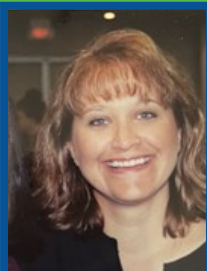


Clinton Township Community

FALL/WINTER 2022

News



Melissa Tremblay—Assistant Fiscal Officer

Melissa joined the fiscal office in July, and brings a wealth of experience

and knowledge to the township. She has been working with local governments for over 30 years, 27 of those in Amanda Township as their Fiscal Officer. She has lived in Amanda Township her whole life! Her credentials include: serving as a Visiting Clerk for the State of Ohio, and she has 25 years of experience in

the Uniform Accounting Network. Melissa has been married to husband Norm for 32 years and when not crunching numbers, she enjoys camping, traveling (for her 50th birthday, she took a two week trip to Italy), boating, and fur baby, dog Samson.

new faces serving you!

Cody Lester—Public Works

Cody is a resident of Clinton Township and has lived here his entire life with his Grandpa. He started with our Public Works Department in July and

before that had been with Terita's Pizza for about three years. When asked about his new position, Cody states, "I am grateful for this opportunity to help clean and improve a township that I love so much"! When not working on township projects, Cody enjoys spending his time with his five year old daughter, Laynie. They like to eat ice cream and go to the parks here in the township. Cody is a HUGE fan of THE Ohio State Buckeyes!



Omar Vargas - Public Works

Omar joined our Public Works team in July 2022, and before then, Omar worked on the front lines of the pandemic as a supervisor with the Covid-

19 contact tracing team. He has been a community resident right here in Clinton Township (East) and grew up close to the Feddersen Community Center. Omar says he is very happy to have the opportunity to serve his community. When not out making street improvements and repairs, Omar loves spending time with his one year old daughter, Lani. They enjoy eating ice cream and going to the parks here in the township! He also enjoys watching college football and has a favorite team from "up North" Omar is a "big foodie"!



FUN FACT: Cody and Omar are childhood friends from the second grade, and grew up together in Clinton Township

Deborah Smothers

Deborah joined our team as our Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist in July, 2022. She also is the Assistant to the Board of Trustees. Deborah started working in the public sector in 2010 with the Ohio Department of Education and then with the Ohio State University. During her time with ODE, she was a legal assistant and was also the liaison to Ohio Homeland Security where she focused on multiple school safety and security initiatives with the SaferSchools Ohio team. Deborah is a Columbus native and a resident of North Linden since 2005; she is very familiar with this area as well as many of the businesses and owners. She is excited to be part of the Clinton Township team and one of her goals is to increase resident awareness and participation in our community. She loves being outdoors, and also spending time with family, close friends, and her pit bull dog Sheeba!



Cassidy's Corner



Cassidy and Marsha

If you ever called into our office, then you most likely have spoken to Cassidy, our Records Technician. She handles a variety of calls and assists residents with obtaining information. Cassidy states, "This time of the year especially, everyone can be a target of a potential scam and the

scammers employ various tactics to catch us off-guard". She suggests staying informed is the best tactic we have to become aware of common scams and you can start by:

♦ **Stop. Check it out!**

- ♦ Make sure to identify phone numbers, check for licensed and insured proof
- ♦ Check with someone you trust **before** giving out your personal, healthcare, and financial information
- ♦ Read your monthly statements and check your credit card
- ♦ Shred documents with personal information & use strong online passwords (NOT your pets name!)
- ♦ **Ignore, ignore, ignore!** If you get spam calls hang up & block numbers/emails
- ♦ If you believe you are a victim of a scammer, or would like to report a scam, you will need to complete the consumer complaint form through the Office of the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost at: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/about-AG/contact/report-a-scam>
- ♦ Cassidy wants to remind residents, "If you see suspicious and/or criminal acts in progress call our non-emergency number at **614-471-5720**".



Why trick or treat isn't always on Halloween in Columbus?



