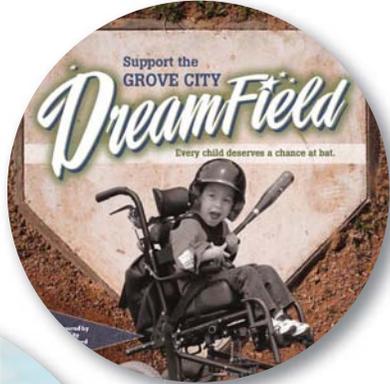


PREPARING for the future.....



State of the City



April 16, 2015

Grove City 2050



enhancing our life-long community

Grove City's history of successfully combining our small town charm with vibrant, planned growth has served us well. As we plan for 2050, a look back to 1980 defines our community with a population of 16,816 citizens, 5,955 households, 65.6 miles of streets covering 2.5 square miles. Today we are home to nearly 40,000 residents, 14,278 households with 180 miles of streets connecting 7.2 square miles.

Embracing and enhancing our "life-long community" concept will continue to be a guiding principle of the GroveCity2050 planning process. Our "life-long community" has been best described by Grove City residents, and I often hear, "My parents were born and raised here, my children were born and raised here, and I hope the same for my grandchildren." Growing and enhancing our community to further merit those sentiments requires planning and investment in education at all levels, libraries, healthcare, housing for first-time home buyers to senior housing and a superior quality of life including a safe, fun, walkable/bikeable small town community filled with greenspace, parks, history, charm and a pervasive culture that embraces the arts.



Mayor Stage and Council members (L-R) Jeff Davis, Maria Klemack-McGraw, President Ted Berry, Steve Bennett and Laura Lanese honor Police Chief Steve Robinette with a Proclamation for 30 years of service.

Planning for 2050 will include a process of accommodating the anticipated housing demand forecasts that point to increasing preferences for walkable, complete communities where daily needs are within close proximity to homes and jobs. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) estimates that by 2050 we will be a community with 53,000 people and hundreds of new businesses. A countless number of planning and investment decisions are affected by how we shape our future and one of our planning tasks involves continued active participation in MORPC's Insight2050.

Insight2050 is an effort to prepare central Ohio for future growth and the impacts of various planning options. For example, communities may elect to continue land-use and transportation investments based on past trends of expanding undeveloped land (this approach would increase the City's 180 miles of streets to 500 miles by 2050) to maximizing growth through infill on previously developed land. The effort will specify the fiscal, mobility, environmental and public health impacts of various scenarios. The City has been an active participant in Phase I of the MORPC effort and we will become even more

involved in the next phases.

The City's planning effort, "GroveCity2050," will demonstrate an early start this summer when we feature the fiscal and practical benefits of embracing planning with environmental considerations by hosting the first Grove City Ecofest, Saturday, Aug. 22 at Henceroth Park. This event will be central Ohio's first annual festival focusing on sustainability with plans to make the event Ohio's best. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Our goal as we continue to work through the various infrastructure, thoroughfare, utility, zoning and land development details is to ensure we hold strong to keeping our community a "complete, livable community" featuring the sophistication of a growing metropolitan community while holding on to the small town charm we have become proudly known for.

I invite you to read more about our community, its growth and the results of the recent work of City Administration and City Council.

Mayor, Richard L. "Ike" Stage

remembering our history

Besides planning for future growth, GroveCity2050 planning will include a conscious commitment to our history. The City's well recognized charm stems in part to the City's tradition of respecting and memorializing its history, events, places and its people. Last year the City reinstated the Historical Commission with a mission to develop programs promoting local history and cultural arts while working in cooperation with all local organizations with similar goals.

In 2014, the City acquired the Ruth V. Jividen home, also known as the A.G. Grant Homestead. The home is an 1840s era house and Mrs. Jividen was a descendent of one of the area's first settlers, Hugh Grant Sr., who arrived here in 1805. The City's plan for the homestead, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is to restore the home and use it as a history museum adding to the City's appeal as a tourist destination.

Jackson Township celebrates its bicentennial this year and a portrayal of some of its history will be described in a unique play. The history of Jackson Township and Grove City comes to life this year as the play weaves an entertaining story of the early days of the township as the community expanded from the new Harrisburg turnpike carved from the Ohio wilderness.

"The Century Box," a historical play crafted by playwright Jeremy Sony, uses characters representing early settlers including pioneer Hugh Grant and businessman and Grove City founder William Foster Breck to recount the narrative of the birth of our community in celebration of Jackson Township's bicentennial. Show times are at 8 p.m. Friday, May 29; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, May 30 and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 31 at Central Crossing High School auditorium, 4500 Big Run South Road.



enriching our community

Southwest Public Libraries, Grove City Branch

The City has been aggressively redeveloping the Town Center for more than 25 years, and a vibrant Town Center is a vital element to successful economic development. Since the introduction of the Town Center Commercial Revitalization (TCCR) grant program in 2001, more than 150 grants have been awarded. Each grant required matching private funding resulting in a Town Center admired and often cited as a vital Grove City asset.

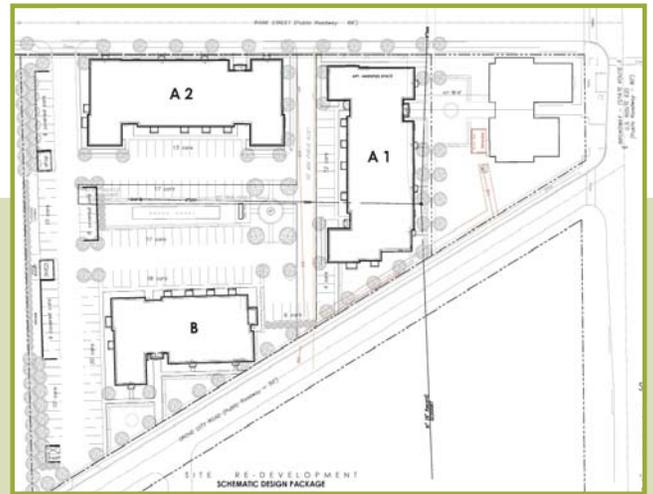
Town Center will see the beginning of the next phase of redevelopment with a summer ground breaking of a new \$17 million Grove City Library. The City of Grove City and Southwest Public Libraries entered into a partnership to build a 48,000-square-foot library in the Town Center at Broadway and Grant Avenue. The new library will replace the aging library and feature significantly more meeting rooms, quiet study and reading space, expanded technology services and children's programming areas.



