



# Clayton LIVING

## CLAYTON GOVERNMENT ACADEMY

*How does government work?*



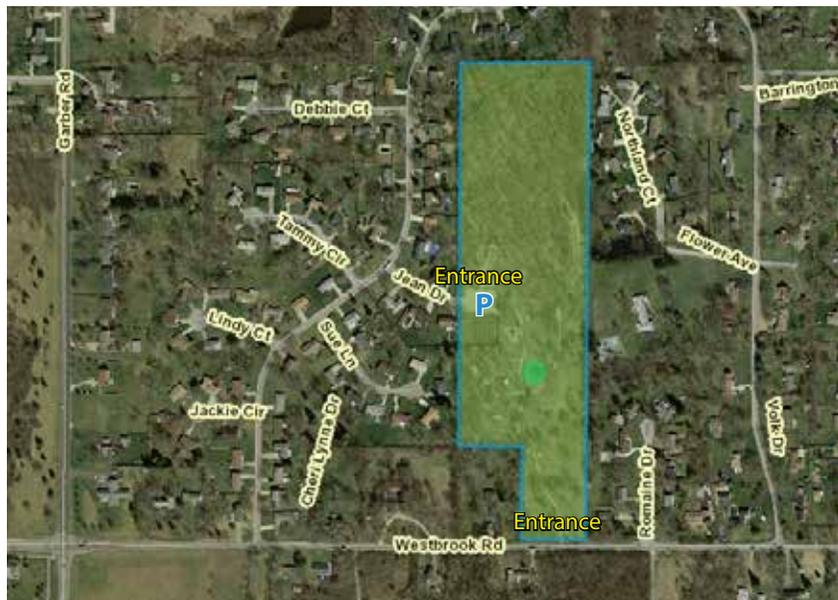
Have you ever wondered what exactly goes into the daily operation of a city? Maybe your child has inquisitively asked where the snow plows get the salt that's dumped on the roads during a winter event, or how the fire fighters prepare to fight a fire. Maybe you've wondered how your tax dollars are spent and divided up between various city departments. Why exactly does the city have to review plans for a new home and what do the police do to keep our community the safest in Montgomery County? Answers to these questions plus much more will be provided this fall when Clayton offers its first ever Government Academy. This free class will be

available for the first 20-residents who sign up and will occur over a six-week period, starting September 5<sup>th</sup>. The only thing residents are required to do is commit to the entire six-week class and attend every Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm. To sign up, please contact Jack Kuntz at (937) 836-3500 or [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us).

- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Introduction and Police
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – Development
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Services
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Fiscal
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fire
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Administration and Certificate Presentation

# CLAYTON IMPROVING PARKS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY

One of the many takeaways from PLAN Clayton was residents love parks and want to be outside with their families during the warmer months of the year. Continuing to improve our park system is a long-term initiative for Clayton and staff continues to implement new projects throughout the year to offer the community the best experience possible within our parks. Below is a summary of the different parks in Clayton along with updates on the different amenities found at each.



**Westbrook Park** was opened to the public in the middle of May after Clayton had over 250-diseased and dead ash trees removed during the winter and spring months. Staff will continue to remove stumps and repair the park grounds throughout this year making the park safe for everyone to enjoy. One of the great amenities available at Westbrook Park is the disc golf course. In addition to the course being open to the public, the Dayton Disc Golf Association has started using Westbrook Park as one of their designated disc golf courses. Westbrook Park also features a tennis court, beautiful areas to walk, relax and playground equipment for the children. Anyone interested in playing in a disc golf league, may visit the Dayton Disc Golf's website at [www.daytondiscgolf.org](http://www.daytondiscgolf.org).



**Northview Park** will have tree stumps removed throughout the early part of the summer, making the park more aesthetically pleasing for the community at large. The Park Advisory Commission is also in the middle of developing and recommending a tree replanting program within Northview to replace the ash trees previously removed due to the emerald ash borer infestation. Another project the Commission has undertaken is planning a new walking path for the public to enjoy. Northview is a great location for family parties and gatherings because of the playground equipment, shelter and picnic tables.

