

Clayton Living

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON



Happy 25th Birthday Clayton!

2023 marks the 25th anniversary of becoming the City of Clayton, after officially being incorporated by the Ohio Secretary of State on December 31, 1998. Since the Village of Clayton and Randolph Twp. merged all those years ago, our little city of slightly over 13,000 residents and 200 businesses has continued to mature and build a rock-solid foundation for future growth based on transparency, strong life safety services, community pride, pro-business initiatives and a clear vision of what Clayton is destined to become. Over the years, several significant benchmarks occurred which continue to assist in the smart growth potential of Clayton.

- Village of North Clayton broke ground in 2005. This project is now earmarked to be finished by Windsor Properties as part of a \$80-100 million mixed use project over the next 5-10 years.
- CAT Logistics broke ground in 2010 and now employs over 800 workers from the region.



- Meadowbrook at Clayton was donated to the city in 2015 and in addition to coming off its all-around best year since that time, it's now known as the regional anchor for community outreach programming for the Northmont community.
- Clayton has been named the safest city in Montgomery County every year since 2015.
- The new infrastructure improvement project started in 2016 resulting in 99% of all residential plats being resurfaced and 187 out of 247 total streets being resurfaced, including the total infrastructure improvement project

on Salem Avenue in 2021. Clayton also successfully installed ADA ramps at all city intersections with sidewalks during the same period.

- PLAN Clayton was approved and adopted in 2018.
- Fire Collaborative was created in 2020, leading to faster response times and a cost savings of millions of dollars for taxpayers.
- The city's park system is in the midst of a \$500,000 overhaul resulting in new amenities and improved green spaces throughout the city.
- The city is consistently ranked as one of the best cities to raise a family in all of Ohio.

Clayton will be working throughout 2023 to highlight the 25th anniversary of the city and look forward to partnering with various groups to continue highlighting why Clayton is considered one the fastest rising cities in southwest Ohio while also recognizing its rich history that helped build our community into what it is today. ☀️



2023 Road Projects

Location	Section	Treatment
Phillipsburg-Union Road	Haber to Shaw	Mill and Fill Paving
Salem Street	Diamond Mill to Crestway	Mill and Fill Paving
Union Road	Salem Avenue to Englewood Corp Limit	Mill and Fill Paving
Salem Crossing	All Roads	Mill and Fill Paving
Clayton Park at Hardscrabble	Upper Parking Lot	Paving
Seville and Savina Hills Plats	Various Roads	Crack Sealing
Westbrook and Salem Safety Project	Intersection	Completion of signal with mast arms

Greetings All!

Spring 2023 is just around the corner! As the milder temperatures become more consistent you will see more outdoor activities among our residents, our schools, our neighbors, and our city. Increased activity and interaction offer many opportunities for every one of us to add to our quality of life here in Clayton and beyond. I encourage everyone to engage with your community and enjoy the people, amenities, and possibilities Clayton has to offer.

The City of Clayton actively works to provide residents, business partners, and our neighbors an environment designed to enhance our quality of life. Our roadmap, a living document called Plan Clayton, is utilized to encourage smart growth in our business corridors, attract diverse housing options, and maintain and improve our city's infrastructure, while effectively managing sprawl and traffic issues that are common in many growing cities.

Meadowbrook at Clayton, our city owned golf course and event facility, is a popular regional destination. Golfers enjoy this beautiful and challenging course. League play, individual play, and outings are all popular activities. 2023 will introduce three new pickleball courts! The event facility can be booked for events like weddings, reunions, and parties. Other community events held at Meadowbrook include our Labor Day fireworks, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and Breakfast with Santa. This excellent community asset is a rare commodity among cities our size.

The City of Clayton offers three city owned parks: Clayton Park at Hardscrabble, Northview Park, and Westbrook Park. Amenities are varied and include disc golf and baseball/softball. Enhancements underway include walking paths, restrooms, and an all-inclusive playground. Our parks will continue to be a focus for improvement.

