



# Clayton LIVING



## CORONAVIRUS /COVID-19

The City of Clayton joins the rest of the nation and world as we continue to work our way through uncertainty and rapidly changing information. Clayton will continue to do our best in getting information out to the general public as quickly as we receive it from the responsible authorities. In addition to sending out daily updates across our social media platforms, we have set up a

webpage, <http://clayton.oh.us/520/COVID-19>, dedicated to providing updated information for our community. In an effort to limit the potential spread of the COVID-19, we are requesting the community call 937-836-3500 with any questions or email departments directly (<http://clayton.oh.us/directory.aspx>) when possible. If personal contact is necessary, please practice social distancing.

## ROSE RETIRES FROM CITY



City Manager Rick Rose retired from the City of Clayton at the beginning of March, after nearly 40 year of public service, 16 of those years being at Clayton. Prior to being named city manager at the beginning of 2014, Rose was Clayton's Director of Public Safety for 10 years after retiring from the Springfield Police Department with 23 years of service. He also proudly served in the military for 4 years prior to that. Under Rose's watch, Clayton continues to be ranked the safest community in Montgomery County, has been named the best place to raise a family and has undertaken an aggressive infrastructure improvement project which has dramatically improved the city's streets and aging infrastructure within its boundaries. Rose told the Dayton Daily News late last year that "Good residents, hard-working staff, and savvy, community minded elected officials all share in the accomplishments," of the city. "Clayton is poised to continue to grow in these areas." Everyone in Clayton thanks Rick for his dedicated service and wish he and his family the best of luck in their next chapter. Thanks Rick!

## CLAYTON WELCOMES NEW CITY MANAGER

Clayton City Council hired its newest city manager, Amanda Zimmerlin, at the beginning of February, and her first day on the job was March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Zimmerlin, who replaces Rick Rose after his retirement at the beginning of March, comes to Clayton after previously being the assistant city administrator in Springdale, Ohio. Ms. Zimmerlin is currently a member of the Ohio City Management Association and the International City/County Management Association. She has also served in several capacities on various boards and commissions, including as the Vice President of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association, Secretary of the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool Consortium and on the City of Brookville Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Zimmerlin was awarded the 2019 Early Careerist Award from the Greater Cincinnati Area-American Society for Public Administration. Away from work she enjoys spending time with her husband James and their four children, Lily, Henry, Jacob, and Noah. Below are a couple questions regarding her early experience with Clayton.



What attracted her to Clayton? *"Growing up in northwest Montgomery County, Clayton was a familiar place. I knew that it was a great community with wonderful people. Spending several years working in Hamilton County, it was nice to have the opportunity to come home."*

What are her initial thoughts about the city? *"The City of Clayton has been very welcoming. I look forward to my time here serving the City."*

United States<sup>®</sup>  
**Census**  
**2020**

By April 1<sup>st</sup>, Clayton residents will receive mailers from the United States asking them to participate in the 2020 Census. Residents can respond via online, phone or mail. It's imperative to every community across the U.S. that an accurate count of every resident is completed. The count, which is mandated by the U.S. constitution to occur every 10 years, assists in determining where billions of federal dollars are allocated across every community annually. These resources help fund critical community programming such as road improvements, schools, emergency responders and much more. Many grant programs which have assisted Clayton over the years to accomplish several community

projects are directly based on the results of the census. The census is also imperative to continued economic development as the business community look to data generated from the survey results to determine which communities to invest in. It only takes a few minutes to complete and the results will have a large impact on funding assistance for Clayton for the next 10 years. Please do your part and complete the census survey when you receive it in the mail. For additional info, you can visit their web page at <https://2020census.gov/>

# FROM THE MAYOR...

2020 promises to be an exciting year for The City of Clayton! We've been building momentum for 5 or 6 years now, and it appears this year will continue the trend. Please take the time to notice the changes occurring in your city and neighborhood. I'm confident you will agree Clayton is a great place to call home.

We are partnering with the State of Ohio to rework Clayton's portion of Salem Avenue. This 2-mile stretch has a lot of deferred maintenance that will be repaired this Spring prior to resurfacing by the state next year. The cement work is over 50 years old and is in dire need of replacement. As soon as the weather allows, you will see road construction including new gutters, catch basins, and curbs. New paving next year will add new life into this much traveled route. This project will not only enhance the aesthetics of the road but will improve the safety of motorists.

