Clayton is experiencing significant growth and the path forward matters.
You are invited to attend the Clayton Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee's 2026 State of Economic Development, a forward-looking program focused on the future of workforce development, healthcare, infrastructure, and economic competitiveness in our region. Our keynote speaker will be **Parker Wyatt of Global Location Strategies**, who will be offering valuable insight into what makes communities competitive for business recruitment and expansion. Following the keynote, attendees will hear from an expert panel exploring emerging trends and how our region is preparing to meet current and future demands. The panel will be moderated by **Ben Tobin of Triangle Business Journal**.

Panelists include:
Dr. Vern Lindquist, President, Johnston Community College
Robert Cupp, Vice President of Operations, UNC Health Johnston
Sam Lawhorn, Deputy Division Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation
Parker Wyatt, Senior Consultant, Global Location Strategies

Following the program, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a guided windshield bus tour, sponsored by Brightspeed, showcasing key development areas and future growth opportunities throughout Clayton.

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (Program)
Bus Tour: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: The Clayton Center Auditorium, 111 E Second St., Clayton
Breakfast in lobby area is included with registration.

Registration Information:
CCOC Investors: $65 (Event) | $95 (Event + Tour)
Non-Investors: $95 (Event) | $125 (Event + Tour)
Bus tour participation is limited to 25 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

We encourage you to secure your seat early for this important conversation about Clayton's future. Register today at https://web.claytonchamber.com/atlas/events/6888/details

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