



From The Desk of the City Manager

Hello Clayton Community

"To build a great and sustainable community everyone must realize their community is much bigger than them."

-Author Unknown

Message from the City Manager

I wanted to share the quote at the beginning of the newsletter because when I read it (found it in one of those quote-of-the-day boxes), I recognized that as individuals, we get passionate about our own issues. And at times, we lose sight that the issues and solutions may be well beyond our singular need. It also reminded me that each of us has our own lens through which we see the world. We all experience life differently than others around us, so it is truly important that we take the time to understand another perspective (the other lens) when we are discussing issues and solutions.

I look forward to hearing from you and discussing our community's needs on July 13, 2023 from 6pm-8pm at Hoyer Hall for the "Conversation with

the City Manager." My #2, Amy Walcker, who just joined the City's team, will also join me for this meeting. Amy holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has great experience in government holding a variety of management roles. Amy brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to Clayton.

As we start the new fiscal year (July 1), the team is putting together our annual work plans. This year will focus on many foundational issues around how we do business to benefit the service we deliver to you, the community, as well as the way we build efficiencies internally. This type of change, albeit not the most exciting form of change, is necessary to transition our service delivery to one that is repeatable, systematic, and where the people who are enhancing that service delivery are resourced with more than bailing wire and duct tape to hold it all together.

This is an exciting time as we look to the future while respecting and honoring the great history of our community.

All the best,

Bret



Climatec Project

The City received some

exciting news! We have moved forward to the final stage of the California Energy Commission (CEC) 1% loan approval for our project with Climatec.

The CEC board meeting for final approval will be August 9th. I look forward to this process receiving final approval and allowing the City to take the next steps for this great project.

The Climatec project, among many things, will bring about significant improvements in energy use (solar), HVAC improvements, electric charging station, enhanced water flow management, among other energy related improvements. The construction time, when we get started, will be approximately 18 months.

More to come in the future but a great next step in the process!!



CLAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

CLAYTON COMMUNITY PARK (UPPER LOT)
7411 MARSH CREEK ROAD
CLAYTON, CA

FOOD TRUCKS AND MUSIC

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

National Night Out

Please join us for National Night Out! This is going to be a great community event with food trucks available for you to purchase food, a DJ, and you can say hello and thanks to our wonderful Police Department. I look forward to seeing the community at the event.

Location: Upper Part of Clayton Community Park

August 1, 2023, 6pm-8pm





Behind the Scenes

The Clayton Police Department

The Clayton Police Department is staffed by a Chief, four Sergeants, six officers and two non-sworn professional staff. They provide high quality policing to the residents, businesses and visitors of Clayton 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with most of our sworn staff working 12 hour shifts.

The Clayton Police Department staff prides themselves in providing a high level of service to the residents, businesses and visitors of this community. Clayton officers respond to emergency calls for service such as traffic collisions, crimes in progress, and medical emergencies.

We also respond to many non-emergency calls for service like vehicle burglaries, missing persons, larcenies, suspicious persons or suspicious circumstances, general disturbances and a variety of other issues. While many other police agencies have relegated cold theft reports to on-line reporting, our department responds to those in-person. We believe it is important for the residents and businesses of this City to get to know their officers, see them on the street, in their neighborhoods and at their businesses.

Even though almost every City in the County has a contract with Animal Control, they have their own staffing shortages, and calls for service can sometimes result in delayed response times. We at the Clayton Police Department understand this can be frustrating, which is why we will respond for that barking dog at 3 am or for that rattlesnake in your backyard, garage or patio, when many other police agencies are not able to.

The City of Clayton has limited staffing, and as such, there are

many non-police related tasks we handle. For example, Clayton officers lock the Clayton Community Park each night and open it on weekend mornings since our Maintenance Staff are not here late evenings or weekend mornings, and it would not be cost effective to pay an employee overtime when our officers are already on-duty.

