



# CITY VIEWS

## The New I-64

Construction to rebuild I-64 between Spoeede Road and Kingshighway Boulevard began in March 2007. In January 2008, all lanes of I-64 between Ballas Road and I-170 closed in both directions. Recently, The New I-64 reconstruction project team announced that this section of the reconstruction project will open by year's end.

In January 2009, all lanes of I-64 east from I-170 to Kingshighway will be closed; the portion of Hanley Road over I-64 will also be closed. In July 2008, the Missouri Department of Transportation, Gateway Constructors and St. Louis County agreed to add improvements to the Hanley and Eager intersection to the I-64 reconstruction contract. Making these improvements part of the I-64 project reduces the disruptions to motorists and cuts the cost for this additional work in half.

Upon completion, drivers on Hanley and Eager will be allowed to travel in either direction through the intersection. The original design for the Hanley and Eager intersection would have restricted traffic to a right turn in and right turn out of Eager at Hanley. St. Louis County will pay Gateway Constructors an additional \$4.6 million to complete the work. To facilitate travel during this eight-month period, I-64 will be open from I-170 west. Eager Road will be opened to northbound I-170. A northbound and a southbound lane of Hanley Road will be connected directly to Eager Road to allow traffic to flow from Hanley to Eager to the I-170 ramps.

Details about road closures are available online, visit [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us) and [www.thenewi64.org](http://www.thenewi64.org)

Big Bend Boulevard will close on June 1, 2009, or sooner if the work on Hanley Road is completed early. However, work on Big Bend must begin by June 1, in order to complete the roadway work beneath it on schedule. The New I-64 project group reports that there is a possibility that Hanley and Big Bend will be closed at the same time for a period of about two to three months (June through August). The contractor will attempt to complete the Hanley Road work as soon as possible, but an overlap is likely for at least some period of time.

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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN CLAYTON

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Clayton's Police Department cars are sporting a new look.

"New Packaging . . . same GREAT Service"

Police Chief Tom Byrne





Mayor Linda Goldstein

The City of Clayton is a very special place, and we have so much to be proud of.

Clayton is home to an extraordinary retail and restaurant community that is vital to the maintenance of Clayton's outstanding quality of life. The array of award-winning restaurants and charming boutiques play a significant role in the city's ability to attract businesses, corporate tenants and visitors.

The major corporations that choose a Clayton business address help to maintain our robust economy and balance the tax burden between residential and commercial.

Businesses thrive here, because Clayton is safe. Residents feel secure, and visitors are comfortable shopping and dining here any time of day or night. Our Police and Fire Departments do an outstanding job of protecting our community. We are not only proud of this community asset, but thankful for it.

Clayton is unique because it is able to maintain a strong financial footing, while the rest of the country and world face dire economic challenges. This was confirmed recently when our Finance Department conducted an in-depth review of the city's financial circumstances. Using the worse case scenario, it appears that the city is in exceptionally good shape. Because the city is not overly dependent on property tax and the tax burden is relatively balanced, Clayton is in better shape financially than many other municipalities and private entities.

We are excited about the formation of the Century Foundation, a non-profit fundraising umbrella for community-based groups. The Foundation's mission is to promote and support quality of life initiatives that the city is unable to include in its annual operating budget. The planning committee headed by Aldermen Judy Goodman and Michelle Harris, did an outstanding job of researching the process of establishing a public-private fundraising entity. They have recruited a group of accomplished individuals to serve on the Board of Directors, who met for the first time in November. The group is now in full operation, and we are looking forward to hearing about its progress.

The city's year-round special events calendar is second to none. We encourage you to help us celebrate the holiday season at the All that Glitters event on December 5. I recommend taking a carriage ride around our beautifully decorated downtown for a real holiday experience.

City staff, the Board and I extend our best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

### Meeting Packets Available Online

One of the city's main priorities is to keep citizens well informed. To this end, the city recently implemented a process that makes meeting packet material available to the entire community at the same time it is being provided to Boards and Commission members.

Meeting agendas, minutes and supplemental attachments to Board of Aldermen and Plan Commission/Architectural Review Board meeting packets are now posted on the city's website [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us). Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Packet information is available by clicking [Meeting Agendas & Minutes](#) in the left menu bar on the HOME page.

### December Meeting Schedule

The following list contains all regularly scheduled public meetings of the City of Clayton. Meetings may be added, canceled or rescheduled, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as the need arises.

