



# Clinton Township News

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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### From the Fire Chief...



Residents of Clinton

Township, I hope you have enjoyed 2017! From all of your Fire Department Volunteers, we want to say THANK YOU for the wonderful turnout we had in September during the annual Ox Roast. We greatly appreciate your continued and ongoing support!

With the temperature and leaves dropping, and winter soon to arrive, we may find ourselves scrambling to be prepared for what is expected to be a cold winter season. As we begin preparing, please keep in mind all manufacturer advice with lights and extension cords, maintain a well hydrated

### Roads and Streets Report

The Clinton Township Trustees report that they have done many road repairs in 2017. They have "microsealed" with a 3/8" coating on TR 15 from TR 122 to CR 50 and also on 122 from SR 101 to TR 15 through a State of Ohio contract. They also had several roads ground out (removed) and then new asphalt poured onto Lelar Street, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Green

Meadows Drive, Meadowbrook Drive, and Meadows Court. They also paved Crestview Lane and Crestview Drive. The last shared dirt road in Clinton and Scipio Townships was paved using left over grinding from other projects out on TR 177. Since this is just a loose grinding, the road will be closed this winter to prevent damage from the snow plows and will



open up again in the spring. There was an 8" broken concrete tile on TR 159 that was replaced with a 12" plastic one and a new concrete culvert installed. Many miles of cracks were sealed within the township to help maintain the condition of your roads.

### Fire Department Fundraiser by the Numbers



- ◆ Ford Lincoln Test Drive - No Pressure, No Salesperson!
- ◆ 158 Total Test Drives given with \$4540.00 total raised!
- ◆ Watch for next years announcement to help take a Test Drive
- ◆ Make an end of year donation to Clinton Township Firemen's Association, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization
- ◆ All proceeds are earmarked for a new Fire Station #1

tree and watch for warm spots, discoloration, and any hot odors.

Also, as a kind reminder, it is highly recommended to replace your batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors. Your, and your family's, safety is important to us as we approach the busy holiday season filled with get-togethers, joy, smiling, laughing, and usually over-eating. Detectors have been shown to save lives in the event of an emergency. As most products, there is a lifespan associated with them; carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every five (5) years and smoke detectors every ten (10) years. Check your detector to see its manufacturing date as well as other important information that may be specific to the brand. Additionally, please take

note...\*\*\*RECALL ALERT\*\*\* I would like everybody to check their fire extinguisher(s) to ensure they are not affected by this wide-spread recall. The details are below:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Kidde announced a large recall of fire extinguishers with plastic handles (this does not affect detection devices). Nearly 40 million fire extinguishers are being recalled across the United States. Please go to [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) to see if your extinguisher has been affected or contact Community Affairs Manager, Neal Zipser at Kidde. Contact information: Office # 919-304-8264 or by email at [neal.zipser@kiddeus.com](mailto:neal.zipser@kiddeus.com)

Enjoy the remainder of 2017 and ring in 2018 safely! Be safe and have a wonderful holiday season!

-Chief Bishop



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### Did you know.....?

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation. In 2013, 343 people died on New Year's Day, 360 on Thanksgiving Day and 88 on Christmas Day, according to *Injury Facts 2015*. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represented 31% of the totals.



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## Winter Weather is Coming....

We don't know what Old Man Winter has in store for us this year. It could be very mild once again or it could be a very cold, brutal and lots of snow kind of winter. The road crew needs your patience and assistance during any snow or ice event. Please remove your vehicles from the street to give our plow drivers ample room to maneuver the plow. If possible wait until the road has been plowed before clearing your driveway. There is no way to prevent snow from being pushed into driveways; however, shoveling snow to the right side (this area should be five foot long and two to three feet wide) of your driveway will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into the driveway by the plow. It is un-

lawful to shovel, plow or snow-blow any snow into the street or roadway. Please refrain from doing so.

The Township Trustees are asking all residents with a fire hydrant in front of or on your property to adopt the hydrant during the winter months. Please shovel any snow that may accumulate around the hydrant. In a fire situation, seconds count and if the firefighters cannot find the hydrant or have to dig it out the lost time could result in catastrophic damage to your or your neighbor's property.

It is our mission to make the streets passable and as safe for motorists as we can in the shortest period of time. Every storm is different and poses different challenges.



On another note, The Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca (OSS) Solid Waste District added 2 more additional AIM to be GREEN Recycling dumpsters to the #2 Fire Station out on SR 224. Please do not place trash in these recycling bins. Please do not place styrofoam in these containers. Please keep the area around the container clean by placing ALL ITEMS into the recycling bin. If the container is FULL, please stop back on another day to recycle the items. This is a wonderful service to the community, but everyone needs to do their part by obeying the rules. Let's keep Clinton Township Beautiful!

## Zoning Questions Answered

### When do I need to get a Building Permit?

The quick answer to this is "anytime you are planning on buying or building something on your property that is above ground level." For instance, if you are going to pour a sidewalk or a concrete pa-

tio, you do not need a permit because it is level with the ground. But if you purchase a storage building, or build onto any existing structure, you need to call for a permit.



### Do I need a permit if I purchase a pre-built structure?

Yes, even pre-built structures need a building permit before being installed. These sheds and playhouses are becoming very popular, and usually come in on a skid and they are required to abide by zoning regulations.

### How much does a permit cost?

Well, it depends, but a new construction home is only \$45, most small sheds are \$15 and larger buildings are \$35. Call your friendly zoning inspector if you have any questions!