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# **Clayton's World-Class Public Art Collection**

In addition to being the center for award-winning special events and the region's best selection of restaurants, the City of Clayton is now the home to an impressive collection of world-class public art. The City has successfully partnered with the St. Louis Art Museum, Washington University and the Gateway Foundation to make the City's public art collection one of its most impressive amenities.

Two recent additions have reinforced Clayton's prominent position in the region's art community. On Thursday, April 28, a sculpture by world-renowned artist Fernando Botero was installed in the median at Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard. The 11'6" bronze sculpture, Man on a Horse, is on long-term loan to the City from the Gateway Foundation, an organization that fosters and supports cultural and artistic activities and is devoted to improving the quality of life in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The Foundation acquired the sculpture and offered it to the City for its public art collection. Upon recommendation by the CAC, the City

accepted the offer, and the Hanley-Wydown location was selected. The Foundation has covered the costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the artwork. Botero's work is represented in museum collections throughout the world and his monumental bronze sculptures have been exhibited along the Champs-Elysees in Paris, Park Avenue in New York, Paseo de Recoletos in Madrid, and Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.

In early May, internationally famous artist Howard Ben Tre installed Clayton Caryatid, a tower-shaped sculpture of cast low-expansion glass, patinated bronze and polished granite, on Carondelet Plaza at the Plaza in Clayton. The piece was commissioned by THF, the developer of the Plaza in Clayton. Since the Plaza in Clayton was a large-scale project, during the planning process the City asked the developer, THF Realty, to commission a site-specific work of public



Man on a Horse by Fernando Botero

art as part of the development design. THF coordinated with the Art Commission on the selection of Mr. Ben Tre and his work. Mr. Ben Tre is recognized for his unique sculptures and is a pioneer in the use of cast glass as a sculptural medium. His works are shown in more than 85 museums and public collections worldwide.



Clayton Caryatid by Howard Ben Tre

The Botero and Ben Tre sculptures join four other titans of the art world in Clayton's public art collection. The sculpture, Walking Jackman, by Ernest Trova at the corner of Brentwood Boulevard and Maryland Avenue has been around the longest, since 1985, and is one of the most recognizable pieces on display in Clayton. Over the years, other works have been added. On long-term loan

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## Community News



Ward II Alderman Jill Belsky

## **News from Ward II**

### METROLINK WALL UPDATE

On Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the City hosted a meeting to allow Metro to present options for a barrier wall screening along the south side of Forest Park Parkway. Two separate notices of the meeting were mailed, and notices were posted on the City's website and cable channel.

Metro reviewed the history of conversations with the neighborhood. They spoke about the initial meetings with neighbors in their backyards (remember the balloons?!) and about the discussions

leading to the decision to have a median wall on the south side of the tracks and a visual barrier on the south side of the Parkway. Metro representatives then explained that they recently had learned it was not possible to build the walls as proposed due to highway safety regulations and that this meeting was scheduled to explore other possible options.

Metro then displayed slides of various color and texture combinations for barrier walls. Representatives also had plans showing cross sections for each residential area adjacent to the proposed wall as well as proposed landscape plans. They explained to residents that the plans for the wall design and landscaping needed to be submitted for the Architectural Review Board meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. City staff was on hand to clarify the concepts presented by Metro. Comment cards were provided for residents to express their preferences.

According to that survey, the preference of those in attendance appears to be for a cobblestone textured wall in a desert tan, sand or buff color. The residents west of Hanley Road tended to prefer a wall lower than the 11 feet proposed by Metro, while the residents east of Hanley Road tended to prefer a higher wall. Metro will continue to respond to comments and finalize the wall and landscaping plans in order to gain approval from the Architectural Review Board on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Change is always difficult and frequently disruptive. The progress that occurs, however, is necessary to keep our community moving forward. We appreciate your patience in spite of the inconveniences. We will continue to monitor the Metrolink construction and to make our residents' wishes known.

As indicated on Page 1, Ward II is now the home of a sculpture by internationally-recognized artist Fernando Botero. The piece, which was installed on April 28 at the intersection of Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard, has generated a buzz. There are individuals who are thrilled to have a piece of world-class art in their midst and those who are not so sure. The stature Clayton has acquired in the art world with the installation of the Botero, along with other significant public art, should be of interest to everyone in the region, especially Clayton residents and particularly those who reside in Ward II. To learn more about the Botero, visit the City's Website: www.ci.clayton.mo.us or pick up a "Botero's Man on a Horse at the intersection of Wydown Boulevard and Hanley Road" flier from businesses located in the Hanley-Wydown business district.



