

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
MAY 7, 2021

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

- May 15, Saturday – That Day in May (TDIM)
- May 17, Monday – TDIM Golf Outing
- May 24, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
- June 1, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (OCC)
- June 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
- June 21, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
- July 19, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

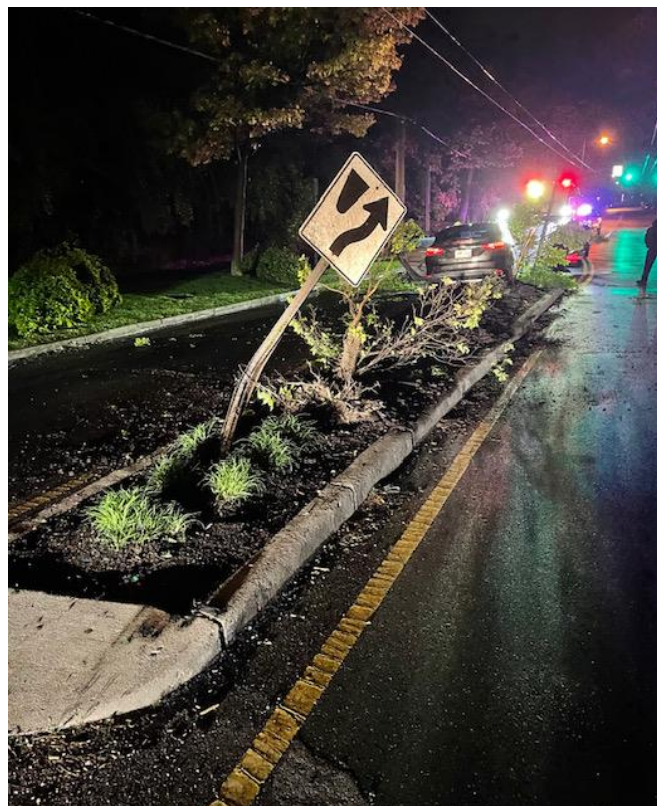
BUSINESS UPDATE:

- **Income Tax Report:** Enclosed is the April collections report showing that our gross receipts are 16% ahead of last year, and net receipts are 15% ahead.
- **Citizen Committees:** Enclosed are letters that we mailed this week to the committee members that were either appointed at last Monday's council meeting, or whose term expired.
- **Public Safety Recognition:** On April 18, Steve Harlamert, 255 Park Road, contacted Mayor Duncan stating that he and his wife, Dayan, had gift baskets for each member of the safety department. His family wanted to show their appreciation for the work the safety department does to protect and serve the Oakwood community. On May 4, Chief Hill and Captain Pruszynski met with Steve and Dayan, and their five children. Each member of the department was provided a Dorothy Lane Market gift basket plus a gift card to Flyboys Deli. Enclosed is a thank you letter that Chief Hill sent to thank the Harlamert family for their generous gesture.



- **Small Cell Antennas:** Enclosed is a *DDN* article about small cell towers being installed around Dayton. We passed legislation in May 2018 allowing us to regulate the design standards and installations in our public rights-of-way.

- Far Hills Construction: The resurfacing of Far Hills in Kettering began earlier this week. The paving work is expected to be completed in early July with final project completion at the beginning of August. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Ridgeway Road Bridge: West Dorothy Lane will be closed to through traffic between Southern Boulevard and Far Hills Avenue during the morning hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11. The closure is necessary to pour the concrete deck on the new Ridgeway Road bridge over West Dorothy Lane. The detour route for West Dorothy Lane will use Southern Boulevard, West Stroop Road, and Far Hills Avenue for both directions of Dorothy Lane traffic. Local traffic will be maintained along West Dorothy Lane, but the road will be blocked at the Ridgeway Road bridge. The city of Kettering is communicating this information through the news media, social media and a CodeRED message will be sent to the residents in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the bridge on Sunday evening. The contractor for the project will be posting road closure notification signs along Dorothy Lane at Ridgeway Road to alert motorists.
- Detective Del Rio: Dayton police Detective Jorge Del Rio was honored yesterday during the Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial in London, Ohio. Enclosed is a *DDN* article.
- Property Values: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the high volume of property value appeals in Montgomery County. Not surprising given the average increase from the county-wide 2020 property revaluation was 15.5%.
- Oakwood Avenue Accident: On May 7 at 2:36 a.m., a vehicle was traveling south on Oakwood Avenue near 111 Oakwood Avenue when the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle and drove over the raised median striking several trees. A subject was located in close proximity to the vehicle, but claimed someone else was driving the vehicle. A loaded firearm, and suspected heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl were found inside vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

