### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER April 7, 2023

#### **IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:**

April 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park) May 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park) May 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (OCC) May 20, Saturday – "That Day in May" June 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park) June 26, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park) July 17, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

#### **BUSINESS UPDATE:**

- Gardner Pool: The exterior fence along Patterson Road was completed this week. Enclosed is a photo of the diving board installation that was in the DDN last Saturday.
- ▶ <u>Home Sales</u>: Attached is the list of March sales showing that 83% sold above appraised value.
- 2023 Roadway Resurfacing: Enclosed is a memo from Chris Kuzma recommending that we contract with Neyra Paving, the low bidder. We are proceeding with them. Also enclosed is a letter that we sent this week to all property owners on E. Schantz between Lookout and Far Hills, 75 in total... drawing attention to our plan to overlay the concrete street with asphalt.
- Income Tax Collections: Enclosed is the March report showing that gross collections are 0.81% ahead of last year and net collections are 0.24% below last year.
- Finance Report: Enclosed are the March financial report and Cindy's highlights memo. No surprises.
- Battery Recycling: Enclosed is an interesting New York Times article (printed in the DDN) about the battery recycling industry.
- Far Hills Storm Sewer Project: We open bids next Tuesday, April 11.
- <u>USPS Mailbox Key</u>: Enclosed are two *DDN* articles about the USPS mailbox key that PSO Ross Green discovered during an overnight traffic stop.
- April 3 Council Meeting: Enclosed is a *Register* article about our April meeting addressing the construction projects, public safety traffic stop, legislation, visitors and proclamations. Also enclosed is a *Register* photo of PSO Dues' swearing-in ceremony.
- <u>Citizen Committees</u>: Enclosed are letters that we mailed this week to the committee members who were either appointed or reappointed at last Monday's council meeting.
- Smith Gardens Perennial Sale: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the perennial sale on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at the Oakwood Community Center.

- <u>2023 Committee Membership Booklet</u>: The booklet is available on our website under Council Resources. Please contact Lori if you need the website password or if you would like to have a hard copy.
- ➢ <u>AES</u>: Enclosed is a *DDN* article reporting that AES Ohio may lower their "standard service" rates after an electricity auction this week.
- > Leaf Mulch: Our leaf mulch program begins tomorrow. Enclosed is a *DDN* article.

## HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER DDN Photo re: Gardner Pool March Home Sales 2023 Roadway Resurfacing Memo & Letter March Income Tax Report March Finance Report & Highlights Memo DDN Article re: Battery Recycling Register Article & Photo re: April 3 Council Meeting DDN Articles re: USPS Mailbox Key Citizen Committee Letters Register Article re: Smith Gardens Perennial Sale DDN Article re: AES DDN Article re: Leaf Mulch

# DREAMS OF SUMMER



Shamrock Enterprises employees Ben Lykins (standing) and Tim Artrip install a new diving board stand at the Oakwood City Pool last month. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

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#### MARCH 2023 OAKWOOD PROPERTY SALES

SALES ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
ADDRESS	DATE SOLD	SALE PRICE	DATE LAST SOLD	LAST SALE PRICE	COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE
1200 RUNNYMEDE RD	3/22/23	\$ 940,000	7/30/15	\$ 650,000	\$ 605,990
400 RIDGEWOOD AVE	3/8/23	\$ 825,000	9/20/21	\$ 555,000	\$ 433,700
69 PARK RD	3/8/23	\$ 680,000		NOT LISTED	\$ 420,860
1304 SHAFOR BLVD	3/27/23	\$ 505,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 362,830
305 RIDGEWOOD AVE	3/30/23	\$ 460,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 333,620
17 W PEACH ORCHARD RD	3/22/23	\$ 434,400	5/23/17	\$ 326,000	\$ 290,110
822 HARMAN AVE	3/15/23	\$ 407,900	10/0/10	\$ 333,000	\$ 295,510
244 DELLWOOD AVE	3/17/23	\$ 365,000	6/3/22	\$ 215,000	\$ 310,140
218 ABERDEEN AVE	3/6/23	\$ 266,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 250,700
342 FORRER BLVD	3/3/23	\$ 245,000	6/2/05	\$ 160,000	\$ 224,310
83% ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
SALES BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					
ADDRESS	DATE SOLD	SALE PRICE	DATE LAST SOLD	LAST SALE PRICE	COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE
348 DELLWOOD AVE	3/2/23	\$ 303,500	11/23/09	\$ 215,000	\$ 304,830
132 FAR HILLS AVE	3/10/23	\$ 150,000	3/5/07	\$ 137,000	\$ 158,220



City of Oakwood 210 Shafor Boulevard Oakwood, Ohio 45419

To: Norb Klopsch, City Manager

From: Chris Kuzma, Staff Engineer

Date: April 7, 2023

Subject: Contract Recommendation - 2023 Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Program

Attached for your review is a copy of the bid tab for the 2023 Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Program. Neyra Paving submitted the lowest and best bid. It is recommended that we award the base bid to Neyra Paving, in the total amount of \$596,353.50. The cost should be assigned to the following budget line items:

309.220.54550 - \$450,000.00 309.220.54500 - \$146,353.50

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Attachment

cc: Cindy Stafford K. Douglas Spitler

#### 2023 ASPHALT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM BID TAB

#### Bid Opening: Friday, March 31, 2023

#### **BASE BID - ASPHALT MILL AND OVERLAY**

			Engine	er's Estima	te	Neyra	Paving	Barrett Paving Ma	aterials, Inc	c John R. Jurgensen Co.	
Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	TOTAL	Unit Price	TOTAL	Unit Price	TOTAL	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	Cold Planing Asphalt Pavement - 1.125"	20,560	S.Y.	\$3.30	\$67,848.00	\$2.55	\$52,428.00	\$4.00	\$82,240.00	\$4.40	\$90,464.00
2	Cold Planing Asphalt Pavement - 1.25"	5,610	S.Y.	\$3.30	\$18,513.00	\$2.57	\$14,417.70	\$2.40	\$13,464.00	\$3.25	\$18,232.50
	Cold Planing Concrete Pavement - 2" (E. Schantz Road only). City of Oakwood will accept 300 total tons of concrete milling; 100 tons at the Oakwood Public Works facility and 200 tons at the City's Firwood Wellfield access drive off of Firwood Drive.	9,340	S.Y.	\$6.75	\$63,045.00	\$6.41	\$59,869.40	\$9.45	\$88,263.00	\$11.00	\$102,740.00
4	Sub-Base Removal	300	C.Y.	\$100.00	\$30,000.00	\$128.47	\$38,541.00	\$175.00	\$52,500.00	\$90.25	\$27,075.00
5	ODOT #301 Asphalt Concrete Base	600	Ton	\$100.00	\$60,000.00	\$127.29	\$76,374.00	\$131.00	\$78,600.00	\$141.00	\$84,600.00
6	ODOT Item 407, Special - Tack Coat, Trackless Tack	2,950	Gal	\$1.50	\$4,425.00	\$3.10	\$9,145.00	\$3.60	\$10,620.00	\$1.00	\$2,950.00
7	Install Manhole Adjusting Ring	25	Each	\$400.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$195.00	\$4,875.00	\$645.00	\$16,125.00
	Install Valve Box Adjusting Ring	25	Each	\$95.00	\$2,375.00	\$500.00	\$12,500.00	\$69.00	\$1,725.00	\$425.00	\$10,625.00
	ODOT #404 LVT Asphalt Concrete Surface Course, PG 64-22 (1.125")	1,285	Ton	\$140.00	\$179,900.00	\$119.52	\$153,583.20	\$152.00	\$195,320.00	\$162.00	\$208,170.00
10	ODOT #441 Asphalt Concrete Course, Type 1, (448), 1.25"	390	Ton	\$132.00	\$51,480.00	\$108.03	\$42,131.70	\$128.00	\$49,920.00	\$138.00	\$53,820.00
11	ODOT #441 Asphalt Concrete Course, Type 1, (448), PG 64-22 (2 courses, 1" lifts)	1,038	Ton	\$105.00	\$108,990.00	\$108.25	\$112,363.50	\$136.00	\$141,168.00	\$138.00	\$143,244.00
	SUB TOTAL BASE BID:				\$596,576.00		\$596,353.50		\$718,695.00		\$758,045.50
	START DATE/TIME TO COMPLETION:				30 Days	4/17/2023	21 Days	7/10/2023	32 Days	7/1/2023	60 Days



## Department of Engineering & Public Works

April 3, 2023

Dear Oakwood Resident,

A mill and overlay project to create a smoother ride for vehicular and bike traffic along East Schantz Avenue is planned for this summer. The project will take place along the portion of East Schantz from Far Hills Avenue to Lookout Drive.

