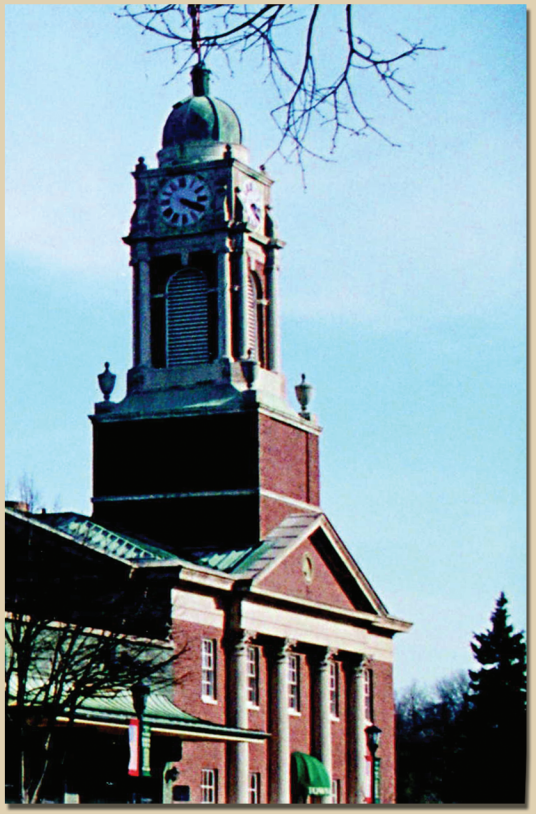


Preserving

Progressing

Prospering

"The City of Lebanon staff is dedicated to improving our citizen's quality of life by delivering outstanding services and ensuring the efficient use of our resources. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the efforts made to accomplish this goal and to foster an environment of open and ethical government."

Pat Clements
City Manager

A Message from the Mayor

I think you will agree that 2007 was another successful year for our outstanding community. Due to our high quality of life, business friendly environment and our key location within the Dayton – Cincinnati corridor, Lebanon continues to grow and prosper. The City Council and I remain committed to ensuring that our community continues to attract the kinds of quality development that will allow us to maintain the high quality of life for all residents and business operators.

The completion of several exciting development projects, including the 120,000 square foot Mane, Inc., flavor and fragrance manufacturing facility in the Lebanon Commerce Center, and the Corwin M. Nixon Medical Center at Broadway and Miller Road will help ensure that our community remains vibrant. Several important infrastructure improvement projects, including the reconstruction of Orchard Avenue and Justice Drive, and continued efforts to replace undersized water mains, will help our City meet the service demands of a growing community.

I encourage you to get involved in your government by staying informed, letting us know what you think about our services, or by serving on one of the many City Boards or advisory Commissions. Lebanon's future continues to look bright and the City Council and I greatly appreciate your support and participation.

Mayor Amy Brewer

Your Local Government

The City of Lebanon Charter, adopted by the voters on October 4, 1960, mandates the Council-Manager form of government. The Council-Manager form is used by over 3,700 cities because it combines the political leadership of elected officials with the managerial experience of an appointed manager.

The Council members are the leaders and policy makers elected to represent the needs of the community. As a legislative body, the City Council determines policies, which direct the actions of government. Council members are elected, at-large, for four-year staggered terms. The Mayor is selected by a vote of Council.

The City Manager is appointed by the Council to serve as the chief executive officer of the City and to manage the daily operations of the City. The Manager is responsible for the development and execution of policies, administration of personnel, allocation of resources, and enforcement of the City's laws.

Voice Your Views

Residents of Lebanon are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process by participating in public hearings, and by offering comments during appropriate opportunities at City Council meetings and all Board and Commission meetings.

Lebanon City Council

Top: James Norris II, Mayor Amy Brewer, Vice Mayor Ben Cole
Bottom: Matthew Rodriguez, Charleen Mehaffie Flick, Jeffrey Aylor, Jeffrey Monroe

Boards & Commissions Members

Boards and Commissions offer City of Lebanon residents the opportunity to become involved in local government.

