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Cross County MetroLink Extension Opens

Clayton celebrates the opening of the new Extension

Clayton, which is the hub of the Metro area and accessible via several major thoroughfares, was made even more convenient with the opening of the new Cross County MetroLink Extension and two passenger stations in Clayton. St. Louis County, the City of Clayton and the Clayton Chamber of Commerce collaborated on two special events on August 26 and 28 to celebrate this historic occasion.



The Central Avenue MetroLink passenger station was the site for the official opening ceremony on August 26, where Clayton Mayor Ben Uchitelle, St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley and other area dignitaries spoke. "This event is on a par with the 1904 World's Fair," said Clayton Mayor Ben Uchitelle. "MetroLink will change the character of the region." Guests were treated to refreshments, balloons for the kids and live music performed by the Clayton High School Pep Band.



From left: St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley, County Councilman Kurt Odenwald, Metro President & CEO Larry Salci, Councilwoman

The celebration continued on Monday, August 28. On "METRO" Monday, Clayton officials greeted MetroLink passengers and guests. Companion Bakehouse & Café served pastries and coffee, and live music was performed by The Fabulous MoTown Revue. Six lucky guests won drawings for MetroLink passes.

All the festivities were held on the second level of the Shaw Park Drive Garage & Transit Center/Clayton MetroBus Center at Central Avenue and Shaw Park Drive.

We hope that you will start to make Metro an important part of your future transit plans.

WARD II NEWS



Alderman
Linda Goldstein

Part of the charm of living in Clayton is access to wonderful neighborhood boutiques, restaurants, and other businesses. Recently we, as Ward 2 Aldermen, held a Wydown-Hanley merchants meeting at City Hall. Our goal was to continue to facilitate an open dialogue between the merchants and City government with regard to any issues or opportunities that may come up. Some of the topics we discussed were:

- **Parking:** Business owners have ongoing concerns about parking for their customers and employees. Several ideas were discussed, including the possibility of creating a structured parking lot at the southeast corner of

Wydown and Hanley. Other factors that impact parking are being addressed, such as moving the bus stops to less congested areas, and adjusting the scheduling of delivery trucks and street cleaning to non-peak hours.



Alderman Goldstein, Cafe Manhattan owner Bob Kramer, Langton Associate Architects owner Seth Langton, Alderman Harris

- **Traffic Safety:** Because of the high volume of foot and bicycle traffic at this intersection, the city is always looking for ways to insure safety. Moving the bus stops helped by reducing congestion and increasing visibility. In addition, textured pedestrian crossings will be added next spring. Bicyclists will notice some positive changes as well, as bike racks are installed over the next few weeks, and the Great Rivers Greenway bike path is marked with banners and signage.

- **Wydown Fall Festival:** A charming festival will highlight the area for residents and passersby on October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. This celebration features our businesses and has something for everyone, including a small art show, music, snacks and drinks, and activities and prizes for children.

- **Wydown Park:** This park has been a great success and has met the needs of the neighboring area for open green space. The Park attracts young families with children. With its public art and lush landscaping, it provides a respite for residents of all ages.

We were glad to have the opportunity to speak with these business owners along with Mayor Uchitelle, City Manager Schoedel, many City staff members and some residents. It is important that we communicate on an ongoing basis as we all strive for balance between business and neighborhood needs, and continue to make Clayton a great place to live.



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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.

- Oct. 4 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Board of Adjustment
City Hall - 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Art Commission
City Hall - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Landscape Committee
City Hall - 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Hanley House Council
The Center - 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Parks & Recreation
The Center - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27 C.R.S.W.C.
The Center - 8:00 a.m.

New Metrolink Extension Connects Neighborhoods, the Region

The new Extension connects seven municipalities and adds eight miles to the current system that spans 38 miles from Scott Air Force Base and Shiloh, Illinois to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Nine new passenger stations are part of the extension, two that serve the Clayton community. "MetroLink is a boon for Clayton residents and workers. It is a benefit to citizens of the entire Metropolitan community," said Clayton Mayor Ben Uchitelle. "We hope everyone will learn more about the MetroLink routes and how to take advantage of our light rail system."



