

# CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS

## Center of Clayton Renovation Update

Renovation plans for The Center of Clayton will come to life in the coming year after the official approval this past May by the Clayton Recreation, Sports and Wellness Commission. The project is the result of three years of public input to address the changing needs of the students and members as well as address key mechanical systems that are in need of an update.

Visitors will begin to notice some of the incredible changes in June with the demolition of the front area that currently houses the Youth Activity Center. This space will eventually expand to house administrative offices on the first floor, which will free up space next to the pool for a party room. On the second-floor, exercisers will enjoy a new floor to ceiling window-view while using the cardio area. Fresh surfaces will revitalize the rubber floored gyms and track, and swimmers will enjoy fully updated pool surfaces, play feature and decks. Additionally, each area of the building will get a facelift with fresh furnishings, paint and fixtures. Each upgrade has been selected with members and students in mind and with an eye to improving the building's energy conservation. The project is fully funded through the capital improvement budgets of the building's parent organizations, the City of Clayton and the School District of Clayton with a \$5.3 million pledge from each.



Several closures and service alterations are expected throughout the one-year project. For a project timeline and the latest updates, visit [www.centerofclayton.com](http://www.centerofclayton.com).

## Clayton Police Department Announces Creation of Multi-Jurisdictional Drone Unit

The Clayton Police Department has been working diligently to create an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/Drone) Unit. The Department currently has two pilots certified through the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Department hosted a training in March, which was attended by 40 police officers from around the St Louis area. The Richmond Heights Police Department will be joining the Clayton UAS/Drone Unit to form one of the first multi-jurisdictional drone units in the region.

The newly purchased drone, along with pilots from Clayton and Richmond Heights Police Departments, will be on display at a community engagement event at the Center of Clayton. Pilots will conduct a short demonstration on the capabilities of the drone as well as answer any questions from residents. The date and more details of the event will be announced in the coming weeks. Please be sure to visit [www.claytonmo.gov](http://www.claytonmo.gov) for more details.

## Dog Park Collaboration Now Open

The new Norm West Dog Park in Brentwood is open! This new amenity was made possible by a collaboration between the cities of Clayton and Brentwood and generous support from Clayton Dog Park members. Because of this collaborative effort, Clayton residents and past Dog Park members qualify for resident memberships to Brentwood's dog parks during the MSD project in Anderson Park. For more details about the parks and memberships, visit [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).

Contractors for MSD have begun excavation at Anderson Park to construct the shaft that will be used to extract a tunnel boring machine. Blasting is expected to begin in the next few weeks, and the park will remain closed until it is restored by MSD in 2021.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Mayor Michelle Harris

Dear Clayton Neighbors,

I officially began my new role as Clayton Mayor on April 23, 2019. I am honored and humbled to assume this position, and I am inspired every day by the passion and dedication of our engaged citizenry. Our shared vision for this community focuses on maintaining and enhancing a high quality of life as an asset for the entire region.

From desirable amenities, thriving small businesses and corporations, educational institutions and places of worship, to beautiful and historic neighborhoods — this mix of attributes didn't just happen. It is the culmination of more than 100 years of decision-making and visionary leadership by former elected officials and city staff. Every administration builds on the work and accomplishments of those before them. I know I have many big shoes to fill!

The Clayton community embodies the goals of many local governments. We are an elected mayor/council — city manager model, and as such, all daily operations are run by non-partisan, paid professionals. This structure combines the efficiency of trained and apolitical, professional staff with the representative leadership of elected citizens to guide the direction and policy that works best for our city.

Because of our size of approximately 16,000 residents and our daytime population of 46,000 during working hours, citizens not only have easy access to their elected officials and staff, but also have a significant role in shaping our community as it continues to evolve. Please know my door is always open, and I look forward to hearing from you!

The St. Louis Region currently faces important challenges and opportunities. Clayton, as the seat of St. Louis County Government, has been and will continue to be a voice in what the future holds for the metro area. You have my commitment and that of the entire board to educate, evaluate and act to help the region move forward in a way that is positive for all of us.

Kindest regards,

Michelle Harris  
Mayor

## Vacation Home Check

Are you planning a vacation this summer? The Clayton Police Department's Vacation Check Program is designed to enhance peace of mind to our residents while they are away from home for extended periods of time. The Police Department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away.



Please contact the Clayton Police Department three days prior to your departure at (314)290-8403 or East Central Dispatch Center at (314)645-3000.



