A Report to our Citizens - 2016
Jefferson Township, Franklin County

About Jefferson Township
Voters in Jefferson Township elect three trustees and one fiscal officer to govern. Your trustees are Rich Courter, Mike Rowan, and Claire Yoder. Ken Jones is your fiscal officer.

The trustees appoint residents to four boards and commissions to oversee and advise on various township services including parks and community events, rezoning and development cases, zoning variance applications, and the operation of the Jefferson Water and Sewer District.

Jefferson Township is an exceptional place to live. Our priorities have been shaped by input from our community and form the basis for decision making in the township.

A continued priority is transparency and communication. This annual report identifies what was accomplished in 2015, the services your tax dollars support, and what we’re investing in for 2016.

As we strive to improve communications and transparency, we encourage residents to contact us with questions, comments, and suggestions.

Rich Courter, Mike Rowan, Claire Yoder, and Ken Jones

2015 Priorities

Invest in Infrastructure: The passage of the Road Levy in November enabled the Township to begin short term and long term planning for the repair and maintenance of township roads and stormwater systems.

Promote Efficient Government: A major goal of 2015 was the completion of a performance audit by the Auditor of State’s office. Even prior to receiving the final report, your trustees began to implement many cost saving changes recommended by the audit.

Expand Transparency and Communications: In 2015, your trustees voted to become one of the first local governments to join OhioCheckbook.com, a first of its kind website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax dollars are being spent. View our data at jeffersontownshipfranklin.ohiocheckbook.com

2015 Snapshot

47.67 MILES OF ROAD
700+ ACRES OF OPEN SPACE
4,587 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
2,110 FIRE/EMS RESPONSES 71% EMS
85 ACRES
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 2015

Revenues by Source

- **76%** property and other local taxes
- **12%** intergovernmental licenses, permits, and fees
- **11%** misc. sources, special assessments, and interest
- **1%** interest

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Expenditures by Type

- **60%** fire and ems services
- **11%** parks and recreation
- **11%** zoning and planning
- **5%** debt payments
- **5%** township administration
- **8%** roads and stormwater
- **2%** county health dept.

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Notes:

1. The majority of township revenue comes from property and other local taxes. This includes gas tax, inside millage, and voted levy funds.

2. In 2015, the township received $95,759 in funding from the NatureWorks state grant program to make site improvements and replace playground equipment at Blacklick Ridge Community Park.

3. Fire and ems expenditures include the operation of the fire department, including the station, equipment and supplies, capital purchases, and firefighter-paramedic salaries and benefits.

4. Township Administration includes human resources, resolution and policy creation, and the operation of the fiscal office.

5. Roads and stormwater expenditures include the repair and maintenance of all township roads, as well as snow removal and stormwater management.

6. Parks and recreation includes maintenance and capital improvements in township parks, and our community events.

7. Zoning and planning reflects expenditures for the zoning and building department, and work on the comprehensive plan update.

8. Payments to the Franklin County Health Department are required of all townships.
WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH IN 2015?

Fire & EMS
• Replaced the front line command vehicle used daily by your battalion chiefs.
• Focused on core emergency medical services by selling the township’s ladder truck, and utilizing the funds to replace the front line medic.
• Facilitated a “Good Samaritan” safety initiative by installing 10 automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in township facilities and vehicles, and training all employees in CPR and lifesaving efforts.
• Hosted over 1,000 attendees at the annual Fire Prevention Open House in October.
• Responded to 2,110 fire and ems calls, 71% of which were for emergency medical services.
• Logged 3,000+ hours of fire/ems staff development and continuing education.
• Installed 77 infant and child car seats. 68% of all seats inspected had been installed improperly.

Roads and Stormwater
Crack Sealing
In 2015, the following roads were crack sealed:
• Jefferson Estate Drive and Court
• Skelton Lane and Court
• Creekwood Estates Drive
• Maple Leaf Circle and Court
• Northmont Drive and Court

Stormwater Management
The following stormwater management projects were completed in 2015:
• Reclaimed 500 feet of ditch on Havens Road
• Reclaimed 300 feet of ditch on Kennedy Road
• Replaced 113 feet of storm tile on Mann Road, Havens Road, and Longstreth Park Place

Snow Removal
In 2015, the service crew was responsible for clearing snow and ice from 47.67 miles of road, using approximately 465 tons of salt.

Parks and Recreation
• Made site improvements and replaced playground equipment at Blacklick Ridge Community Park. This project was made possible with $95,759 in funding from the NatureWorks grant program and $16,600 in donations from the Blacklick Ridge Estates Homeowners Association.
• Hosted the township’s first ever Easter Egg Hunt in March, and several events throughout the summer, such as the Ice Cream Social and Touch a Truck event in July, and the 32nd annual Halloween Party in October.

Zoning and Planning
Zoning
The zoning and building department completed a comprehensive update of the township’s zoning resolution, which became effective in fall of 2015. The department also processed 53 applications for new single family homes.

Comprehensive Plan
In 2015, the township held several visioning meetings for the comprehensive plan, formed steering committees, and began work on a draft plan. The areas of focus are land use and economic development, infrastructure, and public safety.
WHAT ARE WE INVESTING IN FOR 2016?

Below is an overview of the goals and priorities that your Trustees and township staff will be investing time, effort, and funds in for 2016.

Fire and EMS
- Increase the impact of our public safety education by adding courses applicable to our community’s needs and wants.
- Replace lifesaving equipment, including heart monitors, CPR devices, and thermal imaging cameras with cutting edge technology to more effectively deliver services.
- Continue to proactively document and analyze community needs and response data for future use.

Parks and Recreation
- Expand the level of public involvement in parks and community events, and continue to offer a high level of inclusive and family oriented community events.
- Seek grant funding to replace the playground equipment at Jefferson Community Park, which was installed in the mid-1990’s.

Roads and Stormwater
72% of our 2016 capital project budget is dedicated to road improvements.

Crack Sealing and Resurfacing
In 2016, $50,000 has been budgeted for crack sealing on township roads. $525,000 has been budgeted to resurface approximately 4 miles of township roads. See our State of the Township presentation for a complete list of proposed roads.

Zoning and Planning
Zoning
In 2016, a major priority of the zoning and building department is to improve efficiency by streamlining department processes.

Comprehensive Plan
Work on the Comprehensive Plan will continue in 2016 with the development of a draft plan from community input and demographic analysis. The final plan is scheduled for adoption this summer.

2016 Capital Projects

- 49% road repaving
- 23% local match for road grants
- 11% fire station equipment
- 6% service dept. repairs
- 2% parks and recreation
- 2% other

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