



## Mayor Sees Local Parks as Sign of Visionary Leadership

Have you ever considered the value and importance of parks? Probably the most famous park in the United States is Central Park—800 acres located in the middle of New York City!

Parks provide a place for both passive and active recreation. They serve all age groups. Parks allow family and friends a place to go outside for fresh air and sunshine, and they create a sense of community that we all appreciate.

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*~Mayor Jody McLeod*

we have several well-maintained parks in various areas throughout Clayton. This is the type of legacy we chose to leave for the future Claytonians.

Parks are a sign of visionary leadership. Just think of the vision they had decades ago with Central Park and how many thousands of people have strolled, lounged and played



there.

We are well on our way to creating this legacy in Clayton.

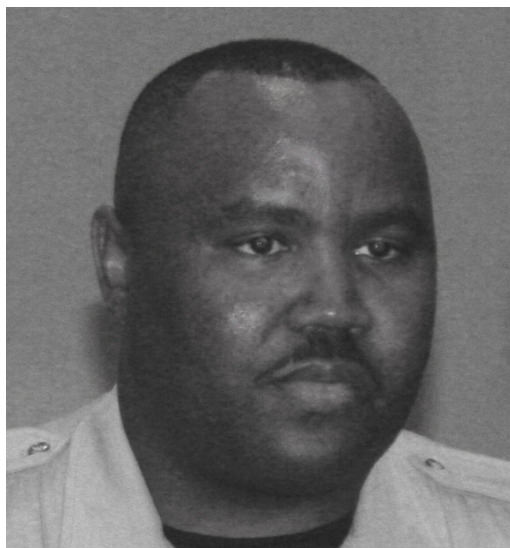
Proudly serving you—

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. McLeod".

## New Officer Joins the Patrol Division

Working towards its goal of operating at full capacity, the police department has filled another vacancy.

Officer Keith Adams recently joined the department and is assigned to the patrol division.



A resident of the Clayton area, Adams brings with him extensive experience with the Johnston County Sheriff's Department and the Fuquay Varina Police Department, along with numerous certifications.

*Officer Keith Adams*

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Assisting Councilman Bob Ahlert and wife Mary (above left) with tickets before a performance are Clayton Center Scene Stealer volunteers Edwina and Rudy Oliver (above right).

## Here's Your Chance - Be a Scene Stealer

As the excitement builds for the new season *The Clayton Center* announces positions are available with our volunteer group, *Scene Stealers*.

*Clayton Center* volunteers are essential to the success of the performances; they act to ensure a smooth and safe evening and create a warm, inviting atmosphere for our patrons.

As a *Scene Stealer* you are the face of the theatre during performances.

Whether you are passing out programs with an old friend or taking up tickets with someone you just met, there's always a lot of fun and laughter with this group. *Scene Stealers* help greet

patrons at *The Center*, offer ushering assistance, help in the concession areas and assist with hosting *The Teacher's Lounge*, either prior or post Friday and Saturday evening performances.

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*Series* shows are held on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday shows are held in the afternoon.

If you like to meet new people, make new friends and enjoy professional entertainment then the *Scene Stealers* are looking for you!

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the Box Office at 553.1737. You are also invited to visit our web site at [www.theclaytoncenter.com](http://www.theclaytoncenter.com).

## Police Department Makes Surprise Visit to Library

When the kids came to the library's summer reading program on June 26 and 27 they had no idea the police had been called, too.

Since the library's theme for the summer reading program is *Get a Clue @ Your Library*, library assistant Kristy Lesmann said it just seemed to follow that the police should be involved!

Everyone was excited to meet Officer Temple, who drove his motorcycle to the library parking lot and Lt. Herring, who brought his police car.

The kids took turns sitting on the motorcycle and in the car, while the officers explained how all the "gadgets" worked.

*Get a Clue @ Your Library* was a summer-long program

that ran each Tuesday and Wednesday from June 26 through August 8.

Kids ranging from infants through Kindergarten ages met each Tuesday, and kids from 1st grade through 5th grade age range met each Wednesday.

Guests throughout the summer have included officers from the Clayton police department and firefighters from the fire department. Also, Patrolmen came from the NC Highway Patrol.

Ronald McDonald, Smokey the Bear and some great storytellers also made guest appearances, as well as folks from the NC Museum of Science.

