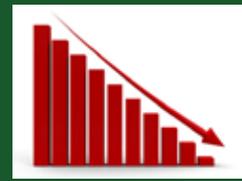


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THE clayton CONNECTION

Fire Station 84

Improving services for the Northmont Community

Clayton Fire Station 84, located at 6971 Wenger Rd, was opened in 1971 as a volunteer station. Over the years our population has aged, businesses have opened in the western part of our city, and Station 84's calls for service increased from 47 to 470. With these changes, the Fire Department had to consider how best to serve the residents living in the most western part of city and meet the fluctuating demands of the Northmont campus.

In 2015, Station 84 became a 24-hour "in house" fire station with two personnel (firefighter/paramedic and a firefighter/EMT) who respond to medic calls and begin, if not complete, any fire related incidents. This new service model was made possible by hiring three full-time personnel, which helps to maintain adequate staffing at both of Clayton's 24 hour "in house" fire stations.

Staffing Station 84 full time provides better services and decreases response times in an area that encompasses approximately 13 square miles of the Northmont community. Clayton's public safety departments strive to be the best and will continue to explore ways to make our community safer.



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Clayton Cares Recognizing our heroes



Police and Fire personnel go above and beyond to provide exceptional service to Clayton residents. Along with ensuring we live in one of the safest cities in Ohio and that we match up with the top 10% of fire departments in the nation, public safety personnel nurture a positive, personal relationship with residents. Look for Clayton Cares articles on the City's social media and website recognizing the heroes that make Clayton a great place to live.



Public Safety Grants

Better equipment through grant funding

In order to provide the best services to our community and to remain one of the safest cities in Ohio, Clayton Public Safety Departments must maintain up-to-date equipment, training and programming. However, these items and activities do not come cheap.

To stay in the top of their fields, both the Police and Fire departments apply for grant funding to supplement their annual budget.

Over the past nine years, the combined grant funding awarded to the Police and Fire Departments totals:

\$344,612



\$34,247 Power cot - lifts patients for the EMS crews to reduce injury
\$25,967 LUCAS Device - performs chest compression allowing EMS crews to perform other life saving measures.



\$50,960 Backup generator - operates the fire station and administration building during power outages.



\$40,000 License Plate Readers - purchased two set for use on police vehicles through Ohio State Homeland Security Region 3 grant.



\$6,555 Police Body Armor - PD applies annually for reimbursement through the Department of Justice's Bullet Proof Vest Program.



\$11,140 Continued Professional Training - training reimbursements through Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA).



\$50,642.93 AAA/OVI Step-up Program - provides funding for additional man power during peak hours for OVI violations.



\$14,000 Thermal Imaging Camera (TCI) - assists firefighters in finding victims and hot spots within structures.

Mayor's Corner

The survey administered by Urban Collaborative as a part of developing



our new Comprehensive Plan has provided city officials with insight into the thoughts and concerns of Clayton residents and business owners.

One line of thought evident throughout the responses centered on the desirability of joining Clayton, Englewood, Phillipsburg and Union into one jurisdiction resembling the Northmont school district. While this may be a worthwhile endeavor, it is beyond the scope of this article. Another issue along these lines was the advantage of working with other neighboring jurisdictions to support regional cooperation. I am happy to report that Clayton continues to engage in dialogue and projects with various jurisdictions in our region whenever the opportunity arises.

In the area of safety services one area of benefit gained by regional cooperation has been the money received from the State Homeland Security Grant funding to purchase outdoor warning sirens. Clayton expects to have one siren which will

be the sole responsibility of the city and will share two with Englewood and one each with Clay Township and Trotwood. Clayton Fire Chief Brian Garver has been working on this project for quite some time and thinks the sirens will be a nice addition to current forms of warning for citizens during weather or other emergencies.

The survey also disclosed other interesting facts about Clayton's safety services: Safety services (police and fire) were ranked second only to Northmont schools as one of Clayton's current strengths; safety services were also assets contributing to other areas viewed as strengths such as "diversity and position of the city as a culturally rich, stable neighborhood, nice mix of suburban and rural living, and the feeling of safety in neighborhoods which provide good places for neighborhood kids to hang out without causing problems."