- Dec. 1 Plan Commission/ARB  
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 1 Parks & Recreation  
The Center - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Board of Adjustment  
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Art Commission  
City Hall - 6 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Plan Commission/ARB  
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Ecology & Environ.  
City Hall - 5 p.m.
- Dec. 19 C.R.S.W.C.  
The Center - 8 a.m.
- Dec. 23 Board of Aldermen  
City Hall - 7 p.m.

## News from Ward I



Alderman Judy Goodman

Fall 2008 was an exceptional time in Clayton, featuring spectacular resort weather and garnering international attention. The well-orchestrated October 2nd Vice-presidential debate at Washington University acquainted hundreds of visitors and millions of viewers with our city.

The city's efforts to augment attractive and pedestrian-friendly qualities in our community continue. The city, in partnership with Washington University, Fontbonne University, and the Clayton School District, installed an underground watering system in the median of Wydown Boulevard east of Big Bend. This will help to nourish vegetation and protect the city's landscaping investment during the summer's dry months.



Alderman Andrea Maddox-Dallas

Major intersections in the CBD and throughout the city now have brick cross walks with white striping, countdown heads and improved curb ramps. Most of the funding for this \$1.4 million project was provided by a federal street enhancement grant, with a 20% match from the city. These clearly marked walks are helpful to pedestrians, especially to those with disabilities and to children walking to and from school. They also serve as an extra alert for drivers. We hope to see more people out on foot, enjoying our neighborhoods and businesses.

Winter promises a number of festivities in the city. We encourage everyone to sample the local flavor of our many fine restaurants and specialty shops. We wish you all a happy holiday season!

Alderman Judy R. Goodman

Alderman Andrea Maddox-Dallas

## Century Foundation

The citizens of Clayton are leading the way toward supporting our city's role as a leader in enriching the region. The mission of the newly formed not-for-profit, Clayton Century Foundation (CCF), is to promote and support quality of life initiatives that coordinate with the city's Master Plan. As the non-profit fundraising umbrella for community-based groups, CCF currently includes:

- Clayton Parks Foundation
- Clayton History Society
- Clayton Arts Commission
- Friends of the Historic Hanley House

Through inspiration, leadership and investment, the organization aims to fortify the community fabric for future generations and create a premier cultural and business destination for the region.

The Clayton Century Foundation's vision extends well into the future. However, it is currently focusing on preparing for the city's Centennial Celebration in 2013. For information about how to get involved, please contact Sarah Umlauf at 226.9893, Judy Goodman at 795.8264 or Michelle Harris at 740.1335.

## April 2009 Municipal Election

On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, the City of Clayton will hold an election for the purpose of filling one Aldermanic position in each of the three Wards.

Persons interested in running for Alderman are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy form with the City Clerk at Clayton City Hall, 10 N. Bemiston Avenue. A filing fee of \$50.00 is due at the time of candidacy declaration. The first filing date for the April election is December 16, 2008 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The last day for filing will be January 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates for the position of Alderman must be at least 25 years of age, be a registered voter and have lived in the City of Clayton two years prior to the election date.

Those candidates who file a declaration will be placed on the ballot in the order declarations are received. For more information, contact June Waters, City Clerk at 314.290.8469.

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In keeping with the reconstruction project contract, all lanes of I-64 and I-170 will reopen by December 31, 2009.

For a map showing details of the work that will be done during the closure of the east section of the reconstruction project, click "East section map" on the HOME page of the city's website [www.ci.clayton.mo.us](http://www.ci.clayton.mo.us). For details on the Hanley Road work, click "Hanley Road closure."

## Public Works Director Takes Another Position



Paul Wojciechowski

On October 8, 2008, Clayton City Manager Craig Owens announced the resignation of Public Works Director Paul Wojciechowski, effective October 28, 2008. Mr. Wojciechowski has accepted a position with CH2MHill, a consulting firm in St. Louis.

Before being appointed the city's Public Works Director in January 2005, Mr. Wojciechowski worked for twenty years as a transportation professional in a number of capacities, including a highway designer, district traffic engineer and director of planning for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

"I cherish my time in the city," said Mr. Wojciechowski, "and enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Clayton community."

During his tenure with the city, his department made significant enhancements to pedestrian and bicycling accommodations and ADA accessibility throughout the city. He also led many of the city's "green" initiatives such as purchase of hybrid vehicles for the city's fleet. In 2007, Mr. Wojciechowski received the Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award from East-West Gateway. "Paul made significant contributions to the community's quality of life, and he will be missed," said City Manager Craig Owens.

