

The mission of Clayton city government is to foster a vital, balanced community composed of outstanding neighborhoods, quality businesses, commercial and government centers, premier educational institutions and a healthy natural environment through an open, accessible and fiscally responsible government.

Clayton Prepares for the Emerald Ash Borer

In early May, tree trimmers in the Walnut Park East neighborhood – located approximately seven miles from the City of Clayton – happened across a string of ailing ash trees. Soon afterward, the federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service identified the culprit: the deadly emerald ash borer.

The emerald ash borer (EAB), an insect native to Asia, arrived in North America in 2002, likely through wooden shipping materials. Responsible for destroying tens of millions of ash trees in 25 states across the country, the borers eat the leaves of ash trees and deposit their eggs beneath the bark. When the larvae hatch, the insects destroy the vascular system of the trees, leading to their eventual death.

In light of this new discovery, the St. Louis area could potentially be within a few years of a rapid increase in ash mortality rates. Fortunately, the City of Clayton's Public Works Forestry & Park Maintenance Divisions preemptively drew up a detailed plan to fight EAB in January of this year – prior to its arrival in St. Louis



Pictured: Emerald Ash Borer



July 2015

– in order to prepare for possible infestation and protect the city's 617 ash trees.

In the first phase of Clayton's Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Plan, city foresters and the parks horticulturalist inspected ash trees on rights-of-way and in city parks. None of the ash trees inspected showed signs of infestation. Had any of the ash trees exhibited evidence of decline related to EAB, they would have been removed immediately.

In view of the fact that the EAB has now been detected within 15 miles of Clayton, the city's Public Works Forestry Division has initiated a multi-pronged approach consisting of treatment, and, if necessary, removal and replacement of infected ash trees. Though no trees in Clayton have been affected to date, treating a portion of the ash population with a preemptive insecticide will slow the potential EAB spread. The most effective and safe treatment option involves emamectin benzoate injections directly into ash tree trunks. The treatment will provide protection from EAB for 2-3 years, at

which time Clayton's ash trees will be evaluated for retreatment.

Residents are encouraged to monitor ash trees on private property. Typically trees that are infested will show signs of dead or dying branches in the upper portions of the trees. One might also observe many inverted D-shaped holes in the bark, each of which is about 1/8 inch in diameter. It is through these holes that the adult borers emerge. More information about what to look for can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info. While little may be done to save ash trees once infested, it is important to notify pest control agencies in a timely fashion so that infected ash trees can be correctly removed and disposed of to help prevent the insects from spreading to other trees in the city.

Clayton city foresters have provided a list of forestry consultants that have been approved and licensed by the Public Works Department to address resident questions and concerns on the city's website at www.claytonmo.gov/EAB.

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Mayor Harold J. Sanger

From the Mayor's Desk

Legendary football coach Bear Bryant is credited with the quote, "If it's true, it ain't bragging." Take your pick – bragging or just facts, we have lots to crow about this year.

Crow About #1: The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), made up of juniors and seniors from Clayton High School, finished an exciting and productive year.

These 12 smart, ambitious, and creative young women and men took on the task of creating and redesigning websites for a number of Clayton neighborhoods. Counseled by their very capable resident advisor Laura Stanton, MYAC successfully created websites for the following neighborhoods:

- Clayshire: www.clayshireinclayton.org
- Clayton Gardens: www.claytongardens.wix.com/home
- Davis Place: www.davisplacenews.com
- Hillcrest: www.hillcrest63105.com
- Ellenwood: www.ellenwoodsubdivision.org
- Skinker Heights: www.skinkerheights.com

These websites will increase connectivity, raise awareness and communication between neighbors, and provide information about our city.

