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Grove & Senior Center Director, Thom Schneider
Communications & Marketing Director & ArtsConnect Executive Director, Kimberlee Flamm
Director of Administrative Services, Kathleen Kennedy

Police Department
Fire Department, Station 79
Fire Department, Station 75
Public Works Department
Grove Events Center
ArtsConnect
As your Springfield Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer, we are excited to share with you the various accomplishments and changes in the community that occurred in 2018. We witnessed change in the leadership of our organization with the retirement of our previous Township Administrator, Michael Hinnenkamp and the appointment of Christopher Gilbert as our new Administrator.

Additionally, we celebrated the Township Fire Department’s recognition as the Ohio Fire Department of the Year, navigated through the construction of almost $3 million (35 streets) in Township road resurfacing projects, realized over $7 million in economic development investments, improved our welcome areas with new Township branded gateway signage, and completed the Township’s very first mural to improve the aesthetics and further the growing arts culture in the Township. These are just a few of the accomplishments that can be found in the 2018 Annual Report.

As we celebrate all that was done in 2018, we continue to look ahead and take advantage of opportunities to advance innovative service delivery methods, reduce costs, make infrastructure improvements, and improve the overall quality of life in the Township. As the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer, it is our goal to make Springfield Township the most innovative local government in the region with the sole purpose of providing exceptional service in the most efficient way possible. We hope you are as excited as we are about the accomplishments in 2018 and we’ve already started the work to make 2019 even better.

It's always better living Center to it All!

Sincerely,

Springfield Township Board of Trustees
Mark Berning, Joseph Honerlaw and Gwen McFarlin

Springfield Township Fiscal Officer
Dan Berning
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 center-most 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/Golfway
- 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
- 9 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
- 45216
- 45218
- 45224
- 45231
WEBSITE
Springfield Township’s website is designed to operate like a self-serve kiosk with bold buttons on the home page. Residents and visitors can find phone numbers, forms, front page community news, maps of the township, and ways to report issues and share crime tips online.

VISIT US AT www.springfieldtwp.org

Springfield Township Affiliated Websites:
- The Grove Event Center: www.groveeventcenter.org
- ArtsConnect: www.theartsconnect.us

RESIDENT E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS
Springfield Township is all about a unique, enriching experience. In order to provide more meaningful, relevant, and timely information, the Springfield Township newsletter empowers readers to self-select the content, schedule, and format for delivery.


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Follow Us On Social Media
- facebook.com/springfieltdwp
- facebook.com/theartsconnect
- facebook.com/groveevents
- youtube.com/SpringfieldTownship
- twitter.com/springfieltdwp
CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION - WAYCROSS
The Springfield Township Board of Trustees holds Regular Meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Township Civic Center, 9150 Winton Road. These meetings are recorded and shown LIVE on Waycross Government Access, channel 23 on Spectrum and on channel 853 for Cincinnati Bell Fioptics subscribers. Meetings can also be watched LIVE online.

View Waycross recordings of past trustee meetings, community concerts and the quarterly “Talking with Springfield Township” news show at

www.springfieldtwp.org/283/Watch-Trustee-Meetings

RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
Sign up at www.alerthc.org
Alert Hamilton County (Alert HC) and Smart911 are a joined effort to both notify residents, visitors, and those who work in Hamilton County of emergency situations and other important information, as well as provide an opportunity to create a Safety Profile that can save vital response time during an emergency. With Alert HC, users are able to choose from 42 different alerts they may wish to be notified about to keep themselves and their families safe. This system is completely customizable and allows users to choose which alerts they want to receive and how they want to receive them. Alert Hamilton County can notify users via text message, and email, with phone call notification available for the following alerts: Civil Emergency Message, Civil Danger Warning, Evacuation Immediate, Shelter In Place, Tornado Warning, Flash Flood Warning, Flood Warning, and Municipal Alerts.
BUDGET & FINANCE

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).