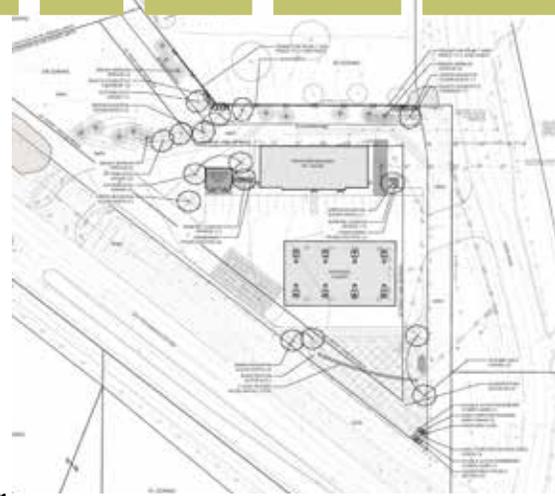


**Old Clayton Village Park/Hardscrabble Park** has baseball underway again this year with four teams utilizing two of the newly improved ball fields. Additional fields will also be available for T-ball later this summer. Hardscrabble offers a tranquil environment with a soft babbling creek running through it, lots of green space in the middle of the Old Village featuring the ballfields, playground equipment for the children and men's and women's restrooms.

Staff will continue to work with the Parks Advisory Commission making upgrades to the park system as well as beginning to implement new programs identified in the PLAN Clayton Implementation Plan. The next five years will bring considerable improvement within the parks for everyone to enjoy. The Parks Advisory Commission is always looking for volunteers to help with different projects and activities; if you are interested in helping make our parks a true community asset by volunteering, please contact Lisa Brown at (937) 836-3500 or [lbrown@clayton.oh.us](mailto:lbrown@clayton.oh.us).

# CLAYTON CONTINUES BUILDING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Two years ago, Clayton began implementing a five-year economic development plan consisting of specific incremental steps towards a smart growth philosophy for the future of Clayton. The first two to three years of this plan included heavy planning mechanisms, specifically PLAN Clayton, the N. Main Street Overlay District and an updated Zoning Resolution, to ensure staff moved the City in a direction consistent with the general public's vision for the future. In addition to working to complete those projects, staff has been working the last several months on steps consisting of development projects which will see empty parcels along commercial corridors developed with various types of uses including retail and office spaces.



The Salem Avenue corridor (SR-49) will see two new projects break ground this summer with a new Casey's General Store built on the northwest corner of Union and Salem Avenue. Casey's will be a general store with fresh baked donuts and pizza available daily along with other retail items. Casey's will also have a full gas center for consumers along this corridor. Burger King also plans on breaking ground on a new store at the southwest corner of Hoke and Salem this summer. This new modeled store will bring between 45-50 new jobs to Clayton and will service not only the local customer base but also traffic traveling the I-70 corridor.

At the corner of N. Main Street and Old Salem Road, where there previously were two dilapidated houses, North Main Animal Clinic is in the final planning and permitting phases of their new almost 10,000 square foot, two story building, with a ground breaking targeted for later in 2018. This new location will implement the new standards found in the N. Main Overlay District, consisting of development features creating the small-town charm and walkability desired along this corridor, which staff believes is essential for the long-term viability of the redevelopment of N. Main Street.

Staff is also working on several other development projects, including in the Village of North Clayton which will continue to move the five-year development plan and the City of Clayton towards a bright future.



## CLAYTON IS MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S SAFEST CITY

Following up on being ranked as the best city to raise a family in Montgomery County by WalletHub, Clayton is proud to also be ranked as the safest city in Montgomery County. The National Council for Home Safety & Security released its rankings for the entire state of Ohio in early spring and Clayton was determined to not only be the safest in the county region but also the 24<sup>th</sup> safest

city in the entire state of Ohio. These rankings are determined through the number of violent and property crimes, as categorized by the FBI, per 1,000 inhabitants. Clayton continues to strive to offer the best community for our residents and businesses and these two rankings once again prove Clayton is a great place to call home. Congratulations Clayton!





