



CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS

Clayton Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Clayton received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the FY 2019 budget document. This is the 12th consecutive year for this award and recognizes the City's high-quality budget document and compliance with best practices in budgeting.



ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:
This issue's cover photo, photographed by long-time Clayton visitor David A. Charles (@314dc_charles), features a peaceful and snow blanketed Shaw Park from one of last year's many snowfalls. Thank you for sharing your beautiful photo with us, David!

Clayton Police & Fire Department Launch New Social Media Pages

In October, the Clayton Police and Fire Departments launched new Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Their new pages are great resources to learn about community programs, safety tips, and the latest happenings in each department. Be sure to connect with them on social media!

CLAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

 Clayton Missouri Police Department  @ClaytonMOPD  @claytonmopd

CLAYTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

 City of Clayton Fire Department  @Clayton_fd_32  @claytonfd32

Pools Open at The Center

The indoor pools are now open and better than ever at The Center of Clayton! The Center's pools and locker rooms now boast fresh tile, refurbished surfaces and brighter energy efficient lighting. With each pool open, the focus now turns to the expansion of the front of the building which, once complete, will include second-floor window views for cardio equipment users as well as a new childcare center and Subway restaurant on the first floor. The final phases are expected to be completed next summer culminating in the 20th anniversary celebration.

Funding Sought for New Shaw Park Facility

The new Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Center has been conceptually designed both with and without a cover over the playing surface. The original open-sky version was designed to fit within existing budget streams and in a footprint like the past facility. This design would allow use of the playing area during much of the year, but activities would continue to be adversely affected by weather including rain, snow and extreme heat. With the urging of some residents and the Board of Aldermen, an option was created that would cover the playing surface to increase usability throughout the year. This additional structure would cost an estimated four-million dollars beyond the current revenue streams. To close the gap, the Clayton Community Foundation is seeking private funding from local business leaders for the cover. Additional renderings are available online at www.claytonmo.gov/rink. The rink will not open this season as demolition of the existing building moves forward. The new facility is estimated to open in late 2020 or early 2021.





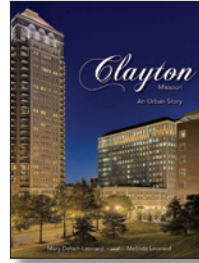
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Michelle Harris

Friends,

As I prepare my last City Views communication for 2019, I am reflecting on the significance of the start of a new decade ahead. Since the city of Clayton's incorporation in 1913, so much has changed over 106 years that it's almost unbelievable.

Clayton was a simple rural outpost with small frame buildings, dirt roads, and plank sidewalks — with all business focused around the St. Louis County Courthouse as the new seat of county government. Each decade brought change and a new way of life for what was to become a burgeoning community. Over time, with both incremental steps and some giant leaps, Clayton developed to be the leading metropolitan area and education hub we know today [See Clayton, Missouri: An Urban Story for our community's history].



We can only imagine how astonished early residents would be to see our charming neighborhoods, landscaped parks, inviting playgrounds, vibrant downtown, multiple thriving business areas, and top-ranked educational institutions.

Our reasoned growth and willingness to take progressive risks, enables the city to maintain a balanced budget, unparalleled city services, and a nationally-ranked school district. This unique and hard-earned economic balance also supports beautiful neighborhoods, public safety, well-maintained streets, and desirable amenities, including our coveted rear-yard trash pickup.

On behalf of Clayton city staff and elected officials, I am excited and committed to enter 2020 and keep our community on track to continue to exceed expectations.

Wishing you all the best,
Mayor Michelle Harris

DeMun Park Grand Opening

Neighborhood residents, elected officials and local entrepreneurs came together on September 28, 2019 to celebrate the grand reopening of DeMun Park after a summer of renovations. While the playgrounds were renewed as part of the standard replacement cycle, the project was enhanced through a master plan process to include a family restroom, umbrella with misting head, and fresh pathways within the park. Led by the Clayton Community Foundation, local donors sprang into action to cover the additional costs that this ambitious project would have. Dozens of local residents and area businesses donated to the cause to bring this project to life. To celebrate these accomplishments, the Grand Reopening event included donated treats from Clementine's Creamery and Kaldi's Coffee, as well as giveaways and raffle items provided through the Clayton Community Foundation. A short dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting was conducted by Clayton Parks and Recreation Director Patty DeForrest, Alderman Rich Lintz, and Clayton Community Foundation President Sarah Melinger. Visit the DeMun neighborhood to see how the strong neighborhood support has transformed this local treasure!