..... ***Grove City Welcome Center and Museum***



The Grove City Welcome Center and Museum is an asset for education and tourism. Every year hundreds of students visit the museum taking part in presentations and rotating exhibits hosted by the staff and volunteers. The museum is located at 3378 Park Street and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings until 8 p.m. and during special events in the Town Center. Stop by on your next visit to the Town Center. For museum information, call 614-277-3061.



Town Center Redevelopment

A public request for proposals for the next phase of the Town Center redevelopment was issued and the Pizzuti Companies presented and won a comprehensive redevelopment plan. The plan is a multi-family development appealing to two of the fastest growing demographics, young professionals and baby boomers.

The plan describes a multi-family complex of 120 one- and two-bedroom units located on the vacant property directly west of City Hall. The units will be architecturally complimentary to the Town Center.

The development will include adequate parking, green space and walkable access to Town Center locations.



Nutcracker Christmas Theme and Animation

To complement the Town Center's charm and rich history, at Christmas the City introduced an equally charming and historically significant Nutcracker-centered decorating scheme throughout Town Center.

The family friendly theme was enhanced in 2014 with the addition of an animated City Hall window version of scenes from the Nutcracker.



building a full-service community

Mount Carmel Hospital



Mount Carmel is investing an additional \$355 million to expand its year old Grove City facility to a full-service hospital to be completed by 2018.

The project will include a 500,000-square-foot inpatient hospital and 120,000-square-foot medical office building. The new hospital will feature 210 beds and seven floors of clinical services.

Widening I-71 between Stringtown Road and SR 665

The City of Grove City and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are working together to improve traffic access from Stringtown Road to I-71 with important ramp and lane improvements.

This year ODOT will widen I-71 to three lanes between Stringtown and SR 665 to ease congestion and improve safety for the 60,000 to 90,000 daily drivers. Widening I-71 between Stringtown Road and SR 315 is expected to start next year. The two projects will cost nearly \$90 million.

Byers Chevrolet

Founded in 1897, Byers Chevrolet is the first new car dealership in Grove City in decades. The showroom opened in 2014 on North Meadows Drive offering new-car sales, a service department, a body shop and parking for nearly 400 new vehicles. The 12.3-acre site was designed to accommodate two additional dealerships.



..... *South-Western City School District's Replacement Program*



The South-Western City School District is updating and enhancing the learning/teaching experience in the second phase of its school building replacement program and Grove City benefits with four new elementary schools. Monterey opened last year, J.C. Sommer will open this year and Richard Avenue and Highland Park will open in 2016.

Bike Trails & Connectivity

Grove City continues to aggressively improve its bike trail connectivity with the addition of nearly five miles in 2013-14. In 2015, the City will add an additional two miles.

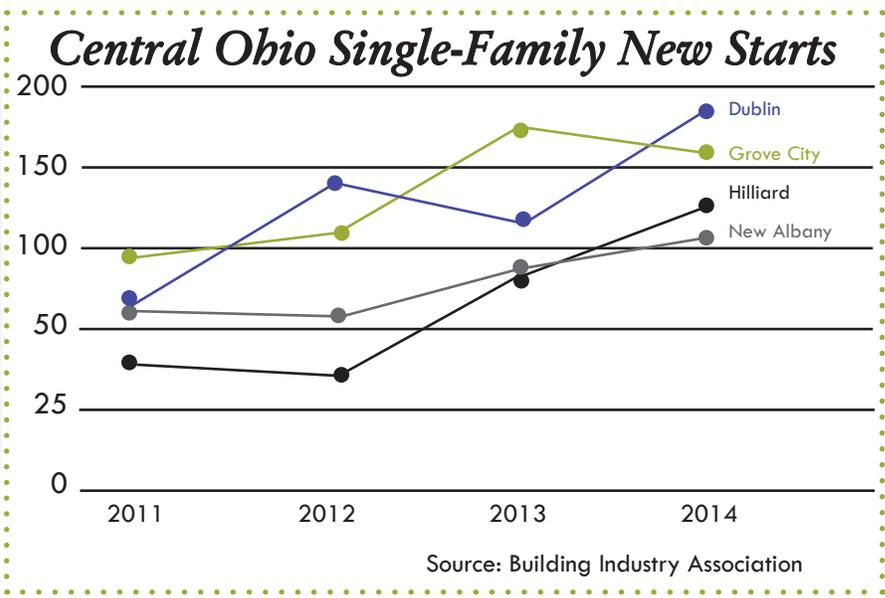


Electric Car Charging Stations

The City of Grove City was pleased to open two electric car charging stations in 2014. The Tesla station is at 4200 Parkmeade Drive and Nissan's station is at 4067 First Street, in the Town Center.



strong residential



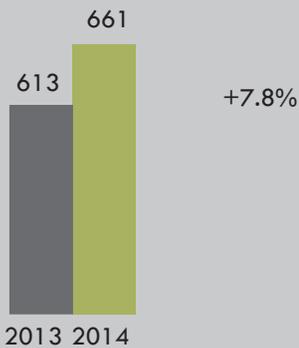
Residential Permits

Year	# of Permits	Total Dollars
2014	2,234	\$42,262,465
2013	2,273	\$47,969,836
2012	1,961	\$34,215,464
2011	1,793	\$27,755,238

Source: City of Grove City

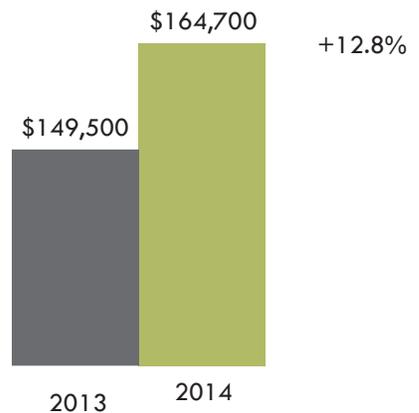


Home Sales



Source: Building Industry Association

Median Home Sales Price



Source: The Columbus Board of Realtors

New Commercial Building Projects

Year	Projects	Valuation
2014	14	\$24,996,658
2013	29	\$44,722,497
2012	8	\$29,468,362
2011	5	\$5,100,000
2010	24	\$9,070,278

Source: City of Grove City Building Division

2014 Building Division Overview

Total Permits Issued.....	2,938
Building Division Fees Collected.....	\$2,132,857
Number of Inspections.....	7,613
Registered Contractors	691
Total Valuation.....	\$91,030,971

Source: City of Grove City Building Division

Approved Projects, not yet under construction

Kroger Expansion (Buckeye Grove Shopping Center): to expand the existing Kroger by more than 35,000 square feet. A new entry vestibule will be constructed on the front of the store as well as a remote drive-thru pharmacy kiosk in the parking lot.

