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From
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As your Board of Trustees, it is our pleasure to present the 2017 Springfield Township Annual Report and Update. This report is designed to provide an overview of the past year and a glance at future initiatives in police, fire, public works and recreation.

The key to being a desirable first-ring suburban community is to continually improve through adaptation and evolution. Always evolving, always looking for the efficiencies and always growing is what keeps us competitive. Using the recently updated Comprehensive Neighborhood Master Plan as a guide, we have developed new plans for investing in our infrastructure, incentivizing economic development projects, and providing the important services our residents have come to rely upon.

Looking through the pages of this report, you can see how the progress made through actionable steps in capital improvements, economic development and service delivery are affecting the way Springfield Township looks, operates and even feels to those that live and do business here. In 2017, $8.3 million in road construction projects were completed, the fire department achieved a class 2 ISO rating, and police department collaborations with outside agencies lead to the development of new technologies in crime analysis. The Conceptual Master Plan for Center Pointe Preserve was adopted, a community branding campaign was revealed, and new events continue to engage and enliven our community.

Across each department, we are focused on ways to make Springfield Township the best place to live, work, and do business. We welcome you to take a closer look and see why it’s better, living Center to It All!

Sincerely,
Springfield Township Board of Trustees
Mark Berning, Joseph Honerlaw and Gwen McFarlin
About SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Springfield Township is home to over 36,000 residents. Homeowners enjoy the amenities of great services focused on resident needs. In addition to the many assets, what many residents say they love about living here is being “center to it all.” Springfield Township is the centermost point in Hamilton County. Within a short drive in any direction, residents can watch a professional sporting event, experience a live theater performance, canoe down the Little Miami, ride award-winning roller coasters, ski the slopes of Perfect North, dine on the river, or shop from a wide selection of retailers. Doctors offices, dry cleaners and veterinarians are local, making everyday living easy! Residents also have access to over 15 university campuses within 17 miles and 12 hospitals within 10 miles.

Founded in 1795
17 Square Miles
Population of 36,319 people

Land Use

- Approximately 60% of Springfield Township is comprised of residential land use.

- Approximately 30% of the Township land use is comprised of public land – parks, churches, schools, or other government or non-profit uses.

- Approximately 10% of the Township is comprised of commercial or industrial use.
A UNIQUE COMMUNITY

Districts/Neighborhoods of Springfield Township
Finneytown
Winton Northwest
Winton Northeast
West College Hill/Glofway
Valleydale/Edgemont
Hamilton Southwest
Hamilton Northwest
Lexington Heights/Glencoe/Wellspring
Sevenhills
Pleasant Run Farms

Shares boundaries within 7 public school districts and offers top-rated private academic choices.

Springfield Township Public School Districts
Finneytown
Mt. Healthy
Northwest
North College Hill
Princeton
Winton Woods
Cincinnati Public

Private Schools in Springfield Township
St. Xavier High School
St Vivian Elementary
John Paul II Elementary
Central Baptist

Additional Amenities & Attractions
- Winton Woods park, featuring 2,555 acres of wooded trails, fishing, horseback riding, golfing, camping, picnic areas, and playgrounds
- 10 Neighborhood Parks
- Recreational, senior and fitness centers along Winton Road
- Convenient access to three major highways
- Diverse and affordable neighborhoods on tree-lined streets
- Nationally Accredited Police Department & ISO 2 rated Fire Department
- Culturally inclusive with over 50 churches, many sharing their heritage through annual festivities.

Nine Zip Codes in Springfield Township
45215  45237
45216  45239
45218  45240
45224  45246
45231
TOWNSHIP APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS
The Township’s budgetary process begins in the fall by drafting temporary appropriations. This process involves the Township Administrator meeting with Department Heads and the Finance Director to discuss available fund balances, expected revenue and the particular needs of each department. Proposed expenditures are reviewed to ensure alignment with the adopted goals and/or strategies of the Township.

The Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer are presented a draft of the temporary appropriations at a work session by the Township Administrator. Once reviewed, the temporary appropriations may be modified based on feedback from the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. The temporary appropriations are adopted prior to the beginning of the year. The final appropriations are passed before March 31st after conducting a public hearing, enabling the public to review and provide comment.

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE
Springfield Township’s appropriations are made up of approximately 35 different funds. Each fund receives revenues from specific sources, such as property tax levies, and is restricted in terms of permissible expenditures. Each fund carries its own balance and carryovers. The general fund permits the greatest discretionary expenditures. All other funds are known as special purpose funds, which have greater restrictions by state law regarding what they can be used for.

The Township’s financial structure is best understood as “a la carte” due to the ability of residents, through various dedicated tax levies, to determine the level of services desired. The Township’s revenue is primarily received from property taxes with the majority dedicated to public safety (Police & Fire/EMS).
Springfield Township is committed to financial transparency. OpenGov is an open data platform which helps governmental entities display information over a multi-year period. In order to provide residents with a transparent method of reviewing financial data, the Township currently uses OpenGov to dynamically present the Township’s financial information. The platform provides residents, staff, and other stakeholders with a bank of information that displays how the Township is working for its citizens. View the Township’s OpenGov portal from the Springfield Township website at www.springfieldtwp.org/opengov

**2017 EXPENDITURES**

- **General Government** $2,968,688 (13.3%)
- **Public Works** $2,089,655 (9.4%)
- **Capital Improvements** $1,930,994 (8.6%)
- **Parks & Recreation** $423,400 (1.9%)
- **Debt Service** $603,148 (2.7%)
- **County Health District** $54,253 (0.2%)
- **Police** $7,721,602 (34.6%)

**REVENUE TRENDS**

- **70% Property Tax**
- **19% Gas Tax, Fines, Fees, Grants, Rental, TIF**
- **5% JEDZ**
- **2% Franchise Fees**
- **1.5% Motor Vehicle License Tax**
- **1% Interest**
Much of the work in 2017 reflects the Springfield Township Trustees’ renewed focus on aging infrastructure. As outlined in the updated Comprehensive Neighborhood Master Plan, Springfield Township implemented a new funding process for street resurfacing and repairs. To improve the condition of township roads in our neighborhoods, the voluntary resident assessment process, coupled with revenue from the JEDZ and the SCIP Grant Program, enabled the township to aggressively improve the condition of roads in neighborhoods.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Springfield Township residents welcomed the orange cones as over $8.3 million in road construction projects were completed in 2017. $2.6 million in investments were made by Springfield Township in its most aggressive approach in recent history to repair 28 streets in a single year. An additional $5.7 million in projects were completed by Hamilton County for construction on Meredith and Daly Roads.

**MAKING PROGRESS ON ROAD PROJECTS**

![Road Condition Chart](image)

- **2016**
  - 120 Roads in Good Condition
  - 160 Roads in Fair Condition
  - 120 Roads in Poor Condition

- **2018**
  - 102 Roads in Good Condition
  - 132 Roads in Fair Condition
  - 166 Roads in Poor Condition

- **PROJECTED 2019**
  - 97 Roads in Good Condition
  - 115 Roads in Fair Condition
  - 188 Roads in Poor Condition
**2017 INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 28 roads completed by Springfield Township in 2017
- The largest concrete curb repair performed in-house in Township history was made on the Golfview neighborhood. 1,300 linear feet of curb was replaced.

**2017 PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

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TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES

- Founded on May 27, 1889, Beech Grove Cemetery was first established as a rural burial site for African Americans. Over the years, ownership changed multiple times and the condition on the cemetery declined significantly, causing great concern for families with loved ones buried there. With no owner and a large lien on the property, the township took action with the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority, to have the lien removed in order to legally care for the property. In 2017, decayed trees and an abandoned on-site office was removed. Sinkholes were filled. Iron fencing was installed, replacing tattered chain link that once stretched the perimeter of the property. Volunteer groups and Public Works employees continue to restore grave site markers.