Crow About #2: The national ranking agency *Niche* recently put the spotlight on Clayton. Clayton ranked #1 in Missouri as "The Best Suburban Community" (#60 nationally); #1 in Missouri as "Best Suburb for Millennials" (#21 nationally); #1 in Missouri for "Most Things to Do" (22nd nationally); and #1 in Missouri for "Public Schools" (39th nationally). You can see all of the rankings at <https://local.niche.com/rankings/suburbs/best-suburbs/s/missouri/>.

Crow About #3: Clayton is the first city in our region to bring a "Parklet" to the downtown business district. This moveable extension of the sidewalk creates the pedestrian/walk-able experience deemed so critical to the business district by our Downtown Master Plan. Currently "parked" outside Barcelona on North Central, this West Coast/East Coast innovation is available to the public or any patron of any business. Try it, you'll like it!

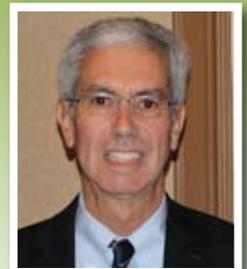
Crow About #4: Development proposals continue at a fever pitch. City staff members are working hard to assure that quality projects meet the goals of our Downtown Master Plan and support our local merchants. Construction cranes are coming to the Clayton skyline soon!

Your elected officials and city staff wish you a safe and fun-filled summer.

April 7 Municipal Election

During the April election, voters selected Ira Berkowitz to replace Michelle Harris as Ward II Alderman. Mr. Berkowitz will share the responsibilities as representative for the citizens of Ward II with Alderman Cynthia Garnholz.

Also sworn in with Alderman Berkowitz during the April 28 Board of Aldermen meeting and elected to her second term as Ward I Alderman - Joanne Boulton, and elected to his second term as Ward III Alderman - Alex Berger III.



New Ward II Alderman
Ira Berkowitz

Sign up for the city's weekly email update Clayton Connection at www.claytonmo.gov/notifications

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July Meetings

- July 6** Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- July 13** Parks & Recreation
Center of Clayton - 7 p.m.
- July 14** Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- July 20** Plan Commission/ARB
City Hall - 5:30 p.m.
- July 28** Board of Aldermen
City Hall - 7 p.m.
- July 29** Clayton Century Foundation
10 S. Brentwood - 7 p.m.

This 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.



Alderman Mark Winings



Alderman Alex Berger III

Clayton is moving forward this summer! While you enjoy summer activities and the city's many amenities, several significant projects will be gearing up in the next few months in and around Clayton.

Three exciting new residential projects have been approved for downtown Clayton, and other potential projects are on the horizon. Clayton adopted the Downtown Master Plan in 2010 as the framework for future development. The goal of this plan is to create a vibrant and sustainable downtown in order to increase residential density. The new developments will complement existing condominium projects, and are expected to attract young professionals as well as empty nesters. The resulting increase in density will promote the expansion of retail businesses downtown and support existing shops and restaurants.

Summer plans for our residential neighborhoods include street and alley repair and replacement, new lighting projects, and sidewalk improvements to ensure accessibility. Additionally, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's Project Clear, an initiative to improve water quality and alleviate many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region, will make improvements to our sanitary and storm sewer systems. St. Louis County is also expected to resurface Hanley Road from Pershing Avenue to I-64.

Throughout the summer, we will be engaging residents and community partners to gain input and insight for future projects that are being planned to enhance our city. The Clayton Community Survey has been mailed to a random sample of Clayton residents. A business community survey has also been distributed. Both surveys will be followed by public meetings to review results and gain additional feedback.

Please visit the city's website at www.claytonmo.gov/notifications and sign up for e-Communications. This electronic connection offers updates regarding upcoming events, street closures, and other city news that will be delivered via e-mail. We hope you will take advantage of these resources and participate in shaping the future of our community.

Best wishes for a safe, enjoyable, and productive summer.

News from the Clayton Century Foundation

by Judy Goodman



CLAYTON CENTURY FOUNDATION

enriching our community

We love our parks! It's a hot time in the city and perfect for visiting all eleven of Clayton's gems. The Clayton Century Foundation (CCF) is proud to partner with the city to make park enhancements possible.