Board of Festivals and Tourism
Mary Alice Leasure, Mary Klei, Phyllis Wyatt, Michele Abrams, Julie Schamus, Martha King, Connie Schuler

Board of Zoning Appeals
Robert Ullum, John Magness, Robert Kaufman

Citizens Housing Committee
Kevin Stevens, William Ford, Paul Holzschuher, Kimberly Downing, Galen Gordon

Civil Service Commission
Barbara Bronson, James Dearie, Brad Knapp

Library Board
William Fowler, Wesley Kay Turner, Bonnie Ariss, Marilyn Russell, Claudia Cornett, Lee Weiderhold

Planning Commission
Gary Kesner, Richard Fair, Gary Heithkamp, Michael Willis, Mayor Amy Brewer

Recreation Board
Krista Wamsley, Beverly Ikenberry, Donna Prater, Todd Balzer, Amber Morris, Dina Hanley, Mike Evans, Jeff Napier, John Leo Cronin

Shade Tree Commission
Rosemary Chute, James Miller, Hewett Mulford, Libby Campbell, James Grever, Mickie Marquis

2007 Accomplishments

Electric department upgrades system to accommodate industrial customers

The Lebanon Electric Department began several upgrades to improve the operations of its system during 2007, which included substation improvements to better serve the City's new industrial customers. The $4 million project required building several miles of new overhead transmission and distribution lines to connect to the new facilities, which adds more redundancy for the entire system.

The department continued to upgrade its distribution system in 2007 to keep up with the growing energy needs of our customers. An additional 20,000 feet of underground primary cable was replaced with new cable that has double the life expectancy of up to 40 years.

Lebanon recognized as "best small-town getaway"

Lebanon was recognized in *Midwest Living* magazine's June, 2007 issue as a "best small-town getaway," ranking 54th out of 100 cities listed. The city was recognized as a "antiquer's" mecca, and home of 204 year-old Golden Lamb Inn."

Midwest Living is a regional publication that celebrates the richness of life in the Midwest. The magazine provides its readers with region-specific information, focusing on travel and events, food and dining, and home and garden, as well as other editorial content categories.

Top 10 Improvement Projects

Orchard Ave. Reconstruction, $1.5 million (completed Sept. 2007)

2008 Urban Paving Program, $815,000 (completed Dec. 2007)

Justice Dr. Reconstruction, $813,000 (completed Nov. 2007)

US 42 Water Main Replacement, $665,000 (completed June 2007)

Adopt-a-Park program offered

The City launched the *Adopt-A-Park* program in 2007 to get the community involved in keeping the City's park system clean and visually appealing. The program encourages organizations to put together a park, work-plan that entails activities such as scheduled clean-up days, landscaping projects, or other improvement projects in our parks. This plan is tailored to the organization's resources and ranges from projects that last for a couple of days to efforts that run on a continual basis.

New basketball court constructed

A new outdoor basketball court was constructed in Colonial Park North on Monroe Road with funds donated by the Harmon Civic Trust. Along with the standard basketball hoops, a lower height basketball hoop was also provided for the younger players.

Red Hot Blues Run event raises money for new park shelter

Lebanon's Parks and Recreation Committee sponsored its 2nd annual Red Hot Blues Run. The running event was held during the Blues Festival and was a great success with over 150 people participating in the race. The event raised over $4,000, which was used to build a new park shelter in Colonial Park West.

2007 Awards

Lebanon's wastewater department received the *National Association of Clean Water Agencies* Silver Award for outstanding environmental compliance.

Lebanon received its 16th consecutive *Tree City USA Award* by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its concentrated street tree management program.

Lebanon received the 2nd place, *Silver Circle Award*, for the city's newsletter from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association.

Lebanon's finance department received the *Silver Advantage Award* for their dedicated practice to high standards in risk management and loss control.

Concrete Repair & Replacement Program, $636,000 (completed Nov. 2007)

Deerfield Road Water Main Extension, $423,000 (completed July 2007)

Turtlecreek-Kingsview St. Resurfacing Program, $226,000 (completed Nov. 2007)

Alley Reconstruction Program, $130,000 (completed Sept. 2007)

Markey Road Water Main Extension, $83,000 (completed Dec. 2007)

Colonial Park West Storm Sewer, $65,000 (completed May, 2007)