- As outlined in the 5-year park improvement plan, a new soccer field was created at Helwig Park to accommodate the growing need for flat field practice space. To improve the existing baseball facilities, drainage, new players benches and a security gate was installed.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

As with any service-oriented organization, township personnel must utilize various tools and equipment to perform the job. New equipment directly benefits the residents we serve. In 2017, capital expenses were made in each department. Two new life squads replaced vehicles with well over 400,000 miles on them. A newly designed salt truck with multi-use capabilities was purchased to replace two inoperable trucks in the public works department. The truck is able to be used through all seasons, not just in the winter. Five police vehicles were purchased.

Springfield Township operates a fleet service, where vehicle repairs and routine maintenance are performed by on-staff mechanics. When vehicles become obsolete, parts are able to be re-purposed, saving the township thousands of dollars. In 2017, 315 vehicles/equipment were serviced by fleet staff.
NEW INVESTMENT
Over $11 million dollars in new investments were made to existing businesses and the development of new commercial and residential properties in Springfield Township. Among the investments:

- 37 new condominium housing units were added to the Bridgecreek development.
- Wing Stop and a new Taco Bell was added to the list of restaurants in the community.
- A two-tenant building made of brick and stone was constructed at 9211 Winton Road. Papa John’s moved into the right half of the building and Humbert Meats will be moving into the left side of the building in 2018.
- American Bus and Accessories started building a $1.4 million commercial building at 123 Citycentre Drive. The project will be completed in 2018.

COMING SOON!
- United Dairy Farmers, on the corner of Winton and Compton Roads will be building a new storefront in 2018. The existing strip mall will come down and the new 5,678 sq ft building will sit further back from the road to improve traffic flow. The new UDF will feature more gas pumps, outdoor seating, and an ice cream parlor.
CENTER POINTE PRESERVE
CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN
COMPLETED

In September of 2017, Springfield Township unveiled to the public a conceptual master plan that will transform part of the township’s Core District into a live-work-play destination.

The proposed 54-acre Center Pointe Preserve development could offer a mixture of patio homes, boutique retail and office space, surrounded by large canopies of trees and highlighted with an amphitheater attraction. The township also has future aspirations to include a community arts center, dependent upon funding sources and potential private/non-profit partnerships.

The Center Pointe Preserve project has been a work-in-progress between Springfield Township and St. Francis Group, who is the master developer for the property. The need and support for the development were recently affirmed by the community during the township’s 2016 community master planning process.

The proposed development would provide the resources to restore overgrown wooded areas and add various public amenities such as hiking trails and a pond expansion. The need for an empty-nester patio home product could be fulfilled, and a community gathering space with small restaurants or retail would make the area attractive to young professionals as well.
BRANDING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Center to it all!

The benefit of a positive and unified image impacts many aspects of a community. An image can help to attract and retain talent, shift perceptions, support economic recovery, stimulate demand, and strengthen civic pride in a shared identity. Springfield Township understands that community branding goes beyond a logo or a tag line.

Springfield Township launched its new branding campaign and updated logo in 2017 with a 36 page spotlight in the August edition of Cincinnati Magazine. The issue, completely paid for through supporting advertisers, was filled with articles boasting the reasons to live in Springfield Township. The map inside provided a list of attractions, colleges and medical facilities surrounding the community making it clear that convenient living is right here! The issue can be found online at https://www.springfieldtwp.org/404/3272/Living-Center-To-It-All. and extra copies are available at the civic center.

Branding efforts continued through the year with a new website, newsletter and Center to it all! street banners. Progress was made on a new video that will air on social media throughout the coming year.
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC)

The Springfield Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) acts as the economic development agent for the township. The CIC has established a mission aimed at addressing the unique economic development challenges specific to Springfield Township as a bedroom community, such as attracting and retaining residents and maximizing commercial development opportunities.

