



Powell

2018 City of Powell ANNUAL REPORT

Ranked 15th Best Place to Live in America by USA Today



Greetings,

In 2018, we had the privilege and opportunity to work with our residents through the creation of the Citizen Financial Review Task Force and our biennial Community Attitude Survey. We also accomplished goals set forth in our Keep Powell Moving plan and broke ground on our ninth park – Seldom Seen Park. Watch our year in review video by visiting our website www.cityofpowell.us.

CITIZEN FINANCIAL REVIEW TASK FORCE

City Council created the Citizen Financial Review Task Force at the beginning of 2018 to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's current and future financial position, identify cost-containment efforts and other solutions the City could implement to sustainably fund capital maintenance needs. The 18-member committee, comprised of a cross-section of residents and business owners, spent more than 300 volunteer hours learning how the money comes in and how the City spends it to maintain the streets, bike paths, parks and traffic signals we all use.

The Task Force recommended that City Council put forth a ballot measure this past fall that would raise the \$2 million needed for deferred and future capital maintenance needs. This income tax measure was turned down by voters. City Council will continue to work with the community to explore other options to fund the City's capital maintenance needs.

COMMUNITY ATTITUDE SURVEY FINDINGS

The City collaborated with Columbus-based Saperstein Associates, Inc. to conduct a biennial Community Attitude Survey in the winter. This research gives residents of Powell a voice. It allows the voting public to express opinions on myriad issues – and, in doing so, provides City officials important data as planning for the future continues.

Residents were asked over the phone about a variety of topics pertaining to Powell, from what they like most about living in the City to what public officials should consider to be top priorities for the future.

A report of the findings are available at www.cityofpowell.us/about/.

KEEP POWELL MOVING

Powell City Council approved the **Keep Powell Moving Plan** in late 2016 as an effort to improve traffic circulation, add parking and increase walkability and bicycling in our community.



Many projects were completed in 2018 by the City and our regional transportation partners to further along the mission to Keep Powell Moving:

- Delaware County opened the Jewett Road roundabout.
- New traffic signal installed at Grace Drive and Liberty Street intersection.
- Detour signage was installed to reroute traffic away from the Olentangy and Liberty Street intersection.
- Enforcement blitz conducted by the Powell Police Department at the Olentangy and Liberty Street intersection to ensure motorists are not making illegal left turns during prohibited timeframes.
- Improvements were made on the City's section of Presidential Parkway and Sawmill Road.

SELDOM SEEN PARK

Crews broke ground on the City's ninth park – Seldom Seen Park – this past spring. Seldom Seen Park is a 23-acre active park site along the north side of Seldom Seen Road west of the railroad tracks. The new park is on track to open later this year and will feature several athletic fields, multiuse paths, an extensive wetland area and a natural playground.

This new park is one of the key components of the City's 10-year capital improvement projects plan. Powell voters passed a \$7 million bond levy to fund a portion of capital improvements needed in the City during the Nov. 2012 election. Funds were used for the Murphy Parkway Extension, bike path connections and repairs, traffic signals, park improvements and the first phases of Seldom Seen Park.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2019?

This year we will see progress on many commercial developments, including Traditions Plaza, Center at Powell Crossing and Armita Plaza – all within walking distance of our downtown. We're also continuing to work with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center on the proposed healthcare facility at the northeast corner of Sawmill Parkway and Home Road.

As always, check our website at www.cityofpowell.us for up-to-date news and information. We hope to connect with you at one of our upcoming Coffee with the Mayor and City Manager events or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, NextDoor or LinkedIn.

We wish you a happy and healthy 2019!



MAYOR JON C. BENNEHOOF



CITY MANAGER STEVE LUTZ

2019

WATCH SPECIAL EVENTS

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Friday, May 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

Monday, May 27, 10 a.m.
Downtown Powell & Greater Powell Veterans Memorial

LOLLI-POPS SUMMER CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES

Monday, June 3, July 8 & Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m.

POWELL FESTIVAL

Friday, June 21, 5-11 p.m.
Saturday, June 22, noon-11 p.m.

MYSTERY NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6-9 p.m.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Saturday, Oct. 19, 6-8 p.m.

CANDY BY THE CARLOAD

Saturday, Oct. 26, 4-6 p.m.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

HOLIDAYS IN POWELL

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2-6 p.m.

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW:

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SUMMER CAMP RECAP:

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POWELL FESTIVAL RECAP:

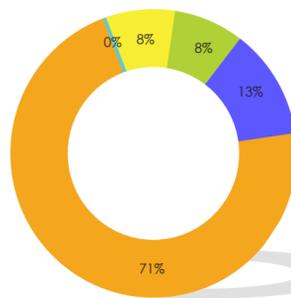
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2018 CITY COUNCIL

Top row (l-r): Vice Mayor Tom Counts, Brian Lorenz, Melissa Riggins and Brendan Newcomb. **Bottom row (l-r):** Daniel Swartwout, Mayor Jon Bennehoof and Frank Bertone.

2018 FINANCES

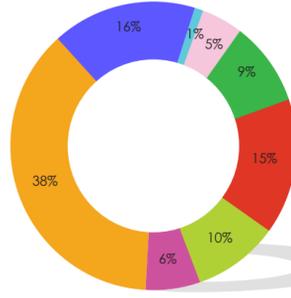


2018 REVENUES

Other Local Taxes and assessments	\$ 1,054,510
Income Tax	\$ 5,935,937
Local Revenue	\$ 28,740
Development Related Revenue	\$ 645,649
Other	\$ 661,503
Total	\$ 8,326,339

Income Taxes

Individual Income Taxes	\$ 3,306,098
Withheld Income Taxes	\$ 2,288,459
Corporate Income Taxes	\$ 341,380
Total	\$ 5,935,937



2018 GENERAL FUNDS

Administration; Council & Public Information	\$ 745,668
Building; Development & Engineering	\$ 1,215,101
Finance; Lands and Buildings	\$ 780,326
Information Technology & Other Charges	\$ 493,985
Police Department	\$ 3,014,662
Police Service; Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,305,092
Contingencies & Adding to Restricted Reserve	\$ 60,000
Transfers to Other Funds *	\$ 375,182
Total	\$ 7,990,016

BY THE NUMBERS

tons of recycling collected 1,013	police calls for service 22,093	number of Citizens Police Academy graduates 12	vacation house watch requests 469	engineering inspections performed 262	proposals before Planning & Zoning Commission 31	pounds of cold patch used on City streets 20,850	public meetings 97	trees trimmed 178
bat boxes built by a local Eagle Scout installed 20	zoning violations 57	right of way permits issued 52	tons of yard waste collected 1,088	tons of salt used on City streets 1,016	trees planted 14	curb inlets repaired or replaced 18	tons of waste collected 3,917	flowers planted and maintained in downtown Powell 1,165
street lights in the city converted to LED bulbs 280	tons of asphalt used to improve roads 1,679	commercial building permits issued 562	single family dwelling unit permits issued 60	building inspections 4,248	square yards of crack seal used 113,719	ordinances 59	resolutions 21	followers on City of Powell Local Facebook Page 6,851