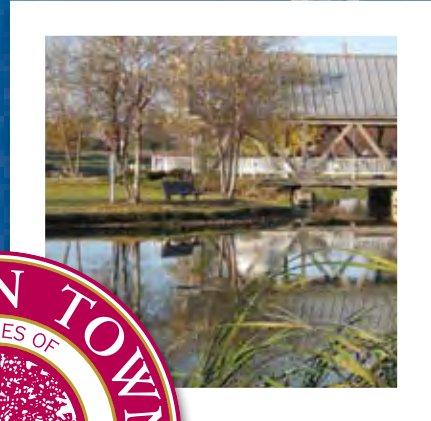


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*Township Administration  
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6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin OH 43016

*Fire Station 91*  
6255 Shier Rings Road

*Fire Station 92*  
4497 Hard Road

*Fire Station 93*  
5825 Brand Road

*Fire Station 95*  
5750 Blazer Parkway

*Homestead Park*  
4675 Cosgray Road

*Kaltenbach Park  
and Community Center*  
5985 Cara Road

*Amlin Crossing Park*  
Cosgray and Rings Roads

*Members of the Township's boards  
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community in a variety of ways including  
policy development, code enforcement,  
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### Fire Code Appeals Board

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# THE NEXT FIVE YEARS



In November, voters approved a 7.25 mill, 5-year levy for ongoing support of Fire Department operations. Among the factors taken into consideration when developing the Department's budget for the next five years were: the large percentage of residents who expressed a high degree of satisfaction with the Fire Department's current level of service, anticipated increases in costs for equipment and supplies due to increased technical requirements and a significant decrease in income from the continued phase out of the State's Tangible Personal Property Tax.

We appreciate your vote of confidence in approving our levy request last November. You can be assured that we will manage your tax dollars for efficiency and performance and leverage partnerships and other local and regional resources to expand our capabilities in the most economical and safe way.

When you call, we will respond quickly with an emergency response team that we believe is second to none in the State of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Allan Woo  
Fire Chief



# FIRE SUPPRESSION

Our firefighters use some of the most advanced tools and supplies in the industry to find the source of the fire, control it, and extinguish it as quickly as possible. The ladder, Engine/Pumper, and Rescue trucks make up our first line of offense in a fire. In 2010, our firefighters were on the scene with firefighting equipment in an average of 6.15 minutes, well below the national average of 11 minutes.

## Future priorities for the Fire Department include:

- 1) Implement cost-saving strategies in operations and personnel management to meet the anticipated loss of revenue from Tangible Personal Property Tax over the next three years.
- 2) Develop a succession plan to address the anticipated retirement of eight of the Department's most experienced Officers within the next four years.
- 3) Partner with the City of Dublin to expand DubLink, a fiber optic communication network, which will interconnect the City of Dublin, Dublin Schools, Dublin businesses and the Township. This network will increase the speed of communication via telephone and the Internet and provide future opportunities for enhanced security, more reliable transmissions between the Dublin 9-1-1 Center and fire stations and provide cost savings for the Township's current and future communication needs.



## KNOW YOUR ABC'S

A fire extinguisher is a handy tool that can prevent a small fire from turning into a larger one, if it is available where and when you need it. Fire extinguishers are handy in the kitchen, garage, and on each floor of your house. The best type of extinguisher for a home is a multipurpose or ABC type, which is designed to work on more than one fuel type. Purchase only those extinguishers tested by an independent laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

The Fire Department offers group training classes which give participants hands on experience using an extinguisher to put out a fire.

P.A.S.S. is an acronym that stands for the four steps to using a fire extinguisher:

**Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep.**

1. **PULL** the locking pin that prevents the handle from moving.
2. **AIM** at the base of the flames. Aiming is important as the contents of most household extinguishers last less than 10 seconds.
3. **SQUEEZE** the handle.
4. **SWEEP** back and forth over the burning area with your back to a clear exit.



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

All Washington Township first responders are both firefighters and emergency medical technicians. This allows managers greater flexibility in staffing response vehicles and contributes to a more well-rounded and better-prepared emergency responder.

On average, 70% of the Fire Department's emergency calls are for emergency medical services (EMS). Last year, emergency medical personnel were on the scene of these emergencies in an average of 5.37 minutes.