CIC’s Impact on the Community

- In 2017, the CIC awarded 306 Residential Incentive Grants, totaling $197,768. The Residential Incentive Grant encourages living in Springfield Township and supports economic development. Those living and working in Springfield Township have an opportunity to apply for a grant equal to the earnings tax paid by township residents who work in the JEDZ or JEDD territories.
- In 2017, two projects received CIC grant funding. The Hartwell Business Association was awarded funding to create a new community gateway into the Vine Street business district. Decorative planters and trees were added on the Springfield Township side of the district near the intersection of Vine and Caldwell. The Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was awarded funding to repair and paint portions of the community pool.
- Two applications were approved for Neighborhood Enhancement Grant funding in 2018. ArtsConnect was awarded funding to support a mural and community gathering space and Pleasant Run Farms Civic Association was awarded funding for parking lot repairs at the PRF Swim Club.

The CIC’s Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program awarded nearly $47,500 in grant funding to township associations for community improvement projects in 2017.
Hamilton County Planning + Development awarded funding for five projects through its new Community and Economic Development Assistance Program. Springfield Township’s “place making project” was one of the five selected for funding. The project is a partnership between ArtsConnect, ArtWorks and the Springfield Township Community Investment Corporation (CIC) for a colorful mural on the exterior of Brentwood Bowl. The Brentwood Bowl project will not only include a mural, but also a landscaped pedestrian area in front of the bowling center in order to create an outside civic space. This space will be used for future lunchtime food truck concerts, which were introduced last year as ArtsConnect Cafe. The lunchtime events, held the last Friday of the summer months (May - September), will continue this summer on the front plaza of the Springfield Township Civic Center and Fire Station. They will move to their new home outside of Brentwood Bowl once the mural and plaza are completed. ArtsConnect selected Joe Castrucci as the artist for the design. Two lead artists and six young apprentice artists will be hired by ArtWorks to paint the mural. The project will begin in May, 2018.

Springfield Township resident and artist, Joe Castrucci is the owner and creative force behind Habitat Skateboards. Joe emerged into the skateboard world first by making amateur skate videos. He studied commercial art in high school, and shortly afterward, started working at the famed Alien Workshop skateboarding company in Dayton, Ohio, overseeing their video productions and refining his design skills. In 2000, Joe launched Habitat as an off-shoot of Alien Workshop and developed it into one of the leading skateboard companies in the United States. Joe’s artwork on Habitat skateboards, apparel and accessories is seen in thousands of retail stores globally.
HISTORICAL MARKER
Most Significant Agricultural Invention Designed in Springfield Township Now Formally Memorialized

Even in the mid 1800’s, the resources of being Center To It All made invention (and economic development) possible. The Mill Creek provided a waterway to transport heavy materials from one place to another. New research provided conclusive evidence that one of the most significant agricultural inventions successfully made and tested in the United States was on Springfield Township grounds in 1835, over 182 years ago. The findings, made by Dr. Robert T. Rhode and Leland Hite, proved that Obed Hussey invented the first successful reaper machine on Jediah Hill’s property in Springfield Township. Many of us who live in the township are familiar with the name Jediah Hill, as our own historic Covered Bridge holds the same name today. This significant finding was memorialized with a permanent State of Ohio historic marker on September 9, 2017. This site is listed with the state and serves as a tourist attraction.

NEXT DOOR LAND PROGRAM
In partnership with the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, Springfield Township is taking control of vacant, tax delinquent properties and offering them to adjacent property owners. The Hamilton County Land Reutilization’s Lot–to–Yard Program allows residents to apply to incorporate the vacant lot adjacent to their property into their own. The intent of the program is to reduce the number of blighted lots in Hamilton County and return them to productive, attractive and tax producing parcels.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati is partnering with the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority to acquire tax delinquent and foreclosed properties in West College Hill to revitalize the neighborhood by removing blighted properties with new housing. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati’s mission is to eliminate substandard housing locally and globally by building and renovating simple, decent, affordable homes to sell to low-income families in need.

