

# CITY VIEWS

## Clayton Appoints New City Manager

On May 28, 2008, the City of Clayton announced the appointment of Craig S. Owens as the new Clayton City Manager, effective July 1, 2008. As City Manager, he will oversee seven different departments with 180 full-time employees and an annual City budget of over \$37 million.

Mr. Owens has over seventeen years of city management experience in the St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Dallas Metropolitan areas. A native of Overland Park, Kansas, he received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois and his Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

Since 2005, Mr. Owens has served as City Manager for the City of Rowlett, Texas, which has an annual budget of \$81 million and 350 full-time employees. Mr. Owens is very familiar with the St. Louis area having served as City Administrator of the City of O'Fallon, Illinois from 1999 to 2002 and Assistant City Manager of Hazelwood, Missouri from 1994 to 1999. "My family and I are excited about returning to the St. Louis area. I am honored to have been selected to serve as City Manager for the City of Clayton given its outstanding quality of life and status as a regional leader."



City Manager Craig Owens

The selection of Mr. Owens culminates a six-month process, which generated over 50 applications from across the country. After extensive evaluation, Mr. Owens was unanimously identified by the Board as the best candidate to assume the position of City Manager in Clayton.

In announcing this appointment, Mayor Linda Goldstein said, "Craig has an impressive background in public administration. I am very pleased he has agreed to accept this new challenge."

Mr. Owens succeeds former City Manager Mike Schoedel, who left in February 2008 to take a position with Apex family of companies.

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## EVENTS

### Clayton Farmers' Market

Saturdays

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Straub's west parking lot

### Musical Nights in Oak Knoll

Sundays: Aug. 24 & Sept. 28

5 - 7 p.m.

Oak Knoll Park

**15TH ANNUAL SAINT LOUIS ART FAIR**  
 SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7 2008 IN THE HEART OF CLAYTON

see Page 7 for details

### Public Art Walking Tour

Saturday, Sept. 20

9 - 11 a.m.

starting at Bemiston & Forsyth  
call 290.8500 to register

### Movies in the Park

presented by Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Saturdays: Aug. 23 - 8:30 p.m. and Sept. 20 - 7:30 p.m.

amphitheater in Shaw Park  
for details, call 290.8500

**NEW**



Mayor Linda Goldstein

## Community Update

The City of Clayton is always on the move. The Board, city staff and citizen-run committees and commissions work together on addressing the city's daily challenges. We strive to establish new initiatives that help to better our community. This forward-thinking approach is the force behind Clayton's ability to maintain a leadership role in the region.

### NEW GREEN INITIATIVE

Maintaining leadership in the environmental movement is one of the priorities in the city's long range vision. City staff works with the Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee (EEAC), one of the city's citizen advisory groups, to establish practices that will preserve the environment and the city's leadership role in conservation. We are pleased to announce that the EEAC recently voted unanimously to invest in a new initiative, Pure Power. Pure Power is a voluntary program that promotes investment in renewable energy (see story on page 5). With this investment, Clayton became one of the first of three cities in the state to support renewable energy as a Pure Power Leader. It added another Kyoto Protocol target to the list of nine the City of Clayton has already implemented and invested in another approach to helping preserve the environment for future generations.

### NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE

Clayton has an impressive reputation. This reputation is enhanced by the renowned individuals who call our great city home. Many of them boast about living in Clayton and about its exceptional quality of life. Many are very involved in helping maintain this quality of life. To recognize these distinguished individuals, we created a new item in CityViews. In each of the upcoming editions, "Clayton Salutes" will recognize the accomplishments of one of the very special individuals we so proudly call Clayton citizens.

### NEW CITY MANAGER

In July, we welcomed our new City Manager Craig Owens. Craig comes with great credentials, and the Board and I are excited about working with him on the myriad of projects and issues currently facing the city. He succeeds Mike Schoedel who resigned in February to take a position in the private sector.

For the past five months, Deputy City Manager Lenore Toser-Aldaz has served as Acting City Manager. As Acting City Manager, in addition to overseeing the day-to-day management of city departments, she provided support to the Board of Aldermen; represented the city with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and Cultural Festivals, the non-profit organization that produces the St. Louis Art Fair, Jazz Festival and Big Read Saint Louis Art Fair; managed the city's daily activities; and took the lead in the review process for the multitude of developments, large and small, currently under review. The city is fortunate to have someone who is as competent and dedicated as Lenore Toser-Aldaz.

