

Clayton LIVING

CONGRATS 2020 SENIORS

Congratulations to all the 2020 Northmont Seniors graduating this year! Despite a historic set of circumstances, seniors along with all students, teachers, faculty, staff and families across our community worked extremely hard the last several weeks of the 2019-2020 school year to continue the academic year from home. Although

graduation ceremonies were non-traditional this year, Clayton and the rest of the Northmont region are extremely proud of all of your academic, athletic and extra-curricular accomplishments during your time at Northmont and we wish you the best of luck as you take the next steps towards your bright future.



A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

As we welcome summer 2020, the City of Clayton continues to see a flurry of activity. As you know, the Covid-19 pandemic affected nearly everyone's life in one way or another. State and local governments applied restrictions that closed businesses, schools, recreation facilities, and workplaces. Quarantines became our way of life for four months! In spite of these circumstances, our Clayton city staff continued to work on civic projects and manage our day-to-day business with very few exceptions. I'm proud of the work ethic, dedication, and performance our employees exhibit every day.

In March of 2020, our long-time city manager, Rick Rose retired. Rick was instrumental in shaping the city into the vibrant, growing municipality we have today. Our very best to Rick and his wife Lori as they relocated to sunny South Carolina. Please join me in welcoming our new city manager, Amanda Zimmerlin. Thrown the early curveball of coronavirus restrictions, she has proven herself capable and professional. Be assured, we are in good hands. We are happy to have you Amanda!

Other business includes: Our Clayton fire department has entered into a collaboration with the fire departments from Englewood and Union. This partnership will save money and resources, while improving efficiencies and response times to our residents. Our road maintenance/improvement program continues with little interruption. Look for improvements to SR 49, Old Salem and seven other city streets throughout this year. Meadowbrook is open! We are still operating with some restrictions, but golf business has been brisk. The course is in great condition.

Congratulations to the Northmont high school and Miami Valley Career Technology Center Classes of 2020! It was an unusual year for the ceremonies and celebrations, but your accomplishment is no less. The City of Clayton wishes you the very best of luck on your next adventure!

Please practice safety, security, respect, and civic pride in your intentions and actions. Our own residents and our neighbors, our police officers, our businesses, our public institutions, and our children deserve our very best. There is much social unrest surrounding us at this time and this is an opportunity to rise to an even higher level of community.

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OLD VILLAGE COMES TOGETHER

Community pride is something residents in Clayton take seriously on a daily basis. Examples are observed frequently throughout the community in the forms of donations, neighbors helping one another, people working on beautifying the neighborhoods and host of other initiatives. The neighbors in the Old Village of Clayton recently worked together on a community project which demonstrates such pride.

A core group of neighbors in the Old Village sent out a mailing to all the residents within their neighborhood proposing hanging American flags on their homes as a sign of unity and community pride. The neighborhood group secured funds to help purchase flags and equipment through personal donations from Clayton residents. The mailing effort was followed up with a neighborhood walk and conversations with neighbors about the project. The group offered to install equipment and hang flags for any neighbors who needed assistance. After additional neighborhood walks, 80 of the 109 homes were proudly flying flags during the Memorial Day weekend. 44 of those flag sets were purchased through donated resources from the community at large.

Thank you to all the neighbors who worked together on this project and helped demonstrate what Clayton pride is all about.

FIRST DRAFT OF NEW ZONING CODE STATUS



Calfee Zoning will present the first completed working draft of the proposed new Zoning Code to City Council at the first open public meeting when the city is permitted by the Governor's office to have more than 10 people in attendance. Staff has postponed this workshop several times due to Council meetings being only open on virtual platforms due to COVID-19 and wanting to ensure the public was able to attend the workshop in person if so desired. Staff has been working on this complete overhaul of the city's Zoning Code since the beginning of 2019. The new code will continue to protect the agricultural and rural areas of the city and build upon the small-town charm so many identified as important for the future of Clayton during the PLAN Clayton process. The new code will also make development much easier along the commercial corridors in Clayton, place an emphasis on parks and green spaces in new residential areas and assist in redevelopment and infill projects throughout Clayton.

