



Community News

New Faces @ Clinton Township

Welcome, Trustee Jessberger

Jessica received her Bachelors of Science in Social Work from The Ohio State University in 2008. She has been an employee of Franklin County Domestic and Juvenile Court since July 2008 where she has worked in the Juvenile Probation Department which is now formally called the Juvenile Community Enrichment Services (JCES). She is also a Licensed Social Worker.

Jessica and her children, Izzy and Evie as well as their cat Nitty, are so happy to be apart of the Township. They bought their house in April 2019. They have been enjoying the highs and lows of home ownership, especially in a home that is almost 100 years old. It has been a learning experience for sure! She looks forward to meeting more of our residents once COVID-19 slows down. In the meantime, feel free to reach out at 614-257-7433 or jjessberger@clintontownship.org.



Meet Matt Huffman, Township Administrator



Matt started working in the public sector after returning to school to obtain his masters degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University. After graduating, he accepted the position of Senior Planner for the City of Gahanna and was soon promoted to the Community Development Manager. After four years as Executive Director for the Richland County Regional Planning Commission (RCRPC) in Mansfield, Matt moved back to Central Ohio and accepted the position of Director of Development and Zoning/ Assistant Township Administrator for Liberty Township, Delaware County. He was quickly promoted to Township Administrator.

In 2008, he received the designation of American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) which is the only nationwide, independent verification of planners' credentials demonstrating academic qualifications, relevant work experience, and mastery of essential skills required to serve communities effectively. He has enjoyed his time as Township Administrator at Clinton Township and is looking forward to meeting residents after the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions. In the meantime, please feel free to contact him at mhuffman@clintontownship.org or 614-471-1480.

Fire Department News

First Responder Vehicle, Station 62

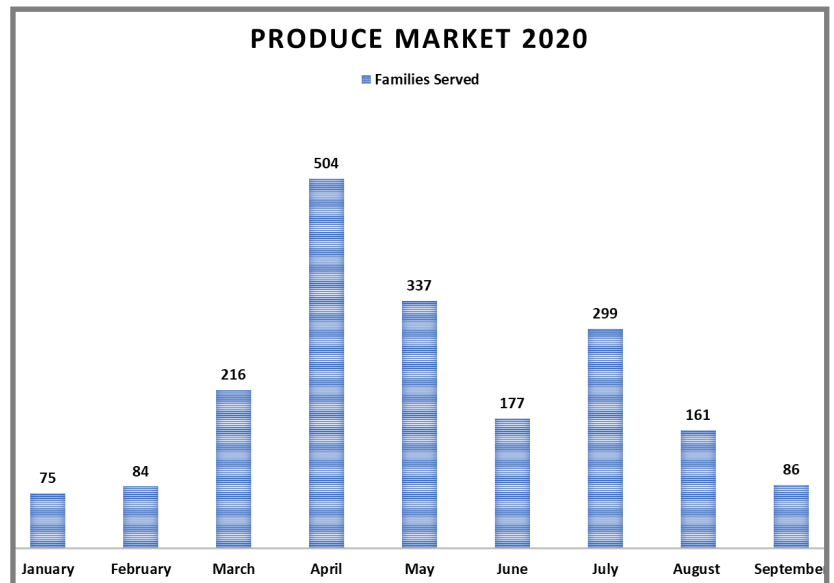
We are pleased to announce that we have begun operating a First Responder Vehicle out of Station 62. This vehicle will be placed in service from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., when staffing is available, and will respond to all township incidents. Staffed with a **firefighter/paramedic**, and equipped with EMS equipment, they can assess and begin treatment of ill and injured patients, investigate fires or other hazardous incidents, and assist the Fire Inspector by visiting commercial properties.



Fresh Produce Markets, By the Numbers

We are very proud of the Fresh Produce Markets that we have hosted with our community partners. During COVID-19, we were able to work with Franklin County Public Health to host additional emergency produce markets to help our residents in need. We have worked very hard to provide, safe and socially distanced drive-thru style markets. In 2020, we have served almost 2,000 families and growing!

We would like to remind our residents that future produce markets will be located at **Clinton Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43224**. Upcoming market dates include: Friday, October 23rd, Friday, November 6th, and Friday, November 20th. We appreciate all the help from volunteers and staff to make these markets successful.



Public Works News

Leaf & Snow Removal

This is a friendly reminder that leaf pickup has begun and will continue until the second week of December. Please keep in following in mind regarding Leaf Pick-up:

- Leaves should be raked into a pile next to the curb or berm. Piles can be stretched out along your property
- 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 yard waste with leaves, such as flowers, garden waste, bean pods, and stalks.