Above photo is an example of a home by Habitat for Humanity and is not an actual photo taken in Springfield Township.
SERVICE DELIVERY

INTERNAL OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY THROUGH COLLABORATION

E.L.I.T.E TRAINING
Employee Leadership & Innovation Training Education
Springfield Township engaged its 166 employees in day-long, cross departmental collaboration and trainings. This new program was designed to bring employees across the various departments together, fostering a deeper level of teamwork and an environment where employees had the opportunity to share their ideas for township innovation. The program was very successful and will continue throughout 2018.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
The Springfield Township Police Department, along with seven other local law enforcement agencies, initiated a collaborative effort with the University of Cincinnati Institute of Crime Science to develop a crime analysis program. The purpose of this program is to provide local law enforcement agencies with a platform capable of collecting and analyzing crime data sourced from all participating agency records management systems. The results of the analysis compiled in the combined data offers police agencies the ability to recognize patterns and trends in criminal behavior, especially those criminal offenses that transgress from municipality to municipality. Most importantly, these results provide agencies with actionable intelligence to more effectively deploy appropriate resources to address crimes. This initiative is funded through a grant received through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE EMS AWARDED $200,000 GRANT FROM BETHESDA INC. TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE MODEL

Bethesda Inc., a major funder of health transformation and co-sponsor of TriHealth, announced its award of $200,000 to TriHealth Corporate Health in collaboration with the Springfield Township Fire Department to develop a community paramedicine model focused on behavioral health. This project has the potential to transform the way care is delivered to patients, bringing fresh ideas to our region.

Community paramedicine is a non-emergency service that is focused on helping individuals with mental health needs and assistance with navigating a complex health care system. In its lightest form, paramedicine could offer the support of connecting individuals with the resources for free, non-medical services, such as Meals on Wheels, when the need for that service is evident. Paramedicine also extends to the family that is often frustrated with the mental health decline of a loved one.

The goal of community paramedicine is to give residents the necessary support so they can remain independent as long as possible and be happy.

TWO PART-TIME INSPECTORS ADDED FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT CODE ENFORCEMENT

Springfield Township’s Code Enforcement Team responds to property complaints and addresses the issue(s) with property owners in order to keep neighborhoods safe and clean. In an innovative way to save money, avoid redundancies and respond quicker, select employees of the fire department have stepped up to serve as code enforcers. Two part-time inspectors were added this year, accomplishing the goal of responding to a complaint within 2 days. The Public Works Department follows up by cleaning properties when resolution is not able to be made with the property owners. Abatement expenses are assessed through property taxes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT STATS

- Responded to 960 Code Violation Complaints
- Public Works Cleaned 253 Nuisance Properties
ENHANCED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

THE GROWTH OF ARTSCONNECT
Springfield Township’s non-profit arts and enrichment organization, ArtsConnect, continues to grow and find new ways to enliven the community. In 2017, the organization hired an Education Director which enabled ArtsConnect to establish a full-time accredited summer art camp. A full roster of new art classes for adults and children was also added. The organization saw a dramatic 126% increase in class/camp registration from the previous year.

Producing high quality, entertaining and memorable events remains a primary role of ArtsConnect. In 2017, the addition of lunchtime cafe concerts for the business crowd provided another opportunity to bring live music to Springfield Township. ArtsConnect also gathered community input to reimagine the twenty-year old tradition of WinterFest. The result was an event that brought all of our local schools together. Over 2,300 people attended the holiday celebration which included a parade, outdoor winter village, performers, the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra, The Cincinnati Opera, Madcap Puppets, a s’mores pit, food, crafts, hay rides, petting zoo and many other attractions. A new tradition has begun!
COMMUNITY Support FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season will long be remembered as one of the most destructive seasons on record. Hurricanes Harvey, Wilma and Irma took a toll on Texas and Florida. When a call for donations was made, the amount of support from Springfield Township residents, businesses and schools exceeded all expectations! The Springfield Township Fire Department became a donation center for household items, cleaning supplies, clothing and bottled water. Finneytown schools, Kroger and many local churches helped get the word out and gathered supplies with the township. **Over 12,000 pounds of donated items were dropped off to the fire station and delivered to Matthew 25 Ministries.**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS COMMITTEE

