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JOINT STUDY COMMITTEE (JSC)

The JSC subcommittees are in the process of submitting their final reports to the full JSC. The next JSC meeting will be held Wednesday, Mar. 28 7 p.m. The Heights 8001 Dale Avenue Richmond Heights We encourage you to attend. Visit www.mergerstudy.org for details about the study and subcommittee reports.

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Mayor Uchitelle's Farewell Message

Dear Residents:

This will be my final message on behalf of our City of Clayton. I have had the honor to serve as your Mayor for ten years (in two separate terms) and now is the time for me to step down. Please let me take a moment to summarize and then to suggest some serious challenges and opportunities for our City's future.

But at the outset I want to say that the accomplishments over the past several years are the result of great efforts by our Aldermen, by the many dedicated citizens on our commissions and by our City Manager, Mike Schoedel, and his truly dedicated staff. We are blessed to have such competent and dedicated people working on your behalf!



Mayor Ben Uchitelle

So what have we accomplished together during the past three years?

- First and foremost, we have worked hard during the past 3 years to strengthen all our residential areas in services offered and adding additional public improvements. Furthermore, staff did a superb job responding to the clean-up challenges from the severe storms last year.
- MetroLink is completed and open with great prospects for the future. I sincerely believe that over the next 15-20 years, MetroLink will serve as a catalyst for economic growth and will continue to help keep Clayton centered within the region. Surely there was plenty of controversy in getting it constructed, but the long-term benefits of light-rail for this City and the region will last significantly longer than the inconvenience that we experienced during construction.
- The Centene project has been a tremendously important and controversial development in the making. It is moving forward with the anticipation of more than 800 new jobs, world-class "green" buildings, improved retail spaces and constitutes one of the essential keys to the continued revitalization of Clayton and the region.



Clayton Mayors: Frank Kenney, Hugh Scott, Bill Human, Jim Laflin, Ben Uchitelle (Clayton City Hall rededication, May 2005)

Clayton.

Litigation has surrounded this effort, but I believe that the project will be strongly beneficial to all of us who work and live in Clayton and the surrounding area.

- Our relationships with Clayton School District, Washington University, Fontbonne University, Concordia Seminary, and our Chamber of Commerce are stronger than ever. We really partner together on so many major Clayton
- The Center of Clayton now has over 8,000 members and is pulsing with activities and energy. It has truly become a <u>Center</u> of
- Commercial office vacancy in our central business district is now among the lowest in the entire region. This indicates that we might anticipate further project efforts to be undertaken in the near future. In fact, several are being discussed on a very preliminary basis as I write this final message.
- The Art Fair, the Jazz Festival, the Big Read and the Farmers' Market all highlight Clayton as a major regional destination. Mayor, cont'd. Page 2

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City Manager Mike Schoedel, Ward III Alderman Alex Berger, State Representative Margaret Donnelly, Mayor Uchitelle and School District of Clayton Superintendent Don Senti (at the opening of the Cross County MetroLink Extension in August 2006)

• The Crescent development just east of Hanley on Carondelet is in the midst of construction. This 72 unit, up-scale building will bring vitality to the Ritz Carlton area and it will have some 26,000 square feet of good retail energy. Equally important, the same developer, Mark Melhman, is in the planning stages for the development of a mixed-use project that will include 100,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 100,000 sq. ft. of office space and a boutique hotel. This "retail village" is being planned for the area directly east of the Crescent and across from the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

• The Orchard project east of the Ritz has been approved with 300 condos, new retail space and new commercial space. This is a \$190 million development and one of the keys to its delivery is its prime location next to the Forsyth MetroLink station. Construction should be starting in late 2007.

 After numerous public hearings and suggestions from various stakeholders, the first project undertaken within the

Clayton Road Urban Design District was recently approved and started. This mixed-use project of retail and condominiums is expected to revitalize a portion of Clayton Road that previously consisted of several old and vacant buildings, along with a City-owned property that was underutilized.

• Our merger study with Richmond Heights is nearing completion with final reports, recommendations and public hearings coming in the months ahead. Whatever the final conclusions, I think all of the many, many residents who participated learned tremendously about the challenges and complexities of local governments. The study will serve both communities well in future

 As a result of efforts by our Board of Aldermen and staff to find cost savings and revenue enhancements, Clayton is currently operating with a strong

balanced budget and has reasonable reserves in our various funds.

