



CITY VIEWS

New Economic Development Strategy and Revision of the Business District Master Plan

Over the last few decades, Clayton has attracted an exceptional level of private investment, resulting in the creation of a major business hub for the region. To maintain this desirable status, while dealing with the changing economic landscape, the City has developed a new economic strategy.

At the June 23 Board of Aldermen meeting, Clayton's Economic Developer Gary Carter presented the City's new Strategic Economic Development Plan. Economic development is the process whereby a community promotes the conditions that foster the creation of economic wealth through job creation and investment thus improving the quality of life for its residents. The plan's intent is to strengthen the economy of Clayton by maintaining and growing Clayton's status as a leading regional business center. With the new plan, the City hopes to: encourage private investment; improve citizens' quality of life; grow and broaden the City's tax base; keep taxes low by bringing in new taxpayers; continue to improve the City's physical appearance; add public amenities; increase commercial

occupancy rates; promote safe and healthy neighborhoods; and encourage development and redevelopment.

Achieving the outcomes defined in the new economic strategy requires a clear vision. The City's Business District Master Plan provides a blueprint and the vision for the commercial development component of the strategy. For decades, the City has been guided by business district master plans. Many of the recommendations outlined in the current Master Plan, which was written in 1993, have been implemented, and many are still valid. However, because of changes in property ownership and current economic conditions, it has become necessary to revise the 15 year old document.

In April, the city issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified planning and economic development firms to update and revise the Central Business District (CBD) portion of the City's Business District Master Plan and to conduct a retail-marketing study and action plan for the CBD. The City received submittals from 27 businesses, which included some of the country's most prestigious development firms. Seven were selected to be interviewed in early August. The seven were selected because they have strong backgrounds in planning, urban design, architecture and expertise in new planning methods to encourage quality sustainable mixed-use developments. As the project consultant, the firm will be required to conduct analyses, engage key stakeholders and present recommendations to the City's Plan Commission and Board of Aldermen.

Recommendations in the retail-marketing study will serve as guides for the retail component of the central business district. The results of the revision of the CBD portion of the Master Plan and the retail-marketing study will lay the groundwork for and serve as a key component of additional, future phases that will eventually produce an updated, citywide, comprehensive land use master plan. The full Business District Master Plan will also be updated and revised over the next several months.

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Mayor Linda Goldstein

As your elected officials, the Board of Aldermen and I are required to deal with a variety of issues. Whether we are dealing with commercial development or environmental concerns, the welfare of Clayton citizens is considered first and foremost in our decision making process.

For example, support from Clayton residents played a major role in the Board's decision to amend the City's smoking ban ordinance. On July 14, Clayton joined cities and states from around the country in prohibiting smoking in all enclosed public places, thereby creating a healthier environment for our citizens, visitors to Clayton and employees who work here.

Fundamental to our governing process is our commitment to preserving a balance between business and residential needs, and City staff is instrumental in helping us maintain that balance.

City Services

While the City's Police and Fire personnel are always at the ready to serve and protect our citizens, the Public Works Department maintains constant attention to residential needs through intense maintenance programs. In addition to maintaining a rigorous street maintenance schedule, Public Works crews address a myriad of other City beautification activities. Streets are maintained, leaves are collected, and snow is removed. Commuters and visitors to Clayton comment on the fact that they know when they have reached Clayton City boundaries – the roads are noticeably cleaner.

The Parks & Recreation Department provides beautifully maintained parks, popular cultural events and state-of-the-art recreation and fitness facilities. It provides a wide variety of leisure activities and the best programming and customer service possible. The Department improves quality of life through recreational opportunities in safe, healthy and pleasant environments to individuals of all ages, abilities and interests.

Citizen Engagement

The positive results of the 2009 citizen survey illustrate the residents' satisfaction with City services and our effort to interact with the residents in our community.

The Board and I make a concerted effort to interact with residents – to share information, to obtain input and to discuss issues currently under review. Besides the Board's bimonthly meetings, we hold public hearings where residents can express their views on everything from development projects to traffic flow. The Aldermen actively engage their constituents. The Aldermen in Wards I and II conduct monthly coffees in which citywide issues and matters that pertain to their neighborhoods are discussed with residents. Additionally, this year we conducted the first of our annual citizen surveys that collected feedback on a wide range of topics.