Respondents were concerned with the ongoing drug problem which has plagued Montgomery County, but on the whole the comments can be summed up by the following statements: "We have an excellent police force

but there is only so much they can do"... we should immediately focus on "maintaining and strengthening the police force so that any potential business, hotels, or restaurant district are adequately patrolled." Clayton's new designation as one of the top 50 safest cities in Ohio shows the city's dedication to continuing to maintain a safe community. Please continue to support our safety services.

See you around town,

Joyce Austerling

Farewell Sgt. Jeff Garrison

Police sergeant retires after 27 years



Sergeant Jeff Garrison began service with the Clayton Police Department on August 9, 1990. On April 3, 2017 he officially retired after nearly twenty-seven years of service to the City.

Sgt. Garrison was a patrol officer for the first nineteen years of his career, and was promoted to sergeant in November 2009. During his career Sgt. Garrison was an evidence technician, served in the detective bureau, and acquired numerous law enforcement certifications.

His calm demeanor and leadership will be missed. His fellow officers and the City wish him well in his retirement!

Meadowbrook at Clayton

Come out and play!

Summer is here! Come play a round of golf or gather with friends at one of our community events. Follow us on Facebook and look for specials and promotions in your quarterly refuse invoice.



Public Safety Levy Revenue Down

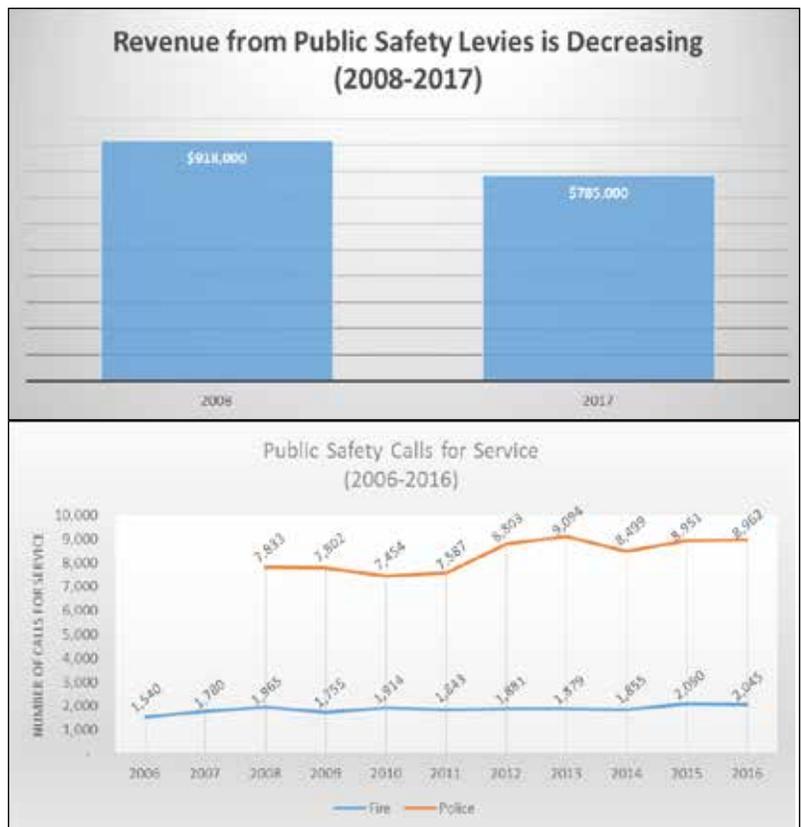
Doing more with less

The Police and Fire Departments depend on revenue brought in by property tax levies to fund public safety activities. Since the levies were first approved by Clayton residents in 2008, annual revenue from the levies has dropped by 14%. Funding is budgeted to be \$133,000 lower in 2017 than it was in 2008.

Despite this decrease in funding and an increase in calls for service, the Police and Fire Departments continue to improve services year over year. They supplement levy funding through grants, EMS billing revenue, and other special revenues sources such as sharing in RANGE Task Force seizures.

