

Clinton Township Community

FALL/WINTER 2023

News

Township News

Community Calendar

Tues. Oct 31st: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Halloween/Trick or Treat

Sat. Nov 4th: 4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Halloween Party/Chili contest at University View Playground

Fri. Nov 11th: 10:45 a.m.
Veterans Park, Veterans Day Ceremony

Thur. Nov 23rd & Fri. Nov 24th: Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Thur. Dec 14th: 6:00 p.m.
Candy packing, a Fire house 61, 3820 Cleveland Ave

Sat. Dec 16th: 9:00 a.m. Holiday Parade, both East and West

Fri. Dec 22nd: Offices closed at noon for Christmas

Mon. Dec 25th: Offices closed for Christmas

Fri. Dec 29th: Offices closed at noon for New Years

Mon. Jan 1st 2024: Happy New Year! Offices closed

FREE Drive-thru produce markets are the 2nd and 4th Friday each month, 4pm - 6pm. Bring your i.d.!

Trustee Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. until June. Odd numbered months at 3820 Cleveland Ave., and even months at 999 Chambers Road. Come get involved!

For more Event information visit: www.clintontownship.org or call us at 614-471-1479

A Year of Impactful Township Roads & Parks Improvements!

This year, we have completed many projects as outlined in our Economic Development plans and more projects anticipated for 2024!



The Closure of Walford Road to Northern Lights Center

This project's was a partnership with the DLC management, the property owners of Northern Lights Shopping Center. The the overall benefit eliminates the throughfare effect for non-residents and reduces traffic, thus increasing the quality of life for many who live in this area!



New Mulch Is Inviting At All The Township Parks!

The 6" cushion provides safety and durability to last for years without maintenance. Year round park maintenance is a focus for the Public Works Team. Please reach out to us if you notice any broken glass or other park concerns at 614-471-1479.



New Sidewalks on Elmore Avenue

This is one of the most welcomed (and long awaited!) projects for everyone and we cannot wait for it to be completed! The sidewalk project will be ongoing until at least the end of the year. We will provide updates here: <https://www.clintontownship.org/public-works/pages/2023-2025-projects>



Resurfacing/Paving of Roads North of Ferris Road

Fresh lines and smooth roads is an instant improvement making it safer for all travelers.

Roads Expenditures (Est) for the 2023 Projects

Paving and resurfacing	\$613,242.00
Sidewalks on Elmore Ave	\$565,546.00
Mulch at playgrounds	\$18,420.00
Walford closure	\$6,500.00

Total \$1,203,708.00

New Staff and Highlights



Meet Zion Moss!

Zion is our newest Public Works technician and has already appeared in our newest Township video! He is a well rounded artist and loves to draw and roller-skate! His 2 year old son Zi'mere keeps him busy as well. Fun fact: His dad has owned Brother's Barber Shop here in CT for

about 25 years!

FF Abdulle Represents!

FF Abdulle represented Clinton Township's Division of Fire at a Career Day event focused on the Somali community. FF Abdulle is the first Somali American in the area to become a firefighter. He discussed his experience in training and how to obtain certifications. FF Abdulle has been with the Division for a few months and is currently starting Paramedic school.



Meet Miguel Puertas!

FF Puertas has been at Clinton township since October of last year, and was hired full time in early August! Puertas grew up in the North side of Columbus and currently resides with his girlfriend & 2 dogs. Currently attending paramedic school and has an anticipated graduation date of June!"



Meet Seth Bennett!

Seth is from Reynoldsburg and has been a part-time fire fighter with us since June. He is currently becoming certified as a paramedic and plays on the Fireman Hockey league as a defenseman. In his downtime, Seth enjoys time with his German Short hair pointer!



Meet Carli Brun!

Carli, who is from Springboro, OH, is our Intern from THE Ohio State University and her focus is social work/counseling. She is embedded with our Fire Department and is enjoying providing community resources and assistance to our residences. Carli enjoys knitting, reading and is quite the artist. Her beloved cat Choxi, however, is her life's passion!



Fire and Police Departments News



New Flock Cameras Assists with Arrests

Clinton Township Police Department began utilizing the Flock system with most of the Central Ohio Communities around the beginning of 2023. The Flock camera location alerts officers on patrol instantly when a vehicle alerts to a particular location so officers can begin to look for the vehicle quickly.

The Flock system is an ALPR, (Automatic License Plate Reader), that only captures a license plate or temporary registration. These cameras read the license plates of vehicles passing by the camera and check it for missing, wanted persons, and/or stolen vehicles. These do not provide any information other than for vehicles that are on wanted lists by police agencies or stolen vehicles entered in to national police data bases. Officers then check the license plate through a state law enforcement data base to get the vehicle information and to verify that it is a stolen vehicle or is wanted in connection with a wanted person.

The flock system has assisted in officers recovering stolen vehicles and missing persons in Clinton Township within the last 12 months, and assisted in other agencies investigating stolen vehicles and persons with serious felony warrants.