Ward II Alderman Linda Goldstein

### **June 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.

June 2	Board of Adjustment	
	City Hall - 5:00 p.m.	

June 20	Plan Commission/ARB		
	City Hall - 5:30 p.m.		

### June 23 Ecology & Environ. City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

### June 27 Parks & Recreation The Center - 7:00 p.m.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

# Creme de la Clayton Award Winners



At its March 22nd meeting, the Clayton Board of Aldermen recognized the efforts of several of the City's most valuable citizens. Besides its fabulous business environment, top-notch special events and superb services, Clayton benefits from an involved citizenry. "The community owes a debt of gratitude to businesses and residents who are

willing to go the extra mile to help maintain the City's outstanding quality of life," stated Mayor Ben Uchitelle. Twenty-five individuals were dubbed the Creme de la Clayton for their exceptional deeds.

The Creme de la Clayton program was established to recognize actively engaged citizens, local groups or businesses that have gone beyond the call of duty, besides serving on a City Board of Commission, to enhance the quality of life for Clayton residents, workers and visitors. "We're grateful for their generosity," said City Manager Mike Schoedel. "Their contributions help make this a great community!"

The Creme de la Clayton awards will be presented to outstanding individuals in the community on an annual basis.

### **CREME DE LA CLAYTON**

WARD I Sally Cohn Tom Currier Jill Indovino Susan Langlois Howard Lerner Laurie Miller WARD II Judy Bolian Mary DeBenedetti Ann Gold Dr. Garrett Hagen Nancy Munson Mary Otto Alan Protzel Max Protzel Joanie Protzel Marie Saunders Jim Schwab Ann Sparks Carol Stewart Barbara Wilcher WARD III Sonia Beard Amy Gage Judy Speck Randy Speck Cheryl Verde

# **Clayton Road Urban Design District**

In January 2004, the City of Clayton contracted with Clarion Associates of Denver to prepare Urban Design District (UDD) Standards for Clayton Road from Big Bend Boulevard to the east City limits. The Urban Design District Standards represent a proactive approach to development within a specific area by establishing design criteria tailored to the character of that location.

Clarion scheduled meetings to obtain input from interested parties. The first of these meetings was held on December 6, 2004 at Concordia. Approximately 60 stakeholders attended the public workshop and discussed the future development of Clayton Road. A preliminary draft of the design standards was developed and a second workshop was held. On April 28, 2005, approximately 80 residents, property owners, business entities and other interested parties were on hand to review the Draft Design Standards.

A revised draft of the Urban Design District standards will be presented to the City's Plan Commission on June 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at The Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Avenue. The standards can be viewed via the City's Website: www.ci.clayton.mo.us. Printed copies are available in the Planning & Development Department at Clayton City Hall for \$10.

# MetroLink Update

Because of work related to the MetroLink extension through Clayton, such as the removal and reconstruction of bridges and ramps, lanes have been restricted. As a result of the lane restrictions, motorists have experienced challenges entering and leaving Clayton. To reduce inconvenience to employees who work in Clayton and to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours, the City of Clayton and Metro are encouraging local businesses to offer staggered work hours and suggest carpooling. The Clayton MetroBus Transfer Center at Meramec Avenue and Shaw Park

Drive provides convenient access to bus routes served by Metro. For more information about the Cross County MetroLink Extension, including road closure and construction



information, visit the Project Website at <a href="https://www.crosscountymetro.org">www.crosscountymetro.org</a> or call the Cross County MetroLink Construction Hotline at 314.923.3050.

Community News

# **Abundant Parking in Clayton**

With approximately 1,200 on-street parking spaces and 26,000 spaces in parking facilities, the City of Clayton has numerous locations for visitors, workers and residents to park. In addition to the on-street parking spaces, where parking is free evenings, weekends and holidays, visitors have several other convenient options. The Bonhomme Garage, where parking is also free evenings, weekends and holidays, is located on the west side of Clayton's central business district at Brentwood Boulevard and Bonhomme Avenue, across from Shaw Park. This facility is particularly convenient for those attending events and activities in Shaw Park, as well as the Shaw Park Pool. The parking garage at 7733 Carondelet is also open to everyone and is situated to serve the eastern portion of downtown Clayton. There is also public parking available



to the south at the Shaw Park Parking Garage and Transit Center located at 232 S. Meramec. The various parking areas throughout the City provide a benefit to those who wish to dine, shop and work in Clayton. Visitors to Clayton need walk no more than two blocks to any downtown Clayton destination, because of the abundance of available parking at these facilities.