Additionally, our nightshift officers conduct quarterly streetlight checks to ensure that every streetlight is functioning. Ones that are out are placed on a list and sent to Maintenance for repair. We also conduct vacation house checks for people that are out of town and have requested that we keep an eye on their house while they are away.

Our police vehicles are not your average SUV. In addition to the heavy-duty equipment from the factory, they have sophisticated emergency equipment, speed measuring equipment, a Fleet camera system and a mounted laptop computer in each vehicle. While our vehicles get regular preventative maintenance, from time to time there are minor issues that occur and need repair. Most agencies have the luxury of their own repair shop or can take the vehicle out of service to send to a specialty shop for repair. Some of our police staff have developed their skills to make some technical repairs, diagnostics and adjustments in-house, saving the City expensive labor and repair costs.

We are lucky to have our Clayton Police Department Team!



Employee Spotlight

Tim Marchut

Sergeant Tim Marchut has been with the Clayton Police Department since 1996. A Clayton Valley High School graduate, Tim began his career in law enforcement as a Police Explorer. In 1998, Tim became a Reserve Police Officer, and then was hired full-time in 2000. He served as a Field Training Officer, and has the distinction of having trained every current sworn member of the department. Tim was promoted to Sergeant in 2008, replacing Sergeant Tim O'Hara, who retired.

Sergeant Marchut is assigned to nightshift patrol, and he is responsible for the department's employee wellness, vehicle, equipment, and Automated License Plate Reader programs.

Sergeant Marchut has a lifetime invested in the Clayton community, and we are very fortunate to have him on our team.

Sergeant Marchut is known for his low-key leadership style that is very easy to work with. He has a wife and two adult children, one of whom followed his footsteps into law enforcement.



New Team Members

I would like to welcome two of our newest employees to the Clayton Team!!

Amy Walcker, Executive Assistant to the City Manager/HR Manager

Prapti Aryal, Finance Director

Prapti and Amy come to the team with a great level of experience in government. Both Prapti and Amy have worked with me in other agencies so I am familiar with their great work ethic, skills, and compassionate leadership.

Amy Walcker

Amy's career in local government began in 2010 with the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office. It was there that she recognized the meaningful

work of public service and the diverse opportunities within government. Curious about the other side of the criminal justice system, she joined the Napa County Department of Corrections while working toward her master's degree in Public Administration. Always eager to expand her professional toolbox, she joined the City of American Canyon's Finance Department as their Budget Manager.

From there, she accepted an opportunity with the City of Napa wearing multiple hats--Finance Analyst, Purchasing Services Manager, and ERP/Change Management Lead. As a process thinker, Amy is adept at learning how things work, building relationships, and creating efficiencies. Prior to local government, Amy served as an Operations Manager for a non-profit and taught students to fly airplanes as a Certified Flight Instructor. She says continuous improvement is her mantra, and in that spirit, she loves helping others reach their professional goals.

Prapti Aryal

With more than seven years of local government experience, Prapti possesses a broad range of knowledge and experience in municipal finance operations, including preparation of Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports and Single Audits.

In recent years, Prapti led teams during a citywide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation project at the City of Napa, overseeing several modules: procurement, accounts payable, HR/payroll, and financials. Additionally, she conducted citywide trainings on financial processes and managed the post-ERP system updates for payroll and accounts payable. Prapti is recognized for her diplomacy, her ability to find solutions to complex problems, and fostering collaborative teamwork.

Throughout her career, she often served as the primary point of contact for anyone in need of assistance with accounting and operational questions. Always motivated to help others grow professionally, Prapti openly shares her knowledge and experience with staff. She believes a positive attitude is the most important ingredient in how she approaches every situation.

City of Clayton Meetings Coming Up

July 13, 2023, 6pm-8pm Conversation with the City Manager

July 18, 2023, City Council Meeting

August 1, 2023, 6pm-8pm National Night Out

August 15, 2023, City Council Meeting

September 19, 2023, City Council Meeting



Clayton Car Show

Check out the Clayton Car Show from 6pm-8pm at Main Street across from The Grove.

July 26, 2023

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