

CITY VIEWS

Board Approves Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

While cutting expenses and the residential tax rate, the city has added new projects to the FY 2009 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. The budget includes proposed projections for the next three years, which allows the Board to assess the long-term implications associated with revenue and expense decisions being made today. On August 26, the Board of Aldermen approved the ordinance to adopt the new budget, which shows a decrease of \$4.7 million in \$37.3 million of cumulative expenditures, which is 11.1 percent less than the budgeted expenditures in FY 2008. The decrease is attributed to an \$8.1 million bond issue in FY 2008 with no bond issue in FY 2009.

In addition to reducing expenditures, the city has included significant investment in infrastructure and facilities and a number of new programs in the budget, which begins October 1, 2008.

Capital improvements include:

- Continuing work on the Pedestrian Safety and Streetscape Improvement Projects and improvements to alleys and sidewalks in residential and business neighborhoods. Most of this work is funded by grant revenue.
- The initiation of a process to build a new Police Station with funds proposed to be generated for the construction by a voter approved bond issue in year three of the three-year budget plan.
- Renovations to Taylor and Oak Knoll Parks, extension of Shaw Park Pool shade canopy and new park signage.
- Plans to convert fleet vehicles to hybrid electric. The city intends to take advantage of better pricing provided through a contract with the State of Missouri when adding hybrid cars to replace current fleet vehicles.
- Vehicle replacement will also include the purchase of a new ladder truck in 2010 for the Fire Department.
- Ongoing replacement and enhancement of computer hardware.

Besides an aggressive capital improvement plan, the FY 2009 budget provides for two new staff positions. An economic development professional and a technology specialist will be hired. The Special Business District tax rate will be increased from \$0.06 to \$0.074, in part to fund three-quarters of the salary for the new economic development position.

While making funds available for new initiatives, capital improvements and staff positions to further enhance the extraordinary level of service to Clayton citizens for the coming year, the residential property tax rate continues to be scaled back from \$0.796 in 2005 to \$0.690 in 2008.

Proposed Property Tax Rates

(per \$100 assessed valuation)

| | Actual FY 2007 | Actual FY 2008 | Proposed FY 2009 | Difference |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Residential | \$0.779 | \$0.691 | \$0.690 | (\$0.001) |
| Commercial | \$0.839 | \$0.761 | \$0.758 | (\$0.003) |
| Personal Property | \$0.852 | \$0.832 | \$0.829 | (\$0.003) |

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Mayor Linda Goldstein

The City of Clayton is known as an exceptional place to live, work and visit and for the maintenance of top quality work/life amenities. Making the community safer and physically more attractive is an integral part of this effort. To this end, the city included in its Fiscal Year 2009 Operating and Capital Improvement budget funds to continue work on the Pedestrian Safety Project to improve safety and the Streetscape Improvement Project to further enhance the city's reputation for setting high standards.

Throughout the central business district you will find new textured cross walks and timed walk signals. All are part of the \$1.4 million Pedestrian Safety Project, 80% of which was federally funded.

The city recently received confirmation that federal funds in the amount of \$2,061,695 will help finance a continuation of the city's Streetscape Improvement Project. The current phase of the streetscape project is being added along South Central and South Meramec Avenues to enhance the introduction to Clayton from the MetroLink station.

While the Pedestrian Safety Project emphasizes the city's concern for the safety of its business citizens and their clients, the streetscape project with its brick banded sidewalks, decorative lighting, streetscape furniture, trees and planters provides a sense of place. And, whether you live or work in Clayton or are just here to visit, the effect of these projects make the experience unique.

Implementing these community improvement projects conveys a strong sense of civic pride and transforms the downtown into an attractive public amenity for all to enjoy. Communities that invest in streetscape projects typically see a financial return over time. The improvements lead to an increase in overall tax base by stimulating sales for existing businesses, helping to attract new investment to the improved area and ultimately increasing property values.

Another important capital improvement project included in the new budget is the construction of a new police station. The city will soon initiate the process, while considering the best location.

The city's FY 2009 budget provides for two new staff positions. An economic development expert will be hired to help formulate policies and develop proactive programs for the business retention and recruitment. A technology specialist will manage information technology projects and assist with server and network administration.

City staff, the Board and I take our commitment to fiscal responsibility very seriously. From capital improvements to an upgrade in staff, the city continues its ongoing efforts to improve and provide a quality of life that is second to none.

October 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.

