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TOWN MANAGER

HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings,

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the winter edition of the Town of Clayton newsletter. Inside, you will find information about upcoming events and updates on Clayton roads.



This edition of the newsletter includes staffing updates from our Community Development Department.

It also contains updates on the Sam's Branch Water Reclamation Facility.

Lastly, this edition provides information about preparing your home for winter weather and getting involved with the Town's Advisory Boards.

Best Regards,

*Rich Cappola
Town Manager*

WORKING FOR YOU!

The Town is committed to preparing for Clayton's future. Discover more about the ongoing efforts in strategic planning, growth management, and departmental master plans by scanning the QR code.



TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

January 1: New Year's Day

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All Town facilities will be closed.

TOWN OF CLAYTON STRATEGIC PLAN KEY FOCUS AREAS



Vibrant
Downtown



Desirable
Amenities
and Spaces



Sustainable
Infrastructure
Investment



Mobility,
Transportation,
and Transit



Diversified
Economic
Development



Community
Outreach and
Engagement



Public Safety



TOWN OF CLAYTON

Our
Values:
Responsibility
Community
Commitment
Respect



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ROAD UPDATES

Renaming

Several roadways in Clayton/Johnston County are being renamed as part of the NCDOT's US 70 Corridor upgrade to Interstate 42.

On February 10, 2025, the following road name changes will occur:

- US 70 will become I-42
- US 70 BUS will become Clayton Boulevard
- NC 42 will become Veterans Parkway

For detailed maps and additional information, visit johnstonnc.com/RoadRename.

Repaving

The Town successfully completed an extensive road repaving project, covering 14.1 miles of road improvements. Crews are now focused on striping and small tweaks to wrap up the project. Residents can enjoy smoother roads throughout Clayton with no major traffic or service disruptions during the process.

CLAYTON OUTAGE & MESSAGING SYSTEM (COMS)

Stay safe with the Clayton Outage & Messaging System (COMS), delivering timely alerts for outages, water advisories, service updates, and public safety threats. Scan the QR code to learn more.



SAM'S BRANCH

Construction at the Sam's Branch Water Reclamation Facility is moving forward. The images at right provide a visual comparison of how much work has been made on the project since April 2023.

With the ongoing construction efforts, the project remains on schedule, and the facility is expected to open by late 2025.

WINTER QUICK TIPS



Heat Responsibly

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees
- Clean or change air filters according to the manufacturer's instructions
- Avoid running space heaters, which can cost more than \$100 a month

Winterize Irrigation

- Drain hoses and store them for the winter
- Clear your irrigation system of water
- Ensure your backflow prevention device is emptied and protected

Prepare Water Heaters

- Install a water heater blanket for extra insulation
- Insulate any exposed pipes to save energy on hot water



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2024 SPECIAL EVENTS AND SHOWS

January 18 - Fool of Illusions: Reggie Rice \$
The Clayton Center

January 22 - All Through the Night: an Evening with Bagpipes & Drums \$
The Clayton Center

January 27 - Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library

February 7 - 'Clue' the Movie Hosted by Leslie Ann Warren \$
The Clayton Center

February 8 - Father Daughter Dance \$
Granite Lodge 191

February 10 - Bad Art Night: Valentine's Day Edition
Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library

February 27 - USAF Heritage of America Band's Heritage Brass Ensemble \$
The Clayton Center

March 15 - Derina Harvey Band \$
The Clayton Center

April 12 - Plant Sale and Clayton Community Park Opening 🌳

April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt 🌳

💰 There is a charge for this event.

🌳 Parks & Recreation Event (ClaytonParks.org)

www.townofclaytonnc.org



DEPUTY TOWN MANAGER



The Town welcomed Courtney Tanner as the newest member of the leadership team. With 20 years of experience in municipal planning, budgeting and community development, Courtney is ready to excel in her new role overseeing

Planning, Engineering, Building Inspections and Development Services.

"Courtney's extensive experience in local government and proven success in managing complex projects will be invaluable as we enhance services and infrastructure to support Clayton's growth," said Clayton Town Manager Rich Cappola. "We are pleased to welcome her to our executive leadership team."

ENGINEERING DIRECTOR

The Town welcomed Donald Perry, PE, as its new Engineering Director. Perry brings extensive civil engineering and leadership experience, with more than 25 years managing infrastructure projects and teams.



"This is an exciting time for the town," Perry said. "I look forward to working with the talented team to deliver high-quality, efficient infrastructure projects that serve our growing community."