Where do my property taxes go?
Springfield Township is committed to financial transparency. Open Checkbook 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 Open Checkbook 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 Open Checkbook portal from the home page of the Township’s website at www.springfieldtwp.org
PROGRESS REPORT
The original Springfield Township Neighborhood Master Plan was published in 2010. The plan was later updated in 2016 with the assistance of a residential steering committee. The following plan recommendations were completed in 2017 and 2018:

FINANCIAL STABILITY
- 5-year renewal of existing 1 mil levy for the Fire Department passed.

INFRASTRUCTURE
- Selected pavement preservation projects rated in GOOD & FAIR conditions to keep them from deteriorating to POOR condition.
- An assessment process is now in place for roads in GOOD & POOR condition
- The Township is continuing with the sidewalk repair program.

HOUSING STRATEGIES
- Expanded the NICE (Neighborhoods Invested in Code Enforcement) program
- Created a new Code Enforcement Division, staffed with Fire Department employees
- Partnered with Hamilton County “Spot Blight Demolition” program
- Established land use strategies aimed at increasing the available land for “Empty-nest” housing
- Partnered with Land Bank to acquire vacant and unproductive properties
- Created Next Door Land Program
PARKS

- Ash tree removal plan has been made and is in progress
- Improvements to Helwig baseball fencing, field drainage and players benches have been made
- Received a grant from Hamilton County Planning + Development to remove old basketball court and install new basketball court at Crutchfield Park
- Parking lot improvements made to Clifford George Park and Hillside Park
- Planted wildflowers and created a natural walking path at Frost and Brentwood Parks
- Schottelkotte Park agreement for exclusive use and maintenance by STAR Soccer Club
- McKelvey Park lease with Great Parks of Hamilton County was discontinued
- Athletic field rentals were increased; Athletic field services improved

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Prepared and executed a marketing and branding plan for the Township
- Facilitated development and redevelopment strategies for the ‘Core Area’ (Center Point Preserve), business districts, and underutilized sites.
- Developed a neighborhood improvement and housing strategy for twelve Township neighborhood districts.
- Utilizing TIFF (Tax Increment Finance Funding) to expedite economic investment and foster redevelopment in the Winton Road Business District.
- Created and administered incentive programs; Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program, Business Improvement Program, Community Reinvestment Area and an Enterprize Zone.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Much of the work in 2018 reflects the Springfield Township Trustees’ continued 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 $2.7 million in road construction projects were completed in 2018. An additional $3 million in projects were completed by Hamilton County for construction on Winton and Daly Roads.

MAKING PROGRESS ON ROAD PROJECTS

- **2016**: 120 Roads (GOOD CONDITION), 160 Roads (FAIR CONDITION), 120 Roads (POOR CONDITION)
- **2018**: 102 Roads (GOOD CONDITION), 132 Roads (FAIR CONDITION), 166 Roads (POOR CONDITION)
- **2019**: 96 Roads (GOOD CONDITION), 109 Roads (FAIR CONDITION), 195 Roads (POOR CONDITION)

Ranchill Estates BEFORE

Ranchill Estates AFTER
# 2018 Public Works Capital Improvement Projects

**Ranchill Estates Resurfacing Project**  
Ranchill, Montoro, & Pacora  
1.1 Lane Miles $937,506

**Lakeview Park Resurfacing Project**  
Lakeside, Lakeshore, Lakepark, Jackpine, Chatterton, & Winlake  
1.4 Lane Miles $459,874

**Greenpine Acres Pavement Preservation Project**  
Greenpine, Springbeauty, Thistle, & Persimmon  
1.29 Lane Miles $252,528

**Wright Farm Meadows Pavement Preservation Project**  
Beech, Thornberry, North Meadowcrest, Heatherdale, Meadowcrest  
- (west segment only)  
0.61 Lane Miles $141,355

**Timberwoods Pavement Preservation Project**  
Springrun, Millspring, Farmhill, & Millfarm  
0.78 Lane Miles $149,171

**Brookview Pavement Preservation Project**  
Meredith, Rockport, Sherborn, New Castle, Westbury  
1.09 Lane Miles $149,955