Environmental Efforts

Clayton is regarded as a regional leader in sustainability and has several new initiatives underway. City staff is working with the Plan Commission on possible changes to the City's Zoning Regulations to encourage sustainable development. These changes involve storm water mitigation, increased greenspace requirements and enhanced tree protection and replacement requirements. The City recently joined ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability, an international association of over 1,090 local and regional governments committed to sustainable development. To fulfill the membership requirements of ICLEI, the City is creating a Greenhouse Gas Inventory of its operations and the City as a whole. This inventory will identify greenhouse gas emission sources and will set benchmarks for future improvements. In addition to the Greenhouse Gas Inventory, an energy audit of City facilities is being explored. An energy audit identifies measures that will make City facilities more energy efficient.

A committee comprised of personnel from each City department was recently formed to address internal operations procedures. The PlanIt! Green committee will develop policies consistent with the City's sustainable efforts.

As always, I continue to be amazed at the level of conscientiousness that is inherent in the operation of this City. Combine an active citizenry, a hardworking staff and dedicated Board of Aldermen, and you get the most desirable community in which to live, work and play in the region.

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. 3 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 3 Parks & Recreation
The Center - 7 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Board of Adjustment
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Aug. 10 Art Commission
City Hall - 6 p.m.
- Aug. 11 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- Aug. 17 Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Ecology & Environ.
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Aug. 28 C.R.S.W.C.
The Center - 8 a.m.

News from Ward II



Alderman Michelle Harris

Hello friends and neighbors! As the lazy days of summer come to a close, you may have noticed that the City of Clayton has been anything but lazy! As you drive, bike or walk around town, you have probably noticed a few things.

In commercial development — the Centene office tower climbs ever upward, and we continue to look forward to its completion next summer. Plans are developing yet again for a mixed-use office-hotel-retail center proposed by Gateway Real Estate Partners for the old Schnucks property at Hanley and Clayton Roads. In addition, one of our most familiar property

developers in Clayton, Sam Chimento of Cornerstone Properties, has renovated two condo buildings in the Moorlands and single-handedly submitted the National Historic Register application for the 7500 block of the Moorlands. This is a great service to the community, because it provides an incentive for any developer to retain the character of our historic structures.

Quality of life features — we can now bike more easily and safely along beautiful Wydown Boulevard in our newly striped bike lanes! And since the City has received a complete recommendation from TrailNet for other walking and biking improvements, we are working to ensure that Clayton provides an even healthier environment for its residents and working population. The Center of Clayton has refurbished the fitness area with beautiful new, state-of-the-art equipment and a highly qualified fitness staff ready to assist you! And, in case you have not yet taken time to observe it, we have an important new piece of public art on loan from the St. Louis Art Museum — a Renoir, no less! It is located at one of the most highly traveled gateways into our City, between the outdoor pool and the ice rink facility on Brentwood Boulevard. The piece was secured for us by our own Clayton Art Commission, which is now a part of the new Clayton Century Foundation. To learn more about the Clayton Century Foundation, contact Sarah Umlauf, Community Resource Coordinator, 314.226.9893.

All things considered, it has been a very productive summer! Your Ward II Aldermen look forward to working with you to continue to make Clayton a very special place to live and work. And, don't forget Sundays at Starbucks on the first Sunday of every month from 4 to 5 p.m. at Hanley & Wydown. We will be there to discuss your concerns and fill you in on the goings on about town.

Cynthia Garnholz & Michelle Harris, Your Ward II Aldermen



Alderman Cynthia Garnholz

Clayton Salutes . . . Barrett Scallet

Barrett Scallet has lived in Clayton for 73 years. He attended Washington University, where he earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry. His wife, Norma, has been a resident of Clayton since 1927. Mrs. Scallet attended Clayton schools from kindergarten through high school. She was one of Clayton High School's first three cheerleaders, and according to Mr. Scallet, "can still lead a pretty mean cheer." Their three children Leslie, Andrew and Patricia attended Clayton schools. Leslie was also a cheerleader; Andrew built and operated the first Clayton High radio station; Patricia acted in Clayton High plays.

Mr. Scallet's service to the community is extraordinary. He was first elected to Board of Aldermen from the old Ward IV around 1956. Because the City adopted a new charter, he ran again the next year from the new Ward III, which included the old Ward IV. He was instrumental in the transition of Clayton from a strong mayor form of government to a city manager form. He helped to set up Aldermanic committees and City commissions. He helped in the acquisition of Hanley House, Oak Knoll Park, the ice rink, police building and rebuilding Shaw Park pool. He participated in the process to eliminate the five-story height limitation for buildings in the central business district in favor of taller buildings with adequate parking and setbacks. He resigned as Ward III Alderman when he moved to Ward II. He was subsequently encouraged to run and was elected Alderman from Ward II. Mr. Scallet was elected Alderman eight times from three wards and served a total of fifteen years.

