

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

2026 Resident Guide



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to share the Township of Clark 2026 Resident Guide with you. Inside, you'll find everything you need to stay connected—from seasonal events and community programs to information about essential Township services and departments that keep Clark running smoothly year-round.

This guide reflects more than just information—it represents the teamwork, dedication, and hometown pride that define our community. Each department plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life we all enjoy, and I'm proud of the people who work every day to make Clark a place we all call home.

Our strength has always been our sense of community. Whether you've lived here for decades or just recently moved in, I invite you to take part in all that makes Clark special—our parks, programs, events, and most importantly, our people.

Warm regards,
Angel Albanese - Mayor, Township of Clark



Want to Stay Informed? Do This:

- Bookmark Township of Clark website on your browser www.ourclark.com
- Download a copy of this Clark Resident Guide www.ourclark.com/residentguide
- Sign up for Townships News Flashes www.ourclark.com/notifyme
- Follow the Township of Clark on Instagram, Facebook
- Follow "Our Clark Media" on YouTube to see local Comcast - TV 36 coverage, news and alerts
- Register home & business alarms with Clark PD www.ourclark.com then PD section
- View our Recreation Catalog of classes www.ourclark.com/recreation

Calling Clark Business Owners

We'd love to connect with you. From community events and Chamber gatherings to ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and introductions to new residents, Clark Township supports local businesses. Call 732-388-3600 ext. 3026 to introduce your business.

Report a Non-Emergency Concern :

Report non-emergency issues—like potholes, sidewalk or park maintenance, storm drains, signage, or overgrown vegetation at www.ourclark.com under "[Online Services](#)".

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@ourclarkmedia1919

From the Business Administrator

The 2026 Resident Guide offers a clear, convenient overview of the many services, programs, and resources that Clark offers throughout the year. It reflects the work of Township departments and the shared commitment to delivering reliable, responsive service to our residents. Supporting the Mayor's priorities while overseeing daily operations and fiscal management remains central to the role of the Business Administrator. This guide highlights those coordinated efforts and the dedication of the staff who help maintain the high quality of life our community enjoys.

Residents are encouraged to keep this guide close at hand. Whether looking for service schedules, department contacts, or upcoming Township events, it provides quick access to the information needed to stay connected and informed.



Regards,
Jim Ulrich

Business Administrator, Township of Clark

2026 Town Hall Closures/Delayed Openings

New Year's Day - January 1
MLK Jr. Day - January 19
Presidents' Day - February 16
Good Friday— April 3
Memorial Day— May 25
Juneteenth— June 19
Fourth of July— July 3
Labor Day— September 7
US Patriot Day - September 11 **
Columbus Day— October 12
Veterans Day— November 11
Thanksgiving— November 26 & 27
Christmas—December 25

**Delayed Opening 10:30 a.m.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Business Administrator -732-388-3600
Construction - 732-428-8401
Communications & Business Dev. 732-388-3600
Emergency Management - 732-388-3600
Health Department - 732-428-8405
Mayor's Office - 732-388-3600
Municipal Clerk - 732-388-3669
Municipal Court - 732-381-5395
Public Works – 732-428-8402
Senior Citizens – 732-428-8400
Swim Pool – 848-467-4209
Tax/Finance Department - 732-428-8403

RECREATION CENTER

732-428-8400
430 Westfield Avenue
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

CLARK POLICE

732-388-3434 (non-emergency)
911 (emergency)
Anonymous Police Tips - 732-453-8500
315 Westfield Avenue - Lobby is open 24/7

CLARK LIBRARY

732-388-5999
303 Westfield Avenue
M, T, TH -9:30 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
W, F, Sat.-9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays (Sept. - June) - 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

CLARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

732-381-1150
250 Broadway

CLARK VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD

732-388-0001
875 Raritan Road

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PSE&G - 800-436-7734
NJ American Water- 800-272-1325
Elizabethtown Gas - 800-242-5830
Comcast/Xfinity - 800-934-6489

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



Frank Mazzarella - Ward 1



Pat O'Connor - Ward 2



Steve Hund- Ward 3



Brian Toal - Ward 4

Council-at-Large



Jess Hoff



Jim Minniti



Bill Smith

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All Public Meetings are open to the public in Council Chambers at 315 Westfield Avenue.* They can be viewed live or on demand on the Our Clark Media—YouTube channel. Meetings are also played the following week on TV channel 36 on Comcast.

