

Clinton Township Community

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News

Riding the Wave of the Future

Township Saves Money, Helps Planet with Electric Vehicles



Thinking of buying a Tesla would have most people seeing dollar signs. Police Chief Mike Jones says, for Clinton Township, it's all about how many dollars are being saved after the Board of Trustees voted at its March 3rd meeting to purchase three 2021 Teslas.

Chief Jones says the police department wanted to look at ways to save on maintenance and fuel costs so it began researching electric cars by Tesla in September of 2020.

"All police cars idle a lot of hours during a shift," says Chief Jones. "Electric cars do not burn fuel on idle and can provide more miles of use for patrolling while alleviating pollution."

The Chief reached out to Bargersville, Indiana's Police Chief, Todd Bertram, about their pilot program with Tesla model 3s. Chief Jones says it has been a great success for their community.

Clinton Township's analysis predicts our officers can use the vehicles longer than typical gas fueled cruisers, meaning we can reduce the number of cruisers in the fleet.

A Tesla costs \$13,700 more than a Ford Explorer. Chief Jones says that difference will be made up in just three years. Here's why: One Ford Explorer uses approximately \$4,000 in gas in one year. Electricity for a Tesla will cost \$875. Maintenance costs for that same Explorer are \$900 per year. The expected expenses for the Tesla are just \$40.

In addition to the two police cruisers, which are Tesla Model Ys, the township's code enforcement officer is also driving a Model 3.

Trustee Jane Cera said investing in greener vehicles is important to the township and the planet.

"I am delighted about this decision to begin electrifying our fleet. We will be saving our residents significant costs with these e-vehicles, doing what's necessary for our climate, and continuing to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability," Cera said.

Only a few law enforcement agencies across the country have electric cruisers and, to date, only a few companies manufacture the needed equipment. Chief Jones is working with Parr Public Safety and Public Safety Upfitters to obtain and install the latest technology in the new cruisers.

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Benefits of Electric Vehicles (EVs)

- ⇒ Less maintenance due to idling compared with traditional law enforcement vehicles.
- ⇒ Cost savings on fuel.
- ⇒ Fewer cruisers needed.
- ⇒ EV cruiser can still be charged on back-up generator in the event of a power outage.
- ⇒ Greener fleet and new technology can attract a newer generation of officers.



The Earth is in Our

Earth Day is April 22nd!




**Clinton Township
Police Department
Joins**

**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**

Saturday, April 24 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
DEATakeBack.com

Clean out your medicine cabinets, purses, and anywhere else you might find old medicine. Clinton Township Police will be collecting and safely disposing of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs during the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 24th.

Police Chief Jones says they will accept pills and powders but no needles in the drive-thru event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clinton Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Ave.

WHY RECYCLE OLD TIRES?

From Franklin County Public Health: Mosquitoes are an all too familiar part of summer. They are not only annoying, but they present a potential health risk as carriers of disease. Eliminating mosquito habitats around your home can go a long way to reduce the mosquito population. Mosquitoes require standing water for their young to hatch and develop, only a few tablespoons of water is all it takes. Once eggs are laid, a new generation of mosquitoes can hatch, grow, and emerge from the water as adults in as little as one week.

Residents within Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Management Program service areas can request their scrap tires be picked up to be recycled at no charge. Visit:

<https://mosquito.myfcp.org/request-for-service/>
or call **614-525-BITE (2483)**.

TRUSTEES PROCLAIM ARBOR DAY

At its April 7th meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to celebrate Arbor Day on the last Friday of April each year. No festivities will be held in 2021, due to the pandemic, but the Board of Trustees is encouraging residents to plant a tree.



**Recycle Right
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**It's time to throw away bad
recycling habits – Clinton Township partners
with SWACO to help you Recycle Right!**

By putting only accepted items in your recycling bin, you'll be protecting the environment, preserving landfill space and creating employment opportunities in your community.

The amount of waste being generated by Franklin County is staggering. In fact, each year, over 2.5 million tons of waste are generated by residents and businesses – enough to fill Ohio Stadium four times. And even though about half of that material is being recycled or composted, over one million tons of waste still finds its way to Franklin County's landfill every year. Recycling has never been more important.

Don't just recycle. Recycle Right.

There are a number of items, like coffee cups, plastic and foam food containers, plastic bags and wire hangers that many people think are recyclable in their curbside bin but really aren't. And improper items can cause serious delays and added expense to the recycling process.

In Franklin County, only five items are accepted for recycling:

Paper and Cardboard
Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs
Glass Bottles and Jars
Metal Cans
Cartons

Everything else should be reused, donated, composted, or disposed of safely.

It's also important that recyclable items are prepared correctly. Cardboard boxes should be broken down and recyclables should be kept loose in the bin - not bagged.

Why does all of this matter?

Proper recycling helps a lot more than the environment. Fewer resources earmarked for landfills means more resources available for well-paying community jobs. Reusing and recycling materials also creates opportunities for new product innovations and technologies.

Make a Difference.

Clinton Township has partnered with SWACO to make recycling right as easy as possible for you. So, over the next few weeks, you'll be receiving helpful recycling reminders and information in the mail.

If you want more information on how to recycle right, you can also go to **www.RecycleRight.org**.

Together, we can improve both the environment and the economy for **Clinton Township** in ways that will pay off for years to come.

Rate Increase Explained

Some residents may have noticed an increase in their refuse bill since the beginning of 2021. New rates went into effect in January as a result of negotiations with Local Waste Services and a group of local entities which includes Clinton Township. This group negotiates with local providers every five years to get the best rates. The rates you see now will remain the same for five years until the next negotiation.



Clinton Township Residents 60 and over can call Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375 to ask for a senior discount.



