

# Clinton Township Community News

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

## Township Celebration!

**Come and celebrate Arbor Day/Earth Day with your community on  
Saturday, April 22nd from 10am—2pm !**



TREE CITY USA®

As a Tree City USA community, we will be offering free tree saplings (while supplies last)! In celebration of Earth Day, be sure to get your information and resources on rain barrels and rebates through Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, and an opportunity for you to drop off all those unwanted items from your attic or basement, and old prescriptions too! In addition, we will be meeting at 10:30am for our annual Community Litter Sweep! Gloves and bags are provided for you. All are welcome to participate in this family friendly event as we walk down our Cleveland Avenue route, and take steps in helping our environment and our community! We ask that all children be supervised by an adult. We hope to see everyone here!

Call Deborah Smothers at 614-471-1479 to sign yourself, your family, or group up for the Community Litter Sweep!



Residents can dispose of unwanted items like old lumber, small furniture, bed frames, old push lawn mowers, paint cans (lids off, paint dry), and other items. Contact Public Works Superintendent Dave Medley at 614-471-6854 or [dmedley@clintontownship.org](mailto:dmedley@clintontownship.org) to make sure they will accept your items.



Old medicines pose a risk to the environment and the community. Police Officers will be collecting pills and powders for proper disposal!



## Upcoming Events

### CLINTON TOWNSHIP CARES FREE HEALTH EVENTS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH APRIL 2023

#### Saturday, April 15

Wellness Walk &  
Resource Fair  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
3820 Cleveland Ave.

#### Saturday, April 29

Self-Defense Class &  
Resource Fair  
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
3820 Cleveland Ave.

**FREE BAGS, WATER BOTTLES AND  
RAFFLE FOR ATTENDING!**

Registration: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
Activity: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Resource fair: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Questions? Contact: [jennadurham@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:jennadurham@franklincountyohio.gov)  
Funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health



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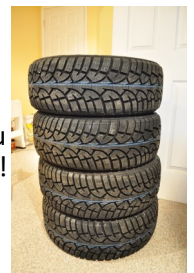


### Picnic with the Cops

Be on the look out for upcoming dates this summer, at Township Hall!

### Tire Take Back

On July 8th at Township Hall from 9am—noon, you can properly dispose of those old scrap tires for free! Free mosquito larvicide tablets will be available.



### Send us your photos!

Whether it's your container garden, perennial or annual landscape, vegetable garden, non-flowering garden, a rock garden or landscape, urban farm, a beautiful manicured yard, or "before and after" pictures—send those into us to show off your beautification and techniques. We will post your pictures and share ideas and tips!



2023 CLINTON TWP  
Beautification



# Clinton Township Police and Fire Department



Chief Fraley would like to introduce our newest member of the Fire Department, Joseph Hilliard. Joseph grew up in Chillicothe and currently lives in Grove City. Prior to joining us in February, he worked full-time for Liberty Township in southern Ohio. "I enjoy working out and going to the gym. I look forward to serving the community of Clinton Township."

Trent Rivers is on the fast track! He has worked for the Township since October 2021 as a fire fighter and, "I been in love with this place ever since", he said. He recently transitioned to fulltime and has always been very involved with the township's community initiatives such as the Santa Parade and the Free Produce Market. Trent married his high school sweetheart back in September and is finishing his paramedic program in November this year. He enjoys football and being at the gym!



Officer Jeffrey Bingham (right) joined our Police force in October, 2022. Officer Bingham brings 10 years of police experience and extensive knowledge that includes a degree in Criminal Justice. He looks forward each shift in serving the residents of Clinton Township!

Clinton Township Police recently hired 2 new part time officers to help with staffing shortages.

Chief Jones would like to introduce to the community, new Officers Taylor Jackson and Dylan Struble. Both officers will be in a field training program for several months and once they have completed required training will be hitting the streets to supplement our full time staff. Welcome aboard Taylor and Dylan.



## Officer Cheyenne Hughes Receives Award of Excellence



In December, Officer Cheyenne Hughes received the Award of Excellence for 2022 from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Officer Hughes' attention to getting impaired drivers off the road led her nomination of having the most OVI arrests in Clinton Township over the past year!

## Officer James Goodwin III Receives Life Saving Award

On February 21st, 2023, Officer James Goodwin III responded to a 70-year-old male not breathing. Upholding the highest tradition of service to others, Officer Goodwin performed CPR and revived the victim from a fatal event. Therefore, it is with great honor this award is presented in recognition of his determination never to fail the mission for those we serve!



The Division of Police's 2022 Year-End Report is now available at [www.clintontownship.org/police-department](http://www.clintontownship.org/police-department). While some areas remained roughly the same, others increased exponentially. For example, the amount of **Calls for Service** and **Traffic Citations Issued (East)** increased an astounding **88%** and **112%** respectively. The chart on the right reflects a few other areas that also increased in 2022.