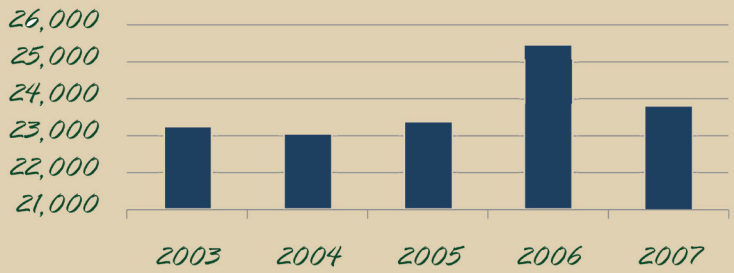
Public Safety

New officers join Lebanon police department

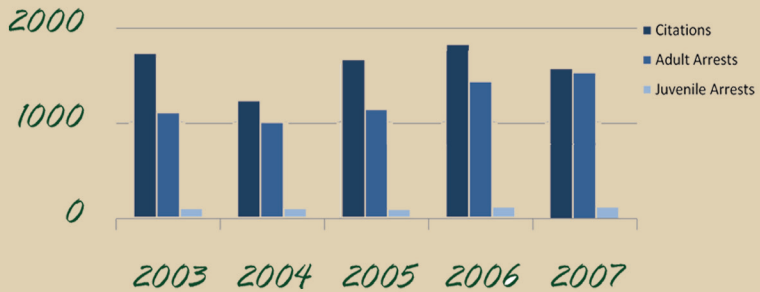
The department hired three new officers in 2007 to maintain its current service levels. Following basic certification, all new officers attended field training prior to entering active duty.

The department also welcomed Canine "Kaiser" to the department. Kaiser is a male German Shepherd trained and certified as a dual purpose canine, and is responsible for narcotics detection, evidence location, criminal apprehension, building & area searches, crowd control and community policing.

Calls for Service



2007 Citations & Arrests

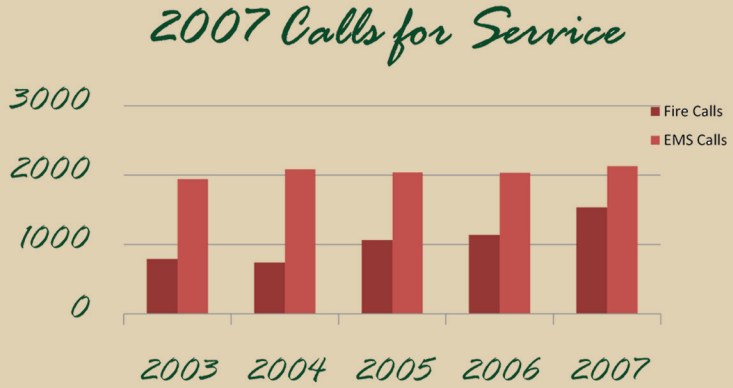


Lebanon fire department hires new fire lieutenants

Lebanon fire department hired three full-time fire lieutenants in 2007 to ramp up its full-time staffing to meet the growing demands of the community. The new lieutenants serve under the fire chief and captains, and oversee the daily operations of the Fire and EMS crews.

Fire department educates community

The department hosted its annual open house in October 2007 during national Fire Prevention Week. The theme was "Practice Your Escape Plan," and the department educated attendees about how to prepare a fire escape plan, along with a variety of activities including: live and static displays, a fire extinguisher demonstration and an antique fire apparatus display.



Municipal Court

Judge Mark Bogen has served as Lebanon Municipal Judge since 1998. His court serves Lebanon and Turtlecreek Township. The Municipal Court staff includes six court clerks and two probation officers.

The Court handled 6,961 cases in 2007, which consisted of: 1,540 criminal cases, 4,166 traffic cases, 889 civil cases and 366 small claims filed.

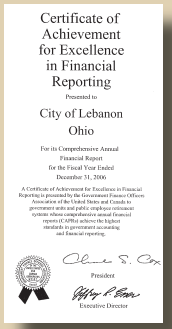
Judge Mark Bogen

Financial Review

"The mission of the Finance Department is to develop sound fiscal policies, fiscal management and integrity, maintain cash reserves, develop and implement financial accounting policies, and protect and optimize the financial resources and assets of the City."

Sharee Dick
City Auditor

Lebanon's 2007 Operating Budget totaled 64.4 million. In addition to regular operations, the City Council approved a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan totaling $48.1 million.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President

Executive Director

The City ended 2007 with a General Fund balance of $2.532 million, which is equivalent to about 91 days of operating expenses.

