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UPDATES FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Citizen input is a critical part of advancing our community's goals and our Town's advisory boards play an important role in that process.

Our boards include people from all walks of life who give voice to the many needs of our community. We are lucky to have so many fellow residents willing to serve our community in this way, giving up their free time to participate in the nuts and bolts of local government. It's always amazing to see how many of our neighbors have areas of expertise that benefit our boards. Sometimes these boards face difficult decisions as they work to make recommendations that inform Council decisions.



To everyone currently serving on one of our boards, and those who have stepped up to serve this time around, thank you for your commitment to our community.

Councilmember Andria Archer



The Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library has always been a cornerstone of Clayton's identity. I have fond memories of visiting as a child, and I'm proud that the Council and I supported the Town's investment in renovations that will make the library

more modern, connected, and creative, while preserving the historic charm we all love. This project is more than an update; it's an investment in spaces that bring our community together while honoring our heritage.

For my family, the library is deeply personal. My daughter has a true passion for books, and we spend countless hours in the children's section. I want every family in Clayton to share that same experience and use the library as a place where learning and imagination thrive. Together, we can keep Clayton moving forward while holding on to the small-town feel that makes us who we are.

Councilmember Porter Casey

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

November 11: Veterans Day
November 27-28 Thanksgiving
December 24-26 Christmas

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



Our Values:
Responsibility
Community
Commitment
Respect



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WELCOME BUDGET FELLOW



With the help of Lead for North Carolina, The Town proudly welcomes Laney Taylor in the role of Budget and Performance Fellow in the Budget Management Office.

Laney comes to Clayton from Centre College where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Politics, and she is currently working toward her Masters in Public Administration at UNC Chapel Hill.

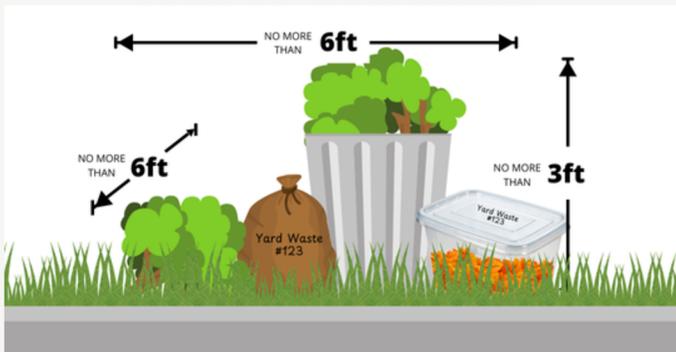
LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Construction is underway at the Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library.

The project, expected to be completed by summer 2026, will preserve the library's historic charm while creating a dynamic, collaborative, welcoming environment for learning, connection, and creativity.



"We are excited to bring this vision to life for our community," said Library Manager Melissa Poole. "The goal is to create a library that is not only functional but also inspiring, a place where visitors can gather, collaborate, and explore new ideas. This renovation will allow us to continue our role as a community hub for years to come."



Loose Leaf Pickup

Yard waste is going green! Instead of single use plastic bags, you'll now use approved reusable containers like plastic totes, canvas bags, or trash cans for yard waste like branches, sticks and other organic debris. Containers should be labeled "yard waste" and your address number.

Remember, All Star collects loose leaves piled at the curb from October 1-January 1. Pickup is the business day after your regular trash pickup.

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

- October 4- The Wilsons** 💰
The Clayton Center
- October 11 - Jorge Luis Chacin** 💰
The Clayton Center
- October 16 - The String Queens** 💰
The Clayton Center
- October 17 - Boo Bash** 🌳
- October 18 - Twitty & Lynn** 💰
The Clayton Center
- October 23-26 - Harvest Festival**
by the Clayton Chamber of Commerce
- October 30 - Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree**
- October 30 - All Hallows Read** 📖
- October 31 - Trick or Treat Main Street** 🌳

- November 3 - Veterans Day Recognition**
The Clayton Center
- November 13 - Get Ready to Garden** 📖
- November 29 - Small Business Saturday**

- December 2- The Collingsworth Family** 💰
The Clayton Center
- December 4-6 - Clayton Piano Festival** 💰
The Clayton Center
- December 4 - Christmas Village & Tree Lighting**
- December 6 - Elf Academy** 🌳
- December 13 - Clayton Christmas Parade**
by the Clayton Rotary Club
- December 18 - Hot Cocoa with Santa** 🌳

- 💰 There is a charge for this event.
- 🌳 Parks & Recreation Event (ClaytonParks.org)
- 📖 Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library Event (ClaytonLibraryNC.org)

www.townofclaytonnc.org



CLAYTON4U

When do I need a permit? How can I lower my electric bill? Where can I find free summer fun? Clayton 4U is here to answer your FAQs!



Scan the QR Code to Learn more about Clayton with quick, informative videos.

NEW ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP



The Town welcomed two key hires to its Engineering Department. Jonathan Ham (left) joined the team as the new Engineering Director, and Kinsey Holton (right) as Assistant Engineering Director.

Together, Ham and Holton bring decades of experience in public service and municipal engineering.

“As we take on more transformative projects, we need strong and experienced leaders,” said Town Manager Rich Cappola. “Jonathan and Kinsey will help us to grow wisely while preserving what makes Clayton special.”