

Clayton Connection

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City Council appoints City Manager

In a meeting on February 11, 2014 the City Council voted to appoint Richard C. Rose as City Manager. Rose has been serving as the Acting City Manager since the departure of former City Manager David W. Rowlands, who resigned in August of 2013 after serving over 12 years as City Manager.

“Council has been happy with the leadership which Rick has provided as interim city manager,” said Mayor Joyce Deitering. “Moving him into the position permanently will allow us to continue the important work of the city while saving the resources budgeted for a regional or national search.”

Although new to the position, Rose is not new to the city. He has been serving as the Public Safety Director since January of 2004. Regarding his new responsibilities, he stated, “I am looking forward to the challenges as City Manager but also will enjoy maintaining the relationships that have grown over the last ten years with the Clayton residents and the many community leaders within Montgomery County.”

Rose earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Urbana University and brings over 34 years of local government experience. He is also a member of these organizations:

- International City Managers Association
- Ohio City Managers Association
- Dayton Area Managers Association
- Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition
- Emergency Communications Policy Committee
- Montgomery County Reentry Policy Board
- Montgomery County Criminal Justice Council
- Miami Valley Fire and EMS Alliance
- International Association of Chiefs of Police



“I am honored to have received such great support from the Mayor, Council Members, and outgoing City Manager, Mr. Dave Rowlands,” he said. “I will have big shoes to fill, but we have a great city staff, and together we can continue to further the interests of Clayton.”

Rose resides in Clayton, where he lives with his wife of 26 years, Lori and their two adult children, Nicholas and Amanda.



New police vehicles on the road

The Ford Crown Victoria, introduced as a police car in 1983, has been the top choice of law enforcement since 1996. The Crown Victoria police car accounted for nearly three-fourths of the 75,000 police vehicles sold annually until production halted in 2011.

Hoping to retain its dominance of the police car segment of the market, Ford has since launched a new police Interceptor car, a version of the Ford Taurus, and an SUV to replace the Crown Victoria. The City of Clayton is in the process of replacing its current police fleet and has recently

purchased one of each of the new Ford vehicles. You may have already seen them in use around town.

“Ford has put together a great package to take the place of the Crown Victoria,” said Chief of Police Matthew Hamlin. “The two vehicles offer the perfect complement to what a modern police department needs today.”

The new vehicles are designed around police officer safety and provide a large rear compartment area for storage of equipment. They also offer better gas mileage over the Crown Victoria model.

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CALENDAR

JUNE		
5	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17	Board of Zoning Appeals (If Needed)	7:30 p.m.
19	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
23	Planning Commission (If Needed)	7:00 p.m.
JULY		
3	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
4	4th of July Holiday – Gov't Offices Closed <i>Trash collection will be delayed one day for Friday service</i>	
15	Board of Zoning Appeals (If Needed)	7:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
28	Planning Commission (If Needed)	7:00 p.m.
AUGUST		
7	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
19	Board of Zoning Appeals (If Needed)	7:30 p.m.
21	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
25	Planning Commission (If Needed)	7:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER		
1	Labor Day – Gov't Offices Closed <i>Trash collection will be delayed one day this week for all residents</i>	
4	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
16	Board of Zoning Appeals (If Needed)	7:30 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
22	Planning Commission (If Needed)	7:00 p.m.

Read this before lighting your outdoor fire

It's the time of year when residents may want to do some backyard, or open, burning. Within the city, open burning is permitted for barbecues, campfires, ceremonial and occupational fires.

In all cases, open burning must be with clean, seasoned firewood and no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. The open burn must be attended at all times, along with a suitable extinguishing source such as a water hose or Class A fire extinguisher.

Burning items such as leaves, twigs, plant materials and trash should be avoided, primarily for health and air-quality reasons.

There are other types of fires allowed with an approved permit issued by the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA). The application and regulations can be found on the City's website at www.clayton.oh.us or you may call us at 937-836-3500 to obtain additional information.

Spring Cleaning Programs

The City of Clayton supports your spring cleaning efforts by providing the following programs:

Sweep Clayton Clean

The program is an opportunity to dispose of non-hazardous household solid waste and yard debris. The types of items that may be delivered to the collection site include: household belongings, furniture, residential renovation remains and landscape debris. Refrigerators will be accepted if the Freon has been drained.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Lane



Document Shredding

This program is a chance for residents and members of the business community to use a document-shredding service to dispose of documents that contain sensitive information.

Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Randolph Plaza, 8241 North Main Street

Tire Recycling

The purpose of this program is to enable residents to discard of tires that are no longer in use. The tires that are collected are sent to a facility where they are processed for future uses.

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Lane

Electronic Recycling Event

The program involves the collection of unwanted electronic items. All items collected are either rebuilt for future use or recycled. Televisions are NOT accepted at this event.

Dates: Saturday, June 21 and Saturday, October 11, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: City of Englewood Government Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway

Prescription Drug Drop Off

This program is an opportunity for you to turn in your unneeded, unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Road

Where do my property tax dollars go?

In the State of Ohio, real estate taxes are based upon the assessed value of property. Counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and special districts each raise money through real estate taxes. Governments have the ability to levy taxes upon land located within their jurisdiction. The money collected from taxes funds schools, pays for police and fire protection, maintains roads, and supports

community services such as libraries and parks. The levies are calculated in increments of mills; a dollar of tax per thousand dollars of property value.

In the City of Clayton, a total of 87.102813 mills are levied against properties. Below is the distribution of the levies to the various jurisdictions, based upon a home with an assessed value of \$100,000.