## Meetings

### Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)

July 7 at 4 pm  
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

### Parks and Recreation Commission

June 3 & July 8 at 7 pm  
Center of Clayton

### Planning Commission/ARB

June 3, 17 & July 1, 15 at 5:30 pm  
City Hall

### Ward III Coffee

June 8 at 10 am  
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

### Board of Aldermen

June 11, 25 & July 9, 23 at 7 pm  
City Hall

### Java n' Jive (Ward I Coffee)

Due to travel and scheduling issues, there will be no formal Java & Jive until September. However, please contact Ward I Aldermen Joanne Boulton and Richard Lintz to schedule a personal coffee or afternoon wine. Visit [www.claytonmo.gov](http://www.claytonmo.gov) for their contact information.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

City offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Offices will reopen at 8 am on Monday, July 8.

### CENTER OF CLAYTON HOURS

The Center of Clayton will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. No classes, youth activity center, or nursery services will be offered that day. The indoor pool will have special holiday hours from 12 pm to 4:45 pm.

### SHAW PARK AQUATIC CENTER HOURS

The Shaw Park Aquatic Center will be open from 10 am to 8 pm on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

**Monday routes** will not be affected.

**Tuesday routes** will not be affected.

**Thursday routes** will be picked up on **Friday, July 5.**

**Friday routes** will be picked up on **Saturday, July 6.**

## Ward III Message

### Tasteful Additions

Clayton has long been known for its dynamic restaurant scene. There are over 90 restaurants in Clayton's 2½ square miles. We hope you're hungry! There are options available for every taste, budget, and type of dining experience.



**Mark Winings**



**Bridget McAndrew**

Many of Clayton's restaurants are long-time fixtures, and some are legends. We all have our favorites, but the scene is always changing, and several new restaurants have opened in the past several months or are slated to open soon.

- **Copia Clayton (7822 Bonhomme)** – named after the Roman goddess of abundance, Copia serves award-winning food and wine.
- **Kingside Diner (8025 Bonhomme)** – offering a new take on American classic meals, Kingside dinner lets you enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner with a great view of Shaw Park! Every Thursday through Saturday, Kingside Diner After Dark is open through midnight for visitors to enjoy delicious food and happy hour specials.
- **IL Palato (222 S. Bemiston)** – a Michel Del Pietro restaurant, this new establishment offers an array of Italian cuisine for both lunch and dinner.
- **Tropical Smoothie Café (159 Carondelet Plaza)** – offers delicious and healthy real-fruit smoothies, bowls, flatbreads, and sandwiches.
- **Akar (7641 Wydown)** – offering Asian Fusion inspired soups, salads, and sandwiches, Akar will bring a unique taste to Clayton.
- **Charred Crust (105 S. Meramec)** – chefs from well-loved restaurant SCAPE are opening a new and exciting pizza restaurant just steps from Shaw Park. It will be an easy walk from the pool this summer!
- **Lemon Shark Poké (25 N. Central)** – named after the Lemon Shark that only consumes the best fish possible, Lemonshark will swim into Clayton with only the finest ingredients.

We hope you'll give these new places a try this summer. You never know, you might find another favorite, or another legend in the making!

### Special Election to be Held for Ward II Alderman

Following the election of Mayor Harris in April, the second aldermanic seat for Ward II was vacated. The City will be hosting a special election for Ward II residents on Tuesday, August 6. Polling places will open at 6 am and close at 7 pm. Visit [www.govotemissouri.com](http://www.govotemissouri.com) or call the St. Louis County Election Authority at (314)615-1800 to confirm your polling location. For filing and candidate information, please call (314)290-8469.



## Grill Safely this Summer

When done improperly, grilling can be dangerous. Between 2012 and 2016, an average of 16,600 patients went to emergency rooms each year because of injuries involving grills. Gas grills caused an average of 7,900 home fires each year and charcoal or other solid-fueled grills caused 1,300 home fires each year.

Follow these tips to grill safely this summer:

- Only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors.
- Place grills away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

## Upcoming Public Works Projects



Public Works will be working on multiple construction projects this year including:

- Brentwood Boulevard Resurfacing Project is expected to go out to bid this month with construction following this summer.
- Multiple smaller sidewalk and ADA improvement projects at various locations throughout the City are currently underway
- Rack sealing of roadways west of Hanley began in early May and should be complete in June, weather permitting.
- Alley upgrades will take place in Hillcrest beginning in May, weather permitting. The City has executed a contract to Lamke Trenching and Excavating to perform this work. Residents should soon be receiving a letter to notify them of the work.
- Davis Place, Hunter, S. Gay, and Shaw Park Drive will be microsurfaced this summer. In accordance with ADA guidelines, non-compliant curb ramps will be reconstructed along the route. The City has executed a contract with Byrne & Jones to perform this work. Residents should soon be receiving a letter to notify them of the work.