In 2016, Springfield Township initiated a Community Partners Committee. This committee is ongoing as it fosters dialogue with school, religious and civic leaders. The committee meetings are designed to keep one another informed of major projects and issues and serves as a time where potential collaborations are formed. This year, the focus has been on new schools in the Winton Woods and Northwest Districts and a potential levy for the Finneytown School District.
WEBSITE
In 2016, the township initiated a re-design of its website and completed the project in 2017. The website was designed to operate like a self-serve kiosk with bold buttons on the home page. The design allows residents to find the information they are looking for quickly. The fresh, modern look, reflecting the community brand of “Center To It All!”, features easy access to commonly used forms, front page community news, maps of the township, and ways to report issues and share crime tips online.

Springfield Township Affiliated Websites:
www.springfieldtwp.org
www.groveeventcenter.org
www.theartsconnect.us

A NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT
Springfield Township is all about a unique, enriching experience. In order to provide more meaningful, relevant, and timely information, our newsletter now empowers you to self-select the content you wish to see from us, on a schedule of your choosing, in a format you want. What exactly does this mean? Now you can personalize the news you see from us. Receive news such as community updates, events and crime tips, to enhance your connections within Springfield Township. Customize your experience with us at https://cerkl.com/Springfield-Township.

Follow Us On Social Media
facebook.com/springfieldtwp
facebook.com/theartsconnect
facebook.com/groveevents
youtube.com/SpringfieldTownship
twitter.com/springfieldtwp
RESIDENT SERVICES

IT’S ALL ABOUT SAVINGS TO RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES
The Springfield Township Board of Trustees continues to research and find ways to save households money. Over the past several years, a variety of programs have been implemented that provide savings through the township's buying power. Lower rates on utilities and trash have been negotiated on residents’ behalf, saving hard earned money.

HOW DOES AGGREGATION WORK?
Aggregation allows Springfield Township to form a buying group on behalf of its citizens. By combining the purchasing power of all residents, the community can be more effective in negotiating rates than an individual may be.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM
In December 2016, the Township renewed its electric aggregation program with Dynegy Energy Services. In 2017, the average Springfield Township resident saved an estimated $50 a year on the generation portion of their Duke electric bill when comparing the 5.50¢/kWh aggregation rate vs. Duke's current 6.26¢/kWh price. The savings achieved across the Township exceeds $400,000.

GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM
The Township moved from a market based program to a capped price program with a flex-down opportunity. Residents now enjoy competitive pricing without being subject to large shifts in the market. Due to lower gas costs overall from Duke in 2017, the gas aggregator was not able to negotiate rates much lower than Duke offered, but most residents saw an overall savings, resulting in Township-wide savings of approximately $57,000.

Combined Electric & Gas Savings
Average Resident Savings
$60/year

Collective Savings of Over
$457,000
In 2017
Springfield Township Administration includes the Township Administrator’s Office, Human Resources, Finance, Special Projects and Events, Development Services, and Communications. The primary role of administration is to implement the policies of the Board of Trustees, lead the day-to-day operations of the township’s three major departments, provide oversight and support of the 166 full-time/part-time employees, and prepare the township’s annual budget.

Administration Department Highlights:

- Completed the 2015-2016 audit with no findings for recovery.

- Continued new TruCost health plan and wellness initiative resulting in an overall reduction of health insurance expenses.

- Managed the township’s risk and liability insurance and workers compensation programs.

- Processed over 2,676 checks & 757 purchase orders.