Richard Avenue Elementary School: the new school will be nearly 60,000 square feet with 22,000 square feet of classroom space (existing building is 45,000 square feet total).

Highland Park Elementary School: the new school will be nearly 70,000 square feet with 26,000 square feet of classroom space (existing building is 40,000 square feet total).

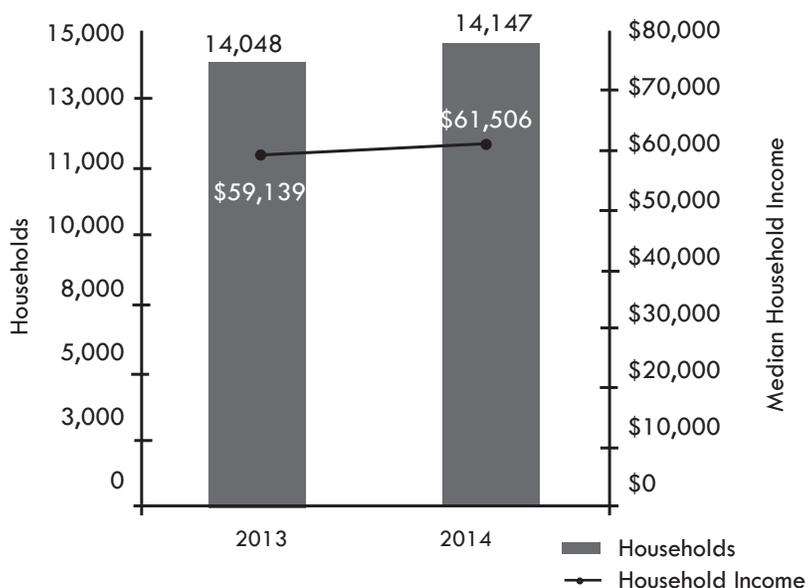
Long-term Skilled Care Nursing Facility: includes 99 beds, 66,000 square feet, expected to employ 117 staff members with an average daily staff of 64 persons.

Commercial Construction Activity

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| Alpafartas USA-Excel | J.C. Sommer School | State Farm Insurance |
| ATI Physical Therapy | Jimmy John's | Grove City Summit |
| Byers Automotive | Lamplighter Senior Village | Sysco Guest Supply |
| Candlewood Suites | Maintenance Supply Headquarters | Tesla Charging Station |
| Central Ohio Family Physicians | Meineke Car Care Center | Tosoh SMD, Inc., addition |
| Classic Resurrection | Mount Carmel | Town Center Hardware, remodel |
| Courtyard by Marriott | Medical Office Building | Ultra Cosmetics Store |
| CrossFit 43123 | Nissan Charging Station | VaporFi |
| Grove City Dermatology | Physique Fitness Studio | Village at the Groves II |
| Grove City OBGYN | Pier 1 | Studio in the Village |
| Guaranteed Heating & Cooling | Salon Lofts | Visionworks |
| Huntington Bank, Giant Eagle | S & T Automotive America, LLC | |
| Impero Coffee, relocated | Standard Register | |

8 strong business & community growth

Households / Income



Sources: ESRI Business Analyst Online for income and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) estimates for numbers of households.

Population

Year	Residents
2014	36,079
2013	35,817
2012	35,708
2011	34,569
2010	34,280

Source: MORPC population estimates

Employment

Year	Jobs
2014	25,692
2013	24,583
2012	22,221
2011	20,235
2010	20,267

Source: Based on average wages and income tax collections.

Business & Community Anniversaries & Awards

Congratulations to the following Grove City businesses celebrating milestones:

2014

The Kirk Williams Company, 65 years
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 60 years

2013

The Ohio State Board of Cosmetology, 80 years
Zamarelli's Pizza Palace, 50 years
Trinity United Methodist Church, 50 years
Dr. Kebe, MD, 25 years

Congratulations to the Grove City recipients of the 2014 City Scene Magazine awards.

Best Local Wine Plum Run Winery
Best Charity Mid-Ohio Food Bank
Best Barbeque City Barbeque
Best Cupcakes Capital City Cakes
Best Wine Event Wine and Arts Festival
Best Pizza Tammy's Pizza
Best Suburban Fireworks Blast at Beulah

Top Employers

- South-Western City Schools
- Walmart Distribution Center
- FedEx Ground Package Systems, Inc.
- Halcore Group, Inc. (Horton Ambulance)
- Tosoh SMD, Inc.
- Walmart Super Center
- Tigerpoly Manufacturing, Inc.
- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co
- The GAP, Inc.
- Manheim Remarketing, Inc. (Ohio Auto Auction)

Source: The City of Grove City

Beulah Park

The City is working with Ciminello Inc., the developer of The Pinnacle Golf Club community, on a preliminary development plan for the 212-acre Beulah Park property. The plan proposes 78 acres of park and open space, 275 single-family homes, 120 empty-nester units, 450 multi-family units and 12 acres of commercial.



Pier 1

Pier 1 is expanding its Grove City operation with 200,000 square feet at an additional site, to develop the company's second e-commerce center in the United States. The investment will cost more than \$5 million and will add 165 new jobs.

Logitech, Inc.

Logitech, Inc., a Grove City materials handling manufacturer since 1991 is building a new 67,284-square-foot office and manufacturing facility. The new facility will employ more than 40 associates.

..... ***Merrill Corporation***

Merrill Corporation, a global provider of technology services for corporate markets, recently announced an \$800,000-capital investment in its Grove City facility.

..... ***TOSOH SMD, Inc.***

TOSOH SMD, Inc., the fifth largest employer in Grove City, completed a second, 67,000-square-foot expansion since the company relocated to Gantz Road in 1991. The expansion includes both expanded manufacturing and technology operations.

Rev1 Ventures (previously TechColumbus)

Last year Grove City approved a multi-year agreement with Rev1 Ventures to attract technology-related businesses. Tom Walker, president of Rev1 Ventures, said the company will assist Grove City in accelerating the development of start-up technology companies by providing business owners with resources and services necessary to succeed.



The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of active and passive opportunities for exercise and educational enrichment for residents and visitors of all ages. The department is just one of 136 nationwide and nine in Ohio to earn full accreditation from the National Parks and Recreation Association.

The staff manages 20 parks incorporating more than 300 acres and 25 miles of nature trails ranging from mini-parks featuring meditative space and playground equipment to large community parks with special features such as ball fields, sledding hills, skateboard obstacles, a stocked fishing pond, a historic village and herb gardens.

