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THE CITY OF GROVE CITY  
RESIDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

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The Resource is a comprehensive guide to citizen services throughout the Grove City area. The information is listed in alphabetical order.

## Adopt-A-Spot — Auto

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(See *Beautification Programs*)

### Airports

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority operates three unique airline services that fulfill the varied needs of area residents and businesses.

**Port Columbus International Airport**, less than 20 minutes away from Grove City, provides passenger air travel to all major cities worldwide. Because the local market is not dominated by a single airline, Columbus offers some of the lowest airfares in the state with all major airlines represented.

**The Bolton Field Airport**, a general aviation airport, is located five minutes west of Grove City. Operators of turboprop, jet aircraft and helicopters enjoy aviation facilities and services including air traffic control service daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., corporate and leisure flight activity, flight training, banner towing, ballooning and aerobatics.

**Rickenbacker International Airport** provides airfreight opportunities 15 minutes from Grove City and combines a world-class airfield with the economic advantages of a general-purpose foreign-trade zone. More of the U.S. population can be reached within a one-day truck drive from Rickenbacker than from any other gateway location in the United States. Services include international air freight, freight forwarding, e-commerce fulfillment, and warehousing services.

**Port Columbus International Airport**  
4600 International Gateway, Columbus, Ohio 43219  
614-239-4000

**Bolton Field Airport**  
(reliever airport for Port Columbus)  
2000 Norton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228  
614-851-9900

**Rickenbacker International Airport**  
7400 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43217  
614-491-1401

All three airports can be accessed on the Internet at [www.columbusairports.com](http://www.columbusairports.com)

### Animal Issues

(See also *Pet Rules*)

Report issues concerning stray animals or cases of animal abuse to the Capital Area Humane Society at 614-777-7387 or to the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control, who also enforce animal-related laws, at 614-462-3400. For the collection of a dead animal from a city street or city property, contact the Public Service Department at 614-277-1100. Report vicious dogs or other dangerous pets to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710. Wild animals causing a nuisance can be reported to the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For injured wildlife, contact the Ohio Wildlife Center at 614-793-WILD (9453) or the Ohio Division of Wildlife at 614-675-1305 (this is PET FBI's phone number).

### Arts in the Alley

The Arts in the Alley festival celebrating fine arts and music is held in the Grove City Town Center every September. This annual event is hosted by the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 614-875-9762 or visit [www.gcchamber.org](http://www.gcchamber.org).

### Assemblies/Block Parties/Parades

Persons, groups and organizations cannot hold parades, block parties or any other assembly that closes off a roadway or otherwise interferes with the flow of traffic without a special permit issued by the Division of Police. Applicants must file a completed form with the Division of Police at least five days before the event. Applications can be found online at [www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov) and click on Department Forms.

### Auto, Inoperable

Motor vehicles that do not operate, are disassembled or are not licensed or titled cannot be parked on public property or on private property other than inside a structure or enclosed area designed and approved for mechanical work on a vehicle. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless done inside an approved spray booth. Contact the Grove City Division of Building for more information.

**Grove City Building Division**  
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
614-277-3075

# Auto — Building

## Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations

Titles, registration and license plates for automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds and motor scooters are required by state law and are issued through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Operator licenses such as drivers' licenses, temporary permits, motorized bicycle and motorcycle licenses, and commercial drivers' licenses as well as state identification cards also are issued by the BMV. Driver's license renewal and license plate services:

**Deputy Registrar**  
**3066 Southwest Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-871-0415**  
**8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday,**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday;**  
**8 a.m. to noon on Saturday**

Clerk of Courts title office, deputy registrar license agency, and driver license examination station:

**Columbus Customer Service Center West**  
**1970 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223**  
**Customer Service Help Line: 614-752-7500**  
**8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday;**  
**8 a.m. to noon on Saturday**

Driver's license exams:  
**Hilliard Driver Examination Station**  
**4738 Cemetery Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026**  
**614-921-8946**

For general information:  
**Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles**  
**Customer Service Center West**  
**1970 West Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43223-1101**  
**614-752-7500**  
**[www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov)**

## Beautification Programs

(See also *Trees, Public*)

Keep Grove City Beautiful (KGCB), an award-winning affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., is a nonprofit effort supported by the City of Grove City and the community to promote, educate and motivate all citizens to keep their environment clean and beautiful now and in the future.

There are numerous opportunities within this organization available to residents. They are as follows:

- **Adopt-A-Street/Park:** Organizations, families and individuals may adopt a street or park and agree to keep it clean throughout the year. All cleanup supplies are provided.
- **Great American Cleanup:** An annual event held in April or May in which groups join together to cleanup community areas or streams.
- **Garden Tours:** A July tour of gardens and a late September water garden tour of various private homes in Grove City and Jackson Township.

Keep Grove City Beautiful is funded through a cooperative effort of the City of Grove City and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO).

**Keep Grove City Beautiful**  
**3262 Ventura Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-1100**  
**[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)**

## Bicycles

Several Grove City laws are dedicated to bicycling and protecting bicyclers, pedestrians and drivers. Bicycles ridden in the City must be registered and licensed by the Grove City Division of Police. Visit the Grove City Safety Complex at 3360 Park St. and complete a form including owner's name and address, and the date of purchase, model and serial number for the bicycle. Licenses expire on March 31 of each year and must be renewed. This is a free service.

## Birth Certificates

(See *Vital Records*)

## Block Watch

Traditional block watch programs are designed to help prevent crime in neighborhoods by organizing and training residents how to watch out for their homes and their neighbors' homes. Organized block watches have a high success rate in helping deter crime. The Grove City Division of Police can help your neighborhood organize a block watch program. If you are interested in starting a block watch in your neighborhood, contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 614-277-1765. An online pamphlet on the Cyber Block Watch Program is available at [police.grovecityohio.gov](http://police.grovecityohio.gov).

## Blood Donation

The American Red Cross Central Ohio Region holds a community blood drive the first Tuesday of every month in City Hall, 4035 Broadway. For information on this and other local blood drives, call the local Red Cross office 614-253-2740 or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

## Building, Division of

Building and zoning regulations ensure public safety. The Division of Building reviews building plans and issues permits for all construction within the City. Building inspectors and code enforcement officers inspect new and existing buildings. Land use is regulated through the division's zoning functions. All structures must be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. Orders for code compliance are issued when needed and enforced through the court system. The division licenses contractors and regulates the local construction industry. For businesses, the Building Division checks for proper zoning, adequate parking and signage compliance. They act as a liaison between the applicant and other governing agencies (e.g. the Franklin County Board of Health, Jackson Township Fire Department) when appropriate.

# Building Permits – Churches

## Building Permits

Many improvement projects in the City require a permit to guarantee safety. This includes work involving electricity; plumbing; the addition or removal of walls, doors and windows; roofing and siding; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; hood suppression and fire-detection systems. Work on outdoor structures such as fences, sheds and decks also requires permits, as do signs. Permits are only valid for work performed by the applicant. A homeowner's permit is valid only for the work he/she does. Contractors must obtain permits for the work they perform. City and state building codes require inspections on most permit types. Contractors working in Grove City must register with the Division of Building before doing business. Homeowners considering a contractor are encouraged to contact the division for a list of registered contractors. The division inspects completed work to insure fulfillment of safety codes. If approved, a certificate of occupancy is issued.

**Grove City Building Division**  
**City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3075**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
**[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)**

## Burning, Open

Non-recreational open burning is prohibited in Jackson Township including Grove City. Recreational fires that do not contain rubbish are permitted but must remain under two feet by three feet. Bonfires (maximum five feet by five feet) require both Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval and permit, and a Jackson Township permit. Call the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588. Reach the Ohio EPA Central District Office at 614-644-3020.

## Bureau of Motor Vehicles

*(See Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations)*

## Bus Service

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) serves Grove City area via the #15 Grove City local and #64 Grove City express routes. A Park & Ride is located at 2321 Old Stringtown Road (Stringtown Road and Parkmead Drive) which includes bicycle lockers. Riders can pay by single trip or can purchase daily, weekly or monthly passes. Discounts are given for children 48" tall and over through 12 years of age, seniors 65 and older and the disabled. Children under 48" tall ride for free.