**Greenfield Village Pavement Preservation Project**  
Timbertrail, Springbrook, Greenfringe  
0.84 $223,588

**Kempermill Village Pavement Preservation Project**  
Cedar creek, Canfield, Centerbrook  
0.89 $252,700

**Desoto Drive Resurfacing Project**  
Desoto  
0.75 $185,000

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35 roads completed by Springfield Township in 2018
**TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES**

**Beech Grove Cemetery** is located on Fleming Road. Springfield Township officially took over the maintenance and care for the abandoned property in 2017 after an extensive process to remove multiple tax liens and combine the parcels. Headstone repairs, topography alterations, tree removals and the gateway improvements were made in 2017. The focus turned to helping families find their loved ones in 2018. RA Consultants was contracted to map every plot using modern GIS technology. Now, families can log onto the township’s website, type in the name they are looking for and locate where their loved one is buried. The map reflects plots for military in blue. The process of identifying burial plots with no headstones has been conducted in one section of the cemetery. This process involves a great deal of research that is ongoing.
NEW INVESTMENT

Over $7 million dollars in new investments were made in Springfield Township. Among the investments:

• Arlington Memorial Gardens is investing $4.8 million for its Celebration of Life Campus which will include a funeral/event center, Cremation Tribute Center, parking, an outdoor patio/gathering area, two ponds, a cremation garden, a cremation pier, gazebo and a walking bridge that will connect walking paths around the ponds. Arlington Memorial Gardens can trace its history back to 1778, has operated as a cemetery since 1934, and is approximately 165 acres in size. Construction of the 6 acre project began in October of 2018 and is on schedule for completion by the fall of 2019.

• Drees continues to invest in the Bridgecreek condominium community. The $2 million construction project for 14 new condos began in 2018. Homes sell for approximately $190,000-$250,000 per unit.

• United Dairy Farmers, on the corner of Winton and Compton Road completed its new storefront in 2018. The 5,678 sq ft building has helped transform the Winton and Compton intersection.

• Citrus Tree completed phase one of its new fresh product market.
BRANDING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
Center to it all!

Springfield Township launched its new branding campaign with the tagline “Center to it All!” in 2017 in a 36-page Cincinnati Magazine feature, street banners, new website, and video. In 2018, gateway signs were designed and installed at the on and off ramps to US126. Additional gateway signs are at the Greenhills/Springfield Township border on Winton Road and at the Winton Road/North Bend Road intersection. The new signs are made from Corian with a lifetime guarantee. The next phase for new signs will include visual markers for the Police, Fire and Public Work facilities. Neighborhood gateway and park signs will be added as a third stage.

BUSINESS MATTERS PROGRAM
Springfield Township began a Business Retention and Expansion Program called “Business Matters!” which aims to connect local businesses to resources they desire. Some of the services offered to businesses by township departments include safety and security consulting, disaster clean-up assistance, and infrastructure recommendations. Regional resources from HCDC, REDI, JobsOhio, and OhioMeansJobs could help businesses with expansion, education and recruitment. In 2018, the Township met with Group Health Associates/ Tri-Health, Meggit Polymers and Composites, Cincinnati Air Conditioning, Sherwin Williams, and the Cincinnati Insurance Company. The most requested follow-up services were for active shooter training by the Police Department, Knox Box information, emergency operations planning advice, CPR classes and recruitment assistance through OhioMeansJobs.
BRENTWOOD BOWL MURAL PROJECT WITH ARTWORKS, ARTSCONNECT, HAMILTON COUNTY PLANNING + DEVELOPMENT & HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Hamilton County Planning + Development and HCDC awarded funding for a mural and pedestrian plaza at Brentwood Bowl through the Community and Economic Development Assistance Program. The mural portion of the project was managed by ArtsConnect, designed by local artist and business owner Joe Castrucci and painted by eleven ArtWorks apprentices. The plaza and lighting was added once the mural was complete.