# **New Signage**

To help visitors readily locate the public parking, the City recently replaced the signs that identify the public parking facilities. This process served as the impetus to change other signage throughout the City. Signs that welcome visitors to Clayton and those announcing that they are leaving Clayton will be replaced in late 2005. "We feel the new signage better reflects the character of Clayton," said City Manager Mike Schoedel. "This is part of an ongoing effort to facilitate parking and better identify key areas in the City."

# Get the "KEY" to Convenient Parking in Clayton

To make parking more convenient, Clayton has implemented the Parking Meter Cash Key program. Instead of depositing quarters into parking meters, the cash key is programmed with a predetermined amount of time that can be used in all parking meters located in Clayton. To obtain a cash key, a cash key account must be opened at City Hall. An application, a one-time deposit of \$25, and a minimum of \$10 (or 20 hours) of programmed time are required. The cash key is inserted into the designated hole in the meter, each turn of the key will record 30 minutes of parking time.

For each 30 minutes, 25 cents will be automatically deducted from the amount of money deposited into your cash key account. Turn the key all the way around to see the cash key account balance and to know when it is time to deposit more money into the cash key account. When all the time has been used, the cash key can be returned to the Public Works Department for additional programming, or for a refund of your deposit. There will be no refund for unused programmed time. For additional information, please contact Clayton's Public Works Department at 314.290.8540.



# City Receives Forestry Award

In addition to being recognized as Tree City USA for the thirteenth year in a row, Clayton was also selected this year as one of six entities in Missouri to receive the *Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence* from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Community Forestry Council. Applicants must provide an outline of their tree nurturing program, explain the impact it has had on their area and confirm that their work is part of a sustainable, long-term effort. Clayton's Public Works Department maintains the overall health and attractiveness of the community's tree program. Of 32 applicants, six were awarded the forestry award; the Cities of Clayton, St. Louis and Columbia, Springfield's Midtown Neighborhood Association, Carolyn Gerdes of Springfield and Chiswell Lentz of Kahoka. Winning applications described program strengths based on sustainability, use of sound tree management principles, effectiveness, size of area affected and innovation.

# Textured, Colored Crosswalks at Forsyth and Bemiston

On April 23 and 24, 2005, the City of Clayton initiated a program to install textured, colored crosswalks at intersections throughout Clayton. The process, called Imprint, uses a new asphalt composite material that comes in several colors. The first set of these crosswalks was poured at the intersection of Forsyth Boulevard and Bemiston Avenue. This type of installation performs better than other installations such as stamped asphalt and stamped concrete. The crosswalks are raised 3/4" to provide traffic calming at the intersection as well as increase pedestrian safety and provide additional ADA accommodation in the CBD.

The City has applied for a Federal grant and will be notified this summer if it will receive funds to implement the installation of these crosswalks throughout the City. To reduce costs for the installation of the test set, City street crews prepared the intersection for the installation, and Jarvis Technologies provided the material and labor for the installation. For more information on the test project, contact Public Works Director Paul Wojciechowski at 314.290.8545.

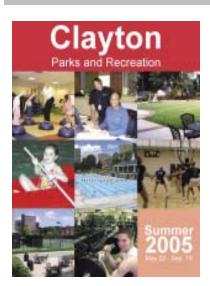
# **City Refinances Obligation Bonds**

The City recognized that there was an opportunity to refinance existing debt in order to save considerable money over the next ten years. Taking advantage of still reasonably low interest rates, the City refinanced more than \$14.6 million in special obligation bonds that were originally sold to pay for The Center of Clayton construction, reconstruction of Shaw Park Ice Rink and Tennis Courts, neighborhood improvement districts and the Bonhomme park facility. Utilizing appropriate fiscal management, the City of Clayton is expected to save nearly \$700,000 over the next ten years due to this refinancing.