**EMS goals for the near future include:**

- 1) Establish a convenient and efficient way for EMS patients to provide feedback about their experience as a patient of Emergency Medical Services and use this feedback to develop training opportunities for staff improvement.
- 2) Upgrade all the Department's EMS vehicles with the most advanced defibrillator/monitor technology. This equipment will enhance our emergency responders' ability to monitor vital signs and life-threatening heart conditions so they can make better-informed decisions about patient care. In addition, the older model monitors that are being replaced will be installed in our fire and rescue trucks so staff on these vehicles will have this important assessment tool at their fingertips, should they arrive at the scene before an EMS vehicle does.
- 3) Develop and implement operational procedures that facilitate compliance with future State and Federal Board of Pharmacy regulations dictating pharmaceutical storage, handling, and security.



## Number of fire calls and EMS calls answered in 2010

Fire - 1316\*

EMS - 3008

\*Fire calls include fires, rescues, and mutual aid with other departments, carbon monoxide investigation, lightning strikes, unintentional smoke alarm system activation, water removal, false alarms, lock outs, foreign odors, gas leaks, open burning, hazardous materials, and animal rescues.

## ONE FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER

Depending on the kind of emergency you experience, you may not be able to communicate important health information to our medics when they arrive to assist you. However, if you complete a Vial of Life form for every member of your family and make them available to first responders, they will have the vital information they need to determine their course of action to address your condition. Vial of Life forms can be downloaded at the Township's web site, [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com)

**VIAL OF LIFE**

The Washington Township Fire Department would like to provide you with a tool to help ensure your family's safety and wellness by expediting your emergency medical treatment and/or transport to a physician's care. We will take this form to the hospital with you.

Complete this two-sided form for every member of your household. Make it readily available to paramedics who enter your home to treat you. The best place to post this information is on the front of your refrigerator.

Date form was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare number: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance number: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home health care agency: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical equipment provider: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a State of Ohio Living Will Declaration or a State of Ohio Durable Health Care Power of Attorney, attach copies below so your wishes will be honored.  Over

help ensure your family's safety and wellness

**VIAL of LIFE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about this and other programs of the Fire Department or to request more VIAL of LIFE forms, contact the Washington Township Fire Department at 941-852-5627.

# FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Through education programs and building inspections, our Fire Inspectors aim to help change people's behavior and living and working environments to reduce or eliminate fire risks.

In 2010, fire prevention inspectors completed 4,191 inspections of businesses, new construction, and home care facilities. Ninety-two education programs were presented to 5,652 youth and adults.

## Future priorities for the Fire Prevention Division include:

- 1) Implement an electronic plan review process in conjunction with the City of Dublin. This green initiative will help staff reduce paper consumption and the likelihood of errors during the review process. It will also accelerate the plan review timetable, help increase staff productivity, and improve customer service.
- 2) Develop a staff succession plan for Inspection staff. Several staff members have limited amount of time before retirement and the Township will be evaluating minimum staffing levels and job descriptions for fire inspectors, including officer positions.
- 3) Update the Dublin and Washington Township Fire Codes. The combination of a new state fire code in the summer of 2011, a modernized Dublin Zoning Code and further exploration of the Bridge Street Corridor Study necessitates a revision of the current fire code approved by Dublin Council and Washington Township Board of Trustees in 2003.



## PHOTOELECTRICS DETECT SMOKE FASTER

Home structures and their contents have changed over the years in ways that make smoldering fires more common than flaming fires. When ignited, materials such as carpeting and upholstered furniture more often smolder than flame, creating life-threatening smoke. To ensure rapid detection of the smoke that results from a smoldering fire, install photoelectric smoke alarms in your home. Currently, about 90% of residential smoke alarms in Dublin homes are the ionization type rather than photoelectric, and won't provide the same protection that a photoelectric type will.

Photoelectric smoke alarms should be installed in lieu of ionization devices in kitchen and bath areas. All other smoke alarms in the house should have both photoelectric and ionization technologies (dual alarm). When a choice has to be made between the two types, residents should always choose the photoelectric smoke alarm devices.



# PARKS AND RECREATION

The Township's three parks each have their own special attractions, which draw visitors from Dublin, Hilliard and many other surrounding communities. The largest park, Homestead, is the most visited (279,000 visitors in 2010) and is best known for its variety of playgrounds, sports courts, water play area, picnic shelters and proximity to the Heritage Rail Trail that extends from Plain City to Hilliard.

