

CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS

Clayton Community Engagement Report Available

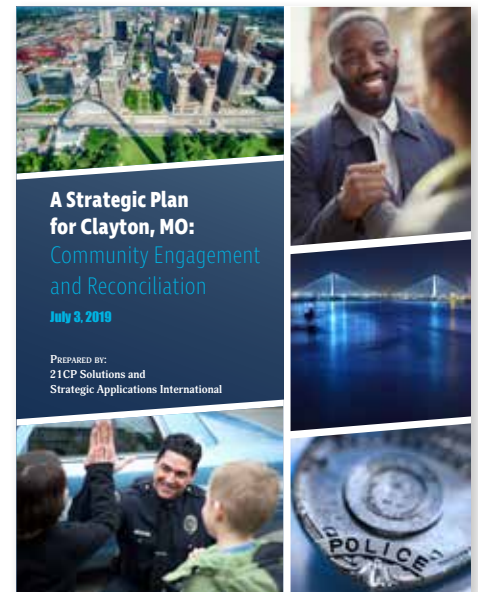
Thank you to the residents and community members who participated in our public engagement process, which began in October 2018 to continue important conversations regarding race and equity in our community and how these relate to all services the City provides. 21st Century Policing Solutions (21CPS) and their partner Strategic Applications International (SAI) led this process for us. The City chose 21CPS and SAI based on their diverse team of experts, some of whom served on President Obama's 21st Century Task Force on Policing. Both have extensive experience working with diverse communities dealing with complex issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and worked diligently to deliver a plan that was specifically designed for our community.

Approximately 112 people participated in the community discussions led by SAI and 21CPS over the past few months. Just under 80% of participants were Clayton residents, with about half of those self-identifying as homeowners. In early July, we received the final report from 21CPS and SAI outlining their findings and recommendations, which can be found at www.claytonmo.gov/engagementreport.

The recommendations in the plan build on inclusivity and bring key stakeholder groups together to help design a community driven action plan through strategic engagement and constructive feedback.

While some of the recommendations in the report are items the City has already completed as part of prior initiatives or is in the process of implementing, we will continue to work toward achieving the goals and objectives identified to help enhance communication and create an organizational framework to promote racial inclusion and community trust.

We will continue learning from each other and make our City stronger for future generations.



**A Strategic Plan
for Clayton, MO:
Community Engagement
and Reconciliation**
July 3, 2019

PREPARED BY:
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Update on Public Works Projects

DAVIS PLACE/HUNTER/SHAW PARK DRIVE MICROSURFACING – Contractors, Byrne and Jones, will be replacing curb ramps, which are noncompliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and applying a thin microsurface wearing surface over the existing pavement. Work on the curb ramps is planned to begin late July and will take approximately 3-4 months. The work will be coordinated to eliminate or minimize disruptions to schools.

BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD RESURFACING – Final easements have been acquired and the project is out to bid. Once a contractor is selected a schedule will be developed and shared. The project includes replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps, traffic and pedestrian signal modifications, and mill/overlay of Brentwood (from Forsyth to Clayton). Concrete work will take place first and while we hope to complete all phases this year, weather may dictate that paving take place early next spring.

The best source for project information and updates throughout the projects is www.claytonmo.gov/projects.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Michelle Harris



The need for community collaboration has never been greater. Engaging everyone to work together truly energizes me, and I believe the effort will help Clayton to be an even stronger place to live, work and visit.

- In considering the future of the St. Louis region, Clayton has a pivotal role and has been collaborating with several groups to envision how we can become a more collective, productive region. As you may be aware, the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis has undertaken a petition drive to establish the “Board of Freeholders/Electors”, which will ensure that potential changes in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County governments will be decided by local voters. The City of Clayton supports a local vote for any changes to the local government structure.
- We recently received and released the report from 21st Century Policing Solutions, which followed a community engagement process. It aimed to engage the public to help develop a plan for strengthening diversity and evaluating implementation strategies. The goal is to invest in social equity by addressing differing community views and speaking in a transparent and valuable way to citizens, businesses and the region.
- We are also busy conducting a national search for a new city manager, as Craig Owens has moved on to a larger community near family and old friends. Please know that our city staff is effectively teaming to provide seamless quality service during this transition.

Clearly, there are multiple complex initiatives underway. I am reminded of the unity created by our Stanley Cup Champions, the St. Louis Blues. In the words of Coach Berube, the single most important factor for success was “getting these guys playing for each other on a nightly basis.” Let’s play for each other and make that the standard for our region!

