

CITY OF CLAYTON CITY VIEWS



Clayton Appoints New City Manager, David Gipson

The Clayton Board of Aldermen has appointed David Gipson to serve as City Manager, effective February 3, 2020.

Gipson has substantial experience in public service and professional city management. He served most recently as City Administrator for the City of Wentzville, Missouri since 2016, where he led a full- and part-time staff of nearly 500 employees. Prior to this he served as Assistant City Manager in the City of Richmond Heights and other positions in the City of St. Charles. He earned a Master's degree in Public Policy Administration at University of Missouri – St. Louis, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Planning from Missouri State University. Mr. Gipson's prior experience as a professional city planner will be particularly beneficial to the city in regard to redevelopment and the upcoming comprehensive planning process.



“I am honored that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have entrusted me to serve as Clayton's next city manager,” incoming City Manager Gipson said. “Clayton is a unique community with engaged residents, flourishing neighborhoods, a thriving business sector and a substantial public sector as the seat of St. Louis County Government. I look forward to joining the community and working with the City's elected officials, management team and staff to deliver high quality services.”

The City initiated a national executive search in mid-2019 to identify the City's next city manager. After receiving numerous nationwide applications, the Board of Aldermen spent significant time reviewing applications and performing interviews prior to selecting Gipson. As City Manager, he will lead a professional staff of nearly 400 full- and part-time employees, all working to provide world-class public services for Clayton's 16,000 residents and daytime population of 47,000.

“As a new mayor, I'm looking forward to working with David as our new City Manager,” said Mayor Michelle Harris. “Together with the Board of Aldermen, our outstanding staff and the people of Clayton, David will help lead us into a new decade. With this critical leadership role in place, we can continue the work of creating the community we want for the future.”

David and his wife, Kerry, will reside in Clayton with their 3 children.

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO:

This issue's cover photo features a lovely morning view on Wydown Boulevard. Wydown is considered one of the area's most scenic running and biking streets. Connecting Forest Park to downtown Clayton, runners and bikers enjoy views of luscious green trees and landscape alongside some of Clayton's most beautiful homes.

FBI National Academy

On Friday, December 20, Lt. Al Thuet of the Clayton PD graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. The FBINA is a leadership training program that began in 1935



with the purpose of increasing standardization and professionalism in law enforcement. Today, the 10-week program trains 220 officers each quarter of the year, including 20 officers from foreign countries. Only eight officers from Eastern Missouri are selected for the FBINA each year, so it's an honor for Lt. Thuet to be chosen for this program. Lt. Thuet received training on leadership concepts, media relations, health and wellness, and emerging technologies.

The FBINA experience was capped off with the tradition of running the Yellow Brick Road. The Yellow Brick Road is a 6.1-mile obstacle course/run on Marine Corps Base Quantico. Lt. Thuet received a yellow brick with his FBINA session number to commemorate the achievement.

For more information on the FBINA, please visit www.fbi.gov/services/training-academy/national-academy

Congratulations Lt. Thuet!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Michelle Harris

We recently welcomed a new decade and recognized the dramatic changes that have taken place since our city's incorporation. Going forward, I plan to continue to emphasize Clayton's mission and core tenets: strong leadership, prolonged growth, desirable amenities, and sustainable health.

An important part of our vision is to work collaboratively with all area partners to accomplish our goals as well as to address priority needs of our region. We aim to be both a contributor and leader in discussion and action toward regionalism, sustainability and equity.

Currently, there is momentum across the region to better understand and improve equity and diversity. We do believe that communities are enriched by diversity, and to do more to achieve that, we have established a new Clayton Equity Commission. Its purpose is to identify strategies to assist the city in promoting equity across a broad spectrum of race, religion, gender, and disability, and in developing actionable recommendations that can be used to strengthen policies, practices, services and programs.

It is of note that the Clayton Equity Commission will hold its first meeting at City Hall in February, Black History month. We all have much to learn and understand, and working together, I believe that we can do more and better.

What makes a strong community? Many different things, but most certainly, it is a place where a diversity of people want to be.