Many communities opt to use the [recommendations from MORPC](#) (Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission). Local government members support a unified trick-or-treat date for the region.

When Halloween, October 31, falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, Trick or Treat is held the Thursday prior to October 31.

When October 31 falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, Trick or Treat is held on October 31.

THIS YEAR TRICK-OR-TREAT IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 FROM 6PM - 8PM

Local communities maintain the authority to change or keep their trick-or-treat date and time. In the event of inclement weather, the recommended date will likely not change.

Santa Parade Update

We're happy to announce that Clinton Township will continue the tradition of our annual Holiday Parade through the township on **Saturday, December 17th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. It will begin at both of our Firehouses—999 Chambers Rd., and 3820 Cleveland Ave at this time!

FUN FACT: This parade started not long after World War II and has only been cancelled twice which was during the Korean War!



Attention ALL Elves!



We really need your help packing candy! Volunteers needed on **Wednesday, December 14th** to help pack candy for the parade. Please come join us at the firehouse located at 3820 Cleveland Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

*****Refreshments and cookies provided!*****

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CODE COMPLIANCE?

Code Compliance is the process of preventing, inspecting, and mitigating nuisances on public and private premises relating to health and safety, and the general well-being of the residents. This is done by maintaining a healthy environment, protecting property values, reducing crime, and involving the community. You may contact Code Compliance for any questions or to report any possible violations.

Call 614-612-0712 or visit our website to report anonymously at www.clintontownship.org/code-contact-form

Memo: From Chief Mike Jones
Re: Celebrate safely this holiday season!



If you are traveling

- Get automatic timers for your lights/tv/radio so it looks like someone is home.
- Have your mail/newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even for short periods of time.

If you are shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with credit cards/check whenever possible.
- Do not overload yourself with packages; purses, or wallets. Hold items close to your body when handling; use inside coat pockets or front pants pockets.

Protect your vehicle

- Always lock your vehicle and store all items out of sight.
- Help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by using anti-theft devices.
- Universal steering wheel brake lock - Aims to make your vehicle inoperable while parked and works by attaching to your car's OBD2 port and tells the location of the vehicle, if your car is stolen.
- A secondary car alarm, kill switch, or tracking system paired with a deterrent such as a wheel lock can help prevent your car from being stolen.

Fall and Winter

It's that time of year already! We are preparing for leaf pick up and before you know it, plowing snow again!



The Public Works crew will be looking out for raked leaves and start pick up typically around the end of October through the second week of December. Please make sure you check www.ClintonTownship.org and our Facebook page for the last pick-up date. Remember:

- ⇒ Leaves should be raked into a pile next to curb or berm. Piles can be stretched out along your property.
- ⇒ Keep out foreign objects such as cans, bottles and other trash.
- ⇒ Please do not mix brush and sticks in with leaves; this could clog the leaf vacuum and hinder progress.
- ⇒ Please do not pile leaves on top of catch basin drains.

Please do not mix in yard waste with leaves, such as flowers, garden waste, bean pods and stalks. These types of yard waste should be bagged as yard waste and put out for trash pickup.

*****Snow plow safety tips*****

- ⇒ Do not ever try to pass a snow plow. Even if you have a four-wheel drive, let the snowplow do its job before you try to pass it.
- ⇒ Follow at a safe distance. Snow plows may need to stop or swerve abruptly to avoid obstacles, including stranded cars.
- ⇒ Keep your tailpipe clear. It only takes a matter of minutes for carbon monoxide to reach lethal levels!