Some data for the Flock system for the time period of September 11, 20223 to October 11-2023. For the listed time period 1,433,014 vehicles passed by the Flock cameras that's approximately 47,767 vehicles per day. For the same time period we received 99 Stolen vehicle hits and 103 wanted persons alerts. Since implementing this system Clinton Township officers have had a dramatic increase in pursuits of these stolen vehicles that many have had to be cancelled do to high speed and reckless operation of the suspects.

The Clinton Township Division of Fire Eams a Class 2 ISO Rating

The Clinton Township Division of Fire has recently earned a Class 2 Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). This is the second highest possible PPC rating for fire department protection services. This rating places the Clinton Township Division of Fire in the top 4% of all fire departments throughout the U.S. The Division's new rating, which is an improvement from its previous Class 3 designation from 2018, will take effect on November 1, 2023.



This review was conducted in May of 2023 by ISO staff with site visits for an in-depth review of department operations including the following:

- Emergency Communications
- Water Supply
- Training
- Response Times
- Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements
- Maintenance
- Community Risk Reduction
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The scale of a PPC rating ranges from 1-10, with Class 10 being no protection offered. To improve from Class 3 to Class 2 is a major improvement not only for our department but also our community. Insurance companies and economic developers use the PPC ratings to gauge the protection offered in a community. The residents of Clinton Township should know that their fire department is continuously seeking ways to improve responses and reduce the risk of fires or other emergencies in their community.

Trustee Corner and News You Should Know!



Trustee Jessberger

It is exciting to acknowledge that fall is officially here; the leaves are changing colors and falling, it is getting darker earlier, and the crisp morning air is fresh. Personally, fall is my absolute favorite season! I would like to take the time to look back and reflect at what was a busy summer for Clinton Township and our Departments.

Our Township had numerous road projects – repair, resurfacing, and alley improvements - that were all recommendations from the Economic Development plans. Another project that was in part of a partnership with DLC, the owners of Northern Lights Shopping Center, is the permanent closure of Walford Street at Northern Lights which eliminates access to Northern Lights from Walford Street.

The Public Works crew worked to replace all playground mulch with new blue rubber mulch. The Fire Department has continued to offer Produce Markets twice a month as well as hosted our first ever 'Family Movie Night' at our East side Fire Station. The Police Department planned and executed a very successful 'National Night Out' where families had an evening of fun. The Code Enforcement Officer is tirelessly

working with residents on violations and code issues with great success. And last but not least, our Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist and Police Records Technician/Assistant to the Police Chief are the glue that holds our Departments together with managing the front office, greeting visitors and offering assistance, and updating all of our social media accounts.

We are so incredibly fortunate to have our very own Public Works Department, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Department, Police Department and Administrative Staff. The employees of Clinton Township are a dedicated group of employees. I continue to fall in love with all Clinton Township has to offer. And I am proud to call Clinton Township my home.

Let's have an enjoyable and memorable remainder of 2023!

Be safe,

-Jess

*An Update
From the Fiscal
Officer*

Cash Summary by Fund
1/1/2023 to 9/30/2023

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

	Fund Balance 1/1/2023	Revenue & Transfers In	Expenditures & Transfers Out	Fund Balance 9/30/2023
General	\$6,612,345.50	\$ 2,859,876.68	\$ 2,078,646.77	\$ 7,393,555.41
Road & Bridge	\$ 360,575.79	\$ 478,098.90	\$ 326,083.68	\$ 512,591.01
Police	\$ 841,841.07	\$ 2,011,509.78	\$ 1,546,873.79	\$ 1,306,477.06
Fire	\$ 448,045.99	\$ 2,087,796.15	\$ 1,615,102.67	\$ 920,739.47
Law Enforce Trust	\$ 44,191.52	\$ 620.02	\$ 15,297.36	\$ 29,514.18
ARPA	\$ 374,836.55	\$ 3,162.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 377,998.72
EMS	\$ 199,927.05	\$ 413,879.66	\$ 426,249.96	\$ 187,556.75
Elmore Sidewalk	\$ 0.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250,000.00
DUI Edu	\$ 454.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 770.00
Walford & Ormond	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 85,000.00
Police Custodial	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,494.00
TOTAL	\$8,884,691.47	\$8,190,259.36	\$6,008,254.23	\$11,066,696.60

It has been my pleasure to serve the Township as your Trustee for the last eight years. I did not run for re-election this year due to an illness in my immediate family that is going to require more time taken away from the Township than I would like. It has been truly wonderful to meet so many of my neighbors over the years. Thank you for your many phone calls. Your concerns, conversations and care about our community have meant a great deal to me.



Trustee Cera

During my tenure with the Township, I am proud to have brought many improvements before the Board, some of my most favorite initiatives include the following:

- Streetlights along Elmore and Walford
- Solar streetlights in the rest of the Township
- Sale Rd playground
- Veterans Park
- Writing the grants we won for "perennials for pollinators" for our parks
- ADA wheelchair ramps along Walford
- Our first personnel policy handbook
- Supervising the re-invention of our website
- Writing the application and winning the Tree City USA designation
- Overseeing the new building construction

I'm happy to have always supported our amazing safety services teams. I believe we have the best Police and Fire Departments there are. Our Public Works crew has also grown their services to our community, they keep our parks beautiful, and I am so happy to live somewhere where plowing community roads is still a priority.