Shaw Park: This 47-acre oasis now features the striking Enterprise

Holdings Pavilion; the iconic *Molecular Bloom with Single Flower* sculpture by James Surls in Century Garden; the Tree Top Inclusion Playground, with its nearby Sensory Garden; the newly planted Follman Garden; and the lush Moneta Garden with an Ernest Trova sculpture. Enjoy the entire park by walking newly created mile-long pathways. And, don't miss Food Truck Sundays with music funded by CCF.

The Newman Green is coming to life just west of Shaw Park, thanks to a recent gift by the Eric and Evelyn Newman family. Soon, Chapman Plaza will create an inviting north entry for pedestrians from downtown and surrounding neighborhoods. Thanks to the extraordinary commitment of the Bob Chapman family and Barry-Wehmiller, this gift is funding SWT Design as well as project maintenance costs over a 20-year post-installation period. Public sessions recently took place in each Ward to solicit input and ideas about the transformative project.

Hanley Park: Offering an acre of tall trees, an herb garden, and a pavilion, the Historic Hanley House is the oldest structure (1855) in the city and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Restored as a house museum, it is filled with original family furnishings, artifacts, and letters that portray 19th century Missouri life.

Oak Knoll Park: Featuring a new playground, this appealing park is abuzz this summer with Musical Nights concerts sponsored by CCF.

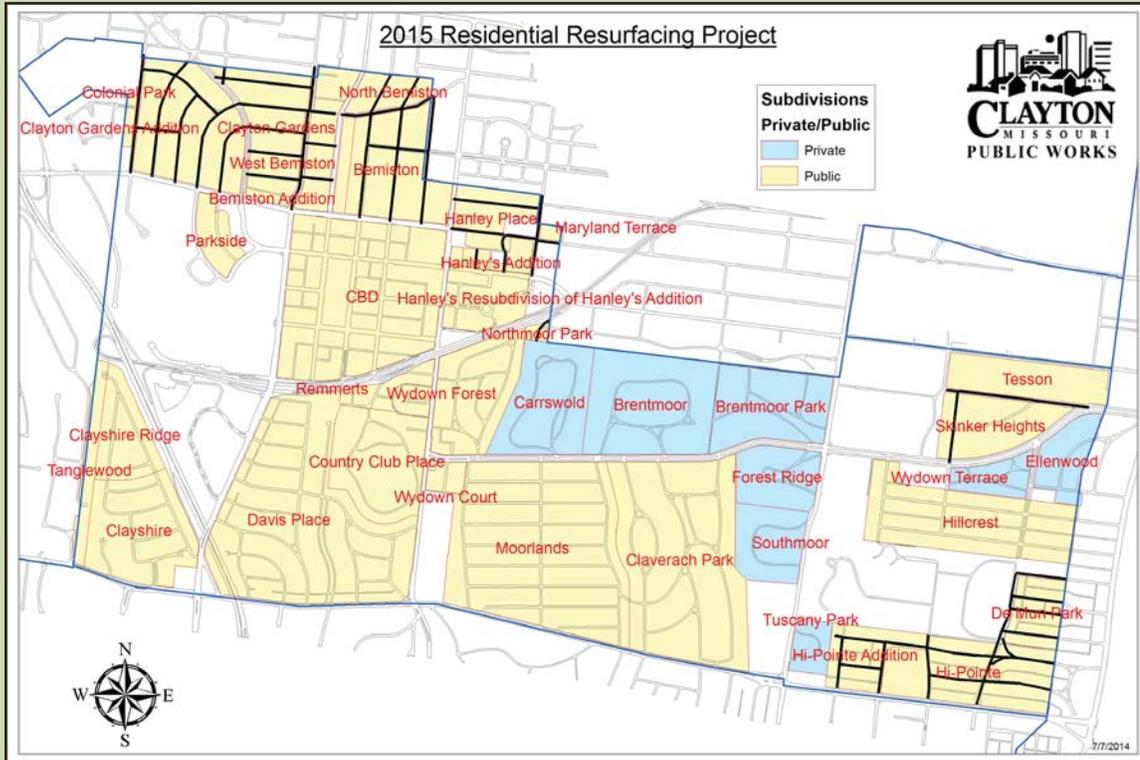
Anderson Park: A special gathering place for you and your four-legged friends, memberships are still available for the season.