Mr. Scallet has seen Clayton grow from a relatively modest county seat with a great residential area to a bustling governmental and business center, still with a great residential area. "I chose to live in Clayton, because of its wonderful reputation," said Mr. Scallet. "I choose to stay, because I find that its reputation is well-deserved."



Norma & Barrett Scallet

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Clayton will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$22,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which will become available after January 1, 2010. The public hearing will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in Conference Room B on the first floor of Clayton City Hall at 10 N. Bemiston Avenue in Clayton, Missouri

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Clayton has enacted and/or enforces the following: a Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin; a Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities; a Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin or political affiliation; a requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and business.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or Section 3 opportunities, or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following individual designated to coordinate compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above: June Waters, City Clerk, 10 N. Bemiston Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105, 314.290.8469.

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs and need accommodations, in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact Steve Meyer at 314.290.8540 no later than Friday, August 14, 2009. For more information, call: 290.8540 Voice, 1.800.735.2966 TDD, 1.800.735.2466 RELAY MISSOURI, Equal Opportunity Employer.

2009 Road Improvements

Over the spring and summer, Clayton's Public Works Department completed this year's phase of its impressive street improvement projects. Cecil Avenue was reconstructed. The roadway, driveway approaches, sidewalk ramps and some curbs and gutters were removed and replaced. Curb ramps at University Lane were also replaced and brought into ADA compliance. Streets in the Moorlands were microsurfaced. Using federal grant funds, Public Works crews microsurfaced and replaced curbs and gutters on Maryland Avenue and Wydown and Brentwood Boulevards. In the Davis Plaza Subdivision, pavement was milled and an asphalt overlay applied, most curb ramps and some sidewalks were removed and replaced.

Throughout the microsurfacing projects, lanes and streets closures were required. However, before moving forward on the projects, Public Works staff scrutinized the various situations that would be encountered during the microsurfacing process and established well-planned detour routes that minimized the impact on vehicular traffic.

Clayton resident Donna Brodsky found the routes helpful. "The project was so well planned and executed so efficiently that my travel times were hardly affected. Kudos to the Clayton Public Works Department for a highly orchestrated effort that has resulted in newly paved roadways that are a pleasure to drive."

The City Passes Smoking Ban

On Tuesday, July 14, 2009, the Clayton Board of Aldermen voted to enact a citywide smoking ban in public places. The City hopes that by adopting the ordinance, other municipalities and the State will be encouraged to address this critical public health issue.

"Clayton has now taken a significant step to protect the health of its residents, the visitors who patronize our businesses and the employees who work in our community," said Mayor Linda Goldstein. "Despite fears of economic fallout from the smoking ban, we believe this will actually help boost business in the long run."

The new ordinance will not take effect until July 1, 2010. The delayed enforcement date was added to the ordinance to address some businesses' concerns that the ban would deepen a sales slump during the recession.

Goldstein noted that 77 percent of citizen survey respondents favored a smoking ban as did 85 percent of local businesses who were surveyed. Clayton now joins the Cities of Ballwin and Arnold in approving a smoking prohibition. The City of Kirkwood may vote on a smoking ban before the end of the year.

"Of course we would prefer the County and State to go smoke-free," Mayor Goldstein said. "However, our residents are adamant about public health issues. It is now important that Clayton residents and businesses, who favor a smoking ban, consistently patronize Clayton restaurants—we are invested in the success of each other."

For more details about the adoption of the ordinance and to view the ordinance, visit the HOME page of the City's website www.ci.clayton.mo.us

Fire Training

Unique opportunity offered by redevelopment



Between May 7 and May 22, the Clayton Fire Department conducted training exercises in the buildings along the 7700 block of Forsyth Boulevard that were eventually razed to make way for construction of a portion of the Centene Plaza project. Most of the training was done in the building at 7730 Forsyth. The owner of the property gave the Department permission to use the vacant structure before it was demolished. "We're grateful to the property owner for providing the opportunity to train in a realistic environment," said Fire Chief Mark Thorp. "The training exercises helped to enhance the knowledge and efficiency of the Clayton Fire Department staff."

