

# The City Of Clayton

The Learning Community

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## Distinguished Budget Award

For the fourth year in a row, the city has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The GFOA is a professional association and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program is the only national recognition program in governmental budgeting. The award is a significant achievement and is only given to communities that meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.



## Did You Know?

Twenty-two year Clayton Police veteran Jack Daugherty is the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Northmont High School. He has been working with Northmont students and staff since the beginning of the 2008 school year. Although the assignment is only part-time, Officer Daugherty has done an exceptional job of connecting with the students and building relationships which are beneficial for both the Clayton Police Department and Northmont High School. In addition to spending time at the high school, Officer Daugherty routinely responds to the Northmont Middle School to address police related issues where his relationship with the students can make a positive difference.



Just recently, Officer Daugherty was invited into Northwood Elementary School for weekly luncheon visits. His friendly personality and genuine interest in the well being of the students make him a natural to help mentor the younger students and address topics like bullying and the inappropriate use of social media. The Clayton Police Department and Northmont Schools are working together in an effort to expand the presence of an officer in the schools and believe both Officer Jack Daugherty and the SRO program do make our excellent school system even a little better.

## Spring Cleaning Opportunities

The city supports your spring cleaning efforts by providing the following programs:

### Sweep Clayton Clean

The program is an opportunity for residents to dispose of non-hazardous household solid waste and yard debris. Some examples of the type of items which may be delivered to the collection site include: furniture, outdated or broken household belongings, residential renovation remains, and wood and landscape debris. Refrigerators will be accepted if the Freon has been drained.

Dates: Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, September 29, 2012  
 Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Lane

### Electronic Recycling Event

The program involves the collection of unwanted computers or computer accessories all of which are either rebuilt for reuse or recycled. All makes and models of working or non-working computer items will be accepted. The program is administered by Goodwill/Easter Seals Miami Valley and in addition to the event listed below individuals may donate any computer-related item at any Goodwill Store.

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Location: Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Lane



### Tire Recycling

The purpose of this program is to enable residents to discard of tires which are no longer in use. The collected tires are sent to a processing facility for future uses such as: safety matting for playgrounds or as a highway surfacing product.

Dates: Saturday, June 23 and Saturday, August 18, 2012  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Location: Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Lane

### Document Shredding

This program is an opportunity for residents and members of the business community to use a document shredding service to dispose of documents which contain sensitive information. Items that may be shredded include: paper records, tapes, credit cards, CD's and microfilm.

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Location: Randolph Plaza, 8421 North Main Street just south of Old Salem Road

If you have questions about the programs, please call the Government Center at (937) 836-3500 and speak to Sherri Turner, Code Enforcement Officer.

## Marlyn Jewelers Opens in Randolph Plaza

Since opening their first store in 1948, Marlyn Jewelers has provided beautiful jewelry and a high level of service to customers throughout the Dayton region. An interesting fact about the business name is that it a combination of the first names of the owner's wives. Over the last 63 years their family owned and operated business has been housed in several different buildings but their offering of quality products and commitment to exceptional customer service has remained unchanged.

Their most recent move places them in the Randolph Plaza shopping center at 8355 N. Main Street. The new location provides more display space than their previous building and the parking is plentiful. Since opening in the new location they have received immense praise from customers on the layout and design of their interior space.

Marlyn Jewelers although principally known for their large selection of fine quality diamond, precious stone and semi-precious stone jewelry also provides on-site jewelry repair as well as custom designed jewelry. Their specially trained staff can also appraise your jewelry. Another benefit of their great service is that they do all repairs and jewelry work on-site, some of which is done on a while you wait basis.

If you need to purchase a gift, please consider stopping by this local business to check out their wide selection of great gifts. Marlyn Jewelers opens on Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m., and closes at 6:00 p.m. each day with the exception of Saturday at which time they close at 5:00 p.m.