**Central Ohio Transit Authority, Customer Service Center**  
**60 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-228-1776**  
**Phone lines are open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holidays**  
**Pass sales office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**[www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com)**

## Bus Service/COTA Project Mainstream

A special transportation service is offered by COTA for those unable to use regular bus service due to a disability. To apply for eligibility, download a Mainstream Application at [www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com) or if you would prefer to have the application package sent to you, please call COTA at 614-275-5828 or e-mail [paratransit@cota.com](mailto:paratransit@cota.com).

## Chamber of Commerce

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce (GCACC) is a voluntary organization of businesses and professionals united to promote the civic and commercial progress of the community. More than 500 business members strong, this vital organization assists in guiding the economic viability of community businesses.

**Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**4069 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-875-9762 or 877-870-5393; Fax: 614-875-1510**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
**[www.gcchamber.org](http://www.gcchamber.org)**

## Children

For information on adopting or fostering a child, contact Franklin County Children's Services at 614-341-6060. Report suspected child abuse to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710 or call Franklin County Children's Services' 24-hour hotline at 614-229-7000. If it is an emergency and the child is in immediate danger, call 911.

## Children's Programs

The Grove City Department of Parks and Recreation offers a number of recreational, social and developmental programs for children. The department also offers two programs to assist parents with the care and development of their children. RecSchool is a planned early childhood preschool program for children age 3 and older. This program fosters social skills, independence, creativity, and a love of learning. Sessions start in September and run through May. Call 614-871-6330 for information. P.A.R.K. (Programmed After-school Recreation for Kids) is designed for working parents and others looking for before- and after-school recreation for children from kindergarten through fourth grade, and an after-school program for fifth and sixth graders. An expanded program is available during summer break. Qualified childcare staff direct cooperative games, outrageous play, fitness, indoor and outdoor activities, free art, special interest activities, and more. Call 614-277-3050 for information.

## Churches

Grove City offers a wide variety of congregations. To get information, contact the Southwest Ministerial Association at 614-875-4322.

# City Code – Courts

## City Code

The laws of the City, the City Code, are available for viewing in the City Council Offices in City Hall at 4035 Broadway. They also may be viewed online through the American Legal Publishing Corporation at [www.amlegal.com/grove\\_city\\_oh](http://www.amlegal.com/grove_city_oh). For more information, contact the Clerk of Council at 614-277-3065.

## City Council

City Council in Grove City is composed of five members. One member serves in an at-large capacity, representing the community as a whole for a two-year term. The other four members each represent one of the City's four wards and serve four-year terms. The Council members choose the Council President. Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. with a discussion of agenda items in the caucus session in the Council meeting room at City Hall. The formal meeting commences at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. Both meetings are open to the public.

### 2010 Council Listing

City Council President/Ward 1

**Ted A. Berry**

614-539-9000

Ward 2 - **Greg Grinch**

614-871-3431

Ward 3 - **Melissa Albright**

614-277-0977

Ward 4 - **Maria C. Klemack-McGraw**

614-875-7422

At-Large - **Steve Bennett**

614-871-4869

### City Council Offices

#### City Hall

4035 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43213

Clerk of Council - **Tami K. Kelly**

614-277-3065

## City Hall

The main Grove City municipal building is located in the historic Town Center at Broadway and Park Street and houses many City offices including the Mayor's Office, City Council, the Division of Building, the Department of Development, the Department of Finance, Information Systems, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Community Relations Office. The building, dedicated in 1990, is a key component in the revitalized Town Center. City Hall is a solid source of community information and features displays of posters, fliers, and other materials detailing upcoming community events and opportunities as well as the current issue of this publication containing City news, events and Parks and Recreation programs.

#### City Hall

4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-277-3000

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)

## Community Gateway Signs

The City maintains sign holders at two locations: Broadway near I-270 and Stringtown Road near I-71. Non-profit Grove City community groups are welcome to display signs in these holders when they are not in-use by the City. Signs must be four feet high by eight feet wide, one sided, constructed of plywood and professionally produced. Written application is required. Contact the Community Relations Office at 614-277-3040 to be sent an application packet including regulations.

## Community Statistics

**Population:** 34,280 (as estimated for 2010 by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission)

**Size:** 16.2 square miles

**School District:** South-Western City Schools

**Location:** Southwestern Franklin County, six miles southwest of Columbus

**Employment Base:** Education, manufacturing, distribution and retail

**Annual City Budget:** \$39,000,000

More information can be found on the Grove City Web site at [www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov).

## Court, Grove City

Grove City Mayor's Court is located in the Safety Complex adjacent to the Division of Police. The court is directed by a magistrate who presides over cases ranging from traffic offenses to misdemeanor criminal charges. The court case list and schedules can be found on the City Web site.

### Mayor's Court

3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-277-1715

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)

## Courts, Franklin County

The General Division of the Common Pleas Court presides over felony criminal offenses and civil cases concerning damages or amounts in controversy exceeding \$15,000. Its Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch deal with family law issues such as divorce, child custody, paternity and truancy. The Tenth District Court of Appeals hears appeals of final judgments made by the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, the Franklin County Municipal Court and the Ohio Court of Claims. For filings or records for these entities, contact the Franklin County Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

### Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

373 South High St., 23rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

614-462-3600

### Tenth District Court of Appeals

373 South High St.- 24th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

614-462-3580; Fax: 614-462-7249

### Franklin County Court of Common Pleas

369 South High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215 • 614-462-3621

# Crime Prevention – Electronic Newsletter

## Crime Prevention

The Grove City Division of Police is committed to a proactive approach to policing, and offers residents and businesses a wide array of information regarding crime prevention. A series of brochures detailing ways citizens can help counter crime are available at the Municipal Safety Complex at 3360 Park Street. This information is also available online at [police.grovecityohio.gov](http://police.grovecityohio.gov). For more information call 614-277-1765.

## Curfew

Individuals under the age of 18 not accompanied by parent or guardian are subject to a curfew in Grove City between the hours of midnight and 4:30 a.m. For more information, call the Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

## Death Certificates

(See *Vital Records*)

## Development Department

Grove City is an excellent place in which to live and do business. With a vibrant business climate, great interstate highway access, stable government, healthy city finances, strong educational opportunities, a diverse housing market and numerous current development prospects, Grove City offers unmatched opportunities to new and existing businesses. The Department of Development provides financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Grove City's present and future. Specific services aid new businesses while maintaining a strong focus on retention of existing enterprise. Administrative and legislative emphasis is placed on the development requirements, which set high standards to ensure quality development and planned growth. The result is distinctively pleasing – and there is no doubt that Grove City is a community on the move. Many forms utilized by the Development Department are easily accessible online, including preliminary development plans and development plan applications, lot split requests, rezoning requests, and special use permit applications.

**Grove City Development Department**  
**City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3000**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
**[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)**

## Door-to-Door Sales

(See *Solicitations*)

## Driver's Licenses

(See *Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations*)

## Driving – Special Rights of Way

**Emergency Vehicles:** Drivers must yield the right of way within 500 feet to any public safety or coroner's vehicle displaying flashing, rotating or oscillating lights or issuing an audible signal by siren, whistle or bell. The driver should immediately stop the vehicle on the right edge of the roadway and remain in that position until the safety vehicle passes.

**Funeral Processions:** Pedestrians and drivers must yield the right of way to each vehicle participating in a funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle enters an intersection, the remainder of the vehicles in the procession may follow through the intersection regardless of the traffic control devices or normal right of way.

**School buses:** Vehicles must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of a bus stopped to pick up or discharge students while flashing red warning lights are displayed. Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are off. If driving on a roadway with four or more lanes, the driver need not stop if traveling the opposite direction of the bus.

## Evans Center

The Evans Center is an integral and valued component in Grove City's diverse recreational programming. The City is dedicated to helping individuals 55 and older live meaningful lives of dignity, enjoyment and useful purpose. The center improves and enriches lives with innovative programs including education, social events, sports, recreation and volunteer opportunities. Residents ages 55 and over may join the center for just \$5 a year (\$10 for non-residents). Special transportation services are operated through the center (see Senior Transportation).

**Evans Center**  
**4330 Dudley Ave., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-1060**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**

## Elected Officials

Mayor, Richard L. "Ike" Stage  
614-277-3000

(See *City Council, Government*)

## Electric Service

(See *Utilities*)

## Electronic Newsletter

From the Grove, the City's official e-newsletter, features City news, events and tips. Sign up to receive free regular editions by visiting the City Web site at [www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov).

