

Clayton Living

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON



Meadowbrook is Open and Available for the Entire Community

GOLF COURSE

Meadowbrook at Clayton Golf is off to a great start this season. Tee times are being booked, several leagues are playing, and outings are at capacity. Staff is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new golf carts scheduled to be delivered in the first part of September.

Meadowbrook at Clayton has already played host to a couple of great clinics this year. Both the Northmont Junior Golf Clinic and the Ladies Golf Clinic created comfortable and fun atmospheres allowing participants to learn about the game of golf and develop their skills throughout the process.

There are some really fun programs on the golf course planned for later this summer and early fall, please see the city's community events page in this newsletter for additional details.

PICKLEBALL

The brand new pickleball courts opened with a huge response in early June. The three new courts are located in the former swimming pool area, which provides a great space for the entire community to come out and play. The courts are available for free to the entire community on a first-come basis, from dawn to dusk. Plenty of parking is available across from the pickleball courts, so come out and enjoy Meadowbrook at Clayton from a different perspective.

SNACK BAR

The Meadowbrook at Clayton Snack Bar is open and offers a variety of beverages, a full bar, and snack and hot food items. Anyone in the community is free to come in and enjoy the refreshments during normal hours of operation.

Hours of Operation:

May thru August:

Monday thru Friday 10am-8pm;

Saturday & Sunday 9am-7pm

September:

Monday thru Friday 11am-7pm;

Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm

EVENT FACILITY

Even though it is summer and the last thing people want to think about is winter, Meadowbrook at Clayton's Event Facility is booking dates for holiday gatherings. Meadowbrook books quickly, so be sure to secure a spot for your organization or family party today by calling 937-836-1820.

Meadowbrook at Clayton Event Facility also has a couple of specials going on right now.

- Class Reunion: Book your class reunion in the Ballroom and receive free set-up of your cash bar.
- Baby Shower: Book a banquet room for a baby shower and receive 25% off a banquet room rental for the child's first birthday. ☀️





Greetings Clayton!

After an unusual spring, it looks like summer 2023 is finally here! We can never deny that our Ohio weather is unpredictable, interesting, and diverse.

As Clayton continues to evolve, grow, and mature as a city, your City Council and city staff are working hard behind the scenes to ensure our resources are used wisely and our strategic direction remains on target. Here are few items for you to consider:

Our Finance Department once again received the 2022 Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. The City of Clayton, and Kevin Schweitzer, our finance director, have been recipients of this prestigious award for 16 years in a row. Congratulations to Kevin, Candice Fast, our city manager Amanda Zimmerlin, and all staff for smart spending and excellent foresight!

After some circumstantial delays, construction has restarted on the Road Star Trucking project on St Rt 49. Road Star is a Canadian based company that is locating their US headquarters right here in our city. We anticipate some higher paying jobs and the potential incentive for additional growth along the 49 corridor to soon follow.

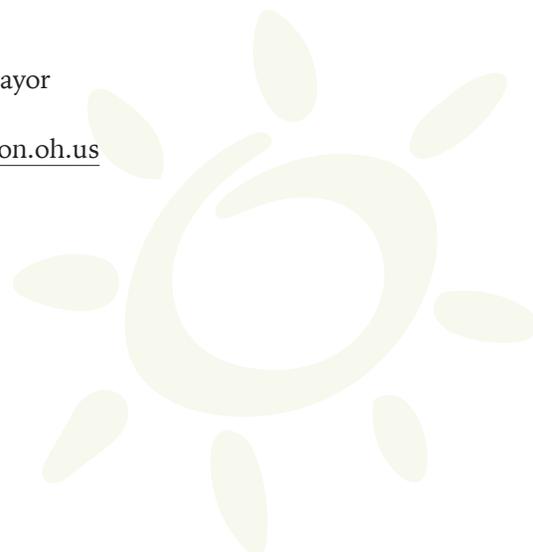
Pickleball courts are open at Meadowbrook! Three new courts opened this spring and are free and open to the public. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring some friends and play some pickleball!