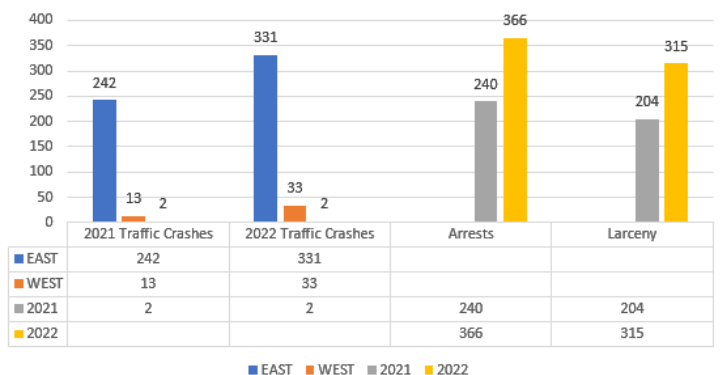
### Calls for Service.

| Year              | 2021  | 2022  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Calls for Service | 4,008 | 7,537 |
| Officer Initiated | 2,896 | 4,663 |

### Traffic Citations Issued

|      | East Clinton | West Clinton |
|------|--------------|--------------|
| 2022 | 730          | 22           |
| 2021 | 343          | 16           |

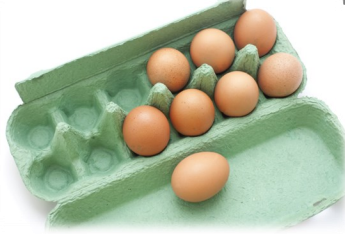
### 2022 Crime Statistics (Sampling from 2022 Annual Report)





# In the Loop!

## Remember those days?



Remember when... If you wanted your egg over-easy and the yolk busted, you started over and perhaps gave the busted one to the dog? These days, we are most likely going to just deal with the busted egg and eat it! More conversations these days include the ever-increasing cost of eggs and many people are flocking to the idea of

getting their own chickens! In case you are wondering, there are many pros and cons to raising chickens. In short, most experts agree - raising and keeping chickens isn't cheap, and you're not going to save money compared to buying eggs at the market. Dan Quigley, Clinton Township's Code Compliance Officer, requests that you first be mindful of the regulations (that actually helped ease restrictions on raising chickens). Governed by Franklin county, the Regulation of Agriculture, ZON-13-02, section 115 provides the specifics, including a Fact Sheet: [Microsoft Word - Adopted Chicken Duck Rabbit Amendment Effective 8-8-2013 \(franklincountyohio.gov\)](#).



## Meet Dan Quigley!



*An Update*  
From the Fiscal  
Officer

The 2023 Fiscal Forum will be on  
**September 14th at 6:30pm,**  
Township Hall. Come join us to  
learn how your contributions  
make a difference in Clinton



Feel Free to reach out to the Fiscal Officer at 614-471-0049 or [FiscalOfficer@clintontownship.org](mailto:FiscalOfficer@clintontownship.org)



## 2022 Year in Review

| Fund                      | Fund<br>Balance<br>1/1/2022 | Revenue         | Expenditures    | Fund<br>Balance<br>12/31/2022 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| General                   | \$ 5,679,055.13             | \$ 3,439,206.42 | \$ 2,505,936.05 | \$ 6,612,325.50               |
| Motor Vehicle License Tax | \$ 16,550.73                | \$ 6,375.63     | \$ 15,000.00    | \$ 7,926.36                   |
| Gasoline Tax              | \$ 93,638.66                | \$ 137,750.48   | \$ 175,000.00   | \$ 56,389.14                  |
| Road & Bridge             | \$ 347,408.31               | \$ 346,721.12   | \$ 473,533.29   | \$ 220,596.14                 |
| Police                    | \$ 520,563.46               | \$ 2,173,203.81 | \$ 1,852,159.16 | \$ 841,608.11                 |
| Fire                      | \$ 477,916.20               | \$ 2,036,324.11 | \$ 2,066,316.82 | \$ 447,923.49                 |
| Permissive Motor Vehicle  | \$ 72,659.43                | \$ 36,581.88    | \$ 44,216.11    | \$ 65,025.20                  |
| Federal Law Enforcement   | \$ 44,856.00                | \$ 258.74       | \$ 9,984.00     | \$ 35,130.74                  |
| Law Enforcement Trust     | \$ 3,757.77                 | \$ 6,466.00     | \$ 1,162.99     | \$ 9,060.78                   |
| American Rescue Plan      | \$ 213,954.04               | \$ 216,382.51   | \$ 55,500.00    | \$ 374,836.55                 |
| EMS                       | \$ 364,368.35               | \$ 517,420.83   | \$ 681,862.13   | \$ 199,927.05                 |
| DUI Education             | \$ -                        | \$ 454.02       | \$ -            | \$ 454.02                     |
| Police Custodial          | \$ 2,215.00                 | \$ 279.00       | \$ -            | \$ 2,494.00                   |
| Total                     | \$ 7,836,943.08             | \$ 8,917,424.55 | \$ 7,880,670.55 | \$ 8,873,697.08               |

Dan hit the ground running back in November and has been very busy! "I am excited to join Clinton Township as the Code Compliance Officer. I look forward to working with our residents to help them with code issues. As a retired law enforcement officer I like the challenge of the new position and my experience as a criminal investigator helps with finding property owners. Helping to connect people with the proper agencies to assist them is also very rewarding." You can call Dan direct with any questions, concerns, or to make a report at **614-809-4266** or email Dan at



**ELMORE AVE SIDE-  
WALK PROJECT**

Franklin County Engineer's Office continued work with the design consultant (Proudfoot and Associates). Plan review comments were recently provided for a 50% design submittal and the consultant is currently addressing them. The plan is to have the final design complete by the end of April 2023 and to bid the project early to mid-Summer with a completion date by the end of 2023.