Special Election to be Held for Ward II Alderman

In accordance with the City’s Charter, Article II, Section 5, the City will be holding a special election for Ward II residents on Tuesday, August 6 to complete a vacated term expiring in 2020. Polling places will open at 6 am and close at 7 pm. The candidate for Ward II Alderman is Susan Bradley Buse. Visit www.govotemissouri.com or call the St. Louis County Election Authority at (314)615-1800 to confirm your polling location.



City Manager Community Input Survey

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen would like your input on the most important traits and top priorities for our next City Manager. All responses will be confidential. The survey will be used during the recruitment process and will be shared with the Board and those who interview for the position.

The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and will close on Monday, August 12. The survey can be found at www.claytonmo.gov/citymanagersurvey.

Thank you in advance for your time and feedback!



Meetings

Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)

August 4 & September 8 at 4 pm
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

Parks and Recreation Commission

August 5 & September 9 at 7 pm
Center of Clayton

Planning Commission/ARB

August 5, 19 & September 3, 16 at 5:30 pm
City Hall

Ward III Coffee

August 10 & September 14 at 10 am
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

Board of Aldermen

August 13, 27 & September 10, 24 at 7 pm
City Hall

Ward I Coffee

Saturday, September 14*

* Location and time TBD. Please be sure to check www.claytonmo.gov for the most updated information.

Coffee with a Cop

Please check www.claytonmo.gov calendar for August and September dates.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Monday routes will be picked up **Tuesday, September 3.**

Tuesday routes will be picked up **Wednesday, September 4.**

Thursday routes will be picked up **Friday, September 6.**

Friday routes will be picked up **Saturday, September 7.**

LABOR DAY HOURS

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2. Offices will reopen at 8 am on Tuesday, September 3.

The Center of Clayton will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday, September 2.

No classes or nursery service will be offered that day. Please note that all pools at The Center of Clayton are currently closed for resurfacing.



twigs & MOSS: Bringing nature's beauty to your home decor!

You may have seen those “balls of lights” in front of houses all over St. Louis ... those grapevine twig spheres covered with lights are from twigs & MOSS, a shop in Clayton.

One only needs to drive by the shop (located on Clayton Road), see the display window and be tempted to come in and see the magic they create using “twigs and moss.”

Owner Resito Pecson opened twigs & MOSS in 2002 to share his love for retail and design. A gift, home and floral shop specializing in dried, preserved and artificial arrangements, twigs & MOSS, welcomes all even if only to browse.



Now that you know where the “balls of lights” are from, also know that in September they are on sale!

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[facebook.com/twigsandmoss](https://www.facebook.com/twigsandmoss)

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 for more information.

Passport Parking App for iOS



The Passport Parking app is updated and now available for all iOS users. Passport Parking end-users should have the new Passport Parking app updated on their device, whether an Android or Apple product. This app update will deliver a better end-user experience while still providing a quick and convenient way to park in Clayton.

For more information about the Passport Parking app, visit www.claytonmo.gov/passportparking.

Board of Aldermen to Consider Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

During mid-July, Interim City Manager Janet Watson proposed the Fiscal Year 2020 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 operating budget predicts a small deficit in 2020. Despite this forecasted deficit, General Fund reserves will remain healthy at 59% of annual expenditures. The capital budget includes several large projects such as the replacement of the ice rink with an all-season recreation facility, the resurfacing of Brentwood Boulevard and Maryland Avenue, and the completion of The Center of Clayton renovations. 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.

Residents are invited to attend the August 27 Board of Aldermen meeting where the budget will be considered, and a public hearing will be held.



Citizens' Police Academy

The Clayton Police Department will again host its Citizens' Police Academy this fall. The eight-week program will begin in September and conclude in November. Through discussion and hands on training, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the many ways our police officers serve our community. The program provides residents with the ability to interact with many of our officers and provides an opportunity for communication and collaboration within the community. If you would like more information about the Clayton Police Department's Citizens Academy, please contact Corporal Jenny Schwartz at (314)290-8424 or via email at jschwartz@claytonmo.gov.

Fire Prevention Week

The Clayton Fire Department and their beloved mascot, Blaze, will be visiting the schools again this year for Fire Prevention Week October 6-14. Teaming with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and departments around the country, the theme for this year is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape."

Be sure to speak with your children about the importance of establishing and practicing a home fire safety plan including establishing a meeting place and knowing two ways out of every room. We also want to emphasize the importance of taking the alarms seriously and exiting the building immediately if the alarm sounds.