Meetings

Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)

December 1 & January 12 at 4 pm
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

Parks and Recreation Commission

December 2 & January 9 at 7 pm
Center of Clayton

Plan Commission/ARB

December 2, 16 & January 6, 21 at 5:30 pm
City Hall

Ward III Coffee

December 14 & January 11 at 10 am
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

Board of Aldermen

December 10, 17 & January 14, 28 at 7 pm
City Hall

Ward I Coffee

January 18
Location and time TBD. Please be sure to check www.claytonmo.gov for the most updated information.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25

Monday routes will not be affected

Tuesday routes will not be affected

Thursday routes will be picked up **Friday, Dec. 27**

Friday routes will be picked up **Saturday, Dec. 28**

WEEK OF JANUARY 1

Monday routes will not be affected

Tuesday routes will not be affected

Thursday routes will be picked up **Friday, Jan. 3**

Friday routes will be picked up **Saturday, Jan. 4**

HOLIDAY WEEKEND HOURS

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25. Offices will reopen at 8 am on Thursday, December 26.

The Center of Clayton will close at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 24 and remain closed through Wednesday, December 25. The Center of Clayton will resume regular business hours on Thursday, December 26.

The Center of Clayton will close at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 31 and will reopen on Thursday, January 1 at 12 pm to 5 pm.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. Offices will reopen at 8 am on Thursday, January 2.

No programs or nursery service will be held these days.

Winter & Holiday Safety tips

Fire Safety



- ❖ Read the manufacturer's instruction manual for the number of light strands to connect.
- ❖ The top 3 days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- ❖ Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.

- ❖ Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source. If using a space heater, place it on a steady surface and make sure to turn it off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- ❖ 1 of every 32 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.
- ❖ Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

- ❖ Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.
- ❖ Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby building.



Have questions or concerns?



For fire safety programs, fire codes, or general questions related to the operations of the City of Clayton Fire Department, please contact **Public Information Officer Ryan Harrell** at (314)290-8485.

General Safety

- ❖ Remove all valuables from your vehicles.
- ❖ Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle.
- ❖ Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, park in a well-lit area and as close to your destination as possible.

- ❖ If leaving for an extended holiday vacation, call the Clayton Police Department to schedule a vacation check at (314) 290-8403.
- ❖ Make sure a trusted neighbor knows your destination & return information. Have them retrieve your mail and deliveries.
- ❖ Do not allow displays of holiday gifts to be visible through the windows and doors of your house.
- ❖ Lock your doors & arm security systems even when you are home.



- ❖ Keep an eye on bank statements & report fraudulent activity.
- ❖ Only use secure websites when shopping online.
- ❖ Do not provide any payment information over the phone or by email.



- ❖ Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. Lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.



Have questions or concerns?

For questions or concerns about personal safety and the tips above, please contact Public Information Officer **Cpl. Jenny Schwartz** at (314)290-8424.



Fall Leaf Collection

Listed are the weeks and days of collection for each street & subdivision in Clayton.

If scheduled collection day is on a holiday, streets will be cleaned the day before of the following non-holiday work day.

SUBDIVISION	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	WEEKS OF
Bemiston Subdivision (Old Town)	Mondays	Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6
Carrswold Subdivision	Fridays	Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 3
Claverach Park Subdivision	Wednesdays	Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8
Clayshire Subdivision	Wednesdays	Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8
Clayshire Ridge Subdivision	Wednesdays	Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8
Clayton Gardens Subdivision	Mondays	Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13
Country Club Court	Mondays	Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13
Davis Place Subdivision	Wednesdays	Dec. 11 & 26, Jan. 15
DeMun / Hi-Pointe Subdivision*	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Dec. 3, 5, 17 & 19, Jan. 2 & 7
E. Brentmoor Subdivision	Thursdays	Dec. 12 & 27, Jan. 9
Ellenwood Subdivision	Tuesdays	Dec. 10 & 24, Jan. 14
Forest Court*	Mondays & Fridays	Dec. 2, 6, 16 & 20, Jan. 3 & 6
Forest Ridge Subdivision	Thursdays	Dec. 12 & 27, Jan. 9
Forsyth (6300/6400 Blks)	Thursdays	Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 2
Hanley Place Subdivision (7500/7600 Blks Westmoreland)	Tuesdays	Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7
Hillcrest Subdivision	Tuesdays	Dec. 10 & 24, Jan. 14
Maryland Terrace Subdivision (7400 Blk Maryland)	Tuesdays	Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7
Moorlands Subdivision (7400 Blk)	Mondays	Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6
Moorlands Subdivision* (7500 Blk)	Mondays & Fridays	Dec. 2, 6, 16 & 20, Jan. 3 & 6
Northmoor Subdivision (Bland Ave.)	Tuesdays	Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7

