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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

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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
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4675 Cosgray Road

KALTENBACH PARK & COMMUNITY CENTER

5985 Cara Road

AMLIN PARK

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DEAR RESIDENTS

Being a service provider for Dublin and Washington Township residents is always exciting, for both the challenges it presents and the satisfaction we, as public servants feel when you tell us we've hit the mark in meeting your expectations.

We make it a point to be accessible so it's easy for you to get the information you need and also provide feedback. Our web site, extended office hours, and social media presence provide reliable access points to our Trustees and department leaders, who are eager to answer your questions and use your opinions and thoughts to help guide future business operations decisions.

As change is the only thing that is constant in Dublin, or anywhere for that matter, we make it a priority to work with the City of Dublin and other municipalities, organizations, and community leaders to synchronize our efforts so we remain economical and relevant to your lives.

In this report, we highlight the programs and services that have been relevant to you and your loved ones. We expect our business to change to meet the changing needs of our community. So, while our commitment to serve you in the most cost-effective way will never change, we invite you to take an active role in making sure we are always there for you, your family, our community.

Sincerely,
Allan Woo
Fire Chief

FOR YOUR CHILDREN

CAR SEAT FITTING

The Fire Department's child car seat fitting experts helped more than 500 parents, grandparents and child care providers learn how to secure child safety seats properly in their vehicles and identify any safety recalls on their particular seat. Our certified car seat technicians complete a 32-hour training course and must re-train every two years to maintain their certification. This program is offered two days a week, by appointment, at no charge.

FIRE SAFETY CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Fire safety educator, Bob Westbrook, brings fire safety messages to life through the use of music, humor and his two puppet friends, Jimmie and Twitter. Last year, Inspector Westbrook taught thousands of students how to Stop, Drop and Roll and Get Out and Stay Out.

TEEN DRIVING ROADeo

As a partner in the Dublin Kiwanis Teen Driving ROADeo event, firefighters presented demonstrations on accident scene rescue procedures, and shared safe driving and driver emergency tips.

CPR CERTIFICATION

A partnership between the Dublin Schools and the Fire Department provides every student participating in a high school health class with the opportunity to earn a certification in CPR as part of their coursework. The Fire Department provides an instructor, certified by the American Heart Association, to deliver the program to health classes in all three Dublin High Schools at no charge. Last year, 1172 students earned a CPR with AED certification through this program. In addition to this school-based program, the Fire Department certified 1028 adults in CPR and 1005 in first aid through Saturday and weekday evening classes.

RECREATION CLASSES

A variety of recreation classes provides Township residents with the opportunity to do something they love or to find new avenues for learning and enjoyment. Classes are offered year round for youth and adults.

FIRE STATION TOURS

Residents are welcome to stop by any of our four fire stations for a tour of our facilities to learn about our operations, daily training and equipment. Our firefighters work 24-hour shifts, so visitors see a work place and a "home away from home" when they visit.





FOR YOUR FAMILY

FREE HOME HAZARD CHECKS

Our Fire Prevention Inspectors will check your home for safety hazards and identify issues they believe could create a dangerous situation. Safety kits with an easy-to-use hazard checklist are also available upon request or from our website.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

Free, live, summertime family entertainment is a weekly feature at the Homestead Park every July. By partnering with Giant Eagle, which sponsors the entertainers, these events can be offered at no charge. Last year, nearly 800 people attended the four-event series.

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

The Fire Department celebrates National Fire Prevention Week in October by hosting an annual open house at our fire stations with activities, events and information aimed at promoting a better understanding of how to prevent fires and fire hazards.



FAMILY FRIENDLY FESTIVALS

The Homestead Harvest is the Parks Department's premier annual two-day event, attracting more than 5000 visitors each year for family fun, entertainment, and outdoor recreation. A generous donation from Giant Eagle has supported many activities offered at this event including roving entertainers, games, hay rides, and the annual scarecrow building contest.

NEWSLETTER

The Township's newsletter, The Scribe, is published twice a year and delivered to every household and business in Dublin and Washington Township. According to the last Dublin community survey, 62% of those who responded said they rely on The Scribe for information about Washington Township's programs and services.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ACTIVE

Paved paths, playgrounds, game courts, picnic shelters, a pond, demonstration prairie, water play area, and self-guided fishing and nature exploration kits are just few of the resources residents enjoy during their visits to either Homestead or Kaltenbach Park. Open every day of the year, these two parks attracted over 251,000 people in 2011.





FOR YOUR PARENTS

CELEBRATE SENIORS

The Fire Department participates in Dublin's annual Celebrating Seniors event at the Dublin Recreation Center by offering blood pressure checks and information on a variety of safety topics that are pertinent to seniors including the Vial of Life program, Preventing Falls, and Cooking Safety.

SENIOR STARS

The Parks and Recreation Department hosts a bi-monthly gathering for seniors at the Community Center. Chair volleyball, potlucks, bingo, and cards are a few of the activities that are offered at no cost to any Township senior who is interested to participate.

