

Clayton LIVING

RESIDENTS MAKE FIRST GOVERNMENT ACADEMY A SUCCESS

A half-dozen residents signed up in late summer to be the inaugural class at Clayton's first ever Government Academy. Participants learned everything from how the Service Department gets trucks ready for snow events to how paramedics respond to emergency situations using state of the art equipment purchased through grant dollars. Each week, a department head walked everyone through the inner workings of a different governmental service, answered questions

and made long term relationships for the betterment of everyone involved. Residents also participated in a mock zoning case, learned about fiscal transparency and received insight into the basic levels of a criminal investigation. The academy concluded with a talk from the City Manager and Mayor Stevens, and each participant received a certificate of completion handed out by the mayor. Thank you to everyone who participated, and Clayton staff looks forward to the next academy in 2019.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

Service Department Prepares for Winter

The Clayton Service Department consists of only nine full time employees responsible for maintaining approximately 220 lane miles within the city. During the winter months, the department uses decades of experience combined with present day technology to keep Clayton streets clean and safe during inclement weather events.

Headed by Randy Sanders, Public Service Director, and his 33 years of experience with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the street crews are directed by managers who also have decades of experience keeping streets clear during the winter months. One of the common phrases during the snowy months is *"Don't Crowd the Plow."* During a snow or ice event there are four to five trucks per shift treating the various street conditions. With the sheer number of road miles the Service Department is responsible for, it can be quite difficult to plow roads and cul-de-sacs when there are cars parked in the street. Signs throughout the city remind residents to keep parked cars and trucks off the street after three inches of snow. Please help keep the city safe by parking as many vehicles as possible in driveways during snow or ice events.

Another step that assists to keep the streets as safe as possible during winter weather, managers monitor weather channels daily to stay on top of events. Additional technology used by Clayton includes an "on call" meteorologist providing the most accurate weather predications and warnings. When an event is predicted, managers monitor multiple radars and a system installed on ODOT roads called a Road and Weather Information System (RWIS). The RWIS is installed at all county lines and other strategic locations throughout the county. These sensors communicate vital information assisting the snow removal program, including precipitation type, road surface temperatures, dew points and most importantly sub-surface temperatures.

When subsurface temperatures dive below freezing, salt begins to be added to the roads. Clayton drivers apply salt and liquids (brine an agricultural product) to the roadways as needed to prevent the bonding of ice. Managers and drivers do everything possible to get out ahead of events, however, when precipitation falls at a high rate in a short period, it becomes increasingly difficult to fight the falling precipitation in real time. Due to these circumstances, it's important for our residents to drive appropriately for the conditions at hand.

The Service Department staff put in long hours during winter weather events. If you see a driver who has possibly been awake since midnight, give a thumbs up and remember, **"Don't Crowd the Plow."**



FROM THE MAYOR...

2018 was a great year of change in Clayton! We saw new businesses, new streets, a new Plan Clayton development road map, an exciting face lift for Meadowbrook at Clayton, and the initial stages of our comprehensive revamp of our zoning code. Many more changes, upgrades, and improvements to our day-to-day operations combined to keep Clayton safe, progressive, and an excellent value for our residents, our government partners, our business community, and our neighbors. Solid fiscal management remains one of our highest, core responsibilities to Claytonians and our staff ended 2018 with excellence.

2019 is just around the corner. As we celebrate the holiday season, we will surely be making New Year's resolutions. I offer a suggestion for each of you to add to your list to engage more with your community and local government. There are several ways we can become more involved and informed with our city. Here are some ideas that are easy, require little time and effort, and are sure to enhance your understanding of life here in Clayton.