John Wulf, Assistant Public Works Director, will serve as the Acting Public Works Director while the city searches for a new director.

## Clayton Salutes . . . Marguerite Garrick

Marguerite Garrick moved to Clayton with her parents during the 1960s. After college she moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a conservation lobbyist. After 25 years there, she moved back to Clayton in 2000 with her husband Robert and daughters Priscilla and Amanda. Her daughters have attended Clayton schools, and Mrs. Garrick has been involved with Clayton School District PTO organizations for several years.

She serves on the St. Louis Zoo Association Board and on the Wild Canid Survival and Research Center Board, which was founded by her parents, Marlin and Carol Perkins. In 2004, she initiated and co-chaired the first BioBlitz (a 24-hour biological inventory) of Forest Park.



Marguerite Garrick and daughter Amanda

Mrs. Garrick co-chairs the Family Center Nature Trail Restoration Project with Lori Geismar Ryan. She is working with representatives from the School District, Clayton Parks & Recreation Department, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and The Gateway Cooperative Weed Management Area on the removal of invasive plants. A short grass prairie has been established in the area cleared of Bush Honeysuckle. Native Missouri plants and trees have been planted, and children at the Family Center planted mixed prairie flower seeds. The goal is to create a healthy native Missouri prairie and nature trail - a living laboratory for Clayton students to enjoy and to learn from.

"It is important to leave the world a little more beautiful than you found it," said Mrs. Garrick, "and that is what I hope to do."

## Family Center Nature Trail

Volunteers from the School District of Clayton, Clayton's Parks & Recreation Department and the Clayton community



The Nature Trail Committee has resumed its work on restoring the nature trail on the grounds near the Clayton Family Center. The restoration program is made possible through grants that include a \$10,000 TRIM grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and a \$10,000 grant from the MDC Community Conservation Department. The committee also applied for a \$15,000 MDC Community Stewardship Grant. Work will continue on replacing invasive plants with native prairie plants and flowers.

## Fire Department Staff Receives Recognition

At the October 19 Greater St. Louis Area Fire Chiefs Association 2008 Awards luncheon, Clayton Fire Department staff members were honored for bravery and great personal risk in the line of duty demonstrated during the response to the Maplewood Shooting Incident on July 21, 2008.

- Fire Chief Mark Thorp, Fire/Medical Officer Michael Dorn and Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Harrell received the Certificate of Merit Award and Unit Citations for Bravery.
- Fire Captain Michael James, Firefighter/Paramedic Dave Casey and Firefighter Robert Watkins received the Medal of Bravery Award and Unit Citations for Bravery.
- Battalion Chief Diann Straatmann received a Silver Medal of Valor, Certificate of Merit and Unit Citation for Bravery.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Theodore Destatte received the Exemplary Service Award and Unit Citation for Bravery.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Zinanni received the Exemplary Service Award and Unit Citation for Bravery.

The Silver Medal of Valor received by Battalion Chief Straatmann is the second highest award presented by the Fire Service and is in recognition of acts of extreme personal risk and unusual individual effort.

The Clayton Fire Department also received the 2007 Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI). This award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contribute to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. Clayton's Fire Department qualified for the award when it recorded no fire deaths in structures during 2007 and was one of 745 departments in the country to receive the award in 2007. The RFSI advocates the use of fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire-safe education. The group initiated the award in 1999, and Clayton has qualified to receive it every year.



Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Zinanni, Fire Chief Mark Thorp, Battalion Fire Chief Diann Straatmann, Firefighter/Paramedic David Casey, Fire Captain Mike James, Firefighter/Paramedic Ted Destatte, Firefighter/Paramedic/Medical Officer T. Michael Dorn, Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Harrell, Firefighter Robert Watkins, Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Hildebrandt received the Unit Citation from The Greater St. Louis Area Fire Chief's Association

## Finance Department . . .

Twenty-one years of award-winning financial standards

Clayton's Finance Department received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2007. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. To qualify for the Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily read and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report with contents that conform to program standards, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. Clayton has received the Certificate of Achievement award for the last twenty-one consecutive years (fiscal years ended 1987-2007). The Finance Department staff is to be commended for the 2008 Certificate of Achievement and its ongoing outstanding performance.

