

Clayton Living

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Upcoming Community Events Planned for City

After a year of cancelled and altered community events due to the COVID pandemic, Clayton City Council is optimistic the majority of the community events rolled out over the last several years will once again be a go in 2021. Although there continues to be unknowns, Clayton is planning to hold their annual Labor Day Fireworks on Sunday, September 5th at Meadowbrook at Clayton. Discussions if the festival preceding the fireworks will occur this year are ongoing. Additional events planned to be at Meadowbrook at Clayton are Movie in the Park (August), Costumes and Carvings (October) & Breakfast with Santa (December). Staff also plans to hold their annual Government Academy over a

Events like the annual Movie in the Park in August and Labor Day fireworks will be back this summer.

span of six weeks this fall. Finally, Clayton's staff is working on possible additional summer and fall events this year. Be on the lookout for those as additional information is released.

The annual Clayton Shredding Event will be held on July 17th from 9-11AM at the Clayton Government Center. The fall Sweep Clayton Clean event at 200 Woolery Lane will take place on October 16th, starting at 8AM.

Please follow Clayton's social media pages or check out the city's website at www.clayton.oh.us for additional details as the events get closer.

Greetings!

Summer is here! It is exciting to see more people getting outside, visiting parks, watching and participating in various youth and adult sports, and working in their yards. The COVID pandemic seems to be subsiding and the retail stores and restaurants are seeing business return. I encourage everyone to shop local, spend local, and support our community businesses.

Clayton has the honor and distinction to have recently been named a Purple Heart City. The city will have a special presentation and proclamation at our July 15th City Council meeting. We are so proud of this designation because it's a way to visibly show thanks, respect, and our gratitude to our veterans that have made the ultimate sacrifice by being wounded or killed in battle.

The city has also created an Adopt-A-Road program this spring. Keeping our city clean and litter-free is one of the best ways to show pride in our community. This is a great way to get involved in your own neighborhood and make a real difference. It can be done on any scale, by any number of people. Special thanks to Caterpillar for being our first adoptive company to join the program. Please call the city offices to get more details.

The city will continue paving and mill-and-fill programs our streets throughout 2021. Salem Avenue (ST RT 49) will be re-paved this summer with a majority of those costs assumed by the state of Ohio. Also on our schedule this year for curb work and resurfacing is Artistic Ct., Caldero Ct., sections of Willowcreek, and sections of E Salem St, which is scheduled to start by the end of June. Finally, Westbrook Rd. will have some concrete infrastructure work completed this year in anticipation of being resurfaced in 2022 via a grant with Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Continued attention and resources directed at our city infrastructure is



a daily task with our staff and assists in continuing to make Clayton a great place to live and locate a business!

With the easing of pandemic restrictions, Clayton will begin to open community events. Movie in the Park is on the schedule and our popular Labor Day Fireworks are on. Watch for future details on both of these free events. We hope you will make it a point to attend these, and other, city sponsored events throughout the rest of 2021. They're a great way to socialize, meet your neighbors, and have some great family fun. All of our events are designed for people of all ages. We hope to see you there.

I look forward to seeing every one of you this summer. It has been a rough 18 months being shut in the house and wearing masks. I am proud to say our city has weathered the storm as well as could be expected. It is time to get out, socialize, exercise, and live our intended lives. As always, a heartfelt "thank you" to our city staff, city council, and our residents for making Clayton a great place to live.

Have a great summer!
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Resident Green Fee Rates Now Available at Meadowbrook at Clayton

Residents of Clayton can save \$2.00 on their green fees thanks to the Fair Share Policy implemented this year!

Resident rates apply to those persons living within the corporate limits of the City of Clayton. Resident discount given upon proof of residency.

Proof of residency includes valid driver's license, state ID or utility bill.

If Resident Rate Golf Application is completed by customer, residency must only be verified once for 2021. Application available online at www.meadowbrookatclayton.com/rates/ and in the Pro Shop.

What is a Fair Share Policy?

The City of Clayton recognizes the role of residents' property taxes on the operational costs of Meadowbrook throughout the year. The fair share concept is intended to distribute to non-residents an equalized fee so that they contribute to the operational costs of Meadowbrook at Clayton on an equitable basis with the resident.



Meadowbrook at Clayton Now Open for Events

Meadowbrook at Clayton is ready to host your next event! "With a few recent updates to the banquet facility, we are excited to be scheduling events like weddings, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, and class and family reunions for this year and beyond," said Elaine Wittman, Assistant to the City Manager and Facility Manager for Meadowbrook.

This spring, new hardware was installed in all banquet areas, lighting was changed to LED in the entrances and ballroom, and new ceiling swag was purchased and mounted.

To obtain additional information about hosting your event at Meadowbrook at Clayton, go to www.meadowbrookatclayton.com/event-rental-rooms/ or call 937-540-9685.