Clayton is superb in the unparalleled services it provides our residents. But that costs money, and although our finances are currently strong, in the coming years revenues must be increased to meet the steadily growing costs of providing such excellent services. And directly related is the fact that the Central West End and Downtown St. Louis are now challenging Clayton in welcoming baby boomers and many others with



Mayor Betty Humphrey (at the rededication of Clayton City Hall in May 2005)

attractive residential and retail choices based in major part on tremendous tax incentives. Clayton must start to compete in considering incentives if it is to stay competitive. Unfortunately, that's become an economic fact of life which all of us must realize in future planning.

In conclusion, I love our City! It is strong, vibrant and truly a wonderful place in which to live, work and visit. So thank you for allowing me to serve as Mayor of Clayton on your behalf. It has been a profound honor and privilege.

Sincerely,

Ben Uchitelle Mayor

Maplewood Mayor Mark Langston, University City Mayor Joe Adams, Susan Uchitelle, Mayor Uchitelle and Richmond Heights

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.

Apr. 4 Plan Commission/ARB City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

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

Apr. 9 Art Commission City Hall - 6:00 p.m.

Apr. 10 Board of Aldermen City Hall - 8:00 p.m.

Apr. 16 Plan Commission/ARB City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 19 Landscape Committee City Hall - 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 20 C.R.S.W.C. The Center - 8:00 a.m.

Apr. 23 Parks & Recreation City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 24 Board of Aldermen City Hall - 8:00 p.m.

Apr. 26 Ecology & Environ. City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Clayton Takes the LEED in Being Green

In the City of Clayton, everyone is involved in efforts to protect the environment. In February 2006 and again in 2007, Mayor Uchitelle signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, in which mayors from around the world pledged to reduce the cities' contributions to global warming pollution. The mayors agreed to meet or exceed 12 Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution, 11 of which the City has already implemented.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Clayton leads the way in implementing Kyoto Protocol targets, such as "practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) LEED program or a similar system." The City is one of the first cities to implement the LEED certification program in the State. An article in the Jan. 29, 2007 St. Louis Business Journal identifies Clayton and Kansas City as the first municipalities in the State to adopt an ordinance calling for LEED certification. This certification, created by the U.S. Green Building Council, requires buildings to have environmentally friendly features. The ordinance requires all new construction and major renovation projects owned, occupied or funded by the City of Clayton that are 5,000 square feet of floor area or greater be certified to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver level.

The planning and zoning process helped to further demonstrate the City's commitment to environmentally responsible and energy efficient buildings practices and sustainable development concepts. In September 2006, the Board of Aldermen added LEED certification to the public benefits criteria section in the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Projects guidelines. A PUD is a distinct zoning classification established to provide flexibility for unified developments by waiving certain zoning requirements in exchange for public benefit. PUD guidelines reward developers for providing environmentally responsible development. Clayton has already processed two development projects that have pledged to be LEED certified: The Trianon proposed for Forsyth Boulevard and the DeMun Pointe project at Clayton Road and Seminary Place.

In October 2006, the American Planning Association of Missouri recognized the City of Clayton for its efforts in promoting sustainable development practices and minimizing the impact on the environment. "We take our commitment to protecting the environment very seriously," said City Manager Mike Schoedel. "We are extremely proud of staff's expanded role in this area and the Board's commitment to sustainable development."

TREES

Clayton has been named Tree City USA every year since 1993

Trees produce life-giving oxygen and remove air pollution as they lower air temperature. A community with trees can be as much as 12 degrees cooler in the summer than those without trees. Trees slow rainfall runoff, prevent soil erosion, muffle noise and provide privacy.

Clayton's Public Works staff understands the benefits and importance of maintaining Clayton's public right-of-way tree population, which totals 7,921 trees worth approximately \$17,015,928. To protect this valuable community asset, staff has established guidelines for maintaining the City's urban forest.

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VOTE

New candidate filing guidelines

Clayton's Charter has been amended from time to time to keep it up to date. In an effort to comply with new requirements at the State level, the City has placed language on the April ballot to update our election guidelines that are outlined in the City's Charter.

On April 3rd, residents will be asked to vote on an amendment that will modify the timeline for the candidate filling schedule in the City's Charter. The new timeline meets the requirements set by the State and the St. Louis County Election Board, and eliminates inconsistencies between the County's candidate filing schedule and the schedule required by the Charter of the City of Clayton.

To actually enforce the provisions in the amendment and change the City Charter, the amendment must be adopted by a majority of Clayton voters. The proposal will appear on the ballot at the municipal election on April 3, 2007.

