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UPDATES FROM TOWN COUNCIL

Greetings,
It's the Holiday Season. Special time set aside to spend with Family and Friends. During this time, I recommend self-care.

Find things to do to make you happy. Surround yourself with positive people. Create new hobbies and take care of your mental health. Practice forgiveness and lay aside stressors.



Check on your loved ones, especially the elderly. Think about others and release selfish ways. Enjoy your Holiday.

Councilmember Gretchen Williams



I am so thankful for the success of this year's Clayton Christmas Parade and incredibly proud to be part of such an amazing and hardworking community. A heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Club of Clayton and the Town of Clayton staff for all the support that made this event possible. This parade would not

happen without the dedication and teamwork behind the scenes.

Thank you as well to the many parade participants who bring such charm, joy, and hometown spirit to this tradition each year. You are a big part of what makes Clayton such a special place.

As we look ahead, I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and invite you to stay engaged by attending our Town Council meetings. We would love for you to join us and learn more about what's happening in Clayton.

Councilmember Ruth Anderson

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

January 1: New Year's Day
January 19: Martin Luther King 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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DONALD "CLYDE" SINCLAIR PARK



Clyde Sinclair Park is getting a new playground! Designs include two new play structures, for ages 2-5 and ages 5-12 respectively. Though not pictured above, the current fencing and shade structure will remain for safety and comfort.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction is over 50% complete at the Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library. The library staff got a chance to visit the site in November (pictured above) to get excited for the new space.

We hope to see you there later this year!



SOUTHWEST PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

Plans are underway for two public safety centers to better support the Town's first responders.

Designs are underway for the first of these projects, the Southwest Public Safety Center. When complete, the 24,000 SF facility will house a combined Police and Fire Station. The facility will also include a Training Room which will serve as an Emergency Operations Center for the Town.

The Town anticipates design completion by mid 2026.



Design renderings by ADW Architects

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

- January 7** – Fiber Arts Connection 📖
- January 8** – Baby Yoga 📖
- January 11** – The Magic of Jeki Yoo 💰
The Clayton Center
- January 12** – Monday Night Book Club 📖
- January 15** – Turn to Stone: A Tribute to ELO 💰
The Clayton Center
- January 15** – “Kindness Rock” Painting
- January 20** – Teen Time: RPG for Beginners 📖
- January 21** – Senior Book Club 📖
- January 22** – Puppet Pups (K-2) 📖
- January 23** – Tell Me Lies: The Fleetwood Mac Experience 💰
The Clayton Center
- January 28** – Rhyme Time (Preschool) 📖

- February 9** – Adult Craft Hour 📖
- February 17** – Teen Time: Hydro Dipped Plant Pots 📖
- February 28** – Ruben Studdard In Concert 💰
The Clayton Center

- March 14** – Dino-Light by Lightwire Theater 💰
The Clayton Center
- March 17** – Teen Time: Pocket Cryptid 📖
- March 28** – Are You Ready for It: A Taylor Experience 💰
The Clayton Center

- 💰 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.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The Town of Clayton welcomes Matthew Proctor as its new Electric Director. He has more than 24 years of experience in the electric utility industry.



Proctor has held several key roles at ElectriCities of North Carolina, including Manager of Settlements and Lead Energy Data Analyst. His experience will strengthen Clayton’s partnership with the organization, which supports municipal utilities with wholesale power purchasing and system planning.

“With Matthew’s leadership,” said Deputy Town Manager Lee Barbee, “our Electric Department can continue building on its strong record of performance while delivering reliable service to every home and business in Clayton.”