- Attend your bi-weekly City Council Meeting. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Our meetings are open and offer a friendly atmosphere that encourages each of us to speak freely. We love visitors. If you've never attended a meeting...put this on your list!
- Enroll in Clayton Government Academy. This six-session course will introduce you to our department heads, allow you to learn about the day-to-day operations of your local government, ask questions, get answers, and become informed. Classes will be formed soon. Watch our website for details. Put this on your list!
- Start a neighborhood group. In 2018, a few engaged citizens in the Old Village felt a desire to interact more with their neighbors. It was easy to get buy-in. They centered their efforts around fixing and decorating the gazebo. As neighbors saw the improvement, they began to get more involved too! Since then, there have been block parties, informal get-togethers, and caroling. Get to know your neighbors! Put this on your list!
- Reduce Crime! Yes, we can each do our part to reduce crime by taking away any potential opportunity for criminals to operate in our city. Clayton remains one the absolute safest cities in Montgomery County, but we still see crimes that erode our quality of life. Adopt your *#9PMRoutine*. It's simple: Every night at 9 PM...lock your cars, check your mail, close and lock your garage and shed, lock your doors, turn on outside lights (front and back). Stow your valuables. *See something, say something*. We do not want criminals in our city. Put this on your list!
- Contact the Mayor! Yes, I love to hear from our residents. Whether it is a positive compliment, or a negative complaint, I am asking you to call me or email me directly. I will make sure the communication gets to the correct person. Our staff and council are responsive and effective. If you want to meet for coffee...I'll buy! Put this on your list!

As 2018 winds down, I ask each of us to take time to reflect on what is really important in our lives. Let's focus on making 2019 the best year ever. Put this on your list!

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

At Your Service,
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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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES STRONG SUPPORT OF LOCAL CANCER COMMUNITY

The Clayton Fire Department believes strongly in supporting the local cancer community, especially during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. This year, in partnership with the Englewood Fire Department, Clayton raised a total of \$7,300 for the Pink Ribbon Girls. The PRG mission is to provide healthy meals, housecleaning, rides to treatment, and peer support to individuals with breast and gynecological cancers free of charge, so *"No one travels this road alone."*

The money raised by the local fire departments stays in the Northmont area and provides direct services to women as they battle cancer. Giant thanks go out to the community at large for supporting the PRG as well as the partnering agencies in this annual initiative: Uptown Hair Salon, Englewood Buffalo Wild Wings, Company 7 BBQ, Englewood Kroger, EcoSox in West Carrolton, Mantra Salon & Day Spa and Earl Harlamert. The successful campaign would be impossible without the support of these organizations and

the individuals who go the extra mile to ensure the fire departments have all the support needed to raise as much funding as possible to help women in the Northmont community fight cancer. Thank you, Clayton, Englewood and the entire Northmont community for your support!



CLAYTON VIP'S DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Clayton's VIP program celebrates beautiful properties and the residents who work so hard to continue the reputation of homes with great curb appeal throughout the Clayton community. When the fall and winter months roll in, the VIP program looks to highlight the seasonal flavor and recognize those homes that bring a festive feel to their respective neighborhoods.

The Fall/Halloween VIP saw properties nominated with beautiful mums and pumpkins strategically placed throughout gardens as well as properties with ghosts and goblins lurking around the landscape. All the properties nominated were great representations of the resident's respective vision. This year's Fall/Halloween winner was the Wetzels with their O-H-I-O scarecrows.



Staff is accepting Holiday Lights VIP nominations through the end of the year. If you wish to nominate a property with a wonderful holiday light display, please contact Jack Kuntz at 937-836-3500 or jkuntz@clayton.oh.us. Staff will come out in the early evenings during the holiday season to take pictures of the lights and the winner will be announced in January.

