



Community News

Clinton Twp Police Holiday Safety Tips

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Please remember some of these timeless tips to protect yourself and your loved ones from a holiday **grinch!**

First, if you're going to be out of town, The Clinton Township Police offer house checks to our residents any time of the year. Simply call the office at 614-471-1479 and let staff know your information, your travel dates and emergency contact information. It's that simple!

When shopping for holiday gifts, keep your purse and wallets close. Thieves wonder around busy shopping malls and stores looking for the opportunity to steal from a distracted shopper. When shopping,

PLEASE hide your packages in the trunk or out of sight in your vehicle. Thieves will drive around the parking lots searching for the ultimate smash-and-grab opportunity.

Tips for home: If you expect to get packages delivered and you are not going to be home, please use a location or private business that will accept and hold your packages. We have grinches that will follow the delivery trucks and then spring onto porches stealing your much-awaited gifts and packages.

On behalf of the Clinton Township Division of Police, have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



The Santa Parade

This year, Clinton Township will celebrate the 70th annual Santa Parade on Saturday, December 15! Did you know, this parade started not long after World War II, when some areas of the township were so poor that the box of candy was the only present a child got for Christmas? It has only been canceled twice: during the Korean War.

The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. at our 3820 Cleveland Avenue fire station and simultaneously at our 999 Chambers Road station. **We need your help packing candy!** Join us on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at 3820 Cleveland Avenue. Call 614-471-1479 if you are interested in helping.



Clinton Twp Fire Holiday Cooking Tips

The holiday season is the peak time for cooking fires to occur. Cooking fires are the number one cause of residential structure fires and fire injuries nationwide. The Clinton Township Division of Fire would like to offer the following fire safety tips for cooking:

Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stove top.

Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food.

If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and remain in the kitchen while food is cooking.

Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop

If a cooking fire occurs in your home:

If possible, just get out!

Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Keep a lid nearby while cooking to smother small grease fires.

On behalf of the Clinton Township Division of Fire, have a safe and Happy Holiday!

The Clinton Township Division of Fire has partnered with Mt. Carmel Mobile Health Clinic to offer a free health clinic at 3820 Cleveland Ave. the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 1-3 PM. No insurance or appointment is necessary. For additional information, please call 614-546-4200.

Leaf season has started and will continue through Mid-December. Please keep your leaf piles free of all debris. This will help the road department from having to separate anything that may damage the machines and will save time. For additional information, please call 614-471-1480.

Light Our Street

Trustee Cera is still excited by the potential "Light Our Streets" pilot program. If you have not yet seen the solar lights at the community garden at 1836 Chase Rd. or in Chambers Circle, take a look and let us know what you think.

The idea of the "Light Our Streets" program is to do some cost-sharing with residents who might be interested in such a fixture for their front yard, due to our lack of street lights. Contact Trustee Cera with your thoughts and interest in the program or your other ideas/concerns at 614-600-8312.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ SANTA PARADE
CANDY PACKING
THURSDAY, DEC 13
6:00 PM
- ▶ UVCA MEETING
THURSDAY, DEC 13
7:00 PM
- ▶ SANTA PARADE
SATURDAY, DEC 15
9:00 AM
- ▶ TRUSTEE MEETING
WED, DEC 19
7:00 PM
999 CHAMBERS RD.

Important Information

Residents have spotted coyotes along Cooke Rd. where on small dog has been injured. Coyotes are not uncommon in Ohio and live in all 88 counties. Although coyotes may actually aid in reducing rodent populations, ODNR recommends keeping a watchful eye on your small pets. They also say coyotes are generally afraid of humans, their recommendation is to clap loudly and wave your arms if you encounter one. (Clinton Twp. Police will respond to an animal too close to homes or otherwise acting threatening.)

Removing anything attractive in your yard can be helpful, such as not leaving out pet food, cleaning up garbage and around the grill area. You can learn more at <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-habitats/species-guide-index/mammals/coyote>.

We need your help! The Township is seeking photographs or other memorabilia that document our neighborhoods for the potential of decorating our new Township Hall. If you have something to share, please contact Trustee Cera at 614-600-8312.