

# CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS

## An Opportunity to Come Together

Last month, City leadership had the opportunity to meet with several of the Washington University students who were involved in the July 7 IHOP incident and their parents. This conversation was emotional, powerful and incredibly insightful in helping us learn from their perspectives. The information and feelings so generously shared has provided us with the groundwork necessary to move forward and address their concerns. Above all else, this conversation has inspired us to make positive, impactful changes in our community and surrounding areas.

We recognize the difficult and dangerous job that we ask our Police Officers to perform every day. For this, we are deeply appreciative of all that they devote to ensuring our community is safe. We are extremely grateful for their desire to always improve and grow in the services they provide to our residents, businesses and all visitors of our community. The learning opportunities that have arisen from this incident are no exception. It is challenging, but important, that we bridge the gap between every day procedures and understanding the perspectives of those with whom we interact.

The unintended results of the July 7 incident with our Washington University students have called our community to action and invited us into a space we have not yet formally explored. We will all benefit from meaningful and inclusive conversations about race and our values as a community.

An important educational institution in our community, the School District of Clayton, has already been opening the door to these difficult conversations about race and social equity. This is another example of the next generation challenging us. We embrace and endorse their efforts and we believe, by working together to join the conversations they have already started, we can create more opportunities to build on this important work, including the way we serve everyone in our community.

We are eager to collaborate with the members of our community and region. We hope you will be interested in joining our efforts and to be part of the conversation. To do so, please email [conversations@claytonmo.gov](mailto:conversations@claytonmo.gov).

## EAT, DRINK, GO GREEN!

The Green Dining Alliance (GDA) is a restaurant sustainability certification program. The Green Dining Alliance (GDA) is a restaurant sustainability program of St. Louis Earth Day, a 501c3 non-profit organization, that works with local restaurants to reduce their environmental impact. The GDA completes an on-site audit that evaluates restaurants' areas of operations and sets personalized goals for each member.

The GDA defines a "green" restaurant by emphasizing the following:

- Reducing, recycling, and composting waste
- Operating facilities with efficiency
- Sourcing sustainable food, to-go ware, and cleaning supplies

The City of Clayton currently has nine restaurants and cafés listed as GDA certified. The list includes:

5 Star Burgers • Avenue Restaurant • Clementine's Creamery Crushed Red • Kakao Chocolates • Kaldi's Pastaria • Sardella • Seedz Cafe



To learn more about the GDA, visit [www.greendiningalliance.org](http://www.greendiningalliance.org).



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE Mayor Harold J. Sanger

This is not the article I expected to write for this issue of City Views. My intention was to write words of encouragement for everyone to show up at the polls and vote on August 7, and I hope you do.

When the St. Louis media began reporting on the “dine & dash” event at the Clayton IHOP on July 7, my email inbox quickly filled with opinions from both

residents and non-residents. The opinions ranged from full support to full condemnation of our police and Clayton leadership, and all before the facts were known.

As we go to press, the investigation of the July 7 “IHOP Event” continues. What I know for sure is that we have a highly respected, internationally certified Police Department that does a great job keeping our community safe. They have an incredibly difficult job to do and they do it in an outstanding manner every day. When the investigation has been completed, we will share what we have learned and our plans going forward.

One undisputed fact is that the group of ten 17 & 18 year old African-American teenagers that were stopped on their way to the Metro Station were not the ones responsible for the “dine & dash”. They were incoming freshmen at Washington University attending a pre-first-semester session on the campus and by happenstance, left the IHOP around the same time as the “dashers”.

The investigation will confirm if policies and procedures were followed, but there is more to the story. When interviewed by our Police Chief and the City Manager, it was clear that the students, as innocent bystanders, were shaken by the encounter and by how it unfolded. We have expectations about how services are delivered to the public that goes beyond just policy and procedures. This event will serve as the catalyst for us to have a dialog about uncomfortable topics and how they are dealt with in our city and region, and we welcome that conversation.

I am very sorry for what these new WU students experienced. Every situation and event gives us the opportunity to learn, grow, and build toward a better future. The Board of Aldermen and I are committed to assuring that Clayton is a safe and welcoming city, and that everyone is treated respectfully. And, we hope that these students can go back to their primary focus — being freshmen in college.