What a great community we live in, see you around the neighborhood!

With affection,

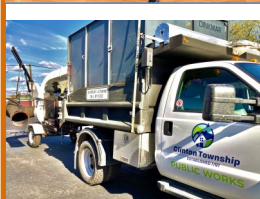
- Jane



Visit our Community Resources page at www.clintontownship.org/home/news/community-resources for information on a wide variety of directories, programs and services! From Senior resources, where to get your Child Car Seat checked, and low-cost utility programs to Animal Rescues and more! Check it out!



FREE women's Self-Defense Classes from 10 a.m. - Noon. Join Fire fighter and Instructor Scott and be prepared!
Nov 4th at 999 Chambers Rd (Station 62) and last class is on **Nov 25th** at 3820 Cleveland Ave (Station 61).



The Public Works Team collected over 123 tons of brush this year, are currently doing leaf service until Dec. 8th, then onto snow removal. Be sure to visit: www.clintontownship.org/publicworks for all the updates on your services and safety tips!



Nov 5th is the deadline for Early Voting / In-person Absentee Voting for the for the Nov 7th General Election. You will need your I.D.! For more information visit: <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/Voters/Absentee-Voting>. Township residents may vote on Nov 7th at Feddersen Rec Center or at 999 Chambers Road.

Veterans Memorial Ceremony

This year's ceremony is again at 10:45 a.m. and this year it will be on Friday, November 10th, at Veterans Park. In the event of rain (like last year) we will be inside at Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Ave. Also, you may order to have a memorial brick installed at the park for your special veteran at: <https://www.clintontownship.org/home/news/veterans-brick-sale-ongoing>



An Update From Code Compliance Officer Dan Quigley

Code Compliance Cases for 2023

So far during calendar year 2023 there have been 97 code compliance cases investigated. These cases range from overgrown yards to abandoned homes. Several cases of note include the following:

3806 Walford Street – The homeowner passed away in 2019 and no heirs claimed the property. The home fell into disrepair and unknown people moved onto the property creating a health and safety issue. The property has been cleaned up and the home has been deemed unsafe and will be torn down in the next several months.

3713 Sale Road – The homeowner passed away leaving no one to inherit the property. Due to unpaid property taxes the home has been foreclosed on. However, three people began living in the home resulting in numerous code violations and police calls for service and in general creating a nuisance to the community. This home too was found to be unsafe and through a cooperative effort of the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Code Enforcement the people were relocated, and the home boarded up pending the Sheriff's auction.

Lot at Audrey – Vacant lot overgrown, Public Works cut the lot after a resolution was passed by the township under O.R.C. 505.87, a statement of all costs incurred in providing for the abatement was reported to the auditor's office.



It should be noted that there are statutory regulations that must be followed before enforcement action can take place. The Walford property took 7 months before the township was presented with a resolution to begin clean-up in conjunction with Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC).

The Sale Road property took 9 months before it was foreclosed on by the Franklin County treasures office and the persons living in the home removed. Having said that most residents voluntarily comply with the notices sent to them about the violations.

Please contact me direct at 614-809-4266 if you have any questions or to report any code compliance concerns. Thank you! - Dan Quigley



Did you know you can report criminal acts, obtain police reports, report anonymous tips and more here: <https://clintontownship.org/police-department>

Need a Police Officer ? CALL 614-471-5720 and do not hang up! Tell them you are requesting a Clinton township Officer.

Fingerprinting/background checks: Contact Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 614-525-3333.

Gun locks and recycling bins can be picked up at Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Avenue during regular business hours.

Guest parking pass visit <https://clintontownship.org/police-department/webforms/parking-pass-application>

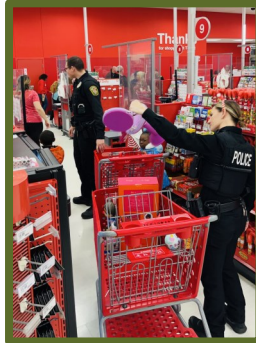
Candy Packaging 2023! Thursday, December 14th



Welcoming all residents to come join us in the annual Candy packing event. Taking place at Firehouse 61, 3820 Cleveland Ave at 6:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. Come and get in the holiday spirit with us!

Heroes and Helpers

Each year, our Clinton Township Officers join forces with Target for a special childhood holiday experience. Focusing on those who may have experienced extraordinary financial hardships, these children have an opportunity to shop with an officer and select their gifts. Contact Cassidy Cordeiro, Police Records Technician at 614-471-1479 to learn more and sign-up.



2023 Is The 75th Year for Clinton Township's Holiday Parade!



It is our annual holiday tradition and all of the residents both young and old look forward to each year. Did you know this parade started not long after WWII, when some of the township were so poor that the box of candy was the only present a child got for Christmas? It has only been canceled twice: during the Korean War. Fire trucks, police cruisers, and of course Santa will be making their rounds this year on December 16th handing out candy, taking pictures, and spreading around the holiday cheer starting at 9 a.m.! This year we have some very special "fancy" candies! Shhhhhh!