Grove City hosts a variety of community events providing entertainment and gathering destinations for residents and visitors. Annual events include the Heritage Celebration (spring) and Old-Time Harvest Day (fall) celebrating the history of the community, the Independence Day Celebration with a fireworks display rated among the best in the region (voted Best Suburban Fireworks by CityScene magazine for two years in a row), Bark at Breck bringing dog owners together for a day of fun and games, the Alumni Homecoming and a charming, Nutcracker-themed Christmas Celebration.

Grove City hosts the moving Ohio Flags of Honor display for a weekend each year at Henceroth Park. This emotional and somber display features a field of United States flags posted to remember Ohio soldiers who lost their lives serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. Free weekly events through the summer include concerts in the Town Center on Friday and Saturday evenings and open-air showings of popular movies on an inflatable screen in Fryer Park.

For those hosting a party or family gathering, Grove City offers various shelter options. In addition to smaller, drop-in shelters at a number of parks, larger rentable spaces are available at Windsor and Gantz parks. For Grove City and Jackson Township residents and businesses preferring an indoor facility protected from the elements, the 3,500-square-foot Eagle Pavilion at Rotary Lake overlooking beautiful Rotary Lake is a popular event venue.



Gantz Park



Rotary Lake
in Fryer Park



Century Village
in Fryer Park



Program Participation

Program	2012	2014
Adult Sports	2,155	2,056
Youth Sports	2,272	2,325
Senior Membership.....	1,256	1,165
Big Splash Attendance.....	33,668	28,918
Learn-to-Swim	265	290
V.I.P. Teen Volunteers	101	83
P.A.R.K. (Before/After School).....	2,070	2,808
RecSchool.....	945	1,026
Estimated Park Attendance	250,000 ...	275,000

Source: Grove City Parks & Recreation Department

Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Funding

Since 1989 the City of Grove City has collected a six percent hotel/motel industry bed tax from the City's lodging facilities. Fifty percent of the revenue is used to fund our many community special activities and the Grove City Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Year	City	VCB	Total
2014 ...	\$327,226...	\$327,226 ...	\$654,452
2013 ...	\$328,251 ...	\$328,251 ...	\$656,502
2012 ...	\$325,550...	\$325,550 ...	\$651,100
2011 ...	\$296,050...	\$296,050 ...	\$592,100
2010 ...	\$248,940...	\$248,940 ...	\$497,880

Source: Grove City Finance Department

The Big Splash

The Big Splash staff earned the Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award in 2014 for their outstanding commitment and protection of the families of our community for the sixth time in seven years.

Scioto Grove Metro Park

Ground breaking is scheduled for later this spring on the 600-acre park located along SR 104 between SR 665 and Pinnacle Club Drive. The park will span 3.8 miles and feature kayaking, an archery range, nature education center, playground and backpacking area. In addition to

public uses, development of the park will focus on the natural resources and wildlife. The first phase of development is anticipated to be completed by late fall 2015.



Volunteer Involvement Program

During 2014, Grove City teens participated at 43 events and activities as part of the Volunteer Involvement Program (V.I.P. - teen volunteers). There are 83 teens in the program and they volunteered more than 484 hours. Their participation is significant to the success of community events.



The Kingston Center

In late 2012, the Parks and Recreation Department entered into a partnership agreement with South-Western City Schools to lease recreation space at the closed Kingston Avenue School. The department was able to increase program offerings and expand current programs through this partnership. The Kingston Center houses a variety of gymnastic, dance, fitness and childcare programs. The Kingston Center also serves as a home for community events such as the monthly blood drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross and active shooter response education, sponsored by the Grove City Division of Police.

Grove City Community Disc Golf Course

In 2014, Grove City became home to another recreation experience as the new Grove City Community Disc Golf Course opened on the campus of the Grove City Church of the Nazarene. The disc golf course is a cooperative effort of the City of Grove City Parks and Recreation Department, the Grove City Church of the Nazarene and Boy Scout Troop 275 of Grove City. The object of disc golf is the same as traditional golf – complete the course by throwing discs into metal targets with the fewest tries. Players can use a traditional flying disc or Frisbee® or more specialized discs designed for the sport. This is a great way for beginners to learn the game, for families or friends of different skill levels to participate together or for more competitive players to keep their skills sharp or enjoy a leisurely round close to home.

Breck Community Park, Grove City's Newest Park

In September, the City opened a new 22-acre community park located off Demorest Road, on the west side of Grove City. The park features trails, green space, shaded area and the first off-leash dog park in Grove City. Rest rooms are scheduled to be added in 2015.



Breck Community Park



Grove City Community Disc Golf Course



Windsor Park

Windsor Park Improvements

Opening in late 2015 will be the Grove City Dream Field, a baseball field for persons of all abilities. Built in conjunction with the Grove City Little League® Board of Directors. The field will be only the second such field in all of central Ohio. The dream of the Dream Field supporters is that every child has the chance to swing a baseball bat at home plate and hear the crack of the bat hitting the ball. The field will feature family rest rooms, a special rubberized playing surface to accommodate children who require wheelchairs, crutches or walkers. Business and community members can support the construction and annual maintenance through the Grove City Dream Field sponsorship program.



Tree Commission

A total of 822 trees were planted on public property and nine Tree Commission members volunteered a total of 189 hours during 2014. An Arbor Day program was held at Park Street Intermediate School with sixth grade classes helping to plant trees on school grounds representing six unique tree species displaying a variety of characteristics.



22nd Anniversary, Tree City USA

The City of Grove City is a Tree City USA recipient for more than 20 years. The Arbor Day Foundation has annually honored Grove City's commitment to its community forestry program.

Keeping Grove City Beautiful

Keep Grove City Beautiful (KGCB) events and activities included the Adopt-a-Street/Park program with 40 partners who adopted a street or park for litter-cleanup and beautification. A total of 378 residents volunteered 486 hours and collected 2,597 pounds of trash.

During Community Environmental Day/Jackson Township Spring Cleanup, 9,138 pounds of paper were shredded, and 128 tires and 4,900 pounds of e-waste were gathered.



Rain Gardens and Green Initiatives

Five rain barrel workshops with 86 participants were held in 2014. To date more than 610 people have attended our rain barrel workshops putting over 650 rain barrels into use in the Grove City and Jackson Township area.

The City of Grove City diverted 22.5% of its solid waste to a recycling facility and yard waste processor in 2014. A total of 14,128 tons of solid waste, 1,907 tons of recycling and 2,146 tons of yard waste were collected.

More than 90 Boy Scouts volunteered a total of 592 hours at the fifth annual Creek Sweep. The City of Grove City partners with area troops and Keep Grove City Beautiful to clean more than two miles of waterways each year. A total of 4,200 pounds of trash was collected.