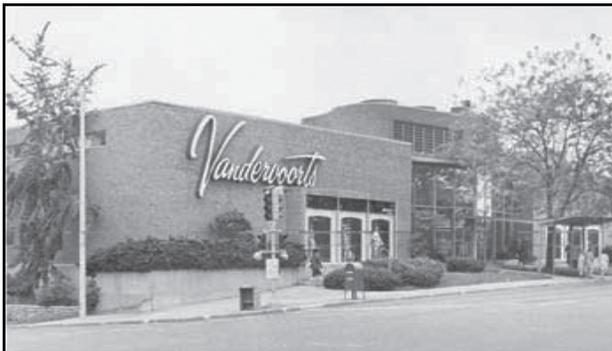


Finance Director Don Yucuis

## Two Clayton Landmarks Make Way for New Development

### 7700 FORSYTH

On March 23, 1950, Scruggs Vandervoort Barney announced plans to build a new store in Clayton. As part of the company's centennial year events, Frank M. Mayfield, president of Scruggs Vandervoort Barney, Inc., introduced the first suburban branch of Scruggs Vandervoort Barney in Clayton. The \$1.5 million building was constructed at Hanley Road and Forsyth Boulevard; the company celebrated its grand opening on September 21, 1951. The project included free customer parking at the south end of the building and a restaurant, Forsyth Corner, on the upper mezzanine. The Clayton branch of Scruggs Vandervoort Barney closed in 1967.



Source: Mercantile Library Collection

In the years to follow, the building was home to Dolgins, a Best store and Service Merchandise before Terry and Allen Mittelman moved their bookstore from 30 N. Brentwood into a portion of the space available at the 7700 Forsyth location. Eventually, the Mittelmans acquired ownership of the entire building and established their business, Library, Ltd., which operated as the mega-bookstore of the area until Border's took it over in 2001. Border's closed the Clayton bookstore location about a year later.



The building remained vacant until Centene purchased it in 2004 to provide additional office place for its employees. This spring, Centene presented plans to expand its world headquarters in the half-block area bounded by Forsyth Boulevard, Hanley Road and Carondelet Avenue. In September 2008, Clayton's Board of Aldermen approved Phase I of Centene Plaza, Centene's \$200 million mixed-use development. In October 2008, the developer started the demolition of the familiar brick building at the southwest corner of Forsyth and Hanley, where a 21-story office tower will be constructed. Plans also include a nine-story office building at Carondelet and Hanley, a landscaped plaza area and parking facility.

### 7630 FORSYTH

The Shady Oak has been around for several generations of Claytonians and stirs memories and nostalgia. It started as an airdome shaded by oak trees, thus giving the airdome its name. An indoor theater opened next to the now long-gone airdome on May 3, 1933 at 7630 Forsyth Boulevard. The theater was part of



of the Arthur Theatre chain, until it was taken over by the Wehrenberg Theatre chain. For many years the Arthur Chain operated the Shady Oak as an art theater but when the Wehrenberg chain took over, first run movies were shown until it closed in 2000.

Although the Colonial-style brick front facade gives the appearance of a one story building, the theater auditorium and balcony create two stories.

Property owner Solon Gershman Properties razed the Shady Oak to make way for a garage that will provide parking for retail businesses in the area.

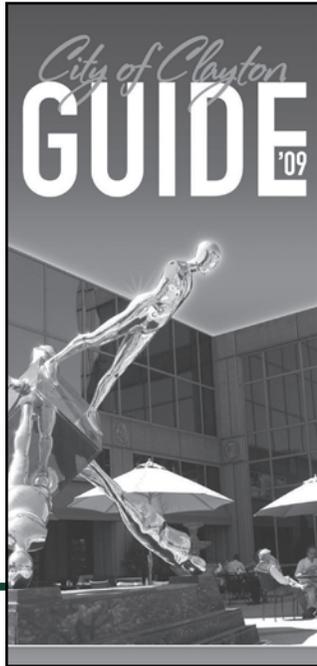


The Shady Oak marquee has been salvaged and put into storage with the hope that eventually the sign will be refurbished and displayed.

## Shop Clayton for the Holidays

From apparel to wine, from jewelry to interior design, Clayton boutiques are brimming with holiday gift-giving ideas.

What would be more perfect for members of your staff or for cousins, aunts and uncles than a gift certificate from a favorite restaurant or boutique.



You'll find addresses, phone numbers, days and hours for all of Clayton's hotels, restaurants, shops, boutiques and personal services in the enclosed 2009 Clayton Retail Guide.

