnis  
 Cheryl Verde

### ***Non-Uniform Employees Retirement Board***

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 William Grayson  
 Richard Hummell  
 Kathy Brooks-Maness

### ***Parks and Recreation Commission***

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 Marjorie Deem  
 Andy Goldberg\*  
 Richard Hummel  
 Richard Hyde  
 Steve Kissel  
 Nancy Munson  
 Ken Shapiro  
 Diane Williams\*

### ***Strategic Issues Committee***

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 Brad Bernstein  
 Robyn Frankel  
 Ellen Gale  
 Jeffrey Hochman  
 Steven Hochberg  
 Janet Horlacher  
 Daniel Human\*  
 Simon Igielnik  
 Andrea Maddox-Dallas  
 Elaine Medve  
 Kevin Williams  
 Joe Wotka

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 Norman Buehre  
 Rick Dodge  
 Tim Dorn

*Chairman/President\**