Our Parks Advisory Commission is accepting applications for volunteers. This is a fun and easy way to get involved in your local government. The focus of the committee is on our three city owned parks, and they also plan and manage our many city-sponsored events at Meadowbrook at Clayton. Call 937-836-3500 to inquire or submit a resume to azimmerlin@clayton.oh.us.

Summer brings many opportunities for us to get outside. Meadowbrook at Clayton, Westbrook Park, Hardscrabble Park, Northview Park all provide great recreational opportunities to Clayton residents. While you're outside enjoying the warm weather, please be conscious of the kids on bikes, motorcycles, and pedestrians. Enjoy the outdoors and help keep Clayton Montgomery County's safest city.

Best Regards,
Mike

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How is Clayton Funded?

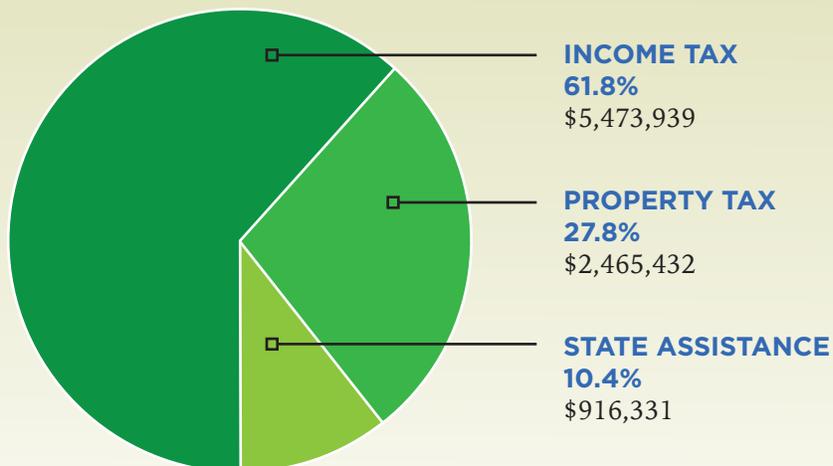
The City of Clayton receives the majority of its revenue from income tax, with a small amount coming from property taxes and an even smaller amount from the State of Ohio.

Out of the 125.37 mills of property taxes collected by Montgomery County from Clayton residents, the city of Clayton only receives 13.78 mills or 11% of total property taxes paid by our residents. The biggest portion of property taxes go to Northmont Schools and then Montgomery County.

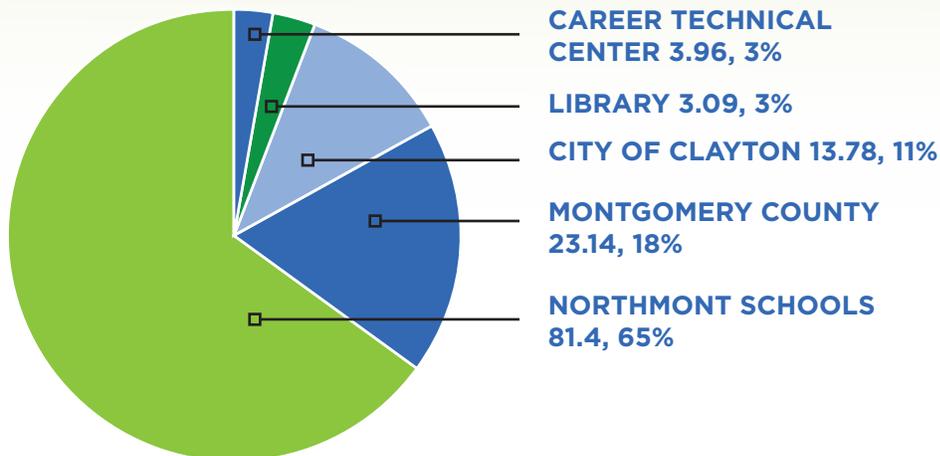
The city's property taxes are split and distributed into the following categories: Fire, EMS, General, and Police.