April Income Tax Report

Committee Letters

Public Safety Thank You Letter

DDN Article re: Small Cell Antennas

Register Article re: Far Hills Construction

DDN Article re: Detective Del Rio

DDN Article re: Property Values

INCOME TAX COMPARISON - GROSS RECEIPTS

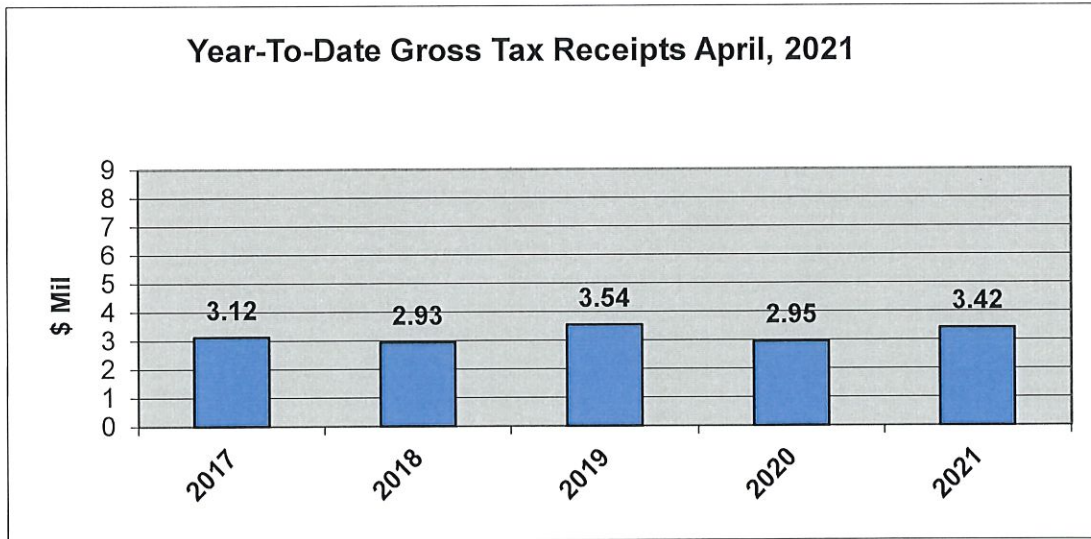
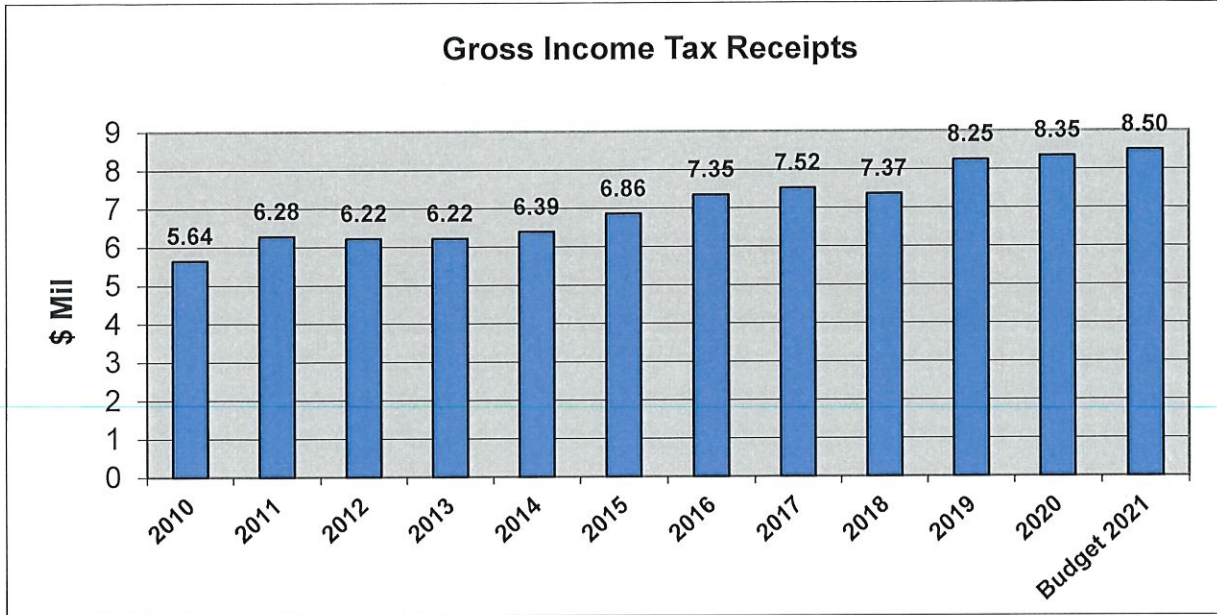
2019 through 2021