There's been a lot going on this summer at the library!



RIDING THE ROADS... You could see the excitement on their faces as the kids were allowed to sit in a patrol car and on a motorcycle, probably for the first time ever! Lt. Herring (left) watches as the kids take turns sitting in the driver's seat of his patrol car. He explained some of the mysterious looking equipment that is standard in patrol cars. Officer Temple (below left) demonstrated how a police motorcycle operates and let the kids take turns pretending to drive.

## DDA Publishes Appearance Standards for Downtown Businesses and Property Owners

"A successful downtown must be an attractive and clean place. We only get one chance for a first impression." That's the first line in a booklet just published by the Clayton Downtown Development Association (DDA). The booklet is designed to keep existing and future business owners and commercial property owners informed about what is expected aesthetically and legally to create and maintain a positive appearance of property and buildings in downtown Clayton.

Jemé Avent, DDA's Design Committee Chair, said the concept for the booklet

was developed because, "It just wasn't clear when the town was responsible for something and when the property owner was responsible." She added, "The booklet spells it all out pretty clearly." Indeed, the appendix has the full text of the Town Ordinance pertaining to property maintenance.

The booklet covers *Property Owner Responsibilities*; *Town of Clayton Responsibilities*; and

*Standard Street Maintenance*, which includes the schedule when the Town performs certain maintenance activities. There is also a section about the maintenance of the *Sidewalk Trees*.

Joyce Blackley, DDA Chair, said improving the appearance of downtown Clayton is a major goal of the DDA and the Town. "We have a great downtown and with just a little bit of care, it can be a great looking downtown.

This booklet is just a first step, to let everyone know the basic level of expectation about keeping their properties up." But, she added, "We plan on far exceeding the basic level of appearance in downtown Clayton."

Copies of the booklet have been mailed to property and business owners in the commercial downtown district. It will also be available on-line sometime this summer.

For more information or for a copy of the booklet, contact the Downtown Development Coordinator at 553.1545 or by e-mail at [bnagelen@townofclaytonnc.org](mailto:bnagelen@townofclaytonnc.org).

# Water Conservation Order Now Mandatory for Both City and County Residents

Water, water everywhere.... Unfortunately this old adage is no longer applicable to our daily water use habits, in particular for irrigation.

Johnston County Public Utilities supplies all of the water manufactured for sale by the Town of Clayton to our retail customers. The Town is a bulk water customer of the County and we own and operate the distribution system.

The Town has an approximate allocation of 2.3 million gallons of daily capacity in the Johnston County Water Treatment Plant, which is sufficient to meet the normal daily demand. Similarly, Johnston County can produce a supply adequate to meet normal demand for Clayton and its other bulk and retail customers. As a supplement to its existing allocation the Town collects fees from new development to purchase additional capacity

from Johnston County to meet the ever expanding demand for water service.

***Failure to follow the conservation order will be cause for civil penalty and/or disconnection of irrigation service.***

The lack of recent rainfall and the high summertime temperatures have caused a significant spike in daily water consumption, from around two million gallons per day to over four. This increase is mainly due to lawn irrigation and the extent of the increase is so significant that it has become necessary to place controls on the use of water for this purpose.

For most of this summer water

conservation measures have been voluntary and dependent upon public education and voluntary compliance. This voluntary effort has produced only modest results; therefore, the Town of Clayton must move to a **Mandatory Conservation** program beginning **Tuesday August 7**. Beginning on that date irrigation of lawns and ornamentals will only be allowed consistent with the following schedule:

The last digit of a customer's address is used to determine even or odd numbered house addresses.

- Monday  
*No watering permitted*
- Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday  
*Odd addressed customers*
- Wednesday, Friday & Sunday  
*Even addressed customers*

This water conservation order remains in effect until further notice. Failure to follow the conservation order will be cause for civil penalty and/or disconnection of irrigation service. After an initial notice of violation penalties for irrigation inconsistent with the above schedule quickly reach \$100 per day. The Town will expect voluntary compliance with the above noted program until August the 7th and will reserve the right to take action against blatant violators in the interim.

Please contact the Town of Clayton Public Works Department at 919-553-1530 for additional information.

*Irrigation systems programmed to water daily must now be reprogrammed according to a schedule based on the homeowners house number.*