Call the Public Works Dept at 614-471-6854 with questions.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
Cash Summary by Fund
1/1/2022 to 8/31/2022



Feel free to reach out to Fiscal Officer Deb Steele at 614-471-0049 or fiscalofficer@clintontownship.org

Fund Name	Fund Balance 1/1/2022	Revenue (excluding transfers and advances in)	Expenditures (excluding transfers and advances out)	Fund Balance 8/31/2022
General	\$3,383,183.64	\$2,631,217.39	\$855,785.45	\$6,354,487.07
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$16,550.46	\$4,397.02	\$0.00	\$20,947.75
Gasoline Tax	\$93,634.76	\$90,957.93	\$150,833.47	\$33,763.12
Road and Bridge	\$347,441.42	\$335,840.44	\$351,654.51	\$331,594.24
Police District	\$520,635.75	\$1,323,635.47	\$1,234,221.34	\$1,409,947.59
Fire District	\$477,631.69	\$1,693,340.67	\$1,404,003.86	\$1,067,253.01
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$72,659.43	\$26,150.41	\$0.00	\$98,809.84
Federal Law Enforcement	\$44,856.00	\$258.74	\$9,984.00	\$35,130.74
Law Enforcement Trust	\$3,757.77	\$2,960.69	\$0.00	\$6,718.46
ARP Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$213,954.04	\$215,489.24	\$55,500.00	\$373,943.28
Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and EMS	\$362,900.97	\$324,608.53	\$396,544.10	\$292,432.78
Joint Economic Development Zone	\$2,293,626.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
One Ohio Opioid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Police Custodial	\$0.00	\$279.00	\$0.00	\$2,494.00
Report Total:	\$7,830,832.45	\$6,649,135.53	\$4,458,526.73	\$10,027,521.88

Fire Chief Fraley is urging everyone to help protect and keep your home safe by:

- ⇒ Installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check batteries
- ⇒ Test/check all fire extinguishers
- ⇒ Plan a family escape route (Day and Night procedures) and practice drills
- ⇒ Clean Dryer vents
- ⇒ Clean Furnace
- ⇒ Clean fireplace/Chimney
- ⇒ Check to make sure all windows/doors open and close correctly
- ⇒ Check all wires/cords for damage (unplug when not in use)
- ⇒ Store extra batteries in a safe way/place
- ⇒ Test and clean space heaters often
- ⇒ Create an emergency contact list and display it in a main area
- ⇒ Make sure your house number is visible from the street to make it easy for first responders to find you in case of an emergency.



In February of this year, the Township was notified by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) that our application was selected for award through the Township Stimulus Program in the amount of \$250,000. Clinton Township was one of eight Townships to receive this maximum award amount. The money will be utilized to build sidewalks along the southside of Elmore Ave. from Township boundaries to Cleveland Ave. We are working with the County Engineers office with a **completion date in 2023.**



Dates to Note

- Friday, October 14 and 28: **Free Produce Market**, 4:00 pm .
- Thursday, October 20: Trustee Meeting, 6:30pm, 999 Chambers Ave
- Monday, October 31, **Trick or Treat** 6:00pm—8:00 pm
- Thursday, November 3 and 17: **Trustee Meeting**, 6:30pm at 3820 Cleveland Ave
- Tuesday, November 8: **Immunization Clinic**, 8:30am to 3:30pm, 3820 Cleveland Ave
- Friday, November 11, 10:45 am: **Veterans Day ceremony**, 3856 Walford Ave
- Friday, November 11,: **Free Produce Market**, 4:00pm.
- Thursday November 24—Friday November 25: **OFFICES CLOSED BOTH DAYS FOR THANKSGIVING**
- Thursday, December 1 and 15: **Trustee Meeting**, 6:30pm, 999 Chambers Ave
- Friday, December 9: **Free Produce Market**, 4:00pm
- Tuesday, December 13: **Immunization Clinic**, 8:30am to 3:30pm 3820 Cleveland Ave
- Wednesday, December 14,: 6:00pm **Candy Packing for the Santa Parade**: Meet at the firehouse at 3820 Cleveland Ave
- Saturday, December 17: **Santa Parade**, 9:00am, 999 Chambers Rd and 3820 Cleveland Ave
- Friday December 23: **OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON** for Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 26: **OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**
- Friday, December 30: **OFFICES CLOSED AT NOON FOR NEW YEARS EVE**
- Monday, January 2, 2023: **OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS**



Township Offices: 614-471-1479