Meadowbrook at Clayton has seen a lot of community activity this Winter and has many bookings for this Spring and beyond. The Northmont Winter Market made Meadowbrook its home this year and the inaugural year was a huge success! Vendors from all over convened to make a true market experience. The Northmont Rotary continues its weekly meetings there on Tuesdays. Several custom golf club fitting seminars have been held in anticipation of the upcoming season. Our golf simulator leagues have been a 'sold out' success and we are looking to add additional leagues next year. The Northmont Educational Foundation held its annual auction in early March. This well attended event helps support the Foundation in its scholarship efforts. Many private party bookings occurred over the winter and many are scheduled for the Spring; weddings, birthdays, reunions, bridal show, and prom. Meadowbrook can accommodate any size group and budget. This community asset is yours to use and enjoy, so please check it out for your next event. Remember, Clayton residents get 10% off rental rates at the event facility.

Clayton is in the final stages of rewriting our Zoning Code. Our code, written in 1998, is being updated to reflect our future development strategies based on the PLAN Clayton document. The result will be a more unified and clearer plan on how our city can develop. Best practices are being utilized to ensure long-term stability.

There are many additional projects underway, some small and some large. Be assured your staff and council are working hard every day to make Clayton the best it can be. We appreciate your input and your efforts to strengthen our neighborhoods, streets, and schools, so we can continue to grow Clayton into the city we want it to be.

It really is an exciting time to live in Clayton. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about this Spring.

Mike Stevens  
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Mike Stevens was born and raised in Clayton. He attended historic Clayton Elementary and graduated from Northmont High School in 1977. He earned a Marketing Management certification from Sinclair Community College, a BA Political Science from Wright State University, and an MBA Marketing from Wright State University. Mike is retired from Cox Media Group Ohio where he held a succession of management and leadership roles for 23 years. He served as President of the Ohio Circulation Managers Association in 2011-12. Mike served the City of Clayton Planning Commission in 2014-15. He is currently a licensed REALTOR® working for Coldwell Banker Heritage Realtors. Mike is active with the Dayton Area Board of Realtors serving the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee as Vice Chair, and the Legislative/RPAC Committee, as well as these respective committees with the Ohio Association of Realtors. He is a current board member of the Valley Brook Homeowners Association. Mike is married to Diane for 33+ years. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

# BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

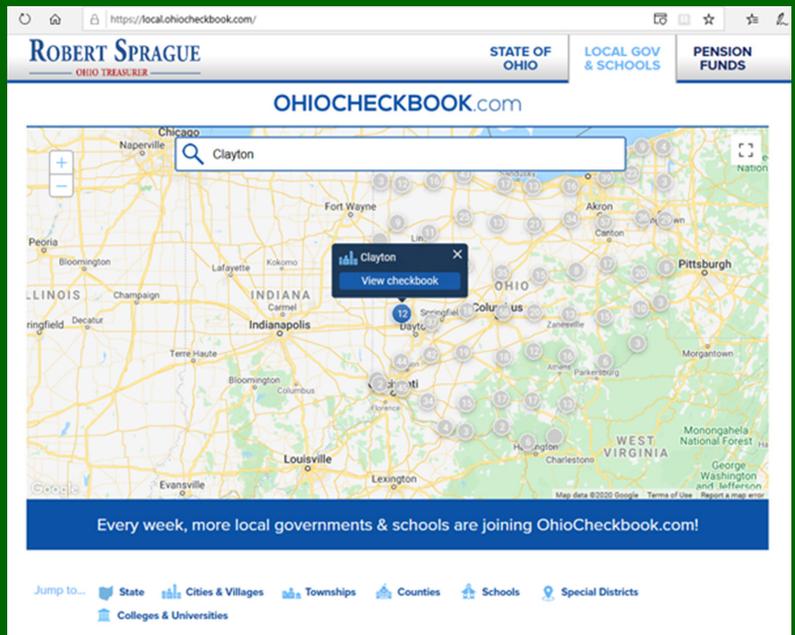
Starting in 2017, the City of Clayton created the Business of the Month program to assist the local business community in marketing their services to the public at large. The program is executed on a first come basis and is promoted through the city's web site and various social media platforms; Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Next Door. This free promotional tool is a great way to get info out to the Clayton community about your local business. If you have a City of Clayton business and would like to be featured as a Business of the Month, please contact Jennifer Barclay at (937) 836-3500 or [jbarclay@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jbarclay@clayton.oh.us).