FOR THE COMMUNITY

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Fire Department provides staffed educational displays at several health and safety fairs, sponsored by local businesses. Blood pressure checks, emergency preparedness, home hazards, and seasonal safety risks are some of the services and topics covered at these events.

Businesses can also take advantage of group fire extinguisher training using a special piece of equipment that offers hands-on experience extinguishing live fires.

HEALTHY DUBLIN

Township staff serve on the steering committee for the City of Dublin's Healthy Dublin program, a community-wide wellness initiative designed to engage residents in educational and recreational activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. As a Healthy Dublin partner, the Township assisted in the planning and presentation of the kick-off event and continues to support the program's marketing and promotional goals.

GIVING BACK

Washington Township Firefighters Local 3036 held two fund raising events to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), an organization whose mission is to help people with any one of 40+ neuromuscular diseases. The 6th Annual Firefighters' Ball in March raised nearly \$30,000. The Labor Day weekend Fill the Boot event raised \$9999.96. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the Ball and all of the collected donations from the Fill the Boot campaign were donated to the MDA of Central Ohio.

Both the Fire and Parks Departments held events to benefit charitable organizations that serve the hungry. Community gardeners donated 885 pounds of produce to the Dublin Food Pantry. Four hundred-sixty pounds of canned goods were collected for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at the Touch-a-Truck event. Staff members also donated \$1377 to the Dublin Food Pantry and \$202 to the Capital Area Humane Society.



DUBLIN IRISH FESTIVAL

The Fire Department plays an integral role in the City's annual Dublin Irish Festival. Fire inspectors inspect tents and monitor cooking procedures and equipment. Paramedics staff three EMS stations and a mobile EMS Bike Patrol. Pre-planning with the Dublin Police Department and event leaders helps ensure smooth evacuations in the event of an emergency. Our full-time presence at the event requires a commitment of 440 hours of staff time, in addition to equipment and supplies necessary to accommodate medical needs that can arise at an event where attendance exceeds 100,000.

COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE

Stations 92 and 93 each have a meeting room that is available for use by small groups such as scouts, chess clubs, and other community and non-profit organizations. The training room at the administration building is also available to residents and local non-profit community groups on an as-available basis.

PARK PAVILIONS

People from all around Central Ohio rent our park shelters for picnics, reunions, receptions, and other special occasions. The facilities are reasonably priced and the park setting is especially appealing to those who also use the nearby game courts, playgrounds and paved paths. Reservations for shelters, pavilions, and meeting rooms topped 700 last year, a testament to the need for recreational space for group gatherings and celebrations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND PASSION

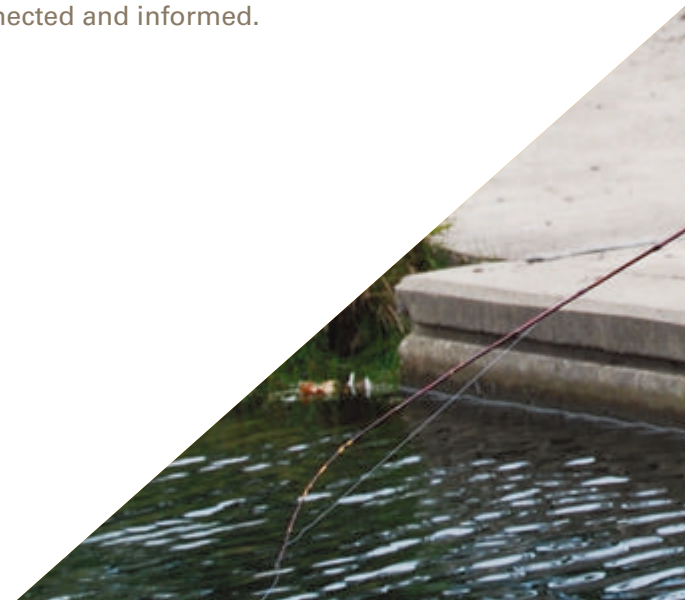
Volunteers donated 1306 hours assisting staff with maintenance projects and at special events. Large-scale special events like Homestead Harvest and Touch a Truck would not be possible without volunteers, as seven of the Parks' ten staff members work only part-time.

COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ECO PROGRAMS

The community gardening program nearly doubled in size from 24 to 40 plots to accommodate resident interest in this popular activity. Three new ecology and gardening-focused programs, Gardening 101, Rain Barrels, and Backyard Conservation attracted 75 participants. The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District used a grant to subsidize the cost of the rain barrels they made available to each participating household.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook and Twitter are the latest tools the Township is using to learn more about what residents think, need, and want from their local government. Portable access through a smart phone makes these communication channels a convenient way to follow, comment on and inquire about what's happening in the Township/Dublin. As the number of regular users of social sites is rapidly increasing, the Township anticipates a corresponding steady increase in the number of residents who will utilize this option for staying connected and informed.



