

CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Watch for loitering people and/or vehicles parked nearby that may be occupied with tinted windows. If you see something suspicious or that makes you uncomfortable, draw attention by activating the alarm on your key fob.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area and as close to your destination as possible.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in your car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag or parcels.



- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a police station, mall or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need. Be aware that “skimmers” are sometimes placed on ATM machines, so watch for any unusual attachment to the machine.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Leave a radio or TV on so your house looks and sounds occupied.
- Do not allow displays of holiday gifts to be visible through the windows and doors of your house and beware of “Porch Pirates” who follow delivery services such as UPS and FedEx to steal items left for customers.

Property Accessed Clean Energy Financing

Missouri Clean Energy Program (MO-ESP) now offers a new option, Property Accessed Clean Energy (PACE) for home and business property owners to invest in the efficiency and sustainability

of their properties in St. Louis County. Property owners can now finance improvements like new efficient windows, insulation, heating and air conditioning systems, solar systems and insulation by placing a voluntary special assessment on their property. This special assessment is placed on the County tax bill for the property and can be financed for up to 20 years. For more information, visit www.ygrenetworks.com.



Holiday Tours at Hanley House

The Historic Hanley House will offer special Holiday tours of the museum on the first three Saturdays in December (December 2, 9, 16) from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy hot wassail at the conclusion of the tour and try your hand in completing a traditional Victorian holiday craft. No reservations are required, but regular tour fees apply.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Harold J. Sanger

As the host city to St. Louis County Government, the City of Clayton is responsible for providing First Responder services to County Government facilities in Clayton. Services to those facilities represent one of the top addresses for calls.

Responding to demonstrations that occur in Clayton is also our responsibility. Since the events in Ferguson on August 9, 2014 there have been over 90 demonstrations in Clayton and people have asked why — why so many demonstrations in Clayton? As the center of Government for St. Louis County, Clayton is where people go to lodge their grievances. Whether demonstrating at the Clayton office of a U.S. Senator, or a decision made by the legal system, or just making sure that elected officials hear their voice, Clayton is at the center of it.

We have a three-fold policy regarding demonstrations: First, to protect people who wish to express their rights under the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which reads: *“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”* Second, to protect people and property from harm and destruction. Every effort is made to protect those who demonstrate peaceably, but violence or destruction of property will never be tolerated. And third, to communicate to our residents, businesses and visitors the status of demonstrations in Clayton and the effect they may have on commutes and commerce.

The challenges our region and American society face are complex, layered, deep-rooted, long-standing and highly emotional. Even among our Clayton neighbors, we find widely varying positions and perspectives. Whatever answers are to be had will only come as we first listen and hear each other. Only through collective understanding will lasting progress for the sake of all be achieved.

The Clayton School District took a first step in the “Community Conversation” that they sponsored in October when more than 150 people from all demographics came together to start a conversation about what divides us. Let’s continue that theme with a conversation and respectful listening to understand why people are demonstrating. If we cannot talk about it, we cannot make lasting and substantial progress. The challenge for all of us is to have conversation/listening sessions with our family, co-workers, friends, neighbors and even with people we may not be comfortable around. Let’s create opportunities to listen and share perspective just as our children and parents are courageously doing in our wonderful schools. If we can talk about our thoughts and ideas and deeply listen, maybe, just maybe we can make a difference.



Meetings

Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)

December 3 & January 7 at 4 pm
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

Parks and Recreation Commission

December 7 & January 8 at 7 pm
Center of Clayton

Planning Commission/ Architectural Review Board

December 4, 18 & January 2, 16 at 5:30 pm
City Hall

Ward III Coffee

December 9 & January 13 at 10 am
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

Board of Aldermen

December 12 & January 9, 23 at 7 pm
(Note: Please check the website for the additional December date.) City Hall

Coffee with a Cop

The Clayton Police Department will hold the next Coffee with a Cop in January 2018. Please check the website for updated information.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed Monday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Day holiday. Offices will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 26.

City offices will be closed Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday. Offices will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

City offices will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Offices will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. There will be no changes to waste collection or the Center of Clayton’s hours.

Requirements for position of Alderman

In accordance with the state law and the Charter of the City of Clayton, notice is given that a general municipal election shall be held in the City of Clayton, Missouri on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 for the duly qualified electors of the City to select three Aldermen, one from each ward, for a three-year term of office.