SUBDIVISION	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	WEEKS OF
Parkside Subdivision (10 Blks Brighton & Topton Way)	Tuesdays	Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7
Polo Subdivision	Mondays	Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13
Shirley Drive (7700 Blk)	Mondays	Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13
Skinker Heights Subdivision	Tuesdays	Dec. 10 & 24, Jan. 14
Southmoor Subdivision	Wednesdays	Dec. 11 & 26, Jan. 15
Stratford (8100 Blk)	Tuesdays	Dec. 10 & 24, Jan. 14
Tuscany Park Subdivision	Tuesdays	Dec. 10 & 24, Jan. 14
W. Brentmoor Subdivision	Thursdays	Dec. 12 & 27, Jan. 9
Walinca Terrace (7700 Blk)	Mondays	Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13
Wenneker & Louwen Drives	Wednesdays	Dec. 4 & 18, Jan. 8
Wydown Forest Subdivision	Thursdays	Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 2
Wydown Terrace Subdivision	Tuesdays	Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7

REMINDER: Please be sure to obey the street sweeping signs on the scheduled leaf collection day.

*Denotes restricted parking for street cleaning. **Denotes a week with a holiday — pickup will be delayed to the following non-holiday work day.

Christmas Tree Collection

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.



[CITY UPDATE]

2020 Municipal Election Information

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 7, 2020 for the duly qualified electors of the City to select three Aldermen, one from each ward, for a three-year term of office.



Requirements for position of Alderman (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 his 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 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 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 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday, (excluding holidays when City Hall is officially closed) until filing closes at 5 pm, Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are led.

For more information, please contact City Clerk June Frazier at (314)290-8469.

Help Keep our Neighborhoods Clean!

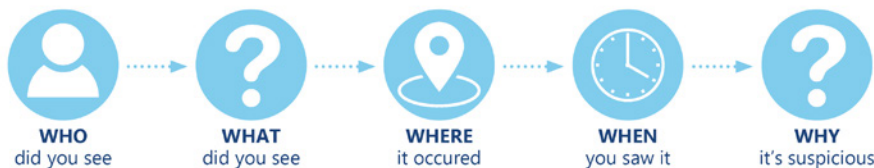
When walking your pet, please remember to use a bag or scooper to clean up your pet's waste and dispose of it in a nearby trash receptacle.



REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

USING THE "5 W'S" TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

FOCUS ON THE OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS AND SITUATIONS



IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1.



Community safety is a shared responsibility. Our community is safer when you're engaged and alert. Reporting suspicious activity immediately can help police prevent or interrupt crime. Please remember that appearance and/or unfamiliarity alone are not indicators of suspicious activity. For tips on how to recognize and report suspicious activity, please visit:

www.claytonmo.gov/reportactivity

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 directly behind the plows may be difficult for the snow plow operator to see.





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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.

GAME NIGHT IN THE CITY



December 17 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm
 at John P. Field's

January 21 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm
 at J. McGraugh's Bar & Grill

www.claytonmo.gov/gamenight

SIP SERIES: CHAMPAGNE CAMP



January 11
 Join us for an intimate and educational evening sampling a variety of champagne at Clayton's Bemiston Cocktail Lounge!

www.claytonmo.gov/sipseries

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOVIE NIGHT



January 25 at 6 pm
How to Train you Dragon: The Hidden World

February 22nd at 6 pm
Ralph Breaks the Internet

March 21st at 6 pm
The Secret Lives of Pets

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