Waving, from left: Clayton City Clerk June Waters, Trish Zuppan and Ellen Gale with Chamber, City Manager Mike Schoedel, Alderman Bev Wagner and Representative Margaret Donnelly



Shaw Park Drive Garage & Transit Center/
Clayton MetroBus Transfer Center

The Clayton passenger station with its walkway to the Shaw Park Drive Garage & Transit Center provides an added convenience for workers and visitors to Clayton. It also facilitates travel from Clayton to downtown St. Louis, Lambert Airport and other destinations throughout the Metropolitan area.

To learn more about riding MetroLink, visit www.metrostlouis.org. For the basics on using the light rail system, go to <http://www.metrostlouis.org/GettingStarted/FAQs/FAQs.asp>. To reach Metro's Ticket/Pass Outlet in Clayton, call 314.982.1574.



The Storm of 2006

Clayton was hit hard by the sudden and severe storm of July 19. The combination of widespread power outages and extreme heat led City officials to declare an official state of emergency.

During the storm's aftermath, Police, Fire and Planning Departments' personnel took extraordinary measures to ensure the well-being of Clayton residents. Staff from each department went door to door to check on those who were without power. They focused on occupants living in multi-family dwellings, the majority of whom had already made arrangements with friends

or relatives. Four or five individuals were taken to cooling stations that had been set up at the Central Presbyterian Church and St. Louis County Library in Clayton. Staff continued to monitor conditions of approximately a half dozen residents until appropriate accommodations had been made.

The City also worked to keep citizens informed, and implemented various means to disseminate emergency information to those affected by this disaster.

Damage to trees was extensive. Residents helped by gathering and placing tree limbs at curbs. Clayton's Public Works Department street crews worked ten-hour days and weekends for over a month clearing debris. Parks Department staff was also very busy cleaning up debris, especially in Oak Knoll Park.

The process was arduous for Clayton citizens as well as City staff. Everyone worked diligently to complete the cleanup, and the City truly appreciates the patience demonstrated by Clayton residents during the ordeal.



2006 Leaf Collection Program

The following is the 2006 Leaf Collection Program schedule. Listed are the weeks and days of collection for each street & subdivision in Clayton. It is important to follow the Guidelines listed below, and to adhere to the schedule for efficient leaf pickup. NO LEAF COLLECTION DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK – 11/20-24.



WEEK OF:

October 9 - 13
October 23 – 27
November 6 - 10

November 27 – December 1
December 11 - 15
December 26 - 29

Monday

8100 Blk Stratford*
 Clayton Gardens Subdivision
 Polo Subdivision
 Country Club Court
 7700 Blk Walinca Terrace
 7700 Blk Shirley Drive

Tuesday

8100 Blk Stratford*
 Hillcrest Subdivision
 Ellenwood Subdivision
 Tuscany Park Subdivision

Wednesday

Carrswold Subdivision
 Southmoor Subdivision
 Forest Ridge Subdivision

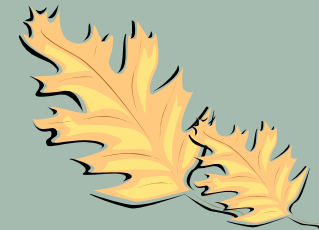
Thursday

E. Brentmoor Subdivision
 W. Brentmoor Subdivision

WEEK OF:

October 16 - 20
October 30 – November 3
November 13 – 17

December 4 - 8
December 18 - 22
January 2 - 5



Monday

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

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

Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Rake leaves into curb-line. NO plastic bags, limbs or brush are allowed.
- Obey the street sweeping signs on the scheduled leaf collection day.
- All streets will be collected on the scheduled day or the following workday, 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.
- In case of inclement weather (heavy rain, snow or ice), the leaf collection schedule will be modified or reduced. Please call Public Works at 314.290.8540 for a revised schedule.
- Leaves from islands, parkways and common areas will be picked up as time permits. These areas may be skipped in order to maintain the residential schedule.
- Please do not rake the leaves onto islands, parkways or common areas.
- Alley pickup is not available.