Multiple training scenarios were conducted, which included search and rescue techniques. Some of the night trainings included smoke barrel evolutions. During the exercises, extreme care was taken to minimize impact on vehicular traffic, while several pieces of fire apparatus were traversing the area.

Clayton's Fire Department invited other St. Louis County municipalities to participate in the training. A total of 165 fire personnel, 45 fire crews from 14 municipal fire departments participated in the training exercises.

Fourth Accreditation Award

CALEA is an ongoing evaluation process that adheres to a three-year cycle

When the Clayton Police Department first received international accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2000, it was only the sixth law enforcement agency in Missouri to do so. Over the years, more agencies have gotten involved, with just over thirty law enforcement agencies from across the state currently participating in the CALEA accreditation process.

In April, an assessment team comprised of law enforcement professionals from California and Connecticut conducted a stringent examination of Department operations. The team spent three days reviewing Department policies and procedures to ensure that Clayton has maintained compliance with the 460 internationally recognized standards established by CALEA.

The assessment confirmed that the Clayton Police Department's operations and personnel continue to epitomize the best of teamwork and professionalism. As a result of the findings, the Department was invited to serve as one of CALEA's "flagship" agencies during the national accreditation conference in Hampton, Virginia. This distinction is the second time consecutively that the Department has been honored as one of the best of the best.

Following a formal committee hearing, the Clayton Police Department was officially granted reaccredited status by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on August 1, 2009. "The Police Department staff takes pride in this accomplishment," said Police Chief Tom Byrne. "The 2009 award is the fourth sequential accreditation the Department has received from CALEA and reaffirms the Department's ongoing commitment to excellence and public service."

Staff Highlights: Public Safety Is Our Main Priority



Fire Chief Mark Thorp

Fire Chief Mark Thorp has been with the Clayton Fire Department since 1982. He has been Chief of the 35 member Department for 9 years.

Clayton's Fire Department is committed to providing a safe environment for the residents, business community and visitors to the City. The Department is recognized for a strong fire prevention program that helps to maintain a very low fire loss record. The 2009 citizen survey illustrated the positive relationship between the citizens and the Department. "I am proud to be part of such a highly motivated and professional organization," said Chief Thorp, "one that provides exceptional emergency services to the community."



Police Chief Tom Byrne

Police Chief Tom Byrne is a 36 year veteran of the Clayton Police Department. He has been Chief of Police for 7 years and heads a staff of 60.

Clayton's Police Department is recognized as a leader among municipal police agencies in St. Louis County and has historically fielded one of the best-educated, highly trained and most respected police forces in the metropolitan region. The City of Clayton enjoys a low crime rate with few violent crimes. "I am proud to command a Department that prides itself in professionalism and service to the community, and one that continues to serve with distinction," said Chief Byrne.

Oak Knoll Park & KETC - the City was recently notified that Family Day at Oak Knoll Park, Sunday, September 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., has been selected to be part of a community-wide celebration of Our Great Outdoors. Events in all participating communities are being presented in cooperation with Great Rivers Greenway (GRG), cosponsor of Ken Burns' sweeping documentary series *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, which will be broadcast on KETC-TV from September 27 through October 4. All events will highlight parks within our region and promote healthy lifestyles, environmental sustainability and community resources. Family Day at Oak Knoll Park will include a variety of family oriented activities. Throughout the month of September, KETC will air promotional messages. Specific details about events at the participating sites will be featured on the GRG and KETC and websites at www.greatrivers.info and www.ketc.org.

Breaking Down Barriers in Recreation - Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department would like individuals of all abilities to participate in its programs. To gather opinions regarding inclusive programming opportunities for individuals with disabilities, a roundtable discussion will be held at The Center of Clayton on September 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. The discussion will be lead by Nancy Martin, a long time self-advocate and a member of the Special School District Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program. All those who are interested are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 314.290.8516.

GREEN TIP from Clayton's PlanIt! Green Team

Kill bugs the GREEN way - many pesticides contain toxins that get on plants and leak into storm water drains. One way to get rid of bugs without dangerous chemicals is to put 1 to 2 teaspoons of dishwasher soap into one gallon of water. Sprinkle a small amount of the solution on your garden every 7 to 14 days to keep plant-eating insects away. If you still have a problem, add some vegetable oil. Or buy non-toxic pesticide that uses no chemicals and is made from plants like EcoSmart products.

For more helpful Green tips, visit www.greenertrends.com.