# CLAYTON'S FIRE, POLICE & SERVICE OPEN HOUSE

The annual Clayton Police, Fire & Service Open House is scheduled this year for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30-7:30pm at the Clayton Government Center, 6996 Taywood Road. 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. For more information call (937) 836-3500.



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**PINK RIBBON GIRLS**

The Clayton Fire Department will be holding their annual Waffle Sale later this summer. Please keep your eyes and ears open for the details once the event is scheduled and announced to the public. All the proceeds from this popular event go to the Pink Ribbon Girls for local cancer support. The waffles are always hot and tasty and sell out quickly, so please make sure you're there good and early.

## COPS IN THE COMMUNITY

Clayton police officers continue to demonstrate their dedication to the community by going over and beyond in their daily interactions with city residents. In addition to their daily proactive patrols throughout the city's boundaries, Clayton officers are always looking for additional ways to build new relationships. Over the last several years, Clayton has partnered with JD's Old Fashioned Frozen Custard to bring awareness to bicycle safety and children. This year alone, JD's provided approximately 25-coupons to hand out for a free cone when officers observe a child riding a bicycle with a helmet on. This program not only helps bring awareness to bicycle safety, it also gives officers the opportunity to build positive relationships with Claytons' youngest generation of residents.



Clayton Police also offer city residents a Vacation Watch Program to take advantage of whenever they're out of town for vacation. This service is free to all city residents. Residents only need to fill out a form, available at the Clayton Government Office or the City's website, detailing the address and how long they'll be out of town. Officers will check the residence for open doors and any damage to the residence. This program provides an invaluable service to the public while also providing an opportunity for the officers to continue their proactive presence in the neighborhood communities. For additional questions regarding this program, please call the Clayton Government Center at (937) 836-3500.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## SHREDDING EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, July 14, 2018

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

**LOCATION:** Clayton Administrative Offices, 6996 Taywood Rd.

Shredding personal documents can help prevent identity theft. Items that may be shredded include: paper record, tapes, credit cards, cd's and microfilm. Shredding will be performed by AllShred Services OFFSITE. Limited to 4-boxes/bags per resident. Free to residents.



## TIRE RECYCLE EVENT

**DATE:** Saturday, August 18, 2018

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**LOCATION:** Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Ln.

Clayton residents may dispose of old tires. Free to residents. No concrete filled tires and metal rims must be removed to be accepted. PLEASE BE ADVISED: A maximum of 10-tires may be transported at one time according to the Ohio Revised Code.



## SUMMER VIP NOMINATIONS DUE

**NOMINATION DEADLINE:** August 31, 2018

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. To nominate a property please contact Jack Kuntz, Director of Development at (937) 836-3500 or [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us)



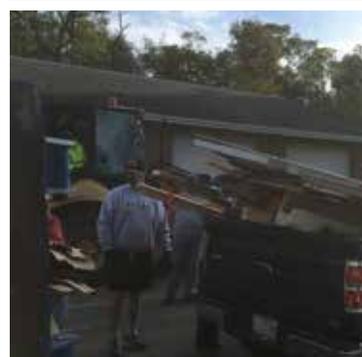
## CLAYTON LABOR DAY FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS

**DATE:** Sunday, September 2, 2018

**TIME:** 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Fireworks start at 9:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Ave.

Meadowbrook at Clayton is hosting their Third Annual Labor Day Festival & Fireworks. Join us for bounce houses, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn then grab your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy fireworks starting at 9 p.m.



## SWEEP CLAYTON CLEAN - Fall Clean-up

**DATE:** Saturday, October 20, 2018

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**LOCATION:** Fire Station 83, 200 Woolery Ln.