Several years ago, the city completed extensive roadway repair work on the concrete portions of East Schantz Avenue between Lookout Drive and Springgrove Avenue, and between Far Hills Avenue and Oakwood Avenue, in preparation for the mill and overlay project this summer. As part of the upcoming project, the top surface of the entire asphalt and concrete sections of the roadway will be milled down an inch or two to create a smooth pavement base and then the entire stretch from Far Hills to Lookout will be overlaid with new asphalt, drastically improving its rideability.

The project is expected to take place between June and August. We will inform you of the more specific time period via a construction notification postcard a week or two before the start of work. If you have any questions about this pending roadway improvement project, please contact me at 937-298-0777 or <u>kuzma@oakwoodohio.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Chris Kuzma, PE Staff Engineer

NSK:ls

cc: Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager Doug Spitler, PE, Engineering and Public Works Director Tom Long, Engineering Technician/Foreman

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		INCOME		ON - GROSS RECEIPTS		
			2021 through	2023		
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				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
	2021	<u>2022</u>	2023	INCR / DECR	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
JANUARY	\$1,178,107.88	\$1,206,895.03	\$1,187,541.97	N/A	(\$19,353.06)	(\$19,353.06
FEBRUARY	\$562,861.33	\$589,786.40	\$704,541.69	N/A	\$114,755.29	\$95,402.23
MARCH	\$707,232.33	\$774,848.77	\$700,349.49	<< <month-to-date< td=""><td>(\$74,499.28)</td><td>\$20,902.95</td></month-to-date<>	(\$74,499.28)	\$20,902.95
APRIL	\$965,250.67	\$1,525,835.38		N/A		
MAY	\$1,672,604.34	\$1,439,747.23		N/A		
JUNE	\$1,030,290.33	\$1,049,802.24		N/A		
JULY	\$601,035.27	\$622,825.88		N/A		
AUGUST	\$582,800.20	\$778,874.65		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$783,154.97	\$789,166.14		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$616,709.11	\$820,891.56		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$651,147.77	\$646,466.31		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$618,792.43	\$494,045.92		N/A		
TOTAL	\$9,969,986.63	\$10,739,185.51	\$2,592,433.15			
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
MARCH	2021	2022	2023	INCR /( DECR)	INCR / (DECR)	INCR / (DECR)
1	4,333.07	11,267.20	3,181.88	(\$8,085.32)	(\$8,085.32)	\$87,316.91
2	44,380.76	6,269.19	5,270.18	(\$999.01)	(\$9,084.33)	\$86,317.90
3	9,724.73	51,701.33	10,686.71	(\$41,014.62)	(\$50,098.95)	\$45,303.28
4	19,053.21	8,923.84	0.00	(\$8,923.84)	(\$59,022.79)	\$36,379.44
5	15,275.47	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$59,022.79)	\$36,379.44
6	0.00	0.00	19,092.46	\$19,092.46	(\$39,930.33)	\$55,471.90
7	0.00	12,883.43	14,892.53	\$2,009.10	(\$37,921.23)	\$57,481.00
8	8,487.16	20,930.73	15,185.03	(\$5,745.70)	(\$43,666.93)	\$51,735.30
9	25,875.51	17,848.37	26,350.11	\$8,501.74	(\$35,165.19)	\$60,237.04
10	38,061.20	49,469.31	60,319.64	\$10,850.33	(\$24,314.86)	\$71,087.37
		26,216.50	0.00		(\$50,531.36)	\$44,870.87
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13	0.00	0.00	3,931.34	\$3,931.34	(\$46,600.02)	\$48,802.21
14	0.00	31,572.16	69,523.01	\$37,950.85	(\$8,649.17)	\$86,753.06
15	18,146.56	36,509.17	75,569.66	\$39,060.49	\$30,411.32	\$125,813.55
16	143,332.24	99,589.86	96,981.05	(\$2,608.81)	\$27,802.51	\$123,204.74
17	21,154.66	42,330.89	29,854.42	(\$12,476.47)	\$15,326.04	\$110,728.27
18	11,573.79	40,332.03	0.00	(\$40,332.03)	(\$25,005.99)	\$70,396.24
19	54,171.78	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$25,005.99)	\$70,396.24
20	0.00	0.00	16,297.53	\$16,297.53	(\$8,708.46)	\$86,693.77
21	0.00	36,332.02	36,402.56	\$70.54	(\$8,637.92)	\$86,764.31
22	14,336.99	83,502.90	28,062.92	(\$55,439.98)	(\$64,077.90)	\$31,324.33
23	92,222.80	2,906.31	13,580.86	\$10,674.55	(\$53,403.35)	\$41,998.88
24	17,562.56	11,485.49	18,036.98	\$6,551.49	(\$46,851.86)	\$48,550.37
25	11,961.55	23,583.04	0.00	(\$23,583.04)	(\$70,434.90)	\$24,967.33
26	15,578.39	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$70,434.90)	\$24,967.33
27	0.00	0.00	53,489.87	\$53,489.87	(\$16,945.03)	\$78,457.20
28	0.00	14,777.73	35,496.06	\$20,718.33	\$3,773.30	\$99,175.53
29	24,530.18	38,787.54	6,277.78	(\$32,509.76)	(\$28,736.46)	\$66,665.77
30	43,957.10	79,008.79	13,068.90	(\$65,939.89)	(\$94,676.35)	\$725.88
31	4,786.35	28,620.94	48,798.01	\$20,177.07	(\$74,499.28)	\$20,902.95
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TOTAL	\$707,232.33	\$774,848.77	\$700,349.49	\$74,499.28		2 E
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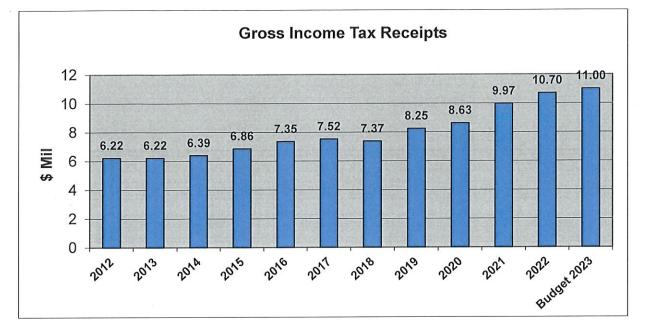
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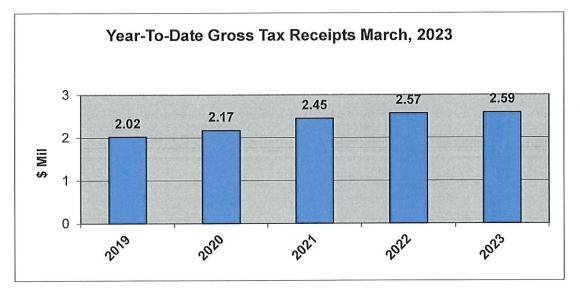
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# TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

## 2023

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







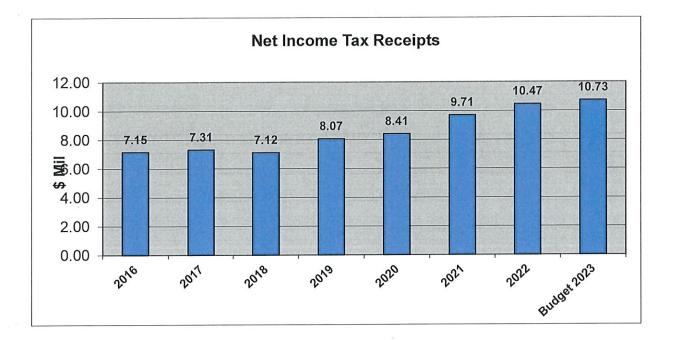
2022	\$2,571,530.20
2023	\$2,592,433.15

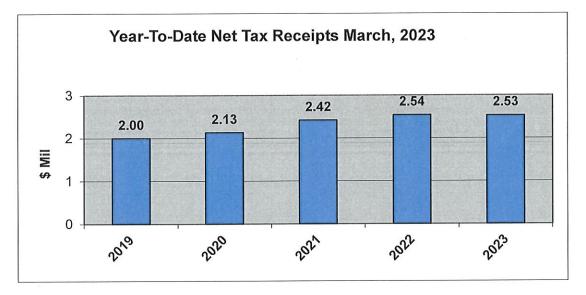
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## TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS 2023