# CLAYTON IS A LOCAL LEADER IN FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Clayton's commitment to financial transparency continues to be recognized with an impressive run of excellence. The Clayton Finance Department was once again recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 14th straight year. This award is only given to a fraction of eligible jurisdictions and Clayton's finance team continues to be leaders in government fiscal transparency, as rated by organizations outside of Clayton.

Clayton also participates in providing financial information on *OhioCheckbook.com*. OhioCheckbook.com was launched several years ago and assists in government transparency and puts all spending information by a jurisdiction online. Clayton participates in this program, and residents can find information related to the city's finances by typing in "Clayton" at <https://local.ohiocheckbook.com>.



## Clayton DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2019 Annual Report



# DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

The Clayton Development Department, who is responsible for economic & community development, planning & zoning and code enforcement, has published an annual report since 2016 detailing all of the accomplishments, various projects worked on and future goals of the department. If you are interested in reviewing this comprehensive report, please visit the city's website at <https://www.clayton.oh.us/434/Annual-Reports>.

# REMINDER: SPRINGTIME MEANS FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING



A quick reminder the fire department begins their annual hydrant flushing program beginning in April and will run through June. Clayton has over 830 fire hydrants that will be inspected and tested during this process. During hydrant flushing along your street, 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.

# CLAYTON WELCOMES NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES



Jason Lawler

Clayton City Council welcomed two new full-time fire department employees in early March, after both were previously on Clayton's department as part-time employees.

Jason Lawler, who has been in the fire service for 10 years, 3 of those at Clayton, graduated from Vandalia Butler High School. Jason lives with his wife and 5 children in Vandalia and has spent 3 years with Clayton. He is also a part-time firefighter/EMT with Vandalia. Jason spends his free time exercising and attending his children's activities.

Isaac Hivner was born and raised in Huber Heights. He graduated from Troy Christian High School and continues to live in Troy. He currently attends Sinclair Community College working towards obtaining his paramedic certification as well as finishing his associate degree in Fire Science/EMS. He has been in the fire service for a year and half and has spent that entire time with Clayton as well as Riverside and Moraine as a part-time firefighter/EMT. Isaac likes to spend his free time outdoors fishing and hiking.

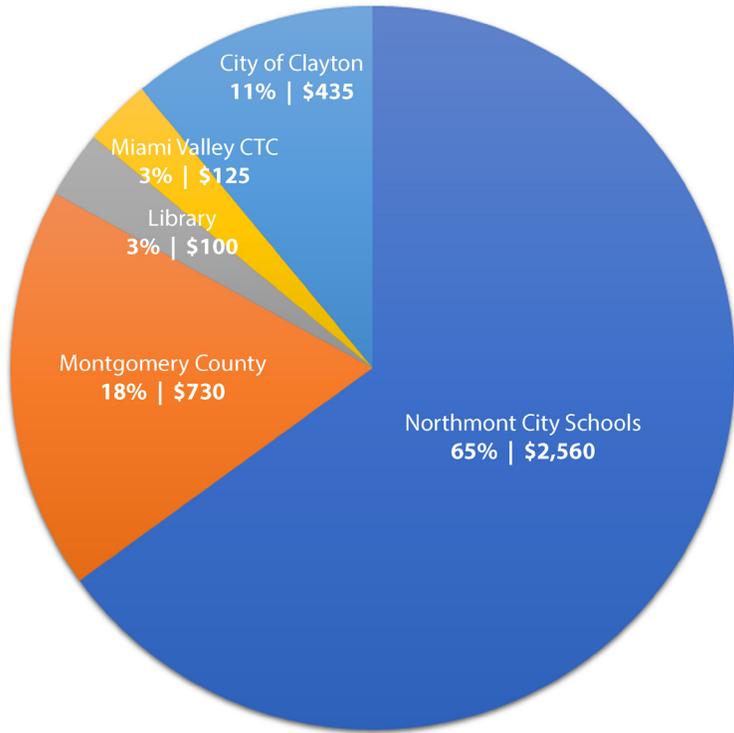
Both Jason & Isaac will be great assets to the Clayton Fire Department. Welcome to the Clayton family!