# Emergency – Fire

## Emergency: Medical, Fire or Criminal (911)

The Grove City Division of Police and the Jackson Township Fire Department including fire fighting and EMS are immediately accessible through the 911 emergency calling system. For non-emergencies, contact the Grove City Police at 614-277-1710 and the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588. When calling 911 from a cell phone, first state your name and location as cell phones do not provide the dispatchers with this vital information.

## Emergency, Financial

For emergency financial assistance, contact Grove City Emergency Services or the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

**Grove City Emergency Services**  
614-871-1334

**Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-noon**  
[www.grovecityfoodpantry.org](http://www.grovecityfoodpantry.org)

**Franklin County, Job and Family Services**  
80 East Fulton St., Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614-462-4000; Fax: 614-462-6451

## Emergency Preparedness

Create a disaster plan then practice and maintain it. For information on creating a plan, contact the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency at 614-794-0213 or [www.emafc.com](http://www.emafc.com), The American Red Cross at 614-253-2740 or [www.columbus.redcross.org](http://www.columbus.redcross.org), or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at 800-BE-READY (237-3239) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Employment

Jobs with the City are posted in local newspapers and on the City web site. The City is an equal opportunity employer and features a smoke-free and substance-free environment. Pre-employment drug screening and background checks are required. Pick up an application for employment at City Hall.

**City Hall**  
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
614-277-3000  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

## Events

The City is proud to present a full slate of annual community events for residents of all ages. There is always something exciting to see or do in Grove City, so take part in the array of entertainment choices available in the area. Some of the annual city-sponsored events include the spring Herb and Landscape Plant Sale at the Gardens at Gantz Farm, the free Summer Sizzle Concert Series offering live performances in the Town Center on Friday and Saturday evenings, the Blast at Beulah, K-9 Carnival, Boo on Broadway at Halloween, and the Winter Lights celebration to usher in the holiday season. Community events are published on the City's web site and in the Source, which is mailed to all

homes in Grove City three times annually. Also look for information on the gateway signs on Broadway and Stringtown Road and in kiosks and display cases around town. For information, contact the Grove City Community Relations Office.

**Community Relations Office**  
City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
614-277-3040  
[www.grovecityohio.gov/events](http://www.grovecityohio.gov/events)

## Explorers

The Grove City Division of Police Explorers is a volunteer program that allows youth between the ages of 14 and 21 the opportunity to explore law enforcement as a career. Explorers gain hands-on experience working with police officers. Participants should possess good moral character and carry a grade point average of at least 2.0 to be involved in the program.

**Grove City Explorers**  
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123  
614-277-1741

## Finance Department

The Department of Finance is responsible for the fiscal integrity of the City through fiscal and tax management. The City of Grove City enjoys an "Aa2" rating from Moody's Investors Services, and has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting each of the past 19 years.

**Grove City Finance Department**  
City Hall, 4035 Broadway Grove City, Ohio 43123  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday  
614-277-3025  
[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)

## Fire Department

Fire and emergency medical services are provided by the Jackson Township Fire Department with three strategically located fire stations. Stations are located at Grove City and Demorest roads, State Route 665 and Hoover Road, and Hoover Road and Southwest Boulevard. The Hoover/Southwest location also houses administration and training facilities. Jackson Township's more than 100 full and part-time firefighters log over 500 fire and EMS runs per month. The fire department offers a variety of other services to make the community a safer place in which to live, work, and grow. These include CPR, adult safety, extinguisher classes, school fire safety programs; and home and business safety inspections.

**Jackson Township Fire Department**  
3650 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
614-875-5588  
Emergency: 911  
[www.jacksontownship.org](http://www.jacksontownship.org)

# Food Pantry – Government

## Food Pantry

Grove City citizens help their neighbors in need through the Grove City Emergency Services Food Pantry. Grove City supports Emergency Services by collecting non-perishable food and personal care items at all City-sponsored events and at City Hall. The Food Pantry is located at the Grove City United Methodist Church, 2684 Columbus St., in Grove City.

**Grove City Emergency Services**  
**For appointment contact FIRSTLINK, FOODLINK**  
**2-1-1 or 614-341-2282**  
**[www.grovecityfoodpantry.org](http://www.grovecityfoodpantry.org)**

**Financial donations can be made to:**  
**Grove City Food Pantry/Emergency Services**  
**2710 Columbus St. Grove City, OH 43123**

## Garage Sales

In order to preserve quality of life in all Grove City neighborhoods, the City regulates garage and yard sales. Residents are limited to two sales per year, and all sales require a permit by law. Permits are \$2 and can be obtained at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. They are valid only for the days designated on the permit. In case of a subdivision-wide sale, all participating residences still must obtain a permit. Signage is restricted to one sign at the sale, and two signs at other locations displayed between the night before the sale and when the sale is over. Signs must be three square feet or smaller, and must be unlit with no movement (no balloons). Signs are never permitted on public poles, traffic signs or fences or in the right of way (i.e. between curb and sidewalk).

## Government, County

Grove City is in Franklin County, the 33rd largest county in the United States. The county provides many services to Grove City including a sheriff's department and various levels of courts as well as a county coroner, engineer, auditor, recorder and treasurer. A three-person board of commissioners oversee services such as animal control, child support enforcement, job and family services, an office on aging, and public facilities management. The commissioners also appoint members to more than forty authorities, boards, committees and commissions.

**Commissioners Office**  
**373 S. High St., 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-462-3322**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
**[www.franklincountyohio.gov](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov)**

## Government, Federal

Grove City is located in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for the United States House of Representatives.

**Columbus Office**  
**U.S. Representative Mary Jo Kilroy**  
**1299 Olentangy River Road, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43212**  
**614-294-2196**  
**<http://kilroy.house.gov>**

The state of Ohio is represented in the United States Senate by Senator George V. Voinovich and Senator Sherrod Brown.

**Columbus Office of Senator Sherrod Brown**  
**200 North High St., Room 614, Columbus, OH 43215**  
**614-469-2083**  
**<http://brown.senate.gov>**

**Central Ohio Office of Senator George V. Voinovich**  
**37 West Broad St., Room 310, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-469-6697**  
**<http://voinovich.senate.gov>**

## Government, Municipal

Grove City operates under a form of government mandated by the City Charter adopted in 1958 and amended in 1982. The form of government outlined in the charter is a strong Mayor-Council-Administrative Assistant Plan. While the Mayor and Council positions are elected, the City Administrator (Administrative Assistant) is appointed by the Mayor. Filling out the administration are several department heads, appointed by the Mayor. These City employees work directly under the City Administrator and include Development Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Parks & Recreation Director, Safety Director (heading the Division of Building and the Division of Police) and Service Director.

## Government, State

Grove City is located in District 23 for the Ohio House of Representatives and District 16 for the Ohio Senate.

**Governor Ted Strickland**  
**77 South High St., Governor's Office, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-644-4357**  
**[www.governor.ohio.gov](http://www.governor.ohio.gov)**

**Ohio House of Representatives, District 23**  
**State Representative Cheryl L. Grossman**  
**77 S. High St., 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215**  
**614-466-9690**  
**[www.house.state.oh.us](http://www.house.state.oh.us)**

**Ohio Senate District 16**  
**Senator Jim Hughes**  
**Ohio Statehouse**  
**Senate Building, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-466-5981**  
**[www.senate.state.oh.us](http://www.senate.state.oh.us)**

# Government – Immunizations

## Government, Jackson Township

The City of Grove City lies within the geographical boundaries of Jackson Township. The township government is based on a three-member Board of Trustees. The township partners with the City on programs that enhance the quality of life for all residents. Among the primary functions of Jackson Township is providing fire and emergency medical services.

**Jackson Township, Administration Offices**  
**3756 Hoover Road, P.O. Box 517, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-875-2742, Fax: 614-871-6456**  
**Michael Lilly, Administrator**  
**William Forrester, Clerk/Fiscal Officer**  
**8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday**  
**[www.jacksonowp.org](http://www.jacksonowp.org)**

**Township Meetings:**  
**Bi-weekly, every other Tuesday**  
**1:30 or 7:30 p.m.**

**Township Trustees:**  
**Chairman, David Burris, 614-875-8186**  
**Stephen Bowshier, 614-875-1777**  
**Daphne Hawk 614-419-4295**

## Herb Garden

(See Parks)

## High Grass or Weeds

Exterior property must be free from plant growth higher than six inches, including all grasses, annual plants and vegetation other than trees or shrubs. This does not apply to cultivated flowers and gardens. Failure to maintain the property can result in a citation, prosecution and removal of the vegetation by the City at the owner's expense. Contact the Division of Building with concerns or to report a violation at 614-277-3075.