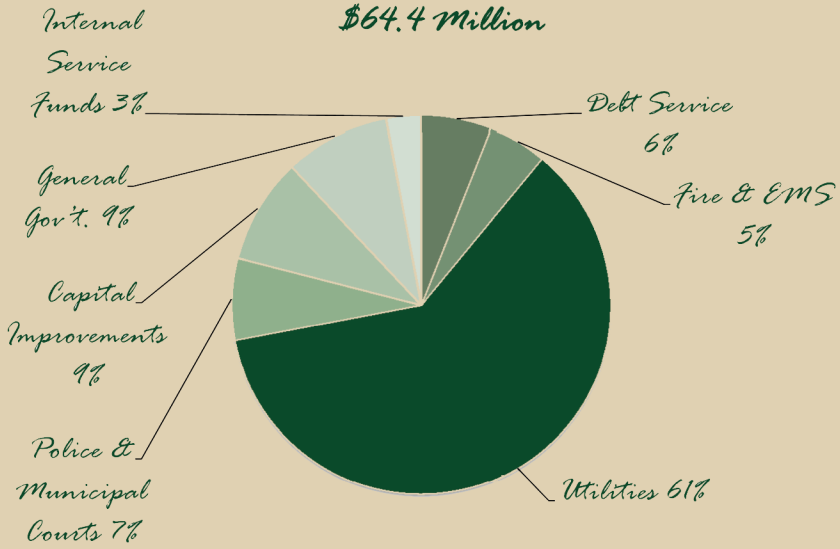
Your taxes at work

A home with a taxable value of $200,000 generates about $3,000 in property taxes each year, not including special assessments. The City's share of a property tax bill is only about 15 percent, with 73 percent going to the local school districts, and the remaining 12 percent going to Warren County.

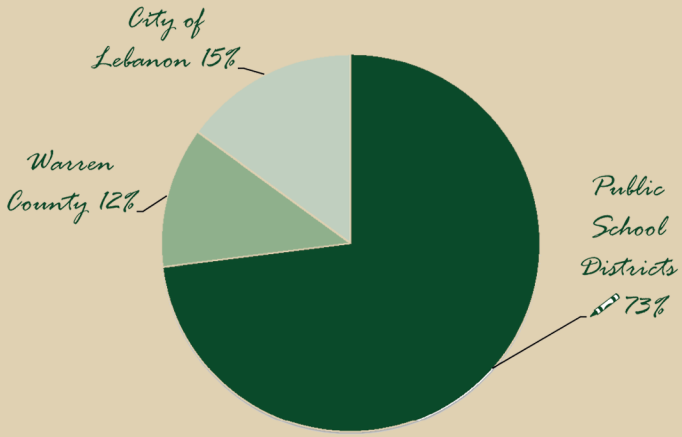
Property tax revenues, minus any special assessments, allocated to the City are used to support a wide range of local government services including; police, fire & emergency medical services, street maintenance, code enforcement and general administration. Since property taxes provide a very small portion of the City's overall revenue the City relies heavily upon the revenue generated from the 1 percent earnings tax.

2007 Total Operating Budget

$64.4 Million



Where do Your Property Taxes Go?

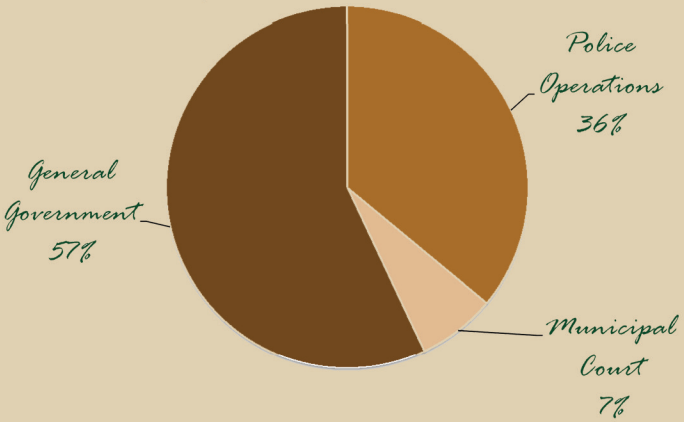


* Includes Lebanon City Schools, Joint Vocational School, and Kings Local school districts.