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





#### Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

2022	\$2,538,452.57
2023	\$2,532,372.22

Change -0.24%

# **Financial Reports**



thru the Month of March Fiscal Year 2023

## Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances for the period ended March 31, 2023 GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
General	Fund											
101	General	9,305,059	80,227	9,385,286	3,806,651	13,191,937	6,639,083	6,552,854	778,443	5,774,411	(2,832,432)	(3,530,648)
Major Op	perating Funds											
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	500,000	54,257	554,257	602,047	1,156,304	476,592	679,712	179,712	500,000	125,455	-
228	Leisure Activity	500,000	18,680	518,680	423,651	942,331	232,170	710,161	210,161	500,000	191,481	-
230	Health	154,819	583	155,402	13,070	168,472	48,636	119,836	24,128	95,708	(35,566)	(59,111)
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	200,000	-	200,000	184,762	384,762	294	384,468	225,006	159,462	184,468	(40,538)
308	Equipment Replacement	1,216,820	273,454	1,490,274	600,515	2,090,789	140,708	1,950,081	368,489	1,581,592	459,807	364,772
309	Capital Improvement	1,218,874	395,362	1,614,236	1,200,000	2,814,236	137,061	2,677,175	382,351	2,294,824	1,062,939	1,075,950
707	Service Center	100,000	14,136	114,136	480,816	594,952	196,979	397,973	297,973	100,000	283,837	-
Other Fu	inds											
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	50,852	-	50,852	217	51,069	-	51,069	-	51,069	217	217
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	5,586	-	5,586	-	5,586	-	5,586	-	5,586	-	-
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	400,000	2,686	402,686	51,799	454,485	18,154	436,331	27,979	408,352	33,645	8,352
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	39,648	-	39,648	355	40,003	-	40,003	-	40,003	355	355
213	Enforcement and Education	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	18,272	-	18,272	-	18,272	-	18,272	-	18,272	-	-
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	45,914	1,123	47,037	1,557	48,594	412	48,182	6,739	41,443	1,145	(4,471)
218	Court Computerization	41,425	-	41,425	712	42,137	862	41,275	3,787	37,488	(150)	(3,937)
219	Court Special Projects	50,442	-	50,442	1,200	51,642	-	51,642	3,500	48,142	1,200	(2,300)
221	OneOhio Fund	5,750	-	5,750	6,043	11,793	-	11,793	-	11,793	6,043	6,043
224	State Highway Improvement	149,602	18,462	168,064	10,940	179,004	16,681	162,323	34,041	128,282	(5,741)	(21,320)
240	Public Safety Endowment	193,684	-	193,684	833	194,517	125	194,392	125	194,267	708	583
250	Special Projects	3,522,798	-	3,522,798	1,018,599	4,541,397	-	4,541,397	-	4,541,397	1,018,599	1,018,599
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	939,792	-	939,792	-	939,792	-	939,792	-	939,792	-	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	100,000	30,600	130,600	52,626	183,226	41,688	141,538	68,162	73,376	10,938	(26,624)
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	25,000	-	25,000	4,120	29,120	2,801	26,319	1,319	25,000	1,319	
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	-		-	-	_,	-	-		-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	-	-	-	500	500	-	500	-	500	500	500
	Total	18,794,212	889,570	19,683,782	8,461,013	28,144,795	7,952,246	20,192,549	2,611,915	17,580,634	508,767	(1,213,578)

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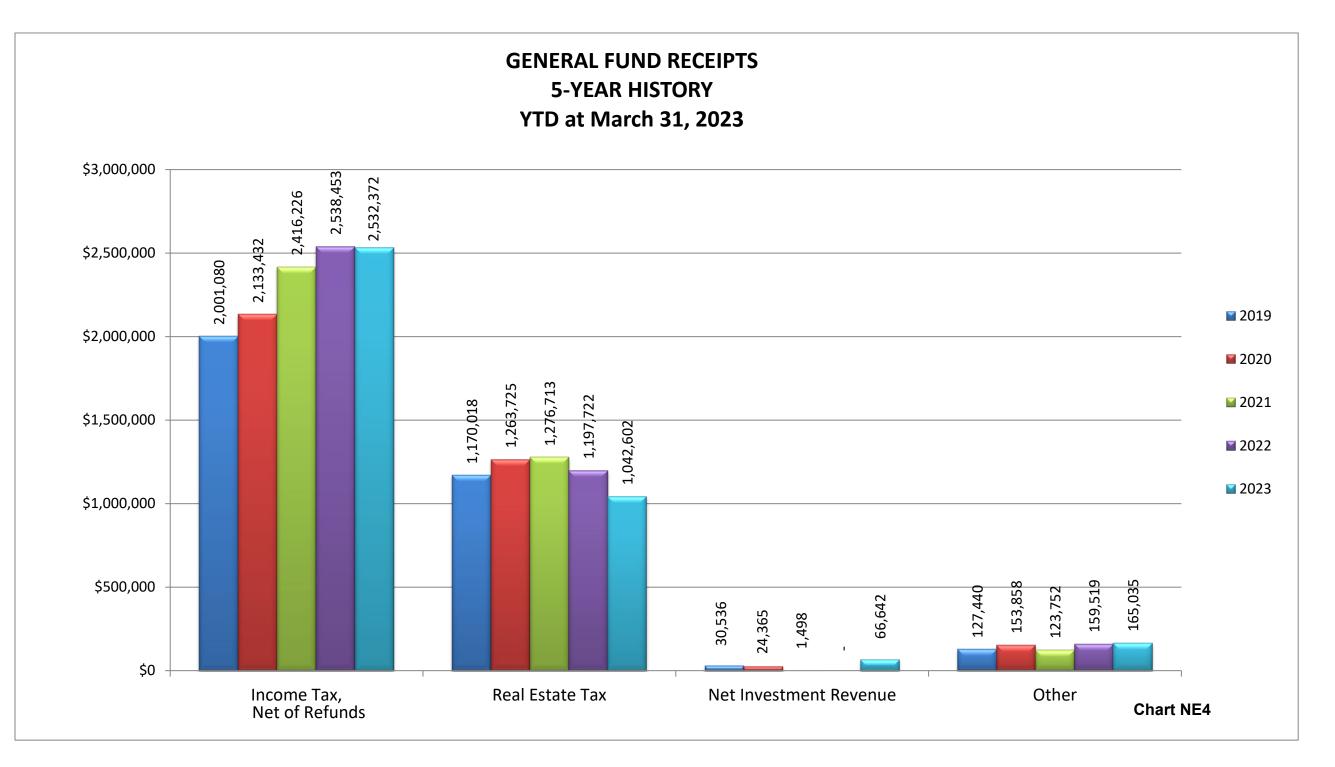
## Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023 GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
General I	Fund										
101	General	14,212,502	3,806,651	27	(10,405,851)	-	-	-	14,212,502	3,806,651	27
Major Op	perating Funds										
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	610,500	135,292	22	(475,208)	889,488	466,755	52	1,499,988	602,047	40
228	Leisure Activity	537,150	85,014	16	(452,136)	785,555	338,637	43	1,322,705	423,651	32
230	Health	161,224	13,070	8	(148,154)	23,716	-	-	184,940	13,070	7
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	95,000	53,062	56	(41,938)	131,700	131,700	100	226,700	184,762	82
308	Equipment Replacement	-	515	-	515	600,000	600,000	100	600,000	600,515	100
309	Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000	100	1,200,000	1,200,000	100
707	Service Center	309,671	179,303	58	(130,368)	460,304	301,513	66	769,975	480,816	62
Other Fu	inds										
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	300	217	72	(83)	-	-	-	300	217	72
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	117,306	-	-	(117,306)	-	-	-	117,306	-	-
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	54,600	23,003	42	(31,597)	87,515	28,796	33	142,115	51,799	36
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	2,600	355	14	(2,245)	-	-	-	2,600	355	14
213	Enforcement and Education	200	-	-	(200)	-	-	-	200	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	8,000	1,557	19	(6,443)	-	-	-	8,000	1,557	19
218	Court Computerization	4,200	712	17	(3,488)	-	-	-	4,200	712	17
219	Court Special Projects	7,000	1,200	17	(5,800)	-	-	-	7,000	1,200	17
221	OneOhio Fund	5,750	6,043	105	293	-	-	-	5,750	6,043	105
224	State Highway Improvement	47,250	10,940	23	(36,310)	-	-	-	47,250	10,940	23
240	Public Safety Endowment	1,300	833	64	(467)	-	-	-	1,300	833	64
250	Special Projects	4,800	18,599	387	13,799	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	1,004,800	1,018,599	101
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	125,000	5,226	4	(119,774)	47,400	47,400	100	172,400	52,626	31
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	-	-	-	-	17,500	4,120	24	17,500	4,120	24
810	Fire Insurance Trust	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	500	25	(1,500)	-	-	-	2,000	500	25
	Total	16,306,353	4,342,092	20	(11,964,261)	5,243,178	4,118,921	79	21,549,531	8,461,013	39