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>DAILY</u> <u>INCR / DECR</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
JANUARY	\$944,090.89	\$923,155.30	\$1,178,107.88	N/A	\$254,952.58	\$254,952.58
FEBRUARY	\$515,864.68	\$687,202.57	\$562,861.33	N/A	(\$124,341.24)	\$130,611.34
MARCH	\$564,293.56	\$557,963.20	\$707,232.33	N/A	\$149,269.13	\$279,880.47
APRIL	\$1,511,662.36	\$783,531.09	\$965,250.67	<<<MONTH-TO-DATE	\$181,719.58	\$461,600.05
MAY	\$771,030.60	\$484,912.96		N/A		
JUNE	\$702,188.17	\$790,436.66		N/A		
JULY	\$579,276.22	\$1,436,657.02		N/A		
AUGUST	\$386,172.45	\$543,942.08		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$733,680.01	\$741,854.28		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$585,842.91	\$586,290.99		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$382,604.73	\$474,997.55		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$568,309.54	\$620,059.84		N/A		
TOTAL	\$8,245,016.12	\$8,631,003.54	\$3,413,452.21			
				<u>DAILY</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
APRIL	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
1	14,510.31	14,160.21	19,376.45	\$5,216.24	\$5,216.24	\$285,096.71
2	24,338.43	37,995.67	24,613.24	(\$13,382.43)	(\$8,166.19)	\$271,714.28
3	21,215.59	14,511.91	0.00	(\$14,511.91)	(\$22,678.10)	\$257,202.37
4	74,207.06	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$22,678.10)	\$257,202.37
5	39,471.79	0.00	51,973.14	\$51,973.14	\$29,295.04	\$309,175.51
6	0.00	7,699.78	39,704.72	\$32,004.94	\$61,299.98	\$341,180.45
7	0.00	15,222.13	4,343.65	(\$10,878.48)	\$50,421.50	\$330,301.97
8	16,762.84	10,769.90	19,691.82	\$8,921.92	\$59,343.42	\$339,223.89
9	22,273.56	14,752.79	18,033.90	\$3,281.11	\$62,624.53	\$342,505.00
10	47,092.30	17,798.51	0.00	(\$17,798.51)	\$44,826.02	\$324,706.49
11	70,869.86	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$44,826.02	\$324,706.49
12	55,835.15	0.00	40,375.30	\$40,375.30	\$85,201.32	\$365,081.79
13	0.00	17,193.34	17,482.05	\$288.71	\$85,490.03	\$365,370.50
14	0.00	21,423.72	48,567.89	\$27,144.17	\$112,634.20	\$392,514.67
15	55,254.41	59,859.88	58,126.81	(\$1,733.07)	\$110,901.13	\$390,781.60
16	49,385.75	75,860.80	53,318.91	(\$22,541.89)	\$88,359.24	\$368,239.71
17	113,046.99	79,359.85	0.00	(\$79,359.85)	\$8,999.39	\$288,879.86
18	66,655.36	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$8,999.39	\$288,879.86
19	104,971.13	0.00	33,895.50	\$33,895.50	\$42,894.89	\$322,775.36
20	0.00	22,724.63	9,979.04	(\$12,745.59)	\$30,149.30	\$310,029.77
21	0.00	141,764.70	43,607.11	(\$98,157.59)	(\$68,008.29)	\$211,872.18
22	85,077.48	13,047.51	41,641.25	\$28,593.74	(\$39,414.55)	\$240,465.92
23	79,522.04	29,674.60	38,181.42	\$8,506.82	(\$30,907.73)	\$248,972.74
24	167,314.11	23,501.75	0.00	(\$23,501.75)	(\$54,409.48)	\$225,470.99
25	87,718.91	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$54,409.48)	\$225,470.99
26	90,378.54	0.00	20,692.78	\$20,692.78	(\$33,716.70)	\$246,163.77
27	0.00	61,991.46	158,526.37	\$96,534.91	\$62,818.21	\$342,698.68
28	0.00	48,805.95	88,334.31	\$39,528.36	\$102,346.57	\$382,227.04
29	145,018.04	34,271.20	78,355.84	\$44,084.64	\$146,431.21	\$426,311.68
30	80,742.71	21,140.80	56,429.17	\$35,288.37	\$181,719.58	\$461,600.05
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TOTAL	\$1,511,662.36	\$783,531.09	\$965,250.67	(\$181,719.58)		
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TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2021

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts and do not include tax refunds issued.