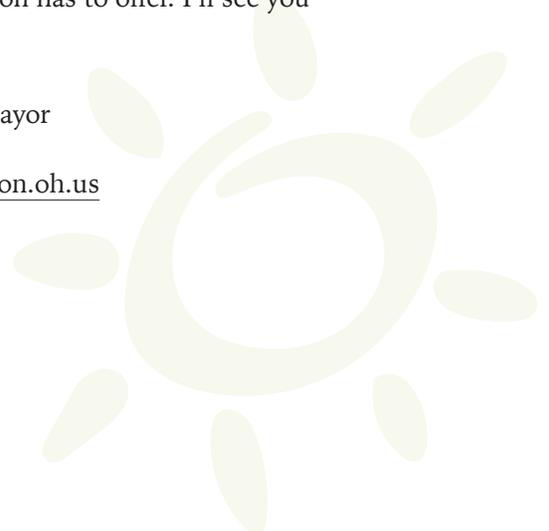
Clayton maintains streets and curbs on a scheduled basis. The city has resurfaced 187 streets since 2016. Improvements have been made to three major intersections on St. Rt. 49 making them more efficient and safer.



Quality of Life is important to the City of Clayton. Our fire department collaborates with our neighboring cities to reduce costs and improve response times. Our police department consists of professional, full-time officers that have worked hard to maintain the 'Safest City in Montgomery County' rating since 2015. Our finance department routinely receives highest honors from the State of Ohio and ensures our tax dollars and budget are effectively managed. Our local public school system, Northmont, affords an excellent education to our young students.

Our residents will always be our focus. We work hard every day to ensure a safe environment, responsible financial management, and popular amenities. Look for opportunities to meet your neighbors, interact with city officials and staff, and enjoy everything Clayton has to offer. I'll see you soon!

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Meadowbrook at Clayton Has Strongest Year Yet

Meadowbrook at Clayton saw many changes in 2022. In April 2022, Meadowbrook at Clayton's event operations were amended. The city took over day-to-day functions of the event facility and now permits outside caterers for events. In 2022, 92 events were held at Meadowbrook (this does not include community, no-cost, and at-cost events). This exceeded Meadowbrook's previous best year in 2019 which had 80 events. New audio/visual equipment was also installed in the Autumn of 2022, enhancing the amenities for conferences, meetings, and gatherings. Dates are still available for rentals in 2023, and the facility is currently booking into 2024. Meadowbrook at Clayton can accommodate any event from graduation parties and class reunions to weddings and birthday parties. Meadowbrook is the perfect location for your organization's next training, meeting, or conference. Go to www.meadowbrookatclayton.com/event-rental-rooms or call 937-836-1820 for more information.

The city also assumed the Snack Bar operations in 2022, assisting in providing consistency with hours and operations. The Snack Bar is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, April 1, 2023. New items added to the menu this year includes pizza and hot pretzels to go along with hotdogs, sausages, sandwiches, salads, and snacks. During

the off season, golfers can still quench their thirst and have a snack as staff continues concession operations in the Pro Shop and simulator area year-round.

In 2022, golf operations had 21,458 rounds played on the course. This includes open play, leagues, and outings. This is consistent with Meadowbrook Golf's best year in 2021. In 2023, Meadowbrook is bringing back its couple's events, Birdies & BBQ and Pizza & Par, which will be held June 11th and September 10th respectively. Meadowbrook is also excited that its new fleet of golf carts are scheduled to arrive in September 2023.

We hope you will come visit us at Meadowbrook at Clayton in 2023! ☀️



Reminder: Springtime Means Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Fire Department will start their annual hydrant flushing program at the beginning of April and will run through June. Clayton has over 830 fire hydrants that will be inspected and tested during this process. During hydrant flushing, the water in your home may have a rusty appearance. The discoloration doesn't affect the safety of the water. If you notice discoloration, run cold water for several minutes to clear the lines. The water should run clear in a few minutes. Toilets should also be flushed once or twice. If pressure or volume seems low at faucet locations, check your faucet screens for trapped particles. If you see the Fire Department working on a hydrant, please drive carefully and provide the same courtesies you would any other road construction crew.