The proposal will appear on the April 3rd ballot as follows.

OFFICIAL BALLOT AMENDMENT OF CITY CHARTER CITY OF CLAYTON APRIL 3, 2007

PROPOSITION E

THE TO SHALL **AMENDMENTS** ARTICLES XI AND XII OF THE CITY AS CLAYTON CHARTER PROPOSED AND MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 5958 OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON TO BRING THE CITY'S ELECTION PROCESS INTO CONFORMITY WITH STATE LAW BE APPROVED?

(VOTE FOR ONE)

For the Proposition YES Against the Proposition NO

2006 Department Highlights

A conscientious and hard working staff helps to maintain Clayton's unparalleled quality of life. All City departments work diligently to fulfill obligations and goals set at the beginning of each year, and are committed to serving the Clayton community. A few of the many accomplishments of 2006 are outlined below.

Public Safety

- Responded to 14,073 calls for police service, 1,289 fire-related calls and 1,621 emergency medical services calls.
- Completed over 2,500 hours of police officer training with emphasis on handling the mentally ill.
- Completed over 2,300 hours of firefighter training, which included special classes on high-rise fire fighting and rescue, State certification as Fire Apparatus Operators, State certification as Fire Safety Inspectors, and firefighter wellness/safety. Four firefighters attended Weapons of Mass Destruction training, and three attended two week programs at the National Fire Academy.
- Participated in Life Safety training sessions related to the new Cross County MetroLink Extension.
- Participated in the Safe Kids Worldwide Program for fourth graders in the Clayton School District.
- Assigned two police officers as full-time School Resource Officers.
- Re-accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).
- Systematically replaced five squad cars and the Fire Department ambulance, and acquired a new rescue-pumper, the second largest piece of equipment in the City's fleet.
- Working with the Clayton Art Commission, commissioned the painting of the 41' commemorative mural on the back wall of the Fire Station.

Planning & Development

- Approved first mixed-use project using Clayton Road Urban Design District (UDD) standards.
- Approved first Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project at Forsyth Boulevard at the east City limits.
- Added Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification to list of public benefits for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Projects.
- Processed two development projects that will be LEED certified.
- Won the Sustainable Development Award from the State of Missouri American Planners Association.
- Maintained an ISO rating of 2 for the Building Division.
- Issued 410 construction permits, with a combined valuation of \$98,660,717.
- Completed 2,750 inspections on existing properties, including annual inspections of multi-family buildings.

Parks & Recreation

- Entered into an agreement to complete a comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- Established an Ice Rink Task Force to study issues related to operating the existing rink, such as, current conditions and usage, potential partnerships, and future options for operation.
- Supported new special events: All That Glitters, Rock the Block, the Clayton Triangle Celebration and The Big Read.
- Completed ball field improvements that included laser grading and resodding of Fields #5 and #6.
- Implemented on-line registration for programming.
- Completed renovation to the Taylor Park gazebo in honor of Kitty Hoblitzelle, former chair of the Landscape Committee.
- Secured a grant for a joint project with the School District of Clayton to build Panther Park, an Inclusive Playground at Glenridge School.
- Served over 30,000 program participants in activities ranging from adult fitness classes to preschool tumbling.

Public Works

- Coordinated with Parks & Recreation Department in the massive clean-up efforts following storms in July and December.
- Implemented Cartgraph software for tracking waste pickup concerns, resulting in only 0.15% missed pickup record.
- · Completed the Citywide Stormwater Study on time and within budget.
- Completed the first phase of the City Hall security system project.
- Completed preventive maintenance measures such as crack sealing and microsurface projects on schedule and within budget.
- Completed Phase 2 of the Clayton signage project.
- Completed alley improvements between Southwood and San Bonita Avenues.
- Completed the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project that provided fiber interconnection of signals as well as traffic monitoring cameras at select locations.
- Coordinated with Metro on the completion of the Cross County MetroLink Extension through Clayton and all associated improvements and repairs.
- Completed Old Towne lighting upgrades.
- Provided staff to serve on the following committees: Great Streets Initiative, Regional Arterial Management Advisory Committee, MSD Stormwater Master Plan Update Committee, and Administrative Oversight Committee for I-64.
- Purchased 28 vehicles and other equipment through the Equipment Replacement Funding Plan.
- Coordinated replacement of the Missouri American Water main along Hanley Road from Forest Park Parkway to Wydown Boulevard.
- Issued 291 Right-of-way Permits.