WINTER GOLF INSIDE AT MEADOWBROOK



Meadowbrook at Clayton is now offering a new and exciting alternative to the winter golfing blues. City Council approved investing in two golf simulators earlier this fall at Meadowbrook at Clayton. The new simulators opened to the public on December 3rd. The state of the art equipment can be used by anyone including groups of



any size during the winter months. They are part of a new indoor area complete with comfortable seating, a large screen television to watch sporting events during a round and on site refreshments provided by Meadowbrook Catering. The new golfing alternative not only keeps Meadowbrook at Clayton open during the winter months, but also gives the community another year-round entertainment option within the Northmont community. People can play a round on some of the top 80 golf courses in the world, tweak their stroke or play skills games like "Top Golf" with their friends and family. This new set up is perfect for birthday parties, bachelor or bachelorette parties or any other type of celebration. Meadowbrook at Clayton is also filling up two winter golf leagues for the avid golfer chomping at the tee to get back on the course. This new venture offers a wide range of options for the entire region and continues to strengthen the community as a true asset for northwest Montgomery County. For information or to reserve a time on the simulators, please call the Pro Shop at 937-836-6353.



SPRING BRIDAL SHOW COMING TO MEADOWBROOK



Meadowbrook at Clayton will be hosting the second annual Sweet Productions Bridal Show on April 7th where couples can visit with vendors from across the spectrum of various wedding services. Couples looking to book vendors for their special day can meet with a host of florists, music professionals, photographers, travel agents, makeup artists and many more. Meadowbrook Catering will also be available to discuss all their delicious cuisine options and how the freshly renovated Meadowbrook at Clayton will be the perfect venue to celebrate the unforgettable day with family and friends.



IMPLEMENTING PLAN CLAYTON

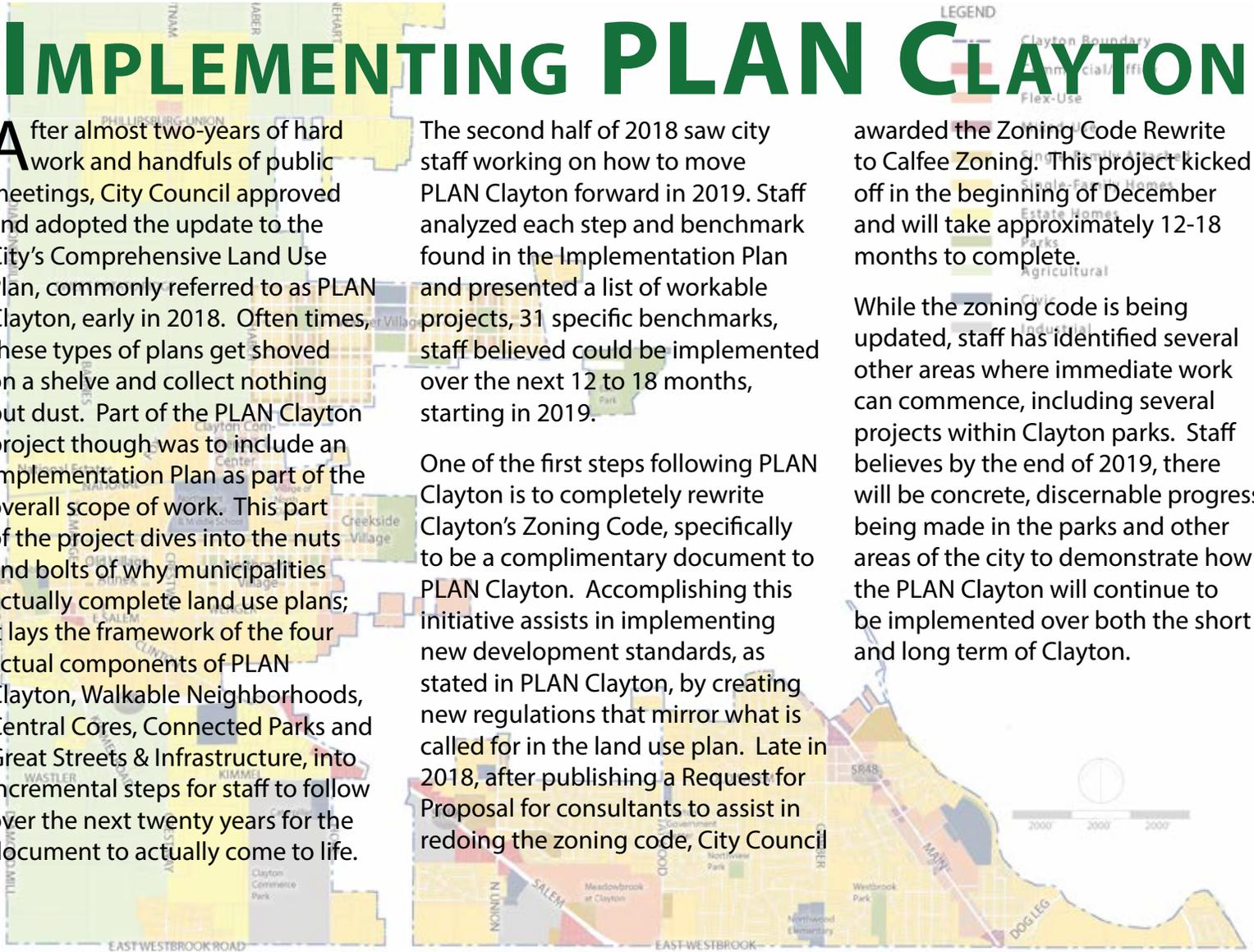
After almost two-years of hard work and handfults of public meetings, City Council approved and adopted the update to the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, commonly referred to as PLAN Clayton, early in 2018. Often times, these types of plans get shoved on a shelf and collect nothing but dust. Part of the PLAN Clayton project though was to include an Implementation Plan as part of the overall scope of work. This part of the project dives into the nuts and bolts of why municipalities actually complete land use plans; it lays the framework of the four actual components of PLAN Clayton, Walkable Neighborhoods, Central Cores, Connected Parks and Great Streets & Infrastructure, into incremental steps for staff to follow over the next twenty years for the document to actually come to life.