### DEVELOPMENT

The city is committed to maintaining an open line of communication with the citizens of Clayton. We conduct as many public engagement sessions as time will allow. We strive to provide the community with multiple opportunities to review and discuss the new developments being proposed for various sites throughout the city. We have recently conducted a series of public forums to review proposals from Brown Shoe, Centene and RJ York, and received very valuable input from our involved citizens. Although it is exciting for the city to be the location so many developers choose, we are committed to maintaining the balance between residential and commercial interests. We encourage everyone to attend these public forums and provide the input that helps the Board of Aldermen and me accurately assess each project.

Serving as the Mayor of Clayton is very rewarding. With an ever-present roster of exciting new endeavors, it is also challenging. However, I confidently forge ahead with the support of a very competent and concerned Board of Aldermen, a conscientious and dedicated city staff and very involved citizenry.



Alderman Michelle Harris

## News from Ward II

Summer is upon us and things are sizzling in Clayton! The City continues to move forward with many exciting potential development projects, including Centene, Brown Shoe and RJ York. How very fortunate we are to have businesses so anxious to locate in our City!

We also have excitement brewing in our own Ward II. The free summer concert series in Oak Knoll Park is well underway. Check the City's website for details about these fun concerts. The next one is at 5:00 p.m. on August 24.



Alderman Cynthia Garnholz

Claverach Park is close to obtaining a neighborhood designation as a National Historic District. Work has also begun to have the 7500 blocks (multi-family portion) of the Moorlands so designated, as well.

And speaking of history, have you been on a walking architectural tour of Ward II with Esley Hamilton, Preservationist for St. Louis County? Esley led a fascinating tour of Claverach Park and the Moorlands in early June. There are many architectural features of our homes that you may not have noticed before. Watch the Parks and Recreation brochure for a tour of your favorite neighborhood!

In addition, we are glad to report that Ameren has installed a new underground line to better serve Claverach Park and part of the Moorlands with the hope and expectation that fewer outages will occur.

Don't forget that your Ward II Aldermen, Michelle Harris and Cynthia Garnholz, are at the Starbucks at Hanley and Wydown on the first Sunday of each month from 4 until 5 p.m. to answer questions or just to chat about goings-on in Clayton. The next Sunday at Starbucks is set for Sunday, August 4 - join us!

## Clayton Appoints New Municipal Judge

On May 27, 2008, D. Kimberly Whittle was sworn in as Clayton's new Municipal Judge.

Judge Whittle received her Associate's Degree in Court Reporting at Meramec Community College, and served as an official court reporter from 1985 to 1987. In 1988, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History from Maryville University. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude, from St. Louis University School of Law in 1991.

Judge Whittle was engaged in private practice from 1991 to 1999. In 1999, she joined Carnival Corporation as Litigation Counsel. From 2001 to 2003, she served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis County. Judge Whittle is a member of the bars for the States of Missouri, Illinois, Massachusetts, Florida, and New York. She is also a member of the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association and the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis.



Judge D. Kimberly Whittle and City Clerk June Waters

Judge Whittle participated in Clayton Citizens Police Academy and currently serves as co-president of the Parent Teacher Organization for Clayton School District's Family Center. She and her husband reside in Davis Place with their two daughters.

Judge Whittle succeeds Mark Kruger, who held the position since April of 1998.

## National Night Out 2008 Tuesday, August 5th, 6 to 9 p.m.

On America's Night Out Against Crime, residents turn on their porch lights, secure their residences and celebrate with a variety of events and activities. The Clayton Police Department encourages all neighborhoods to participate. To schedule an appearance by officers of the Clayton Police Department, please call Officer Jim O'Brien at 314.290.8424.



## Sewer Problems

*MSD offers help*

The near record setting rain fall this spring created problems for some Clayton homeowners. Problems such as surface water runoff and basement sewer backups fall under the purview of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD).

At a recent Board of Aldermen meeting, MSD Vice President John Sprague explained some of the causes for the backups. He indicated the City of Clayton has two types of sewer lines, combined and separate.

Combined sewer systems are systems in which the water from storm inlets and sanitary sewer laterals from homes are collected into the same pipes. These pipes then take the water to treatment plants. These systems are located in the older areas of the city.

