

# PARTNERS FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY DUBLIN

2009  
ANNUAL REPORT



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## FACILITIES

### Township

### Administration & Training Center

6200 Eiterman Road  
Dublin, Ohio

### 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

## PARKS AND RECREATION

4675 Cosgray Road  
Hilliard, Ohio

### Homestead Park

4675 Cosgray Road

### Kaltenbach Park & Community Center

5985 Cara Road

### Amlin Park

5468 Cosgray Road



## DEAR RESIDENTS,

With the addition of the land near the Village of Amlin and a few small pockets, Washington Township shares the responsibility for serving twenty-two square miles and 41,000 residents with the City of Dublin. In reviewing this Annual Report, you will notice many ways in which these two local governments collaborate to provide a higher level of service at a lower cost. This partnership with Dublin benefits taxpayers in the incorporated and unincorporated parts of Washington Township.

2009 was a year of planning ahead. We purchased land for a fifth firehouse northwest of Deer Run School so that emergency services will keep pace with growth. Two firehouses were renovated with emphasis on long term cost containment and qualifying for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. The Township again partnered with the City to purchase parkland, thus expanding green space while allowing the City to carry the cost of new park operations. Planning began for the Township's first community garden which you will soon see flowering at the northwest corner of Cosgray and Rings Roads.

Ninety-eight percent of Dublin citizens responding to the recent National Citizens Survey rated fire services provided by the Washington Township Fire Department as *excellent* or *good* and 99% said the same about ambulance or emergency medical services. We are honored by these endorsements and will strive to maintain your trust.

Sincerely,

### DENISE FRANZ KING

Chair, Washington Township Board of Trustees

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THE TOWNSHIP'S FISCAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ENSURE THAT TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS ARE BEING USED RESPONSIBLY. WE HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERY PENNY WE COLLECT AND SPEND.

**JOYCE ROBINSON**  
FISCAL OFFICER

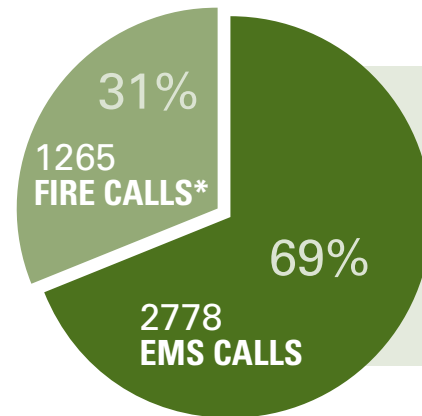


**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT**  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009  
THIS IS AN UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE RECEIPTS	TOTAL
TAXES	16,796,316.54
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	171,165.22
LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES	42,749.03
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIPTS	1,805,185.41
INTEREST	414,574.20
ALL OTHER REVENUE	222,453.29
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>19,452,443.69</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	846,216.24
PUBLIC SAFETY	15,488,748.41
PUBLIC WORKS	38,615.27
CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,098,510.46
OTHER	170,140.00
DEBIT SERVICE - BOND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	55,000.00
DEBIT SERVICE - NOTE PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	110,000.00
DEBIT SERVICE - INTEREST AND FISCAL CHARGES	89,705.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>19,896,935.38</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>(444,491.69)</b>
<b>TOTAL OF RECEIPTS AND OTHER SOURCES OVER</b>	
<b>OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>(444,491.69)</b>
<b>FUND CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2009</b>	<b>18,460,317.64</b>
<b>FUND CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2009</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2009</b>	<b>18,015,825.95</b>