## History

Grove City traces its beginnings to land grants bestowed upon Revolutionary War veterans General Daniel Morgan and Colonel William Washington. Hugh Grant, Jackson Township's first white settler, set up a farm on a portion of this land near the turn of the eighteenth-century. In 1846, William Foster Breck purchased fifteen and a half acres from Grant's son. In 1852, Breck and a commission of three other men laid out Grove City. The community's growth was steady and in March 1866, Grove City became an incorporated village. The first mayoral election was held in May of that year; town doctor Joseph Bulen was elected. As the twentieth century approached, Grove City solidified its position as a "bedroom community" of Columbus with the completion of the Grove City and Greenlawn Street railway. Though this railway ceased operations in the late 1920s, proximity to Columbus continued to spur growth and the village became a city on Nov. 16, 1959. A community which always has valued its historical foundations, Grove City is still home to numerous landmarks. Key historical sites include St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

Church, Plank's on Broadway, the Railroad Station, and the Gantz Farmhouse. Additionally, Century Village at Fryer Park includes a historic one-room schoolhouse and reconstructed log cabin. The history of the area is preserved by the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society and the Grove City Library.

## Historic Preservation Area

The Grove City Town Center is the historic living room of the city. It is where the community took root more than 150 years ago. To maintain the flavor of our historic past, the City of Grove City has designated the area as a "Historic Preservation Area" and maintains separate laws for design and improvements in the neighborhood. The boundaries of the Historical Preservation Area are the properties facing on Broadway from Southwest Boulevard south to approximately 341 feet south of Woodlawn Avenue; on Park Street from the railroad tracks east to Haughn Road; and on Columbus Street from Broadway east to Haughn Road.

## Home Improvements

(See also *Building Division*)

The Grove City Building Division offers free guidance when it comes to improving your home. The division requires contractors to register before providing services to its residents and maintains a list of registered contractors. In addition, the division tracks validated complaints against area contractors.

Before taking on a home improvement project, call the Building Division at 614-277-3075 to check on your contractor. A list of currently registered contractors is available on the Grove City web site for your convenience. Many home improvement projects require permits including those involving electricity; plumbing; the addition or removal of walls, doors and windows; roofing and siding; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. If in doubt, call the Building Division at 614-277-3075 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Hotels

Grove City offers a wide variety of lodging opportunities for visitors to the central Ohio area. Contact the Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau for a full listing of hotel/motel services. See Web site for a listing of accommodations.

**Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau**  
**3378 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-539-8747 or 800-539-0405; Fax: 614-539-8762**  
**[www.visitgrovecityoh.com](http://www.visitgrovecityoh.com)**

## Immunizations/Health Services

Grove City is served by the Franklin County Board of Health, which provides services and information related to public health including flu shots, rabies clinics for pets, and community clinics offering vaccinations for chicken pox, hepatitis, meningitis, tetanus and others for a fee. A community clinic is held at the Jackson Township Offices at 3756 Hoover Road the fourth Thursday of every month from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

# Jackson Township – Newspapers

## Immunizations/Health Services (cont'd)

**Franklin County Board of Health**  
**280 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215**  
**614-462-3160**  
[www.co.franklin.oh.us/board\\_of\\_health/](http://www.co.franklin.oh.us/board_of_health/)

## Jackson Township

(See *Government, Township*)

## Junk Cars

(See *Auto, Broken Down*)

## Keep Grove City Beautiful

(See *Beautification Programs*)

## Laws

(See *City Code*)

## Leaf Collection

Residents of Grove City enjoy many complimentary public services, including free curbside leaf collection each fall. The Grove City Department of Public Service collects leaves raked to the curb in front of the residence; please do not rake leaves into the street. The city is divided into eight areas. Planned collection dates may change due to weather conditions and when the leaves fall. Call 614-277-1100 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday with questions.

## Library

The Grove City Library, a branch of the Southwest Public Libraries (SPL) system, is a full-service library with specialized adult, audiovisual, reference and youth services departments as well as information technology including access to the Internet. As a part of the Discovery Place system with the Columbus Metropolitan and Worthington Public libraries, the facilities provides access to more than 2 million books, periodicals, videos, DVDs, CDs and CD-ROMs, and recorded books. In addition to more than 100,000 volumes, the Grove City branch houses a local history collection. The staff answers reference questions and provides assistance in the use of library resources. Other resources offered by the library include literary and artistic-themed programs for all ages including the SPL Summer Reading Club, which attracts more than 4,000 children annually, and instruction in technology and genealogical research for adults. SPL further serves the community through its outreach program, which delivers library services to homebound individuals, nursing homes and daycare centers. Resources can be accessed at the local libraries or via the Internet.

**Southwest Public Libraries, Grove City Library**  
[www.spl.lib.oh.us](http://www.spl.lib.oh.us)  
**3359 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-875-6716**  
**10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday**

## License Plates

(See *Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations*)

## Maps

The City of Grove City regularly publishes a map of the community. Copies of the map are available free of charge at City Hall. Franklin County maps are available through the Franklin County Engineer's Office at 970 Dublin Road in Columbus. Folded maps are free and maps in book form are \$1.

## Marriage

(See also *Vital Records*)

Marriage licenses must be obtained from the Franklin County Marriage License Bureau. Both marriage applicants must apply in person together. For information on a past marriage license, see Vital Records.

**Franklin County**  
**Marriage License Bureau**  
**Franklin County Courthouse**  
**373 South High St., 23rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-462-3898**  
**8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday**

## Mayor's Court

(See *Court, Grove City*)

## Meals-on-Wheels

This program administered by LifeCare Alliance delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound individuals. If interested in being a volunteer, call LifeCare Alliance at 614-437-2859. Routes are picked up from the Evans Center and take about 90 minutes to deliver. Training is provided.

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse

For assistance with mental health as well as alcohol and drug abuse treatment services and recovery care, contact ADAMH at 614-224-1057. For crisis assistance 24 hours a day, call ADAMH's front door, NetCare Access at 614-276-CARE (2273).

**ADAMH Board of Franklin County**  
**447 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-224-1057; Fax: 614-224-0991**  
[www.adamhfranklin.org](http://www.adamhfranklin.org)

## Museum

(See *Welcome Center and Museum*)

## Newspapers

Three weekly newspapers service the Grove City area. The Southwest Messenger is published every other Monday and the Grove City News and Grove City Record are published every Thursday. In addition, the city is served by the Columbus Dispatch, central Ohio's daily newspaper.

## Noise Complaint – Park Rentals

### Newspapers (cont'd)

**The Grove City News, Suburban News Publications**  
**5257 Sinclair Road, P.O. Box 29912, Columbus, Ohio 43229**  
**614-785-1199**  
[www.snponline.com](http://www.snponline.com)

**The Grove City Record, ThisWeek Community Newspapers**  
**7801 North Central Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035**  
**614-551-6978**  
[www.thisweeknews.com](http://www.thisweeknews.com)

**The Southwest Messenger, The Columbus Messenger Co.**  
**3500 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204**  
**614-272-5422**  
[www.columbusmessenger.com](http://www.columbusmessenger.com)

**The Columbus Dispatch**  
**34 S. Third St., Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-461-5200**  
[www.dispatch.com](http://www.dispatch.com)

### Noise Complaint

Uninvited noise is considered unreasonably loud if it is plainly heard at another resident's property more than 100 feet from the property line of the source of the sound. To report a problem, contact the Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

### Notary Services

The City of Grove City has notary services available to the public. For information, call Grove City Administration at 614-277-3000.

### Overgrown Yard

(See *High Grass or Weeds*)

### Parking Restrictions

Vehicles parked on the street must face the same direction as traffic. Unattended vehicles must have the engines off and the ignitions locked with keys removed. Vehicles cannot be parked on the street while for sale or while being repaired, except in an emergency. Vehicles including trailers, boats and campers, parked at residences must be entirely in the driveway, not in the yard. Vehicle for sale cannot be parked on the street; it must be located in the parking area on private property. Vehicles weighing more than 8,000 pounds (trucks, buses, tractors, trailers, semi-trailers) cannot be parked or be left standing on any street for more than one hour. Recreational vehicles (trailers, boats and campers) cannot be parked or left standing on a residential street, other than with temporary permission from the Division of Police to park for up to 24 hours. Parking of motorized vehicles is prohibited in or on intersections, sidewalks, street lawn areas, bridges or underpasses, designated fire lanes, next to an already parked vehicle, or anywhere prohibited by temporary or permanent signage. For detailed information, see Chapter 351 of the City Code.