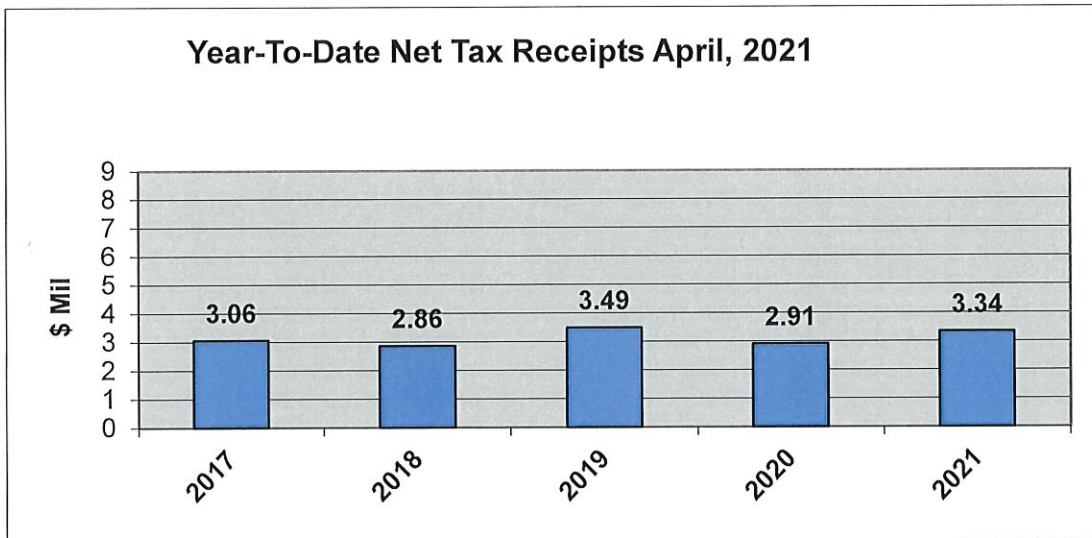
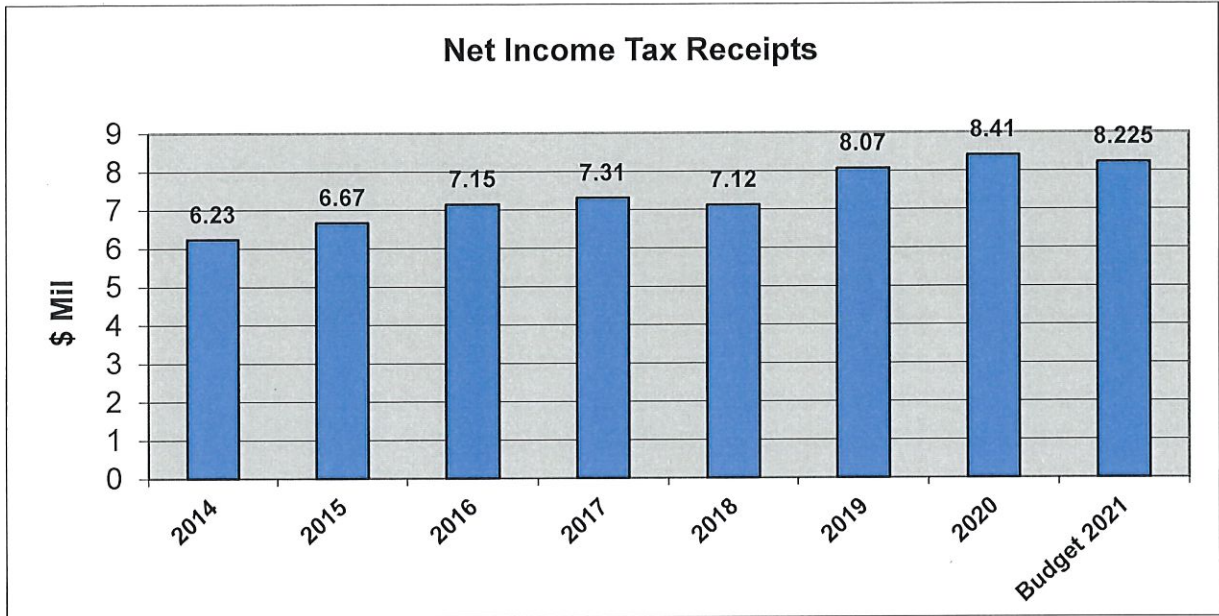
Year-To-Date Gross Collections vs Prior Year