- Oct. 2 Board of Adjustment
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Art Commission
City Hall - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Ecology & Environ.
City Hall - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 24 C.R.S.W.C.
The Center - 8 a.m.
- Oct. 27 Parks & Recreation
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.

News from Ward III



Alderman
Alex Berger III

Friends,

The summer is ending and we are excited about the new fiscal year ahead. The Mayor and Board of Alderman have formulated a strong and responsive budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on October 1st. We are pleased that several capital projects responding to citizen input and need are represented in the upcoming budget. Principal among those projects is the re-paving of the streets in Davis Place.



Alderman
Steve Lichtenfeld

On the development front, the city like most of America has been affected by the changes in availability of financing and most of the projects that were in a position to launch have been delayed. The Centene Development is continuing through the process of approvals and it is likely that process will be finalized in the next couple of months. The development anchored by the Brown Shoe office headquarters is also progressing. We are also waiting for the RJ York project to move forward.

The Parks and Recreation master plan priorities are being funded and have begun to move ahead toward implementation. The priority projects are a walking trail in Shaw Park, an inclusion playground in Shaw Park, lighting fields 1 & 2, neighborhood park improvements, adding shade protection at the pool, and the tennis center.

We are very excited about several citizens from the third ward who are serving on various committees, commissions and boards. We congratulate them on their appointments and thank them for their contributions.

We are available to meet with any group in the ward to discuss the future of our city. We welcome the opportunity to dialog and gain input from citizens of the third ward. Please contact either one of us to arrange a meeting. We are scheduled to present to the citizens of the Old Town Clayton neighborhood organization in September. We look forward to that opportunity.

Enjoy the fall and be safe.

Alex Berger III

Steve Lichtenfeld

Ameren Installs Cabling Underground

AmerenUE is committed to improving service reliability for customers. The company has initiated the Power ON program, a \$1 billion, three-year investment dedicated to making the system safe and reliable as energy needs increase in eastern Missouri. Ameren has earmarked \$300 million for core underground cabling and intends to install the underground cabling in areas where it is feasible, improves reliability and makes economic sense. To learn more about the Power ON project, visit www.ameren.com/PowerOn.

Laclede Gas Company Introduces Customer Connection

Laclede Gas has launched a new online interactive system that gives customers access to their natural gas accounts 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The new tool also provides tips to help address escalating energy costs through efficient use of energy. Customer Connection is accessible through a link on the Laclede Gas website www.lacledegas.com

Missouri American Water Increases Rate

The Missouri American Water Company has filed revised water tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that would increase the company's annual revenue. For the average St. Louis County resident, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.83 per month. The PSC will conduct public hearings on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at UMSL's Millennium Student Center and on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 at St. Louis Community College's Meramec Campus. A question and answer session will precede each of the hearings. For more information, call the PSC at 1.800.392.4211.

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City staff, eager to share budget details with the community, began the budget approval process with two public work sessions held on July 22 and August 6, 2008 at which the Board of Aldermen reviewed revenue and expense projections. A public hearing was also held on August 12 to discuss the FY 2009 budget. Following further review at its meeting on August 26, the Board of Aldermen approved an ordinance to adopt the FY 2009 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget and tax rates.

Citizens are encouraged to review the new FY 2009 budget, which is available online at www.ci.clayton.mo.us; click Financial Reports on the Finance Department's page under CITY HALL.

Shaw Park Aquatic Center Is One of Aquatics International's BEST OF 2008

Aquatics International recently notified Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department that it would receive the prestigious "Best in Aquatics" award. The 10th annual Best of Aquatics Award recognizes the overall operations of the department and the quality of staff, programming and facility management.

A panel of respected aquatics professionals independently selected winners with the highest scores in each of the nineteen categories. Clayton's Aquatics Department was selected as the best in the "overall commitment to aquatics – population 49,999 or less" category for 2008.



Kyle Henke



Jordan Wienke

"I would like to extend my congratulations to Jordan Wienke, Kyle Henke and their staff for their commendable efforts on behalf of the city," said Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department Director Patty DeForrest. Kyle is a celebrity in his own right, having been recognized nationally by the American Red Cross for his lifesaving rescue of a Clayton High School student in December of 2006.

"The mission for The Center's Aquatics Department is to improve the quality of life for Clayton citizens through the provision of comprehensive aquatics services and recreational opportunities to individuals of all ages and abilities, in a safe, healthy and pleasant environment," said Ms. DeForrest, "and the department is definitely achieving this mission."