	Town Council Meetings		Planning Board	Zoning Board	Board of Education*
	7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
January	5	20**	8	26	7
February	2	17**	5	23	9
March	2	16	5	23	9
April	6	20	2	27	14
May	4	18	7	26**	11
June	1	15	4	22	15
July	6	20	9	27	13
August	3	17	6	24	10
September	8**	21	3	28	1
October	5	19	1	26	6
November	4***	16	5	23	9
December	7	21	3	14	8

- *Please always check Clark BOE website for changes to executive session start times, locations and more at clarkschools.org
- Holiday Date changes indicated as: **Tuesday or ***Wednesday for Council & Zoning Meetings

2026 TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Saturday, March 28	Easter Egg Hunt Westfield Avenue at Recreation Center
Saturday, April 11	Little League/Softball Parade Route is Westfield Ave to Both Fields
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day Parade Westfield Ave (Nassau St. to AJ HS)
Friday, June 5	Senior Birthday Breakfast (Jan. - June) (Reservations Required)
Monday, June 29	Summer Recreation Camp Begins
Saturday, July 4	Independence Day Fireworks Municipal Grounds & ALJ Field
Thursday, August 6	Summer Recreation Camp Ends
Friday, September 11	Annual 9-11 Ceremony James Nelson Park - Broadway
Monday, September 21	Senior Citizen Barbeque (Reservations Required) Deutscher Club
September 19 & 20	Townwide Yard Sale
October 8-11	UNICO Italian-American Feast Clark Municipal Grounds
Friday, October 9	Senior Birthday Breakfast (July - Dec.) (Reservations Required)
Saturday, October 24	Trunk 'R Treat Clark Municipal Grounds
October 17-18	Four Centuries in a Weekend Dr. William Robinson Museum
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans' Day Ceremony ALJ HS Front Lawn
Saturday, November 28	Tree & Menorah Lighting Clark Municipal Grounds
Sunday, November 29	Breakfast With Santa (Reservations Required - Limited Seating)
Thursday, December 3	Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon (Reservations Required - Limited Seating)

RECREATION

Join A Class or Program Today

There are over 100 classes and programs community members can partake in through Clark Recreation. See what is available anytime by visiting, Recreation Department's tab on our website at www.ourclark.com Sign up for a class online or send a message to a member of our staff.

Recreation programs, classes and annual events rely on the kindness of volunteers. If you have a special talent or just enjoy being an involved member of the community, call Ralph Bernardo, Recreation Director and ask how you can volunteer at 732-428-8400.



Important 2026 Recreation Dates

January 5 - Last Day to Register for Winter Classes

March 1 - Clark Pool Application Open Online

March 1 - Summer Camp Registration Opens

August 24 - Registration Opens for Fall/Winter Classes

November - Registration Opens for Breakfast With Santa

December 1 - Register Online for the Holiday House Decorating Contest

December 1 - Tickets go on sale for the Clark Annual Family Skate Night



Clark Recreation Has An Active Pickleball Community!

To learn more about getting a season pass, court use requirements and the Township's official code of conduct, please visit the Recreation Department's section on the Township webpage at www.ourclark.com/recreation.



SENIOR CITIZENS

2026 Monthly Senior Meetings

January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7 - Trip to Atlantic City
June 4
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3 - Holiday Luncheon

GET MOVING AT THE SENIOR FITNESS CENTER

Our Senior Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday for seniors only, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During Clark Recreation Summer Camp in July and August, hours change to 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To join the fun, seniors need to fill out a short application and get their doctor's approval. It's easy—just go to www.ourclark.com, click Online Services, and complete the “Senior Fitness Center Request App.”

Senior Bus Schedule

Clark Township operates a courtesy shuttle for senior citizens, providing transportation to a variety of local retail and municipal destinations. Riders must make an appointment by calling 732-428-8400 no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the desired pick up.