2020	\$2,951,852.16
2021	\$3,423,452.21
Change	15.98%

TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2021

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts less refunds issued.



Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

2019	\$2,909,442.28
2020	\$3,344,324.88
Change	14.95%



City of Oakwood

Government Administration

Mayor

May 4, 2021

Nancy Drozd
237 Telford Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Nancy:

At the May 3 public meeting, Oakwood City Council appointed you to a new term on the Beautification Committee. It is because of the dedication of our citizen volunteers that we are able to provide high quality and cost-effective services to the community. Thank you for again agreeing to continue this commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

William D. Duncan
Mayor

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cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director



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May 4, 2021

Gregg Smith
22 Corona Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Gregg:

At the May 3 public meeting, Oakwood City Council appointed you to a new term on the Beautification Committee. It is because of the dedication of our citizen volunteers that we are able to provide high quality and cost-effective services to the community. Thank you for again agreeing to continue this commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

William D. Duncan
Mayor

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Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director



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May 4, 2021

Evan Brooks
221 Lonsdale Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Evan:

At the May 3 public meeting, Oakwood City Council appointed you to the Beautification Committee. Thank you for agreeing to serve. It is through the dedication of our citizen volunteers that we are able to provide first-class and cost-effective services to our residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

William D. Duncan
Mayor

WDD:ls

cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director



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Mayor

May 4, 2021

Stanley Herr
638 Garden Road
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Stanley:

Your term as a member of our Beautification Committee has expired. On behalf of City Council, thank you for all your many years of service to our community. Citizen participation in the governance and management of Oakwood is critically important and we truly appreciate your twelve years of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

William D. Duncan
Mayor

WDD:ls

cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director



City of Oakwood

Department of Public Safety

May 5, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harlamert
255 Park Road
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Steve and Dayan:

On behalf of the Oakwood Public Safety Department, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to your family for the gift baskets you provided each member of the Safety Department.

Please know it is greatly appreciated! Thank you again for thinking of us during this unprecedented time.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan".

Chief Alan Hill

CC: Norbert Klopsch, City Manager

Love 'em or hate 'em: Small cell towers divide neighbors

Some in Dayton like service they'll provide, looks bother others.

By **Cornelius Frolik**
Staff Writer

Small cellular towers are going up in neighborhoods across Dayton, and residents are split about whether to cheer or condemn their arrival.

More than 100 towers have been proposed inside of city limits as wireless companies build

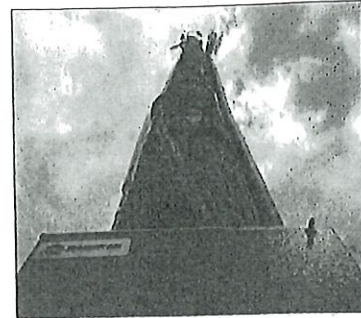
out new 5G networks.

Some people say they are glad that faster internet and download speeds could soon become available in their neighborhoods.

But other residents say small cell towers look ugly and could hurt property values and streetscape and neighborhood aesthetics.

"I don't think people want to buy a house to look at this huge, metal monstrosity in front of the home," said Devon Thompson, who lives near a cell tower that is being installed.

In mid-March, Verizon installed



Verizon has installed this pole for a small cell tower on the 1400 block of Highland Avenue in the Walnut Hills neighborhood.

CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

a pole for a new small cell tower near the intersection of Highland Avenue and Clarence Street in the

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Walnut Hills neighborhood.

The tower is being installed in the tree lawn area in front of a home on the 1400 block of Highland Avenue, by an alley that runs alongside two homes.

Thompson, 38, has lived in the home on the north side of the alley for 13 years.

Thompson said the tower looks horrible, ruins the view from his porch and front yard and he's scared it will harm his home value.