Southwest Public Libraries, Grove City Branch

The City of Grove City and Southwest Public Libraries have entered into a partnership to build a 48,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art library in Grove City’s historic Town Center. The new library will replace the aging library on Park Street and provide significantly more meeting rooms, quiet study and reading space, additional computers, an expanded children’s programming area and more. The new library is part of a larger project planned for Town Center by the Pizzuti Companies including walkways connecting new multi-family residential units.

Growth through Grove City Volunteers

Grove City enjoys tremendous benefit from the many volunteers serving on various committees, boards and commissions. Their commitment and guidance is key to the effective growth and development of our city.

Audit Committee

- Paul Alexeeff
- Adam Borchers
- Joseph Merth

Board of Zoning Appeals

- Kelly Reisling, Chairperson
- John W. Brant
- George Holinga

Civil Service Commission

- Marjorie Brant, Chairperson
- Keith Larsen
- Dr. Robert Gardner

Historical Commission

- James F. Hale, Chairperson
- Lisa Napier-Garcia
- Gary Buckingham
- Karen Lane
- Michael Lilly

Records Commission

- Debbie Reeves
- Chuck Boso
- Stephen Smith Jr.
- Mike Turner

Keep Grove City Beautiful

- Michelle Fulks, Chairperson
- Sam Clark
- Jennifer Eschbach
- Mike Esposito
- Marc Fleming
- Kristi Higginbotham
- Dennis Hunter
- Camille Kopczewski, Co-secretary
- Mary LeSturgeon
- Bill Myers, Co-secretary
- Jamie Roberts
- Doug Swartz

Little League® Board

- Jay Pozz, President
- Jimmie Harris, Vice President
- Larry Thomas, Secretary
- Jack Widner, Treasurer
- Ron Gabriel
- Gary Haughn
- Don Walters

Park Board

- Sam Clark, Chairperson
- Jamie Hannon, Co-chair

Alexis Fitzsimmons

- Brenda Hritz
- Alice Sweeley
- Maria Klemack-McGraw, Liaison

Planning Commission

- Gary Leasure, Chairperson
- Mike Linder, Vice Chair
- Julie Osyter
- Roby Schottke

Tree Commission

- Michael Esposito, Chairperson
- David Berna
- Maureen Cahill
- Laurie Fomby
- Jim Lanman
- Jeff LaVelly
- Jack Moore
- Dan Snyder

Our community is fortunate to have so many volunteers involved with service groups assisting Grove City.

- American Legion Paschall Post 164
- Grove City Civic Club
- Grove City Community Club
- Grove City Elks
- Grove City Food Pantry
- Grove City Kiwanis
- Grove City Noon Lions Club
- Grove City Lions Club
- Grove City Rotary
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- Knights of Columbus
- Scouting organizations
- South-Western City Educational Foundation
- Southwest Christian Ministerial Society
- Southwest Franklin County Historical Society
- Veterans of Foreign Wars 8198

..... **Grove City & Urbancrest YMCA**

The Grove City and Urbancrest YMCAs, work every day to strengthen our community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCAs serve more than 13,000 members with over 370,000 annual member visits. Both facilities continue to grow.



Grove City YMCA



Urbancrest YMCA

..... **Grove City Kids Association**

The Grove City Kids Association (GCKA) is dedicated to offering the best youth experience possible by providing an environment focused on maximizing each participant’s potential. GCKA is the only known private youth organization that provides four youth sports programs soccer, football, cheerleading and girls softball with the support of more than 225 volunteers. GCKA accepts 2,000 youth sign-ups annually with more than 4,000 visitors to Murfin Field each year.

COTA Grows with Grove City

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is a community partner committed to growing with Grove City. In 2014, COTA improved both the span and frequency of service, increasing evening service from 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday. Frequency was improved for pickup times previously ranging from 32 to 45 minutes to every 30 minutes.

COTA is implementing a major transportation study to help plan for the Central Ohio transportation needs over the next 35 years. The project, NextGen, is in its first phase and Grove City is a participant in the Project Advisory Group.



community volunteers & partners

Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce annual Arts in the Alley treats more than 30,000 attendees to juried arts and craft vendors, great entertainment and delicious food from local eateries. In 2014 the Chambers' Farmers Market expanded from a summer market into a spring and summer market providing attendees with a fresh array of local fruits, vegetables, baked goods, teas and coffee, plants, beef, pork and bison. Chamber membership is well over 500 members strong and growing as businesses are drawn by the numerous educational programs, networking opportunities and communication outlets provided by the Chamber. For more information on the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce, visit www.gcchamber.org.



Grove City Town Center

Grove City Town Center Inc. operates with an important mission to preserve, support, educate and enhance the historic Town Center. With the help of many community volunteers, the Grove City Wine and Arts Festival, Browsing Broadway and the expanded Mistletoe Market are among the many successful events scheduled annually. Find the Grove City Town Center online at www.grovecitytowncenter.org.

..... *Grove City Visitors and Convention Bureau*

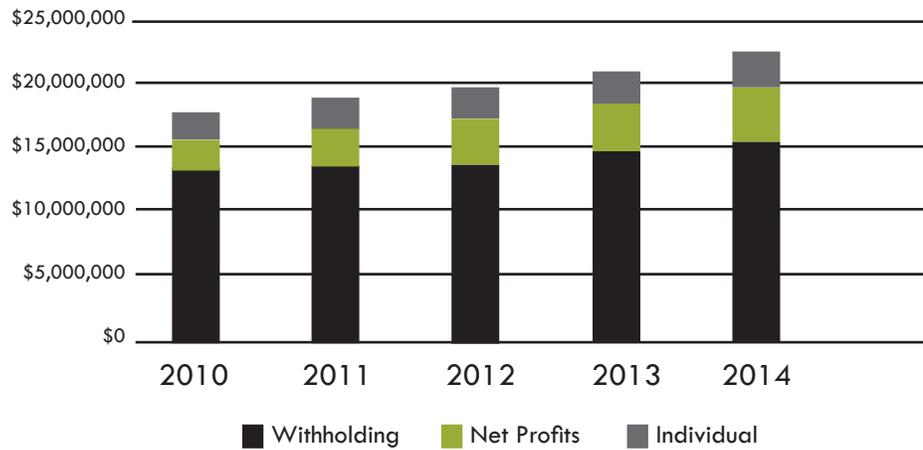
Visit Grove City, the convention and visitors bureau for the Grove City area, enhances economic growth by increasing the visibility of Grove City as a place to meet, stay, work and play through promotion and product development.