Taylor Park, DeMun Park, Henry Wright Park, Wydown Park, Concordia Park, Clayshire Park and Whitburn Park...experience them all!

CCF is dedicated to parks, arts, history and sustainability. A current focus for fundraising is the Clayton Heritage Center to be located at the Center of Clayton. Join your friends, family, neighbors and business associates to support the Clayton Century Foundation and make sure great things happen in our community. Learn more about the CCF and ways to give at www.claytonmo.gov/CCF.

Residential Resurfacing Scheduled for August/September

As part of the city's pavement maintenance program, several subdivisions will be resurfaced late this summer: Clayton Gardens, Old Town, Hanley Place/Maryland Terrace, Northmoor, Skinker Heights, and Hi-Pointe/DeMun. In addition to removing and replacing two inches of asphalt, the project will include upgrades to curb ramps. Curb ramps improve the accessibility and walkability of our neighborhoods.



 **Public Works** will notify affected subdivision residents by mail prior to the start of the street resurfacing project. Letters will contain a link to the city's website with a complete project schedule, as well as information about street accessibility.

 **Roadside message boards and signage** will also be placed in each subdivision immediately prior to the beginning of the project.

2015 International Building and Fire Code Update

The International Building and Fire Codes are revised and updated every three years to accommodate new materials, technologies, products, and our changing knowledge about building safety. The Board of Aldermen will be considering adoption of the 2015 International Building and Fire Codes in October.

Information about the proposed changes can be found at www.claytonmo.gov/code.

Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

The City of Clayton will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$22,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which will become available after January 1, 2016. The public hearing will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in Conference Room C on the first floor of Clayton City Hall at 10 N. Bemiston Avenue in Clayton, Missouri. To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Clayton enforces the following: a *Fair Housing Ordinance* prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin; a *Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability* in the admission or access to or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities; a *Policy of Equal Opportunity* to participate in municipal programs and services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin or political affiliation; and a *Requirement for Bidding on CDBG Activities* that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that makes these opportunities available to low-income community residents and businesses.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above: June Frazier, City Clerk, 10 N. Bemiston Avenue, Clayton, Missouri, 63105, 314.290.8469.

For more information or if you are a person with a disability or have special needs and want to participate in this public hearing, please contact John Wulf no later than Friday, July 17 at 314.290.8540.

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Clayton Development Scene

TANI SUSHI – 7726 Forsyth

Tani Sushi is moving from its current location on Bemiston Avenue to the 6,464 square foot space at 7726 Forsyth Boulevard in the Centene Plaza development. The \$825,000 project will include 835 square feet of outdoor dining. Tani Sushi has been in its Bemiston location since early 2008. Plans for the restaurant opening have not yet been confirmed as of this writing.

Vanguard Clayton – 8500 Maryland

Covington Realty Partners will demolish the existing office building located at 8500 Maryland and construct a 273,000 square foot, five-story building in its place. The building will include a two-level, partially below-grade parking structure as well as 4,526 square feet of ground floor retail and live/work units, 229 residential units, and 352 parking spaces. The project has received all necessary approvals and demolition is expected to start later this summer.



Vanguard Clayton Rendering

Qdoba – 6701 Clayton

Following demolition of the former Custom Brew House and State Farm Insurance buildings on the eastern section of the property, the former St. Louis Bread Company building will be renovated for a new tenant – Qdoba. The renovations will include a new 5-foot sidewalk, a 10-foot tree lawn, and street trees along Clayton Road. The project is expected to go before the Board of Aldermen in late June or early July.