## Important Dates

### Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)

August 5 & September 9 at 4 pm  
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

### Parks and Recreation Commission

August 6 & September 10 at 7 pm  
Center of Clayton

### Plan Commission/ARB

August 6, 20 & September 4, 17 at 5:30 pm  
City Hall

### Ward III Coffee

August 11 at 10 am  
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

### Board of Aldermen

August 14, 28 & September 11, 25 at 7 pm  
City Hall

### Java n’ Jive (Ward I Coffee)

September 15 at 9:30 am  
Barrio (740 DeMun)

### Coffee with a Cop

TBD – Please be sure to check the website, Facebook, and Nextdoor for updated information.

## Memorial Holiday Refuse Schedule WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

**Monday routes** will be picked up on  
**Tuesday, September 4.**

**Tuesday routes** will be picked up on  
**Wednesday, September 5.**

**Thursday routes** will be picked up on  
**Friday, September 7.**

**Friday routes** will be picked up on  
**Saturday, September 8.**

### LABOR DAY HOURS

**City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3.** Offices will reopen at 8 am on Tuesday, September 4.

**The Center of Clayton will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, September 3.** No classes or nursery service will be offered that day. Other areas in The Center will have special holiday hours as follows:

**Recreational Swim:** 12 – 4:45 pm  
**Youth Activity Center:** 9 am – 12 pm



# [ CITY UPDATE ]

## Citizens' Police Academy

The Clayton Police Department will again host its Citizens' Police Academy. The nine-week program begins in September and concludes in November and gives citizens a thorough look at how our police officers serve our community. The course provides residents with a great opportunity to interact with many of our officers. If you would like to know more about the Clayton Police Citizens' Academy, please contact Corporal Corey Golcynski at (314) 290-8424 or via email at [kgolcynski@claytonmo.gov](mailto:kgolcynski@claytonmo.gov).



## New Exhibit Announced at the Clayton Heritage Center

The Clayton Heritage Center is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibit, *School Days in Clayton*. Curated and sponsored by the Clayton Century Foundation (CCF), the exhibit showcases experiences of K-12 students at public and private schools located in the City of Clayton. From Wilson to Taylor, Crispus Attucks to Clayton High, you will see photos, artifacts, memories and stories reflecting a variety of ages and areas, including academics, arts, sports and the social scene.

Located in the lobby of the Center of Clayton, the exhibit opens with a reception and special panel discussion about education led by Clayton's own Charlie Brennan. Please join CCF on Wednesday, September 26 at the Clayton Heritage Center. Enjoy the exhibit opening at 6 PM, followed by a lively presentation at 7 PM. This event is free and open to the public.



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## Board of Aldermen to Consider Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

During the first week of July, City Manager Craig Owens proposed the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the City of Clayton to the Board of Aldermen. The proposed budget includes a one year operating budget plus two additional planning years for all funds as well as a five year Capital Improvement Plan. As proposed, the budget achieves a balanced General Fund budget, continuing this achievement from the prior years. The budget is guided by the principles of maintaining high service levels, responsiveness to the needs of residents and businesses, preservation of long-term financial stability through sound fiscal management, and well-planned capital investment to preserve infrastructure and public facilities.



The proposed budget is available for review online at [www.claytonmo.gov/budget](http://www.claytonmo.gov/budget).

Residents are invited to attend the August 28 Board of Aldermen meeting where the budget will be considered, and a public hearing will be held.

## Shaw Park Ice Rink Returns this Winter

Outdoor ice skating has been a tradition in Clayton for nearly 60 years, and this year the tradition will continue. Though it was initially slated to be closed, Shaw Park Ice Rink will be open this winter for another regular season of skating, hockey and family fun. The Rink was originally scheduled to close for reconstruction this past spring. Due to a lack of responsive bids, the project has been delayed at least one season to revise the design which is expected to go back out to bid once edits are complete. More details about the project can be found at [www.claytonmo.gov/parksprojects](http://www.claytonmo.gov/parksprojects). Join your friends and neighbors for another nostalgic season at the Rink this winter.





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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) 290-8507(V). Sign language interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.

<b>CLAYTON KIDS TRIATHLON</b> Sunday, Aug. 12	<b>MUSICAL NIGHTS</b> Sunday, Aug. 26 • Sunday, Sept. 23	<b>SAINT LOUIS ART FAIR</b> Sept. 7-9 • <a href="http://www.saintlouisartfair.com">www.saintlouisartfair.com</a>
 SWIM   BIKE   RUN		
		
<b>HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION</b> Saturday, Sept. 29	<b>CLAYTON'S BREWS AND BLUES FESTIVAL</b> Sunday, Aug. 19 from 1-5 pm	<b>SECOND SATURDAYS IN DEMUN</b> Saturdays, Aug. 11 • Sept. 8 • Oct. 13