Marlyn Jewelers in their new location in Randolph Plaza

## CALENDAR

June		
7	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
19	Board of Zoning Appeals <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:30 p.m.
21	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
25	Planning Commission <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:00 p.m.
July		
4	4th of July Holiday – Gov’t Offices Closed <i>Please Note: Trash collection will be delayed one day Wednesday through Friday this week.</i>	
5	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17	Board of Zoning Appeals <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:30 p.m.
19	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
23	Planning Commission <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:00 p.m.
August		
2	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
16	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
21	Board of Zoning Appeals <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:30 p.m.
27	Planning Commission <i>(If Needed)</i>	7:00 p.m.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## Recycling Program

Through the recycling program residential customers are provided with a 65 gallon toter for their recyclables and the materials are collected on a bi-weekly basis. The company that provides the service is Allied Waste Service and once collected they transport the materials to their facility where they are sorted for distribution to a recycling facility. The collection method of putting all your recyclables in one container is called single stream recycling.

It is our intent that by providing our residents with toters rather than bins and using a single stream method of pick-up that collectively, we are minimizing our environmental impact by conserving landfill space and saving valuable resources. The bi-weekly pick-up also minimizes noise pollution, emissions, and road use, which is good for our streets and helpful to the environment. You may be interested to know the break-down of what is picked up in our community and on the average it is as follows: aluminum 3%, glass 31%, plastic 8%, steel cans 8%, newsprint 48% and cardboard 2%.

If you don't already have a toter and would like to order one or if you are interested in having a 90 gallon toter they can be ordered by calling Allied Waste at (937) 268-8110.

## Restrictions on Opening Burning / Backyard Fires

Summer is quickly approaching and along with the change of season comes backyard cookouts, campfires, and the temptation to burn all of the fallen limbs and other yard debris accumulated during the winter months. However, The Ohio EPA and Clayton Ordinances have strict limitations on recreational fires and open burns. The Clayton Fire Department would like to remind you of the restrictions and encourage you to follow the guidelines listed below:

Open burning is permitted for the following recreational purposes without notification to the Fire Department or requesting a permit from the Regional Air Pollution Control Association (RAPCA)

Bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:

1. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas, or equivalent or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
2. They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
3. They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.



There are other exceptions which are permissible and may be viewed by visiting the Clayton website at [www.clayton.oh.us](http://www.clayton.oh.us), choose Codified Ordinance under the Government tab and select Fire Prevention. You may also visit [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org) for guidance and permits.

If an open burn is reported, which does not meet the recreational burn guidelines or a permit was not obtained through RAPCA, the fire department will extinguish the fire and violators are subject to citations and fines.

No burning is allowed with or without a permit during high winds, ozone action days or other alerts issued by RAPCA.

If you are having difficulty in interpreting the ordinance, completing an EPA burn permit application or would like any related assistance, please contact the Clayton Fire Department at 836-2531.

## Pharmaceuticals and the Environment



The majority of households today have unused medications that are being stored in their medicine cabinets leaving the problem of disposing of these unneeded, unwanted or expired medications. When prescription or over-the-counter drugs are thrown into the garbage, or flushed down the sink or toilet, their chemical components contaminate our water (surface water, groundwater, rivers and drinking water) and soil. The presence of these

substances in the environment is becoming an important issue as a consequence of their possible harmful effect on human health.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and R.A.N.G.E. Task Force in coordination with several local police and fire departments will be holding several drug take back program events this year where you may turn in medication for proper disposal. All types of medication may be dropped off. If you are interested in participating in the program go to [www.co.montgomery.oh.us](http://www.co.montgomery.oh.us) for event details.

## Display Your Address Properly

In an emergency, every second counts. You can help us locate your home by displaying your address in a location that can be seen from the road. The recommended locations are on the front of your home, away from obstruction and under a light and also near the road, visible from both directions. Some other reasons to properly display your address are: to help telephone, electric, gas and cable companies to find your home to start service or respond to a service related problem and to ensure delivery of mail, packages and other forms of delivery service.



## Mayor's Corner



Dear Neighbors,

Lately, the issue of sustainability has been on the forefront of discussions everywhere. Although, I have been a long-time proponent of recycling the current discussions have enriched my understanding of the fact that environmental health and human well being are strongly interconnected and interdependent. It has also helped me to understand the importance that every one of our household decisions relating to waste has on the environment.