The operation costs of the police, fire/EMS and street (which has no property tax levies) departments annually exceed the revenue collected from the actual property tax levies. Transfers from the city's general fund, which utilizes a majority of income taxes, are made each year to those departments to cover the operational cost shortfalls. ☀️

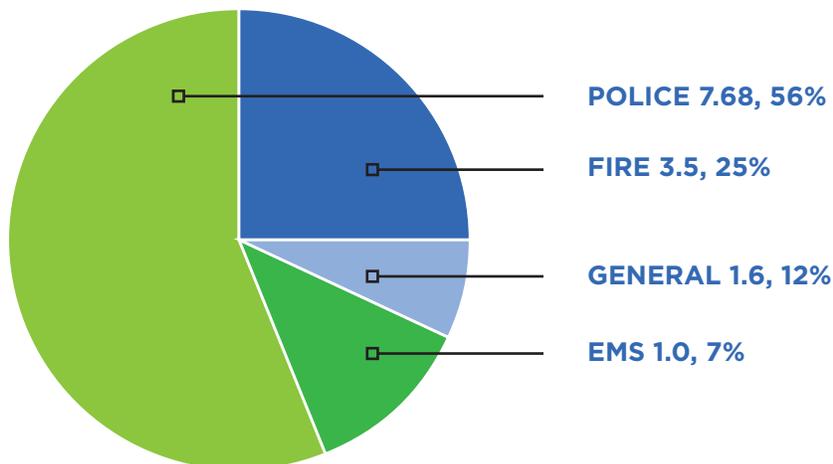
REVENUE



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION



CITY OF CLAYTON TAX DISTRIBUTION



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.



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. 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.

Clayton Shredding Event

July 15th, 9:00 to 11:00 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 the furthest southern Service Garage on Taywood Road as vehicles exit at the Old Salem Road access.



Couples Birdies & BBQ

July 23rd, 4:00 pm

Couples Birdies & BBQ is Sunday, July 23 at 4pm at Meadowbrook at Clayton. Couples will enjoy a nine-hole scramble format, City BBQ dinner with drinks on the patio after golf. The price includes golf, cart, dinner and drink. Cost: \$43.00 per person. Register at www.meadowbrookatclayton.com



Northmont Dance Party

July 28th, 6:30 pm

Brought to you by the Clayton Parks Advisory Commission on July 28. 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+. Dancing starts at 7pm. Cash bar will be available starting at 6:30pm.



Movie in the Park

August 18th - 8:30 pm

Celebrate the first week of the new school year with Clayton's annual Movie in the Park, August 18 at 8:30pm at Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue. Sponsored by Englewood Cinema. FREE to all community members. Movie is "The Super Mario Bros. Movie." Free popcorn provided by Englewood Cinema. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages as well. 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 - 7:00 pm

Meadowbrook at Clayton and the Clayton Parks Advisory Commission is hosting their Annual Labor Day Festival & Fireworks on Sunday, September 3 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 9pm. Festival begins at 7pm.





Brushstrokes & Barstools Paint Party

September 8th, 6:00 pm

Meadowbrook at Clayton is partnering with Barstools and Brushstrokes to present a Paint Party! This event will consist of painting a pumpkin themed piece on a 16X20 stretched canvas with Heather at Meadowbrook at Clayton in the Ballroom on Friday, September 8 from 6-8:30pm. A cash bar will be available. All ages are welcome to attend this family friendly event. Cost: \$30.00 per person. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/469uym8e>.

Couples Pizza & Par at Meadowbrook at Clayton

September 10th, 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 pm. Couples will enjoy a nine-hole scramble format, a pizza dinner with drinks on the patio



after golf. The price includes golf, cart, dinner and drink. Cost: \$43.00 per person. Register at www.meadowbrookatclayton.com

Government Academy

Starting September 13th

Clayton residents are now able to sign up for the 5th annual Government Academy. All Clayton 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. 13, every Wednesday from 6pm- 8 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.



Fire, Police & Service Community Open House

October 3rd, 4:30 to 7:00 pm

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.