Kaltenbach Park has a demonstration prairie and Community Center with three spaces that can be rented for meetings and other activities. Amlin Crossing Park is the smallest of the Township's three parks and is the home of a community gardening program that began in 2010 with 19 gardeners from the immediate area.

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs and program formats to address specific community needs and trends. Current research in the Parks and Recreation field identifies limited time as one of the major barriers adults cite to participating in recreation programs. One of the program formats that the Parks utilizes to address this issue is the drop-in format, which doesn't require pre-registration. The drop-in programs, Wacky Wednesdays and Fun Fridays, are two of the Department's most well attended programs and have the added benefit to the Parks of requiring fewer staff resources for registration, fee collection and instructors.



Implementing strategies like this program format which address residents' needs and control costs at the same time will continue to be a priority for the Parks Department, as the demand for Parks services outpaces the funding available for maintenance and future parks development.

## Future priorities for the Parks Department include

- 1) Secure funding needed for ongoing park maintenance.
- 2) Address the environmental pressures and operational challenges resulting from heavy park use and the growing demand for recreational facilities.
- 3) Expand program offerings for the 7-16 year old population.
- 4) Offer online class registration and facility reservations through the Township's web site.
- 5) Collaborate with the City of Dublin Parks and Recreation Department to integrate the City's and Township's recreation offerings.
- 6) Support park land acquisition for the purposes of preserving areas of significant historic, scenic or recreational importance to our residents.
- 7) Partner with local governmental entities, non-profit organizations and businesses in projects that support shared goals of education, recreation, conservation, and community service.

## GROWING BETTER HEALTH

Making new acquaintances, sharing knowledge, enjoying fresh produce, and being physically active are just a few ways the Township's community gardening program encourages well-being among its gardeners.

Spring 2010 marked the start of the Township's community gardening program at Amlin Crossing Park. A volunteer committee helped plan and prepare the garden beds, develop program guidelines, and secure donations for supplies and equipment from local businesses for the garden.

The abundant harvest provided nutritious fruits and vegetables for gardeners and their families and the Dublin Food Pantry.

The community gardens will increase in size next year, as the demand has already exceeded the limits of the 2010 garden space.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Combined Statement of all funds as of December 31, 2010

This is an unaudited financial statement



\*Township rules require an amount equal to 25% of operating expenditures be carried over to the following year to pay bills during the first quarter of the following year. Because townships are funded primarily through real estate and property taxes, the carryover requirement was established to enable the Township to pay bills until the first half tax settlement in mid March. The remainder is reserved to fund future capital projects, such as open space acquisition and replacement of fire engines and medic vehicles, and debt service obligation.

## Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2010

Revenue receipts	Total
Taxes	16,869,604.96
Charges for Services	2,250.00
Licenses, permits, and fees	36,424.94
Intergovernmental receipts	1,815,602.46
Interest	340,015.10
Transfers in	175,232.00
All other revenue	134,607.37
<b>Total revenue receipts</b>	<b>19,373,736.83</b>

## Expenditure Disbursements

General government	854,611.79
Public safety	16,172,920.39
Public works	30,162.39
Capital outlay	1,466,814.47
Debt service- bond principal payment	60,000.00
Debt service- note principal payment	119,500.00
Debt service- interest and fiscal charges	77,780.00
Transfers out	175,232.00
<b>Total expenditure disbursements</b>	<b>18,957,021.04</b>
<b>Total receipts over (under) disbursements</b>	<b>416,715.79</b>
<b>Total of receipts and other sources over</b>	

**Over(under) disbursements and other uses** **416,715.79**

**Fund cash balances, January 1, 2010** **18,015,825.95**

**Fund cash balances December 31, 2010** **\*18,432,541.74**

## 2010 Schedule of Outstanding Debt

Description Of Issue	Year Issued	Interest Rate	1-Jan-10 Balance	Issued	Retired Balance	31-Dec-10
Street Improvement Bonds	1990	7.25	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	-
Administration Building	2004	1.93	2,100,000.00	0.00	175,000.00	1,985,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,160,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>175,000.00</b>	<b>1,985,000.00</b>

## Assessed Valuation

Real Estate- residential and agricultural	1,544,969,540.00
Real Estate- all other	510,043,480.00
Public Utility (Real Estate)	25,680.00
Public Utility (Personal Property)	31,652,940.00
Personal Property	
<b>Total Assessed Value</b>	<b>2,086,691,640.00</b>





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