The efforts of the City's Finance Department, bond counsel and financial advisor helped to improve the City's ability to obtain quality bids on the refinancing. After receiving five bids for both of the City's refinancing packages, the City determined that the best bids were received from A. G. Edwards and BB&T Capital Markets. The City's bond counsel is Gilmore & Bell and the City's financial advisor is Piper Jaffray.

### City Receives Award for Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Clayton by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). This is the seventeenth consecutive year Clayton has received this award, which is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The award was presented to Clayton's Director of Finance Donald J. Yucuis.



# Shaw Park Pool opened on Memorial Day

For pool hours and information about all of the Parks Department and The Center of Clayton activities, call 314.290.8501 for a free copy of the Parks & Recreation Department activities brochure or view the brochure on-line via the City's Website at www.ci.clayton.mo.us; go to "City Hall" and then "Parks & Recreation".

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from the St. Louis Art Museum, *Folke Filbyter*, a 12' bronze statue by Carl Milles, was installed in front of Clayton City Hall at the corner of Bemiston and Forsyth Avenues in 1997. In 2001, the Clayton Art Commission (CAC) acquired *Five Rudders*, a 10.5' painted sheet metal sculpture by Alexander Calder, which is on temporary loan from Washington University. The CAC worked with the Landscape Committee on the setting in Shaw Park's Centennial Garden, where the Calder was installed.

In spring of 2006, the circle in front of The Center of Clayton will be the site for a work by internationally recognized artist Alice Aycock. The dynamic and whimsical 19' sculpture of aluminum, steel and thermoformed plastic is one of the latest works by Ms. Aycock, whose pieces are also part of collections in museums throughout the United States and Europe. The Aycock is the first work actually commissioned by the CAC. A call for entry was issued to artists nationally. The CAC received qualifications from nine artists of which three were asked to create sitespecific proposals. The process of selecting the Aycock piece included review by a selection panel, a solicitation for comments from a cross-section of community stakeholders and a recommendation by a final selection committee. The CAC raised the funds for the piece from sponsors throughout the community. The sculpture will be fabricated, and in the spring of 2006, the City will add yet another work to its remarkable collection of world-class public art.

SPECIAL EVENTS June 2005

- 1:00 7:30 p.m. <u>TASTE OF CLAYTON</u>
  - restaurant specialties
  - The Ralph Butler Band& the Mighty Big Bank
  - on-site radio & TV broadcasts
  - chefs' demonstrations at 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 p.m.
- 1:00 9:00 p.m. TASTE PLUS
  - restaurant specialties & beverages

- 1:00 9:00 p.m. <u>TASTE, JR.</u>
  - kids cuisine
  - inflated sports activities
  - 7:00 9:00 p.m. TASTE -*Too!*
  - The Fabulous Motown Revue
  - desserts & refreshments
  - 9:00 p.m.
    - FIREWORKS

# Thirteenth Annual Taste of Clayton

Sunday, June 5th Shaw Park

The TASTE of CLAYTON
was named 2004
Best Annual Food Event
by Sauce Magazine

### Sunday, June 5, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Clayton High School

# The Clayton Symphony will perform a concert of Silver Screen Classics in the Clayton High School Auditorium at #1 Mark Twain Circle on Sunday, June 5. The concert will feature KFUO personality Bob Armbruster, as he guides the audience through classical music pieces featured in well-known movies of yesteryear and through the present. The performance will include works by Mozart, Schubert, Handel, Sibelius, Elgar and Mussorgsky all of which have been featured in movies such as Four Weddings and a Funeral, Green Card and Fantasia. Admission to this concert is free. For more information visit www.claytonsymphony.org or call 636.532.0351.



Musical Nights in Oak Knoll Park

**Clayton Symphony to Perform Silver Screen Classics** 

### Sunday, June 26 & July 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Oak Knoll Park

A new and exciting concert series is being held in Oak Knoll Park on the fourth Sunday of each month, May through September. The series began on May 22 with a performance by Fanfare and continues with performances by Swing Cat Swing on June 26, the Snow Days on July 24, the Bottoms Up Blues Gang on August 28 and the Sawmill Band on September 25. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. Concert series sponsored by City of Clayton's Parks and Recreation Department. Admission is free. Concessions by Catering St. Louis. For details, call 314.290.8544.