JURISDICTION	TAX RATE (MILLS)	AMOUNT OF TAX PER YEAR
Northmont City Schools	49.712781	\$1,739.94
Montgomery County	20.23553	708.24
City of Clayton	11.398541	398.95
Dayton Metro Library	3.31	115.85
Miami Valley CTC	2.445961	85.61
TOTAL	87.102813	\$3,048.59

Mayor's Corner



Recently, City Council made one of its most important decisions since I have served as Mayor. On February 17, the Clayton City Council announced the selection of Richard Rose as our second city manager, filling the position vacated by our first city manager, David Rowlands, in August 2013.

As a little bit of history: On May 4, 1999, the citizens of Clayton adopted our Charter, which designated the structure of our government as Council/Manager. This form of government was first adopted in the US in Staunton, VA, in 1908. Dayton is well known as the first large city, as well as the first city in Ohio, to adopt this form of government in 1914. The Council/Manager form was created to fight corruption and unethical behavior while fostering professionalism, transparency, responsiveness and accountability in government.

Under the Clayton Charter all political power rests

in the City Council. The Council and Mayor share responsibilities; we each have an equal vote. Council is the policy-making body, which means we establish the vision and scope of services for the city. In addition as Mayor, I am the chief economic development official for the city and the ceremonial leader.

The city manager serves as CEO of the city. He hires and fires all of the employees. It is his responsibility to prepare budget recommendation and serve as a policy adviser to Council. He leads and manages the daily operations as well as all departments, and he performs other duties as assigned by City Council.

Council initiated a search for city manager candidates by meeting with a

consultant. We learned that in cases where there is a good in-house candidate, that candidate is selected as much as 75 percent of the time. In addition it would likely take another four to six months to complete the process of a national or regional search. We had interest from two good in-house candidates with Rick Rose and Debbie Manns (assistant city manager). While there are benefits to performing a search outside the organization, Council has been pleased with Rose's performance and potential, and decided it was in the best interest of the community to select Rose to move forward with the important work of the city.

Rose, who has a bachelor's degree in business management, had been serving as acting city

manager since Rowland's departure. Prior to that, he served the city as Director of Public Safety, where he was responsible for the overall operations of the emergency medical services, fire services, and law enforcement activities, along with special projects and assignments from the city manager. As part of his duties as Director of Public Safety, he was directly responsible for the development and management of the current \$3.7 million safety services budget. (See article page 1)

I am truly happy that Rick Rose has agreed to take on this new leadership role at the city and look forward to a very productive future for Clayton under his management.

Joyce Ostering

Housing Rehabilitation Program Available

The city received notice from Montgomery County that our application for Community Development Block Grant Program funds was successful. The purpose of the grant request was to launch a Housing Rehabilitation Program in the Irvington Plat, which is the subdivision, located principally on the north side of Dog Leg Road and east of Main Street. The grant will be used to provide funding to eligible homeowners to tend to necessary home repairs and improvements.

The types of improvements that are permitted under the program include: installation of siding, doors and windows, repair to deteriorated steps, porches, walks, roofs or chimneys, plumbing, heating, electrical, and other improvements that will remove a condition of general unsightliness.

In order to participate in the program property owners must meet the following criteria:

- Be the owner/occupant of a single-family home located within the Irvington Plat Subdivision, and
- Have a household income of less than 80% of the Department of Housing and Urban Development area median income limits.

Homeowners that qualify for the program are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in assistance which is provided through use of a grant or a loan or a combination thereof.

To apply for assistance or to obtain more detailed information about the program, please contact

Debbie Manns, Assistant City Manager at (937) 836-3500.



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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant is planning to open its second location at 8331 North Main Street in Randolph Plaza. The first restaurant was opened in Troy in 2001. Owner, Arturo Fuentes is focused on providing freshly made, authentic Mexican food with a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

Fuentes has been making plans to renovate the space to suit their needs. La Fiesta faces one major hurdle to get the restaurant open. Like many loca-



tions on Main Street, 8331 North Main cannot sell alcoholic beverages without the approval of local voters. To learn more about the restaurant, visit www.lafiestatroyoh.com.

Solid Blend Technologies Inc.

Environmentally conscious is the best way to describe Solid Blend Technologies, located at 10 Granite Drive. Since 1999,

Ken Elrich and his team have been committed to helping their clients conserve water and energy.

Solid Blend Technologies works with schools, hospitals, local governments, manufacturing facilities and other businesses to provide water maintenance for cooling towers, boilers and closed loop systems. One of the company's priority areas is Legionella detection, prevention, remediation and outbreak response.

The company continues to grow as it focuses on reducing downtime for clients, reducing the risk of Legionnaire's disease, and helping clients re-

duce their water and energy consumption. You can learn more about the company, their training programs or career opportunities at www.solidblendtechnologies.com.

Oink A Doodle Moo

One of the area's favorite barbecue restaurants is planning to move into Randolph Plaza this summer. Oink A Doodle Moo is scheduled to open its new restaurant in the middle of June.

Located at 8383 North Main Street, Oink A Doodle Moo will be able to seat 45 people. Steve Meyer, COO and franchisee, is

also planning to provide a game room to make the restaurant even more welcoming to families.

Oink A Doodle Moo chose Randolph Plaza because of its location and proximity to Good Samaritan North Hospital. The company currently has restaurants in Kettering, Huber Heights, Dayton, Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Richmond, Indiana.

The Clayton restaurant will employ nine people.

For more information on the company, go to www.oinkadoodlemoo.com and watch the City's Facebook page for information on the grand opening.