2007 activity summary

- Processed over 15,000 tax forms and collected $5.9 million in earnings taxes.
- Processed over 115,000 separate utility payments totaling more than $30 million.
- Processed over $8.2 million in gross payroll checks.
- Produced 2,507 purchase orders.
- Retired $2.5 million of City debt.

2007 General Fund Expenses



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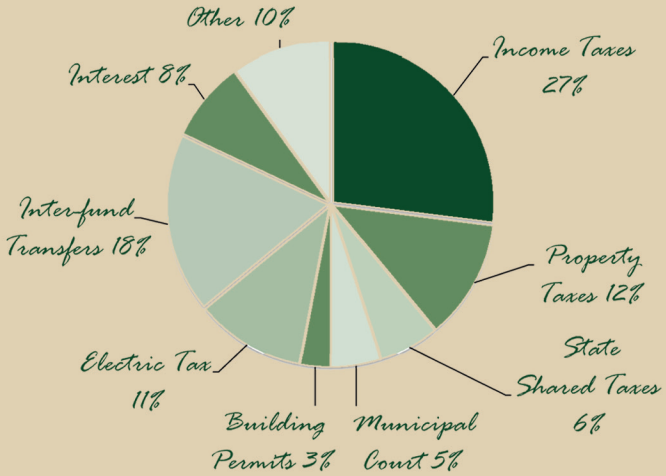

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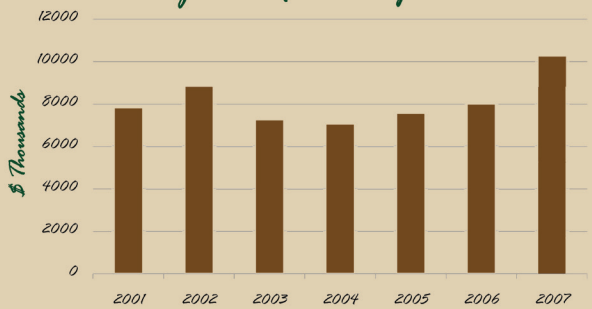

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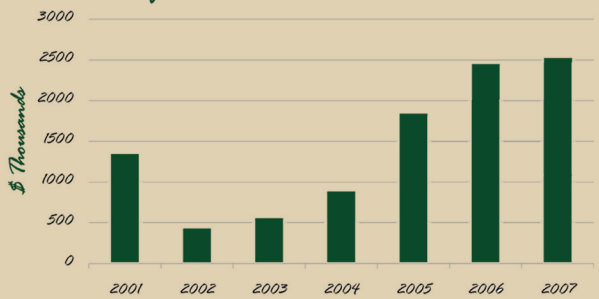


Revenues

Income Taxes: Funds generated from the City's 1% earnings tax.

Property Taxes: Revenues from collection of tax on real estate and personal property.

State Shared Taxes: Revenues from the Local Government Fund, and Homestead Rollback Tax.

Municipal Court: Court fees, fines, and probation department reimbursement.

Building Permits: Inspection and permit fees.

Electric Tax: Revenues from the collection of the Kilowatt Hour tax from the City-owned electric utility.

Inter-fund Transfers: Payments made by the various utility funds to reimburse the General Fund for the cost of administrative support.

Other Receipts: Interest, charges for services, cable TV franchise fee and miscellaneous receipts.

Expenses

General Government: Expenses associated with the administrative functions of the City including: legal expenses, building inspections and code enforcement, City Council, finance and accounting, city administration, facility maintenance, engineering and marketing.

Police Operations: Police and emergency communications center operations.

Municipal Court: Expenses associated with the municipal court and probation department.

Economic Development

Lebanon welcomes new industry & a new medical facility

Mane, Inc.
The flavor and fragrance manufacturer began construction of a 120,000 square foot facility on Janet Way in the Lebanon Commerce Center. The company is relocating its operations from Milford, Ohio, and the facility will house its U.S. headquarters and research and development operations.

Miami Woodworking
The premier custom cabinet maker, began operations in a newly constructed 14,300 square foot building on Taft Drive in the Columbia Business Park. The company relocated its manufacturing and distribution operations from Mason, Ohio.

