

An Update From the Fiscal Officer

- ➔ 2018-2019 Audit was completed in the fall of 2021 by the State Auditor's Office.
- ➔ 2020-2021 Audit is currently underway.
- ➔ Fiscal Forum will be Sept. 7 at 7p.m. at Township Hall.



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

Ways to Stay Connected



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614-471-1479

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614-471-5720

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614-471-6854

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nextdoor



Rebecca Grimm Jess Jessberger Jane Cera

Chat with a Trustee



Your opportunity to discuss community topics with local decision-makers is right around the corner! The "Chat with a Trustee" series will get underway **May 14th and 15th** with Trustee Jane Cera. She will meet with residents Saturday at the westside playground at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Case Rd. Community Garden.

Trustee Jess Jessberger will chat with residents at the westside playground beginning at 10am Saturday, **June 11th**. She'll be at the Case Road Community Garden on Saturday, **June 25th** beginning at 10 a.m.

Our newest Trustee, Rebecca Grimm, wants to get community input on Saturday, **July 23rd** at the Case Road Community Garden and on Sunday, **July 24th** at the westside playground, both beginning at 10 a.m.

All three trustees can be reached other times via email and phone.

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Events

- Thursday, April 21 **Trustee Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., 999 Chambers Rd.
- Friday, April 22, **Earth Day**
- Friday, April 29, **Arbor Day**
- Saturday, April 30, **Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration**
Township Hall
- Thursdays, May 5, 19, **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
3820 Cleveland Ave.
- Fridays, May 13, 27 **Free Produce Market**, 4:00 p.m.
- May 14, 15, **Chat with a Trustee**
Trustee Cera, 10 a.m.
West Side Playground, Sat., Case Rd. Comm. Garden, Sun.
- Monday, May 30, Township Offices Closed for **Memorial Day**
- Thursdays, June 2, 16, **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
999 Chambers Rd.
- Fridays, June 10, 24, **Free Produce Market**, 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. **Chat with a Trustee**, Case Rd. Community Garden Trustee Jessberger
- Monday, June 20 Township Offices Closed for **Juneteenth Observance**
- Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. **Chat with a Trustee**, West Side Playground Trustee Jessberger
- Monday, July 4 Township Offices Closed for **Independence Day**
- Thursdays, July 7, 21, **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
3820 Cleveland
- Fridays, July 8, 22, **Free Produce Market**, 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 23, **Chat with a Trustee**, Case Rd. Community Garden, Trustee Grimm, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, July 24, **Chat with a Trustee**, West Side Playground, Trustee Grimm, 10 a.m.
- Thursdays, August 4, 18 **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 p.m.
- Fridays, August 12, 26 **Free Produce Market**, 4:00 p.m.

Clinton Township Community News

SPRING/SUMMER 2022



The newest Trustee to represent Clinton Township residents says her favorite parts about being a resident are the friendly people and the laid-back culture. Trustee Rebecca Grimm has lived in the Township for eight-and-a-half years and was elected as trustee in November. She lives on the west side with her husband Phil, their cat Anuba, and their dog Floki.

Trustee Grimm says her diverse background as the daughter of an auto-mechanic father and an immigrant mother allowed her to grow up valuing other people's input and ideas.

"Now, as a decision-maker, I want a full understanding of where everyone sits and I want to consider everyone's needs."

Trustee Grimm says once she feels confident in her new role, she's excited to bring back community involvement with budget workshops and the community beautification award.

She will meet with residents on July 23rd and 24th as part of the "Chat with a Trustee" series. (See article on the back page.) Rebecca is available via email, rgrimm@Clintontownship.org or her cell 614-361-2732.



Dave Medley, our new Public Works Superintendent, joined Clinton Township December 21st, 2021, with over 23 years experience working for the public at several levels. The last 9 years Dave was the Superintendent of Public Works for a village. Dave says he is grateful to be a part of the township as it moves forward. Dave's time away from work is spent with grandchildren, family, dirt track racing, hunting, and riding his motorcycle with longtime girlfriend Pam. You can reach Dave Medley at 614-471-6854.



Jake Shelton became an employee of the Public Works Department on October 20th, 2021. With his history of working on and maintaining equipment he plays a valuable part in keeping township equipment in tip-top shape, along with many other duties. When not working, he likes to spend time with friends and loved ones. Jake and the other crew members can be reached at 614-471-6854.

Township Named "Tree City USA" Community

On April 7, 2021 The Board of Trustees authorized Trustee Cera to apply to the Tree City USA program on behalf of Clinton Township. During the February 17, 2022 meeting, Trustee Cera announced that our application to become a Tree City USA community was approved. So what is Tree City USA? The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. Tree City USA has four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

The Township will be providing residents with the opportunity for us to plant a street tree in front of their home, within the Township right-of-way. If you're interested, please go to <https://www.clintontownship.org/public-works/webforms/clinton-township-resident-street-tree-application>.