Clayton Police Department Earns CALEA Reaccreditation

When the Clayton Police Department first received international accreditation in 2000 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it was only the sixth law enforcement agency in Missouri to do so. Currently, thirty law enforcement agencies from across the State are now involved in the CALEA accreditation process. In April of this year, a three-person CALEA assessment team spent four days reviewing the Police Department's policies and procedures to ensure that Clayton maintained full compliance with the 445 internationally recognized standards.

The assessors' review confirmed that the Clayton Police Department's operations and personnel continued to epitomize the best of teamwork and professionalism. As a result of their findings, the Department was invited to serve as one of CALEA's "flagship" agencies, and the City's accreditation manager represented police agencies on a discussion panel during the national conference in Lexington, KY. Following a formal committee hearing, the Clayton Police Department was officially granted reaccredited status by the Commission on July 29, 2006. This is the third award the Department has received from CALEA and reaffirms the Department's commitment to excellence and public service.

Department of Planning & Development Receives Highest ISO Rating in the State

The Insurance Services Organization (ISO) evaluates municipal building departments throughout the United State using a system called the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). The BCEGS assesses the community's building codes and evaluates how well the community enforces its codes.

The BCEGS program assigns each municipality a grade ranging from 1, the highest possible, down to a grade of 10. Each municipality receives two separate grades, one for one- and two-family dwelling code enforcement and one for commercial code enforcement. The grading is done after the municipality completes an extensive survey and participates in an interview with an ISO representative.

In addition to underwriting information, a community's classification is based on various aspects of the administration of codes, review of building plans and field inspections.

Clayton's Building Department has received a BCEGS Class 2 rating for one- and two-family dwellings and a Class 2 for commercial. To illustrate how high of an accomplishment this is for the City, only one other community within the State of Missouri received a Class 2 grade, and none received a higher classification. Within the entire United States, only five communities received higher classifications. The ISO evaluations are done every five years.

JSC to Hold Public Forums

The Joint Study Committee (JSC) of Clayton and Richmond Heights, the 40-member group created to study the possible merger of the two municipal governments or the consolidation of one or more essential services, has established public input as one of its priorities. To ensure that it is on the right course, the JSC will hold two public forums.

The first will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, at The Heights in Richmond Heights. On November 15, a second forum will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Center of Clayton.

The next meeting of the JSC is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, at The Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Avenue. JSC meetings are open to the public.

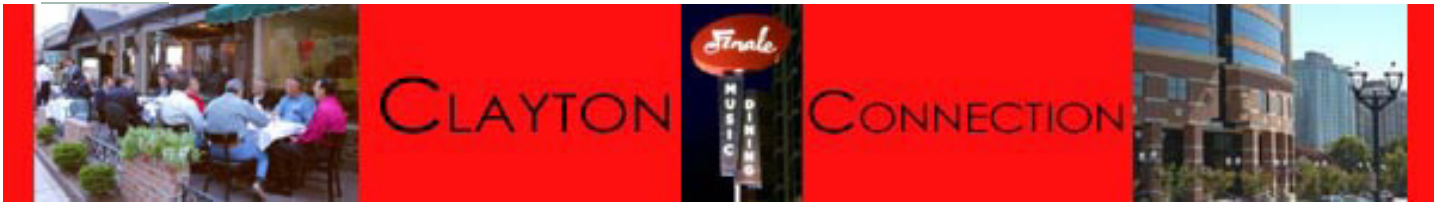
Rodents

The number of rodent sightings reported to St. Louis County Vector Control and Clayton's Building Division have increased recently. Aging infrastructure and construction activity have been cited as reasons for an increase throughout the Country.

Homeowners should take the following precautions to discourage rodent populations:

- Keep garbage covered at all times.
- Do not leave dog/cat food in the back yard or detached garage.
- Clean animal waste daily.
- Stack wood at least 12 inches from the ground.
- Keep property clean from debris during construction activity.
- Seal any openings to the house.
- Have a private exterminating company eradicate rodents from private property.

County Vector Control provides suggestions on various methods for controlling rodent infestation. Rodent sightings should be reported to St. Louis County Vector Control at 314.727.3097 or the City of Clayton at 314.290.8452.



If you haven't signed up for the Clayton Connection, you're missing out on getting the latest news about Clayton, and one of the best methods for staying abreast of the current Clayton happenings. Just go to the City's website: www.ci.clayton.mo.us, click HOME and then the Clayton e-communications icon.

