



New Season at the The Clayton Center Boosts Towns Image As Arts Community

What do you think of the entertainment lined up this season at *The Clayton Center*?

Wait, I think I already know the answer to that: a lot of you love it!

I say that because within just a week or so of its announcement last month, you, and others around the Triangle area, had already snapped up more new season tickets than we sold all of last year prior to the first show. People at the ticket office were so busy, it was hard to get them on the phone.

Capitol Steps, Blues Brothers Revival, Cherryholmes, Southern Fried Chicks Comedy Tour, Mark Nizer, Hormonal Imbalance, Blues Bash IV with Johnny Winter, Jesse Cook and Kathy Mattea—at a meeting last week, someone said it’s the best *Palladian Series* we’ve



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ever had, and I think so, too.

The shows make a super “date night,” especially if

you stop by one of our great downtown restaurants for dinner first.

Previous seasons at *The Clayton Center* have helped put our town on the map for lots of folks who drive here from around the Triangle area for a show, and the great lineup this year is certain to keep that trend going. We’re getting more and more of a reputation as an arts community, and *The Clayton Center* is one of the big reasons why.

Executive Director Heidi Stump and her staff are doing a great job, and we owe them a lot of thanks for helping make Clayton a quality place to live.

Come on out and join your friends at *The Clayton Center* this year. It’s an awesome experience!



Demboski stands next to the massive 10'x10' mural she is painting in The Clayton Center. The Center provided an electric-powered lift for her to use so she doesn't have to climb up and down a ladder.

From Blank Wall to Work of Art: Come Take a Look At Us Now

When local artist Dorothy Demboski began the mural project at The Clayton Center in July it was hard to envision just what a massive undertaking it would be. Now, with the mural nearly half finished, you can see just how detailed and labor intensive a project it is.

Already, you can become drawn into the picture, picking out historic landmarks around Clayton and finding other items that many can relate to – like the Pepsi logo located at the top center of the mural, or the lighthouse about half way down on the left. Demboski has also added animals and indigenous plants and flowers. When completed, the mural will be a permanent 10-foot by 10-foot work of art that will fascinate people of all ages.

Demboski says she enjoys talking with people when they stop to watch her paint, and welcomes questions and comments. So, feel free to stop by – again and again – to check on progress and find out what’s been added since the last time you were there.

You Rake'em Up and We'll Pick'em Up



Playing in piles of brightly colored fall leaves is fun-getting them raked up and disposed of can be quite a chore. The Town offers curbside pick up annually for residents who are on a regular household trash pick-up schedule.

With the arrival of fall and the promise of cooler temperatures comes the annual deluge of fall leaves. Beautiful to behold, but

a real chore to rake!

Tim Simpson, Public Works and Utilities Director, has announced that loose-leaf collection for the Town begins this year on November 3, and runs through March 2, 2009.

The route will, for most locations, follow one business day behind *Waste Management's* regular household trash pick-up schedule.

The current collection route map for trash pick-up is listed on the Town of Clayton web site at www.townofclaytonnc.org.

Loose-leaf collection applies only to residential accounts within the Town's municipal limits.

In accordance with the *Solid Waste Ordinance*, during the November-March period residents

may place loose-leaf piles behind the curb for removal by Town employees.

Only leaves may be left curbside for pick-up. No limbs, branches, rocks, trash or other yard waste should be placed in the piles. Leaf piles will *not* be removed if they contain a mixture of any of these items.

Simpson stressed that leaf piles must be placed *off* of the street.

"When placed in the street or gutter," he said, "they contribute to storm drainage problems and can also become a hazard for traffic."

Waste Management will also remove leaves as part of their regular trash pick-up—as long as the leaves are in bags or containers.

DDA Approves Three Downtown Façade Grants

The Downtown Development Association (DDA) has approved three *Downtown Façade Improvement Grant* applications. The projects are expected to be completed within the next few months. The grant program reimburses an approved project 50 percent of the eligible costs up to \$5000. The grant is available through the Town for commercial buildings in downtown Clayton. Jemé Avent, Vice Chair of the DDA Design Committee said "These are highly visible projects and will make a big difference in the appearance of downtown Clayton."

The first application is at 104 North Fayetteville Street—a former residence at the corner of Fayetteville and Main Street. The house will become the office for HTR Commercial Real Estate. This house is a contributing building in the proposed historic district, and the new owners are taking care to keep the architectural integrity of the building intact as they make



104 W. Main St.



104 N. Fayetteville St.



236 E. Main St.

improvements.

The second application is for 104 West Main Street. This is a commercial building located between 104 North Fayetteville Street and the North Carolina Paper Company. After renovations, the owners hope to attract a retail use for the building.

The third application approved is for 236 East Main Street (Main Street Jewelers). This building is also a contributing structure in the proposed historic district.

For more information on proposed improvements for each property contact Bruce Naegelen at (919) 553-1545 or by e-mail at bnaegelen@townofclaytonnc.org.

In addition to the *Downtown Façade Grant*, the Town also offers the *Downtown Improvements Project* and the *Downtown Redevelopment Incentive Grant*. Information and applications for these programs are available online at <http://www.townofclaytonnc.org/Business/Downtown Business Development.aspx>.