The second half of 2018 saw city staff working on how to move PLAN Clayton forward in 2019. Staff analyzed each step and benchmark found in the Implementation Plan and presented a list of workable projects, 31 specific benchmarks, staff believed could be implemented over the next 12 to 18 months, starting in 2019.

One of the first steps following PLAN Clayton is to completely rewrite Clayton's Zoning Code, specifically to be a complimentary document to PLAN Clayton. Accomplishing this initiative assists in implementing new development standards, as stated in PLAN Clayton, by creating new regulations that mirror what is called for in the land use plan. Late in 2018, after publishing a Request for Proposal for consultants to assist in redoing the zoning code, City Council

awarded the Zoning Code Rewrite to Calfee Zoning. This project kicked off in the beginning of December and will take approximately 12-18 months to complete.

While the zoning code is being updated, staff has identified several other areas where immediate work can commence, including several projects within Clayton parks. Staff believes by the end of 2019, there will be concrete, discernable progress being made in the parks and other areas of the city to demonstrate how the PLAN Clayton will continue to be implemented over both the short and long term of Clayton.



GRANTS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Grants provide small communities such as Clayton resource opportunities or infrastructure projects and life safety equipment that often would be deferred due to budget constraints. Clayton staff works diligently throughout each year identifying grant opportunities and working with regional partners on joint projects which benefit multiple jurisdictions with lower costs. Below is a summary of grants awarded to Clayton during 2018.

- *State of Ohio Safety Funds*: \$293,250 for Salem/Hoke intersection update
- *FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant*: \$127,100 for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- *Ohio PDAC Grant*: \$100,000 for new HVAC units at Meadowbrook at Clayton
- *Montgomery County CDBG*: \$40,000, ADA Curb Ramp Project
- *OVI/AAA*: \$5,000 grant for step-up in OVI/Impaired driving enforcement. (In conjunction with Dayton Police).
- *EMS Grant*: \$3,575 to purchase EMS equipment
- *Department of Justice, Bullet Proof Vest Grant*: \$1,500

INVESTMENT IN CLAYTON

Investment has increased significantly in Clayton during the 2018 calendar year. The city's proximity to I-70, access to developable land and a great school system make Clayton a desirable location for commercial and residential development alike. Clayton believes this recent development is the beginning of a new trend which will springboard additional investment over the next five years. Over the past three years there has been investment of over \$13 million in Clayton, with almost \$8 million coming in the past 12 months, and almost 150 new jobs created.