(Charter, Article II, Section 3):

Section 3. An alderman shall be at least twenty-five years of age, a qualified voter of the State of Missouri, and a resident of the City of Clayton for at least two years immediately prior to the election. Aldermen elected by wards shall be residents of the wards from which they are elected. Aldermen shall hold no other remunerative position in the city government during their terms. If an alderman shall cease to be a resident of the City of Clayton or of the ward by which he was elected or shall otherwise cease to possess these qualifications, or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, his office shall immediately become vacant.

Filing for said offices shall open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at which time the City Clerk shall receive Declarations of Candidacy, 10 N. Bemiston Avenue, Clayton, Missouri. Thereafter, declarations will be received by the City Clerk or her designee from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, (excluding holidays when City Hall is officially closed) until filing closes at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed.

For more information, contact City Clerk, June Frazier, at 314.290.8469.

2017-2018 MYAC Group



FROM LEFT: Community Advisor Cheryl Redohl, Sophie Bernstein, Amit Cohen, Lian Anderson, Jake Sher, Eunice Shin, Mayor Harold Sanger, Kyle Miller, Andrew Wang, Gregory Bishop, David Tamsky, Cooper Kennelly, Caroline Thomason, Lauren Praiss. NOT PICTURED: Annie Winings.

Pictured above is the 2017 – 2018 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC). MYAC is a program designed to encourage high school students to become active in the community by participating in local government.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25

- **Monday** routes will be picked up **Tuesday, December 26.**
- **Tuesday** routes will be picked up **Wednesday, December 27.**
- **Thursday** routes will be picked up **Friday, December 29.**
- **Friday** routes will be picked up **Saturday, December 30.**

WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2018

- **Monday** routes will be picked up **Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**
- **Tuesday** routes will be picked up **Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**
- **Thursday** routes will be picked up **Friday, January 5, 2018.**
- **Friday** routes will be picked up **Saturday, January 6, 2018.**

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2018

- **Monday** routes will be picked up **Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**
- **Tuesday** routes will be picked up **Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**
- **Thursday** routes will be picked up **Friday, January 5, 2018.**
- **Friday** routes will be picked up **Saturday, January 6, 2018.**



Connect with us on Nextdoor!

The City of Clayton is now on Nextdoor, a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community.

The Police and Public Works Departments are using the platform to share important information and updates to keep you informed.

Employee Recognition



« **Gary Scheipeter**, Public Works Superintendent, was recently recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) with a Service Appreciation Award for his distinguished public service, commitment and years of outstanding service to the St. Louis Metro Branch of the APWA Missouri Chapter and the public works profession.



« **June Frazier**, City Clerk, was recently designated as a Certified Municipal Clerk designation by the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association. This certification is the pinnacle of certifications for a city clerk and takes years of work to gain.



Public Works Winter Weather Tips

- Park off-street when there are two or more inches of snowfall in the forecast in order to allow snow plows to clear all snow from curb line to curb line.
- If you must park on the street, try to park as close to the curb as possible.
- Shovel your snow to the right side of your driveway (facing the street), so when the plow moves down the street, the pile of snow will not be pushed back onto your driveway.
- When driving, stay back at least fifty feet from the snow plows. Vehicles traveling directly behind the plows may be difficult for the snow plow operator to see.

'TIS THE SEASON...FOR DISCOUNTED PARKING DURING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Did you know that as a resident you can save 50% on parking in Clayton when you use PassportParking? Visit www.claytonmo.gov/parking to learn more.



Christmas Tree Pickup



Christmas trees will be collected at no charge throughout the month of January. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments, and lights. After January, the tree must be cut into pieces shorter than four feet in length, and bundled or containerized for pickup as a regular yard waste pickup. Questions? Call Republic Services at (636)947-5959.

Chapman Plaza Draws Attention and Crowds at its Debut

The culmination of over five years of planning, the new Chapman Plaza and Gardens has completely transformed the northern corner of Shaw Park. On the evening of October 4th, members of the Clayton Century Foundation, the City and the Chapman family gathered alongside residents and their families to celebrate the Plaza's new official debut. After a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, nearly three hundred attendees explored the new space and its amenities, which include a pergola, cascading infinity fountain, waterfall and inviting benches, while enjoying sweet treats and music from the Kara Baldus Trio. Though it only opened recently, Chapman Plaza is already a bustling attraction and popular gathering space. The Plaza was an instant hit with Clayton High School students, who could be found enjoying the sights and taking photos in the area during Homecoming Weekend. This picturesque environment will draw even more visitors from throughout the region to Clayton's treasured park!