Wilson Lighting – 909 S. Brentwood

Wilson Lighting, a family-owned company with a long history of success in the lighting and home décor industry, has opened in the former Edwin Peppers Interiors building. Wilson Lighting now has four store locations: Clayton, Missouri; Overland Park, Kansas; and Naples and Bonita Springs, Florida.

25 N. Central

The OPUS group will demolish the existing structures at 25 North Central Avenue and construct a 123,806 square foot, 6-story building located on top of a two-level, below-grade parking structure. The building will contain 13,297 square feet of ground floor retail, 121 residential units, and 145 parking spaces. The existing parking structure at 111 North Central Avenue will be demolished and replaced with a 30-space surface parking lot. The project has received all necessary approvals.



25 N. Central Rendering

Montgomery Tower – 2 S. Central

Montgomery Development has proposed the demolition of the existing properties located at 2-18 South Central and 7814 Forsyth Boulevard. They have proposed to construct a 31-story mixed-use building with 316 residential units, 8,319 square feet of ground floor retail, and a 400-space parking structure. The developer has not submitted a formal application, but has made two separate conceptual presentations to the Plan Commission.



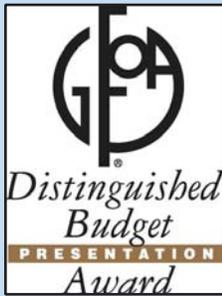
Montgomery Tower Rendering

Moorlands Neighborhood Association

The Moorlands neighborhood is in the beginning stages of forming a neighborhood association. The initial purpose of the association will be to disseminate information about issues affecting the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining the association, contact Katie Ames (kt.m.ames@gmail.com).

➤ Clayton Honored for Excellence in Budget Preparation

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced that the City of Clayton received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.



The award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement for the city. In order to receive the budget award, Clayton satisfied nationally-recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation as well as the GFOA's best practices on budgeting. National budgeting guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. Budget documents must be rated either proficient or outstanding in all four categories, as well as fourteen of twenty-seven mandatory criteria within the categories, to receive the award. In addition to the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the city also received the Special Performance Measures Recognition award for the second consecutive year.

Clayton's Director of Finance and Administration Janet K. Watson touched on Clayton's commitment to preparing budgeting documents of the highest quality. "Clayton is committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility and performance management," Watson said. "This award recognizes that our annual budget – our most important policy document – reflects this commitment, and we're proud of this second consecutive honor."

To view Clayton's 2015 Budget, visit www.claytonmo.gov/budget.

➤ Parks & Recreation Update

— New Public Art in Shaw Park

A huge crane rolled into Shaw Park in mid-June to lift a new sculpture into place near the Tree Top Playground. Standing over sixteen feet tall and weighing more than seventeen thousand pounds, the bronze sculpture, *One of Us on a Tricycle* by artist Steven Gregory, depicts a stylized elephant astride a playful blue tricycle.



Steven Gregory was born in South Africa in 1952 but has lived in London since the 1960s. He studied sculpture at St. Martin's School of Art and also completed a full stonemason's apprenticeship in which capacity he worked on notable historic buildings including Westminster Abbey. Gregory has exhibited widely both in the UK and globally including Germany, France, Italy, Iceland, New York and the Czech Republic.

The piece comes to Clayton courtesy of the Gateway Foundation which supports efforts to acquire, create, or improve tangible and durable art and urban design in the St. Louis area. The foundation has purchased and installed more than 30 sculptures including another of Gregory's works, *Fish on a Bicycle*, in Lewis Park in University City as well as the two-block sculpture park *Citygarden* in downtown St. Louis.