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.*



# Northmont Community Market

Starting their fourth season in June at the Village of North Clayton, the Northmont Community Market is once again bringing great local flavor to the community at large, every Sunday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The

Market is a great opportunity for small and local mobile businesses to come out to a centralized location and sell their various goods to the Northmont community. It's also a chance for residents to get great deals on locally made products. The vendor list includes 30+ businesses offering items such as freshly grown produce, homemade crafts, clothing, baked goods, flowers, jewelry, soap and much more. Clayton is proud to once again be one of the market's sponsors and continues to pledge the city's support for all the great small business owners within our community. For more information visit the market's facebook page or their website at [www.northmontmarket.com](http://www.northmontmarket.com)



## LOCAL BUSINESSES MAKING CONNECTIONS

The backbone of any city are local businesses with the services and basic tax base they provide to the local region. Supporting the local businesses is not only important for residents, but also the business operators themselves. Developing partnerships with one another creates cost savings and additional opportunities to grow each business's presence within the local region.

After talking and receiving feedback from almost 50-business owners and operators in 2016, Clayton staff created the Clayton Business Meet and Greet to assist in growing future business for the betterment of everyone in Clayton. This forum is an informal opportunity for

local business leaders to network with one another and Clayton officials. Clayton hosted two events in 2017 and the 2018 Spring event on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 30-people attended the event, representing a cross section of the local business community. Conversations were relaxed and new opportunities were discussed over the course of the two-hour event. Staff was also able to address any issues operators had as well as assist in future retention and expansion efforts. These events are truly win-wins for all involved because they create a pro-business environment essential in keeping and attracting high quality industries to the City of Clayton.

# CLAYTON VIP'S



The second year of the VIP Beautification Program started with a great bouquet of beautiful properties nominated by neighbors and families across the city. Although it took a while for spring weather to finally sprout from the winter cold, there was no shortage of beautiful properties nominated for recognition. The winning property for this year's Spring VIP was the Taylor's on Old Salem Rd.

To nominate a property for the Summer VIP, please contact Jack Kuntz at (937) 836-3500 or [jkuntz@clayton.oh.us](mailto:jkuntz@clayton.oh.us). Nominations will be accepted through August 31<sup>st</sup> for the summer award. Fall & Halloween VIP nominations will be accepted through October 31<sup>st</sup> and the Holiday Lights VIP will be accepted through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## TRASH SERVICE DELAYS

Due to holidays occurring during the normal work week, sometimes there are delays in trash service. Below is a list of the delays residents can expect for the remainder of 2018.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July (Wednesday)

Service delayed by one day for residents whose normal service day is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Labor Day – September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Service delayed by one day for all residents.

### Thanksgiving – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Service delayed one day for residents whose normal service day is Thursday and Friday.

### Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>

Service delayed one day for residents whose normal service day is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Residents who have service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, will receive normal service.

### New Year's Day – January 1<sup>st</sup>

Service delayed one day for residents whose normal service day is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Residents who have service on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve, will receive normal service.

## INCOME TAX INFORMATION

A quick but important note from the Clayton Finance Department: As a Clayton resident, if you had a residence tax due in 2017 and you expect to owe \$200 or more in residence tax for a tax year (after subtracting your estimated withholding and 50% employer city tax credit), you must file a Residence Tax Estimate. Quarterly invoices will be sent as a reminder for payment of estimated taxes. Quarterly estimated payments are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

You may be charged penalty and interest if you fail to pay quarterly estimated payments totaling at least 90% of the current tax year liability or 100% of the prior tax liability. If you do not know what you will owe in 2018, base your estimate on the amount of tax due for 2017. Estimates may be amended if a significant increase or decrease in income occurred during the current tax year.

The Residence Tax Estimate form can be located here: <http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/taxforms/Y2017/estimateform.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact the Clayton Finance Department at (937) 836-3500.

# ROAD PROJECTS ROLL ON.

The third year of the Clayton curb, gutter and street project is half way complete, with the final concrete work being finished in the first part of June. Road resurfacing in those neighborhoods will begin by the end of June and will continue throughout the summer months. Resurfacing of Seville, from Sydenham to Taywood and all Templehurst, will be delayed until after Montgomery County replaces the water main anticipated in August/September.