A New Decade with CCF

The Clayton Community Foundation (CCF) enters the new decade with exciting news! **Becky Patel**, a Program Manager at General Dynamics, will serve as the next president after many years of commitment to the organization. We are so grateful for Sarah Melinger's past leadership in this role. CCF is pleased to announce **Alex C. Elmestad** as the first Foundation Administrator, after 10 years of success at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis. His tremendous expertise and experience align perfectly with CCF's mission. CCF welcomes new board members: **Wendi Alper-Pressman, Debbie Chase, Brian Edwards, Angela Flotken, Richard Ryffel, Rebecca Thorn, Jennifer Volk, Helen Ziercher**. In 2020, CCF aims for a courageous goal to increase community engagement and connection to Clayton's assets by ten-fold.



Meetings

Sunday at Starbucks (Ward II Coffee)
February 1, & March 7 at 4 pm
Starbucks (7645 Wydown)

Parks and Recreation Commission
February 3 & March 2 at 7 pm
Center of Clayton

Plan Commission/ARB
February 3, 18 & March 2, 16 at 5:30 pm
City Hall

Ward III Coffee
February 8 at 10 am
Starbucks (2 N. Central)

Board of Aldermen
February 11, 25 & March 10, 24 at 7 pm
City Hall

Ward I Coffee
March 14
Location and time TBD. Please be sure to check www.claytonmo.gov for the most updated information.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. Offices will reopen at 8 am on Tuesday, February 18. There will be no changes to waste collection or the Center of Clayton's hours.

Brentwood Boulevard Resurfacing Project

The Brentwood Blvd. Resurfacing construction contract has been awarded to Pace Construction and work is expected to begin by March on the ADA accessible curb ramps. Paving operations will take place in the spring/summer and likely take place afterhours due to minimize impacts to traffic.



[CITY UPDATE]

Ward II Message

Dear neighbors/friends,

We write this just after the Holiday Swirl. We are using this time of transition to express our appreciation for our community and to look forward to the challenge and opportunity that comes with our City's position as a pivotal inner ring suburb.



Ira Berkowitz



Susan Buse

Looking Back: We ended 2019 hearing from many of you, in and beyond Ward II. One of the last proposals on year-end Board agendas was development of the City parking lot located at Wydown and Hanley. Conversations were difficult, yet they resulted in bringing sharper focus to our City, and to our Ward II neighborhood values and priorities.

Looking Forward: This Spring the Board will begin work on the City's Comprehensive Plan. The goal of the plan will be to capture both shared and unique attributes of our neighborhoods and districts, so that we can protect and build on what we value to move the City forward with vibrancy and livability. We will continue to rely on you to help us create the right vision for our future.

As we launch into this new decade, we also want to mention the Board's establishment of Clayton's Equity Commission. The Commission will support the City's ongoing equity efforts by enabling increased focus and depth as it brings in the voices of Ward residents and City partners. As stated in the enabling Ordinance, the purpose of the Commission is "promoting and enhancing equity, diversity and inclusion in our government, neighborhoods and workplaces and the quality of life throughout the City." We have received an outpouring of enthusiasm and offers to contribute time, learning and wisdom to this work, and we are thankful.

We saw much change in the last 10 years, and we look forward to continued progress responsive to our community needs over the next 10 years. As your alderpersons, we understand how critical it is to balance growth with preservation of who we are. Thank you for being invested and for keeping us, your alderpersons, informed, committed and inspired as we work together to move our City through this new decade.

Maryland Park Moves Forward

Final conceptual designs for Clayton's newest park at 7811 Maryland Avenue have been created by the landscape architects at SWT Design. Plans include a bike station near the new bike lane, a small water feature, seating and plenty of plants to create a relaxing oasis from the bustle of downtown. Partial funding for construction has been secured by the Clayton Community Foundation (CCF) through a \$50,000 grant from the Opus Foundation. CCF is seeking additional funding to bring this project to life in 2020. Donation information is available at www.claytoncommunityfoundation.org or by calling Alex Elmestad at (314)290-8533. The park is expected to break ground this year and be completed in 2021 in conjunction with the repaving of Maryland Avenue.