The Aquatics International competition honors the industry's outstanding aquatic facilities including competition pools, leisure pools, therapy pools and water parks. Entries are judged on facility programming, promotional materials, aquatic amenities and community involvement. Winners will be recognized in a special Best of Aquatics supplement to the November/December 2008 issue of Aquatics International.

Clayton Salutes . . . Kathy Bader



Kathy Bader

Kathy Bader lives in Clayton with her husband Terry Bader. She has two sons -- Sam attends Colorado College, and Jeff is a junior at Clayton High School.

The Baders have lived in Clayton for four years. Having previously lived in several different suburban locations in St. Louis County, they were interested in finding a more urban lifestyle. Key factors that attracted them to Clayton were the Clayton School District's reputation and the family's desire to live in a walkable urban community. They were also impressed with the amenities Clayton offered its residents, such as The Center of Clayton, Shaw Park, and the Saint Louis Art Fair as well as its central location, restaurants and shopping. "Clayton offers a wonderful combination of urban amenities with a premiere location and nationally ranked public school district," said Kathy. "We could not be happier with our decision to move to Clayton."

In March of this year, Kathy Bader retired as the Chairman and CEO of USBancorp Community Development Corporation. Ms. Bader is considered a national expert on various forms of tax credit investments and has served on numerous educational, governmental and conference panels. In September, Kathy began a consulting relationship with Virtual Realty Enterprises, a real estate private equity firm based in Clayton.

In June of 2008, Kathy Bader was awarded the John H. Poelker Levee Stone Award. She is only the second woman to receive this award in its 50+ year history. This award is given annually to individuals in recognition of their contribution to the economic and community development of the City of St. Louis and the region.

The Baders chose to live in Clayton because of its amazing amenities. While Clayton can be proud of its status as a premier community, it is also fortunate to be able to attract citizens like Kathy Bader and her family.

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.

2008 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The following is the 2008 Leaf Collection Program schedule. Listed are the weeks and days of collection for each street and subdivision in Clayton. There will be NO LEAF COLLECTION THANKSGIVING WEEK – November 24 - 28.

WEEK OF:

October 6 - 10
 October 20 – 24
 November 2 - 7

November 17 – 21
 December 8 - 12
 December 22 - 26

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 13 - 17
 October 27 – 31
 November 10 – 14

December 1 - 5
 December 15 - 19
 December 29 - January 2

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.*

Special notes:

- Rake leaves to curb. No plastic bags, limbs or brush - yard debris will be picked up during regular yard waste pickups.
- Obey the street sweeping signs on the scheduled leaf collection day.
- Leaves will be collected from all streets 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 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 leaf pickup schedule.
- Do not rake the leaves onto islands, parkways or common areas.
- Alley pickup is not available.

Free Wireless Internet Service

Network 1 Communications has entered into a 90-day trial agreement with the City of Clayton to provide free outdoor wireless Internet service in a designated area of downtown Clayton. The trial agreement will provide city officials with an opportunity to evaluate the wireless network technology, while gauging the interest of the Clayton community. The Clayton trial agreement represents the latest accomplishment by Network 1 to bring a number of cities in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area online with wireless network services.

During the 90-day trial, outdoor wireless Internet access will be free within the designated area. After the 90-day trial period has ended, city officials will decide if the city will allow Network 1 to proceed with implementation of a permanent, paid subscription-based wireless service program that provides both indoor and outdoor service to the entire Clayton community.

The area designated for the trial will cover a 7 ½ block area bounded by Maryland Avenue on the north, Bonhomme Avenue on the south, Central Avenue on the west and Bemiston Avenue on the east and will partially cover street boundaries about a half block in all directions. The wireless service will also include the eastern half of Shaw Park.

Network 1's trial wireless network will provide Clayton municipal workers, residents, employees and visitors the ability to access the Internet from outdoor and near outdoor locations within the designated area. Network 1 officials are confident that the City of Clayton will be pleased with the wireless network service based upon feedback the company has received thus far from other cities in the region.

"We've talked with residents and subscribers from the other cities we currently serve in the St. Louis area, and they like having wireless broadband Internet access at an affordable price," said Mark O'Neal, Vice President of Business Development for Network 1. "For an attractive fee, our wireless service allows them to access the Internet from most places that they may go such as the park, outside a restaurant or at home".

The City of O'Fallon, Missouri was the first city in the country to utilize Network 1's citywide, subscriber-based program. Since then, the company has established similar wireless network agreements with several other communities.