Over 2013 and 2014, Visit Grove City rebranded, fully revamped their website VisitGroveCityOH.com, began promoting Grove City to travelers and travel planners at trade shows throughout the United States and more. Exciting changes have led to the receipt of two Ruby Awards, one for Visit Grove City's blog, "What in the Grove," and one for their social media campaign, "#SeeTheGrove."

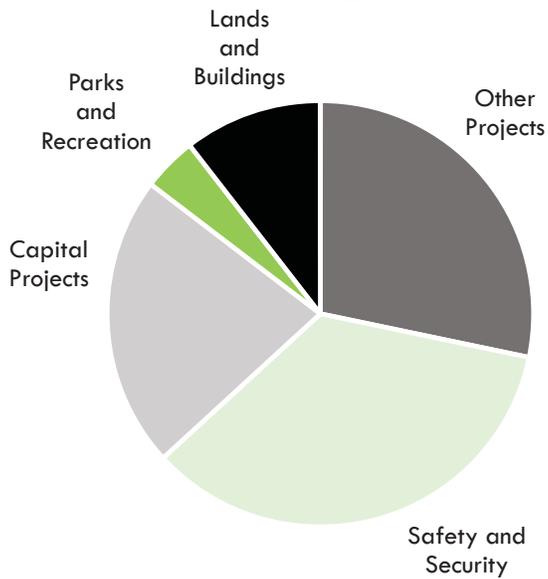


City income taxes are the largest source of revenue for Ohio municipalities. Grove City's income taxes allow the City to provide basic local services such as funding our police, parks and recreation and capital improvements. For the year ended December 31, 2014, adjusted tax collections were \$21,756,638 an increase of \$1,558,773 or 7.7% above 2013 collections. This total variance in income tax collection is due to an increase in withholding taxes by \$743,938 or 5.0%, individual taxes were up by \$415,670 or 25.2%, and net profit taxes were up by \$399,159 or 10.9%. This strong income tax performance is a testament to the planning and development activities the City has implemented over the years.

Grove City Income Taxes



General Fund Expenditures



The City expended \$29,164,504 of the General Fund income in 2014. The chart illustrates how General Fund operating expenses were allocated. The largest use of our General Fund dollars in 2014 was to provide safety and security to our community by funding the Division of Police. More than \$6.5-million was earmarked for capital projects.

Fund balances are accumulated over time resulting from revenues exceeding expenditures. One benchmark the City continuously targets is the maintenance of reserves sufficient to cover six months of annual operating expenses. At the end of 2014, the general fund unexpended balance was \$18,105,460, which equates to approximately 11 months of operating expenses. This reserve serves to fund major projects and as a “safety net” to protect the City against any significant loss in revenues or unanticipated major expenditures.



Grove City is proud of its long-standing reputation as a safe community. The Grove City Division of Police continues to be creative in developing strong community partnerships to prevent and solve crimes. These community partnerships are discussed, developed, implemented and measured for effectiveness.

Smart911

Grove City is the first entity in Ohio to offer Smart911, the national safety service that provides more effective emergency response. Smart911 allows citizens to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 911 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency.

When a citizen makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 911 call taker, allowing them to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information. Responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously, and now fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms. EMS responders can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than hours.

Visit www.smart911.com to create your online safety profile. You have the opportunity to include information and photos on household members, pets, medical disabilities, allergies and more.



..... **Online Reporting System**

The Grove City Division of Police introduced an Online Police Reporting System known as COPLOGIC. The system allows residents to submit a non-emergency incident report through an easy-to-use reporting tool on the Grove City Police web page. Once submitted, each report will be received and, if appropriate, given a case number and assigned to a detective to investigate.

The Grove City Online Police Reporting System is user-friendly and helps citizens report non-emergency incidents in a timely manner. The data obtained from the Online Police Reporting System will help law enforcement identify areas of heightened activity and peak time periods of crime. This information will assist the police in utilizing the reports to protect the City of Grove City.

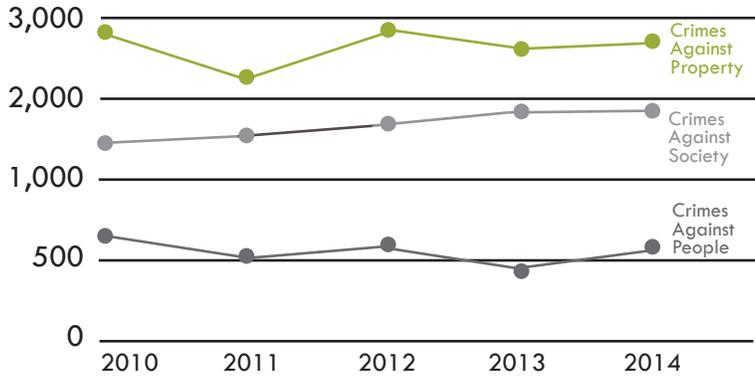
Communications

The Division moved forward updating its emergency communications system in 2014. The City partnered with Franklin County to move communications to the digital Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS). This will improve the quality of emergency communications as well as interoperability among safety partners. The radio tower was erected and communication base stations installed. The system is expected to be fully operational in the first half of 2015.



The Grove City Division of Police handled more than 110,000 police, fire and emergency medical service calls in 2014. More than 15,000 of the calls were for 911.

Crime Trends



Crimes against society are crimes not included in those against people and property.

Source: Grove City Division of Police

Safety Service Calls

Year	Non-Emergency Calls	All 911 Calls	Wireless 911 Calls
2014	95,135	15,583	10,520
2013	95,058	15,163	10,370
2012	87,134	15,476	10,428
2011	87,740	14,832	9,666
2010	93,227	13,578	8,196



National Night Out

A popular event of the Division of Police's community partnership efforts is National Night Out. This event is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in anticrime programs. In 2013, the Farmbrook Blockwatch was awarded the National Night Out Rookie of the Year by the National Night Out organization for their superb first-year event.

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

In 2014, the Grove City Division of Police in partnership with the Jackson Township Fire Department developed the Seniors And Law enforcement Together (SALT) program. The program is designed to provide seniors information about crimes that specifically target their population and measures they can take to improve their safety. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Evans Senior Center.

Directed Patrol Unit

The division tested the concept of a directed patrol unit to provide focused attention on issues affecting safety in the community. The officers assigned generally focus on property crimes such as shoplifting, thefts from cars and nuisance crimes. The concept was so successful, officers have been permanently assigned for 2015.

