

CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS



Severe Weather Preparedness

WARNINGS

A severe thunderstorm warning means that potentially damaging thunderstorms have been detected by radar or are already occurring. A Tornado Warning means that a tornado is on the ground or that there is a cloud rotation.

When a tornado warning is issued:

- Residents should go to an interior room on the lowest level of the home.
- Office occupants should go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest level of the building.
- Never stay inside a car. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in your car.
- Once you are in a safe space, check local television /radio broadcasts or listen to a weather radio.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

St. Louis County will activate the outdoor warning siren system whenever the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for St. Louis County OR a county adjacent to St. Louis County AND the direction of the storm path poses a threat to St. Louis County. The warning sirens are intended for outdoor warning and may not be heard inside. If a tornado warning is subsequently issued for St. Louis County, the sirens will again be activated (3-5 minute steady tone).

For more information about how to prepare for emergencies, visit: claytonmo.gov/prepare

In Missouri, tornadoes occur most often in the spring and summer. Storms that spawn tornadoes are more likely to strike in the late afternoon and early evening hours.

WATCHES

The National Weather Service issues Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado Watches when severe weather conditions are favorable in or near a watch area.



Capital Budgeting Underway

Clayton's capital assets are the physical foundation of our service delivery. The City owns and maintains a variety of facilities, ranging from recreational assets like the Shaw Park Aquatic Center, to public buildings like City Hall and the Police Headquarters, to an expansive network of infrastructure including almost 100 miles of streets, over 2,000 street lights, and 74.2 acres of park land.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is the tool that allows the Board of Aldermen to plan how, when, and where future improvements will be made. The document itself is a snapshot into the next five years,

showing existing and anticipated capital needs and the funding required to make them a reality. The CIP is funded through a variety of sources, the largest of which are two one-half cent sales taxes for capital improvements and parks and storm-water projects passed by voters in 1993 and 1997, respectively. To be considered in the CIP, a project must cost at least \$25,000 and provide at least 5 years of benefit.

City staff estimates capital and future operating costs and potential funding sources for each capital project prior to inclusion in the CIP. Each project is scored and ranked according to specific

criteria. This provides an objective method for project selection.

The CIP is presented annually to the Board of Aldermen for approval. The Board is scheduled to review the CIP at the **April 12** and **April 15** Board of Aldermen meetings and to consider adoption of the FY2017-2021 plan at the **April 26** meeting. To learn more about the CIP, visit claytonmo.gov/budget or attend any of the above scheduled public meetings.

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Meetings

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Harold J. Sanger

The April 5 ballot includes an issue that is of particular concern to our community. Your elected officials and city staff have been working very hard to maintain a balanced budget, and we are concerned that if one proposition is not successful, that one ballot item could negate our hard work. I am referring to what is known as “**Proposition B**.”

“**Prop B**” is the result of a Missouri Supreme Court decision which invalidated local sales taxes on vehicles purchased out of state. The Missouri Legislature reinstated this tax for cities with local sales taxes (which we have in Clayton) with a caveat. The legislation stipulates that each municipality that charges a sales tax must place on the ballot the question of **retaining the tax** on out-of-state vehicle purchases. If this question is not placed on the ballot, or if it fails by a vote of the people, vehicles purchased out-of-state (ie:

Illinois) will not be subject to local tax when they are registered in Missouri. We estimate that the loss to Clayton would be approximately \$200,000 annually, an amount that would be difficult to recover elsewhere.

I hope you will consider two questions when voting on April 5. Should Missouri and Illinois auto dealers be on the same playing field? And what would the effect be on our city finances if the measure does not pass? Please consider carefully and VOTE April 5.

After some fits and starts it looks like spring has finally arrived. Enjoy the beautiful spring foliage throughout Clayton and especially in our great parks. You can find a wide array of events scheduled for spring and summer at www.claytonmo.gov/events, including the annual Cardinal's Opening Day BBQ lunch in front of City Hall on April 11. Stop by for a free hotdog, popcorn, and rally for our Redbirds. See you there!

Plan Commission/ARB

April 4, April 18, May 2 & May 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

Parks & Recreation Commission

April 4 & May 2 – 7 p.m.

Center of Clayton

Board of Aldermen

April 12, April 26, May 10 & May 24 – 7 p.m.

Council Chamber

Sustainability Advisory Committee

April 28 – 4:30 p.m.

City Hall

CRSWC (Clayton Recreation, Sports and Wellness Commission)

May 20 – 8 a.m.

Center of Clayton

Election Day - April 5

Polling places open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Visit www.govotemissouri.com or call the St. Louis County Election authority at 314-615-1800 to confirm your polling location.

2015 CCF ANNUAL REPORT is available for viewing at:

www.claytonmo.gov/CCF



CLAYTON CENTURY FOUNDATION

enriching our community

By Judy Goodman

The Clayton Heritage Center opens in May at the Center of Clayton with **Clayton, Then & Now**, an exhibit of scenes from Clayton's past. CCF is eager to share its collections as a public resource for all to enjoy.

