



# Community News

## Spring Into Action

### StrongerTogether—COVID-19

The Board of Trustees and all of the employees of Clinton Township are working *diligently* to help the members of our community through this difficult time. We have taken many steps to ensure the safety of our employees & to provide information and resources to keep us going during this time. As a reminder:

- Please respect the **Governor's Stay-At-Home order** and practice social distancing when appropriate.
- We are still holding regular Board of Trustee Meetings. These are being conducted via teleconference. LINK: [clintontownship.org/trustee-meeting-link](http://clintontownship.org/trustee-meeting-link)
- **Mid-Ohio Senior Food Program**— CSFP is a supplemental nutrition program for individuals 60+ . There's an application process for customers. Visit [clintontownship.org/covid19](http://clintontownship.org/covid19) for more information!
- **LifeCare Alliance Meals on Wheels** is offering free weekly food deliveries to individuals 60 years or older. Please call (614) 278-3130 for more information.
- We are still conducting our **Fresh Produce Markets!** Even more: We are holding these TWICE a month, drive-thru style at the Northern Lights Library.
- If you have an emergency, COVID-19 related or not, **please call 9-1-1**. Many times people call the main office number but the dispatchers can assist you quick-er if you call 9-1-1.
- Visit our website and Facebook pages for updated information. Each day we are posting new resources and helpful tips at [clintontownship.com/covid19](http://clintontownship.com/covid19).
- For non-emergencies, please use the Online Police Report form located on our website— [clintontownship.org/police-department/online-police-report](http://clintontownship.org/police-department/online-police-report)

### More Spring News

Although our annual Earth Day Litter Sweeps have been cancelled, there are still several Earth Day activities you can do on your own all while maintaining social distancing from others:

- Plant a garden, container garden, or flower box
- Keep your yard mowed and clean
- Do a spring yard cleanup for an elderly or otherwise challenged neighbor

Another way to help us to clean up this Spring is understanding how you and the Code Compliance Department can work together!

If you have concerns about potential code issues, contact your Code Compliance Officer Jonathan O'Connor directly at (614) 612-0712, or you can share information anonymously with us at [clintontownship.org/code-contact-form](http://clintontownship.org/code-contact-form).

We do our best to help our residents. However there are certain items we handle directly and many we must refer to Franklin County Economic Development and Zoning.

The items we can help with include: no trash service to a property, inoperable vehicles on private property, trash and debris, property cleans, and excessive weeds and vegetation. We've provided several **FAQ's on the back of the newsletter** to better assist our residents.

Another way to take care of the environment is to **OPT out** of paper newsletter mailings. Please email Rachael Adams, [radams@clintontownship.org](mailto:radams@clintontownship.org), to receive the newsletter electronically in the future.

# Fire Department News

As we each continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, your fire department is continuing our mission to protect lives and property. We have been in regular contact with health organizations, other public safety agencies, and our medical directors to make sure we are following best practices to protect our firefighters and the community we serve. If you are feeling ill and believe you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, difficulty breathing, or body aches) contact your doctor and follow their instruction. If you do not have a doctor, please call the Ohio Department of Health at

1-833-4-ASK-ODH. If you call 9-1-1 you will be asked questions regarding COVID-19 symptoms. Please advise the dispatchers of any symptoms you may have. When the paramedics arrive, they will ask the same questions. The paramedics will have on gloves, a mask and goggles. This is to protect both the paramedic and the patient. They will also give you a mask to cover your mouth and nose prior to any treatment.



We are continuing to seek resources for our community during this pandemic and will share any useful information we discover on our Facebook page— [facebook.comClintonTownshipFire/](https://facebook.comClintonTownshipFire/). We will get through this by working together. During this time, we have seen many residents helping each other. Please continue to check on your neighbors. Our seniors over 60 years of age and those with underlying health issues are more vulnerable to COVID-19 and should stay home as much as possible.

Social distancing is only one of the preferred methods of reducing the spread of COVID-19. Please visit [clintontownship.org/covid19](http://clintontownship.org/covid19) for more information and resources for COVID-19.

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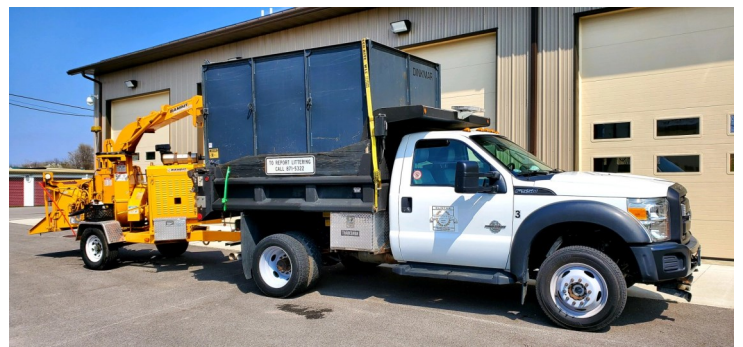
## Public Works News

### Brush Collection

This is a friendly reminder that brush pickup has begun and will run through September. Please pile brush neatly at the curb with the butts of the branches toward the road. Weeds, leaves, roots, etc. should be placed in yard waste cans for Local Waste pickup. Please do not include roots, stones or other debris in brush piles, these damage our chipper and delay service.