Isaac Hivner

# WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?

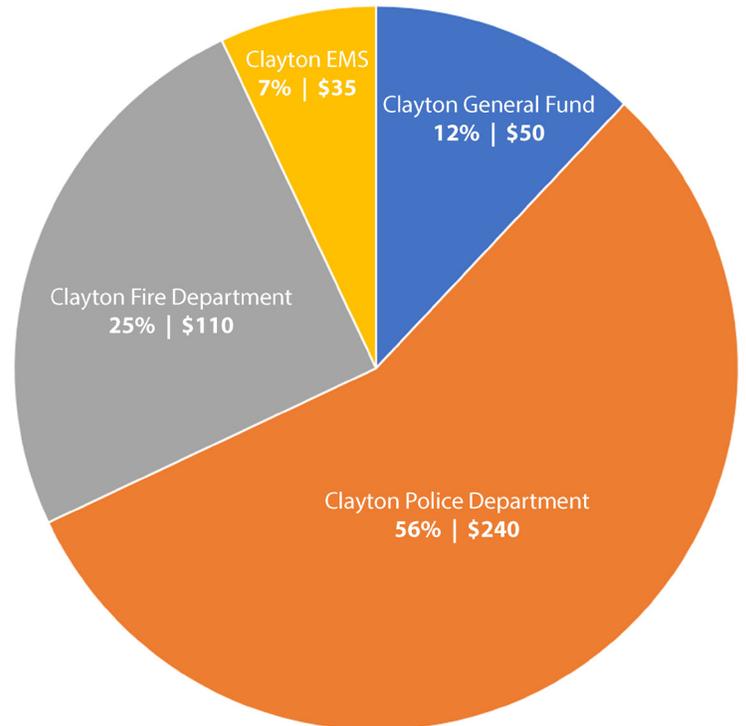
Every property owner pays property taxes for services received in the respective jurisdiction where their property is located. Property tax rates vary across the spectrum, based on a variety of factors, but mostly on the level and cost of services provided to you as a property owner and the value of your property. However, what many people don't realize is all the property taxes paid for your specific property are split across a variety of different entities providing services to you in your respective community and region. For example, City of Clayton only receives, on average, approximately 11% of total property taxes paid by Clayton property owners. And from that total received by Clayton, only 12% of that goes to the general fund which is used to not only operate the city on a daily basis, but also help provide services such as street improvements, snow removal and leaf pick up as well as various park and recreational amenities throughout the city. The rest of the property taxes received by Clayton are used for emergency services. Below is a breakdown of the property tax scenario in Clayton.



The following dollar amounts are based on a home valued at \$100,000. As you can see Clayton receives approximately 11% of the total tax bill. This funding is allocated to several departments within the City. Clayton does not receive any reimbursement or payments from others on the tax bill such as Montgomery County.

*\*Percentages and dollar amounts are based off total millage before any reductions.*

*\*\*Calculation includes 10% rollback reduction paid by State of Ohio.*



Clayton receives roughly 11% of the property taxes collected from Clayton residents, as shown above. Those funds are then broken down into each department. The Clayton police, fire, and EMS are not fully supported by their specific tax levies and require funds from the general fund.



## REMINDER ABOUT TRASH ACCOUNTS

If there are questions, changes or issues with residential trash accounts in Clayton, please contact Republic directly at (937) 268-8110 or (937) 268-8595. This includes any questions regarding billing or bulk pickup. Republic staff will be able to answer and address any and all concerns.



safest community in Montgomery County since **2015**

**210** acres of commercial land on the market



**TOP 10%** of all Fire Departments in Montgomery County for **Operations Effectiveness**

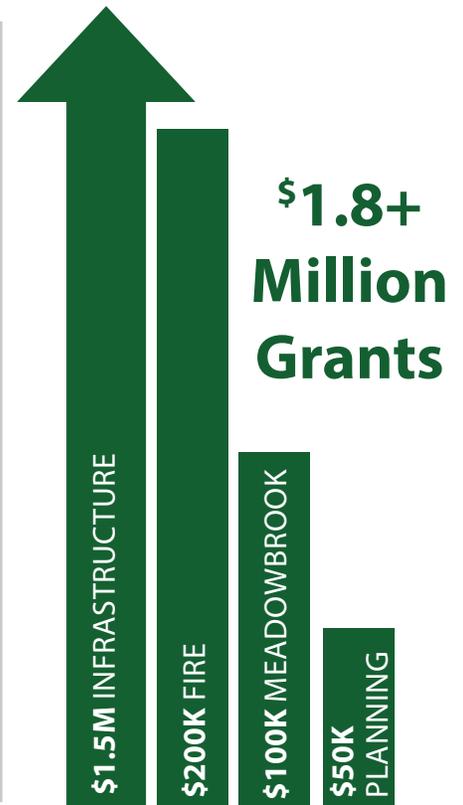
**\$16M** invested into Clayton properties since 2016