Sweep Clayton Clean

October 21st

200 Woolery Lane

Dumpsters are available starting at 8am 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 Clayton residents only. *No Liquids, Paints, Freon, Tires, or Hazardous Items will be accepted. Chipper will be available for tree brush.



Costumes and Carvings

October 29th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue

All kids, grade K - 8 are invited to this annual FREE 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, 9:00 to 11:00 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 20 at 8am. *No advance sales prior to November 20 and no holds. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event at the City of Clayton Government Center; 6996 Taywood Rd. *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.

Planning & Zoning Corner

Following up a record year in terms of new development investment in Clayton, new construction projects have really hit its stride in 2023 and by all indications this year will far and away outpace 2022.

Below is a breakdown for the different types of permits issued year to date during 2023 compared to the same types of permits during the same time period last year (through June 15).

	2023	2022
Total Zoning Permits:	85	63
New Residential Construction:	21	1
Accessory Structures:	7	17
Residential Additions:	13	9
New Commercial Construction:	3	0
New Commercial Additions:	0	0

- New construction brings new investment into Clayton. This comes in the form of new investment dollars, income tax from construction workers and permits fees. 2022 was considered a record year for Clayton since the city began tracking those numbers. 2023 is on course to far exceed those numbers. Over the course of 2022 there was approximately \$16,910,065 of new investment in the city for new construction projects over the entire calendar year. Through June 15, Clayton has already had \$15,035,169 worth of new construction projects for 2023. Through the same period in 2022, Clayton had \$6,422,965. During the same period this year, Clayton has collected \$16,532.61 in zoning permit fees compared to \$4,996.76 in 2022.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, Clayton became its own certified building department. Clayton serves as the clearinghouse for new building permits and transfers all applications to National Inspection Corporation, the city's building department consultant, for plan reviews and inspection services. Through June 15, Clayton has processed 195 building permits and has collected \$92,618 worth of building department fees which the city receives 10% of for processing services.
- All new building permit applications, including electrical, HVAC and all other types of mechanical and administrative types of permits can be submitted directly with the city of Clayton, either at the Clayton Government Office or online at <https://www.clayton.oh.us/373/Permits>.
- Plumbing permits and inspections 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 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 2022 Annual Report can be read online at: <https://www.clayton.oh.us/434/Annual-Reports>
- Code Enforcement Reminders:
 - Grass must be maintained at 8" or below. When you cut your yard, please remember to keep grass clippings off the road.
 - Trailers and recreational vehicles must be parked behind the front wall of the house and on a hard, dustless surface.
 - Cars **cannot** be parked in the yard!
 - Outdoor storage is strictly prohibited. The only items permitted to be stored outside the home are items specifically manufactured for such use.



Refuse Service & Collection Update

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

- When residents 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 with Republic Service, if a residential unit's 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 between 4th quarter 2019 and 2nd quarter 2022, you will receive an invoice from the City of Clayton. ☀️

Aggregation Program Update

Residents of Clayton voted in favor of government aggregation, a program authorizing local officials to purchase electricity from an electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. To further increase the buying power, Clayton joined with 10 other local communities as part of the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) Electric Aggregation Program which selected Energy Harbor to be your electric service provider. Communities participating include Centerville, Clayton, Englewood, Fairborn, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Trotwood, Vandalia, West Carrollton, Brookville, Eaton, and Union.

By participating in the aggregation program, you will receive the following exclusive pricing on your electric generation:

	Your Electric Utility	Fixed	Term End	Early Termination Fee
Residential	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None
Small Business	AES Ohio	6.57 cents per kWh	December 2025	None

Opt Out Information

You may choose to leave the program at any time without penalty, and you will NOT be charged a cancellation fee. If you do not want to participate in the aggregation program, you must complete one of the following by the Opt Out Deadline:

Opt Out Deadline: July 21, 2023

MAIL: Return the enclosed Opt Out Reply Form

PHONE: Call Energy Harbor at 1-866-636-3749 to opt-out over the phone

WEB: Enter your 10-digit Opt Out Code online at energyharbor.com/opt-out

Letters will be in eligible residents mailboxes by early July 2023.