If you have any questions or concerns about the fire hydrant flushing process, please call the Fire Department at 937-836-3500. ☀️

Open Burning

Spring is almost here, which means residents may begin conducting open burns throughout the city. Open burning is defined as anytime a resident lights an outdoor fire without a stack or chimney. It's further defined as burning such items as leaves, twigs, and trash, plant materials and other types of debris. Open burning contributes to the overall degradation of air quality and often causes breathing difficulties for those suffering from respiratory illnesses. It can also cause safety concerns with fire causing property damage and smoke reducing visibility on nearby roads. Open burning is permitted within the City of Clayton for the following purposes: barbecues, campfires, cookouts, ceremonial fires and occupational fires. Open burning must be with clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent and no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. The open burn must always be attended, along with a suitable extinguishing source. Open burning outside the parameters set by the State of Ohio and the City of Clayton is a violation of Ohio law and substantial penalties can be accessed. If you have any questions, please contact the Clayton Fire Department at 937-836-3500. ☀️



Get Clayton's 2023 Events on Your Calendar Today!

Below is the schedule of Clayton's 2023 events. Please follow the city on all its social media platforms or check out the city's website at www.clayton.oh.us for additional details and information on these events throughout the year as well as additional events as they are added.

Clayton's Easter Egg Hunt

April 1st, 9:30 am

Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue

Bring your own baskets for Clayton's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Age groups are 0-3, 4-6 & 7-9. Clayton's Easter Bunny will be at the event to cheer on the participants as they look for eggs at Meadowbrook at Clayton. Rain or shine. Event starts right at 9:30 and will go fast, so make sure you're there on time.



Senior Learn and Lunches

Monthly, third Wednesday

Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue

The Parks Advisory Commission's monthly Senior Lunch and Learn at Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue, is the third Wednesday of every month at noon, unless otherwise noted. (April and December will have no event). This event is for seniors and retirees in the Northmont community. Each event includes a free sponsored lunch and a guest speaker from the community. RSVP's due by the 2nd Wednesday of each month and can be made by calling 937-836-3500.

Sweep Clayton Clean

May 20th & October 21st

200 Woolery Lane

Dumpsters are available starting at 8 am until the dumpsters are full with a hard cut off at 12 noon. Clayton residents may dispose of junk, storage, furniture, wood, tree limbs and yard debris. Refrigerators may be dropped off if the freon has been drained. Free to residents.

*No Liquids, Paints, Freon, Tires, or Hazardous Items will be accepted. Chipper will be available for tree brush.

Clayton Shredding Event

July 15th from 9-11 am

Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Rd.

Items that may be shredded include: paper records, tapes, credit cards, cd's and microfilm. Shredding will be performed by Document Destruction onsite. Residents are limited to 4-boxes/bags per resident. This event is free for Clayton residents. Absolutely no business or home business documents will be accepted. Please enter the Government Center from Taywood Road as vehicles will be exiting at the Old Salem Road access.



Northmont Dance Party

Brought to you by the Clayton Parks Commission in July, with the exact date TBD. Enjoy a FREE, fun, & relaxed evening while learning all the popular, new, and traditional wedding line dances from DJ Willie Williams. For adults ages 21+. Cash bar opens at 6pm, class runs 7-9pm.

Movie in the Park

August 18th

Celebrate the first week of the new school year with Clayton's annual Movie in the Park, August 18th at 8:30 pm at Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue. Free to all community members. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. No alcohol is permitted. Families are free to bring blankets or chairs to enjoy the movie outside on Meadowbrook's driving range. Restroom facilities will be open.



Labor Day Fireworks and Festival

September 3rd

Meadowbrook at Clayton and the Clayton Parks Advisory Commission is hosting their Annual Labor Day Festival & Fireworks on Sunday, September 3rd at Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue.

Join us for free hot dogs, cotton candy, sno-cones and popcorn and be entertained by

Northmont's music program, face painting and bounce houses. After the festival, grab your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the region's best fireworks starting at 9 pm. Festival begins at 7:00 pm.





Government Academy

Starting September 13th

Clayton residents are now able to sign up for the 5th annual Government Academy. All residents are eligible to sign up for this free class and it will remain open for the first 15 residents to do so. The academy is a six-week course, starting on Sept. 13th, every Wednesday from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. This interactive class is extremely informative to every resident who attends. We only ask if you do sign up, please be able to commit to attending every session. To sign up, please contact Jack Kuntz at 937-836-3500 or jkuntz@clayton.oh.us.