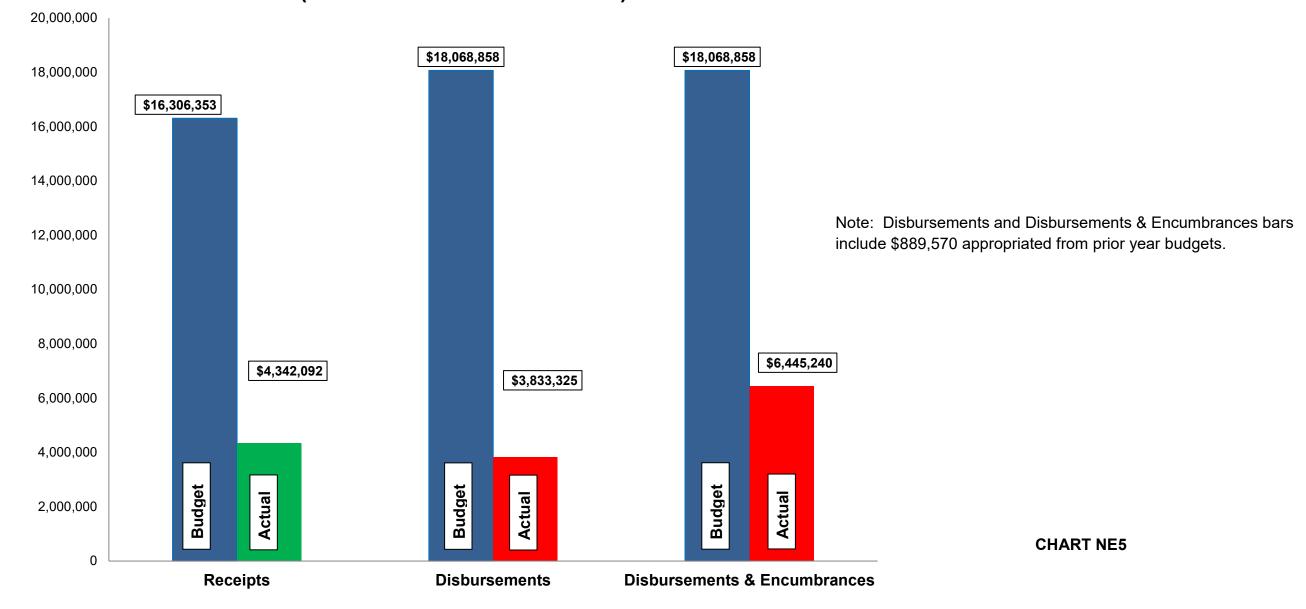
# Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023 GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS

						YTD Outside							ĺ
	Fund	Budgeted Outside	YTD Outside	% of		Disbursements &	% of	Budgeted Transfer	YTD Transfer	% of	Budgeted Total	YTD Total Disb., Enc. &	% of
#	Name	Disbursements	Disbursements	Budget	Encumbrances	Encumbrances	Budget		Disbursements	Budget	Disbursements	Tfrs	Budget
#	Name	Disbuisements	Disbuisements	Duuget	Lincumbrances	Lifeambrances	Duuget	Disbuisements	Disbuisements	Duuget	Disbuisements	1115	Duuget
General	Fund												
101	General	9,855,270	2,650,905	27	778,443	3,429,348	35	5,041,990	3,988,178	79	14,897,260	7,417,526	50
	Constal	0,000,210	2,000,000		110,110	0,120,010	00	0,011,000	0,000,110	10	11,001,200	1,111,020	00
Major Op	perating Funds												
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	1,360,657	352,099	26	179,712	531,811	39	193,588	124,493	64	1,554,245	656,304	42
228	Leisure Activity	1,337,585	229,045	17	210,161	439,206	33	3,800	3,125	82	1,341,385	442,331	33
230	Health	172,948	45,511	26	24,128	69,639	40	3,800	3,125	82	176,748	72,764	41
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	226,700	294	-	225,006	225,300	99	-	-	-	226,700	225,300	99
308	Equipment Replacement	946,954	140,708	15	368,489	509,197	54	-	-	-	946,954	509,197	54
309	Capital Improvement	1,831,962	137,061	7	382,351	519,412	28	-	-	-	1,831,962	519,412	28
707	Service Center	784,111	196,979	25	297,973	494,952	63	-	-	-	784,111	494,952	63
Other Fu	nds												
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	-
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	122,892	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122,892	-	-
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	144,801	18,154	13	27,979	46,133	32	-	-	-	144,801	46,133	32
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
213	Enforcement and Education	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	9,623	412	4	6,739	7,151	74	-	-	-	9,623	7,151	74
218	Court Computerization	9,000	862	10	3,787	4,649	52	-	-	-	9,000	4,649	52
219	Court Special Projects	5,500	-	-	3,500	3,500	64	-	-	-	5,500	3,500	64
221	OneOhio Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
224	State Highway Improvement	59,062	16,681	28	34,041	50,722	86	-	-	-	59,062	50,722	86
240	Public Safety Endowment	33,000	125	-	125	250	1	-	-	-	33,000	250	1
250	Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	939,793	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	939,793	-	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	203,000	41,688	21	68,162	109,850	54	-	-	-	203,000	109,850	54
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	17,500	2,801	16	1,319	4,120	24	-	-	-	17,500	4,120	24
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
	Tota	I 18,068,858 (1	) 3,833,325	21	2,611,915	6,445,240	36	5,243,178	4,118,921	79	23,312,036	10,564,161	45

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of March 31, 2023: \$ 8,854 CHART NE3



## Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of March 31, 2023 GENERAL CITY SERVICES (Excludes Internal Transfers)



## Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances for the period ended March 31, 2023 REFUSE FUND

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
205	Refuse	418,683	21,587	440,270	338,066	778,336	425,392	352,944	197,764	155,180	(87,326)	(263,503)
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	58,713	67,246	125,959	-	125,959	-	125,959	67,246	58,713	-	-
	Total	477,396	88,833	566,229	338,066	904,295	425,392	478,903	265,010	213,893	(87,326)	(263,503)

Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
205 206	Refuse Refuse Equipment Replacement	1,387,100	338,066	24	(1,049,034)	- 50.000	-	-	1,387,100 50,000	338,066	24
200	Total	1,387,100	338,066	24	(1,049,034)	50,000	-	-	1,437,100	338,066	24