The three-year residential curb and road project has been a huge investment in the local infrastructure for the City's neighborhoods. To protect this type of investment, streets have been inspected on an annual basis since 2016 for maintenance needs, ranging from full depth repair, durapatching, crack sealing, and paving. Something observed in newly paved streets is surface cracking within the first two years of the projects being completed. Due to the Midwest weather, specifically the winter months, cracks in asphalt are simply an unavoidable reality. However, how the City responds to these cracks is something that can be controlled. Staff has worked hard over the last few years to combat the inevitable cracks with an aggressive proactive crack seal program.

The optimum time to perform crack sealing is between year two and three after a street is paved. As an example, Main Street in Clayton was paved in the 2015/2016 season. This year staff began observing seam cracks in the asphalt. It's imperative to seal these cracks as soon as they're observed to help prevent water from entering the pavement and then freezing and thawing, causing further damage. To combat further damage along N. Main Street, these seam cracks are scheduled to be sealed this year.

Crack sealing does cause black "striping" on the road. Although this doesn't appear as cosmetically nice as a freshly resurfaced road, it is a necessary part of the ongoing street improvement program to ensure the road continues to be structurally sound for vehicular traffic and free from those troublesome potholes and deteriorating sections of roadway all too frequently seen in other areas of our region.

The Clayton Service Department will continue to be proactive in the new road project. This not only ensures safe and aesthetically pleasing roadways, but also protects the substantial investment made into the actual program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clayton Service Department at (937) 836-3500.



# TRASH ACCOUNT NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED

Please update your payment records

Just a quick reminder, if you pay your trash bill through regular mail, bank bill or online please be sure you're using your new account number. The old account numbers, which appeared in a format such as 101-12345-01, should NOT be used. The new and current account number format is 01234-001. If you use the old account number when submitting payment, it may be posted to the wrong account or be delayed in posting. If you have any questions, please contact the Clayton Finance Department at (937) 836-3500.

## PLAN CLAYTON UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL



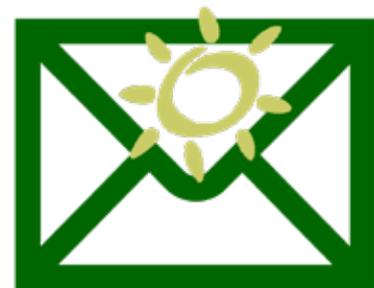
After approximately 18-months of community surveys, open forums, stakeholder interviews and public meetings, Clayton City Council unanimously approved the official update to the 1999 Comprehensive Land Use Plan on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. PLAN Clayton, as the update was called throughout the process, was a community effort spearheaded by the city's planning staff and Urban Collaborative, the consulting firm hired specifically for the project. PLAN Clayton was undertaken to create a framework on how our residents and businesses want Clayton to grow in the next 10-20 years.

The vision statement of the new document, created exclusively by the input of over 500-community responses, is ***"To enhance our small town-town character, create environments that support diverse businesses, preserve our rural land, and build a unique identity."*** The driving force behind the new update is based on four main goals included with the accompanying "Implementation Plan." City leaders and staff are presently reviewing the plan's goals which identify concentrating on creating walkable neighborhoods around central cores, with connected parks linked by great streets and infrastructure as the essential framework to meet the plan's vision. Action items within the implementation plan have been broken into short-term, mid-term and long-term goals. Staff plans to begin working on implementing several of the short-term action items over the next 12-months while also beginning to plan and budget for mid-term goals to slowly implement over the next 3-7 years.



## NEXT EDITION

Communication is one of the most important aspects of a growing and thriving community. 2018 will welcome the growth of the City's newsletter to a quarterly distribution. The spring and fall editions will be mailed to all our residents as we have always traditionally done. Clayton is also adding two electronic editions that will be available for the summer and winter months. Look for the next edition of 'Clayton Living' in the mail this fall! Sign-up to receive the electronic editions sent directly to you by visiting the **'Notify Me'** section on the City's website then sign-up and select the 'newsletter' category.



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