BRUSH PICK-UP UNDERWAY

Brush Collection began on April 5th and will be picked up regularly through September.

Public Works Superintendent Corey Fleig reminds residents that all brush should be placed near the road, left in one piece, and be free of foreign material such as wire, string, rope, plastic or paper.

Also remember not to tie brush put out for the chipper. Tie only the items you are putting out for trash pick-up.

Leaf Collection will start the 2nd week in October!

Chat with a Trustee is BACK!

Township residents are invited to come ask questions and discuss issues with Trustee Aliena Sword at the Case Road Community Garden, 1836 Case Rd. on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from Noon to 2 p.m. as part of the Township's Chat with a Trustee series. Call or visit our website to sign up: 614-471-1480 or www.clintontownship.org.



Smoke alarms save lives and the Clinton Township Division of Fire wants all residents to have operable smoke alarms in their homes. The Division has partnered with the American Red Cross to offer free smoke alarms and installation. If you need smoke alarms or if your smoke alarms are over 10 years old the Division will send a crew to install up to 3 free smoke alarms. Please contact Chief Fraley at 614-679-9554 to schedule an installation.

Two Grants Mean New Equipment

Clinton Township Division of Fire was able to purchase new equipment over the last several months, thanks to two separate grant awards.

The property insurance company FM Global's \$3,000 Fire Prevention Grant was used toward the purchase of two Panasonic CF31 Toughbooks. These mobile laptops are used in the vehicles for dispatching purposes.

The fire division also purchased hospital grade decontamination equipment with a \$32,000 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Covid-19 Grant. This equipment is capable of handling small vehicles up to large rooms.

Fire Chief Fraley says the division is constantly searching for grant funding to purchase necessary equipment to reduce costs for township residents.



Meet Glenda Mihaly, Community Affairs Specialist

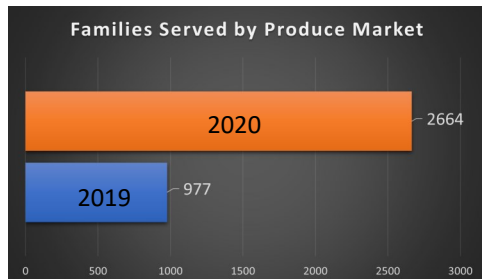
Glenda became the Community Affairs/Public Relations Specialist for the township in March 2021. You'll see her handiwork on the website and social media pages. She enjoys being outdoors, cooking, and scrapbooking. Glenda, her husband Dave and their two teenage boys have had quite an adventure, fostering almost 30 kittens and cats over the last two years. She would be glad to answer your questions about Clinton Township. Contact Glenda at gmihaly@clintontownship.org or 614-471-1480 .



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Produce Market Evolved to Meet Need

Since 2019, Clinton Township has partnered with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Franklin County Public Health, Somali Community Association of Ohio and Besa to give free fresh produce to those in need. And was there a need!



The number of families served by the Free Produce Market jumped nearly three-fold in 2020. Fire Chief Brian Fraley says this is due in part to increased need caused by the pandemic, but also due to changes in how the market itself is held.

The markets were first held at Township Hall, 3820 Cleveland Avenue, in a walk-in format once a month. Due to the pandemic, an outdoor location was needed, so the market was moved, first to the parking lot of the Northern Lights branch of the Columbus Public Library, 4093 Cleveland Avenue, and then to the old Schottenstein's parking lot at 3251 Westerville Road. The frequency increased to twice a month in April 2020. When a few produce markets had to be cancelled because of bad weather, Chief Fraley knew an indoor location was required.

The produce market moved back to Clinton Township Hall, but this time in a drive-thru format through the fire bay. Currently the market uses two bays with Food Bank folks at check-in and fire personnel and volunteers loading produce into vehicles.

There are also other resources available on a rotating basis, including NARCAN® distribution and Medicare/Medicaid sign-up assistance.



Firefighter/Paramedic Poe makes sure veggies and fruit get loaded safely.

Assistance Available For Residents

A partnership between the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and Clinton Township is just what some township residents need to get by each month. If you could use a helping hand, or would like to reduce the potential exposure of COVID-19 with fewer trips to the grocery, Fire Chief Fraley wants to hear from you! Chief Fraley hits the road each month with his truck filled with pre-packed boxes of non-perishable goods to make his rounds to the folks who have signed up for the program.



There is an income requirement to receive the monthly boxes, but Chief Fraley will be happy to explain the application process for you or someone you know. Send him an email at bfraley@clintontownship.com or give him a call: 614-679-9554.

Fire Chief Fraley delivers a box of food items to west side resident Karen S.

Events

- Wednesday, April 21
Virtual Trustee Meeting
12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 22, **Earth Day**
- Friday, April 23
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 24
Drug Take-Back Day
10am-2pm, Township Hall,
3820 Cleveland Ave.
- Friday, April 30, **Arbor Day**
- Saturday, May 2
Chat with a Trustee
Community Garden,
1836 Case Rd. Noon-2 p.m.
- Wednesdays, May 5, 19
Virtual Trustee Meeting
12:00 p.m.
- Fridays, May 14, 28
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 31
Township Offices Closed for
Memorial Day
- Wednesdays, June 2, 16
Virtual Trustee Meeting
12:00 p.m.
- Fridays, June 11, 25
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 18 Township
Offices Closed for
Juneteenth Observance
- Friday, July 5 Township
Offices Closed for **Independence Day Observance**
- Wednesdays, July 7, 21
Trustee Meeting
12:00 p.m.
- Fridays, July 9, 23
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays, August 4, 18
Trustee Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Fridays, August 13, 27
Free Produce Market
4:00 p.m.

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