On Tuesday, May 3, CCF invites you to participate in **Give STL DAY** and donate to worthy nonprofits (us! us!). Sponsored by the St. Louis Community Foundation (our new neighbor at #2 Oak Knoll), more than \$2.1 million was raised last year. Please consider joining with the St. Louis philanthropic community at www.givestlday.org.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 5 for **Picnic in the Park**, a summer celebration in Shaw Park, and experience all of the new and enhanced places funded with support

from CCF. Gather your families, friends and neighbors to enjoy our community's largest (47.47 acres) and oldest (est. 1935) park.

Summer brings Musical Nights in Oak Knoll Park and special experiences at Hanley House. If you have limited time and would like to help out in some way, we would welcome your volunteer energy. Please don't hesitate to ask for more information about opportunities to get involved with CCF.

Learn more at www.claytoncenturyfoundation.com

[CITY UPDATE]



Changes to Mulch Program

What's changing?

The mulch pile and bin have been removed from Shaw Park. The city has contracted with St. Louis Composting to process leaves collected via curbside pickup and deliver mulch to residents for a reasonable cost.

Why the change?

In 2003, the State Department of Natural Resources notified the City that it must address the runoff of leachate from the mulch pile west of the Center of Clayton. A study was conducted to evaluate the feasibility and cost of meeting state requirements. The first option, constructing a bioretention facility in order to control runoff, would cost \$200,000. The second option involved relocating the mulch pile; however, there were no suitable areas in the City capable of accommodating this industrial process. It was determined that a third party could offer the best service to both process and deliver mulch.

What will happen to the mulch pile area next to the Center?

The city will evaluate alternate uses of the site this year.



ST. LOUIS COMPOSTING

To schedule a mulch delivery,
call 636-861-3344

COST
\$80 delivery cost
\$10 per cubic yard of mulch

Orders can be
2 to 16 cubic yards

Coffee with a Cop

Tuesday, April 12
8:30 – 10 a.m.
at the downtown
Starbucks (2 N.
Central)

Join your neighbors and a Clayton Police Officer for coffee and conversation. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about policing, voice concerns, and get to know the officers who keep Clayton safe.

'Coffee with a Cop' will take place quarterly at various locations throughout the City.

For future times and locations, visit:
www.claytonmo.gov/calendar



Prescription Drug Take Back

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Center of Clayton Parking Lot

The Clayton Police Department, in cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be conducting a National Prescription Drug Take Back Event.

Police Officers and DEA Agents will be accepting (with no questions asked) expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for disposal. The focus is to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. All drugs collected will be destroyed under the direction of the DEA.

For more information, contact Corporal Korey Golcynski at 314-290-8424.

Street Sweeping Reminder

The Public Works Department sweeps residential streets on the first full work week of each month. On-street parking restriction signs posted for the street sweeping program are intended to provide the street sweeper access to the gutter to collect typical road dirt and debris. It is not intended for collection of yard waste placed at the curb. Residents are discouraged from placing yard waste and debris into the streets as this blocks the storm water drains and causes flooding.

For more information, visit
claytonmo.gov/streetsweeping



Upcoming Public Works Projects

Public Works will be working on multiple construction projects this year.

- Residential Resurfacing will take place in Clayton Gardens, Country Club Ct./Place, Clayshire, Parkside and Hillcrest (planned to begin in late May).
- Carondelet Plaza will see reconstruction of broken concrete pavement panels, curbs, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

- A number of alleys will be reconstructed in the Central Business District, Davis Place, and Forest Court (planned to begin in May).
- You may also notice sidewalk repairs and roadway crack sealing starting in April.

Further communication will follow for those impacted by these projects and all project updates can be found at www.claytonmo.gov/projects.



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Statement of Accessibility to All Citizens The City of Clayton's goal is to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you would like more information and accessibility support for those with disabilities, please call 314.290.8501(V). Sign language interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.



**CARDINALS
HOME OPENER
LUNCH**

Monday, April 11
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will be serving a free hot dog lunch in front of City Hall on Opening Day. Central Bank of St. Louis will be giving out free sno cones and giveaways!



CLAYTON CRAWL FOR A CAUSE

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 1 to 5 p.m.

Clayton's most prominent restaurants and bars are coming together for Clayton Crawl for a Cause. The city-wide bar crawl brings awareness to 4 local charities: Stray Rescue, JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), Habitat for Humanity, and World Pediatric Project.

**PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS AT**
claytonmo.gov/crawl

Tickets are **\$25 PER PERSON** and include a \$12 donation directly to the charity of your choice, an official t-shirt, shuttle pass to travel safely between bars, and drink specials at participating locations.



MAY MUSICAL MONDAYS
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- May 2 • Fine to Drive
- May 9 • madBeats
- May 16 • Charles Glenn
- May 23 • Fanfare

Grab lunch from one of Clayton's restaurants and relax to free concerts in front of City Hall by great local musicians.



Saturday, May 14

Stop by N. Central Avenue
to kickoff the start of summer

5 to 9 p.m.

Enjoy BBQ food trucks, live music by Queens Blvd., and kid activities including a Cowboy, Fire Entertainer, Hooper and Balloon Artists.