The project began with a kick-off celebration for the community. The event featured skateboarding demonstrations, screen printing, a community paint-by-numbers mural and free food and bowling, complements of Domino’s Pizza, Freddy’s Steakburgers and Brentwood Bowl. The dedication for the mural took place on April 23, 2019.

“Creatress” has transformed the intersection of Winton and Compton and provides a bit of calm to the otherwise busy intersection.
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 Grant Awards**

- **2018 Business Improvement Grant**: The CIC awarded $20,835 to Brentwood Bowl for exterior building and parking lot improvements to compliment the ArtWorks Mural.

- **2018 Neighborhood Enhancement Grant**: The CIC awarded $5,000 to the Covered Bridge Civic Association for a Neighborhood Gateway Beautification project which included the clearing of brush along the banks and will also include lighting along the historic covered bridge.

- **2018 Residential Incentive Grant**: The CIC issued $206,785 to residents who work and live in the township.

$211,785 in CIC grants allocated to residents and local businesses
ROCK THE BLOCK - WEST COLLEGE HILL
Habitat for Humanity rallied over 300 volunteers in their signature Rock the Block event in West College Hill on Saturday, October 13th. This was Cincinnati Habitat’s 4th and largest Rock the Block since the event’s inception in 2016. Rock the Block was an extension of Habitat for Humanity’s work to revitalize neighborhoods one family, one block, one street at a time. Residents and volunteers teamed up for a one-day blitz to repair, refresh, and restore a neighborhood where Habitat is currently building. The West College Hill event was coordinated with the support of Township staff, local churches, and Habitat for Humanity. Completed projects included minor exterior repairs of sixteen homes, a fresh coat of paint to the playground at Crutchfield Park, and a general neighborhood cleanup involving litter and brush removal. A new basketball court, wildflower field and three community art projects were made possible through the added support of Springfield Township, ArtsConnect and a grant from Hamilton County Planning and Development.

MINI-PLANNING GRANT - WEST COLLEGE HILL
The township applied for a Mini-Planning Grant through Hamilton County Planning and Development, and while the application was not selected for funding, HCP+D felt that it was such a worthwhile cause that their department donated their time to develop the West College Hill Community Renewal Plan. The plan was presented to the West College Hill Community for feedback, and will be finalized in 2019.
Recognized as 2018
Ohio Fire Department of the Year
The Springfield Township Fire Department was named the 2018 Ohio Fire Department of the Year by the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services and the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal. One thousand one hundred and fifty (1,150) fire departments across eighty-eight (88) counties in Ohio are eligible for this award. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, this award honors an Ohio Fire Department that has demonstrated outstanding teaching characteristics and because of these attributes, has made a major impact in fire education in its community and department.

The award was presented on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in a formal ceremony at the Division of State Fire Marshal in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Furthering fire education, the Springfield Township Fire Department conducts a bi-annual fire prevention open house event, Kids Fire Academy summer camp, juvenile fire setters program, college campus fire safety program, firehouse tours, boy and girl scout fire safety programs, elementary school visits with over 1,700 children each year, and fire prevention partnerships with apartment and condominium associations.

For 21 consecutive years, Springfield Township EMS and Fire responses have increased. The run volume makes the STFD the third busiest suburban fire department in Hamilton County. Station 79, located at 9150 Winton Road, is the second busiest suburban firehouse in the county.

In 2017, the Springfield Township Fire Department launched a Code Enforcement Division to provide inspection services for zoning and property maintenance as well as fire inspection for business, schools and daycare facilities. With the addition of the Code Enforcement Division, the Department improved its Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class rating from a Class 3 to a Class 2. ISO class ratings can have a significant influence on property insurance rates, especially for businesses. This exceptional rating has been achieved by less than 3% of fire departments nationwide.