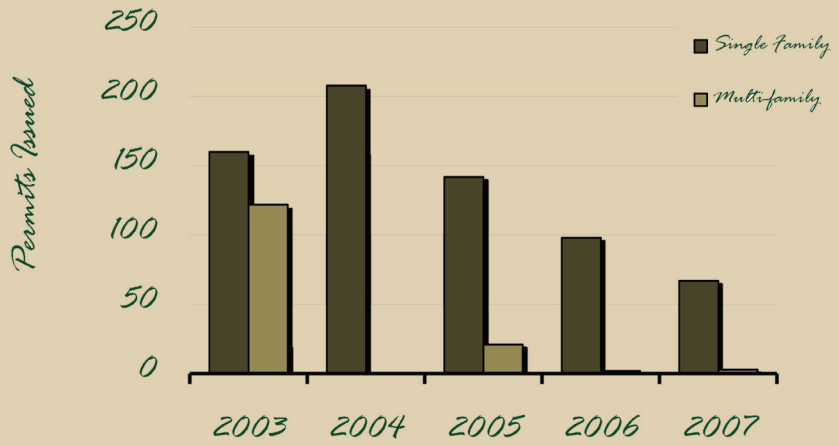
Kettering Health Network
A 25,000 square foot professional medical facility is under construction at Broadway and Miller Road. The facility will be named the *Corwin M. Nixon Medical Center* and is expected to open in June 2008.

Commercial & Residential Investment

The total value of new development in 2007 was slightly more than $21 million, which is a decrease from 2006. The slowdown is reflective of the overall regional economy and can be attributed to several factors including: higher interest rates, increased oil prices and a general slowdown in the housing market.

Commercial/Industrial:	$8,706,263
Residential:	$12,294,082

New Housing



Industrial Expansion

ADVICS Manufacturing Co.

The braking-component manufacturer began expansion of a new Electronic Stability Control (ESC) product line at their facility on Kingsview Drive. The company will establish a local production system to meet the rapidly-growing demand for the ESC products with a 600,000 units-per-year capacity production line. ADVICS main customers are GM, DaimlerChrysler, Ford, Toyota, Honda, Matsuda and Mitsubishi. The total expansion is expected to be in full production by 2009, and will result in approximately $37 million in new investments at the site.

Local industry receives recognition

Amtex Inc.

Amtex Inc., a carpet and acoustic trim supplier for the auto industry, was recognized at Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, N.A.'s annual business meeting and awards ceremony for its excellence in supplier diversity. Amtex exceeded Toyota's supplier expectation of using 5% of minority companies in its business practices by four-times the targeted amount. Amtex currently has two local minority suppliers, Vistech in Lebanon and AESI in Springboro.

Quebecor World

Quebecor World was named, Industrial Business of the Year, by the City of Lebanon at the *2007 Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Awards Program*.

The company is the leading print media company in North America, and the 2nd largest in the world. The company continues to grow by adding new, state-of-the-art, printing and bindery equipment for a total investment of over $30 million. The new equipment produces four-times the output of other late-model printing equipment still used in the industry.

New Retail & Service Offerings

Lebanon welcomed many new retailers and service-oriented businesses in 2007.

- Be-Bop Salon
- Buffalo Wings & Rings
- Cato
- Check-N-Go
- Cincinnati Bell
- Cincinnati Tan Company
- DaVita Dialysis Center
- Daylight Donut Shop
- Embarq
- Fashion Bug
- Game Stop
- Great Clips
- H & R Block
- Imaginations Day Care
- Jack's Aquarium & Pets
- KB Tacos
- Maurice's
- National Bank & Trust
- Quick Tax
- Supercuts
- The Shoe Department
- Tin Duck Tavern

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Vice Mayor Ben Cole	933-9543
Jeffrey Aylor	236-3980
James Norris II	505-4819
Charleen Mehaffie Flick	932-6561
Jeffrey Monroe	292-5350
Matthew Rodriguez	236-6318
City Manager	228-3101
City Attorney	614-334-7197
City Auditor	228-3163
Municipal Court	933-7210
Probation	228-3190

Fire Department *non-emergency*	932-6119
Police Department *non-emergency*	932-2010
Customer Service	933-7200
Economic Development	228-3184
Electric	228-3200
Engineering	228-3130
Inspections/Permits	228-3153
Marketing & Events	228-3110
Planning & Zoning	228-3171
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Solid Waste	933-7200
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