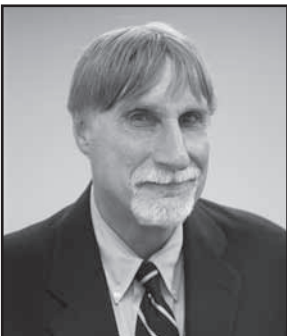
Separate sewer systems channel storm water into pipes that are separate from residential sanitary sewer lines. It is important to keep the two systems separate because sanitary sewers are usually smaller and are not able to handle storm water in addition to sewage. Unfortunately, if storm water from downspouts is directed to the sanitary system, the system can become overloaded, causing backups. Two ways to address this concern include installation of larger pipes, which is very costly, or disconnecting storm water connections such as downspouts from the sanitary sewers.

Mr. Sprague offered information about various programs MSD provides to help mitigate the problems encountered by home owners with basement sewer backups, such as its pump station and back flow prevention programs, as well as reimbursement of up to \$2400 to help cover clean up costs. Mr. Sprague reported that basement backups may also be caused by failed sewer laterals. The City of Clayton has a program to assist residents pay for sewer lateral replacement under such circumstances. For details about the city's Residential Sewer Lateral Repair Program, click "Sewer Lateral Program" in the right menu bar on the HOME page of the city's website at [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us).

If you experience problems as outlined above, the city recommends calling MSD directly through the company's **24-hour Customer Service line at 314.768.6260** to be most effective. With the most difficult cases, the city attempts to help facilitate identification of and solutions to problems, but MSD is responsible for addressing the problems property owners experience with storm and sanitary sewer systems.

## Clayton Salutes . . . Dr. J. Martin Rochester

*Clayton recognizes its outstanding citizens*



Dr. J. Martin Rochester

Dr. Marty Rochester has lived in Clayton for over twenty years. He lives here with his wife Ruth and his two sons, who are graduates of Clayton High School.

Dr. Rochester believes that Clayton is the best of all worlds – urbane with a small-town sense of community. “We moved to Clayton for the excellent housing and quality of life but most of all for the excellent school system.” Dr. Rochester has always been involved in Clayton School District activities. He may even hold the record for the most school board meetings attended.

"Marty likes being in Clayton," said Mayor Linda Goldstein, "and we're honored that he calls Clayton his home." In addition to holding the title of Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Dr. Rochester has written nine books in the field of international relations. Through innovative academic programs, he plays a valuable role in academia worldwide. While making significant contributions to the academic world, he continues to be deeply involved in his community – Clayton benefits from involved citizens like Marty Rochester.

Clayton Salutes . . . recognizes Clayton's esteemed citizens. If you know of someone who should be featured in "Clayton Salutes," let us know - email your suggestion to CityViews editor Judy Kekich at [jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us](mailto:jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us).

## Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, a Leader in Environmental Protection

Gallop, Johnson & Neuman (GJN), a Clayton firm, was the first law firm in the St. Louis region to become a certified partner in the American Bar Association-Environmental Protection Agency's Law Office Climate Challenge, a program to encourage law offices to become better environmental and energy stewards. This commitment reflects issues that the company's clients face when dealing with environmental and energy sustainability and climate change matters within their organizations. GJN has formalized internal procedures to minimize waste, reduce energy and conserve resources.

To stay in tune with emerging sustainability issues in business, government and industry, attorneys at GJN are active members of U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and other organizations on the forefront of sustainability and climate change innovations, professional services, education and certifications.

## Reminder: Permits Required

Over the past several months, the City has noticed construction and renovation projects proceeding without proper permits. While it may be obvious that some activities require a permit, there may be some confusion regarding other projects that require permits, such as:

- fence installation: all fence installations, whether new or replacement, require a fence (building) permit
- water heater installation: all water heater installations, whether new or replacement, require a plumbing permit
- outdoor fireplaces: installation of an outdoor fireplace, which must be at least five feet from the property line, requires a building permit
- dumpsters: all dumpsters on residential property that are not located inside a construction fence require a dumpster permit
- air conditioners: all new and replacement air conditioner installations require a mechanical permit. Air conditioning units must be placed a minimum of five feet from the property line and must be screened from public view.

In addition to the above, please be aware that although retaining walls less than four feet in height do not require a building permit, the Architectural Review Board guidelines prohibit the use of man-made materials such as Versa-lok and Keystone. The only manufactured product currently permitted is Belgard.

Failure to secure a permit prior to commencement of work will result in a doubling of the permit fee along with all applicable permit requirements having to be fulfilled. It could also result in a court-levied fine. Therefore, it is advisable to contact the city's Planning Department at 290.8452 before beginning any project to ascertain if a permit is required.