## FIRE SUPPRESSION, RESCUE AND EMS

- Replaced a 1989 engine and 2003 medic, making the oldest medic in our fleet no more than three years old and other front line trucks no more than nine years old. Modernizing our fleet will contribute to an increase in equipment availability and reduce repair costs while providing our staff and emergency victims with equipment that promotes safety and state-of-the-art patient care.
- Built trench and confined space rescue training facilities, enhancing the department's ability to train in these two high-risk disciplines as frequently as is needed while keeping the risk of firefighter injury to a minimum. Construction projects, gas leaks and storage tanks are some of the high-risk environments that this scenario-based training addresses.
- Purchased five acres in the northwest region of the Township's response area for a fifth fire station. A station in this location will serve the northern most area of the Fire Department's response district, a region that is currently three and a half miles from any of the Township's existing stations. As this area continues to be developed, the anticipated increase in emergency call frequency will warrant the addition of a new station to minimize emergency response times.
- Developed a public health emergency plan for influenza-like illness, outlining options for delivery of emergency medical care by providers employed by Washington Township Fire Department for use during a declared public health emergency. This plan was integrated into the Township's comprehensive disaster response and recovery plan.
- Served as one of the Franklin County Health Department's designated H1N1 vaccination sites for Township and City of Dublin staff members. In addition, all Township Paramedics were trained to administer public vaccinations should a health emergency be declared.
- Replaced firefighters' fire jackets and pants, ensuring all emergency personnel meet the current standards of the National Fire Protection Association. The fabrics and features of this gear are highly specialized and designed to provide protection against heat and other physical and chemical dangers firefighters encounter during rescues. Important safety elements in the new gear, such as a built-in rappelling harness and built-in drag strap, increase the likelihood that firefighters will escape or be rescued if they become trapped.



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

AS A PARAMEDIC, I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, EVERY DAY, TO MAKE SURE MY PATIENTS RECEIVE THE QUALITY CARE THEY DESERVE.

JOHN NICHOLS  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

144  
FIREFIGHTERS

4043  
TOTAL  
EMERGENCY  
CALLS

SAFETY GEAR FOR  
ONE FIREFIGHTER  
\$5,800





WE OFTEN MEET OUR RESIDENTS IN TRYING AND STRESSFUL TIMES. IT IS ESPECIALLY REWARDING TO ME WHEN WE CAN HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST.

**MARCINE SMITH**  
LT. FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

EQUIPPED MEDIC  
**\$200,000**

EQUIPPED ENGINE  
**\$350,000**

**FIRE PREVENTION**

- Supported Dublin’s Building Department as a reviewer of the fire safety systems and building access features for more than 404 commercial development plans. This cooperative relationship between the City of Dublin and Washington Township illustrates a unified commitment to providing excellent service to commercial and residential clients.
- Partnered with the LiveSafe Foundation as a regular contributor of fire and life safety information for [www.live-safe.org](http://www.live-safe.org).
- Authored a weekly safety column in the Suburban News Publication Dublin News.
- Recognized by the Ohio Building Officials Association, Fire Marshal Alan Perkins was awarded Fire Official of the Year for his contribution to the fields of public safety and fire code enforcement. Washington Township is the only Fire Department in Ohio to have two individuals who have received the award.
- Investigated 27 fire incidents, 16 of which were in residential dwellings and two in commercial locations. Causes included juvenile fire setters, cooking, lightning strikes, electrical systems and equipment failures.
- Provided nine mutual aid responses as part of the Northwest Area Strike Team’s Fire Investigation unit to Upper Arlington, Norwich, Liberty, Jerome and Concord Townships.

**2,868**  
BUILDING INSPECTIONS

**4,191**  
FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS



**SAFETY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The Fire Department provides a comprehensive community fire and injury prevention education program that is designed to eliminate or mitigate situations that endangers lives, health, property, or the environment.

- Presentations were offered in fire station tours, classrooms, and day camps. Training programs included CPR and First Aid certification, hands-on fire extinguisher use for schools and local businesses and practicing two fire escape techniques with youth and their caretakers using Sparky’s Safety House.
- Awareness programs included the annual fire station open house during Fire Prevention Week, Department representation at special events, business health fairs, and community gatherings. Brochures, fact sheets, themed displays, and the Wheel of Safety game helped staff increase public awareness of important fire and life safety messages.
- Certified Car Seat Technicians assisted caretakers in securing child car seats and provided information about passenger safety laws and product recalls.