- Provided administrative support to the Community Improvement Corporation, processing 306 Residential Incentive Grants.

- Represented the township in negotiations with the collective bargaining units in the fire department.

- Conducted annual training for all township employees to ensure compliance with the township’s personnel policy and state and federal laws.

- Provided administrative support for the township’s Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Joint Economic Development Zone Board, and Joint Economic Development District Board.

- Maintained the township’s website and social media presence reaching over 113,307 website viewers.

- Prepared and implemented the township’s $23 million annual budget consisting of 35 different funds.
POLICE DEPARTMENT

STAFFING

- 47 Sworn Officers
- 7 Civilian Employees

27,610 Calls For Service
2,832 Adult Arrests Made
187 Juvenile Arrests Made
1,108 Automobile Accidents
3,685 Citations

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT LEADS HAMILTON COUNTY MOBILE FIELD FORCE TEAM

The Hamilton County Mobile Field Force Team was developed as a resource to provide local municipalities with a rapid, disciplined, and highly trained response to events involving civil actions, civil disturbances, civil disobedience and riot situations, which exceed the effective ability of Hamilton County law enforcement agencies. Currently the team is comprised of eight local law enforcement agencies and two local fire departments. These agencies include Springfield Township, Colerain Township, Green Township, Delhi Township, City of Mt. Healthy, City of Blue Ash, City of Forest Park, Village of Evendale, and the Springfield Township and Colerain Township Fire Departments. A Springfield Township Police Lieutenant is the Field Commander of this multi-jurisdictional collaborative.
POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Police Officer Jim Scheeler and K9 Pako receive National K9 Valor Award
- Received annual CALEA re-accreditation award (now required annually)
- Hired and trained four new police officers
- Experienced two critical incidents where three officers will receive Medal of Valor awards
- Acquired state of the art crime analytics program through collaboration with multiple police agencies and acquisition of federal and state grant funding
FIRE DEPARTMENT

STAFFING
32 Full-Time
41 Part-Time

4,411 Dispatches for Medical Related Emergencies
1,459 Dispatches for Fire Related Emergencies
Serviced 1,700 Fire Hydrants

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT EARNS EXCEPTIONAL ISO “2” RATING

The Springfield Township Fire Department has achieved the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of Class 2. This exceptional rating has been achieved by less than 3% of fire departments nationwide.

The ISO evaluates 47,000 fire departments nationwide with only 1,324 earning the Class 1 or 2 rating. This rating reflects the quality of the Springfield Township Fire Department and can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of Springfield Township firefighters in their commitment to save lives and property.

When the township fire department first formed in 1996, the ISO class rating was 5. After implementing an ISO rating improvement plan, the ISO rating was dropped to a 3 in 2005. After twelve years of hard work to comply with the rigid ISO public protection class standards and an intense evaluation, an ISO Class 2 rating was achieved on November 20, 2017.

Key elements considered when evaluating a fire department are response capabilities (deployment analysis) which includes adequate staffing of fire service personnel on engine crews and ladder companies, fire station distribution (location and coverage), appropriate apparatus and equipment, training, water supplies, organizational structure, communications, and building/fire prevention codes and their enforcement.

The Springfield Township Fire Department’s improved PPC Classification is a reflection of Springfield Township’s commitment to provide quality public safety services to its citizens.

Based on the 5,870 combined fire and medical emergency responses, the Springfield Township Fire Department continues to be one of the busiest suburban fire departments in Hamilton County.

According to the Hamilton County Communication Center statistics, Station 79 (9150 Winton Road) is the second busiest suburban fire station in Hamilton County.
FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Springfield Township Fire Department Division of EMS received the 2017 Mission Lifeline EMS – SILVER Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. The award was given for achieving the Lifeline evidence-based treatment guidelines for advanced cardiac care resulting in improved patient outcomes in Springfield Township. Only 61 fire departments in Ohio received the prestigious Mission Lifeline Achievement Award.