SPRING LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

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

MONDAYS (APRIL 6 & 13)

- Bemiston Subdivision (Old Town)
- Bland Avenue
- Country Club Court
- Forest Court*
- Moorlands Subdivision 7400 blks.
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- Parkside Subdivision (Brighton & Topton 10 blks.)
- Polo Subdivision
- Shirley Drive 7700 blk.
- Walinca Terrace 7700 blk.

TUESDAYS (APRIL 7 & 14)

- Clayton Gardens Subdivision
- DeMun / Hi-Pointe Subdivision*
- Ellenwood Subdivision
- Hanley Place Subdivision (Westmoreland & Maryland 7500 & 7600 blks.)
- Hillcrest Subdivision
- Maryland Terrace Subdivision (Maryland 7400 blk.)
- Skinker Heights Subdivision
- Wydown Terrace Subdivision

WEDNESDAYS (APRIL 8 & 15)

- Carrswold Subdivision
- Claverach Park Subdivision
- Clayshire Ridge Subdivision
- Clayshire Subdivision
- West Brentmoor Subdivision

THURSDAYS (APRIL 9 & 16)

- DeMun / Hi-Pointe Subdivision*
- East Brentmoor Subdivision
- Forest Ridge Subdivision
- Forsyth 6300 & 6400 blk.
- Southmoor Subdivision
- Tuscany Park Subdivision
- Wydown Forest Subdivision

FRIDAYS (APRIL 10 & 17)

- Davis Place Subdivision
- Forest Court*
- Moorlands Subdivision 7500 blks.*

*Denotes signed time restrictions.



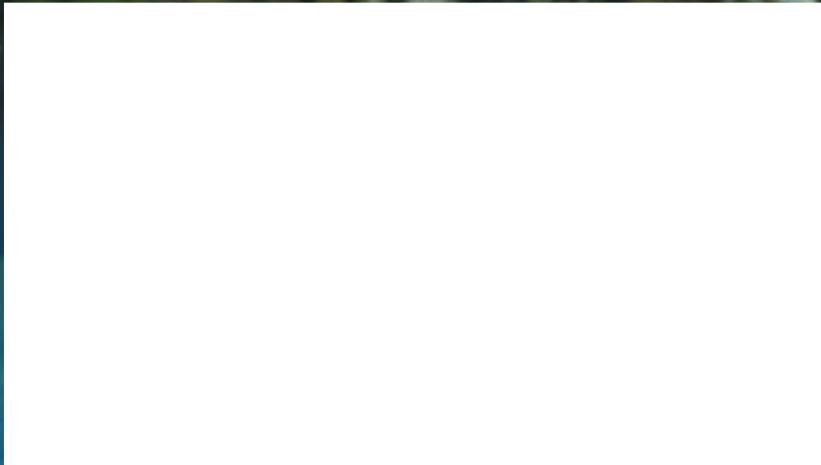
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Statement of Accessibility to All Citizens The City of Clayton's goal is to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you would like more information and accessibility support for those with disabilities, please call 314.290.8501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

CUPID'S BALL



February 10 • Ritz-Carlton Hotel
 Call (314)290-8500 to register today!

GAME NIGHT SERIES



February 18 at 4:30 pm, TBD
 March 17 at 4:30 pm, JP Fields

FIREHOUSE MOVIE NIGHT



February 22 at 6 pm
RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

March 21 at 6 pm
THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2

City Hall – Fire Station

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



March 13, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm
 March 14, 7:30 am – 2 pm
**SHAW PARK SOUTH
 PARKING LOT**

Businesses and residents may dispose of computers, printers, phones, pagers, fax machines, small appliances, copy machines, and metal items. Everything that plugs into a wall or runs off a battery will be accepted. Fees will apply to CRT monitors, televisions and Freon-containing items.

CARDINALS HOME OPENER LUNCH



April 2 at 11:30 am
City Hall – Fire Station

BUNNY HOP



April 4 at 10 am
Shaw Park – Enterprise Holdings Pavilion