Monday

9:00 AM ShopRite
11:00 AM Walmart in Linden

Wednesday (On mall days, pick up starts at 9:30 AM)

1st Wed Aviation Plaza in Linden
2nd Wed Clark Commons
3rd Wed Woodbridge Mall
4th Wed Menlo Park Mall

Friday

8:00 AM ShopRite
11:00 AM Clark Township Stores & Buildings



TOWNSHIP CLERK

The Municipal Clerk's office operates as a link to all municipal departments welcoming resident inquiries and providing information to the public. This is a general overview of services offered:

- Licensing: Alcohol, Gaming, Limousine License issuance
- Permits: Garage Sale, Solicitors, Social Affairs
- OPRA: Open Public Record Requests
- Business Registration
- Landlord Registration
- Vacant Property Registration
- Daniel's Law
- Chief Registrar of Clark Voters
- Notary Services

Townwide Yard Sale

September 19-20, 2026

Join your neighbors in hosting a yard or garage sale during this annual event. There is no fee, but registration is required.

Go to ourclark.com then click on Online Services.

Clark DPW will pick up left over items starting the Monday after the sale from registered addresses.



2026 Important Election Dates

May 12

Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election. (Forms must be postmarked or received by Clerk on this date.)

May 26

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Primary Election

May 26 - May 31

Early Voting Period

June 1 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline to apply in person for Mail-In Ballot before 3 pm in County Clerk's Office in Elizabeth or Westfield.

June 2 – Primary Election Day

Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 13

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election. (Forms must be postmarked or received by Clerk on this date.)

October 24 – November 1

Early Voting Period

October 27

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

November 2 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline to apply in person for Mail-In Ballot before 3 pm in County Clerk's Office in Elizabeth or Westfield.

November 3 – General Election Day

Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bulky Pick Up

Provided monthly in each ward from March through October – no appointment needed! Items may only be placed at the curb on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your ward’s scheduled week.



Place bulk items between the curb and sidewalk, not in the street. Smaller items should be in bundles, open cardboard boxes, or plastic bags. Do not place in garbage cans unless they are to be removed too.

Accepted Items: Furniture, screens, windows, rugs (cut & tied), doors, toys, non-metal garden tools and misc. home items.

Unacceptable Items: construction or demolition debris or materials, mattresses, box springs, propane tanks, auto parts, tires, railroad ties, concrete, logs, dirt, rocks, TVs and fences.

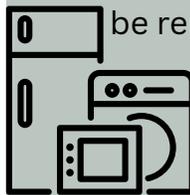
Scrap metal and appliances are not collected with bulk waste. Please refer to that section for more information.

Bulk items placed too early, or unacceptable items left curbside, are violations of township ordinance

2026	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
March	2	9	16	23
April	6	13	20	27
May	4	11	18	26*
June	1	8	15	22
July	6	13	20	27
August	3	10	17	24
September	7	14	21	28
October	5	12	19	26

Appliance & Scrap Metal Pick Up

Pick up is on Monday by APPOINTMENT ONLY March through October. Go to www.ourclark.com click “Online Services” to request a metal pick up. Requests must be received prior to 3 p.m. the Thursday before pick up is scheduled. Doors must



be removed from refrigerators and freezers.

No propane tanks. If you do not have access to a computer, please call 732-428-8402 to make appointment.

Christmas Tree Removal

Place natural (real) Christmas trees only at the curb beginning early January. Final pick-ups will be completed by the end of January. **All decorations, plastic bags and tree stands must be removed or the tree cannot be collected.**



PUBLIC WORKS

Branch Pick Up

Branches are collected ONCE MONTHLY from May through September. Branches cannot be more than 4 feet long. Residents are permitted to place them curbside starting ONLY on the third full week of the month. They will then be picked-up during the fourth full week of the month weather permitting as follows:

- May 26*
- June 22
- July 27
- August 24
- September 28



No branches are collected after September. They will be removed from street and placed on homeowner's lawn for storage until spring.

Electronic Drop Off

Residents only may drop-off select unwanted electronic equipment on the last Saturday of most months from January through October. The ONLY acceptable items are, computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, scanners, televisions and fax machines. Drop off is at the DPW garages behind the Clark PD from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on:

- Jan 31
- Feb 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 30
- June 27
- July 25
- August 29
- September 26
- October 31



Grass Pick Up

Grass clippings ONLY are collected by the DPW starting Tuesday May 5 through October 6. All grass must be in biodegradable paper bags. *No branches, plastic bags, and no clippings left on the street.*

After last October pick up, grass bags can be placed curbside with leaves for collection.



Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick-up runs from late October through mid-December. Place leaves at the curb, leaving about one foot of space so water can reach the storm drains. You may also use paper leaf bags.