Planning & Zoning Corner

Planning & Zoning by the Numbers (Through May, 2021)

- Zoning Certificates: 51 permits (41 in 2020 thru the same time period)
- New investment: \$1,841,359 (\$532,313 in 2020 thru the same time period)
- Zoning Fees: \$4,060 (\$2,490 in 2020 thru the same time period)
- Planning Commission Cases: 3 applications (0 thru the same time period last year)
- Board of Zoning Appeals Applications: 2 applications (2 thru the same time period last year)

Zoning Code Update:

- Staff has worked with a zoning consultant for two years preparing the final draft of the new code.
- New zoning code will complement the *PLAN Clayton* document approved in 2018. A Steering Committee made up of city residents, building officials, MVRPC staff, city zoning and planning board reps and city staff worked with consultant over the past two years. There were also two workshops, open to the public, with City Council to discuss the project and to receive feedback before the final draft was completed.
- Planning Commission voted unanimously in April to recommend approval.
- City Council voted unanimously in June to approve the new zoning code.
- New zoning code will become law on July 17.
- One of the new features staff is hopeful to roll out this year will be a new interactive zoning map residents can access online to find out information about their respective properties.

PLAN Clayton Implementation Update:

- City Council passed a Resolution on November 5, 2020 formalizing the creation of the *PLAN Clayton* Implementation Committee (PCIC)
 - o PCIC includes two members of City Council, a Planning Commission member, a Real Estate Professional, and 1 resident per City Ward
 - o PCIC formed 4 Subcommittees to work outside of the PCIC meetings to develop a list of feasible projects for 2021 and for the 5-Year Implementation Plan
 - Walkable Neighborhoods (Derek Muncy & Mindy Craddick)



- Central Cores (Councilman Bachman & Kim Williams)
- Connected Parks (Dan Foley & Seth Powless)
- Great Streets & Infrastructure (Mayor Stevens & Seth Dorman)
- Final report and recommendations will be presented to City Council this summer

Citizen Updates:

- Just a friendly reminder a zoning certificate is required for accessory structures such as sheds, pools, decks, and any type of residential addition. You can also apply and pay for permits online:
 - o Residents of Clayton can now apply for Zoning Certificates online at the Citizen Portal: <https://claytonoh.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/claytonoh>
 - o Residents of Clayton can now pay for Zoning Certificate fees online at Bill Pay: [https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/\(S\(ofgml0nc2td4ong5kuwofgvb\)\)/2/Site.aspx?G=12d439c5-730b-4ba3-b4f7-c056c17b08a7](https://www.invoicecloud.com/portal/(S(ofgml0nc2td4ong5kuwofgvb))/2/Site.aspx?G=12d439c5-730b-4ba3-b4f7-c056c17b08a7)

Code Enforcement Tackles High Grass

Summertime is always the busiest time of the year for the code enforcement program. One of the most visible violations on the enforcement radar is high grass. By regulation, grass must be cut and maintained so it doesn't reach a height greater than 8". Property owners also have the responsibility of cutting the grass all the way to the pavement of the road. Drainage ditches and curb lawn areas are included with this responsibility and failure to cut any high grass could result in the placement of a high grass sign in the yard notifying the property owner of the violation. Failure to cut high grass will ultimately lead to the city cutting the grass and subsequently billing the property owner for the abatement service. If you see a possible violation, please feel free to contact the city or the code enforcement officer at dswafford@clayton.oh.us.



Road Construction Slated to Begin this Summer

Heading into 2021 the Clayton Service Department has a full schedule of upcoming projects which will continue to move forward public infrastructure improvements throughout the entire Clayton community. This year's road construction program is scheduled to begin in mid-June, starting with curb replacement on Westbrook Road between Taywood and Garber Roads. This project is in anticipation of another grant funded resurfacing project scheduled for fiscal year 2022. That specific project will see Westbrook fully resurfaced, from Salem Avenue to Cheri Lynne as part of a Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's (MVRPC) Surface Transportation Program (STP) resurfacing grant. In addition to Westbrook's 2021 project, curb replacement and paving will be completed on Old Salem, Artistic, Caldero and Willowcreek

Roads starting this June. Finally, following up on the massive concrete and catch basin replacement project along SR 49 in 2020, all of Salem Avenue from Westbrook to Southway Road will be paved in Clayton starting this June.

Coinciding with the other infrastructure improvement projects this summer, Clayton is undertaking its second safety project, this time at the intersection at Union and Salem Avenue, funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation. This intersection will see the extension of the southbound turn lane of Union Road and upgrade all the signals at this intersection with mast arms.

Any questions about the upcoming construction projects can contact Randy Sanders at 937-836-3500 Ext. 123, or dsanders@Clayton.oh.us.

Adopt-A-Road Program Cleans Up Streets

Keeping your city clean and beautiful is one of the best things the community at large can do to assist a local jurisdiction on a daily basis. Doing it as a group is even better. With the summer months now upon us, the City of Clayton is introducing our new "Adopt-a-Road" program. This program provides community minded groups supplies, direction and assistance on cleaning up our area roadways once a month during the warmer months of the year.