"I don't want to stare at this thing," he said. "And I don't want to go sell my house in the future and have to stare at this thing."

Thompson said he reached out to the city to share his concerns and try to find out why a tower is allowed in that location in a residential area.

He said city staff told him that Verizon can install small cell towers in any alley in the city.

Thompson said he doesn't understand why the tower can't be placed along Wayne Avenue; just a few blocks south, where one side of the road doesn't have any houses.

"There are other areas they could put it, right down the street, that probably would get the exact same reception ... and not be in the residential area," he said.

Thompson said he wishes property owners near proposed cell tower sites got a chance to provide feedback and object to the projects.

Thompson said he recently planted a tree in his front yard because he hopes that it will block the view of the tower eventually, but that probably won't happen for decades.

But Thompson's next door neighbor, Mary Owens, said she has no problem with the tower and plans to switch wireless providers to Verizon because she wants better service and thinks the tower should help provide it.

Owens said her phone service is very spotty, her signal cuts out frequently and often times she only gets some of



Mary Owens, who lives on Highland Avenue, says she has no problem with a new small cell tower that was installed near her home. CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

her calls and messages, unless she's on her front porch.

She said her provider had to send her a signal booster, which still hasn't solved her service problems.

Owens said the tower isn't attractive but it does not look completely out of place, since there are utility poles lining the other side of the street.

"The way I feel – if you don't like progress, move to the country," she said. "How many telephone poles do you see? We have tons of them, and street light poles, electric poles."

Owens, who has lived on Highland Avenue for 12 years, said most neighbors she's talked to don't seem to care about the tower and aren't bothered by it.

This tower location, and the others within the neighborhood, were selected because they give Verizon the ability to achieve the signal strength they desire for the services they provide, said David Escobar, city of Dayton senior engineer II.

Small cell towers like this enhance or strengthen the signal from carriers' larger macro towers, he said.

"The amount of equipment necessary is dependent on the carrier and the signal they desire to achieve," he said. "Additionally, there are sites or are proposed sites on Wayne Avenue."

Escobar said city staff meet with carriers when they submit requests for cell towers in the right-of-way. He said staff discuss and review the

proposed sites.

Carriers must provide justification if the projects require a new pole, but he said the city by law can only require a pole to be moved within 100 feet of the proposed site.

"Citizens do not get the chance to comment as this work is performed in the right of way as a utility," he said. "The city must work within the rules set for in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4939: Use of Municipal Public Way in order to deny a site."

Escobar said the city has not denied a small cell tower request, but it has reached agreements with carriers to move some to alternate locations.

In this case, Verizon was not able to put its equipment on one of the existing poles because the pole owners did not allow it, Escobar said.

Escobar said small cell towers lay the groundwork for the technology of the future.

"With its fiber backbone the 5G infrastructure being installed will reduce latency, meaning data and information will be able to be shared and received in real time," he said.

For consumers, this means movies and other media can be downloaded in seconds.

Escobar said it also means critical information from first-responders can be shared instantly with ER doctors and medical staff during emergencies.

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Far Hills resurfacing project begins in Kettering

Resurfacing of Far Hills Avenue (State Route 48) began in Kettering on Monday, May 3.

Work started in the northbound curb lane of Far Hills Avenue at Stroop Road going north.

Far Hills will remain open during the project, but drivers are expected to encounter some delays while the roadwork is being completed.

Drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes during peak hours if at all

possible. The anticipated completion date for paving is early July, with final project completion in early August.

City officials noted that weather conditions will impact the progress of the project.

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5/5/2021

Slain Dayton detective honored at Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial

Del Rio among those recognized during annual event.

By Kristen Spicker
Staff Writer

DAYTON — A Dayton police detective who was shot and killed in the line of duty in 2019 was among those honored Thursday during the Peace Officers' Memorial in London, Ohio.

Detective Jorge Del Rio was shot



Jorge Del Rio

twice while serving a drug-related warrant as part of a Drug Enforcement Administration task force in Dayton. He died days later on Nov. 7, 2019.