Residential development really picked up over the past three years in Clayton. Wenger Village and Wenger Estates are now almost completed with an explosion of activity being observed there starting in 2017. There have been 21 new homes built in Clayton since 2016, most of those coming in the two Wenger developments. The Village of North Clayton continues to slowly bounce back from the recession, the main culprit being most of the land was locked previously in probate court until the middle of 2018. Close to a dozen lots have been purchased by private residents and developers since that time and there are close to a dozen more closing after the first of the year, leading to an expected construction boom soon within North Clayton.

Finally, this past year was also one of the most significant years for new commercial development in Clayton, based on the number of individual projects. Three projects, Casey's General Store, Burger King and N. Main Veterinary Clinic, broke ground earlier this year and Goodwill is scheduled to break ground by the end of 2018. These four projects signify not only new investment, but a commitment to the Clayton community in the way of new jobs. Clayton is excited to welcome all our new residents and business partners and look forward to assisting even more in the near future.



OFFICERS GIVE HOLIDAY CHEER WITH SHOP WITH A COP

Every year, the Clayton Police Department partner with Meijer to provide Christmas joy to Clayton families in need. Police officers pay for the ability to grow their beards during the months of November and December and the money raised from this is paired with gift cards donated by Meijer for selected Clayton families. Officers use the funds and gift cards to purchase all the holiday fixings for a holiday dinner and breakfast for each family as well as presents for all the children. To round out the program, officers take children from the selected families shopping so the youngsters can purchase presents for their parents and loved ones. Community volunteers donate their time to wrap the presents and everything is brought to the families' homes by the officers while the children are at school, so as not to ruin the surprise of presents from Santa on Christmas morning. So next time you see an officer with a beard in December, you'll know they have something more in common with Mr. Claus than just the scruffy face, they're also working hard to help bring holiday cheer to families in Clayton.



2019: COMMUNITY EVENTS



SWEEP CLAYTON CLEAN - Spring Clean-up

DATE: Saturday, May 18, 2019

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



CLAYTON ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Meadowbrook at Clayton, 6001 Salem Ave.

Starts promptly at 9 am. Age groups: 0-3, 4-6 & 7-8. Please bring your own basket/bags. The event is rain or shine. For additional info call (937) 836-3500.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

DATE: Saturday, July 20, 2019

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. No Businesses.



CLAYTON LABOR DAY FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS

DATE: Sunday, September 1, 2019

TIME: 7:00 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 19, 2019

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 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.

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

FIRE AND POLICE WELCOME NEW HIRES



Brand



Birr



Shewman

When Clayton was ranked the safest city in Montgomery County by the National Council for Home Safety & Security this past spring, residents had to look no further than the brave men and women who staff the police and fire departments daily as one of the main reasons for this exceptional designation. Adding to the full-time roster, both departments have recently hired new staff to ensure our staffing levels remain at full strength for the community at large.

Fire - Clayton welcomes both Greg Brand and JC Birr to the Fire Department as full-time employees. Greg's early life was spent living and working the family farm in rural Ohio before deciding to enter the fire service in 2009. Clayton hired Greg in 2011 in a part-time position. He received his Associates Degree from Rhodes State Community College in emergency medicine and is presently working towards his Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Clark State. His list of certifications includes Level 2 FF, Paramedic, CPR Instructor, EMS Instructor, Rope Rescue Tech, ACLS and PALS.

New full time employee JC Birr is a local to the northern Montgomery County region, graduating from Carrol High School and then attending Sinclair for his Fire/EMS Certificates. Those certificates include FF/Paramedic, Inspector and Fire Officer 1 & 2. JC comes from a family full of medical field professionals and is excited to continue the family tradition at Clayton.