Snow removal will begin on an as needed basis. Please remember that the snowplow travels below the posted speed limit. **Be patient.** Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns. *(Public Works News continued on next page)*



Police Department News

CTPD Engages in Social Justice Trainings

Chief Jones and the police department are advancing their commitment to the community through ongoing training. We are providing the most up-to-date training to make our officers more aware and understanding of the current trends and needs of our citizens and community. Clinton Township Officers have undergone advanced training in several topics current to today's activities:

- **Implicit & Explicit Bias Training**—Officers completed 12 hours/ 2 days of recognizing implicit and explicit bias with emphasis on diversity and inclusion.
- **Real Word De-Escalation**—This training, offered online through Blue to Gold University, gives our officers practical and workable tactics to help de-escalate many encounters.
- **Duty to Intervene**— This training helps officers assess when law enforcement officials are unethical and how they are required, by law, to intervene.
- **CIT, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training**—This training helps our officers be prepared when responding to mental health crisis and drug overdose scenes.

In our ongoing commitment to accountability to our community, we are addressing contemporary social justice issues with our officers.

Project ChildSafe

The Police Department has received free gunlocks from the Project ChildSafe organization. This organization provides free gunlocks so responsible gun owners can secure their firearms at home. Many news stories have occurred across the country where curious young children have found loaded firearms in a home and the situation ended with a tragedy.



Give us a call at 614-471-1479 if you need a gun lock for your home. When our lobby reopens, please feel free to stop by and pick up a gunlock. There is no information required or requested to obtain the free locks. We are committed to help keeping our children safe.

Meet Cassidy Cordeiro, Police Records Technician

Cassidy started at Clinton Township in May 2020 and has quickly learned the ins-and-outs of the police department. She is happy to assist locating police, crash, or incident reports. Going on a trip? She can create a House Check form which will notify our officers to patrol your area while you are away. Cassidy can be reached at ccordeiro@clintontownship.org or 614-471-1479.



Public Works Project Updates



Solar Lights—We are continuing to place solar lights around the township.



Benches @ the Shelter house— The Shelter house park benches received a fresh new paint job!

General Election 2020

The 2020 General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3rd**. If you choose to vote via absentee ballot, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is **October 31st, 2020 at 12 p.m.** When mailing in, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 2nd**, the day before the election however the Post Office recommends seven days in advance. Absentee ballots must be filled out correctly and marked as directed. You must also fill out the sections on the ballot envelop, sign it, seal it, and place it in the second envelop provided for return. You also must attach your own postage. Alternatively, you can drop off your absentee ballot in person at Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Rd., anytime before **November 3rd at 7:30 p.m.** It's equally important to know your polling location! Please see the polling locations below.

East-Side Residents

Fedderson Recreation Center
3911 Dresden Street
Columbus, OH 43224

West-Side Residents

Clinton Township Firehouse
999 Chambers Rd.
Columbus, OH 43212

Holiday 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 19th, 2020!** Due to COVID-19, the parade and parade activities will look a little different this year. Although we enjoy having community assistance with the candy packing and parade, this year we will not be allowing any outside volunteers to help. To ensure Santa does not catch COVID-19, he will be placed on a truck and no photos with families will be available this year. We appreciate your understanding and we look forward to seeing all your happy faces this year!



Triennial Update

You have begun to receive information from the Franklin County Auditor's office regarding the **Triennial Update**. In Ohio, county auditors are required to do a full, general reappraisal once every six years. On the third year between reappraisals, county auditors are required by law to adjust property values based on sales and the market over the past three years.

So, how will this affect township residents? While a change in value may impact your tax bill, this is not the goal. The goal of the Franklin County Auditor's office is to complete the most accurate assessment of property possible.

For more information and the Triennial timeline, please visit the auditor's website: apps.franklincountyauditor.com/KnowYourHomeValue.

Important Dates & Times

- **Friday, Oct. 23rd**
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 29th**
Trick-or-Treat Begins
6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 3rd**
General Election Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- **Wednesday, Nov. 4th**
Virtual Trustee Mgt.
12:00 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 6th**
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 18th**
Virtual Trustee Mgt.
12:00 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 20th**
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Nov. 26th**
Thanksgiving Day
OFFICE CLOSED
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2nd**
Virtual Trustee Mgt.
12:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 16th**
Virtual Trustee Mgt.
12:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 19th**
Holiday Parade Begins
9: 00 a.m.



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