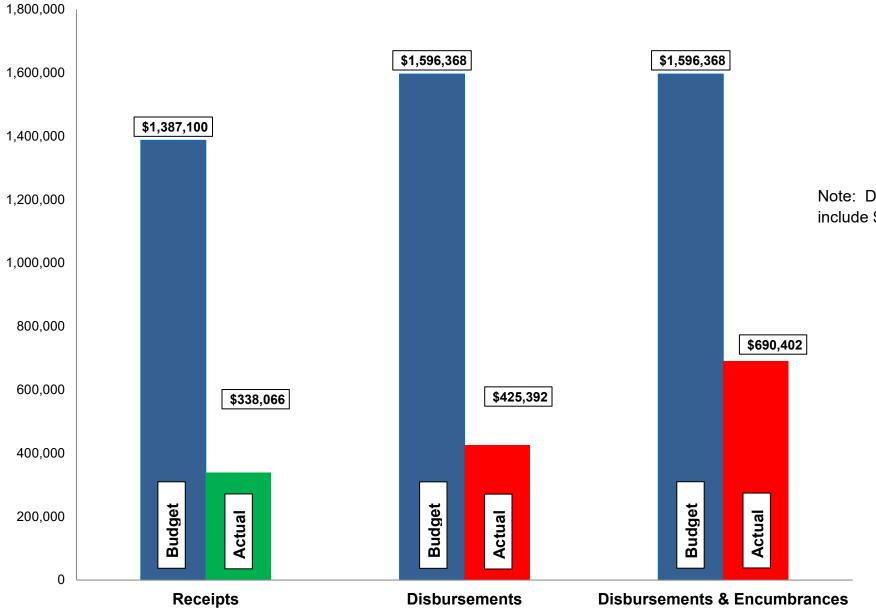
## Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
205 206	Refuse Refuse Equipment Replacement Total	1,474,122 122,246 1,596,368 (1)	425,392 - 425,392	29 - 27	197,764 67,246 265,010	623,156 67,246 690,402	42 55 43	50,000 - 50,000	- - - -	-	1,655,302 122,246 1,777,548	623,156 67,246 690,402	38 55 39

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of March 31, 2023: \$--

CHART R1

## Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of March 31, 2023 REFUSE FUNDS



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$88,833 appropriated from prior year budgets.

**CHART R2** 

#### Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances for the period ended March 31, 2023 WATER FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
602	Waterworks	897,792	53,863	951,655	252,172	1,203,827	508,961	694,866	349,955	344,911	(256,789)	(552,881)
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	392,154	64,332	456,486	205,370	661,856	43,723	618,133	54,673	563,460	161,647	171,306
	Total	1,289,946	118,195	1,408,141	457,542	1,865,683	552,684	1,312,999	404,628	908,371	(95,142)	(381,575)

## Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

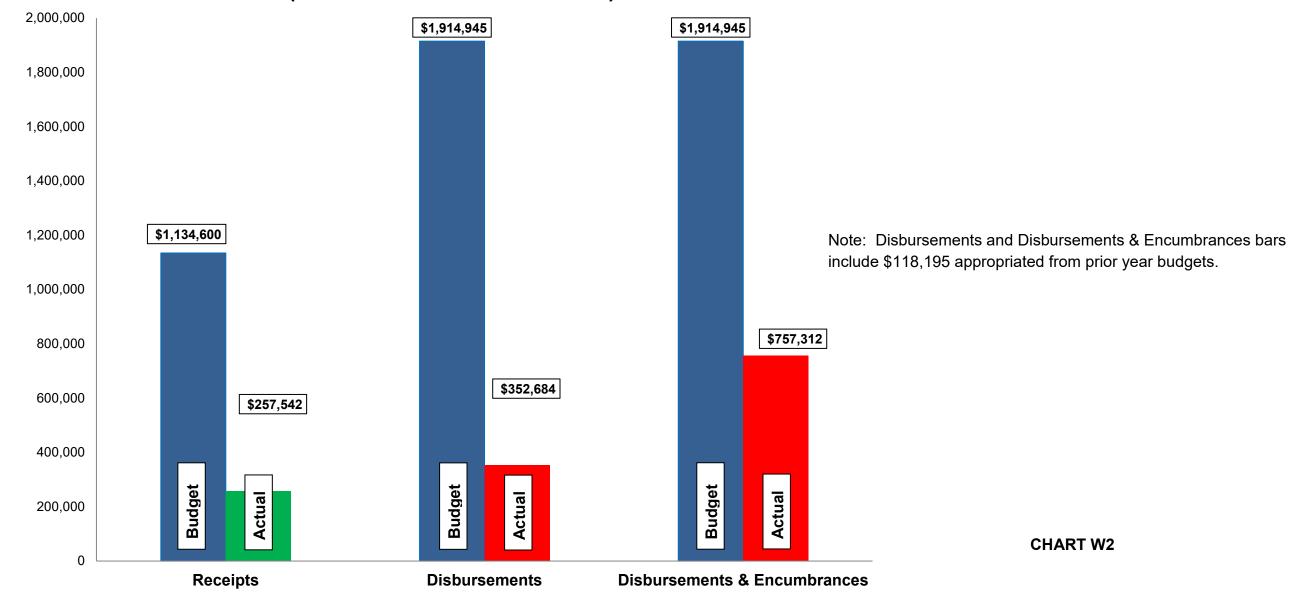
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
602 603	Waterworks Water Improve/Equip Replace	1,134,600	252,172 5,370	22	(882,428) 5,370	- 200.000	- 200,000	- 100	1,134,600 200,000	252,172 205,370	22 103
505	Total	1,134,600	257,542	23	(877,058)	200,000	200,000	-	1,334,600	457,542	34

#### Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget		YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
602 603	Waterworks Water Improve/Equip Replace	1,371,113 543,832	308,961 43,723	23 8	349,955 54,673	658,916 98,396	48 18	200,000	200,000 -	100 -	1,657,869 543,832	858,916 98,396	52 18
	Total	1,914,945 (	1) 352,684	18	404,628	757,312	40	200,000	200,000	-	2,201,701	957,312	43

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of March 31, 2023: \$ 817 CHART W1

## Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of March 31, 2023 WATER FUNDS (Excludes Internal Transfers)



# Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances for the period ended March 31, 2023 SANITARY SEWER FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	1,586,617	161,599	1,748,216	441,296	2,189,512	619,649	1,569,863	45,065	1,524,798	(178,353)	(61,819)
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	313,748	214,012	527,760	200,000	727,760	104,999	622,761	222,350	400,411	95,001	86,663
	Total	1,900,365	375,611	2,275,976	641,296	2,917,272	724,648	2,192,624	267,415	1,925,209	(83,352)	24,844

## Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
607 608	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint. Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	1,883,200 -	441,296 -	23 -	(1,441,904) -	- 200,000	- 200,000	- 100	1,883,200 200,000	441,296 200,000	23 100
	Total	1,883,200	441,296	23	(1,441,904)	200,000	200,000	-	2,083,200	641,296	31

# Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

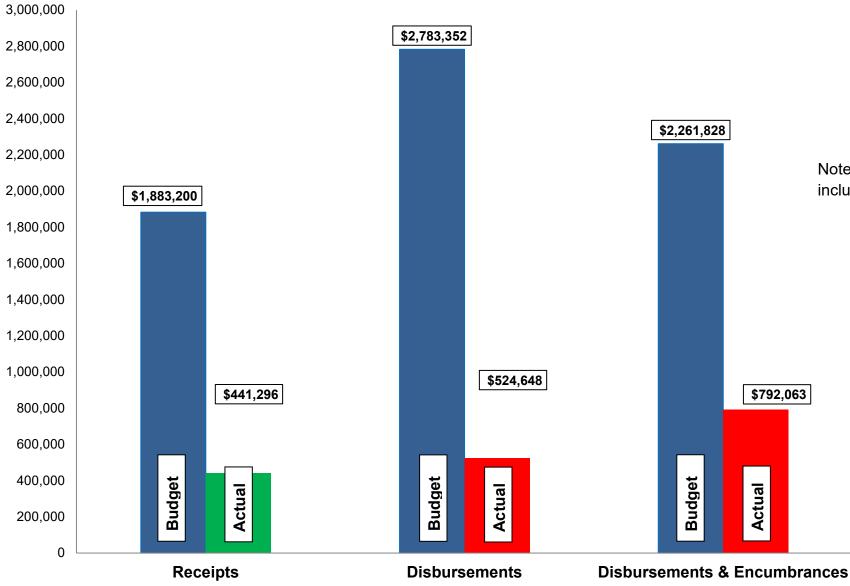
						YTD Outside							
		Budgeted	YTD	%		Disbursements	%	Budgeted	YTD	%	Budgeted	YTD Total	%
	Fund	Outside	Outside	of		&	of	Transfer	Transfer	of	Total	Disb., Enc. &	of
#	Name	Disbursements	Disbursements	Budget	Encumbrances	Encumbrances	Budget	Disbursements	Disbursements	Budget	Disbursements	Tfrs	Budget
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	2,374,340	419,649	18	45,065	464,714	20	200,000	200,000	100	2,615,226	664,714	25
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	409,012	104,999	26	222,350	327,349	80	-	-	-	409,012	327,349	80
	Total	2,783,352 (*	1) 524,648	19	267,415	792,063	28	200,000	200,000	-	3,024,238	992,063	33