NEW FIRE COLLABORATION DISTRICT MOVES NORTHMONT FORWARD

In the beginning of June, the cities of Clayton, Englewood and Union announced a unique and forward-thinking collaborative improving emergency services through an innovative cooperative partnership which will move fire and EMS services forward in the majority of the Northmont community. While every department will continue to maintain their departmental independence, this initiative will see a highly coordinated effort between all three departments, ensuring the closest and most appropriate response to an emergency scenario regardless of city boundaries. Many factors led to the formation of the collaboration including staffing shortages, future capital expenditures, training and supervision. A comprehensive MOU was approved by all three cities addressing the staffing shortages, improved response times, more effective use of supervisory personnel, coordinated training opportunities and improved emergency radio communications. This new partnership will also potentially reduce capital expenditures by a combined \$5.2 million over the next 15 years. This new agreement is another example of the Northmont community leading the Montgomery County region with unique and outside the box thinking while delivering exemplary services with reduced costs to our tax payers.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congrats to the Haas family for being selected as the 2020 Spring VIP winner. Their home on E. Salem Street is a beautifully landscaped property with tasteful and delicate touches throughout. Congratulations again to the Haas family!

Staff is now accepting nominations for the Summer VIP. Please consider nominating a neighbor, family member or even yourself to be recognized for contributing to the beautiful aesthetic appeal of Clayton. Nominations for the Summer VIP will be accepted until August 31st.



INCOME TAX EXTENDED DEADLINE

A quick reminder the local income tax return deadline has been moved to July 15th as a result of COVID-19. The CCA Taxpayers Assistance events normally held during tax return season have also been postponed until further notice. If you need assistance completing tax returns, please call 1-800-223-6317. Another alternative for assistance, you may mail tax documents to CCA's office, and they will process the tax return for you. Please be sure to include a good phone number where you can be contacted with your tax information. Tax information can be mailed to: CCA – Division of Taxation at 205 W St Clair Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Tax Day is now July 15.



SALEM AVENUE HEADLINES 2020 INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPROVEMENTS

Clayton's infrastructure has never been in better condition and our continued investment in these types of initiatives continue to make Clayton a safer community to call home.

After the past four years of significant investment in road and infrastructure improvements in our residential plats and on our collector streets, Clayton will see the majority of improvement projects concentrated along Salem Avenue in 2020. The concrete, curb, and catch basin replacement portions of the major Salem Avenue project began in mid-April and will continue through the end of July in preparation of the Ohio Department of Transportation completely resurfacing Salem Avenue in 2021.

Another Salem Avenue project being undertaken this year is at the Salem Ave./Union Rd. intersection. This state funded safety project will add a turn lane southbound on Union and upgrade the traffic signals. The final safety project on Salem will follow soon thereafter at the intersection of Salem Ave./Westbrook Rd. in the spring of 2021. That specific project will remove the concrete island located at the intersection, upgrade the traffic signals, add turn lanes, while also adding advanced signal flashers. Both of these safety projects are scheduled to be completed prior to the state's resurfacing later in 2021.

Finally, Clayton is planning on performing numerous full depth pavement repairs on several roads in Clayton during the summer of 2020 in preparation of the 2021 paving program.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY REEVALUATION OF PROPERTY VALUES

The Montgomery County Auditor is required by the State of Ohio to reappraise all property in the county once every six years and update values in the third year of the cycle. The last Revaluation was in tax year 2014 and the next is in tax year 2020 (payable 2021). Although Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith requested a delay in the state's mandate as a response to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the state denied the request based on no known legal mechanism to grant such a request. Montgomery County will continue to move forward with this project throughout the remainder of this year. To find out additional information about this county project, please visit their webpage at https://www.mcoho.org/government/elected_officials/auditor/revaluation_project_2014/index.php



REMEMBER BULK PICK-UP TIPS

After the temporary suspension of bulk pick-up in early spring due to COVID-19, many residents have an abundance of material to dispose of with their weekly trash, especially now since Republic reinstated bulk pick up in early May. Below is a list of tips to assist residents make the bulk pick up program as successful as possible.