**\$1.8+ Million Grants**



**\$5.4M** commercial investment

**43K** Northmont's population



**140** roads resurfaced **\$4.5M**

## PROPERTY VALUES



**\$475K** budgeted for parks 2019 - 2023



residential increase: **6.9%**

increase of **\$40M** in property value



**4,500** firefighter training hours in **2019**

# WINTER MARKET A HUGE SUCCESS



Starting this past December, the Northmont Community Market partnered with the Clayton Parks Advisory Commission to offer the first ever Winter Market at Meadowbrook at Clayton. The community market offered the general public over 30 vendors every fourth Sunday of the month, between the months of December and March, from noon to 4 pm. The local artisans and crafters offered a wide variety of goods every month to everyone who came out to support the local small business community. The Parks Advisory Commission also offered free arts and crafts for children and families at every event, the Grill was open to satisfy the munchies, and everyone was able to check out the indoor golf simulators downstairs in the pro-shop. This year the Winter Market is scheduled to start a month earlier in November, just in time for the holiday season. If you didn't get a chance to check out the market this year, make sure to make time this upcoming year and shop local!

# COUNCIL RECOGNIZES HOLIDAY VIP WINNER

For the second year in a row, Kelley Green and Rebecca Fultz were recognized by City Council as the Holiday VIP winners. Their home on Westbrook Road continues to be a highlight for families during the holiday season to drive by and view the wonderful display of holiday lights and scenes throughout their property. Congratulations Kelley and Rebecca!



After every winter, even if this past one was more wet than frigid, it's always great to begin seeing the wave of colorful perennial blooms during the spring months. City Council loves recognizing our residents who have beautiful yards and thoughtful landscaping and to that end, the city will be accepting Spring VIP nominations through the end of May. Residents can nominate neighbors or themselves for beautifully landscaped spring gardens and yards. Nominations can be submitted by either calling the office, (937) 836-3500 or emailing Jack Kuntz at [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us).

# CLAYTON CONTINUES TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



After completing the city's massive 3-year street paving project, which included the repair/replacements of curbs and catch basins on 144 roads between 2016-2018, the city completed a similar project on an additional 8-residential roads in 2019. During the same time period the city also resurfaced Hoke, Wenger and Garber Roads. In 2020 the city's continued dedication to improving the city's infrastructure will shift to Salem Avenue. The city's sections of Salem Avenue include 20,000 feet of curb which will be replaced this year along with 4,300 square feet of concrete islands in the median and over a dozen of crumbling catch basins which are over 50 years old. This project will result in several sections of Salem Avenue having one lane closed during construction which will begin around the beginning of spring. After the curb and concrete replacement project is complete, the Ohio Department of Transportation will resurface all of Salem Avenue in Clayton in 2021. Another essential component of this project will address several safety upgrades including extending turn lanes and removing unnecessary crossings. The paving portion of the Salem Avenue project will be administered by ODOT and the city will only be responsible for 20% of the paving project costs.

During the 2020 public infrastructure improvement season, there will also be several full depth paving repairs performed on 6-roads preparing for the 2021 improvement projects including Old Salem Rd., Westbrook Rd. and Salem St. The edge of the pavement on these streets must be repaired in the spring and summer of 2020 prior to a complete mill and fill of the roads which will occur next year.

## CLAYTON WELCOMES HOME GROWN NEW OFFICER DESKINS



Officer Matt Deskins is Clayton's newest police officer, joining the city in the beginning of November. Deskins grew up in the Northmont community, eventually graduating from Northmont High School before continuing his education at Tiffin University. Prior to coming to Clayton, he worked in the Englewood Street's Department. The entire City of Clayton is excited to welcome Officer Deskins as Clayton's newest police officer!

