



# Connect With CLAYTON

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Welcome to the Spring edition of the Town of Clayton newsletter.  
Rich Cappola  
Town Manager

## TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear Clayton Residents,

Our new Strategic Plan guides our vision for a thriving future. Your elected officials are committed to building a



stronger, more connected community. Through strategic investments, we are enhancing infrastructure, working to expand transportation options, and supporting economic growth.

Our vibrant downtown, diverse amenities, and engaged citizens make Clayton a great place to live, work, and visit. We know that by prioritizing public safety, sustainability, and economic opportunity, we are shaping a future that honors our past while meeting the growing needs of our community.

With your support, we will continue creating spaces that bring people together, strengthen civic engagement, and enhance the quality of life for all. I am proud to be your mayor, and I am honored that many of you have chosen Clayton as your home.

Mayor Jody McLeod

## TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- April 18: Good Friday
- May 26: Memorial Day
- June 19: Juneteenth

*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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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Town recently hired Joseph Stallings as its new Economic Development Director. With more than a decade of experience in economic development and public administration, Stallings brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise.



Stallings will lead efforts to attract and retain businesses, support workforce development, and collaborate with partners to promote economic growth. He has a strong track record of managing large-scale business recruitment, securing millions in economic investment, and spearheading public-private partnerships to advance local development initiatives.

## CLAYTON COMMUNITY PARK

Improvements at Clayton Community Park concluded with a March 3rd ribbon cutting, finishing out the three-part, 18 million dollar bond project begun in 2019 to expand Parks and



The renovations include Clayton's first pickleball courts, four tennis facilities, six bocce courts, and six shuffleboard courts. Additional improvements include a modern playground and expanded parking, making the park more accessible.

## Tips to Save on Your Electric Bill



Seal gaps in walls, floors and ceilings like along baseboards or around pipes or wires.



Close curtains or blinds during the day to keep your home cool.



Change air filters when they are dirty and have a NATE-certified technician service your HVAC.



Run ceiling fans (blowing down) and turn them off when you leave the room.



## 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.



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## 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS AND SHOWS

- April 5 - Comedy Night with Jon Reep**  
The Clayton Center
- April 10 - Sister Hazel** 💰  
The Clayton Center
- April 12 - Plant Sale and Clayton Community Park Opening** 🌳
- April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt** 🥚
- April 25 - Arbor Day Event and Family Movie Night**
- April 26 - Earth Day Clean-up Event**

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- May 2 - The Beat Goes On featuring Lisa McClowry as Cher** 💰  
The Clayton Center
- May 9 - Downtown Concert**
- May 10 - Run the Branch 5K**

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- June 14 - Juneteenth Celebration**
- June 14 - Summer Reading Launch**
- June 26 - Downtown Concert**

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- July 4 - Square-to-Square Street Festival & Independence Day Fireworks**
- July 17 - Downtown Concert**

- 💰 **There is a charge for this event.**
- 🌳 **Parks & Recreation Event**
- 📖 **Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library Event**

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## SEWER CLEANING FAST FACTS

Yearly, the Water Resources Department uses a Vactor Sewer Truck to clean at least 10% of the sewer system as required by North Carolina law. With high pressure water and a strong vacuum, the truck clears debris or blockages. Important things to know:

- Roaring sounds from sinks or toilets are normal when the high-pressure sewer cleaner passes your service point. 
- The sewer jet creates strong pressure, sometimes pulling water back into the sewer main from toilets or sinks. 
- If water gushes from the toilet, that could indicate an issue. We'll investigate to fix any problems. 

## NEW PAY PORTAL

For a secure, seamless customer experience, Utilities Billing updated its online payment portal.

With the new portal you can  **Make an account** for easy access to your billing history, recurring payments and account management.

**Check out as a guest** without signing up.