# Clayton Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

North Central Avenue (Clayton's central business district)



# Watercolor Painting Workshop

Saturday, June 18, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Oak Knoll Park

The City presents a Watercolor Painting Workshop with master watercolorist Jerry Thomas. Discover the colors, forms, structures and light effects of nature. Accurate values, 'aerial' perspectives, textures and details will be developed. Participants will also learn various watercolor and brush techniques. At least one painting will be completed. The class is for beginner and advance students, ages 13 and older. Students should bring a sack lunch. A supply list will be available upon registration. Clayton resident fee is \$55, nonresident fee is \$60. St. Louis Artist Guild members will receive resident rate with proof of membership. Preregistration is required. For information and registration, call 314.290.8505.

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### Fifth Annual

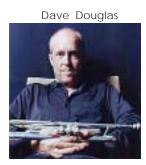
### U.S. Bank Saint Louis Jazz Festival

Friday, June 24: 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25: 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. Shaw Park

Roy Hargrove and the RH Factor, Jane Monheit, and trumpeter Dave Douglas head the list of award-winning musical talents that will perform at the fifth annual U.S. Bank Saint Louis Jazz Festival. The two-day, rain or shine, jazz festival will offer a variety of jazz styles from smooth to Latin to funk to R&B. Sharing the program will be smooth jazz group Summer Storm, featuring Peabo Bryson and Brenda Russell accompanied by saxophonist Everette Harp and guitarist Norman Brown. Los Hombres Calientes opens the festival on Friday with a blend of New Orleans style Latin jazz. Rounding out the list of talent are the Hot House Sessions, the Jonathan Whiting Trio and the Carolbeth True Trio. The festival's food court will feature some of St. Louis' top restaurants.



Hombres



Jane Monheit



Roy Hargrove

A one-day jazz festival pass for lawn seating is \$20.00 and can be purchased at any St. Louis metro area Border's Books and Music, through Metrotix by calling (314) 534-1111 or on the festival's Website, <a href="www.saintlouisjazzfest.com">www.saintlouisjazzfest.com</a>. Preferred seating is also available in the new Pavilion for \$35.00 each day and the Listening Lounge is available for \$75.00. Passes are also available at the gate Jazz Festival weekend. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by parent or guardian. For details, call 314.863.0278 or visit the Jazz Fest Website: <a href="www.saintlouisjazzfest.com">www.saintlouisjazzfest.com</a>. No animals are allowed at the festival except for support dogs, and no in-line skates, skateboards or bicycles are allowed. Backpacks, coolers, food and beverages cannot be carried into the festival. During the Jazz Festival, parking will be free on the streets in downtown Clayton, in all surface lots, in the parking garages at Bonhomme Avenue and Brentwood Boulevard, at 7733 Carondelet and at the Shaw Park Parking Garage & Transit Center at Shaw Park Drive and Meramec Avenue.

Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 noon - 1:00 p.m. downtown Clayton

# **COCA Comes to Clayton**

Every Friday in July (except July 1) from noon to 1:00 p.m., COCA will present performances that represent a variety of arts disciplines. COCA, the Center of Creative Arts and largest center for arts education in the region, will bring the arts to life this summer in Clayton. More information about the COCA Fridays in July series in Clayton can be found at www.cocastl.org or by calling 314.725.6555.

July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 & 29, 30, 31 2005 Clayton High School Oh Dad, Poor Dad. Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad

Written by Arthur Kopit and directed by Sam Hack, this fantastically humorous play won the Vernon Rice award for Off-Broadway theatre and was unanimously applauded by the critics. Seating will be general admission. Tickets go on sale at our box offices one month before opening night. Tickets are \$12 for evening performances, and \$10 for matinees. Tickets are also available from Metrotix on-line, by phone (314.534.1111 or 800.293.5949) or at any Metrotix outlet.

# FACTS ABOUT CLAYTON

Q. When will the pedestrian bridge from the Polo neighborhood to Bemiston bereopened?

A. Clayton's Public Works Department expects that the Bemiston Bridge and the sidewalk adjacent to the roadway will be completed by early fall of 2005. Once the bridge has been completed, work on the Shaw Park Drive approach must be finished before the bridge will be open to pedestrians. As a result, the City anticipates that the bridge will be open for pedestrians in late 2005.

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; Email them to: jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

In Case of Emergency	911
City Manager	290.8400
Communications	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
Human Resources	290.8448
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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