# MEADOWBROOK AT CLAYTON: MORE THAN JUST GOLF

- “We are Your Club!” Meadowbrook at Clayton is not only a golf course, it’s a public event facility owned and operated by the City of Clayton and open to the general public year-round.
- Clayton holds FREE community programming at Meadowbrook at Clayton throughout the year. Some of these include the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Movie in the Park, Labor Day Festival & Fireworks, Costumes and Carvings for Kids & Breakfast with Santa.
- The Northmont Community Market began their first ever Winter Market in December 2019 at Meadowbrook. This free public event offers over 30 local crafters and artisans for the general public to shop. The Clayton Parks Advisory Commission also offers free crafts and activities for children to do during the event. This event operates on the fourth Sunday of every month through March and will start up again this year in November.
- Clayton residents receive 10% discounts on room rentals. Meadowbrook at Clayton is considered the premier event facility in northern Montgomery County and offers multiple room options for groups 10-350, as well as the outdoor Brookside Patio. All the rooms and facilities can be rented anytime by the general public.
- The Grill at Meadowbrook is open for lunch daily from spring through fall providing another dining option for the Northmont Community.
- The annual Taste of Northmont, which is open to the general public and promotes area restaurants & caterers in the Northmont community, and a host of other Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce events are held annually at Meadowbrook at Clayton.
- The Northmont Education Foundation holds its annual scholarship auction at Meadowbrook which is open to the general public.
- Meadowbrook at Clayton is the weekly location for the Northmont Rotary meetings.
- We’re also the proud home the Northmont High School golf program.
- Meadowbrook at Clayton is on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor and LinkedIn. Our website is [www.meadowbrookatclayton.com](http://www.meadowbrookatclayton.com). We are also on The Knot at [www.theknot.com/marketplace/meadowbrook-at-clayton-clayton-oh-2005044](http://www.theknot.com/marketplace/meadowbrook-at-clayton-clayton-oh-2005044).

## WE ARE YOUR CLUB

Pro-Shop: 937-836-6353 | Event Facility: 937-540-9685

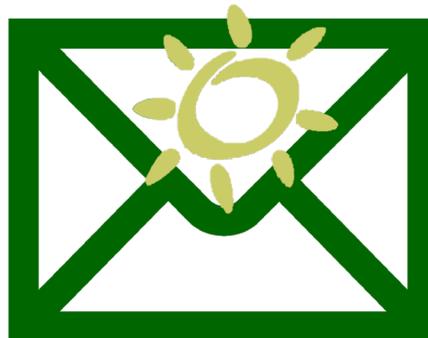
6001 Salem Ave. Clayton 45315

[www.meadowbrookatclayton.com](http://www.meadowbrookatclayton.com)



## CONNECT WITH CLAYTON!

Clayton utilizes social media to connect with residents and business owners. Clayton posts on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Nextdoor. In addition, residents may sign-up to receive text messages and/or emails directly from Clayton’s website. Take a moment to follow the City on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Nextdoor and sign-up under ‘Notify Me’ to receive texts and/or emails from Clayton on the website!



## NOTIFY ME

# 2020: UPCOMING EVENTS



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**CANCELED**  
DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2020

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 6001 Salem Ave. - Meadowbrook at Clayton

Clayton residents are invited to join us at our free annual Easter Egg Hunt. Starts promptly at 9:30 am. Age groups: 0-3, 4-6 & 7-8. Please bring your own basket/bags.



## COFFEE WITH A COP

**POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>**  
DATE: Monday, April 27, 2020  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 8321 N. Main St. - Boston Stoker

Coffee with a Cop is a community event that gives the public a chance to meet with area law enforcement officials to discuss community concerns or just enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know the men and women who safe guard our community.



## SWEEP CLAYTON CLEAN - SPRING CLEAN-UP

DATE: Saturday, May 16, 2020

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to until dumpster full but no later than Noon

LOCATION: 200 Woolery Ln. - Fire Station 83

Clayton residents may dispose of junk, storage, furniture, wood, tree limbs and yard debris. Refrigerators may be dropped off; Freon must be drained. Free to residents. *\*No Liquids, Paints, Freon, Tires, or Hazardous Items will be accepted.*



## SPRING NOMINATIONS - VIP BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

DATE: Sunday, May 31, 2020

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS: Email [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us) or Call (937) 836-3500

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond keeping their property beautiful? This award recognizes property owners who are going over and beyond keeping their properties beautiful in the community. Residents are encouraged to nominate theirs, a neighbor's or a friend's property. Winners will receive a plaque and be recognized at a City Council meeting.



## DOCUMENT SHREDDING

DATE: Saturday, July 18, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 6996 Taywood Rd. - Clayton Admin. Offices Parking Lot

Shredding personal documents can help prevent identity theft. Accepted items: paper record, tapes, credit cards, cd's and microfilm. Shredding is OFFSITE. Limited to 4-boxes/bags per resident. Free to residents. No Businesses.

**Questions?** Contact Jack Kuntz, *Development Director* at (937) 836-3500 ext.111 or email [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us)

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## Local Postal Customer

*NEXT* EDITION 

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 and winter editions are released online. Sign-up to receive the electronic editions sent directly to your inbox by visiting the **'Notify Me'** section on the City's website then sign-up and select the 'newsletter' category.



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