Police - Officer Ashlee Shewman is the latest addition to the Clayton Police Department. Officer Shewman graduated from Wayne High School in 2015 and was previously employed with the City of Englewood, working in the parking enforcement program for approximately four years. Shewman graduated from the Sinclair Police Academy, where she was the only female cadet, in August of 2018, and has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice as well as a silver medal in academics and a bronze in physical fitness.

Welcome Fire Fighters Greg Brand and JC Birr and Officer Ashley Shewman to Clayton!

REMINDER FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Some quick reminders from the Finance Department:

- Estimated income tax payments are due by January 15th. This is a mandate from the State of Ohio, starting when they changed the income tax code.
- New local phone number for income tax help, Michelle Jordan with Central Collection Agency (CCA) is 216-857-7382.
- CCA will be offering income tax assistance at the Clayton Government Center (6996 Taywood Rd.) on January 8th, 8:00am – noon.
- Additional times for assistance will be announced when scheduled by CCA.



TASTE OF NORTHMONT IS BACK FOR 2ND YEAR



PRESENTS

The 2nd Annual

Taste

of

Northmont



Thursday, January 24, 2019

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Meadowbrook at Clayton | 6001 Salem Ave.

Experience a Taste from local restaurants and caterers. Guests will vote on the 'Best of'. Cash bar is available. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For more info visit <https://jbarclay4.wixsite.com/tasteofnorthmont>

To purchase tickets in advance contact Cathy at the Northmont Chamber at (937) 836-2550 or cathy@northmontchamber.com

The City of Clayton is excited to partner once again with the Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2nd Annual Taste of Northmont. The community event will take place on January 24th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Meadowbrook at Clayton. The public can purchase tickets prior to the event for \$10 at the Chamber office and varies locations including the City of Clayton Admin. Offices and at the

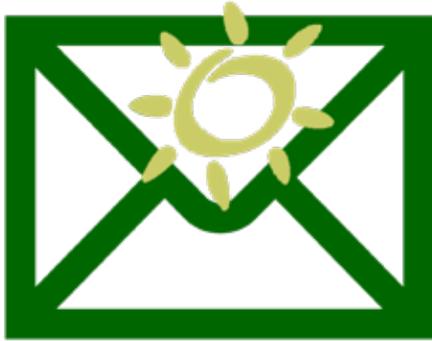
door for \$15. Tickets to the Taste of Northmont provides an opportunity to taste all the great local cuisine from around the Northmont community. You are guaranteed to leave the event with a full belly and new friends as last year's event brought out 12 local vendors, Warped Wing, Heidelberg and almost 300 people from the community at large. This year's event will take over the entire Meadowbrook at Clayton

facility and will have more than last year's roster of great vendors and local restaurants to sample from.

Tickets can be purchased at the Northmont Chamber's office, City of Clayton office as well as partnering businesses now. Check out the event's website, <https://jbarclay4.wixsite.com/tasteofnorthmont> for additional details and to see a list of vendors, sponsors and other exciting information related to the event.

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 to receive texts and/or emails from Clayton on our website!



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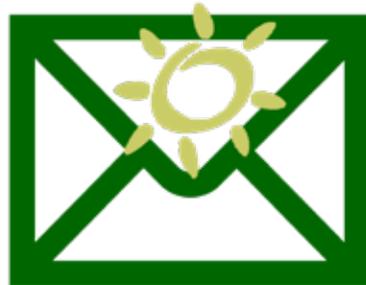
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NEXT EDITION

Communication is one of the most important aspects of a growing and thriving community. Clayton Living is now published quarterly. The spring and fall editions were mailed to all our residents as we have always traditionally done. Clayton has added two electronic editions that will be available for the summer and winter months. Look for the next edition of *Clayton Living* mailed to you this Spring! 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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