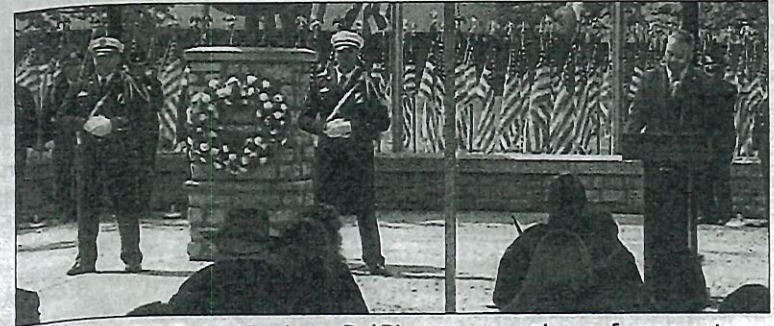
The families and agencies of officers killed in the line of duty in 2019 and 2020 gathered near the Peace Officers' Memorial wall, a monument that includes the

name of every officer who died in the line of duty in Ohio.

"This monument ensures that their names and their memories are never forgotten as part of Ohio's law enforcement history," said Dwight Holcomb, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy executive director.

Those officers did not become heroes on the day they paid the ultimate sacrifice, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said, but instead

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Dayton police Detective Jorge Del Rio was among law enforcement officers honored during the Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial on Thursday. Del Rio was shot and killed in the line of duty in November 2019.

Del Rio

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on "the first day they put on a uniform and accepted a badge with the risks associated with that duty."

He asked that the family of those lost, especially younger family members to remember their loved one did a special, vital and heroic job.

"We know that victories over evil does not come easily," Yost said. "We know that cost is high. We gather every May for the accounting of that loss."

Yost also discussed criticism of law enforcement agencies and calls to abolish police departments.

While law enforcement is a human institution and therefore capable of making mistakes, it should not take away from the officers who serve and protect Ohioans each day.

"That does not make the mission of justice less



A Dayton Police Department cruiser follows a procession of bagpipers at the Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial on Thursday.

important. It makes it more important," Yost said. "We do not dishonor the victims of injustice by honoring the victims of justice."

The ceremony included the reading of the names of every officer who died in the line of duty in 2019 and 2020, as well as a helicopter flyover and bagpipe procession with cruisers and officers mounted on horses. An American flag with a black ribbon was unfurled in memory of each officer.

The annual ceremony honored officers who died in 2019 and 2020. Last year's event was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, but families and agencies of officers who died in 2019 were offered a private ceremony.

Among those honored Thursday were:

■ William L. Brewer Jr., Clermont County Sheriff's Office

■ Jorge R. Del Rio, Dayton Police Department

■ Anthony Dia, Toledo Police Department

■ Kaia LaFay Grant, Springdale Police Department

■ Adam McMillan, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

■ James M. Skemivitz, Cleveland Police Department

■ Dale J. Woods, Colerain Township Police Department

The event also included three historical inductions:

■ Patrolman Charles William Giles, Ironton Police Department, End of Watch: Nov. 26, 1988

■ Officer Claude McCormick, Oakwood Public Safety Department, End of Watch: Aug. 29, 1933

■ Special Policeman William T. Hyatt, Wellsville Police Department, End of Watch: Feb. 25, 1923

Since 1823, 809 Ohio peace officers have been killed in the line of duty, according to the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

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5/7/21

Property value disputes pour in

Montgomery County's auditor creates a second appeals panel to help handle the deluge of cases.

By Chris Stewart
Staff Writer

Due to a surge of tax value disputes by Montgomery County property owners – almost a quarter seeking an adjustment of more than \$50,000 – the county auditor plans to seat a second board to hear the appeals.

A countywide reappraisal last

year saw tax values rise by double digits on a majority of properties. In response, owners have filed 3,590 value appeals on 4,132 real estate parcels before a March 31 deadline, according to the Montgomery County Auditor's office.

To handle the high volume, Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith announced Thursday that he plans to form a second

Board of Revision, a three-person body that hears property valuation appeals.

"Adding a second board will allow us to finish this important work in a timely manner while ensuring a smooth experience for our property owners," Keith said.

Each of the two boards will include a representative from the offices of the county auditor, county treasurer and county commission. County commissioners will be required to select their representative through an

approved resolution to come at a later date, according to a county spokeswoman.

Following the 2020 reappraisal, the Ohio Department of Taxation rejected the county's calculated 7.4% increase on residential property values and ordered an adjustment that more than doubled that value increase to an average of 15.5% countywide. The adjustment resulted in 82% of the county's 210,776 residential parcels going up in value – 62% of them rose by double-digit per-

centages, according to the auditor's office.

Of the appeals filed before the March 31 deadline, 968 – or 23% – seek to adjust a property's value by more than \$50,000, according to the county.