Many of the articles featured in this issue of the newsletter speak about ways in which we can avoid being harmful to the environment or depleting our natural resources and I hope that you enjoy reading them.

Also, included in this issue of the newsletter is a Trash and Recycling Collection and Disposal Service Survey. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the waste management needs of our residents and additionally, to help us to establish priorities to foster and promote the

health of our community by building stronger and healthier relationships between humans and the environment both now and into the indefinite future.

If at all possible, please consider completing the survey because we need to hear from you to determine how best to serve your needs. The preferences expressed by you will help us to establish not only appropriate waste management services but delivery in a safe, efficient, environmentally sound and cost effective manner. Also, in that respect, if you have an issue that needs to be resolved please provide your contact information on the survey so that we can promptly respond to your concern.

As part of the city's waste management program I am particularly pleased to see how many of our residents participate in the Sweep Clayton Clean program events. From the resolve of the volunteers to those of you that transport your unwanted items to the collection site, the success of these events truly reflects well on all of us. Through your support of this type of programming I am more and more cognizant of how truly fortunate I am to be a part of a community with a notably demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship.

See you around town,

*Joyce Ostering*

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

Each year, the Fire Department opens fire hydrants throughout the city and allows the water to flow through the pipes. The process is referred to as hydrant flushing and it is a maintenance procedure necessary to clean the water mains and to operate and maintain the fire hydrants. The City of Clayton has over 830 fire hydrants that are inspected and tested during the flushing process each year.

If you see a crew flushing a hydrant on your street you should avoid running tap water and using the dishwasher or washing machine until the flushing is completed. If you happen to be using your washing machine, sometimes the rusty pipes cause rust stains on your laundry. If this occurs you should try a commercial rust remover such as Whink or Iron Out. Follow the instructions carefully and the stain will be removed.

During the hydrant flushing, the water in your home may have an orange or rusty appearance. The discoloration is caused by the iron



sediment in the water main being disturbed by the hydrant flushing. It is important to know that the discoloration does not affect the safety of the water. If you notice discoloration at your home, run your cold water for several minutes to clear your lines. You should also flush your toilets once or twice. The water should run clear in a few minutes. Also, 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 them with the same courtesies as you would any other road construction crew.

If you have any questions or concerns about the fire hydrant flushing process call us at 937-836-3500 and we will be happy to assist you.

## Safety First - Call Before You Dig

If you have any projects planned around your home or business which involve digging or excavation work, it is important that you call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) before you begin the work in order to avoid hitting an underground utility. Calling O.U.P.S. is the only way to know the exact location of a utility line or underground structure. Therefore, before you or your contractor dig, call 1-800-362-2764 and as a free service, the respective utility companies will mark the locations of their utility lines within two days. If you would prefer, you may also enter your notice electronically through the e-dig system at [www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org).

The O.U.P.S. recommends that you call for any of the following types of work:

- \* Landscaping
- \* Digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox
- \* Anchoring supports for decks and swing sets
- \* Planting trees
- \* Removing tree roots
- \* Installing a retainer wall

Once your property is marked allow at least an 18 inch zone of undisturbed property on either side of the marked line. If you hit a line you should walk away immediately and call the utility company listed on the nearest marker and O.U.P.S. even if there appears to be no damage. **If you smell gas, immediately call 9-1-1.**

Even if the project is small, it's still best to call.



## Clayton Police Need Your Help



Despite Clayton's low crime rate, one of our most frequent occurring crimes involve thefts from motor vehicles. Almost exclusively, each one of these incidents has the common denominator of the vehicles being left unlocked. In many of those incidents, valuable items, such as purses, laptop computers, GPS units and similar items were left laying on the seat or the dash and the thieves took advantage of the opportunity to help themselves to the property of Clayton citizens.

We want to reduce these incidents and need the help of everyone that parks a vehicle in Clayton. When exiting, please take those extra few minutes to remove your valuables and get into the habit of locking your vehicle whenever and wherever you park it. Locking your vehicle and removing your valuables does not guarantee that some unscrupulous person will not enter your vehicle, but it definitely will reduce the number of occurrences and dollar value of lost property. Please help us protect your property. Together, we can make a difference.