Enrollment Information

Following the opt out deadline, future bills will reflect the Energy Harbor price listed above upon your next available meter read date, which may take up to 30-45 days. If you are not currently receiving electric generation from Energy Harbor, your electric utility will send you a letter confirming your participation. To become a member of your community's electric aggregation program, you do not need to take any action. You are automatically enrolled unless you choose to Opt Out.

100% Green Opt-In Information

If you are interested in supporting renewable energy, you can also select electric generation backed by 100% renewable energy certificates (RECs) at a price of 6.97 cents per kWh. To enroll in the green offer, please call 1-866-636-3749. ☀️



Surveillance Cameras Being Installed

The City of Clayton continues to pride itself on consistently being ranked as the safest city in Montgomery County. To ensure the city doesn't rest on its reputation alone, it's installing a new, state of the art camera system at various street intersections, city buildings and parks. Cameras have statistically proven to reduce crime and criminal activity and are a useful tool for law enforcement to gather information for investigative purposes.

The new cameras will be strategically placed at intersections throughout Clayton providing a comprehensive view of the city's roadways and assisting law enforcement when needed. The city also continues investing considerable resources in the park system, creating an enjoyable experience for all who visit these public amenities. The cameras will assist in ensuring the city's investment is protected, as well as providing a sense of safety for residents when they're enjoying the parks.

The camera project is a collaborative effort with the city of Englewood who granted access to their existing camera infrastructure which permits connectivity for Clayton's new system. Clayton will also install cameras in designated locations assisting Englewood's current system. This collaborative approach will allow both cities to share the cameras across both cities, which is a cost savings to both communities and provides the best regional coverage for public safety. The camera project is expected to be completed in the next 12 to 18 months. ☀️

Clayton's Fire Department Historically Excels

The Clayton fire department has been in existence for 25 years and it's continued to evolve to meet the emergency service demands, needs of the community as well as the profession. In 1998 the fire department was formed with approximately 50 personnel operating out of 3 stations, with 3 ambulances, 3 engines, 1 ladder truck and 1 rescue truck. Of those 50 personnel only 5 were career employees. The remaining 45 were paid volunteers. In 1998 the fire department had an ISO rating of 5/9 and responded to 960 emergency calls for service.

In 2002 the fire department had its first required Insurance Services Office (ISO) evaluation. ISO helps create the homeowner's insurance premiums for houses within the city based on various industry standards within the community. The fire department lowered the rural ISO rating from a 9 to a 5 to match the in-city rating and the ISO rating was now a 5/5. This was the fire departments first step in fulfilling the city's mission to serve and safeguard the community through professional, efficient and effective system of services protecting lives, environment and property for all citizens or visitors of the city of Clayton.

Starting in 2005 fire departments across the country started experiencing a change in their staffing pertaining to volunteers. Residents no longer had time to dedicate to the fire department due to work hours, family life, recreational events, required training and an increase in emergency calls for service. With the lack of volunteers, the fire service was forced to start utilizing part-time employees and hire additional career staff to meet the needs of the community. The fire department hired part-time personnel and in 2007 hired 3 more career firefighter paramedics. The department also started providing in-house staffing 24 hours a day out of station 85.

In 2015, due to the elimination of volunteers, increased response times

and an increase in emergency calls for service, a second fire station began being staffed 24 hours a day. In 2016 the fire department received its second required ISO evaluation and was able to lower their ranking for the second consecutive time to a rating of 3, which placed the fire department in the top 10% of all departments in the country. This was accomplished by increased training, staffing, apparatus maintenance, fire safety inspection and education.

In 2017 fire departments across the country started experiencing another transition in their staffing, this time specifically in part-time employees. The hiring pool of part-timers was reduced drastically due to a country wide trend of retirements in the fire service. The fire department now hired career employees only when an open position couldn't be filled with a part-time employee.