Costumes and Carvings

October 29th, 2-4 pm

Meadowbrook at Clayton,
6001 Salem Avenue

All kids, grade K-8 are invited to this annual fall event. Pumpkin carving contest for all ages. Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided. Come dressed in your costumes for the costume contest following pumpkin carving. Goodie bags will be handed out at the end of the event.

Breakfast with Santa

December 16th, 9-11 am

Meadowbrook at Clayton,
6001 Salem Avenue

Clayton's annual Breakfast with Santa is back this year! Only 200 Tickets are being sold and tickets go on sale November 20th. *No advance sales prior to November 20th and no holds. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event at the City of Clayton Government Center; *Seating is assigned so if you'd like to sit with friends and family, please inform staff when purchasing tickets. Since seating is limited, we do not guarantee groups will be sat together but we will try our best. Purchase tickets at the City of Clayton Building, 6996 Taywood Rd.



Fire, Police & Service Community Open House

First week in October, Date TBD

Exact date TBD, first week in October, 4:30-7pm at the Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Rd. This family fun event is always free to the public and is a great opportunity for families to come out and interact with the police, fire & service departments. Kids and parents alike can play games, run an obstacle course, and enjoy a hot dog. Equipment is open to be looked at and staff is always available to talk and answer any questions you may have. Come on out and enjoy a relaxing and free evening with us.



Planning & Zoning Corner

2022 was a very successful year in terms of the amount of investment in Clayton compared to previous years. Between 2016-2021, there was approximately \$20 million invested in Clayton in terms of development and construction projects. In just 2022, there was almost \$17 million invested. This can be directly attributed to the number of new residential & commercial projects (Grand Villas of Clayton is considered a commercial project due to it being multi-family) coming into Clayton and the first phases of those projects breaking ground in 2022, specifically infrastructure installation.

Below is a breakdown for the different types of permits issued during 2022 compared to the same types of permits in 2021.

	2022	2021
Total Zoning Permits:	122	124
New Residential Construction:	4	4
Accessory Structures:	40	38
Residential Additions:	19	24
New Commercial Construction:	1	0
New Commercial Additions:	0	0

- New construction brings new investment into Clayton. In terms of new investment dollars and permits fees. Over the course of 2022 there was approximately \$16,910,065 of new investment in the city for new construction projects, compared to \$2,768,363 in 2021, and over \$17,933 for zoning permit fees collected (\$8,382 in 2021).
- Clayton became a certified residential and commercial building department at the end of 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, all new building permit applications can be submitted directly with the City Clayton, either at the Clayton Government Office or online at https://natininspect.com/plan_review.html. Plumbing permits and inspections will continue to be done via Public Health: Dayton & Montgomery County.
- Don't forget zoning permits can be submitted to Clayton online too. Please go to: <https://claytonoh.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/claytonoh> to submit your application online today. Permits continue to be able to be submitted in person at the office as well at 6996 Taywood Rd.
- For all of your permitting needs, please go to <https://www.clayton.oh.us/373/Permits> for additional information.
- The Clayton Development Department recently released it's 2022 Annual Report. To read the report and learn about all the great development going on in Clayton, please go to: <https://www.clayton.oh.us/434/Annual-Reports> ☀️



Code Enforcement Looks to Continue Being Aggressive in 2023

Following a successful 2022 year in which Clayton's proactive code enforcement program issued 961 violations within its boundaries, the city's property maintenance and zoning inspector will continue having a strong presence in neighborhoods and commercial corridors throughout 2023. Although having high violation totals is one positive measurable, as the city continues to protect its status as the best place to raise a family in Montgomery County, the program's most important statistic is compliance gained for all those violations. Over the past two years, the violation compliance rate has been over 90% in Clayton. This compliance rate has significantly improved since the proactive program was instituted in 2016. 2015 saw a compliance rate of only 50% on a total of 218 violations. Protecting the aesthetic appeal of Clayton is always one of the main tenants of this program and this year code enforcement will be concentrating extra efforts on yard parking and trashcan placement as those violations are easily identifiable in all neighborhoods. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked or stored on unpaved surfaces and trashcans must be stored behind the front wall of the house. If your property happens to find itself in violation, please make the necessary arrangements to bring the property into compliance within the prescribed timeframe or call Clayton offices at 937-836-3500 to discuss your situation with the code enforcement officer. ☀️