### Parks

Grove City maintains more than 450 acres of city parkland featuring large signature parks with sports fields and courts, a garden, shelters, a fishing pond, historical buildings and an all-access space-themed play space as well as smaller neighborhood parks with playgrounds. See [www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov) for details of the Grove City Park system.

#### Other Local Offerings

**Battelle Darby Creek** operated by Metro Parks (Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District) is located nearby in Galloway at 1775 Darby Creek Dr. This park of more than 6,000 acres offers hunting, fishing, ice skating, canoeing, nature programs and more. Call 614-891-1700 for more information.

### Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department of Grove City is committed to providing safe and enjoyable environments for parks, open spaces and high-quality, innovative and cost-effective programs. In October 2006, the department became only the 66<sup>th</sup> agency in the country to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) at the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress. The department is noted throughout central Ohio for the innovative programs it offers to people of all ages and abilities. Courses for pre-schoolers, youths, teens, adults and seniors address fine arts, athletics, life skills and much more. The department coordinates adult sports leagues serving more than 300 teams and 6,000 players annually including men's, women's and co-rec softball, men's flag football and basketball, and co-rec volleyball. The youth baseball, basketball and volleyball programs serve more than 2,500 children. For casual recreation, Grove City has hundreds of acres of developed active and passive park areas, ranging in size from one to 193 acres. Numerous neighborhood parks are distributed throughout the community, many with playground equipment. Miles of walking and biking trails are also available.

**Grove City Parks and Recreation Department**  
**4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3050**

**Sports weather/information line: 614-277-3060**  
[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)

### Park Rentals

Windsor and Gantz parks feature shelters large enough for family and company gatherings. Windsor Park has one large and one small shelter and Gantz Park has a gazebo, one large and one small shelter available for rental. Shelters are available to the public year-round, dawn to dusk. Rental reservations are offered on a first-come basis. They may be reserved in either or both of two time slots: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. The cost to rent the Gantz Park large shelter is \$45 per time slot (\$60 for non-residents). All other shelters or gazebos are \$35 per time slot (\$50 for non-residents). A \$25 refundable deposit is required to turn on the shelter's electricity. All fees must be paid at the time of reservation. Weddings in the Gardens at Gantz are by special permission only. All fees are subject to change. To reserve a shelter or gazebo call the Parks and Recreation Department at 614-277-3050.

# Passports – Police

## Passports

U.S. citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, now must present a valid passport. To obtain a passport for the first time or to replace one lost or stolen, issued before age 16, or expired, citizens must go in person to a passport acceptance facility, including the Grove City post office, with two photographs, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification (e.g. driver's license). Mail-in renewals are possible if the most recent passport is undamaged and available to submit, was issued in the past 15 years, the holder was 16 or older at time of issue, and holder's name is the same or legal documentation of the name change is included.

Routine service takes approximately 10 weeks; or expedited service can be completed in two weeks.

**National Passport Information Center**  
**877-487-2778**  
[www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport)

**Grove City Post Office**  
**2083 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-539-8919**

## Permits/Inspections

(See *Building, Division of*)

## Pet Rules

Only domesticated dogs and cats are allowed in City parks and must be on a leash six feet or less and controlled at all times. Owners must clean up after pets in public areas and on property not belonging to the owner. City residents are prohibited from owning more than a total of three domesticated animals (e.g. three dogs, two cats and one dog). The exception is puppies or kittens under 90 days old. A violation is a minor misdemeanor. By state law, dogs must be immunized against rabies and licensed in the county of residence. Contact the Franklin County Auditor's office at 614-462-3260 or go to [www.franklincountydogs.com](http://www.franklincountydogs.com) for more information. To adopt a pet, contact the Franklin County Dog Shelter at 614-462-4361, the Capital Area Humane Society at 614-777-7387, Cat Welfare at 614-268-6096, or one of a number of other local agencies.

## Phone Numbers, City Hall

General Information: 614-277-3015  
 Mayor's Office/City Administration: 614-277-3006  
 Building Division: 614-277-3075  
 Community Relations Office: 614-277-3040  
 Development Department: 614-277-3000  
 Finance Department: 614-277-3025  
 Parks and Recreation: 614-277-3050  
 Public Safety/Division of Police: 614-277-1700  
 Non-emergency Police/Fire: 614-277-1710  
 Public Service Department: 614-277-1100  
 Clerk of Council: 614-277-3065

## Planning Commission

Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall and are open to the public.

**Grove City Planning Commission**  
**4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3000**  
[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)

## Police, Division of

The Grove City Division of Police is internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). As such they are one of only 10% of law enforcement agencies in the United States to earn this recognition.

The mission of the Grove City Police Division is to enhance the quality of life in the community by working with the public to prevent crime, enforce laws, preserve peace and minimize fear. The division works cooperatively with the residents and business communities to accomplish this mission.

The division manages by objectives rather than by crisis and works to develop high-quality service through innovative technology and training methods, specialized investigation and professional, unbiased enforcement. The 59 sworn officers and 22 civilian employees are committed as a team to ensure the citizens and visitors to Grove City are in a safe, secure environment and to establish themselves as one of the finest agencies in Central Ohio.

Adhering to these core values assists the division in accomplishing its mission, Equality, Honesty, Integrity, Friendship, Accountability and Excellence.

For information on safety, visit the web site where you can find information and view all of our pamphlets online. You can contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 614-277-1765.

To pay fines for citations issued by Grove City police officers, come to the Mayor's Court located in the Safety Complex at 3360 Park St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions contact the Clerk of Courts at 614-277-1715.

**Police Information**  
**3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**Emergency: 911**  
**Police Dispatch: 614-277-1710**  
**Administration: 614-277-1700**  
**Anonymous Tip Line: 614-277-1808**  
**D.A.R.E.: 614-277-1719**  
**Detective Bureau: 614-277-1750**  
**Mayor's Court: 614-277-1715**  
**Public Information Line: 614-277-1825**  
**Youth Services: 614-277-1740**  
**Fax: 614-277-1717**  
[police.grovecityohio.gov](http://police.grovecityohio.gov)

# Police Reports – Refuse

## Police Reports/Records

To review or pick up records or accident reports for incidents within the previous 30 days, call the police dispatch office at 614-277-1714 or fax at 614-277-1717. If more than 30 days have passed, a request form must be completed to obtain records.

## Pollution

All private property must be maintained in good repair by the owners. Structures must be sound and sanitary. Grounds must be free from high and noxious weeds, and any waste must be secured in containers. For concerns regarding private property that is unsanitary or in violation of local codes, contact the Division of Building at 614-277-3075. For issues concerning air and water pollution, hazardous or infectious waste and landfills, contact the Ohio EPA Central District Office at 614-644-3020.

## Post Office

### RETAIL STORE

2082 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123-3994  
614-539-8919  
www.usps.gov

### CARRIER OFFICE

2539 Dartmoor Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123-3685  
614-875-6327

## Pot Holes

To report damage to roads within the City not including the interstates, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For damaged roadways on an interstate, contact the District 6 office of the Ohio Department of Transportation at 800-372-7714, www.dot.state.oh.us/dist6/pothole.asp

## Public Meetings

(See also Jackson Township)

Meetings of City Council, the Park Board, and the Planning Commission are held in Council Chambers in City Hall and are open to the public. City Council meets the first and third Mondays of the month with a 7 p.m. caucus and 8 p.m. formal meeting. Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. The Park Board meets the second Tuesday of every other month. Meeting agendas and notes for City Council and the Planning Commission can be found on the City Web site at www.grovecityohio.gov.