In 2019 the cities of Clayton, Englewood and Union decided to form the Clayton, Englewood, and Union Fire Department Collaborative with the goal of providing a more efficient and effective service, while reducing cost. This was accomplished by eliminating the duplication of services & software, sharing of personnel & apparatus, reducing the number of apparatuses, and ensuring the closest, most appropriate emergency apparatus responded to an emergency regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Through this effort the department has reduced response times to close to 4 minutes, which is well below the national standard of 5 and half minutes. The cost savings for the Clayton fire department between 2022-2024 is estimated to be over 2 million dollars.

In 2022 the fire department received its third required ISO evaluation. It reduced the ISO rating for a third straight time, this time to 2, which placed the department in the top 5% of all fire departments in the country.

Today, the fire department consists of 17 career and 7 part-time employees.

The department is on pace to respond to over 2400 emergency calls for service, a 250% increase since 1998. The department has personnel on Ohio Task Force 1, Region 3 Rescue Strike Team, and the Regional Hazmat Team. The following are the services we provide at no cost to our citizens and businesses:

- Emergency Services
- Non-Emergency Services
- EMS responses (soft bill)
- Lift assistance
- Fire responses (fire, alarm, MVA, etc.)
- Smoke detectors installation
- Business and residential building inspections
- CPR and first aid classes
- Hazardous material response
- Child seat installation inspection
- Machine rescue
- fire extinguisher classes
- Water rescue
- Fire Education
- Trench rescue
- ride along
- Building collapse
- Rope Rescue



Fire Department speaking with residents at Govt. Academy (below)





Clayton Police: A Proactive History

The Clayton Police Department has a history of proactive criminal justice reform while integrating modern equipment and procedures to deliver efficient and effective services to the residents in the Clayton community, all the while, remaining the safest city in Montgomery County.

Over the past 25 years, since Chief Hamlin was first hired as a part-time officer with Randolph Twp., the Clayton Police Department has evolved from a full time/part-time officer department with yellow lined paper pads to write down information, to a modern full time department with mobile data terminals (MDTs) allowing officers to not only receive calls for service directly from the dispatch center, but also receive data from other law enforcement databases, further enhancing life safety services to the public. Clayton now has a modern police fleet fully equipped with license plate readers, assisting officers looking for stolen vehicles and notifying them of warrants for wanted persons. Clayton's equipment also includes body worn cameras for every officer, tasers and less-than-lethal shotguns proving less lethal force options to the officers. In-car cameras provide recording capabilities for driving histories of traffic violations and a OLEIS

System from the Ohio Department of Safety to efficiently issue traffic violations and record traffic accidents, which are then automatically sent to Vandalia Municipal Court and to the Ohio Department of Safety (BMV) through joint efforts. Clayton Police also proudly established the School Resource Officers Program in the Northmont high school and middle school full time.

Using modern technology, officers enjoy virtual training through the use of the LexiPol Law Enforcement Policy Services, which provides best practices in Ohio Law Enforcement training with daily bulletins. Officers are also provided annual trainings in-house through our staff certified instructors for firearms, less lethal options, including shotgun, taser, O.C. spray and ASP baton, defensive tactics, critical incidents involving schools, and force on force trainings with simulations. The department also has officers involved in the RANGE Task Force in partnership with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Force to Combat Street Level Crimes as well as the Montgomery County SWAT Team.

Finally, the department has established some of the most popular community outreach programs in the region with "Coffee with a Cop",

"Shop with a Cop" and the Police, Fire and Service Department Open House in October. The department also provides vacation house checks for the city's out-of-town residents, a drug drop-off box in the Clayton Administrative Office's lobby, an E-Commerce Safety Zone monitored by cameras for residents to safely exchange items, and a home security camera registration program to assist officers in solving crimes within neighborhoods. There is also the annual participation in Clayton's popular Government Academy.

Progress over the past 25 years in becoming one of the region's leaders in proactive policing would be impossible without the continued support of each and every Clayton resident. The future is bright as the police and public continue working together with mutual respect and support that has been proudly built up to this point in time. ☀️

Vacation Home Checks

Did you know the Clayton Police offer a FREE Vacation Home Check while residents are out of town. To find out more info and to register your property today, please go to: <https://www.clayton.oh.us/FormCenter/Police-Department-5/Vacation-House-Check-Request-86> or call the Clayton Police Department at 937-836-3500.