We'll also put a sign up along your designated area recognizing you and your group's hard work and dedication to Clayton. For

more information, please go to <https://www.clayton.oh.us/549/Adopt-a-Road> or to sign up today, please contact Randy Sanders at 937-836-3500 or dsanders@clayton.oh.us.



Clayton Police Department Receives GOLD Award

The Clayton Police Department recently won another award recognizing the excellent organization and the men and women who work so diligently in continuing to make Clayton the safest community in Montgomery

County. Earlier this year, Clayton Police received the GOLD Award from Lexipol for excellence in Law Enforcement Policy Management for 2020. According to the Lexipol website, to achieve a given performance level, all applicable criteria and metrics for that level must be met including policies issued, updates pending, and daily training bulletins issued. The gold level is the highest level a jurisdiction may be awarded. Congrats Clayton Police and thank you for helping to make Clayton the best community to raise a family in!



Clayton Welcomes Officer Godwin

Officer Kristofer Godwin is Clayton's newest police officer, joining the city in the beginning of 2021. Godwin graduated from Dayton Christian High School in 2010 before working full-time in the manufacturing sector for 6.5 years directly after high school. After thoughtful consideration and contemplation, he decided going back to school to become a police officer would give him the best opportunity to do something he considered meaningful. He first obtained his associate degree in criminal justice from Sinclair Community College before eventually graduating from the Sinclair Police Academy in 2019. Prior to coming to Clayton, Godwin worked as a part-time police officer in North Hampton and Enon for two years. He loves his job at Clayton and the fact every day presents different experiences. Officer Godwin has been married to his wife for almost 8 years and they have three kids together. Welcome to Clayton Officer Godwin!

Smoke Detectors Available Via Red Cross Partnership



The Clayton Fire Department, through a partnership with the Red Cross, is once again able to provide free smoke detectors to Clayton residents. The fire department will provide the smoke detectors and will be available to assist in their installation, within reason. To request your free smoke detector today, please call the fire department at 937-836-3500 or visit the City of Clayton website at <https://www.clayton.oh.us/479/Smoke-Detector-Installation>.

CPR Classes Being Offered Once Again

The Fire Collaborative of Clayton, Englewood, and Union is now offering CPR/AED/First Aid and Basic Life Support (BLS) classes to residents, local businesses, and other local organizations. The classes follow the American Safety & Health Institute guidelines. Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a certification card which is valid for two years. Classes are free for any resident or individuals working within a business located in the cities of Clayton, Englewood, or Union. The cost is \$55.00 for non-residents or individuals working at a non-Clayton, Englewood, or Union business. To sign up and submit payment, please go to <https://www.clayton.oh.us/143/CPR-Classes-First-Aid>. Businesses or organization interested in offering a class for a larger group, staff may be able to come to your facility at different dates and times to accommodate your schedule. If you have any questions please contact Battalion Chief Follick at 937-836-3500 ext. 151 or email at afollick@clayton.oh.us

Class dates and times are below:

Saturday July 10, 2021 9:00 am

Clayton Government Center
(6996 Taywood Road)

Tuesday August 3, 2021 6:00 pm

Englewood Fire Station 99
(1099 Union Blvd.)

Saturday September 4, 2021 9:00 am

Clayton Government Center
(6996 Taywood Road)

Tuesday October 5, 2021 6:00 pm

Englewood Fire Station 99
(1099 Union Blvd.)

Saturday November 6, 2021 9:00 am

Clayton Government Center
(6996 Taywood Road)

Tuesday December 7, 2021 6:00 pm

Englewood Fire Station 99
(1099 Union Blvd.)

Fire Department Training

In April, members of the fire department attended a weeklong Surface and Swiftwater Rescue Operations and Technician class in West Virginia. While the participants partook in the incredibly intense training throughout the week, this opportunity will greatly assist the department respond to future water emergencies within the Cities of Clayton, Englewood and Union as well as surrounding communities.





Nominate a Beautiful Property

Clayton City Council wishes to congratulate the Sarno family on Inwood Avenue for winning this year's Spring VIP beautification award! While the spring flowers brought plenty of beautiful properties nominated for the annual spring award, the warmer months are sure to bring out bountiful summer annuals throughout the Clayton community. To nominate a favorite property for the Summer VIP, please feel free to call 937-836-3500 or email Jkuntz@clayton.oh.us. Summer nominations are open until August 31st.

Communication is one of the most important aspects of a growing and thriving community. Clayton releases quarterly newsletters. Two, spring & fall, are mailed to each residents and the summer edition is released online. Sign-up to receive the electronic editions sent directly to your inbox by visiting the 'Notify Me' section on the City's website then sign-up and select the 'newsletter' category.



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