- Included with your trash service rate is one bulk pick-up of three items per month per household.
- The bulk pick-up must be schedule with Republic at least 48-hours in advance and cannot include more than three bulk items.
- Fabric items such as couches, chairs and mattresses must be fully wrapped in plastic by the resident for Republic to dispose of the item.
- All items for pick-up must be placed at the curb by the resident.
- To schedule your one bulk pick-up per month call 1-800-543-1339 or 937-268-8110.
- Go to <http://www.clayton.oh.us/491/Republic-Services> for bulk pick-up guidelines and more information about your trash service.

GOVERNMENT ACADEMY SIGN UP NOW OPEN!

Clayton residents are now able to sign up for the 3rd annual Government Academy. All residents are eligible to sign up for this free class and it will remain open for the first 10 residents to do so. The academy is a six-week course, starting on Sept. 16th, every Wednesday from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm. This interactive class is extremely informative to every resident who attends. We only ask if you do sign up, please be able to commit to attending every session. To sign up, please contact Jack Kuntz at 937-836-3500 or jkuntz@clayton.oh.us.

CENSUS 2020

If you haven't had an opportunity to respond to the Census 2020 questionnaire, please do so soon. Residents should have received information in the mail in early April and they can respond online, on the phone or via mail. The count 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. At the end of May, Clayton was 10 percentage points above the state average of reporting residents, 75% compared to 65%. If you haven't yet, please do your part and complete the census survey today! For additional info, you can visit their web page at <https://2020census.gov/>

BARCLAY LEAVING

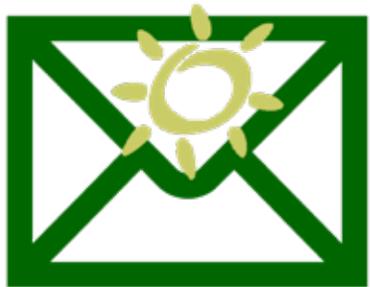
City Planner and Zoning Administrator Jennifer Barclay is leaving Clayton to become the Plan Director in Noble County, Indiana at the end of June. Barclay spearheaded several important planning projects over the last several years including the formation of the North Main Street Overlay District, PLAN Clayton and the current Zoning Code Re-Write. Her insight and dedication have been instrumental in moving Clayton forward and becoming the community which has consistently been named as the "Best Place to Raise a Family" in Montgomery County. She also has elevated Clayton's presence on social media, marketing initiatives and an insurmountable array of other projects during her time with the city. Clayton's future is bright due to the hard work and expertise imported to the strong foundation of long-term planning she spearheaded over the past five plus years at Clayton. Best of luck Jennifer in your future endeavors!

CLAYTON COMMUNITY EVENTS

Clayton community events may look a little different this year due to COVID-19. The following is a list of events we have confirmed will still happen this year.

- Clayton's annual **Document Shredding Event** is Saturday, July 18th at 9am to 11am at Government Center, 6996 Taywood Rd. 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. **Please enter government center from Taywood Rd. as vehicles will be exiting at Old Salem Rd. access. **Please have items in trunk where volunteers may easily access items with limited exposure.*
- Clayton Police Department will host their 4th annual **Coffee with a Cop** on Friday, October 16th at 8:30am - 9:30am at Boston Stoker, 8321 N. Main St. This community event 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.
- Clayton's Fall **Sweep Clayton Clean** is Saturday, October 17th at 200 Woolery Ln. Dumpsters are available starting at 8am until the dumpsters are full but no later than noon. The dumpsters usually are full prior to noon so we recommend coming early! 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.*

Please check the City's website, www.clayton.oh.us, or social media for updates on other community events such as Labor Day Festival & Fireworks, Movie in the Park, Fire, Police & Service Annual Open House, Costumes & Carving for Kids, and Breakfast with Santa.



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