Police Welcomes New Hires

City Council welcomed two new police officers to Clayton's ranks at their February 2nd City Council meeting. Officer Roark grew up in Centerville where he graduated from Archbishop Alter High School in 2010 and then Wright State University in 2015. Roark went on to graduate from Sinclair's Criminal Justice Training Academy in 2022 at the top of his class while also winning the gold medal for physical fitness excellence, silver medal for academic honors and silver medal for firearms excellence.

Officer Dennis is a graduate from Dixie High School where he also attended MVCTC for their criminal justice program. After high school graduation, Dennis enrolled in the United States Marine Corps where he attended Marine Combat Training and Military Police school. After proudly serving abroad, he returned stateside and enrolled at Sinclair's Criminal Justice Training Academy where he later graduated.

Welcome to the Clayton community Officers Roark and Dennis! ☀️

Police Department Happenings

Congrats Lt. Nabel on graduating from the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police's Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program in early February. Per CLEE's website, participants in this 14 month program are evaluated on ten different learning modules through written tests or case studies and finally through an oral presentation at the conclusion of the course. Congrats Lt. Nabel on completing this course! The Clayton Police Department has joined the social media ranks with the creation of their new Facebook page.

This page can be found on the social media platform with a search for "Clayton Ohio Police Department." This new page will assist the community at large with up-to-date info during the day, including during evening hours, for road closures, emergency situations and various other items benefiting the community in a timely manner. This new addition compliment's Clayton's continued efforts in providing vital and current info to the Clayton community on a 24 hour basis. ☀️

Clayton Becomes Certified Building Department

In the fall of 2022, Clayton City Council instructed staff to pursue proactive ideas to streamline building permitting to continue providing quick and efficient services for Clayton residents, the business community, and potential new end-users. Staff brought before Council in October a plan to bring building inspection in house. Previously, this service was provided by Montgomery County. The State of Ohio Board of Building Standards, approved Clayton's application for certification at their December 2022 meeting; and on January 1, 2023, Clayton began providing all residential and commercial building permitting and inspection services to Clayton residents and businesses.

All new residential and commercial plans, electrical, mechanical & HVAC permits, business occupancy permits, demolition and all other building permits and inspections are now submitted directly to the City of Clayton. Amanda Zimmerlin, Clayton City Manager, stated, "The addition of these services being provided in house will streamline the building process for our residents and businesses, we pride ourselves on providing quality services to our community." Residents and businesses in need of these services can visit the City of Clayton's website at www.clayton.oh.us for more information.

All plumbing permits will continue to be handled by Public Health: Dayton & Montgomery County. ☀️



Officer Roark (center)



Officer Dennis (second from left)



Refuse Service & Collection

The City of Clayton contracts its refuse and recycling services to Republic Service. Here are a few reminders about residents' accounts:

- When you move out or move in, please remember to close or open your trash account with Republic Services by calling 937-268-8595.
- Confirm that Republic has your correct phone number and email so they can contact you if there are unexpected collection delays, issues with service, etc.
- Wrap your upholstered items in plastic prior to placing them at the curb for trash pick-up.
- If you are having an issue and it is unresolved by Republic, please contact the Clayton Government Offices at 937-836-3500.
- The fourth quarter of 2019, Republic Services took over billing services. In the City's contract if payment is delinquent more than three quarters, the City assumes the amount owed and undertakes the collection of the debt owed by the residential unit. Therefore, if you owe for any quarters up to 1st quarter 2022, you will receive an invoice from the City of Clayton. ☀️

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Clayton is now on Instagram

Clayton is now Instagram official! Complimenting it's already strong social media presence, Clayton is also now on Instagram. To follow the city's new Instagram page for all the latest news and info about Clayton, please go to: https://www.instagram.com/city_of_clayton_oh ☀️



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