Motor Oil Recycling

Used motor oil can be dropped off at the DPW garage located behind the Clark PD Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please do not leave empty containers. No gasoline, cooking oil or antifreeze.

Paper Shredding

June 3, 2026 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bring paper to be shredded to the Clark DPW Facility at 315 Westfield Avenue behind the Clark PD for disposal. No plastic bags.

PUBLIC WORKS

Recycling

Clark Township provides recycling bins to each household. Glass, aluminum, tin, plastic containers, juice, paper, cardboard, to-go-cups, and milk cartons can be commingled in one receptacle. All items must be well-rinsed. All caps and lids must be removed. No used pizza boxes, styrofoam or plastic bags permitted.

Residents with an abundance of cardboard should break boxes down and either stack them all in one box or tie in a bundle to place alongside the recycle bin at the curb. **Do not leave piles of full size boxes stacked at the curb.**

In the event, of bad weather or equipment failure, recycling changes will be posted on the Clark Township social media pages and be sent out in electronic News Flashes. Residential recycling collections alternate by zone each week as follows:

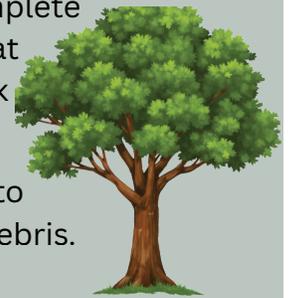
2026	Zone 1	Zone 2
January	14, 28	7, 21
February	11, 25	4, 18
March	11, 25	4, 18
April	8, 22	1, 15, 29
May	6, 20	13, 27
June	3, 17	10, 24
July	1, 15, 29	8, 22,
August	12, 26	5, 19
September	9, 23	2, 16, 30
October	7, 21	14, 28,
November	4, 18	11, 25
December	2, 16, 30	9, 23

Shade Tree Services

Permits are required to cut down any tree. Homeowners are required to replace trees in kind per ordinance.

Residents with any shade tree concerns such as trimming, removing or possible diseased trees should complete a Report a Concern form at www.ouclark.com and click on "Online Services."

Contractors are required to remove all tree removal debris.



Spring Clean Up

March 23 through April 27. Place leaves, lawn debris and branches cut to a maximum 4 foot length. Debris should be 1 foot from curb as not to block water getting to catch basins.

Storm Clean Up

Watch email, TV36, town website and social media for information about special pick-ups that may be scheduled in the aftermath of a storm.



PUBLIC WORKS

Snow Removal

Residents are reminded to remove cars from streets during storms to enable DPW crews to clear streets from curb to curb. During snowfall, there is **NO PARKING** on the following snow emergency routes on both sides of the street, for the entire length of the street except where noted.

Brant Avenue	Liberty Street	Russell Court
Broadway	Lincoln Boulevard	Tudor Drive
Fairview Road	Madison Hill Road	Valley Road
Featherbed Lane	Meadow Road	Walnut Avenue
Gibson Blvd.*	Mildred Terrace	Westfield Avenue
Hickory Street	Nassau Street	
Jarvais Terrace	Oak Ridge Road	
Kennedy Drive	Peter Circle	
Lake Avenue	Raritan Road	
Lexington Blvd.	Ross Street	

**Parkway to Raritan Road only*

TOWNSHIP PARKS & SCHOOLS

Clark Parks

Bartell Park - 80 Bartell Place
Caitlin Nelson Park - 430 Westfield Ave.
Curry Field. - Reifel Street
Esposito Park- 659 Madison Hill Road
Oak Ridge Park - 136 Oak Ridge Road
Picton Park- Picton Street
Veteran's Park (The Pitt) - Lupine Way
UC Archery Range - 136 Oak Ridge Road

Report a Non-Emergency Concern :

Report non-emergency issues—like potholes, sidewalk or park maintenance, storm drains, signage, or overgrown vegetation at www.ourclark.com under **"Online Services"**.

Clark Public Schools

Arthur L. Johnson HS - 732-382-0910
365 Westfield Avenue
Carl H. Kumpf Middle School - 732-381-0400
59 Mildred Terrace
Frank K. Hehny School K-5. - 732-381-8100
590 Raritan Road
Valley Road School- 732-388-7900
150 Valley Raod Road
Clark Preschool - 732-388-6200 x 3333
Various Locations
Clark Board of Education - 732-574-9600
365 Westfield Avenue

HEALTH OFFICE

The Clark Health Department collaborates with community partners to offer health screenings at various times during the year. Some events require pre-registration. To stay up to date, subscribe to News Flashes at www.ourclark.com/notifyme and check our social media pages for announcements.

