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August 7, 2007 Municipal Election

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007, the City of Clayton will hold an election for the purpose of filling the unexpired term of Ward II Alderman. Linda Goldstein resigned the position when she was elected Mayor of Clayton. The term expires in April 2008.

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Clayton's First Woman Mayor

Clayton Mayors attend the swearing in of the City's first woman Mayor

Former Mayors William Human, Richard Stith, Hugh Scott, Frank Kenney and Ben Uchitelle were on hand at the April 24th Board of Aldermen meeting, when Linda Goldstein was sworn in as the twentieth Mayor of Clayton. Ms. Goldstein is the first female to occupy the office of the Mayor since the City was incorporated as a municipality of St. Louis County in 1913.



Mayor Linda Goldstein

As the senior member of the Board of Aldermen, Linda has served as a Ward II Alderman for eight years, and has held

leadership roles on several boards and commissions, including the St. Louis County Municipal League.

Although unopposed, Linda ran a “Building Better Bridges” campaign. Her platform included: promoting Clayton as a regional leader; strengthening the City’s relationship with its school district; and focusing on balancing the needs of Clayton residents and businesses. “Linda’s experience with and knowledge of our citizens and their needs will prove to be very beneficial in the coming years,” said Ward III Alderman Alex Berger.



Mayors from left: Frank Kenney, Ben Uchitelle, Hugh Scott, Linda Goldstein, Richard Stith, William Human

Linda has lived in Clayton with her husband Ben for 25 years. Their children Jeff and Karen graduated from Clayton High School.

Ms. Goldstein took the reigns from Ben Uchitelle, who served as Mayor of Clayton for a total of ten years (two separate terms), on April 24 in Clayton City Hall Council Chambers.

WARD III NEWS



Steve Lichtenfeld
Ward III Alderman

Spring is the time for rejuvenation and the beginning of the growing and blooming season. This theme is very applicable to our City.



Alex Berger
Ward III Alderman

First, we say good-bye to our friend and respected City icon Ben Uchitelle. Ben's term as Mayor was marked by vision and committed leadership which we respected and enjoyed. Ben, thank you for your numerous contributions to our City and thank you for continuous collaborative and participative leadership.

Our friend Linda Goldstein has been elected as the City's first woman Mayor, and we are excited for Linda and eager to start working with her to develop plans to take the next steps forward to further establish our City as the best place to live, work and enjoy life.

The newly established Farmers' Market at the Straub's location will be an asset for our community. The swimming pool will open this month and usher in the summer and start the family gathering tradition again at this great asset. The Parks Master Plan will be forthcoming with priority recommendations for the future. New developments are beginning in our CBD and more are expected in other wards as well. Stay tuned, Clayton is not idling but moving forward and growing.

We are eager to join the Mayor and the other Aldermen in focusing on our City, revisiting our comprehensive plan and creating a new direction that positions Clayton for growth, development and redevelopment.

Our neighborhoods sustained some shocks this past year because of storms. Our City's Public Safety, Public Works and Parks Departments were there to protect us and to help us recover. We thank them for their service and appreciate their efforts.

Citizen participation has been strong on the Ice Rink, Hanley House and Housing task forces. New ideas and new recommendations will be forthcoming shortly.

We know that we will face new challenges this year. Our City is positioned to move forward and our elected team is committed to work to make informed and reasonable choices to plan and execute the decisions necessary for our City and community.

We are focused on Clayton. We are committed to representing the citizens of both Ward III and the City. We are prepared to lead and participate in change to continue to enable our City to grow and flourish.

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New Ward I Alderman

At the April 24 Board of Alderman meeting, Andrea Maddox-Dallas was sworn in as Alderman of Ward I to fill the unexpired term of Beverly Wagner. Ms. Wagner resigned because she moved out of the Ward.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas has lived in Clayton for seven years with her husband and three sons. She is committed to effective communication between City government and citizens; balancing preservation and progress; and increasing retail and commercial development in Clayton.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas shares the aldermanic responsibilities of Ward I with Alderman Judy Goodman.



Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Ward I Alderman

Crème de la Clayton Award Winners

Clayton recognizes the behind the scenes efforts of the citizens who help to make Clayton the best community in which to live, work and play.

Besides its fabulous business environment, top-notch special events, superb services and responsive government, Clayton benefits from an involved citizenry. In 2005, the City developed the Crème de la Clayton program to recognize actively engaged citizens who go beyond the call of duty. At the March 27th Board of Aldermen meeting, the City of Clayton honored the thirteen Crème de la Clayton award winners for their efforts on the City's behalf.



Front row from left: Robert & Julia Clemens, Joan Downey, Marguerite Garrick, Sue Hodapp, Joanne Boulton, Anne Cori, Punit Jain, Audrey & Mel Disney, Cynthia Garnholz
Back row from left: Dennis Stortz, Tony Cuneo, Dan Wagner
(Brian Carr not pictured)

“The community owes a debt of gratitude to business and residential citizens who are willing to go the extra mile to help maintain the City's outstanding quality of life,” said Alderman Alex Berger.