To connect to the trial network, look for a signal with the ID Network1-Wireless-Trial, then click 'Connect'. For more information, call Network 1 Customer Service at 636.614.1364 or visit online at www.network1communications.com

Explore www.ci.clayton.mo.us

Looking for the phone number of your favorite restaurant or the agenda for the next Board of Aldermen meeting? You'll find them on the City of Clayton website www.ci.clayton.mo.us. "I don't think people realize how much information is available on our city website," said Ward II Alderman Cynthia Garnholz. "We should inform citizens of what a great resource it is."

The following are just a few examples of where to find information on www.ci.clayton.mo.us

- shops, restaurants and personal service listings can be found under BUSINESS
- links for leaf and trash collection schedules are available on the HOME page
- for recycling and environmental information, click the city's GREEN logo on the HOME page
- parking information can be found on the downtown Clayton map also available on the HOME page
- for meeting agendas and minutes and supplemental attachments to commission meeting packets, click Committees/Commissions under CITY HALL
- sports teams and Hanley House tour schedules are listed on the Parks & Recreation Department pages under CITY HALL.

If you need help locating information, just e-mail jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us.



CLAYTON FARMERS' MARKET

Saturdays, May - October, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Straub's west parking lot (8282 Forsyth)
For details, go to www.claytonfarmersmarket.com.

HISTORIC HANLEY HOUSE Fall Festival

Saturday, October 11, 1 - 5 p.m.
Historic Martin Franklin Hanley House, 7600 Westmoreland Avenue in Clayton
For details, go to www.hanleyhouse.org



CLAYTON TRIANGLE - Jaguar exhibit

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

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

THE BIG READ

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

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

WYDOWN FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hanley Road and Wydown Boulevard

A charming neighborhood festival, 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: 314.290.8508

CLAYTON CANINE CLASSIC

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008

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, Ask the Vet, pet photography and the St. Louis County K-9 unit. 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

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, Nov. 21, 2008

5 - 8 p.m.

St. Louis County Memorial Park

The City of Clayton and St. Louis County kick off the holiday season with a celebration in the heart of downtown Clayton. Bring the kids to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. For details, call: 314.615.7086.

HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE STROLL

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008

Noon to 5 p.m.

Clayton Road from Brentwood Boulevard to Hanley Road

The chic boutiques and antique shops of The Shops of Clayton Row are gaily decorated and filled to the brim with unique gift-giving ideas for the holidays. Guests can expect warm holiday greetings, refreshments and special activities as they stroll this charming holiday setting. For details, call: 314.725.2622

ALL THAT GLITTERS - Clayton's holiday celebration

Friday, Dec. 5, 2008

6 to 8 p.m.

Downtown Clayton

The City of Clayton, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and Clayton business owners welcome all to shop and dine in Clayton and to the festivities on Dec. 5 in downtown Clayton that include carolers, horse drawn carriage rides and chestnuts roasting on an open fire and the finale — a fireworks display at 8 p.m. in Shaw Park. For details, call: 314.290.8508

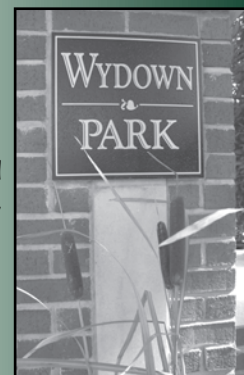
HOLIDAY CARRIAGE RIDES

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2008

6 to 8 p.m.

Downtown Clayton (departing from Maryland and Central Avenues)

Horse drawn carriage rides will transport holiday shoppers and diners along gaily decorated downtown Clayton streets alive with thousands of twinkling holiday lights and festive holiday window decorations. Clayton restaurateurs, hoteliers and retailers look forward to greeting merrymakers with a warm holiday welcome. For details, call: 314.290.8544



Q & A

Q. Are there forums for general discussions with city officials?

A. Yes. The Aldermen in each of the city's three wards are committed to open and active communications with their citizens. Aldermen in Wards I and II hold *WARD COFFEES*.

Citizens of Ward I are invited to Katie's at 6611 Clayton Road for Ward I Coffees set to begin at 4 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 23.



Ward II holds coffees at the Starbucks on Wydown on the first Sunday of each month. Sundays at Starbucks will be held on Oct. 5 and Nov. 2 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Ward III aldermen do not hold coffees, but meet regularly with the very active neighborhood associations in that Ward. They can be contacted to arrange a meeting.

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

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|--|------------|
| <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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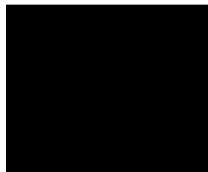
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