## Public Service Department

(See Service Department)

## Recycling

Grove City's voluntary curbside recycling program is available for all homes, condominiums, and apartments of four families or less from which Local Waste Services collects refuse. A blue recycling bin may be obtained at the Grove City Service Department, 3262 Ventura Blvd., Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Place all recyclables

in the blue recycling bin a few feet away from regular refuse. Separation of items is not necessary; all recyclables are collected in one truck and sorted at the recycling center. The following items can be placed in the recycling bins for pickup: Paper items including newspaper, magazines, mail and fliers, office paper, telephone books; cardboard and paperboard such as cereal or 12-pack boxes (do not include items covered with food waste); aluminum beverage and food cans; steel food cans; bottles and jars made of clear, green, blue or brown glass; and plastic bottles and jugs marked #1-7. Do not include the following items: oil jugs, plastic other than bottles including bags, glass from windows and dishes/cups, pots and pans, coat hangers, paint cans or tissues. A full list of SWACO residential drop boxes is located online at www.swaco.org.

## Refuse

The City of Grove City currently contracts with Local Waste Services to provide weekly curbside collection of solid waste, recyclables, and yard waste on the same day. The service is billed quarterly. Call Local Waste Services to start service or for collection-day information at 614-409-9375. Place refuse, recyclables, yard waste and items for special pick-up at the curb between 6 p.m. the evening before and 6 a.m. the day of collection. Filled plastic garbage bags must weigh 50 pounds or less and be strong enough to hold contents without tearing. Please put glass and sharp items in a puncture-resistant container before bagging to promote worker safety. Local Waste Services does not collect large rocks, earth, concrete, explosives, poison, asphalt, auto parts, paint in liquid form, or commercial waste. A 95-gallon cart on wheels is available for rent.

**Holiday Collection:** The observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If a holiday falls on or before your collection day (Monday through Friday), service is delayed for one day that week only.

### Special Items:

- **Recyclables:** place in blue bins or use a "Recycle Only" sticker on cans.
- **Yard waste:** place in brown yard waste bags or in containers labeled "yard waste only." Tree limbs, bushes, etc., are accepted only as 4' lengths and 1" diameters or less bundled with twine. (See also Yard Waste)
- **Latex paint:** Place lid-off with regular trash once hardened. To harden, remove lid, fill can with kitty litter and let dry.
- **CFC (Freon) appliances:** refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are collected for a per-item fee. Call Local Waste Services to schedule collection.
- **Bulk items/white goods:** non-Freon appliances are picked up at no additional charge on scheduled service day with at least 24 hours prior notice to Local Waste Services. Remove the hinges to the door/lid of any airtight or semi-airtight container such as a refrigerator before placing outside.
- **Household hazardous waste:** contact the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) at 614-871-5100 or www.swaco.org for collection dates and locations. Jackson Township holds a community collection event each fall.

# Road Construction – Shopping

- **Tire collection:** take to the Liberty Tire Service at 3041 Jackson Pike, 614-871-8097. There is a nominal charge.
- **Building materials:** It is the responsibility of the homeowner to have materials from any contracted services removed by the hired contractor. For assistance with refuse issues, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100.

## Local Waste Services

**1300 South Columbus Airport Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207**  
**614-409-9375**

## Road Construction

For road construction information within the city limits of Grove City, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For road construction information on interstates and roads outside the city limits of Grove City, contact Paving the Way at 614-645-PAVE (7283), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or [www.pavingtheway.org](http://www.pavingtheway.org).

## Safety Building

(See Police, Division of)

## Schools

South-Western City Schools offers a wide-range of opportunities to a diverse population of students throughout the southwestern quadrant of Franklin County. Ohio's sixth-largest district covers 127 square miles and provides services to 21,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12. There are five elementary schools, three intermediate schools, three middle schools, and two high schools serving the residents of Grove City. The South-Western City School District originated in 1956, following the consolidation of five local school districts and one exempted village school district. The school district encompasses rural, urban, and suburban development.

**South-Western City Schools District Service Center**  
**3805 Marlane Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-801-3000; Fax: 614-871-2781**  
[www.swcs.k12.oh.us](http://www.swcs.k12.oh.us)

Other schools servicing the Grove City area:  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grades K-8**  
**614-875-6779**  
[www.olphsaints.org](http://www.olphsaints.org)

**Grove City Christian, Grades K-12**  
**614-875-3000**  
[www.gccsk12.org](http://www.gccsk12.org)

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Grades Preschool-8**  
**614-875-1147**  
[www.beautifulsavior-gc.org](http://www.beautifulsavior-gc.org)

**Bishop Ready High School, Grades 9-12**  
**614-276-5263**  
[www.brhs.org](http://www.brhs.org)

There are seven Head Start Centers in the Grove City area.

**Head Start Main Office**  
**4308 Haughn Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-801-8425; Fax: 614-801-8443**  
**Enrollment: 614-801-8438; Spanish**  
**Enrollment: 614-801-8429**

## Seniors

(See Evans Center)

Grove City area residents 55 and older can seek social and recreational services at the Evans Center. The center also provides information on other local assistance programs geared toward older citizens. Additional information and services including Adult Protective Services are available through the Franklin County Office on Aging.

**Franklin County Office on Aging**  
**280 E. Broad St., Room 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-462-5230; Fax: 614-462-5300**  
**Senior Options: 614-462-5230**  
**(Learn about services for older individuals)**

**Adult Protective Services:**  
**614-462-5230**  
**(Report senior abuse)**

## Senior Transportation

Members of the Evans Center are eligible for van/mini-bus transportation to grocery stores, banks or medical appointments for the low cost of \$2 per roundtrip. Call 614-277-1060 at least three days in advance to schedule an appointment.

## Service Department

The Department of Public Service is key to providing assistance to our residents. Services include plowing snow, collecting leaves in autumn, making road repairs, and coordinating beautification efforts. Urban forestry, which cares for trees on city property and advises citizens on tree care, is also a function of this department.

**Service Department**  
**3262 Ventura Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-1100**  
**Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday**

## Shelter Rentals

(See Park Rentals)

## Shopping

From major retail chains to intimate, family-owned shops, Grove City citizens have access to a variety of retail outlets to satisfy their shopping needs. A number of major retailers and restaurants are located in shopping centers on Stringtown Road and along Hoover Road, SR 665 and Broadway. The historic Grove City Town Center offers specialty shops and cozy restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of times gone by. Visit a gift shop, buy flowers, frame a picture, get a haircut or even catch a play – all within a short walk down Broadway.

# Signage – Sports

## Signage

(See also *Community Gateway Signs*)

For information on requirements and restrictions for installing and displaying signs within the City of Grove City, contact the Grove City Division of Building at 614-277-3075. Signs, including those advertising yard and garage sales, are never allowed in the easement between the sidewalk and the curb or posted to poles.

## Skate Park

This 11,000 square-foot outdoor facility, for skateboarders and in-line skaters, at 3728 Hoover Road is for skaters of all skill levels and features a large concrete bowl with walls ranging from three to 18 feet high with varying degrees of slope and contours. This state-of-the-art park also includes a variety of obstacles such as curbs, blocks and rails.

## Smoking Restrictions

By state law, smoking is prohibited in public places and businesses except for retail tobacco stores, outdoor patios, private clubs, family businesses, and designated areas in lodging facilities including nursing homes. For details, contact the Ohio Department of Health. To report a smoking violation, call 866-559-OHIO (6446).

**Ohio Department of Health**  
**246 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-466-3543**  
**[www.odh.state.oh.us](http://www.odh.state.oh.us)**

## Snow Emergency

Whenever there is a snow fall of two inches or greater and it is deemed to be a serious public hazard to transportation, a snow emergency is declared in the City by the administration. During the duration of the snow emergency, there is no Parking on any City street marked with “snow emergency” signage other than to load or unload passengers or property. Any vehicle left unattended on a snow emergency route will be removed at owner’s expense. Snow emergencies are lifted by declaration of the administration.

## Snow Removal Service

The Service Department salts and removes snow on city streets as the need arises. Plows typically are not used for snow accumulation under two inches. Road treatments are prioritized with main arteries cleared first (i.e. Broadway, Stringtown Road, Hoover Road, Kingston Avenue), followed by secondary streets, neighborhoods and courts.

## Solicitations

To work in Grove City, all solicitors must obtain a permit. This includes all non-profit, religious, and business representatives selling items, taking orders or collecting donations without invitation by the resident. To register, a person must complete an application form available at City Hall and pay a registration fee to cover the cost of processing at least 30 days prior to the start of business. Permits are issued to applicants who comply with the terms and conditions. Solicitors must present a copy of a

valid permit upon request. Possession of a permit does not imply the support of the City for any cause or business. For information on obtaining a permit, call 614-277-3000. If concerned about business conducted in your neighborhood, contact the police at 614-277-1710.