The Police and Fire Departments also implement cost savings measures to offset the decrease in funding. Both departments supplement full-time staffing with part-time employees in order to provide the best quality of service to the community while decreasing personnel costs. Qualified and experienced part-time staff make up half the daily staffing for the Fire Department, and three part-time employees work up to 40 hours per week to bolster the Police Department.

Clayton utilizes residents' tax dollars in the most efficient way possible while also providing the highest quality of service. By exploring alternative funding sources and utilizing innovative staffing patterns, Clayton's Public Safety Departments provide well-trained, experienced officers and firefighters while also being fiscally responsible.



Community Events

Come out and join us!

Date/Time	Event	Location
Sat., July 15th 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Document Shredding Event: Shredding will be performed by AllShred Services ON-SITE. *Clayton residents only; limited to 4-boxes/bags.	Clayton Gov Center 6996 Taywood Rd.
Thurs., July 27th 6:00 - 8:30pm	Barstools & Brushstrokes: Art & Wine event night. Tickets \$25 per person. For more info visit http://barstoolsandbrushstroke.info/	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Deadline Aug. 31st	VIP Beautification Award: Have you seen a beautiful property? Nominate them today!	Contact Jack Kuntz
Sun., Sept. 3rd 7:00 - 9:30pm	Labor Day Fireworks: Join us for a fun family night out! Cotton candy, popcorn and sno-cones, entertainment and of course FIREWORKS at 9 pm!	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Sat., Oct. 7th 7:00 - 10:00pm	Picnic in the Park: Benefit dinner supporting the purchase of trees for Northview Park. Tickets are \$75 per couple. A cash bar will be available.	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Sat. Oct. 21st 8:00am - 1:00pm	Sweep Clayton Clean: Dispose of junk, furniture, tree limbs & yard debris, refrigerator (freon must be drained). *Clayton residents only; no businesses.	Fire Station 83 200 Woolery Ln.
Sat., Oct. 28th 1:00 - 3:00pm	Carving & Costumes for Kids: Kids grades K-8th are invited to a FREE Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contests. *Pumpkins & Carving Tools will be provided.	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.
Sat., Dec. 9th 9:00 - 11:00am	Breakfast with Santa: Join Santa for breakfast. A pancake breakfast buffet, pictures with Santa. *Tickets must be purchased in advance.	Meadowbrook 6001 Salem Ave.

Construction In Progress

Clayton roads are looking good!

Construction crews are out and about, and many Clayton roads have received an earlier than expected face lift. The resurfacing of Westbrook Road from S. Union to Diamond Mills (a project made possible through a joint grant application submitted by Clayton and Trotwood) was completed in June. Residents of the Old Village are benefiting from new roadways, and many other neighborhood streets look better than ever. The \$6 million Road Resurfacing Program will continue into 2018.



Westbrook
Road at
Hoke Road,
facing west



Clayton Old Village,
From above
counterclockwise, E.
Spring St., W. Mill St.,
Water St.



Mintwood
Avenue

VIP Beautification Award

Congratulations to our spring winner!



A big thank you to the Jones family for helping Clayton be a more beautiful community (top)! The Jones' home was selected as the winner of the spring VIP Beautiful Award from the nineteen properties submitted for consideration. Photos of other nominated properties are below.



Thank you to all the residents who submitted their friends' and neighbors' properties for the spring Beautification Award. So many Clayton residents lovingly care for their homes that it was difficult to decide a winner.

Nominations for the summer Award will be accepted until August 31st. Contact Jack Kuntz (jkuntz@clayton.oh.us) for more information or to nominate a property. Summer winners will be announced in September!

For more information about these topics or any questions please contact the City of Clayton at (937) 836-3500 or visit our website at www.clayton.oh.us



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Participate in Local Government:

Residents can participate in local government by attending meetings of the Clayton City Council. Time is set aside at the end of each meeting to ask questions and voice concerns. Meetings take place the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Rd. The meeting schedule may change due to special presentations or other events. If you have a comment about City services and prefer more immediate attention, please email askclayton@clayton.oh.us or call 937-836-3500.

Upcoming Meetings

July 20
August 3
August 17
September 7
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