Shaw Park Ice Rink Final Season



After 56 years of serving the City, the existing Shaw Park Ice Rink building is heading into its final season of operation. The building has been host to hockey teams, foreign dignitaries and date nights in Clayton for over half a century. To keep these traditions alive, the aging facility will make way for a new multi-use building after serving one last season.

To commemorate the Rink's legacy, the Clayton Parks and Recreation Department has been hard at work planning activities for the final 2017–2018 season. This season will start with a “bang” at the annual Snowman Skate on Friday, December 8. Skaters can enjoy discounted admission, on-ice appearances by a warm-hug loving snowman, and the fanfare of fireworks above Shaw Park. Watch for historical tidbits from the Rink's life on social media throughout the season and stay tuned for a farewell event in early 2018. If you have ever skated at the rink, or have always wanted to, this will be the year that you surely will not want to miss.

The Ice Rink will be demolished in the spring to be replaced with an all-seasons venue that will allow the space to host outdoor recreational activities for the full year instead of only the three coldest months. Funding for the rebuild is coming from the existing Parks and Storm Water tax as well as state and local grants. This sales tax has previously been used to fund renovations to other buildings in Shaw Park such as The Center of Clayton and Shaw Park Aquatic Center. Current renderings, dates and documents for the new building can be found at www.claytonmo.gov/parksprojects along with a list of upcoming public meetings.

Clayton Parks & Recreation Earns Reaccreditation

Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department has once again demonstrated a commitment to providing quality services to residents by earning reaccreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

To be accredited, the Department proved adherence to the standards deemed essential for the quality of services delivered and professionalism of its operational system, as well as best management practices in daily operations. Our Parks & Recreation Department met the required standards and was honored at the National Recreation and Parks Association Congress held in New Orleans, Louisiana in September. Clayton is one of five agencies in Missouri to hold this distinction, one of only two in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, and one of 166 accredited agencies across the United States.



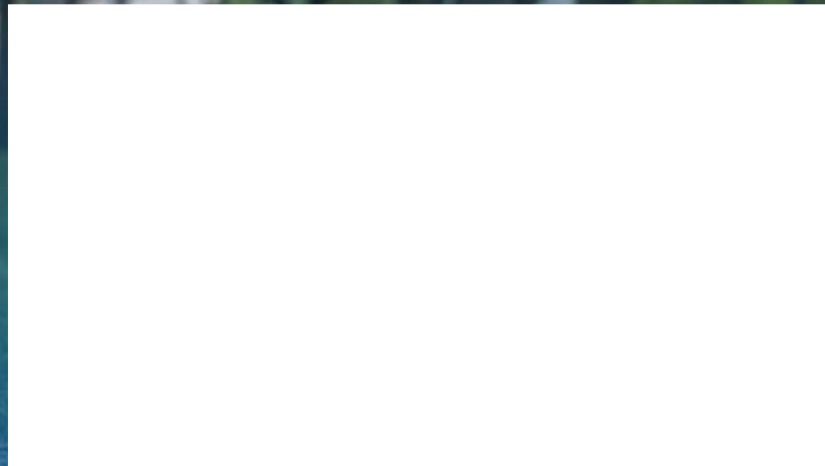
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Statement of Accessibility to All Citizens The City of Clayton’s goal is to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you would like more information and accessibility support for those with disabilities, please call 314.290.8501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

ARE YOU READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

The Clayton Fire Department is in the giving spirit and will continue to collect new, unwrapped toys for our annual Toys for Toys campaign from the three drop off locations: the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Center of Clayton. This year, our toy drive will wrap up with a “Fill the Ambulance” movie night at the Firehouse on December 9th.



*Snowman
 Skate*

KICK OFF WINTER IN STYLE WITH OLAF & SVEN ON DECEMBER 8TH. ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE AND DISCOUNTED \$3 ADMISSION, WHICH INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL.

