



From The Desk of the City Manager

Message from the City Manager

Dear Clayton Community,

I am thrilled to share with you the incredible success of our recent City Day of Service and the CBCA-Octoberfest celebration. The overwhelming support and participation from our community have truly showcased the spirit of collaboration that makes Clayton such a special place to live.

The City Day of Service was a remarkable demonstration of community engagement and volunteerism. Residents dedicated their time and energy to various service projects--from park clean-ups to community beautification efforts. The enthusiasm and commitment displayed by our residents were truly inspiring, and I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to making our city a better place.

Following the City Day of Service, we continued the festivities with the CBCA-Octoberfest, a lively celebration enjoyed by so many residents and visitors. The event attracted a massive crowd with families, friends, and neighbors coming together to enjoy food and entertainment. The turnout was incredible, and it was a joy to see our community members interacting and forging new connections.

I would like to express my appreciation to the City Council for their efforts in volunteering and making these types of events happen for Clayton.

Looking ahead, we are actively exploring new technologies and digital platforms to improve communication and engagement with our residents. Our goal is to provide convenient access to city services, information, and resources through user-friendly mobile applications and online portals.

In the spring of 2024, the City Council will initiate a comprehensive review of our major financial needs inclusive of reviewing the five-year forecast. This proactive approach will enable us to assess our financial resources, identify areas of improvement, and prioritize investments that align with our community's needs and aspirations. Your input and involvement will be crucial during this process, and we will ensure transparency and opportunities for public input.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged, participate in community events, and share your valuable insights. Together, Clayton will continue to be a thriving city that meets the needs of our residents and embraces innovation.

Thank you once again for your incredible support and participation. Your commitment to Clayton is truly inspiring, and I am honored to serve as your City Manager. I trust we will continue to work hand in hand to create a brighter future for our beloved community.

Warm regards,

Bret Prebula
City Manager

**Click the Video to get some additional updates.
Email me at: bretp@claytonca.gov**



Mosquito and Vector Control Board

The City of Clayton has a Trustee vacancy on the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board. Trustees serve a two-year term. The board meets the second Monday evening every other month. You would work with vector control staff on strategic planning, policy, and budget direction. If you are interested, please email me at bretp@claytonca.gov



Maintenance Department

On October 3, 2023, City Council heard a report from our consultant, Ron Bernal, about the staff hour deficit Clayton has been experiencing in its Maintenance Department (more service hours needed than staff hours available). The consultant identified 5,500 hours per year in the service hour gap, equivalent to 4-FTE. It is important to note, and as outlined by the consultant, when you have an annual service gap, as Clayton has had for some time, the issues grow year over year. Deferred maintenance becomes more and more delayed, creating emergency repairs, which only adds to the service gap issue. City Council has directed staff to evaluate some alternatives to fill this gap, including contracting additional work, and include it within the spring 2024 financial discussion. The identification of this issue and next steps is important to finding a sustainable long-term solution.

Important Fact: As a reminder, the City only has 6-FTE (one of those positions is the Maintenance Superintendent) to address all the maintenance work (Parks, Roads, Facilities, mainline breaks, vegetation management; trimming right of ways and medians) throughout the entire City.



Employee Spotlight

Jorge Gonzalez

Jorge Gonzalez was born in Los Angeles and raised in the Bay Area. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He takes pride in his Mexican heritage as he is a first generation Mexican-American. His favorite hobbies are bowling and professional sporting events (Go Dodgers!) as well as concerts and movies. Jorge has been working for the City of Clayton for 7 years now in the position of Maintenance Worker I and handles graffiti, citywide trash disposition, and red curb striping. Within his position, he also handles "Drain to Bay" thermals, potholes, and mowing baseball fields at Clayton Community Park.

We are so proud to have Jorge as part of our Clayton team!!

City of Clayton Meetings/Events Coming Up

October 17, 2023, City Council Meeting 7pm

October 18, 2023, Special Planning Commission Meeting 6pm

November 7, 2023, City Council Meeting 7pm

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