Sign up for
Clayton e Communications
click here for more information



St. Louis Artists' Guild Announces Outstanding Double-Bill

Two exciting exhibitions will open at the Guild, Two Oak Knoll Park, on Sunday, October 22.

The first is an exhibition that will feature works by four artists who are highly regarded locally and internationally; a variety of artistic expertise and media will be represented.

The second is a unique exhibition that will showcase the festival celebrated in early November in Mexico and other countries, which honors the memory of those who have passed by celebrating their lives.

Both exhibitions will run through December 9. For more details, call the Guild at 314.727.6266 or visit www.stlouisartistsguild.org.



Stray Dog Theatre presents
Tartuffe -- October 5 – 22, 2006

A classic satire that has remained relevant and funny since 1669 is about a diabolical imposter whose goal is to gain hypnotic control over the family of a wealthy patron. Performances held on October 5 -8, 12 – 15, 19 – 22 at the Little Theatre, #1 Mark Twain Circle. Thursday through Saturday performances - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday – 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$18 – adults; \$15 – students/seniors. To reserve tickets, call 314.865.1995.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, residents of several Clayton neighborhoods participated in National Night Out, the annual event that heightens crime and drug prevention awareness; generates support for and participation in local anti-crime programs; and strengthens neighborhood spirit. Residents from the Hillcrest Subdivision, Tuscany Park, Old Towne, Davis Place and Clayshire Subdivision mingled with Clayton police officers demonstrating to criminals that neighborhoods are organized against crime. "We appreciate the effort by these citizens," said Police Chief Tom Byrne, "and the fact that they understand the importance of the police-community partnerships. Each year we look forward to visiting with our residents." National Night Out will be held on August 7 in 2007.



Activities in the Hillcrest Subdivision



Rock the Block

Wednesday, October 4

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

North Central Avenue

The public is invited to this “not your usual block party” with Y98's on-site broadcast from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. AND The Ralph Butler Band's live performance from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call 314.290.8508

Clayton Triangle Event

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maryland Avenue, Brentwood Boulevard and Forsyth Boulevard

The Clayton Triangle presents the Jaguar Clubs of North America's Concorde d'elegance, a nationally sanctioned show. Up to seventy Jaguars will be officially judged for trophies and points awarded. For more information, call: 314.727.2020



Wydown Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard

The public is invited to this charming neighborhood festival. At the third annual Wydown Fall Festival, business owners look forward to greeting guests with gifts and giveaways. Festivities include fun for everyone in Wydown Park. For more information, call: 314.290.8508

The Big Read

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Memorial Park in downtown Clayton

Bookmark your calendar for an extraordinary event that will celebrate authors and promote literacy. Packed with events and performances for adults and children, the Big Read will feature authors, costumed characters and interactive projects, panel discussions and book signings. For more information, call: 314.863.0278



Clayton Canine Classic

Sunday, October 15

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Shaw Park in Clayton

The second annual Clayton Canine Classic event features a “Dressed to the K-nines” fashion show, games for dogs and/or their humans, pup art, a pet psychic, a puppy kissing booth, unique face painting and pet photography. Various vendors and service providers will PAWticipate. The event is free and open to the public. Proceeds from games and other activities benefit Stray Rescue of St. Louis. All dogs MUST be on leashes and accompanied by an adult human guardian. For more information, call: 314.726.3033



Holiday Champagne Stroll

Sunday, November 19

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

On Clayton Road from Brentwood to Hanley

Stroll along St. Louis's leading street of chic antique shops and boutiques filled to the brim with unique gifts and ideas for the holidays. A great way to start the Holiday Season. For more information, call: 314.725.2622



Q & A

Q. Where would I find information about the various committee meetings in Clayton?

A. Visit the City's website: www.ci.clayton.mo.us; double click CALENDAR, put the cursor on 2006, then select a month.

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
Community Outreach.....	290.8473
Finance	290.8443
Fire (non-emergency).....	290.8485
Planning and Development	290.8453
Mayor/Board of Aldermen/City Clerk	290.8469
Parks and Recreation.....	290.8500
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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