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 Clayton, Ohio 45315-0280  
 Offices located at Taywood & Old Salem Roads  
 (937) 836-3500

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## Trash and Recycling Collection and Disposal Service Survey

The city provides for the collection and disposal of residential trash and recycling through a contract with Allied Waste Services. When the Allied Waste contract is due to expire the city will issue bids for the services and award a contract to the company that submits the best and lowest bid. In that regard we are interested to hear what you have to say.

If you are willing, please take a few minutes and respond to the following questions. Once completed you may drop the response to the Government Center or mail to our address at P.O. Box 280 Clayton, OH 45315. The information gained from your responses will help to shape the way that these services will be provided in the future.

If you would prefer, the survey can also be completed on-line at [www.clayton.oh.us](http://www.clayton.oh.us).

1. How many people live at your residence?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4

2. If you do not use a trash toter (i.e.-trash company provided wheeled garbage can):  
 On average, how many garbage cans per collection day do you place at the curb?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- More than 4

3. I would like the city to switch to a fully automated (wheeled garbage cans) pick-up program for all households.

- Yes
- No

4. How often do you put out your recycling toter for collection?

- Bi-weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Never

5. On your recycling collection day, is your toter:

- Overflowing
- Full
- ¾ Full
- ½ Full
- ¼ Full
- Less than ¼ Full



6. If the recycling were picked up on a weekly basis, I would recycle more.

- Yes
- No

7. What items do you recycle most often?

- Newspaper
- Catalogs/Magazines
- Cardboard
- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal

8. If provided, would you be interested in using a compost bin for yard waste materials?

- Yes
- No

9. Are you satisfied with the service that you receive from the city's existing contractor for the collection and disposal of waste?

- Yes
- No

10. Do you have any complaints or suggestions you wish to share in regard to the city's trash or recycling service?

- No
- Yes, they are as follows:

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Thank you for your participation in the trash and recycling collection service survey.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household products that contain ingredients which are toxic, corrosive or flammable are considered to be household hazardous waste. Improper disposal of these products can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health. Some examples of improper disposal are pouring them down the drain or toilet, pouring them on the ground or down the storm sewer or putting them in the trash.

### Common Household Hazardous Products

Aerosols	Batteries
Fertilizers	Fire extinguishers
Fluorescent and halogen lights	Gas/propane tanks
Heavy metals (silver, mercury)	Household cleaners
Nail polish and nail polish remover	Oil and lead based paints
Pesticides/herbicides	Photographic chemicals
Pool chemicals	Thinners/strippers
Varnishes/stains	Vehicle fluids



### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District provides an ongoing opportunity for the disposal of household hazardous waste. The service is available to residents at no cost at the locations and times as listed below:

North Transfer, 6589 Old Webster Street, Vandalia  
 Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

South Transfer, 1001 Encrete Lane, Dayton  
 Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you have questions regarding the Solid Waste District or the collection and disposal facilities, call (937) 225-4999.

### Ever Wonder What Happens to Hazardous Waste? Here are Some Interesting Facts.

**Corrosive liquids**—These products are consolidated and shipped to a facility where they are neutralized and metals are reclaimed.

**Batteries**—Batteries are sorted and consolidated by type, i.e. alkaline, carbon zinc, silver oxide and then sent to a treatment facility. Lead acid batteries are dismantled, the lead is reclaimed and the sulfuric acid is neutralized at a recycling facility.

**Used motor oil**—Motor oil is sent to a refinery and converted into lubricating products or reused as fuel for ships and cement kilns.

**Pesticides and poisons**—These wastes are consolidated and sent for incineration at a hazardous waste facility or placed in a hazardous waste landfill.

**Mercury and mercury containing products**—The metals from the products are reclaimed at retort facilities and reused in commercial applications.

**Oil-based paints, solvents and thinners**—The products are blended into fuel mixtures and used as fuel in the production of concrete.