STFD received the 2017 Mission Lifeline EMS silver achievement award and was recently awarded a $200,000 planning grant from the Bethesda Inc. Foundation to develop a community paramedicine service model.
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE MODEL GOES TO REVIEW BOARD

In 2018, the Springfield Township Fire Department and Tri-Health partnered with the support of a Bethesda Inc. grant to explore a model for community paramedicine that could be taken state-wide. Community paramedicine is an emerging field in health care where EMTs and paramedics operate in expanded roles in an effort to connect underutilized resources to underserved populations. “With an increasing number of patients requiring behavioral health care, the future of EMS needs to evolve into a more pro-active approach. In addition to the role we have in emergency care, residents will one day be able to count on our services for much more,” explains Springfield Township Fire Chief, Robert Leininger.

Community Paramedicine is a non-emergency service that is focused on helping residents with physical and mental health needs who do not know how to navigate a complex health care system or know how to obtain free non-medical services such as meals on wheels from nonprofit organizations. The service also extends to the family that is often frustrated with the mental health decline of their loved one.

Mental health decline affects one’s ability to remain independent. The goal of Community Paramedicine is to give residents the necessary support so they can be independent as long as possible. The catalyst for a Community Paramedicine visit can be a follow up to a 911 call or a request by family or friends. By making referrals to the most appropriate health service, this in turn will save money and the resident will hopefully receive better care.

After a year-long study, the Springfield Township Fire Department and Tri-Health partnership developed a model that they believe will help those who are having difficulty managing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and dementia. The Community Paramedicine model provides better access to care service resources, which in turn will help keep these individuals out of the hospital system and onto a path of wellness. A video was created in order to pursue additional funding for implementation of the community paramedicine program on a trial basis. Tri-Health and Springfield Township’s model will undergo review by a panel of experts and funders in the first quarter of 2019.
EMPLOYEE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Employee Innovation Grant Program was created to encourage employees to think critically and push forward ideas on how to improve service, reduce cost, and/or improve the overall organization. As part of the grant process, employees complete an application and submit their idea to the department supervisor. Once submitted, their application is reviewed by a panel of Township Department Heads to determine the viability of the idea and the costs, if any, associated with implementing the idea. If an employee’s idea is awarded the Innovation Grant, their idea is implemented and results are analyzed to determine if it accomplished its objective.

Innovation Grant recipients receive an award and are recognized at the Township’s Employee Appreciation Banquet.

In 2018, Mark Goldick from Public Works was the recipient of the Innovation Grant due to his invention that enables the Township to make curb repairs faster and with less expense. His concrete mold cost less than $50 in materials to create, but saves the Township more than $10,000 annually on curb repairs.
COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

PRESENTED BY ARTSCONNECT
Since 2013, ArtsConnect has been generating exciting community events and inspiring creative art experiences through classroom instruction, camps, hands-on workshops and public art displays. In partnership with Springfield Township, ArtsConnect is your one-stop-shop for entertainment, creativity, fun and inspiration!

COMING SOON:
Renovations to The Grove Event Center and Springfield Township Community Arts Center and the addition of a permanent concert stage will bring about expanded programming in 2020!

32 events
5,600 people

FIRST mural

$58,400
Grants
Sponsorships
& Donations

COMING SOON:
Renovations to The Grove Event Center and Springfield Township Community Arts Center and the addition of a permanent concert stage will bring about expanded programming in 2020!
10 concerts
105 campers
300 free student tickets awarded
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.

Collective Savings of Over $250,000 In 2018

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.

Springfield Township has partnered with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance to bring you the Get Efficient program. Get Efficient offers a number of ways for residents to improve the comfort of their home and save on energy bills.

With the Get Efficient Program, You Can

- Speak with an Energy Advisor to discuss how to address your energy efficiency needs.
- Request to have a member of Get Efficient’s qualified contractor network contact you.
- Sign-up to receive a Try-Light Kit to test out LED light bulbs in your own home.

Learn more today at: www.getefficient.org
Administrative Department Highlights:

- Michael Hinnenkamp retired after 22 years as the Township Administrator. Assistant Administrator, Chris Gilbert, was promoted in March to become the township’s new administrator. Organizational restructuring resulted in an annual savings of over $130,000.