Camp Fury

On June 25, 2019, the City of Clayton Fire Department hosted the young women of Camp Fury. Camp Fury is a 6-day camp that allows members of the Girl Scouts to train alongside of female first responders and be mentored by remarkable women who are breaking down barriers and stereotypes in what has traditionally been male dominated fields. The young women ate lunch with members of the crew and learned about what daily life is like at the firehouse. The Clayton Fire Department is proud to play an active part in encouraging these young women to pursue a rewarding career in public safety and look forward to working with them as peers in the future.

[CITY UPDATE]

Center of Clayton Renovations Underway

The expansion at The Center of Clayton is now underway. Crews began demolition of the front section of the building in July to make way for an expanded fitness center and a new party room adjacent to the pool. The pools inside The Center, as well as some of the gym courts and locker rooms, are currently closed for renovations including new surfaces, lighting and paint. The project will continue through the beginning of 2020 with most major closures completed this fall. Complete details about the project are available at www.claytonmo.gov/centerreno.



Help Shape the New Shaw Park Facility

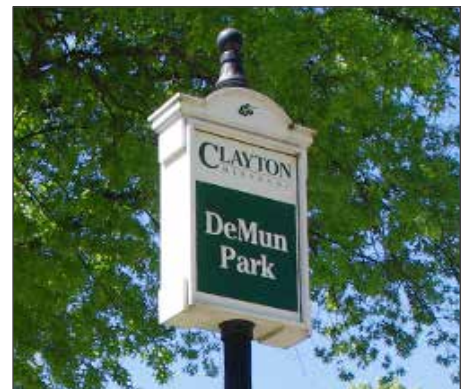
The creation of the new plan for the Shaw Park All-Season Recreational Complex that will replace the aging Shaw Park Ice Rink is nearing the design phase. Architects have spent the summer working with staff and residents to narrow the focus of the facility's site plan and layout. Residents are encouraged to attend the next Parks and Recreation Commission meetings on August 5 and September 9 at 7 pm at The Center of Clayton to see the latest designs and 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. Additional information is available at www.claytonmo.gov/rink.



DeMun Park Now Open

New playgrounds and play features at DeMun Park are now ready to greet energetic youngsters! The park renovation is nearing completion and all general play areas are now open. A new comfort station is still under construction and is expected to be completed this fall. Visit the City's website or social media pages this fall for details about the grand opening celebration!



Planning Our Newest Park

The City of Clayton has purchased the land at 7811 Maryland Avenue to create the city's 12th park. The plot is directly next to St. Louis County Library's Mid-County Branch and was previously owned by the neighboring church. Plans for the park will be discussed at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, August 5 at 7 pm at The Center of Clayton.



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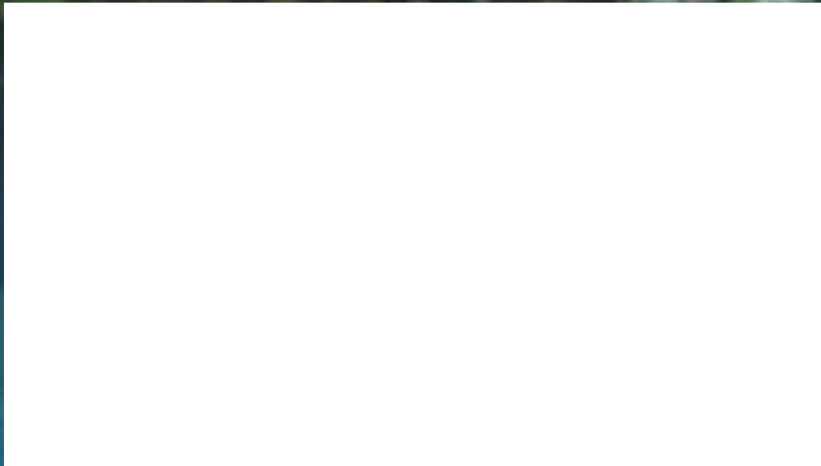
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Statement of Accessibility to All Citizens The City of Clayton's goal is to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you would like more information and accessibility support for those with disabilities, please call (314)290-8501(V). Sign language interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.

CLAYTON KID'S TRIATHLON



**SUNDAY,
 AUG. 11**
 Shaw Park
 8 to 10 am

SWIM | BIKE | RUN

MUSICAL NIGHTS

SUNDAYS AUG. 25 & SEPT. 22



Oak Knoll Park 5 pm

BREWS, BLUES + BBQ FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY,
 AUG. 31**
 Downtown
 Clayton
 12 to 5 pm

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SEPTEMBER 6-8



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