Call 614-471-1479 for more information.



Where Thrive Thrive

- Trees help absorb the sounds of traffic in urban areas by 40%.
- Neighborhoods with trees are much cooler than those without.
- Trees reduce energy costs up to 25% by shading buildings and protecting them from winter winds.
- Homes with trees have higher property values.
- The presence of trees has been shown to help reduce crime.
- Green space plays a major role in improving mental and physical health.
- Planting and maintaining trees absorbs carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, mitigating the effects of climate change.



There will be free trees to plant, litter to collect, and places for you to drop off your household items and unused medications, all in the name of a cleaner, safer planet. Clinton Township is proud to host an Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events will take place at Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Ave.

You can join the Trustees in celebrating the Township's recent designation as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation by participating in the planting of free saplings available at the event, while supplies last.

Residents can find out more about what it means to be a Tree City USA community as well as the Township's new street tree planting program.

You, your family, and your friends can work alongside fire personnel to clean up Cleveland Ave. Sign up your group on our website to participate in a litter sweep beginning at 11 a.m.

You can learn about backyard conservation, take a look at a rainbarrel, and pick up information relating to stormwater and a rebate program from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Public Works Department is partnering with Local Waste Services, Inc. to sponsor *GBC (Garage & Basement Cleanout) Day*, and will have dumpsters available for residents to 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 to make sure they will accept your items.

Unneeded prescription medication—those that are old, unwanted, or no longer needed – are a public safety issue, too often becoming a gateway to addiction. Police officers will collect pills and powders for proper disposal.

Don't forget to check out the Township's green vehicles! The Police Tesla Model Y cruisers, Code Compliance's Model 3 Tesla and the Fire Department's new no-idle Pierce Pumper and battery tender Braun F550 Ambulance will be on display.



Are They Wasting Water?

When you see Clinton Township Fire crews opening fire hydrants for flushing, it's a very important part of maintaining the hydrant system. When water is released from the hydrants, our firefighters can see if there is adequate flow and pressure.

Blasting the water also removes sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the pipes.

Your water is safe to drink but may have a brownish color after crews have been in your neighborhood. Run the cold water tap for a few minutes until the water comes out clear. You may also want to run an empty washer before running a load of laundry.

Hydrant Flushing Starts in May!

*Memo: From Chief Mike Jones
Re: Be safe this summer*

Please slow your roll! The number one complaint from residents in Clinton Township and across Franklin County is speeding. The police department is working on staffing to be able to put more officers out on radar patrol which we know is needed.

Nice weather means more pedestrians and bicycles out on our roadways. Please obey the speed limits in the residential areas and main thoroughways. A large majority of the accidents we have responded to lately have been caused by speed and distracted driving. (Distracted drivers veering into other traffic lanes, running stop signs, and speeding due to inattention.) Please avoid disaster. Slow down and focus on driving.

There is no reset button after a tragedy. Lives are changed forever because of an accident that could have been prevented.

Enjoy the summer and travel safely.



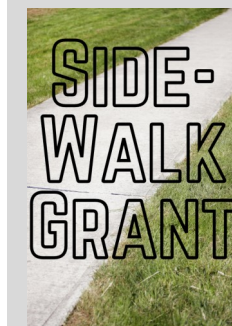
Brush Pick-Up Underway

Now that the snow plowing and salting equipment has been cleaned and is resting in its barn, it's the chipper's turn to roam the Township's streets!

The Public Works crew began brush collection April 18 and will continue until the end of October. Make sure you check www.CintonTownship.org or our Facebook page for the last pick-up date. Remember to:

- ⇒ Place brush near the street with cut ends pointed toward the street.
- ⇒ Leave limbs and small trees in one piece.
- ⇒ Leave bundles loose. Do not tie.
- ⇒ Put roots out for trash collection.
- ⇒ Remove items such as wire, string, rope, Christmas decorations, plastic or paper. These items can damage the chipper.
- ⇒ Put yard waste such as grass clippings, hedge trimmings, fruit vines, weeds and leaves in yard waste bags and put out for trash pickup.
- ⇒ Also remember that brush hauled onto property or left by professional trimmers will not be picked up.

Call 614-471-6854 with questions.



Earlier this year, Clinton Township learned we were one of 56 Townships to receive funding from a one-time stimulus program developed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The available \$8M was to provide fund-

ing directly to Townships for transportation infrastructure projects. ODOT received 1,182 eligible applications requesting just under \$138M. The Township's application was to install sidewalks on Elmore Ave. We are one of eight Townships to receive the maximum funding of \$250,000.