### Changing Weather

As heavier rains are becoming more frequent, we are experiencing more street flooding. Especially in the spring, the storm water grates get covered or blocked with debris causing minor flooding. Please do your part to prevent street and personal property flooding by clearing your property of any debris that can wash into storm drains. Please call (614) 471-1479 if you see a clogged grate.



# Police Department News

The Clinton Township Police Department is getting ready for warmer weather. We are servicing our bicycles and checking our gear (including our bike helmets), so our bike patrol will be ready to deploy when the weather is more consistently nice. Say hello to our officers when you see them!

## Avoid Scams Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Fear and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic could give rise to an outbreak of scams. Here are some tips to better protect yourself from fraud:

- Ignore unsolicited offers for coronavirus cures, vaccines, pills, or treatments
- Never share personal information with strangers
- Never open emails or links from unknown sources
- Beware of requests to send money to someone you do not know or to any company with which you are unfamiliar.



## Speeding

This is safety reminder to please slow down in our neighborhoods. One of the biggest complaints we receive is speeding in the residential areas. With summer approaching, our youngest residents will be outside enjoying the sunshine and community parks. Parents, please remind children to socially distance. We urge everyone driving to please wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limits and don't use cell phones while driving.

## Car Break-Ins

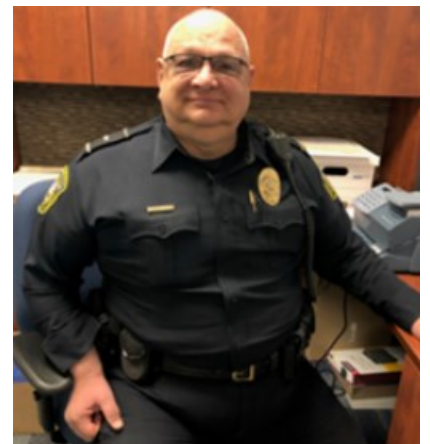
Please notify police if someone breaks into your car, even if there is not a lot of damage. While it may seem like a minor annoyance to make a report, it enables us to see patterns of crimes as they emerge. With the rise of opioid additions in Franklin County, we tend to see a rise in car break-ins (and shoplifting) so remember to keep all valuables out of your car.

If you know someone that needs drug or alcohol recovery, Franklin County has many programs to assist those in crisis. Visit [adamhfranklin.org/find-help/support-groups/](http://adamhfranklin.org/find-help/support-groups/) for a complete list of programs or call (614) 224-1057.

On behalf of the Clinton Township Police Department, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## Thank you, Lt. Pfeifer!

After 39 years of dedicating himself to protecting our community, Lt. Anthony Pfeifer is retiring. He started at Clinton Township Police Department as an officer and worked this way up through the ranks to Lieutenant. We thank him greatly for his service in keeping Clinton Township safe. From all of us, including your fellow officers, it has been an honor serving with you!





# Code Compliance FAQ's

## How else can we help?

- We must work with Franklin County Economic Development and Zoning to report and enforce all of the zoning regulations except **trash cleanups** and **inoperable vehicles**.
- We must work with Franklin County Public Health on specific health related matters, such as, unsanitary living conditions.
- We are happy to assist you in contacting our county partners so you are able to reach the appropriate department as needed.

## When a case is opened, how long does it take to resolve?

- This is difficult to answer. Most cases are resolved quickly once a notice is received or contact has been made. Others may need to move to a second Certified notice and where applicable, action by the Board of Trustees when authorized. The entire process can take weeks to months due to scheduling. Should an issue be handed off to Franklin County, who then works with the Prosecutor, cases can take upwards of 6+ months to even be scheduled due to varying case loads.

## How do you normally get reports?

- We observe items during routine patrol, and can action anything we observe from the right of way. We can also action items observed from adjacent property, should we be invited to the adjacent property to observe. Lastly, we receive calls and emails from the residents reporting items they have observed, we then investigate.

## I Just Moved Here, How Do I Setup My Trash Services?

- We partner with Local Waste Services. Give them a call at (614) 409-9375 to setup service. Trash service is required for all properties in the township!

## I Have A Lot To Dispose Of Or A Large Item, What Should I Do?

- You will need to arrange bulk pickup. You must call Local Waste at (614) 409-9375 to schedule the pick up.

## I Have More Questions, Who Should I Contact?

- Have More Questions, What Do I Do? Please give us a call on (614) 612-0712, we are here to help!



## Did You Know—Website Edition

- ⇒ Use the **SUBSCRIBE** feature on the homepage to get updates emailed right to your inbox.
- ⇒ Use the **CONTACT US** form located at the top of the homepage to send a quick email to us. We do our best to respond within 24/48 hours.
- ⇒ New to Clinton Township? Use the **NEW RESIDENTS** button located in the Citizen Action Center for useful information regarding your new home.
- ⇒ Utilize the **CITIZEN ACTION CENTER** to view meeting minutes, documents & policies and employment opportunities at Clinton Township.

## For Getting Permit FAQ's

### I Want To Build A Fence On My Property, Can You Handle The Permit?

Fence permits, and any other residential construction permits are handled by Franklin County Economic Development and Zoning. We only handle commercial permitting at our office.

### I Have A Zoning Question...

We can certainly help, however zoning is actually managed by Franklin County. They will ultimately provide the final answer to any questions and provide the services for appeal and management of zoning codes. You can reach that department at (614) 462-3094.

**For additional information and resources featured in this newsletter, please visit our website or give us a call at (614) 471-1479! We are here to serve our residents and community.**



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