GRIDSMART

The Parks took advantage of the American Electric Power's gridSMART program, which offered the Township a rebate on the purchase of high efficiency light bulbs. The \$5,000+ the Township received through this program paid for 30% of the cost of fluorescent and LED bulbs needed for 162 interior and exterior fixtures. These higher efficiency bulbs have an anticipated longer life and, in some cases, require less wattage, making them less expensive to operate. Based on current electricity use at the Homestead and Kaltenbach Parks, the Township expects to recover the cost of these bulbs in three years through electricity cost savings.





FOR YOUR SAFETY

HEART MONITORS

Three LifePak15 heart monitors were purchased, making it possible for every responding vehicle in the Fire Department to carry one of these vital pieces of equipment. As a result, no matter which crew responds to an emergency, all our vehicles now have access to a state-of-the-art mobile cardiac monitoring device to measure oxygen saturation levels and provide defibrillation or cardiac pacing. All of these treatment procedures are vital in providing quality, critical patient care. The new monitors also give us a fast, reliable way to check for carbon monoxide exposure.

COST SAVINGS IN EMS

Software to manage EMS supplies inventory was implemented in 2011 as a tool to help reduce medical supply costs. The software uses barcode technology to track inventory as it is taken from stock and made part of the active inventory on our medic vehicles. The software also streamlines the purchase process by automatically generating purchase orders based on target inventory levels and current stock on hand. After a purchase order is reviewed, the EMS Manager can forward it directly to an approved vendor, a process that is much more efficient, accurate and reliable than doing it manually. The system is expected to save more than \$8,000 annually.

FAST RESPONSE

When Washington Township Fire Department is dispatched on an emergency, our goal is to have every piece of equipment that is needed at the scene in less than nine minutes, 90% of the time. Last year, our response times far exceeded this goal. We were on the scene of our EMS calls in an average of 5.5 minutes and in an average of 6.5 minutes on our fire calls.

One factor that contributes to our efficiency in responding is the location of our four fire stations, which are positioned in close proximity to the largest population centers in the Township.

Since 70% of Washington Township's emergency calls are for medical emergencies, it is important that every station's service district have a medic available at all times. To address this need, the Department operates medics from Stations 92, 93, and 95 and a squad with EMS capability from Station 91.

WEEKLY NEWS COLUMN

Smoke Signals is a weekly fire safety column, written by Fire Marshal Alan Perkins and published in the Dublin News. Column topics correspond with seasonal fire safety issues so residents can make use of the information right away.

SPECIAL RESCUES

To be able to help people in emergencies, no matter where they are, firefighters must train for a wide variety of environmental conditions. Through scenario-based training, first responders hone their skills by practicing with equipment and environmental challenges inherent to many types of rescue situations. As a result, the Fire Department is ready and able to perform quickly in emergencies involving water, ice, trench, confined space, high angle, hazardous materials, and automobile extrication.

With a number of instructors certified in these rescue disciplines, the Department is able to offer training as needed and more cost-effectively than if it were to employ instructors from outside the Department. These certified rescue technicians also serve on regional task force teams assisting with large-scale events throughout Central Ohio.

TRAINING

Technical training is part of every day life as a Washington Township Firefighter/Paramedic. Changes in the Fire, EMS, and technical rescue arenas warrant continuous training to keep current and proficient on the latest technologies, procedures, and equipment. Acquiring new equipment and safety gear, updating medical protocols, and changes in staffing, automobile design and technologies, building construction and techniques, and local, State and Federal regulations are some of the more common topics around which training is focused.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY CALLS

Fire	139	3%
EMS	2869	70%
Other*	1079	26%
Total	4087	

*includes rescues, carbon monoxide investigation, lightning strikes, unintentional smoke alarm system activation, water removal, lock outs, foreign odors, gas leaks, open burning, and hazardous materials.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**Combined Statement of all funds as of December 31, 2011.
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 is received in March. The remainder is reserved to cover the loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax and 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, 2011

Revenue receipts	Total
Taxes	19,691,429.35
Charges for Service	17,352.00
Licenses, permits, and fees	42,172.67
Intergovernmental receipts	2,188,637.33
Interest	215,834.41
Transfers in	173,699.42
All other revenue	96,681.06
Total revenue receipts	22,425,806.24

Expenditure Disbursements	
General government	872,850.51
Public safety	16,218,672.80
Public works	105,961.64
Capital outlay	613,971.49
Debt service – bond principal payment	Debt retired
Debt service – note principal payment	120,000.00
Debt service – interest and fiscal charges	74,330.00
Transfers out	173,699.42
Total expenditure disbursements	18,179,485.86
Total receipts over (under) disbursements	4,246,320.38
Total of receipts and other sources over	0.00

Over (under) disbursements and other uses	4,246,320.38
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2011	*18,432,541.74
Fund cash balances, January 31, 2011	22,678,862.12



2011 SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

Description	Year Issued	Interest	1-Jan-11	Issued	Retired	Balance 31-Dec-11
Administration Building	2004	1.93	1,985,000.00		120,000.00	1,865,000.00
Total			1,985,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	1,865,000.00

TOWNSHIP 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	0.00



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