Information Management

- Renegotiated a 10-year fiber optics contract with Lightcore.
- Coordinated with the City's Finance Department to implement a new Business Licensing program.
- Coordinated with the City's Communications Office to implement an e-news mail system.
- Installed Digital Video Cameras in the Police Department's patrol vehicles.
- Replaced several servers and approximately 40 PCs.
- Upgraded all City PCs from Windows Office '97 to Office 2003.
- Established a computer training facility within the MIS Department.

Administration

- Intervened with two major Clayton corporations, RehabCare and Moneta Group, who subsequently announced long-term commitments and expansions to their presence in Clayton.
- City Manager serves on numerous I-64 committees to ensure that our traffic concerns are addressed.
- Awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2005 for the nineteenth time.
- Introduced a new employee savings bond program.
- · Established wellness initiatives for staff.
- Initiated a MetroLink commuter compensation program for City employees.
- Collaborated with Metro, St. Louis County and Clayton Chamber of Commerce representatives on the opening of the Cross County MetroLink Extension celebrations.

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 current Clayton happenings. Just go to the City's Web site: www.ci.clayton.mo.us, click HOME and then the Clayton e-communications icon.



Community News

Being Green, cont'd. from Page 3

The City's Right-of-Way Urban Forestry Management Tree Policy/Procedures outlines the City's tree maintenance timeline. Trees are removed December through March and planted in November and April. The tree population is inspected and maintained according to a one, three and five year tree trimming program. The policy involves a longterm commitment to the preservation process. For details, go to "City Departments" under "City Hall" then click Forestry Policy on the "Public Works Department" page on the City's Web site.

BIOSWALES

In addition to implementing the forestry management program, to prevent rainfall runoff and soil erosion, the Public Works Department has also created bioswales.



Bioswales or rain gardens structural stormwater strategies that promote natural infiltration of stormwater and increase runoff duration rather than piping water directly into the storm water infrastructure. The bioswale and rain garden plantings also filter and clean the water.

Bioswale rain garden

<u>Bioswale</u> – A shallow open drainage way stabilized with vegetation designed to convey runoff and filter pollutants.

<u>Bioretention</u> (Raingarden) – Use of plants and soils for runoff control and removal of pollutants via absorption, filtration and sedimentation.

RECYCLING

Residential

The City, in collaboration with the Clayton citizens on the Ecology & Environmental Awareness Committee, Allied Waste and the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste District, applied for a grant to obtain new recycling containers. The 32-gallon containers will be provided to all Clayton households this summer. The containers will help reduce the amount of waste and increase the amount of material converted into Clayton households recycled products, which will have a



32 gal. recycle

positive effect on the City environmentally and financially. Decreasing the amount of waste in landfills helps the environment and reduces the need for new landfills. Reductions in landfills decrease costs for the waste hauler by offsetting rising fuel costs to run the waste trucks, which allows the waste hauler to pass the savings onto the City.

Each year the City partners with Web Innovations & Technology Services (WITS) to hold the annual electronic

recycling event. On March 23 and 24, residents and businesses were invited to drop their electronic equipment at a site in Shaw Park for proper disposal by WITS. With 9 box trucks of equipment collected, this year's event surpassed expectations.

ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRAVEL

The City also encourages alternate modes of travel to, from and in Clayton. Recently the City completed a bicycle

"Share the Road" sign project. This Spring Bike St. Louis will provide signs marking a bike route from the City of St. Louis through Clayton to transit stations and Shaw Park. To emphasize the route, the City of Clayton partnered with the Great Rivers Greenway on a banner program that promotes the benefits of cycling. The City will install racks throughout the Clayton community.



New textured crosswalks will improve the pedestrian's experience and walking as a viable alternative to cars and enhance the access to MetroLink stations at Central Avenue and Forsyth Boulevard.

CITY OPERATIONS

In City-owned buildings, an energy efficient pulse type heating system and environmentally safe light bulbs are used to reduce energy waste.

To reduce pollution, the City is replacing a portion of its fleet with hybred vehicles, and has been using biodiesel in fleet vehicles for several years. Alternate forms of travel are encouraged. In accordance with the Partial Expense Reduction for Commuters (PERC) program, which promotes the use of mass transit and the use of MetroLink by offering benefits to businesses and their employees, the City will be subsidizing passes to encourage its employees to ride MetroLink. Since the program operates on a pretax basis, it benefits employees by reducing their taxable income; it also reduces their out-of-pocket cost for transit. It saves employers money not only by reducing payroll taxes and payroll tax liability; it also reduces employers' costs for employee parking and reduces absenteeism and tardiness. Everyone benefits by reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality and conserving energy by encouraging employees to commute using transit. Clayton will be one of the first cities to be part of this program. To learn more about PERC, visit www.metrostlouis.org, e-mail marketing@metrostlouis.org, or call 314.982.1425.