## Clayton Supports Clean, Renewable Energy

After signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2006 and implementing nine of the twelve Kyoto Protocol targets, the City of Clayton considered implementing additional targets for reducing global warming. Since the city's Ecology & Environmental Awareness Committee (EEAC) is responsible for making recommendations on environmental and ecological issues, the group reviewed the Kyoto Protocol targets. One of the targets recommends promoting the development of renewable energy resources. Renewable energy protects air quality, curbs climate change, boosts the local economy and diversifies the regional energy supply.

The EEAC voted unanimously to invest its \$2,000 budget allocation for this year to purchase renewable energy credits (REC). Clayton became the first municipality in St. Louis County to support the development of clean, local renewable energy through the Pure Power program.

Pure Power is Ameren UE's voluntary renewable energy program. It gives commercial customers, like the City of Clayton, the opportunity to buy blocks of Pure Power, paying \$15 a month for each 1,000 kilowatt hour it uses. Pure Power funds are then used to purchase renewable energy certificates from qualified local wind farms. The program keeps all benefits local by supporting the state's first large-scale wind farm in King City, Missouri.

By enrolling in Ameren UE's Pure Power program at the Pure Power Leader commitment level, the City of Clayton will help prevent approximately 331 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), a leading greenhouse gas, from entering the atmosphere each year. This is equal to the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction provided by over 75 acres of forest storing carbon for one year or taking almost 72 cars off the road for a year. Clayton's purchase of 33 blocks of Pure Power per month makes the city a Pure Power Leader—a designation reserved for companies, governments or other large users of electricity who agree to offset at least 12 percent of their energy usage through Pure Power purchases.

"Since signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2006, we've been focused on reducing Clayton's environmental footprint. We're proud to be a municipal leader in supporting Ameren UE's Pure Power program," said Clayton Mayor Linda Goldstein.

Ameren UE recommends choosing renewable energy for your home or office to help promote a cleaner environment. For details visit [www.ameren.com/purepower](http://www.ameren.com/purepower), call 1.866.665.PURE, or check the Pure Power box on your monthly power bill.



## Development Update

Clayton is experiencing a tremendous amount of attention from businesses interested in expanding their presence here and from developers with plans for amazing new mixed-use developments.

Recently, the Board of Aldermen completed a final review and approved the revised site plan for Trianon, the mixed-use development that is proposed for the property adjacent to the MetroLink passenger station at Forsyth Boulevard and Forest Park Parkway. This \$150 million project will include 175 condominiums and 175 apartments with a variety of floor plans and price points.

The city is currently negotiating a redevelopment agreement with Mark S. Mehlman Realty for the Carondelet Village project. The first use of Tax Increment Financing in the City of Clayton was approved for this proposed development, which includes approximately 110,000 square feet of retail space, a theater or performing arts center, a boutique hotel and 110,000 square feet of office space.

While the city is interested in working with developers to make potential projects realities, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are also committed to addressing concerns and balancing commercial and residential needs.

“The city’s new Vision 2013: Building a Bright Future, serves as a catalyst for facilitating public dialogue,” said Mayor Linda Goldstein. “The document considers public discourse an integral part of the commercial development review process.” For every project, the city provides multiple opportunities for public engagement. Recently a variety of public forums have been held to review and discuss projects proposed by Brown Shoe, the Centene Corporation and RJ York.

In April, Brown Shoe announced plans to expand its corporate headquarters in Clayton. In addition to investing \$568 million, Brown Shoe will bring nearly 300 employees from its Wisconsin offices and 500 to 700 new jobs to the community. At public forums on June 12th and 24th, the development team for the Brown Shoe project received very positive responses to a presentation of the conceptual plans. Design plans will soon be presented to the Plan Commission/Architectural Review Board (ARB) for review.

When Centene Corporation announced that it had revived plans to expand its world headquarters in Clayton, the city conducted a series of public forums. On May 13 and 27, the public was invited to review and discuss the most recent plans for the project. In reaction to feedback from the community, the plans underwent a significant change. The locations of the two signature buildings were switched with the taller 22 to 24-story glass high-rise being built at the corner of Forsyth Boulevard and Hanley Road, and a smaller building at Carondelet Avenue and Hanley. The Board of Aldermen has studied the development terms and tax impact statement. The Plan Commission/ARB anticipates reviewing the revised site and development plans in the next several weeks.