The county's second Board of Revision is expected work for about three months beginning in June and will be assigned to hear those cases with large value discrepancies, which are often count-

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er-appealed by the school district where the property is located.

The auditor's office has notified school boards of the properties in which an adjustment was requested in excess of \$50,000. School districts have 30 days after the notification to counter-appeal. Eleven school districts had already filed appeals on 243 parcels, 226 of which are either commercial or industrial properties, according to the auditor's office.

Earlier this year, the auditor's office analyzed the overall impact of the 2020 reappraisal and found taxes went up on 52.7% of the county's residential parcels. The overall 4% countywide property tax increase is expected to generate an additional \$34.1 million for schools, cities, villages, townships, libraries and parks, as well as other social services agencies that receive funding through levies.

Constance Myers is one of about 800 property owners who have already had a Board of Revision hearing. Her 1,318 square-foot brick ranch home in Miami Twp. increased 25% in value last year, and her property taxes rose 13% this year. She bought the house in 2013 and thought she would live out her retirement there.

"When you purchase a property, you decide what you can afford based on the costs that will occur," she said. "I never imagined my property taxes would increase by this drastic amount in one year's time.

... If the trend continues, I'm going to have to probably do something different than what I worked my whole life to try to accomplish."

Myers said she's made no major improvements to the home yet its value increased more than three times the county's initial average and 9.5% higher than the average state-ordered county-wide adjustment.

"There are only so many pennies in a dollar, and my retirement check is not increasing by the same rate as my taxes," she said.

Myers said she asked the Board of Revision to lower her home's value by \$30,000 and during the hearing presented the panel with evi-



Following a countywide reappraisal in which tax values rose by double digits on many properties, owners filed 3,590 value appeals before a March 31 deadline, said the Montgomery County Auditor's office. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROPERTY VALUE APPEALS

Owners of more than 4,000 Montgomery County parcels have filed a formal appeal over the tax value of properties, with about a quarter seeking an adjustment of \$50,000 or more.

Property class	Parcels	Owner filings > \$50,000
Residential	3,287	596
Commercial	714	296
Agricultural	59	32
Industrial	39	19
Exempt	33	25
Total	4,132	968

SOURCE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

dence including what her house's valuation compared to nearby sales on a price-per-square-foot basis.

Auditor's office appraisers look at a variety of factors to determine what a property would sell for on the open market, including recent sale prices of similar properties in the same neighborhood, said Mike Brill, an auditor's office spokesman.

A lack of improvements won't necessarily keep a home's value from rising, Brill said.

"A property's value can increase even if there haven't been any improvements if similar, nearby properties indicate that the property would sell for a higher price if it were put on the market," he said.

No decisions have been made yet on Myers' Board of Revision case or any other of the thousands filed between January and the

end of March, according to the auditor's office.

Keith said he welcomes the larger number of appeals this year.

"We know the property value appeal process can feel daunting for property owners," he said. "We wanted every property owner to feel empowered to file an appeal, so we tried to go above and beyond to educate property owners about the process."

The county seated a second Board of Revision in 2009 during the Great Recession to handle appeals on 7,688 parcels, the county's largest caseload ever, and again in 2015 when 5,200 parcels were appealed following the 2014 property revaluation, according to the auditor's office.

The hearings are being conducted via Zoom video conferencing or phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the auditor's

WHERE PROPERTY VALUE APPEALS ORIGINATE

Due to the volume of cases, a second Montgomery County Board of Revision will hear property value appeals for about three months beginning in June.

Jurisdiction	Cases
Dayton	880
Kettering	497
Washington Twp.	393
Trotwood	196
Miami Twp.	185
Huber Heights	168
Harrison Twp.	166
Centerville	144
Oakwood	126
Jefferson Twp.	99
Miamisburg	91
Vandalia	82
Riverside	81
Butler Twp.	71
Englewood	61
Clayton	58
West Carrollton	54
Moraine	37
German Twp.	35
Germantown	31
Brookville	30
Perry Twp.	30
Union	29
Jackson Twp.	25
New Lebanon	25
Clay Twp.	17
Phillipsburg	8
Springboro	8
Farmersville	7
Total	*3,634

Note: Does not match total actual number of cases, 3,590, because of some overlapping of jurisdictions. SOURCE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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In March, the auditor's office released a five-minute informational video to help explain how to file an appeal and what types of evidence are useful in arguing a case. The video can be found at mc-bor.org.