Further communication will follow for those impacted by these projects. The best source for project information and updates throughout the projects is [www.claytonmo.gov/projects](http://www.claytonmo.gov/projects).



## County Continues Clayton Road Resurfacing

Repaving for St. Louis County's Clayton Road Project has already started and should be completed by end of summer 2019. For more information, please contact the St. Louis County Department of Transportation at (314)615-2559.



## Clayton Community Foundation

After more than 10 years of success as the Clayton Century Foundation (CCF), CCF is changing their name to reflect that *community* is at the heart of all they do.



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## 50% OFF hourly parking for Clayton residents

(only valid when using the PassportParking Mobile Pay App)

Residents must apply and be approved through the City's permit website. Proof of residency is required.

Visit [www.claytonmo.gov/residentparking](http://www.claytonmo.gov/residentparking) for more info!

# [ CITY UPDATE ]



## Seedz Cafe: Serving Up Fantastic Plant Based Cuisine

Nestled in the Demun neighborhood, **Seedz Cafe** with its rustic barnwood, light filled, atmosphere evokes a feeling of comfort for its diners. The menu features smoked beet and black bean burger, deli style rubens, raw pad thai and pizzas made from local, organic stone milled flour, as well as a refreshing array of juices and smoothies.

**Seedz Cafe** was just recognized for having the most delicious healthy desserts and baked goods, including the famous Raw Vegan Cheezcake.

Seedz Provisions, the counterpart to **Seedz Cafe**, serves wood roasted coffee, flower elixirs and tea lattes, including an assortment of fresh baked cookies, muffins and donuts. Be sure to put them on your list.

### Seedz Cafe

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[www.seedzcafe.com](http://www.seedzcafe.com)



To support our local businesses, the City will be featuring a different Clayton business in each City Views newsletter. If your business is interested in being featured, please visit [www.claytonmo.gov/businesshighlights](http://www.claytonmo.gov/businesshighlights) for more information.

## Fiscal Year 2018 in Review



From playgrounds and roads to responding to your calls during your greatest times of need, the City of Clayton provides a diverse range of services to our residents. Therefore, it is our responsibility to provide each resident with information about the values, impacts, costs, and outcomes of our services.

We compare our performance over time to ensure we are delivering exceptional services both efficiently and effectively.

Our performance is reported in our Annual Report. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Report is now available on our website at [www.claytonmo.gov/annualreport](http://www.claytonmo.gov/annualreport).

Additionally, the City prepares an audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) each year that provides detailed information about the City's financial position. The CAFR is prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We've summarized and simplified the financial information presented in the CAFR through our Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Both the PAFR and CAFR for FY 2018 are available on our website at [www.claytonmo.gov/financialreports](http://www.claytonmo.gov/financialreports).

## Shaw Park All-Season Complex Redesign

Chiodini Architects has been selected to create a new design for the Shaw Park All-Season Recreational Complex that will replace the aging Shaw Park Ice Rink. The project had previously stalled last summer after construction estimates far exceeded the available funds. The new firm brings a fresh perspective, innovative construction methods and ice rink experience

that are all expected to produce a facility that fits within the established budget.

The architects will present their progress and seek public comments at Parks and Recreation Commission meetings throughout the summer. Meetings are held at The Center of Clayton on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm and

will include June 3, July 8, and August 5. Please join the conversation to help create the best possible facility for the Clayton community.

The Ice Rink is scheduled to be demolished this fall with no skating season this winter. The new facility is anticipated to open for the ice-skating season in late 2020.



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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.



**MUSICAL NIGHTS**  
*at Oak Knoll Park*  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

JUNE 23 | Pennsylvania Slim  
 JULY 28 | Janet Evra  
 AUG. 25 | Musicology  
 SEPT. 22 | Ruby & the Gents



**PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
**Sunday, June 2, 4-8 pm**

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Join us under the canopy of Shaw Park for live music, food trucks, family entertainment and more!

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[www.claytonmo.gov/picnic](http://www.claytonmo.gov/picnic)



**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
 Cardonelet Plaza  
 5 to 10 pm



**THURSDAY, JULY 4**  
 Shaw Park Aquatic Center  
 1 to 4 pm