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(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of March 31, 2023: \$

CHART S1

## Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of March 31, 2023 SANITARY SEWER FUNDS (Excludes Internal Transfers)



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$375,611 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART S2

# Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances for the period ended March 31, 2023 STORMWATER FUNDS

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
615	Stormwater Utility	404,427	4,475	408,902	118,374	527,276	281,187	246,089	36,130	209,959	(162,813)	(194,468)
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	104,390	275,000	379,390	200,000	579,390	2,150	577,240	327,850	249,390	197,850	145,000
	Total	I 508,817	279,475	788,292	318,374	1,106,666	283,337	823,329	363,980	459,349	35,037	(49,468)

## Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates

for the period ended March 31, 2023

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
615 616	Stormwater Utility Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	466,600 985,000	118,374 -	25 -	(348,226) (985,000)	- 200,000	- 200,000	- 100	466,600 1,185,000	118,374 200,000	25 17
	Total	1,451,600	118,374	8	(1,333,226)	200,000	200,000	-	1,651,600	318,374	19

## Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates for the period ended March 31, 2023

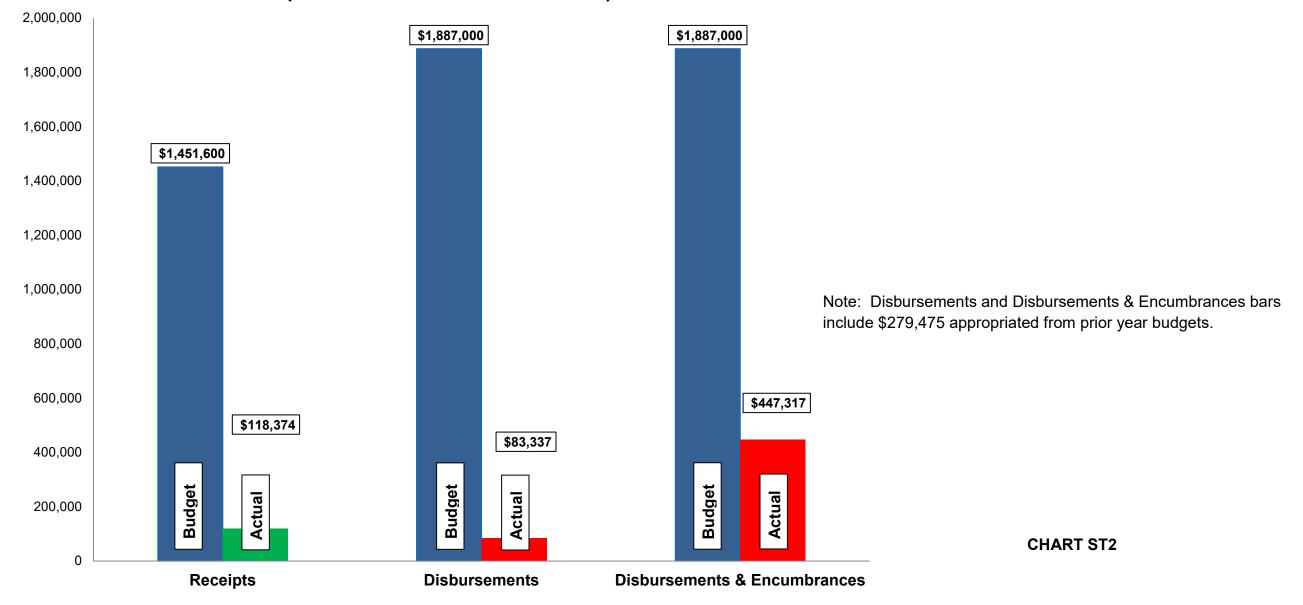
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget		YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
615	Stormwater Utility	353,399	81,187	23	36,130	117,317	33	200,000	200,000	100	579,248	317,317	55
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	1,533,601	2,150	-	327,850	330,000	-	-	-	-	1,533,601	330,000	-
	Total	1,887,000 (1	) 83,337	4	363,980	447,317	24	200,000	200,000	-	2,112,849	647,317	31

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(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of March 31, 2023: \$

CHART ST1

## Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of March 31, 2023 STORMWATER FUNDS (Excludes Internal Transfers)



### Subject: Monthly Financials – March

The following are the items to note when reviewing March's financials: General City Services:

- Gross Income Tax collections are at 23.57% of the budgeted \$11.00M. April and May are normally our largest collection months. The gross 2023 collections are more than YTD March 2022 by 0.81% the net 2023 collections are less than YTD March 2022 by 0.24%.
- ➤ Our Real Estate tax collections total \$1,042,602; 37.33% of budget.
- General Fund revenues are 27% of budget and total General City Services revenues are 27% of budget.
- General Fund expenditures, including encumbrances, are 35% of budget and total General City Services expenditures, including encumbrances, are 36% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for General City Services include \$17,179,288 in original appropriations.
- ➢ No unusual items in the month of March.

Refuse Fund:

- Refuse revenues are approximately 24% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 43% of budget.
- ▶ Budgeted disbursements for Refuse include \$1,507,535 in original appropriations.
- > No unusual items in the month of March.

Enterprise Funds:

- Water revenues are approximately 23% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 40% of budget.
- ▶ Budgeted disbursements for Water include \$1,796,750 in original appropriations.
- Sewer revenues are approximately 23% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 28% of budget. 63% of our 2022 costs were a result of payments to Dayton and Montgomery County for wastewater treatment.
- Budgeted disbursements for Sanitary Sewer include \$2,407,741 in original appropriations.
- Stormwater revenues are approximately 8% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 24% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Stormwater include \$1,607,525 in original appropriations.
- ➢ No unusual items in the month of March.

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# EVs are taking off, but when will battery recycling follow?

#### Niraj Chokshi and Kellen Browning

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Benjamin Reynaga used power tools to hack his way into a beat-up hybrid Honda Fit at an auto dismantling plant at the edge of the Mojave Desert until he reached the most important part of the car: its lithium-ion battery.

The vehicle itself was set to be crushed, but the batterv would be treated with care. It would be disassembled nearby and then sent to Nevada, where another company, Redwood Materials, would recover some of the valuable metals inside.

The plant where Reynaga works, in Adelanto, California, is at the front lines of what auto industry experts. environmentalists and the Biden administration believe could be an important part of a global shift to electric vehicles: recycling and reusing metals like cobalt, lithium and nickel. If batteries past their prime supply the ingredients for new ones, electric cars, trucks and vans would become more affordable and environmentally sustainable.

"We're just getting ready," said Nick Castillo, who manages the plant for LKQ Corp. The facility mostly dismantles gasoline vehicles but is preparing to take apart more hybrid and electric vehicles. "We know it's eventually going to take over. It's going

to be the future." Sales of electric cars and

trucks are taking off, and the auto and battery industries are investing billions of dollars to upgrade and build factories. These cars could help address climate change, but batteries pose their own problems. Raw materials can be hard to mine, are often found in countries with poor human rights records and require processing that leaves behind noxious waste.

Fortunately, those battery ingredients are also highly reusable. And now a race is on to collect and recycle used lithium-ion batteries. Venture capitalists, automakers and energy companies are pouring money into dozens of startup recycling companies in North America and Europe.

"We're weaning our entire society off of fossil and carbon-intensive fuels; we can't underestimate the scale of that challenge," said Gavin Harper, a research fellow at the University of Birmingham in England, who studies battery recycling. "The demand is going to be so enormous."

But for all the optimism. this new business faces a daunting challenge: Few batteries will be available

to recycle for a decade or more. Tesla, which dominates the electric vehicle business, began selling cars in 2008 and until 2017 sold fewer than 100,000 cars a year. There are other sources to recycle today, including



Many companies are easer to recycle lithium-ion batteries but it could be a decade before enough become available, GABRIELLA ANGOTTI-JONES / THE NEW YORK TIMES

hybrids and consumer electronics, but the supply is limited and collection can be challenging.