Volunteer Programs •••••

The Grove City Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is an extension of the Grove City Division of Police Community Partnership. The program provides insight into the mission, goals, objectives and operations of the Division of Police through education. The CPA is designed for residents who live in Grove City, Jackson Township or those who pay Grove City income tax. Class members are encouraged to share their experiences and education with police instructors and class participants to improve community and police partnerships.

The Division has graduated seven classes since 2010, including 83 Grove City and Jackson Township residents. Graduates of the Academy formed an Alumni Association. Members of the Alumni Association continue their mission to support the Grove City Division of Police by volunteering their time at events, hosting Child I.D. events and various functions.

Our Explorer Program saw growth and spent a week at the Explorer's Academy in Kentucky learning about law enforcement as a career field. The Explorers Program provides juveniles and young adults between 14 and 21 years of age who have an interest in becoming law enforcement officers hands-on experience in the law enforcement field.

We added an officer to our reserve officer corp in 2015. Reserve officers are fully commissioned peace officers who volunteer their time to help improve the safety of our community.



Police Patrol Car Improvement Program

Two years ago, the Division of Police began testing vehicles large enough to handle the ever increasing technology equipment patrol cars now require. The result was a commitment to convert, as patrol cars are rotated out of service, to Ford Explorers. For safety, the Explorers are equipped with all-wheel drive and a special Police equipment package. One of the planned technology additions will be an on-board printer for traffic tickets to further improve efficiency.

••••• **Southwest Public Safety Committee**

In June 2012, the City of Grove City in partnership with other public entities surrounding our community formed the Southwest Public Safety Officials Committee. The purpose of the committee is to increase public safety and the day-to-day delivery of safety services with a regional approach to disaster preparedness throughout the Southwest quadrant. Committee members include the City of Grove City, Jackson Township, Pleasant Township, Scioto Township, South-Western City Schools, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Office of Criminal Justice Programs and Metro Parks. The committee meets quarterly and has developed an annual disaster training program to facilitate and maintain effective collaboration.

Sidewalk Safety Program •••••

Grove City has an active program of monitoring city sidewalks to ensure they are safe for travel. While sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, the City initiated a program in 2013 to pay 50 percent of the repair cost and provide a 20-year payment plan for property owners to pay their portion.

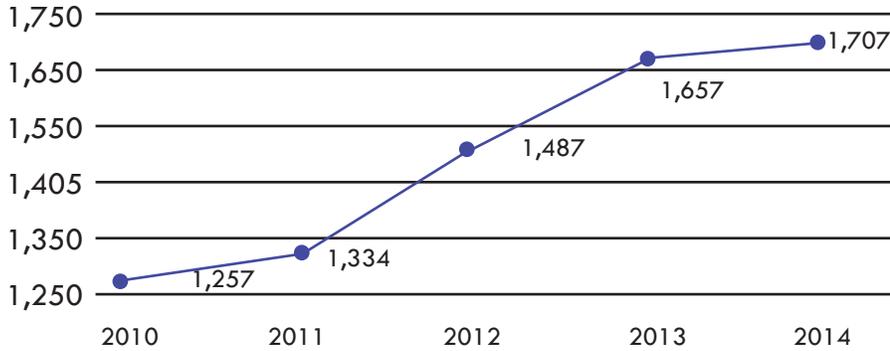
In 2013 and 2014, the City replaced nearly four miles of sidewalk; one-and-a-half miles will be replaced in 2015.



Jackson Township Fire and Emergency Services

Jackson Township provides fire and emergency medical services to Grove City. Jackson Township's Fire Department just received, for the first time, a Class 2 classification from the Insurance Services office. This places the fire department in the top 1.5% of the more than 49,000 fire departments in the country. This is an extremely high rating and further reinforcement of the high level of safety Grove City and Jackson Township enjoy.

Fire Run Statistics



Source: Jackson Township Fire Department



Jackson Township opened Station 204 on Buckeye Parkway in May 2014. This was the township's first new station since 1978 and was a factor in the fire department achieving the improved ISO rating.

EMS Run Statistics



Source: Jackson Township Fire Department



South-Western City School District, Grove City Schools •••••

Grove City is proud of its commitment to education and learning. The City is served by the South-Western City School District (SWCSD), the sixth largest district in Ohio, with 20,685 students. In addition, there are three private schools located within Grove City, including Grove City Christian, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Beautiful Savior Lutheran.

The 119-square mile South-Western City School District operates the following schools located within Grove City: Central Crossing and Grove City high schools (grades 9-12); the South-Western Career Academy (grades 11-12); Brookpark and Jackson middle schools (grades 7-8); Hayes, Holt Crossing and Park Street Intermediate schools (grades 5-6); Buckeye Woods, Highland Park, J.C. Sommer, Monterey, and Richard Avenue elementary schools (grades K-4); and the South-Western Preschool Center.

The South-Western City School District has the sixth highest Value-Added Index among all of the school districts in the State of Ohio. This demonstrates that South-Western's students are growing academically at a faster pace than the average student in Ohio.

With the onset of the 2015-2016 school year, SWCSD will be implementing two exciting new programs – all-day, every-day Kindergarten (ADK) for its youngest learners and The Accelerated Learning Center (ALC) for its high school learners.

Starting strong in early learning and literacy is critical to a student's success. The addition of ADK will increase the district's youngest students' learning time by 100% while also providing families with consistent planning and programming.

The ALC will provide older students with the opportunity to graduate from high school with more than 30 college credits, which are fully transferrable to any public college in Ohio as well as many private colleges. Students can choose between three programs of study: software development/technology, general liberal arts or mathematics.

SWCSD is in the second phase of its Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project, having opened its first four of its 13 replacement elementary school buildings in the fall of 2014. Five Phase 2 buildings will open in fall of 2015 and the remaining four buildings will open in the fall of 2016. The support of the community has allowed SWCSD to provide all of its elementary school students with state-of-the-art facilities in which to embark upon their educational journey.



..... ***A Special 2014 Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony***

The Central Crossing High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program (NJROTC) was selected as the first Ohio Honor Guard and the first from a non-battleship state, to participate in the 2014 Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony in Hawaii. The City recognized the exceptional achievements of the NJROTC program at Central Crossing High School with a proclamation.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Established in 1960, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, boasts low student to teacher ratios, excellent academic outcomes, and has twice won the Presidential Blue Ribbon Schools award. Open to students in grades K-8, the grade school offers a before- and after-school enrichment program for those families that need extended coverage for their children during the work week, as well as two, three, and five-day schedules for its pre-kindergarten students.