Service Department is Working Hard for Clayton

Over the past several years, the Clayton Service Department has worked in overdrive improving city streets, replacing crumbling curbs, adding ADA compliant ramps, improving the park's system and improving reaction times to inclement weather.

Some of the biggest projects the Service Dept. has undertaken can be seen below:

- The three-year road resurfacing and curb replacement project in the residential plats resulted in almost 95% of the residential streets being resurfaced, crumbling curbs, and aging catch basins replaced.
- Salem Avenue was completely resurfaced, along with the replacement of medians, curbs and catch basins, which were over 50 years old.
- Intersections at Salem/Hoke, Salem/Union and Salem/Westbrook reconfigured using state safety funds and new street light mast arms installed at the Salem and Union intersection and soon to be installed at Salem and Westbrook.
- The entire city is now compliant with ADA ramps at all sidewalk intersections using multiple CDBG grants over several years.
- \$2.6 million grant was awarded to

Clayton for the Hoke Rd. widening project between Smith Dr. and Wenger Rd. and a new round-a-bout at the Wenger Rd. intersection. This project is scheduled to start between 2025 and 2026.

- Sections of Hoke, Westbrook (twice), Union, Sweet Potato Ridge, Phillipsburg Union, Garber and Salem Street were resurfaced with a majority of the projects being partially funded using regional grants.
- The Clayton park system underwent a half a million dollar renovation which included matching grants for more than that amount and resulted in a new parking lot at Northview Park, resurfaced parking lots in other parks, widened recreation paths in multiple parks, new disc golf equipment at Westbrook, new pickleball courts at Meadowbrook at Clayton, upgraded tennis courts/pickleball courts at Westbrook Park (fall, 2023) renovated restroom at Westbook and Clayton Park at Hardscrabble, a new planned identification sign program with the MVCTC, new all-inclusive playground at Northview Park (fall, 2023), new bike racks, benches, trashcans and animal waste receptables at all the parks and a host of upgraded landscape work throughout the entire system.

• Greatly improved Clayton's response to inclement weather events by making several improvements:

- The first addition was including an agricultural bi-product to the salt brine (salt water) used by Clayton. The city makes the salt brine, at a cost of around .06 cents a gallon. When mixed with the beet product, the melting process on snow and ice is faster than just applying salt to the roads. This mixture also reduces the bounce and scatter of the material, saving salt and providing a better service and saving resources for residents.
- The Service Department has also greatly improved the City's response time to poor weather by taking advantage of technological advances in our region. Clayton now uses the Ohio Department of Transportation's RWIS (road weather information system), which provides information to Clayton about local traffic speeds, road temperatures, sub-surface temps, and precipitation falling. Using these and other technologies allows Clayton to respond to poor weather faster than we ever have in the past. These measures allow Clayton to be proactive in poor weather conditions instead of reactive.
- The entire Service Department equipment fleet was upgraded to better serve the general population during inclement weather conditions.





VIP Nominations Sought

Congratulations to the Creamer family on Elru Drive for winning the 2023 Spring VIP award!

Clayton's VIP Beautification Program aims to recognize properties and residents for beautiful and festive properties throughout the year. Properties can be nominated by calling the Clayton Government Center at 937-836-3500 or email jkuntz@clayton.oh.us. The Clayton Administrative staff vote on the properties and winners are recognized at a City Council meeting the following month. Please help keep the VIP Program strong by nominating a fellow neighbor, family member or your own property for the Summer VIP today! You can also send pictures in with your nomination if you desire. The deadline for the Summer VIP is 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.



City Council Meetings

Clayton City Council hold regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month, starting at 7:30pm, unless otherwise noted. During the summer months (June and July) Council only meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. To learn more about upcoming agendas, please visit the city's website at <https://www.clayton.oh.us/175/City-Council>.

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