That has left recycling companies in a difficult position. They need to invest in factories, machinery and workers or risk losing ground to competitors. But if they invest too quickly, they could run out of money before lots of aging batteries arrive at their loading docks.

"You have people that are just burning through money, because you don't have the feedstock to be able to make the material to sell," said Eric Frederickson, the managing director of operations for Call2Recycle, a nonprofit program that helps recyclers find old batteries.

The companies also have to figure out how to find, collect and dismantle batteries. They have to work with many dismantlers, scrap vards and nonprofit groups. And because batteries are prone to fires and packaged and built differently from model to model, taking them apart can be complicated and dangerous.

Among companies recycling batteries, Redwood stands out. The company was founded by JB Straubel,

a former top Tesla executive, and has raised more than \$1 billion from investors, it said. Redwood sees itself primarily as a producer of batterv materials - made from recovered or mined metals - and has established recy-

cling partnerships with Ford Motor, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo. Redwood also recycles scrap from a battery plant run by Panasonic and Tesla, near Reno, Nevada,

On a flat, dusty tract of land near that plant, Redwood is building out a 175acre campus. There, the company recovers metal from old batteries and produces materials for new ones. Redwood announced in December that it would spend at least \$3.5 billion on another campus in South Carolina, in a region of the country that is fast becoming a hub for battery and electric vehicle production.

Other businesses are focused solely on recycling. Li-Cycle, a Canadian company founded in 2016 by two former engineering consultants - Aiay Kochhar and Tim Johnston - is building several plants.

Alabama, Arizona, New York and Ontario, the company breaks down batteries and manufacturing scrap. In its plant in Rochester, New York, a conveyor belt ferries materials up one story before dropping them into a vat where they are shredded while submerged in a pro-

> prietary chemical solution to prevent fires.

> The resulting pieces are separated, and Li-Cycle then harvests a granular substance, known as black mass, which is processed into its component metals else-

where, But Li-Cycle plans a total capital investment of about \$485 million to build a facility, also in Rochester, to turn the substance into battery-grade lithium. cobalt and nickel.

Battery recycling is still relatively new in North America, but more mature companies abroad could provide a hint of what's to come. In China, for example, there are many recyclers but a shortage of material.

"They have too much capacity and too few batteries to recycle," said Hans Eric Melin, who founded Circular Energy Storage, a consulting firm that specializes in the market for old lithium-ion batteries. "I think that's exactly the situation that we will face in both Europe and North America."

It could take many years for recycling to become At collection centers in a thriving industry in the United States. Relatively few electric vehicles are on the road and most are new. Smartphones, laptops and other electronics also contain lithium-ion batteries, but they are difficult to collect and there are not enough to meet the growing needs of the auto industry.

> But lawmakers and environmental groups want recycling to take off quickly to cut carbon emissions, protect the nation from an overreliance on foreign producers and promote the safe disposal of batteries.

## City looks to improvement projects as weather warms; police apprehend mail theft suspect, recover mailbox key

Oakwood City Council on Monday héard an update on pending projects in the city as warm weather arrives and crews gear up to begin work on various public works across the city, and the mayor reported that Oakwood police apprehended a mail theft suspect while conducting a traffic stop in the city.

Mayor William Duncan said that Oakwood police recovered a U.S. Postal Service mailbox key while conducting a traffic stop in Oakwood. The key was reportedly hidden in a cell phone case. Duncan said the suspect(s) may face either felony charges locally or federal charges which could be brought by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Spitler, director of Doug Engineering and Public Works for the city, updated Council on pending public works projects which include \$596,353 in asphalt resurfacing projects on East Schantz Avenue between Far Hills Avenue and Lookout Drive, all of Lookout and Acacia Drives, East Thruston Boulevard between Woods Road and Acorn Drive, Hathaway Road between Patterson Road and north end, the alley between Rubicon Road and Oakwood Avenue, and the alleyway between Ridgewood Avenue and East Schantz. Other projects include a \$297,000 contract with Adleta Construction of Cincinnati to complete curb and inlet improvements on Far Hills, and an additional \$229,000 contract with Adleta for sidewalk curb and driveway apron improvements in the city.

The city's largest pending public works effort this year will be an estimated \$2.1 million storm sewer replacement project to replace a 42-inch storm sewer line along Far Hills Avenue. The city will be opening contractor bids for that project on Friday, April 7, with work expected to begin in late spring or early summer. Spitler told City Council that current plans call for traffic flow to be maintained on Far Hills throughout the project.

City lawmakers introduced an annual ordinance to levy assessments for street lighting and approved ordinances to proceed with the 2024 street lighting program and the 2023 sidewalk repair program in the Oakwood. Vice Mayor Steve Byington introduced the city's 2024 tax budget, an annual housekeeping measure of estimated revenues and anticipated expenses. Based on preliminary estimates, lawmakers noted that 2024 operating expenditures are not expected to exceed 2023 appropriations by more than 3 percent, with 2024 capital expenditures in Oakwood not expected to exceed \$4.74 million.

City Council also ratified legislation allowing Oakwood to participate in settlements with other municipalities as part of the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding in ongoing litigation with opioid suppliers and manufacturers, including pharmacy defendants CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and manufacturer defendants Teva and Allergan.

Ohio political subdivisions have an April 18 deadline to opt in or exclude themselves from future opioid settlements.

Former city mayor Judy Cook presented City Council with the 2022 annual report from the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, and Terri Jones updated officials on the Pinwheels for National Child Abuse Awareness campaign, which has placed pinwheel "gardens" throughout the city to focus attention on the issue.

Mayor Duncan issued proclamations recognizing April as Fair Housing Month in Oakwood and declaring the week of April 23 as Arbor Week in the city.

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## **New Public Safety Officer**



Oakwood Mayor William Duncan administers the oath to William 'Joe' Dues as the city's newest Public Safety Officer. Dues, who was sworn in during the Oakwood City Council meeting on Monday, was hired on March 20. He joins the force having served as a firefighter and EMT at Englewood from 2001, and as a police officer and firefighter with Union since 2008. **NEW DETAILS** 

Recovered USPS mailbox key 'fairly easy to duplicate'

Police discover one during traffic stop in Oakwood last week.

#### By Nick Blizzard Staff Writer

U.S. Postal Service collection box keys like those stolen in the Dayton area in the past year are not difficult to copy, leading to widespread check theft, a postal law enforcement leader says. "As far as I know they're

"As far as I know they're fairly easy to duplicate," Frank Albergo, national president of the postal police officers' association, said Tuesday of the devices, known as arrow keys. "Even if you recover the original stolen arrow key, you have no idea how many duplicates were made."

Oakwood recently joined Beavercreek, Dayton, Huber Heights, Kettering, Centerville/Washington Twp. and Trotwood among local communities where mail-related crimes have been reported.

An Oakwood police officer last week found a hidden postal service mailbox key during a traffic stop, leading to arrests of suspects, Oakwood Mayor William Duncan said.

Opened and unopened mail was found in the vehicle, Duncan said, leading to the latest charges related to mail theft in Dayton-area cities.

Since late 2021, USPS mailbox thefts were recorded from at least seven different jurisdictions' post office

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collection containers, amounting to thousands of dollars in stolen checks.

In the Oakwood case, the key was found during an overnight traffic stop after an officer flagged a vehicle for not having visible registration, Duncan said.

"The U.S. postal mailbox key was hidden inside a cellphone case," he said.

The suspects were arrested for receiving stolen property and taken to the Montgomery County Jail, Duncan added.

The Oakwood Safety Department did not release further information. The Dayton Daily News has filed a public records request for the Oakwood police report.

Neither the USPS Postal Inspection Service nor its corporate communications office responded to inquiries Tuesday by this news organization.

Albergo said postal-related theft is a national issue that has "absolutely exploded."

Findings from a 2020 Office of Inspector General Audit state the postal service's "management controls over arrow keys were ineffective."

The audit noted "the number of arrow keys in circulation is unknown, and local units did not adequately report lost, stolen or broken keys or maintain key inventories."