- Springfield Township continued its TruCost health plan and wellness initiative program with a 0% increase in health insurance expenses.

- The Finance Department processed over 2,800 checks, 906 Purchase Orders and 1,115 receipts.

- The Township Administrator represented and successfully negotiated 3 year contract with the Police Department collective bargaining unit.

- Administration implemented a Township Business Retention and Expansion Program to foster a strong working relationship with the business community.

- In conjunction with the Township’s Community Improvement Corporation, the Finance Department processed over 300 Residential Incentive Grants totaling more than $210,000.

- Management conducted two sessions of the Township’s ELITE Training Program, which annually trains the township’s more than 100 full-time employees on topics ranging from federal and state laws and personnel policies to general leadership training. This year training included guest speaker, Paul Hartinger, former City of Blue Ash Police Chief who spoke about deescalation and communication in difficult situations. Supervisor training included guest speaker Randy Gravitt, co-author of “Chess Not Checkers” who spoke on leadership.

- Administration prepared and implemented the Township’s 2018 annual appropriations budget of more than $28 million.

- The management of the township’s health, property and liability insurance programs resulted in a reduction in anticipated costs.

- Administrative and technical assistance continues to be provided to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Commission, Joint Economic Development Boards, and the Community Improvement Corporation.
POLICE DEPARTMENT

STAFFING
50 Sworn Officers
6 Civilian Employees

27,330 Calls For Service
2,948 Adult Arrests Made
135 Juvenile Arrests Made
1,128 Automobile Accidents
3,440 Citations

POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE
Lt. Chris Niehaus and Lt. Nick Peterson graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), a three month long course conducted in Columbus, Ohio and administered by the Law Enforcement Foundation. PELC is an intensive course with the goal of teaching leadership skills and resource allocation techniques to prepare the future leaders of Law Enforcement. Graduates complete 105 class hours, 4 research papers, team projects, and a final capstone presentation. To date 2,204 law enforcement executives have graduated the program.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD
Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services awarded the Springfield Township Police Criminal Investigations Section the 2018 Outstanding Community Partner Award. Holly Mott, lead MUI investigator, presented the award honoring the work of Springfield Township Police. “Many of the cases we refer are difficult to investigate because some victims cannot verbalize how they have been victimized,” said Mott. “This has not stopped Springfield Township Police from aggressively pursuing leads to obtain justice for the victims.”
POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **46 pounds** of medications collected during DEA Drug Take Back Day.
- Received **$2,800 Bullet Proof Vest Grant Funding**
- Hired and trained **one new police officer**.
- Started the **Heroes and Helpers** program with support from a Target grant and employee contributions. Officers volunteered their time to take students from the Mt. Healthy and Finneytown school districts on a holiday shopping trip.
- Officer Ryan Camardo, Officer DeShawn Brooks, Officer Eric Wetterich, Officer Rob Dunaway, and Sergeant Trampas Greer received the 2018 “Life Saving Award” from the Springfield Township Police Department for applying medical assistance to patients with life-threatening conditions. Without their quick response and first aid training, it is likely that the patients would have had grave outcomes. These officers were recognized at the STPD Annual Awards Ceremony.
4,885 Dispatches for Medical Related Emergencies
1,498 Dispatches for Fire Related Emergencies
Serviced 1,700 Fire Hydrants

The 2018 combined Fire and EMS responses reached a historic number of 6,383. This is an increase of 513 emergency responses that equates to an increase of 8.7% compared to 2017.

- Code Enforcement Division - In 2017, the Springfield Township Fire Department (STFD) integrated portions of the former Development Services Department to form the Code Enforcement Division. The Springfield Township Code Enforcement Division provides a comprehensive approach to inspections in the Township by utilizing Fire Inspectors to also enforce the Township Zoning Resolution and Property Maintenance Code. By incorporating these aspects of the former Development Services Department into the Fire Department, the Township is able to provide faster service to those seeking Zoning Certificates and Fire Inspections, and also assist property owners with questions and complaints in a fast and complete manner.