- The Springfield Township Fire Department was awarded a $200,000 Planning Grant from Bethesda Inc. to develop a community paramedicine service model that can be used in Springfield Township and around the region.

- Springfield Township Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Services received a 5 year Accreditation from the Greater Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

- During the month of October, firefighters assigned to the Fire Prevention Division visited schools in Springfield Township educating over 1,700 students about fire safety, emergency preparedness and accident avoidance. Approximately 200 scouts (boys and girls) visited Station 79 to earn their fire safety and first aid badges.

- Twenty children participated in the Kids Fire Academy. The week-long summer program educates children on fire safety, accident avoidance, severe weather preparedness, first aid, CPR, fire extinguisher use and basic firefighting skills.

- Springfield Township paramedics initiated 429 cardiac transmissions using their 12 lead EKG heart monitors in 2017. This is a 32% increase compared to 326 transmissions in 2016.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STAFFING

| 3 Fleet  |
| 13 Roads & Parks |
| 5 Summer |

253 Property Maintenance Cleanups
424 Online and Phoned In Service Requests
$1,578,330 in Road Rehabilitation Projects Completed
$188,153 in Storm Sewer Installations & Repairs
$961,820 in Pavement Preservation Projects
$36,789 in Sidewalk Replacements
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Grant Funding Awarded:
- The Ranchill Estates Rehabilitation Project was awarded a SCIP Grant in the amount of $528,007

Service Requests:
- The Public Works Department responded to and completed 424 requests submitted by township residents.

Property Maintenance Cleanups:
- The Service Dept. abated 253 properties that were in violation of the township’s property maintenance code.

Parks Department:
- Township personnel spent 12,440 hours maintaining the township’s parks, green spaces, right-of-ways, and cemeteries.
- Improvements were performed at the following parks
  - Stephanie Hummer Memorial Park
  - Helwig Park (See page 11)
  - Crutchfield Park
  - Hollydale Park

Kempermill Village Resurfacing Project
- Deerhorn, Fallbrook (west of Deerhorn), Fullerton (west of Deerhorn), & Forester (between Mill & Elkwood)
- 1.0 Lane Miles
- $645,339

Hempstead Drive and Melody Lane Resurfacing Project
- .78 Lane Miles
- $734,056

Millbrook Resurfacing Project
- Millbrook, Leebrook, Woodfield, Streambrook, Timbermill, Allencrest, Shadyoak, Galecrest, Thomasview, Viewcrest, & Ashford
- 2.07 Lane Miles
- $497,536
The Grove Event Center Honored for Excellence in 10th Annual WeddingWire Couples’ Choice Awards

WeddingWire Inc., the leading global online marketplace for the wedding and events industry, annually recognizes the top five percent of wedding professionals on WeddingWire who demonstrate excellence in quality, service, responsiveness and professionalism. The top local wedding professionals in more than 20 service categories from venues to florists are awarded the prestigious accolade. The Grove was recognized as a recipient solely based on reviews from newlyweds and their experiences working with us. Award-winning vendors are distinguished for the quality, quantity, consistency and timeliness of the reviews they have received from their past clients. This is the third Wedding Wire Award for The Grove.
New Programming in 2017
ArtsConnect expanded its programming offered at the Springfield Township Senior and Community Arts Center. There are currently nine professional teaching artists on faculty. Art classes, including watercolors, acrylics, clay hand-building, woodworking, and drawing are ongoing. In 2017, kids had a summer packed with imaginative, creative and fulfilling art projects in the first ever, full-time ArtsConnect Kids Camp. With the success of the camp, a new camp scholarship award program was established by a private donor. The Star Award is awarded to a student artist in camp who exemplifies creativity, respect, communication, kindness, teamwork and a fun-loving attitude toward art and new experiences. One recipient of the award receives fully paid tuition for the following year of camp. The first Star Award was given in 2017.
Springfield Township

Center to it all!