The Crème de la Clayton awards are presented to outstanding individuals in the community on an annual basis.

Clayton's Aquatic Supervisor Recognized for Heroism



Kyle Henke

Clayton's Aquatics Supervisor, Kyle Henke, was recognized by the American Red Cross for saving a life in December 2006. A Clayton High School student experienced an asthmatic attack during swim team practice. Staff helped the young woman from the competition pool in The Center of Clayton and called 911. When she stopped breathing, Kyle immediately began performing rescue breaths. Shortly before Clayton's Emergency Medical Service arrived, the student began breathing on her own. In January 2007, the American Red Cross awarded Kyle the Lifesaver Award.

In 2006, three lifeguards employed by The City of Clayton received the Lifesaver Award for a near-drowning and rescue at Shaw Park Aquatic Center. The City is proud of the safety record of its Aquatics Department, and is honored to have staff recognized with this prestigious award again this year.



New Wire Down Emergency Call sign

Wires Down

Clayton's Fire and Police Departments are committed to serving the citizens of the community. However, there are circumstances that put significant strain on the departments' ability to carry out their responsibilities as first responders. For example, during last January's powerful storm, the Fire and Police Departments received more than forty calls in just a few hours from residents reporting fallen electrical power lines. In the past, a fire truck or police car remained at the site of fallen wires until the utility company arrived to make repairs. Last year's circumstances stretched the departments' manpower to the limit.

Fallen electrical power lines create hazardous situations, and the departments understand that there are conditions that warrant having a vehicle with a firefighter or police officer on site. However, when there are forty to fifty calls about downed wires, as there were last year, it is impossible to have someone stationed at each location. Therefore, the departments have developed a new procedure.

The Clayton Fire Department, in cooperation with fire departments from twelve surrounding communities, will utilize a new warning system. The preliminary phase of the original procedure is still in place – that is, after the Fire Department has been notified and has investigated the situation, the utility will be contacted and asked to dispatch a repair crew. If the Department determines that it is not necessary for a vehicle to be on site, yellow Danger/Caution tape will be used to surround the site, and one or more of the new Wire Down Emergency Call signs will be posted. The new warning signs will alert the public of the nature of the emergency. The presence of the yellow tape and the Wire Down Emergency Call signs will make it apparent that the Fire Department has investigated the scene and has notified the utility. The new signs also provide the Fire Department's phone number, if additional information is needed by residents.

Community Alert Phone System

The computerized Community Alert Phone System is maintained by the Clayton Police Department's Community Services Unit. Individuals on the Community Alert Phone System call list receive phone notifications about emergencies and crimes in Clayton and their neighborhoods.

To be added to the call list, please call the Clayton Police Department Community Services Unit at 314.290.8424, or email Officer O'Brien at jobrien@ci.clayton.mo.us; provide your name, address, home phone number and cell phone number. We encourage residents to provide cell phone numbers in order to expand communication efforts during power outages and other emergencies. These numbers will be kept confidential.

A Place to Play

Youth Activity Center Opens at The Center of Clayton

The Center of Clayton has always provided activities for children, but not interactive equipment. Clayton's Parks & Recreation staff saw the need and developed an environment intended just for youngsters.

June 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.

- June 4 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- June 7 Board of Adjustment
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- June 11 Art Commission
City Hall - 6 p.m.
- June 12 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 8 p.m.
- June 15 C.R.S.W.C.
The Center - 8 a.m.
- June 18 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- June 18 Hanley House Council
The Center - 6 p.m.
- June 21 Landscape Committee
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- June 25 Parks & Recreation
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- June 26 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 8:00 p.m.
- June 28 Ecology & Environ.
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

On May 1st, the Youth Activity Center, designed from the ground up for children ages 7 through 13, opened. Hundreds of children attended during grand opening week, and were treated to activities that included open play, live equipment demonstrations, carnival games, arts and crafts and refreshments provided by Maggie Moo's, Northwest Coffee and Subway. "The kids really enjoyed trying out the new interactive equipment, and we are looking forward to adding new programs and activities," said Parks & Recreation Director Patty DeForrest.

The Youth Activity Center currently features: two Sportwalls that simulate playing baseball; the GameBike combines Playstation video games with a stationary bike exercise; and two arcade dance mats. Strive's youth line strength training equipment is also available. The equipment looks like the adult fitness center strength training equipment, however, it is scaled down in size. The equipment is ergonomically sized for a smaller person, which increases its effectiveness and reduces the chance of injury.

The Youth Activity Center's open play hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For the latest on the Youth Center's new programs and activities, go to the HOME page at www.ci.clayton.mo.us, click *The Center of Clayton* in the left menu, then *Youth Activity Center*.