## Source

The Source is the official publication for city news, special events information, and the latest array of Grove City Parks & Recreation offerings, including classes, activities and trips for all ages. The City of Grove City publishes the Source three times annually, and mails the publication to all residences inside the corporation limits of the city. Copies are available for pick up at the Grove City Library and at City Hall including in the Parks and Recreation drop box on the parking lot side.

## Special Events

A special event is any temporary event or gathering held outdoors or in a temporary structure which exceeds 300 participants during any day or 1000 for the entire event, and requires a Special Event Permit from the Grove City Division of Police. Applicants must file a written application with a non-refundable application fee at least 45 days before the event begins. Permit applications are available in City Hall or online at [www.grovecityohio.gov/forms/](http://www.grovecityohio.gov/forms/). Call 614-277-3000 for information. If it is requested for city streets to be closed, the applicant will be directed to meet with Police Department officials to work out the details. The Jackson Township Fire Department also issues Special Event Permits when a fire code official deems it essential for public safety at an event. The official may also require the event promoter to contract with the fire department for fire watch and emergency medical services. Large tents and air-supported structures also require a special permit. Call the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588. Safety is of utmost importance.

## Sports

The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department offers a year-round youth sports schedule that includes summer and fall baseball for ages 5-16, volleyball for children in grades 4-12, and basketball for children in grades 1-12. The adult sports programs include summer and fall softball for competitive and recreational men’s, women’s and co-ed teams. Co-ed adult volleyball, men’s flag-football and basketball are offered as well. See the Source for details on youth and adult sporting opportunities including registration information.

**Grove City Parks and Recreation**  
**4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3050 • Fax: 614-277-3090**

**Sports weather/information line: 614-277-3060**

The Grove City Kids Association manages spring, summer and fall soccer programs for ages 5-18; football for ages 6-13; cheerleading for ages 5-12; and softball for youth in grades 1-12.

# Street Lights – Tax Incentives

**Grove City Kids Association**  
**3959 Broadway, P.O. Box 8, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-871-0080; Fax: 614-871-5536**  
[www.gckasports.org](http://www.gckasports.org)

The Grove City Branch of the YMCA offers enrichment and athletics opportunities for all ages and abilities.

**YMCA - Grove City Branch**  
**3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-871-9622**  
[www.ymacolumbus.org/grovecity](http://www.ymacolumbus.org/grovecity)

Southwest Community Center is associated with the YMCA of Central Ohio and offers programs in arts and recreation.

**Southwest Community Center**  
**3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, Ohio 43123**  
**614-539-1770**  
[www.ymacolumbus.org/swcc](http://www.ymacolumbus.org/swcc)

There are many other youth and adult sports opportunities including indoor roller hockey, roller skating, bowling, gymnastics and cheerleading available through private facilities.

## Street Lights

Within the city limits, certain street lights are maintained by the Grove City Service Department while others are the responsibility of American Electric Power (AEP). If the street light is on a metal pole, call the Service Department at 614-277-1100 with the street name and pole location or pole number (one to three digit code on a reflective plate at the base). Call AEP at 800-277-2177 for problems with lights on wooden poles.

## Street Signs and Signals

The director of public safety is responsible for the placement and timing of all traffic control devices including street signs and traffic signals. Requests for new or altered signage or other traffic control devices for City roadways can be directed to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

## Subdivisions

Like many growing communities, Grove City is made up of many subdivisions, they include:

Autumn Grove	Hennigan's Grove	Pine Grove
Briarwood Hills	Holton Run	Pinnacle
Claybrooke Crossing	Hoover Crossing	Scioto Meadows
Concord Lakes	Hoover Park	Tanglebrook
Concord Park	Indian Trails	Westgrove
Creekside	Keller Farms	Ziner Farm
Crossing at Grant Run	Margie's Cove	
Elgin Field	Martha's Wood	
Farmbrook	Meadow Grove	
Grant Run Estates	Park Ridge	
Haughn Glen	Park Side Estates	

## Swimming

The Big Splash at Evans Park is the community water park for Grove City. The park is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The Big Splash features a heated outdoor pool that can hold 1,000 swimmers, a body slide more than 150 feet long, two slides dropping 15 feet and interactive water toys. In addition, the park offers ample deck space, and a sand play area. A sloped entrance to the pool makes it accessible to everyone.

**The Big Splash at Evans Park**  
**2831 Southwest Blvd., behind Brookpark Middle School**  
**Grove City, Ohio 43123**

For information Oct. 1 through April 30, call Grove City Parks and Recreation at 614-277-3050. After May 1, call 614-277-3941 to speak to a staff member in Guest Relations. Other swimming options are offered through the YMCA.

**Grove City YMCA**  
**Indoor and outdoor pools**  
**3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-871-9622**

**Southwest Community Center**  
**Indoor pool**  
**3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, Ohio 43123**  
**614-539-1770**

## Taxation, Estate, Property and Real Estate

For information on the taxation of estates, personal property and real estate including questions about rates and appraisals, contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

**Franklin County Auditor**  
**21st Floor, 373 South High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-462-3200**  
[www.franklincountyohio.gov/auditor](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/auditor)

## Taxation, Income

Grove City income tax returns are due by April 15. Downloadable forms are available at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). The City of Grove City requires all residents over the age of 18 to file a city income tax return. The city has contracted with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to administer income tax formerly done by the City of Columbus. The City of Grove City's income tax is levied on all salaries, wages and other compensation, self-employed income, income from rental property and the net profit of corporations. Credit is given for income taxes paid to another participating municipality. Direct income-tax questions to the Finance Department at 614-277-3025.

## Tax Incentives

Grove City welcomes new businesses and offers competitive tax incentives for companies locating in the Grove City area. Contact the Development Department with any questions at 614-277-3000.

# Town Center – Utilities

## Town Center

*(See also Historic Preservation Area)*

Grove City's Town Center is the historic heart of the community. It is located seven miles southwest of Columbus on Broadway (U.S. 62) and is home to City Hall as well shops, restaurants and a live-production theatre. It is host to a number of events throughout the year including Summer Sizzle concerts, Arts in the Alley, the Winter Lights holiday parade and the Farmers and Harvest markets.

## Traffic Lights

To report a non-functioning traffic light, contact the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

## Traffic Tickets

*(See Court, Grove City)*

## Trash Collection

*(See Refuse)*

Contact Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375.

## Trees, Public

All trees located between the curb and sidewalk are by law public and therefore the property of the City of Grove City whether planted by a resident or the City. It is the responsibility of the City to plant, maintain, and remove these trees. Utility companies also may prune or remove trees they deem hazardous. Grove City has approximately 12,000 public trees. No one may cut, carve, poison or otherwise damage, transplant or remove public trees. Also prohibited are the attachment of materials such as rope, wire, nails, or posters; burning near enough to damage with flame or heat; and "topping," severely cutting back the canopy leaving limb stubs wider than three inches. Written permission from the service director is required before major landscaping or construction is done within 10 feet of a public tree. Call 614-277-1100 for further information.

## Tree Care

When new public trees are planted, the City requests assistance from residents with mulching and watering. To properly mulch a tree, place hardwood or Com-Til around the trunk area 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches deep every two years after May 1. Do not "volcano mulch" by placing heaping mounds of mulch against the trunk which restricts air flow, blocks water from the roots, and keeps the trunk damp increasing the risk of insects, fungi, bacteria and wood rot. Avoid mulching with cypress, stone or brick chips as they can negatively affect the acidity of the soil. Trees may not interfere with visibility at intersections, maintenance and operation of utilities, or paved street surfaces. Tree limbs cannot hang less than nine feet above the sidewalk. Tree limbs extending over streets must be trimmed so the tree does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Large-class species trees cannot be planted within 75 feet of any public utility line above or below ground. Call 614-277-1100 with questions about tree care.

## Trick-or-Treat

As a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, a voluntary group of 42 local communities cooperating for the benefit of the region, Grove City holds Beggars' Night on the same evening as most others in the Columbus metropolitan area. As a family-friendly alternative to traditional Beggars' Night activities, the City and local businesses offer Boo on Broadway at the same date and time.