At a public meeting in the fall of 2007, RJ York Development presented plans to build a luxury hotel at the southwest corner of Maryland and North Central Avenues. Following a series of public meetings held by the Plan Commission/ARB, the Board of Aldermen conducted a public hearing on June 24 to review project plans and obtain community input. On July 8, the Board of Aldermen discussed the project, heard further comment from the public and adopted ordinances for rezoning and an ordinance approving the final development plan.

As the review process continues on each of the proposed projects, the city will provide updates and ongoing opportunities for public engagement.

### August 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.

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

Aug 11 Art Commission  
City Hall - 6 p.m.

Aug 12 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 7 p.m.

Aug 18 Plan Commission/ARB  
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.

Aug 21 Landscape Committee  
City Hall - 5 p.m.

Aug 22 C.R.S.W.C.  
The Center - 8 a.m.

Aug 25 Parks & Recreation  
City Hall - 7 p.m.

Aug 26 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 7 p.m.

Aug 28 Ecology & Environ.  
City Hall - 6 p.m.

### Check your vending machine!

Each July 1st, all vending machines - whether they dispense food, drink or other materials - located within the City of Clayton are subject to business license renewal. Each vending machine operator is responsible for purchasing a new vending machine sticker to be affixed and displayed on each vending machine. The license fee depends on the amount of money the machine takes to dispense the goods. If the vending machine you patronize does not display a City vending sticker, please remind the operator to apply for or renew their license, or you may call City Hall at 290.8439.



## SAINT LOUIS ART FAIR

*in its fifteenth year of celebrating fine art*

downtown Clayton

September 5 (5 - 10 p.m.)

6 (10 a.m. - 10 p.m.)

7 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Consistently ranked as one of the top fine art fairs in the country, the Saint Louis Art Fair celebrates its 15th year bringing gallery-quality fine art to the streets of downtown Clayton. Enjoy an atmosphere filled with music, live performances, great food and fabulous original works of art. For complete information about this year's festival, visit [www.saintlouisartfair.com](http://www.saintlouisartfair.com).

2008 event features:

- original work of 165 visual artists
- artist demonstrations
- music and performing arts on three stages
- Creative Castle for children and families
- the Art Studio featuring hands-on art projects for adults
- Pleasures of the Palette with culinary selections from 20 of St. Louis' finest restaurants
- and much more



## AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT CLAYTOBER

### THE BIG READ

Saturday, Oct. 11

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clayton High School (Mark Twain Circle and Topton Way)

Bookmark your calendar for an extraordinary event that will celebrate authors and promote literacy. The Big Read will feature authors, costumed characters, interactive projects, panel discussions and book signings. For details, call: 314.863.0278 or visit [www.bigread.net](http://www.bigread.net).

### WYDOWN FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 11

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard

The fifth annual Wydown Fall Festival, features gifts and giveaways from business owners, an art exhibit and fun for everyone in Wydown Park. For details, call: 314.802.7763

### CLAYTON TRIANGLE - Jaguar exhibit

Saturday, Oct. 11

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Maryland Avenue, Brentwood and Forsyth Boulevards

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

### CLAYTON CANINE CLASSIC

Sunday, Oct. 19

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shaw Park in Clayton

The fourth annual Clayton Canine Classic event will feature a "Dressed to the K-nines" fashion show, games for dogs and/or their humans, pup art and pet photography. Various vendors and service providers will participate. Re-TAIL, food and drink will also be available. Proceeds benefit local animal charities. All dogs MUST be on leashes and accompanied by an adult human guardian. For details, call: 314.726.3033



## Q & A

**Q.** Where have the new parking meters been installed?

**A.** On June 26, the first Pay & Display parking meter stations were installed. One 2-hour Pay & Display meter replaced traditional meters on Bemiston Avenue in front of City Hall and two 4-hour meters replaced the meters along Brentwood Boulevard by the Shaw Park Pool.

The new stations are solar powered. They allow drivers to pay for parking with cash or credit cards. More details about the new Pay & Display meters are available on the city's website [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us). Go to City Hall, click Public Works 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, ATTN: Judy Kekich, 10 North Bemiston, Clayton, MO 63105; Fax them to 314/863-0295; E-mail them to: [jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us](mailto:jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us)

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b><i>In Case of Emergency</i></b> .....	<b>911</b>
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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