- 265 - Zoning certificates issued

- 1032 - Zoning, Property Maintenance and Nuisances Cases

- Captain Mike Stine and Part-time Inspector/EMT/Firefighter Jeff Morris conducted 99% of the Zoning and Property Maintenance Inspections. Fire inspections were conducted by STFD Fire Safety Inspectors.

- Transitioned to a new cloud based software program, iWorQ, to manage zoning, property maintenance and nuisance cases and permits both in the office and remotely in the field.

- Implemented tablet based fire inspection reporting.

- All Fire Safety Inspectors completed the state mandated – four hour - Fire Code Update.
FIRE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Springfield Township Fire Department’s first LUCAS 3 Physio Control Automatic Chest Compression Device was placed in service in August. The device is now carried in the ALS First Responders. The LUCAS 3 purchase was made possible through a $9,685 grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation and supplemented by Township funds in the amount of $5,252. A second LUCAS 3 was purchased in November.

- During the month of October, firefighters assigned to the Fire Prevention Division visited schools in Springfield Township educating over 1,500 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.

- The Department of Public Safety awarded a $3,500 EMS Training Grant to the department for training material and equipment. The EMS Training Division used the money to purchase two CPR manikins that can measure the depth of compressions and can send electronic data to a computer and six vein lights that are used to locate vascular access.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STAFFING  
14 Full Time Employees  
3 Part Time Employees  
6 Seasonal Employees  
Includes Fleet, Roads, Parks, Property Inspections and Cemeteries

749 Property Maintenance Cases  
153 Abated Nuisances  
833 Online and Phoned In Service Requests

ICE STORM CLEANUP

- Township road crews removed storm damage from 1359 homes from November 15th to January 10th, 2019. During that period of time over 721 cubic yards of brush was collected and chipped.

SERVICE REQUESTS FULFILLED

- Beech Grove Cemetery Concerns: 43
- Curb Repair: 47
- Dead Animal Removal Request: 39
- Debris in Roadway: 49
- Drainage (in yard): 151
- Mailbox Damage From Snow Plow: 2
- Report a Pothole(s): 182
- Sidewalk Issues: 32
- Storm Sewer Issues: 78
- Street Sign Issues: 36
- Tree Issues in Right of Way: 106
- Park Concerns: 68
### Infrastructure Investment

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SENIOR & COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER & GROVE BANQUET HALL

STAFFING
2 Full-Time
9 Building Monitors/Bartenders

Total Rentals - 435
Grove Rentals - 42
Second Best Year in Grove Rental Revenues

AWARDS
For the fourth year, The Grove was recognized with the “WeddingWire Couple’s Choice Award” and received for the first time “The Best of The Knot” award. Both awards are earned based on reviews from clients during 2018, rating the staff’s quality of service, responsiveness and professionalism. These awards reflect the Grove’s dedication to their clients as they strive to provide the same high level of service, following the examples set for by all Township departments.
REPAIRS MADE

Replacement of the obsolete and failing HVAC system at the Community Arts Center was completed in late spring of 2018, following the replacement of the Grove’s HVAC system in 2017. Both buildings completed the retrofitting of the majority of light fixtures to LED technology. After the first full year of system replacements and upgrades, the Grove’s utility costs decreased by over 16% compared to energy costs from 2016. For the partial year of 2018 using the new HVAC system, the Community Arts Center showed a reduced energy cost of just under 26%. Upgrades for both facilities were funded through the tightly restricted TIF District Fund.

ArtsConnect engaged young professionals and senior adults in renovation brainstorming sessions. Feedback regarding new programming and desired facility features were gathered with the assistance of Miami University Business College. Springfield Township will be working with MSA Architect firm throughout 2019 to design a permanent amphitheater and interior renovations to both the Community Arts Center and the Grove. These renovations will bring both buildings up to code and meet the current market demand. The renovations are expected to take place in 2020.
Center to it all!