

Clayton Living

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON



Cameras are helping to make our city safe!

In 2022, the City of Clayton developed a camera project that would place cameras at most of our major intersections, parks, and administration buildings. The goal is to provide a higher level of safety and awareness to our community when out in public. The project is currently in phase 2, which means there are 15 operational cameras and 5 more cameras that will be installed by the end of February. Phase 3 and 4 will be completed by the end of 2024,

providing over 30 cameras throughout the city. We have partnered with the City of Englewood on this camera project, which means both cities will share access to our camera systems. In the future, the plan is to partner with the City of Union and expand the program to provide a higher level of safety and awareness throughout the Northmont community. The cameras have already helped the police department on several occasions to gather evidence of crimes

or accidents in our city, that otherwise would not have been available. When cameras are used correctly, they improve public safety by providing evidence of crimes, deterring crime, reliable eyewitness tool, protecting the innocent and property. This is another step in maintaining our status as one of the safest places to live and providing high quality public safety services to our community. ☀️



Fireworks Information and Safety

The State of Ohio made setting off consumer grade fireworks legal during the hours of 4:00-11:00 pm on specified holidays. The law also provided safety guidelines to follow, to help Ohioans be safe while discharging fireworks. Since 2021, when the law was passed, there has been a decrease in fireworks-caused fires. The following are safety tips and guidelines to follow to help ensure a safe discharge of fireworks:

- Do not light fireworks indoors
- Aerial device fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of people
- Non-aerial fireworks cannot be discharged within 50 feet of people
- Aim fireworks away from people, property and flammable materials
- Maintain access to water or a fire extinguisher in case of a fire

- Soak all unused fireworks in water for hours before discarding the materials

- No person under the age of 18 is permitted to handle or discharge a firework

- No person can use fireworks while in the possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating alcohol, or controlled substance.

- Fireworks cannot be discharged on public property or private school property.

If anyone is injured or there is a fire caused by fireworks, please call 911 immediately. If you have any questions about safety tips or guidelines for the discharge of fireworks, please call the fire department at 937-836-3500. ☀️



July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4:00-11:00 pm)

Labor Day weekend (4:00-11:00 pm)

Diwali (4:00-11:00 pm)

New Year's Eve (4:00-11:59 pm)

New Year's Day (12:00-1:00 am; 4:00-11:00 pm)

Chinese New Year (4:00-11:00 pm)

Cinco de Mayo (4:00-11:00 pm)

Memorial Day weekend (4:00-11:00 pm)

Juneteenth (4:00 - 11:00 pm)



Reminder: Springtime Means Fire Hydrant Flushing

Just a quick reminder the fire department begins 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. 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. ☀️

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 their local jurisdiction on a daily basis. Doing it as a group is even better. With winter months melting away to spring there is always a lot of loose trash and debris along the sides of the road. The Clayton Service Department introduced the "Adopt-a-Road" program last year and is looking for new partnerships once again for 2024. 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. The city will 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.



Common Residential Stormwater Pollutants, Their Sources and How to Manage

Everyday Actions You Can Take to Prevent Stormwater Pollution:

- 1 Only rain in the storm drain! Stormwater flows untreated to our rivers, washers, and retention areas.
- 2 Put trash and recyclables in their place.
- 3 Clean up after your pet.
- 4 Apply lawn-chemicals sparingly and follow manufacturer's directions.
- 5 Properly dispose of leftover paint and household chemicals at a household hazardous waste event.



Upcoming Changes to Refuse Service & Collection

The City of Clayton's current contract with Republic Services for residential refuse and recycle curbside collection and disposal is set to expire on June 30, 2024. After the solicitation of bids, City Council accepted a contract with Rumpke Services of Ohio, Inc. for a three-year term agreement, with an option for two additional years in one-year increments.

Rates

One of the benefits of transitioning to Rumpke is the cost savings for residents. Starting July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, trash rates will decrease by \$0.48 per month from current rates. This new rate structure also includes the provision of one 95-gallon trash cart and one 95-gallon recycle cart to each residence at no additional charge. For the subsequent two years, there will be a 4% annual price increase.

Transition

As we prepare for this transition, we will keep you informed every step of the way. Detailed information regarding the new service arrangements, including collection schedules and any changes in procedures, including the pick-up of old receptacle carts and delivery of new carts, will be provided well in advance of the transition date. Information will be mailed to you by Rumpke and the City of Clayton will post information to social media outlets.

Billing

Republic Services will continue to perform residential trash and recycle pick-up through the end of June 2024. Please continue to pay your bill to Republic Services through the end of the second quarter 2024. Rumpke will take over billing in the third quarter of 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 3rd quarter 2022 through 1st quarter 2023, you will receive an invoice from the City of Clayton. ☀️



POLLUTANT	COMMON SOURCE	MANAGEMENT EXAMPLE
Sediment	Home construction, stream-bank erosion, eroding ditches, bare spots in lawns.	Proper permitting for home grading and construction, restore stream buffers, cover bare spots in lawns.
Nutrients	Animal wastes, fertilizers, soap from washing cars, grass clippings, septic systems.	Scoop animal waste, reduce use of fertilizers, wash car on lawn or in car wash, plant native species, create rain gardens, establish stream buffers.
Chemicals	Misapplication of pesticides, herbicides, improper disposal of chemicals, home car repairs, de-icers.	Proper car maintenance, proper disposal of hazardous wastes, reduce use of de-icers.
Trash	Uncontained garbage	Contain garbage in cans, pick up litter.



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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

City of Clayton Public Meetings

City Council

1st and 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 7:30 PM

Board of Zoning Appeals

1st Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 PM

Planning Commission

4th Monday of Every Month, 7:00 PM

To learn more about upcoming agendas, please visit the city's website at <https://www.clayton.oh.us/171/Government>. ☀️

New Police Officer Welcomed

City Council welcomed a new Police Officer to Clayton's ranks at their March 7 City Council meeting. Officer Filbrun is the newest member of the Clayton Police Department. Officer Filbrun was born and raised in Brookville, Ohio. After High School he attended Anderson University (IN) where he played football and majored in Criminal Justice and Social Work. After college he enrolled into the Ohio Basic Peace Officer Academy at Edison State and wanted to come back and work closer to home. On his free time, he likes to work out and attend Cincinnati Bengals games when he gets the chance.



Communication is one of the most important aspects of a growing and thriving community. Clayton releases triannual newsletters. Two, spring & fall, are mailed to each residents and the summer edition is released online. Sign up to receive the online summer newsletter by visiting clayton.oh.us and selecting 'Notify Me'.



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