For additional free copies of the Retail Guide, call Judy Kekich at 314.290.8473 or email your name and address to [jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us](mailto:jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us)

## Best in St. Louis

In a recent issue of the *Riverfront Times (RFT)*, several Clayton businesses were selected as the Best in St. Louis by *RFT* writers and staff. Included in this year's "What I Like Best about St. Louis" list are:

- Shaw Park Tennis Center - Best Tennis Courts for providing an urban backdrop unlike any other in St. Louis
- Concordia Park- Best Picnic Spot for its Tuesday night carillon recital on the grounds
- Northwest Coffee - Best Place for a First Date
- JR Cigars - Best Tobacconist
- Lola & Penelope's - Best Pet Store
- World News, Ltd. - Best Newsstand
- Sasha's Wine Bar - Best Outdoor Dining
- First Watch - Best Place to Eat Out with Grandpa
- Il Vicino - Best Place for a First Date
- House of Wong - Best Chinese Restaurant
- Araka - Best Décor
- Benito's Gelato - Best Gelato
- BARcelona - Best Chicken Wings
- Jennifer's Pharmacy - Best Milkshake



## HOLIDAY EVENTS

### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, Nov. 21, 2008  
5 - 8 p.m.  
St. Louis County Memorial Park

The City of Clayton and St. Louis County kick off the holiday season with a celebration in the heart of downtown Clayton. Bring the kids to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. For details, call: 314.615.7086.

### HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE STROLL

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008  
Noon to 5 p.m.

Clayton Road from Brentwood Boulevard to Hanley Road

The chic boutiques and antique shops of The Shops of Clayton Row are gaily decorated and filled to the brim with unique gift-giving ideas for the holidays. Guests can expect warm holiday greetings, refreshments and special activities as they stroll this charming holiday setting. For details, call: 314.725.2622

### ALL THAT GLITTERS

Clayton's holiday celebration  
Friday, Dec. 5, 2008  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Downtown Clayton



The City of Clayton, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and Clayton business owners welcome all to shop and dine in Clayton and to the festivities on Dec. 5 in downtown Clayton that include carolers, horse drawn carriage rides and chestnuts roasting on an open fire and the finale — a fireworks display at 8 p.m. in Shaw Park. For details, call: 314.802.7663

### HOLIDAY CARRIAGE RIDES

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2008  
6 to 8 p.m.

Downtown Clayton (departing from Maryland and Central Avenues)

Horse drawn carriage rides will transport holiday shoppers and diners along gaily decorated downtown Clayton streets alive with thousands of twinkling holiday lights and festive holiday window decorations. Clayton restaurateurs, hoteliers and retailers look forward to greeting merrymakers with a warm holiday welcome. For details, call: 314.290.8544



## Q & A

**Q.** I heard that the Clayton History Society is looking for volunteers. How do I find out more about helping with its research work?

**A.** The Clayton History Society is looking for individuals to assist with a variety of projects, from research about institutions and neighborhoods to collecting community stories from citizens. The group wants to know about people, buildings, churches, schools, businesses, parks, and historic residences. It also aims to discover, and copy for permanent records, a multitude of historic Clayton documents, maps, diaries, and photographs.

For more information, visit the Clayton History Society website at [www.claytonhistorysociety.org](http://www.claytonhistorysociety.org)

What would you like to know? Clayton citizens are invited to ask questions of their City officials. Forward your questions to: City of Clayton, ATTN: Judy Kekich, 10 North Bemiston, Clayton, MO 63105; Fax them to 314/863-0295; E-mail them to: [jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us](mailto:jakekich@ci.clayton.mo.us)

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b><i>In Case of Emergency</i></b> .....	<b>911</b>
City Manager .....	290.8400
Community Outreach.....	290.8473
Finance .....	290.8443
Fire (non-emergency).....	290.8485
Planning and Development .....	290.8453
Mayor/Board of Aldermen/City Clerk .....	290.8469
Parks and Recreation.....	290.8500
Human Resources .....	290.8448
Police (non-emergency) .....	645.3000
Public Works .....	290.8540
TDD .....	290.8435

## STATEMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL CITIZENS

It is the City of Clayton's goal to make programs and facilities accessible to all individuals. If you or someone you know has a disabling condition and would like more information and support for accessibility of all programs and facilities, please contact us at 290.8501(V). Sign interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.

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