Program Type	Number of Occurrences	Youth	Adults
Presentation	108	4,449	1,526
Training	144	1,606	2,342
Awareness	29	3,949	3,806
Car Seat Fitting	632		632
<b>Total</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>10,004</b>	<b>8,306</b>



I'M EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS AND SAFETY EDUCATION THAT HAVE RESULTED IN MINIMAL FIRE LOSSES AND MADE OUR COMMUNITY, HOMES, AND BUSINESSES SAFER FOR RESIDENTS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

**ALAN PERKINS  
FIRE MARSHAL**



IT IS AN HONOR TO WORK FOR THE RESIDENTS IN OUR TOWNSHIP, WHO VALUE OUR COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT US WITH EQUIPMENT THAT ENABLES US TO DO IT IN THE SAFEST WAY POSSIBLE.

**DALAN ZARTMAN**  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC



## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Maintenance and Improvements

#### *The Homestead*

- Installed two lifelines at the pond for use by first responders in rescues, should the need ever arise.
- Installed 11 picnic tables and four charcoal grills.
- Repaired the cupola at the Lakeside Pavilion.
- Purchased an inflatable “bounce house” for use at special events and an indoor volleyball net for Seniors’ chair volleyball.

#### *Kaltenbach Park & Community Center*

- Replaced a landscape retaining wall between the two playground areas.
- Renovated the restroom and gazebo.

### Programs and Events

- Sponsored 25 events/programs for Seniors.
- Delivered 16 classes for 287 youth and adults.
- Featured five award-winning entertainment acts for 1000 residents who attended the Homestead Park free Summer Entertainment Series.
- Attracted more than 10,000 at the annual special events: Touch-a-Truck, Homestead Harvest, Fun Fridays and Wacky Wednesdays.
- Established a vegetable garden plot at Kaltenbach Park with the Seniors group.
- Recruited garden committee members to assist in the development of a community garden at Amlin Crossing Park.

### Stretching the Budget

- Secured sponsorships and grants totaling \$11,050 from Giant Eagle, the Hilliard Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio to support special events, print promotional brochures, and to support the purchase of eleven recycled content picnic tables.
- Utilized more than 100 volunteers who contributed 755 hours toward Parks projects and events, a labor cost savings of \$15,283.

### Environmental Stewardship

- Joined central Ohio communities in signing the Green Pact, a commitment to enhancing and protecting the quality of life and economic vibrancy of the region by taking steps to protect air and water quality, preserve natural resources, increase green space, reduce consumption of raw materials and increase recycling.
- Participated in “Eco Dublin” with a display and information for residents about butterfly gardens and the value of landscaping with native plants.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

The Township contracts with the Franklin County Engineer's Office to provide engineering services, road inspections, sub-contract necessary work, and oversee road projects. In 2009, surface repairs were completed on Fishel Drive South, Frizelle Avenue, Third Avenue, Alley 1730, the Washington Township Community Center parking lot, and Homestead Park drive.

## ZONING

The Zoning Department is responsible for enforcement of the Zoning Code within the unincorporated area of the township, issuing permits, assisting residents and property owners with zoning and land use questions and for providing informational assistance to the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. In 2009, the Zoning Inspector:

- Issued six zoning certificates for additions to homes and garage structures.
- Partnered with Franklin County to update the Statewide Uniform Residential Building Code.
- Worked with the Franklin County Board of Health on the abatement, control and removal of vegetation, refuse, and debris.
- Updated the Washington Township zoning map with assistance from the Franklin County Development Department.

**3**  
PARKS

**60**  
ACRES

MORE THAN  
**266,000**  
VISITORS

**712**  
FACILITY  
RESERVATIONS



IT'S REWARDING TO SEE THEIR SMILES AND HEAR THEIR LAUGHTER DURING MY PRESENTATIONS, BUT WHAT I THINK ABOUT MOST WHEN IT'S OVER IS THE POTENTIAL FOR OUR SAFETY MESSAGES TO SAVE THEIR LIVES. TO ME, THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT.

**BOB WESTBROOK**  
FIRE INSPECTOR/SAFETY EDUCATOR



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