Patterns of consumption will change gradually. Throughout the conservation process, the City of Clayton encourages everyone to do his part . . . conserve, recycle, use alternate modes of travel. Each of us must do what we can to protect the environment and reverse the effects of global warming.

Clayton Special Events . . . get ready for another great year

CLAYTON FARMERS' MARKET

is held every Saturday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. May through September on North Central Avenue in downtown Clayton. Activities at this chef-run farmers' market includes live music, chefs' demonstrations on how to prepare the ultimate in fresh produce, and booths serving coffee and omelets using eggs and produce from the market. For more information, call: 314.645.5807.



MUSICAL NIGHTS IN OAK KNOLL PARK concerts are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month May through September from 5 to 7 p.m. in Oak Knoll Park at the northwest corner of Big Bend Boulevard & Clayton Road. Bands for 2007 will be announced soon. There is terrace seating, so guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 314.290.8544.

SAINT LOUIS JAZZ and HERITAGE FESTIVAL



returns to Clayton's Shaw Park on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from noon to 10 p.m. Shaw Park at the southwest corner of Brentwood and Forsyth Boulevards. The ultimate one-day jazz experience presents a steady stream of sizzling jazz. For more information, call: 314.863.0278.

TASTE OF CLAYTON

is set for Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 2 to 9 p.m. in Shaw Park. In its fifteenth year, this annual family event features the specialties of Clayton's top restaurants. Restaurateurs offer samplings in exchange for Taste tickets. Proceeds benefit selected charities. Sports and media celebrities



judge the Most Creative Booth Presentation contest. Live music is provided throughout the day and evening by popular St. Louis bands. Part of the all-day fun is Taste, Jr., "the everything for kids" area. From 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., guests are treated to more live music, desserts and refreshments at Taste too, which is followed by a fireworks extravaganza. Parking is also free on downtown streets. For more information, call: 314.290.8508.

Clayton Symphony Orchestra. under the direction of Artistic Director Edward Dolbashian, will present a concert on Sunday evening, April 15 at 7 P.M. The first half of the program will feature the three Florence Frager Young Artist Competition winners as soloists with the orchestra: Holly Jenkins (violin), Melanie Goldstein (cello), and Jacob Ohlemiller (tuba). After intermission, the orchestra will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 6. Spring Classics, the final season concert, will be on Sunday evening, May 20, at 7 P.M. Both performances will be in the auditorium at Clayton High School. Please www.claytonsymphony.org further information.

Dedication of the Crispus Attucks School Historical Plaque



Through the combined efforts of the School District of Clayton and the City of Clayton, the Clayton community will memorialize the site of the Crispus Attucks School. At 5:45 p.m. on May 17th, 2007, a ceremony will be held to install the marker commemorating the site of the Attucks school, which was located at Bonhomme Avenue and Hanley Road. Attucks served the African American children of Clayton, kindergarten through 8th grade, from 1923 to 1954. The ceremony recalls the May 17, 1954 Brown versus Board of Education decision which mandated that the Attucks school be closed.

The public is invited to join school and community officials for the dedication of the historical plaque. Following the ceremony there will be a private reception at the Clayton High School Commons for alumni of the Attucks School and other invited guests.

O & A

Q. What should I do when a storm damages trees?

A. When storms damage trees, cleanup and recovery can be bewildering. Some injured tress can be treated and repaired to maintain their health and value to your home. Others should be removed. Learn tips that will help you make the right decision. Attend a free program offered by Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department and conducted by one of the City's horticulturists, Susan Renard, on Wednesday, May 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at The Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Avenue.

Keep in mind that in most cases limb removal from private property is the responsibility of the property owner. The City does not generally provide limb pickup services, so they should not routinely be left at the curb.

For information about all the programs conducted by the City's Parks & Recreation Department, go to the City's Web site www.ci.clayton.mo.us, click CITY HALL and then "Parks & Recreation" under "City Departments."

What would you like to know? Clayton citizens are invited to ask questions of their City officials. Forward your questions to: City of Clayton, ATIN: 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

In Case of Emergency	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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