— Clayton Early Childhood Center Celebrates New Enhancement



Mayor Harold Sanger, Board President Weller Meyer, Board Member James Fogt and Executive Director Gina Siebe performed a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new outdoor classroom/play space at the Clayton Early Childhood Center on May 13. The Clayton Early Childhood Center is located in Oak Knoll Park. The outdoor classroom will be used to connect skill sets with the natural environment.

4th of July Celebration

Saturday, July 4
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Shaw Park Aquatic Center

Celebrate Independence Day at Shaw Park Aquatic Center with live music, BBQ, bomb pops and family favorite pool games.

Food Truck Sundays

Sundays, July 12 and August 9
4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Shaw Park
Enterprise Holdings Pavilion

Grab dinner with the family at Clayton's Food Truck Sundays, featuring a variety of local food trucks. Enjoy live music and fun activities for the kids!

Clayton Restaurant Week

July 13 - 19
Participating restaurants

For more information, visit www.claytonrestaurantweek.com.

Musical Nights at Oak Knoll Park

Sundays, July 26 and August 23
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Oak Knoll Park

Enjoy an evening of great music by local bands. Feel free to bring your own food and beverage, blankets, and chairs.

July 26 – The Lucky Old Sons
August 23 – Whiskey Morning

2nd Annual Clayton Kids Triathlon

Sunday, August 16
6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Shaw Park

This year's event will take place at Shaw Park Outdoor Pool, Shaw Park and the new GRG Centennial Greenway. Visit www.bigshark.com for more details.

Craft on Tap

Saturday, August 29
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Forsyth Blvd, between Meramec & Central

Come enjoy samples from twenty local brewers while listening to great music from Letter to Memphis. Tickets are available at www.craftontap.brownpapertickets.com.

Ward Coffees

- **Ward I**
Contact your Ward I Aldermen to schedule a meeting.
- **Ward II**
Sundays, July 5 and August 2
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Starbucks on Wydown
- **Ward III**
Saturdays, July 11 and August 8
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Starbucks on N. Central

Citizens Police Academy

As a method of educating members of the general public about the complexities of modern law enforcement, a Citizen's Police Academy has been developed to foster a better understanding of how Police Department personnel are trained to fulfill a myriad of responsibilities. The Citizen's Police Academy consists of a nine-week session, one night per week. Entrance to the program is by application only, and is restricted to Clayton residents or business owners, twenty-one years of age or older. A background check will be performed on each applicant.

The next class is scheduled to begin September 24 and conclude on November 19.

Clayton residents or business owners who are interested in joining the fall 2015 class should contact Clayton Police Department's Community Services Corporal Korey Golcynski at 314.290.8424 or register online at www.claytonmo.gov/communityservice.

saint louis ART FAIR

September 11, 12, & 13 in
Downtown Clayton

In its twenty-second year, the Saint Louis Art Fair continues to rank among the top fine arts events in the country. We encourage you to visit the Creative Castle, an arts and crafts area just for kids, or to enjoy a performance at one of the three stages. Grab a bite to eat at Pleasures of the Palate, or volunteer to support your community.

The event map, road closure notices, and parking information can be found at www.culturalfestivals.com.



The graphic features a central logo with a stylized city skyline above the text "CLAYTON RESTAURANT WEEK" in large, bold, orange letters. Below this, it says "JULY 13 - JULY 19, 2015" and "SUMMER EDITION" in smaller blue and orange text. The graphic is framed by four images of food: a steak with a charred crust, a salmon-topped appetizer, a scallop, and a dessert with a dollop of cream. At the bottom, it says "FOR MENUS, RESERVATIONS, AND MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.CLAYTONRESTAURANTWEEK.COM" in blue and orange text.



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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 314.290.8501(V). Sign language interpreters may be scheduled upon request. Suggestions for future programs are welcomed.



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City of Clayton Important Numbers

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City Manager.....	290.8400
Community Outreach.....	290.8473
Customer Service	290.8441
Economic Development.....	290.8467
Finance.....	290.8446
Fire (non-emergency).....	290.8485
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