Clayton Adds to Its World Class Public Art Collection

Clayton is a leader in the region in many respects, not the least of which is its world class public art installations. Works by world renowned artists Carl Milles, Howard Ben Tre, Fernando Botero and Ernest Trova are on view throughout the community.

To make the City's public art collection one of its most impressive amenities and one of the most significant in the region, the Clayton Art Commission works with developers on public art to be installed in major building projects in Clayton and partners with other entities like the St. Louis Art Museum, Washington University and the Gateway Foundation. In addition, the Art Commission raises funds to commission new work for the City.

This summer the City will be adding a new work to the collection -- a sculpture by internationally recognized artist Alice Aycock to be installed in the circle in front of The Center of Clayton.

Ms. Aycock's concept for the front of The Center of Clayton pulls the viewer towards the site with a work that is dynamic and whimsical. The work will be approximately 19' tall and 20' square, composed of aluminum, steel and thermoformed plastic. Compositional elements include a spun aluminum cone, a pinwheel suggesting motion and playfulness, and a series of aluminum mesh drapes or skirts that seem to flutter, reflecting the energy from within the building.

"Aycock sculptures are key components of public art and museum collections throughout the United States and Europe," said Art Commission Chair Joan Cohen. "We are excited and proud to add a piece of this caliber to the Clayton public art collection."

Ms. Aycock's work was selected as part of a competitive process led by the Clayton Art Commission, working with an Artist Selection Panel made up of Clayton citizens.

The Art Commission conducted a fundraising campaign to cover the \$110,000 contract. Clayton residents, businesses and art patrons responded generously. Contributions included \$35,000 from the City of Clayton and \$10,000 from the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. Other contributors include the Regional Arts Commission, Conrad Properties, Enterprise Bank, the Clayton Parks Foundation, Irwin Union Bank, Stern Brothers, Northern Trust, Husch & Eppenberger LLC, Solon Gershman, BSI Constructors, the Michelson Organization, Pomme Restaurant and over 45 individual donors.

In May, work was completed in the circle in front of The Center to prepare it for the installation of the piece. The Clayton Art Commission expects to celebrate the installation of the Aycock sculpture in July 2007, and is planning various activities as part of this extraordinary event.

For more information about Clayton's public art, go to www.ci.clayton.mo.us, select the BUSINESS tab, under Arts & Culture, click Public Art.



Computer rendering of the Aycock sculpture in the circle in front of The Center of Clayton

SAINT LOUIS JAZZ and HERITAGE FESTIVAL TASTE of CLAYTON ... one sizzling weekend.

SAINT LOUIS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The ultimate one-day jazz experience

Saturday, June 2

noon to 10 p.m.

Shaw Park

For details, call: 314.863.0278

TASTE OF CLAYTON

The fifteenth annual food festival

Sunday, June 3

2 to 9:30 p.m.

Shaw Park

For details, call: 314.290.8508



Changes to Clayton's special events

Saint Louis Jazz & Heritage Festival and Taste of Clayton
are held on the same weekend in June.

Clayton Farmers' Market *has a NEW location.*

MAY through SEPTEMBER

CLAYTON FARMERS' MARKET *has a NEW location.*

Every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May through September, the market will set up at its NEW location on the west parking lot of Straub's Market at 8282 Forsyth Boulevard. It will be run by the NEW market master, Sarah Vickers, who brings her expertise in marketing and background in rural affairs to assure the Market's continued success. The Market features weekly specials and produce from the local farmers. Details about the Clayton Farmers' Market can be found online at www.claytonfarmersmarket.com.



MUSICAL NIGHTS IN OAK KNOLL PARK

Musical Nights 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 and Clayton Road. Performances include: Fanfare at the May 27 concert, on June 24 – Glorious Blue, July 22 – The Kevin Mitchell 4, Aug 26 – Naked Mike & Lucky Dan, and on Sept 23 – Fairchild. There is terrace seating, so guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 314.290.8544.



Q & A

Q. I was wondering when the new 32 gallon recycling containers will be delivered.

A. Beginning the second week of June, the City will distribute the new 32 gallon recycling containers to all Clayton residents. The old containers will be collected and the new ones distributed according to the regular recycling schedule. Allied Waste employees will bring the current 18 gallon recycling bin to the curb and empty it into their truck. Instead of returning it to the rear yard, the bin will be left at the curb. City staff will collect the old bins and drop off the new container. The new containers will be dropped in the front yard; City staff will not go to the rear yard for exchanges. Residents who wish to keep their existing 18 gallon bin must tape a note with "KEEP" in large letters to the side to indicate to the recycling hauler that he must leave the bin in the rear yard.

Dates for the recycling container exchange will be posted via message boards in each neighborhood.

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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