2025 Health Events



June 27: Summer Safety - Clark Pool

June 27: Dermaview Screening - Clark Pool

TBD: Welcome Baby Presentations

TBD: Healthy Homes / Lead Awareness

TBD: Know Your Numbers (Blood Screen)

TBD: Bone Density Screening

SEPT: Emergency Preparedness Month

SEPT: Food Safety Month

Nov 5: Rabies Clinic

Report a Health Concern

Report non-emergency health-related concerns such as sanitation issues, food establishment concerns, animal-related issues, or environmental health matters at www.ourclark.com under "Online Services". For emergencies involving immediate risk to health or safety, call 9-1-1.

Department Services

The Health Office supports community well-being through services such as:

- Addressing health-related complaints
- Conducting food safety inspections
- Offering and coordinating health programs
- Managing vital records
- Overseeing animal control

Annual Animal Licensing Due January 2026

Annual pet licensing is required in Clark each January. Residents who own or care for dogs or cats must obtain a license during this time.

License forms are available under "Online Services"

at www.ourclark.com

The Township will host a free

rabies clinic for dogs and cats on November 5, 2026. Pre-registration is required.



Volunteers Needed: Community Cat Program

Clark Township's Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program helps humanely manage the local stray and feral cat population while supporting public health. Volunteers are essential to its success, with opportunities for adults 18 and older. No experience is needed, and many roles are available that do not involve direct interaction with cats. To get involved, contact Gail at 973-745-8452 (call or text).

TAX OFFICE

How To Make Payments:

ACH Direct Withdrawal is available. Taxpayers must submit separate sewer and tax ACH forms by the 15th of the month before the due date. The Township charges no ACH service fees

Online Payment is accepted at www.ourclark.com Scroll down the homepage until you see "Pay Online."

There are no fees for an electronic check. Visa Debit cards have a \$3.95 charge. All other cards have a fee equaling approximately 2.95% of the total bill. There is a \$20 fee for returned checks.

In-Person Payments are accepted at the Tax Collection Office, 430 Westfield Ave., Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Cash, checks, and money orders are accepted.

Drop-Box Payments are accepted in the mail slot located on the left side of the main doors to the Clark Municipal Building.

Payment By Mail: Send check payable to the Township of Clark to:
Tax Collector
Township of Clark
430 Westfield Avenue
Clark, NJ 07066

Any questions related to taxes, payment, or relief programs , contact the Township Offices at:

Tax Office:

732-428-8404 Email: lcaliguire@ourclark.com

Sewer:

732-428-8403 Email: gpaterno@ourclark.com

Tax Bills are mailed in July each year.

Payments are due:

- February 1
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1

Sewer Utility Bills are mailed in February.

The bill can be paid in one installment or two equal installments due:

- March 15
- September 15

A 10-day grace period applies to all payments. If the 10th of the month lands on a weekend or holiday, the grace period is extended to the next business day.



CLARK LIBRARY

2026 Annual Events:

Please check the online calendar at www.clarklibrary.org for the most updated events calendar.

All Year - 250th Revolutionary Events

All Year - 60th Anniversary Events at the Library

Jan. - Feb. - Winter Reading Challenge

February - Take Your child to the Library Day

March - Meet Sophia the Sled Dog

April - Bird Month

May - Paint a Pot, Plant a Flower

June - August - Summer Reading Challenge

Sept. - Open House

October - Pumpkin Painting & Halloween Events

November - 60th Anniversary Party

December - Holiday Events

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
9:30am - 9:00pm

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5:00pm

Sundays
1:00pm - 5:00pm (*Closed May 1st through September 1st*)

**303 Westfield Avenue
732-388-5999**

Services Offered:

- Chromebook, Wifi Hotspots & iPads (Clark residents 18 & above)
- DVDs and Music CDs
- Free computer use & Wi-Fi access
- Library of Things
- Personalized Readers Advisory Service
- Federal Tax Forms
- Homebound Service
- Museum Passes
- Digitized local newspapers
- Downloadable audio books, eBooks & magazines
- Online library catalog & reserve system
- Courtesy emails prior to due date of items
- Programs for all ages including: Story Hours, Book Discussion Groups, Movies & Special Events.