## Twitter / Social Media

We encourage residents and visitors to keep informed by using the social media site Twitter. While we maintain other notification systems such as the "From the Grove" e-newsletter and RSS feeds, Twitter feeds are a simple and timely communication tool. Follow Grove City on Twitter @grovecityohio.

## Urbancrest

The Village of Urbancrest is located immediately to the north of Grove City in Jackson Township. The village has an estimated population of 1100.

**Village of Urbancrest, Administration**

**3357 Central Ave., Urbancrest, Ohio 43123 • 614-875-1279**

**Joseph L. Barnes, Sr., Mayor**

## Urban Forester

*(See Service Department)*

## Urgent Care

The greater Columbus region supports 20 hospitals with a combined total of more than 6,000 beds. In addition, Grove City is served by two urgent care facilities. Many additional facilities are easily accessible from Grove City.

**America's Urgent Care**

**2030 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**

**614-883-0160**

**Mount Carmel Urgent Care**

**3000 Meadow Pond Court, Grove City, Ohio 43123**

**(near I-71 and SR 665) • 614-871-7130**

## Utilities

**Electricity** - American Electric Power (AEP): 800-277-2177

**Gas** - Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.: 800-344-4077

Emergency Number: 614-461-1576

**Telephone (land lines)** - SBC Customer Service: 800-660-1000

**Water** - Columbus Division of Water: 614-645-8270

**Sewerage** - Grove City Service Dept.: 614-277-1100

After-hours: 614-645-1710

**Cable Television** -

Wide Open West: 800-848-2278

Time Warner Communications: 614-481-5050

**Trash Service** - Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

For problems with utilities you are unable to resolve with the company, contact the Public Utilities Commission at 800-686-7826 (PUCO) or visit [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov) click on contact us.

## Veterans – Web Sites

### Veterans

The following groups serve veterans in our area. Contact the American Legion for information on local Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations.

**American Legion Pascal Post 164**  
**3363 McDowell Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-875-5106**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars 8198**  
**3363 McDowell Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-875-5106**

**Grove City Community Based Outpatient Clinic**  
**(Veterans' Health Administration)**  
**1955 Ohio Ave., Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-257-5800**

**Franklin County**  
**Veterans' Service Commission**  
**250 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-2787**  
**614-462-2500**

**Ohio Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs**  
**77 South High St., 30th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-644-0898; Fax 614-728-9498**

### V.I.P. Program

The Volunteer Involvement Program engages teens in grades 7-12 in giving back by performing community assistance and helping with a variety of city special events. Volunteers donate their time for the great feeling of helping others. The time earned can fulfill junior high and high school service requirements. Contact the Grove City Parks and Recreation office for information.

**V.I.P. Program**  
**4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123**  
**614-277-3050; Fax: 614-277-3090**  
**Email: vip@grovecityohio.gov**

### Visitors Bureau

(See *Welcome Center and Museum*)

### Vital Records

To obtain vital records for birth, death, marriage and divorce, contact the Ohio Department of Health at 614-466-2531. Walk-ins (birth and death certificates only) should go to the Vital Statistics office at 255 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Send mail-in requests to 246 North High St., First Floor Revenue Room, P.O. Box 15098, Columbus, Ohio 43215-0098. Fees apply.

### Volunteer Opportunities

(See also *Meals-on-Wheels, V.I.P. Program*)

The Evans Center provides community members opportunities to provide helping hands to older people, family caregivers, and disabled persons. Volunteer caregivers from the Grove City area

and local congregations can help with transportation, errands, simple home and yard chores, visiting, respite care, and referral to local community resources. Contact the Evans Center at 614-277-1060.

### Voting in Ohio

All U.S. citizens age 18 or older on election day who have been both a resident of Ohio and registered to vote in the state for at least 30 days can vote. Register at a county board of elections or treasurer's office, the secretary of state's office, public high schools (including vocational), an office of the bureau of motor vehicles, public libraries, or designated offices of agencies providing public assistance. Registration by mail is done through the board of elections or the secretary of state's office. For information, contact the Franklin County Board of Elections.

**Franklin County Board of Elections**  
**280 East Broad St., Room 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**614-462-3100; Fax: 614-462-3489**  
**www.franklincountyohio.gov/boe**

### Water Service

(See *Utilities*)

Water services are provided by the City of Columbus.

**City of Columbus, Department of**  
**Public Utilities, Division of Water**  
**910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215**  
**Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Customer Service: 614-645-8270**  
**(answered 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)**

**After-hours Emergency:**  
**614-645-7788**  
**www.columbuswater.com**

Sewerage services are provided by the City of Grove City. For problems with the sewerage system, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; after-hours call 614-277-1710.

### Web Sites

**City of Grove City: [www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)**

**Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce: [www.gcchamber.org](http://www.gcchamber.org)**

**Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau:**  
**[www.visitgrovecityoh.com](http://www.visitgrovecityoh.com)**

**Grove City Food Pantry: [www.grovecityfoodpantry.org](http://www.grovecityfoodpantry.org)**

**Jackson Township: [www.jacksontownship.org](http://www.jacksontownship.org)**

**South-Western City Schools: [www.swcs.k12.oh.us](http://www.swcs.k12.oh.us)**

**Southwest Public Libraries: [www.spl.lib.oh.us](http://www.spl.lib.oh.us)**

# Welcome Center – Zoning

## Welcome Center and Museum

The Grove City Welcome Center serves as a visitor center and museum in the Grove City Town Center. Travel and tourism information is available 24-hours a day at the Park Street entrance. The Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau answers questions and assists in the planning of trips, social functions, business meetings, and other events in the Grove City area. For information, residents can call 614-539-8747 or visit [www.visitgrovecityoh.com](http://www.visitgrovecityoh.com). Other occupants of the building include Grove City Town Center, Inc., Southwest Franklin County Historical Society and the Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society. The other three agencies do not have regular office hours at this time.

### Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau

**3378 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123**

**614-539-TRIP or 800-539-0405;**

**Fax: 614-539-8762**

**[www.visitgrovecityoh.com](http://www.visitgrovecityoh.com)**

**Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment**

## Work Permits

To obtain a work permit for a high school student, contact the local high school guidance office.

## Yard Sales

(See *Garage Sales*)

## Yard Waste

Accepted yard waste includes grass, bush and shrub cuttings, leaves, garden growth and vines. Waste should be packaged in brown paper yard waste bags or in containers labeled “yard waste only.” Yard waste stickers are available at the Service Department, 3262 Ventura Blvd. Tree limbs 4-feet in length and 1-foot in diameter or less may be bundled with twine or string. Do not use plastic or wire to enclose yard waste; these materials cannot be processed. Yard waste is accepted on normal trash days April through December. January through March, schedule a pick up by calling Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375.

## YMCA

### YMCA - Grove City Branch

**3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, OH 43123**

**614-871-9622**

**[www.ymcacolumbus.org/grovecity](http://www.ymcacolumbus.org/grovecity)**

### Southwest Community Center

**3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, OH 43123**

**614-539-1770**

**[www.ymcacolumbus.org/swcc](http://www.ymcacolumbus.org/swcc)**

## Youth Services Bureau

(See also *Explorers*)

The Grove City Division of Police Youth Services Bureau deals with the unique issues relating to community youths. The bureau has primary responsibilities for offenses in which a child is victim or offender and investigates allegations of abuse and neglect.

The Youth Services Bureau takes a pro-active approach in dealing with children and young adults by building relationships with them early in life starting with D.A.R.E. and seat belt safety in elementary school continuing through high school.

To meet the needs of the youth, there are four School Resources Officers (S.R.O.) assigned to schools within Grove City. One each is assigned to Grove City High School, Central Crossing High School and the South-Western Career Academy. A fourth S.R.O. rotates among the middle and intermediate schools. The S.R.O. is a liaison between the school and police on issues such as security and traffic control to special events. The S.R.O. is a police officer, mentor and counselor. The bureau also includes two D.A.R.E. officers. There is a juvenile diversion program to steer youth toward treatment and community service rather than the formal court setting.

### Youth Services Bureau Information

**614-277-1740**

## Youth Sports

(See *Sports*)

## Zoning

Grove City's Building Division and Development Department work closely to maintain both current and long range zoning plans. For zoning information, contact the Building Division.

### Grove City Building Division

**4035 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123**

**614-277-3075**

**[www.grovecityohio.gov](http://www.grovecityohio.gov)**