Grove City Christian School

Grove City Christian School (GCCS), located on the campus of Grove City Church of the Nazarene, exists to prepare students academically and spiritually to make a positive impact in our community. They intentionally integrate a Biblical worldview into every area of our school. As a chartered, non-public school, they partner with the families of over 635 students in Discovery Kindergarten through 12th grade and dozens of area churches to accomplish our mission. Our Discovery Kindergarten (DK) is instrumental in preparing students who are not quite ready for full day kindergarten. Evidence of their excellent academics is displayed in the significant annual scholarship awards to post-secondary institutions their students receive. During the past four years, their students were awarded over \$11.1 million in scholarship dollars. Additionally, GCCS was one of four schools in Ohio to receive the Red Quill Award from the ACT. This was given in recognition of student preparation strategies within their school resulting in higher levels of college and career readiness. We are actively and intentionally integrating technology in the learning process throughout the school in order to better equip our students with 21st-century skills. Along with their rigorous academics, we offer a full-range of athletic and fine art opportunities for our students to develop their talents and abilities.



future community projects

Countless public and private projects are well underway or soon to begin.

Aladdin Shrine Center

The Aladdin Shrine Center will soon call Grove City home as it begins to expand the recently purchased Grand Oaks Event and Business Center. The \$8-million construction plan will add over 15,000 square feet to the existing 12,200 square foot facility and the addition of a 10,350 square foot garage/storage facility.



Orders Road Corridor Improvement

The City of Grove City was awarded an Ohio Public Works Commission grant of \$2 million in 2014 and work will begin this spring. The improvements will include:

- Roundabout at Orders Road/Haughn Road intersection
- Traffic signal included at Orders Road/Southern Grove (Fryer Park entrance)
- Orders Road widening to three lanes from west of Fryer Park/Southern Grove to east of Haughn Road
- Storm-sewer and drainage improvements north and south side of Orders Road into Fryer Park
- Installation of decorative street lights
- Bike path trail connectivity from Haughn Road to Fryer Park (south side of Orders Road)

Grove City Website Redesign

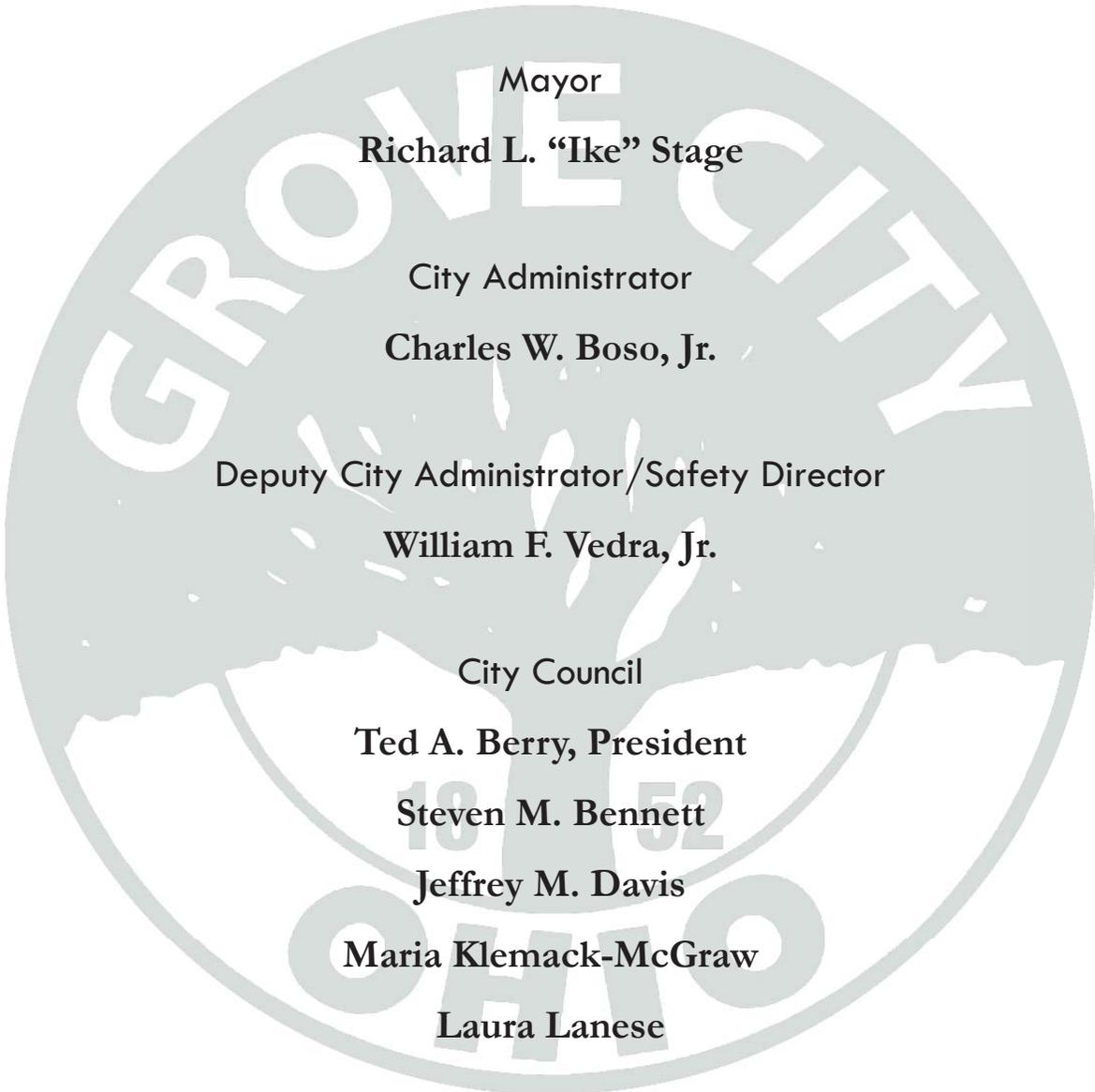
The City will launch a website redesign this month. Our goal was to improve interaction with residents and businesses supporting the Grow branding theme. Many areas on the site were streamlined, including updated site navigation; responsive design, which automatically formats the site for the type of device you're using (desktop, Tablet or Smart Phone) and more visually engaging with photo slideshows and video. Visit GroveCityOhio.gov, we welcome your feedback.

New in 2015, Grove City EcoFest

Celebrate Grove City as an eco-friendly community at Henceroth Park, Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with live entertainment, demonstrations, workshops, information booths and natural-living products in Grove City's "green" park. Learn how green businesses and alternative energy production make Grove City more attractive, healthier and safer for generations to come. There will be a variety of children's activities, live entertainment and more. In keeping with the theme of the event, participants are encouraged to walk or ride bikes.



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