## Fire Chief Fraley's Forum

"We are happy to report that we received a Federal Grant for \$102,000! These funds will provide our fire-fighters with brand new turnout gear—personal protective equipment—which is vital for fighting fires." - Chief Fraley.



## Clinton Township's Free Drive-Thru Produce Market



Our Free Produce Market is held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, from 4pm until 6pm (or until we run out of

food!). There are no income requirements, however an i.d. is required. Enter from Brandon Street to drive-thru the rear of the firehouse. When available, Naloxone (Narcan) and fentanyl test strips will also be offered. In addition, we are always seeking volunteers to come help out!

*These past 6 months, we averaged 12,617 pounds of produce and 499 individuals served monthly!*



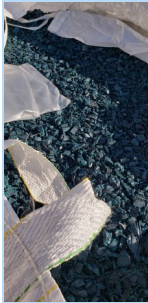
## The Clinton Township Food Shack

Generously donated to us from the Krio Descendants Union out of necessity when the Food Fridge (which was provided by our fire fighters) could no longer stand up to the elements, The Food Shack is open to all those in need 24/7 and for donations as well! Donations can be canned or boxed, (unopened please), and other items such as rice, beans, and even toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, etc. New or gently used clothes are also welcomed.

Any questions? You may contact **Chief Fraley at 614-475-0022**

## Spring Activities for Public Works

Superintendent Dave Medley of our Public Works Department is sharing some great news, tips, and reminders with everyone: "In keeping with our Beautification theme, we will be detailing our township parks to include replacing the playground mulch with tons of brand new blue rubber mulch and borders. The rubber mulch has been made of recycled materials and because it is not organic, it won't attract pests and inhibits the growth of weeds. In addition, it requires little to no annual maintenance such as re-mulching. However, the biggest advantage is safety as the six-inch cushion will provide a safer surface for children in these play areas."



Many of you have taken advantage of those seventy degree winter days preparing your yards and pruning away! Our brush chipper (Chippy) will be making the rounds starting **April 3rd. Please be sure:**



All brush is placed near the road with the cut ends pointed toward road



Tree limbs and small trees should be left in once piece (easier to feed) with a maximum of 8 ft long/6 in diameter



**Do not tie your brush bundles** with anything—this will cause damage to Chippy!



Ensure there is no debris or trash of any kind mixed in the bundles including no roots



Yard waste such as grass/hedge clippings, weeds, vines, must be bagged and put out for trash pickup



Brush pick-up will run through September. Any questions? You may contact **Dave at 614-471-6854**

## Events

- Fri, Apr 14 & 28: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4m-6pm, Firehouse at Township Hall
- Thurs, Apr 6 & 20: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, 999 Chambers Rd.
- Sat, Apr 15: **Clinton Twp Cares**, Noon-4pm, Township Hall
- Sat, Apr 22: **Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration**, 10:00am-2pm, Township Hall
- Sat, Apr 29: **Clinton Twp Cares**, Noon-4pm, Township Hall
- Thurs, May 4 & 18: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, Township Hall
- Fri, May 12 & 26: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4pm-6pm, Township Hall
- Weds, May 10: **Budget Committee Mtg**, 6:30pm, Township Hall
- Mon, May 29: Township Offices Closed for **Memorial Day**
- Thurs, Jun 1 & 15: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, 999 Chambers Rd
- Fri, Jun 9 & 23: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4pm-6pm, Firehouse at Township Hall
- Mon, Jun 19: Township Offices Closed for **Juneteenth Observance**
- Mon, July 4 Township: Offices Closed for **Independence Day**
- **Sat, Jul 8: Scrap Tire Take Back**, 9am-12pm, Township Hall
- Thur, Jul 6 & 20: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, Township Hall
- Fri, Jul 14 & 28: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4pm-6pm, Firehouse at Township Hall
- Thurs, Aug 3 & 17: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, 999 Chambers Rd
- Fri, Aug 11 & 25: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4pm-6pm, Firehouse at Township Hall
- Thurs, Sep 7 & 21: **Trustee Mtg**, 6:30pm, Township Hall
- Thurs, Sep 14: **Fiscal Forum**, 6:30pm, Township Hall
- Fri, Sep 8 & 22: **Free Produce Mkt**, 4pm-6pm, Firehouse at Township Hall
- **Visit our Website at [www.Clintontownship.org](http://www.Clintontownship.org)!**

Ways to Stay Connected