Clayton Adds to Its World-Class Art Collection

On June 9, the Saint Louis Art Museum installed the bronze sculpture *Venus Victorious* by Pierre-Auguste Renoir in Centennial Garden in Shaw Park. The 6' bronze sculpture is on loan to the City of Clayton from the Saint Louis Art Museum during the Museum's expansion project.

The Venus becomes part of one of the most significant public art collections in the region that includes works by world renowned artists Carl Milles, Howard Ben Tre, Fernando Botero, Ernest Trova and Alice Aycock.

"This loan is the result of a collaborative effort between the Saint Louis Art Museum and the City of Clayton, and it is a win-win situation for everybody," said Clayton Art Commission Chair Bev Wagner. "The Art Museum and the public will benefit from having Venus on display, and the City of Clayton will benefit by having a museum-quality work of art in its municipal park."

The *Venus*, which stands upon a pedestal between the Shaw Park Ice Rink and Aquatic Center, is among Renoir's latter works. The goddess Venus is shown holding the golden apple awarded to her by Paris for being, in his judgment, the most beautiful of the goddesses.

In 1910, Renoir suffered a paralytic stroke; subsequently, the *Venus* figure was recreated in bronze with the help of an assistant, a young man named Richard Guino. A remarkable communion of spirit and sensitivity developed between the two artists. With Guino's acting as an intermediary, Renoir created, among other works, *Standing Venus* and *Venus Victorious*.

Created between 1915 and 1916, *Venus Victorious* was acquired by the Museum in 1955 through the bequest of Curt Valentin, a German-born immigrant and highly regarded modern art dealer.



Venus Victorious in Centennial Garden

CLAYTON FARMERS' MARKET
 Saturdays
 Through October 31
 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
 Straub's west parking lot



Clayton's weekly Farmers' Market supports local farmers, spotlights organic items and unique, seasonal specialties and educates the public about the preparation of local, seasonal products. For more information, visit www.claytonfarmersmarket.com.

PARTIES IN THE PARK
 Second Wednesday
 August 12 & September 9
 5 - 8 p.m.
 Shaw Park in Clayton



The Clayton Chamber of Commerce hosts the original after-work party with live music, food and refreshments. It's a unique opportunity to meet new people and relax with old friends. Best of all, every Party is free and open to the public. For more information, call 314.726.3033.

MOVIES IN THE PARK
 Saturday, August 22
 (sunset) 8 p.m.
 Amphitheater: south end of
 Shaw Park



Families are invited to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy Kung Fu Panda under the stars. Popcorn, soda and water will be available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown at The Center of Clayton. Parking is available off Shaw Park Drive and Mark Twain Circle. For information, call 314.290.8500.

MUSICAL NIGHTS
 Sundays
 August 23 & September 20
 5 - 7 p.m.
 Oak Knoll Park



Concerts sponsored by the Clayton Parks Foundation are held on the fourth Sunday of each month June through September from 5 to 7 p.m. in Oak Knoll Park. The events are free to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 314.290.8544.

HANLEY HOUSE TOURS
 Saturdays & Sundays
 noon - 4 p.m.



The Historic Hanley House is open to public on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tours of the museum cost \$3 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Weekday tours are available by appointment only. Call or e-mail Sarah Umlauf to schedule a tour at 314.226.9893 or sumlauf@ci.clayton.mo.us.

September 11, 12 & 13
 in the heart of Clayton's central business district

Friday 5 -10 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
 Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



The streets will be filled with fascinating sights and sounds as artists, musicians, dancers, theatrical performers, exhibitors and restaurants take part in the three-day celebration. Featuring the work of 165 professional artists from across North America—including several prominent artists from the metropolitan St. Louis region—the Art Fair has something for everyone.

This year, the festival's Art Studio, a hands-on art activity area for adults, will take on a new look and location and be the gathering place for adults to enjoy complimentary hor d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a fashion show with works by exhibiting artists. The Art Studio will be open Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

For more information about the Saint Louis Art Fair, please visit www.culturalfestivals.com or call 314.863.0278.

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The Mission of Clayton City Government is to foster a vital, balanced community composed of outstanding neighborhoods, quality businesses, commercial and government centers, premier educational institutions, and a healthy natural environment through an open, accessible and fiscally responsible government.

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.

Sign up for Clayton Communications
click here for more information

Don't miss out on the latest updates. Sign up for the weekly Clayton Connection email messages. Click the e-communications icon on the HOME page of the city's website: www.ci.clayton.mo.us

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
Customer Service	290.8441
Finance.....	290.8446
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