In many local cases, mail thefts have occurred at post office outdoor collection boxes. Police have recommended those mailing items drop them off at indoor post



Police found a hidden U.S. Postal Service mailbox key during a traffic stop, leading to the arrest of suspects, according to Oakwood's mayor. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

#### office slots.

Albergo said "it's amazing the postal service is still using technology from the 1950s ... You'd think at this point they would have some sort of electronic interface that would be able to track intrusion events, if it was stolen you'd be able to deactivate it" and it would have "GPS technology so if it were stolen you'd track where it's located. But they don't have it."

More than a dozen area suspects have been arrested since late 2021, officials have said. Three pleaded guilty earlier this year to federal charges and are awaiting sentencing, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio.

They include: Leonard Alvyn Blackstone III, of Kettering, obstruction of mail; Keith Dujuan Calahan, of Dayton, receipt and unlawful possession of stolen mail; and Jeffrey Weaver, Jr., of Centerville, receipt and unlawful possession of stolen mail.

Obstruction of mail has a sentence of up to six months incarceration and receipt of stolen mail up to five years, said U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Fred Alverson.

Another defendant, Jayon Everett Perrin of Dayton, was charged in October 2022 with receipt and unlawful possession of stolen mail, Alverson said. His case is pending.

Dayton police records filed last May stated that a postal service key that unlocks "all Dayton-area mailboxes" had been stolen.

In September of last year, two postal workers were robbed at gunpoint within 15 minutes of each other in Dayton and Trotwood. In both cases the robber reportedly demanded the letter carrier's arrow key.

Huber Heights police said in January that a postal service mail carrier was robbed by an armed man in an apartment complex. Officers later found the mail bag, scanner and cellphone case.

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## Mailbox key find detailed in police incident report

#### By Nick Blizzard Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — A driver's invitation for Oakwood police to search his car led to two arrests related to mail thefts and the discovery of U.S. Postal Service collection box key, records show.

The arrests of two Dayton men followed an early morning traffic stop March 31 at Schantz and Dixon avenues during which open and unopened mail was found in a sedan they occupied, according to an Oakwood Safety Department incident report.

Anthony Delven Parks and Kyon Maurice Reese, both 18, were charged with receiving stolen property, and the key was found hidden in a cellphone case after they were detained by police, the document states.

Postal service collection box keys, known as arrow keys, have been reported stolen on at least three occasions in the Dayton area since March 2022, police records show.

They are "fairly easy to duplicate," Frank Albergo, national president of the postal police officers' association, said earlier this week.

The car driven by Parks was stopped by police after authorities said it had no visible registration while heading north on Far Hills Avenue about 3:45 a.m., according to the report.

An Oakwood officer approached the car, talked

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with the two occupants and smelled what he believed to marijuana. After the officer instructed the two to step out of the vehicle, Parks said he could search the car, according to the report.

After more discussion with the two, an Oakwood police officer said "without my asking, Parks again told me to search the vehicle ...."

Aside from Oakwood, Beavercreek, Dayton, Huber Heights, Kettering, Centerville/Washington Twp. and Trotwood are among the local communities where mail-related crimes have been reported.

Since late 2021, USPS mailbox thefts were recorded from at least seven different jurisdiction's post office collection containers, amounting to thousands of dollars in stolen checks.

In the Oakwood case, the search of the car yielded "several packages and envelopes that were in plain view" and "none of the envelopes were addressed to or from either Parks, Reese, or the vehicle's registered owner," Parks' mother, the police report states.

Both Parks and Reese "denied any knowledge of any stolen packages, envelopes or other mail-related items," according to the report.

Later that morning, Oakwood police were informed that a USPS drop box at 2601 Far Hills had been tampered with, the report states.

Parks and Reese are both scheduled for a hearing May 18 on the charges, first-degree misdemeanors, according to Oakwood Municipal Court records.

The postal service inspector's office is working with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio on the case, Nicole Lutz, a spokeswoman for the inspector's office, said in an email.

Contact this writer at 937-610-7438 or email Nick. Blizzard@coxinc.com.

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Mayor

April 4, 2023

Katy Tribble 620 Harman Avenue Oakwood, Oh 45419

Dear Katy:

At the April 3 public meeting, Oakwood City Council Oakwood City Council appointed you to the Property Maintenance Board. Thank you for again 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. Jennifer Wilder, our Director of Personnel and Properties, will contact you to arrange a time to meet for a board orientation.

Sincerely,

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William D. Duncan Mayor

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cc: Members of City Council Norbert Klopsch, City Manager Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director



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April 4, 2023

Scott Fischer 220 E. Dixon Avenue Oakwood, Oh 45419

Dear Scott:

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Abby Riedel 42 Forrer Road Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Abby:

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William D. Duncan Mayor

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Judy Steiger 420 Lonsdale Avenue Oakwood, Oh 45419

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Nina Anglin 333 Oakwood Avenue #1G Oakwood, Oh 45419

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Mayor

April 4, 2023

Dr. Elizabeth Hardy 505 E. Schantz Avenue Oakwood, OH 45409

Dear Elizabeth:

At the April 3 public meeting, Oakwood City Council appointed you to the Board of Health. 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. We look forward to your contributions as a member of this important board. City Manager Norbert Klopsch will contact you soon to schedule a new member orientation meeting.

Sincerely,

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William D. Duncan Mayor

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cc: Members of City Council Norbert Klopsch, City Manager



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Phil Wittmer 552 Hathaway Road Oakwood, OH 45419

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Tim Judge 108 Lonsdale Avenue Oakwood, Oh 45419

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Chuck Ellis 529 Hathaway Road Oakwood, Oh 45419

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#### Friends of Smith Gardens F erennial Sale

The Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Over 100 varieties of plants will be

wildflowers, natives and some annuals. OCC at (937) 298-0775.

Plant material will be potted in 3-inch, 4-1/2-inch pots, quart or gallon containers and will arrive in Oakwood the day of the sale so all the plants are fresh from the growers and the best of quality.

available including perennials, hostas, available for pick up at the Oakwood. ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, Community Center or by calling the

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This fundraising event is open to the public with proceeds going to the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens. The prices of the plant material are great so don't forget to support this beautiful community treasure.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. If interested, contact Carol Collins at (937) 298-0775.

### REGION

Electricity auction may lower AES Ohio 'standard service' rates

By Thomas Gnau Staff Writer Based on Tuesday's wholesale electricity auction, AES Ohio's average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month could see a decrease in their bills of \$2.26, a spokeswoman for AES Ohio said Wednesday.

"We are calculating the retail price for customers and the next procedural step will be to file blended rate resulting from the two competitive (auctions) with the PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio)," said Mary Ann Kabel, a spokeswoman for AES Ohio, formerly known as Dayton Power & Light.

The company will file those final rates with state regulators in a week or two.

However, with electric costs, nothing is simple. Some facts to keep in mind:

AES Ohio passes its market prices from the auction to residential customers who have AES Ohio as their supplier for what is known as the "standard service offer," sometimes called the "SSO."

If another company is your supplier, this new number does not apply to you.

does not apply to you. What AES Ohio customers pay to cover distribution of electricity is expected to go up. In December, a spokeswoman for the PUCO could not say how much that increase will be or when it will go into effect. State regulators should

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know more once AES Ohio's "electric security" or operating plan is finalized, perhaps this spring.

All Ohio utilities participate in a competitive market-based auction for generation of electricity.

In these auctions, wholesale suppliers bid to serve AES Ohio customers their generation supply of electricity, and pricing is based on market conditions that day. The auctions are con-

ducted by an independent

third party with oversight by the PUCO.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average U.S. residential customer uses about 909 kWh per month. In Ohio, the average is closer to 892 kWh a month.

AES Ohio provides electric transmission and distribution service to more than 527,000 customers across its 6,000-square-mile service territory in west central Ohio.

Contact this reporter at 937-681-5610 or email tom. gnau@coxinc.com

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# Free leaf mulch starts Saturday

The city's annual free leaf mulch program begins Saturday.

The leaves collected throughout Oakwood last fall have been converted into leaf mulch. The mulch is available to Oakwood residents for spring yard and garden projects.

Citizens have two options for obtaining the leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Call (937) 298-0777 to place an order.

Mulch deliveries will take place on the five Saturdays through May 6. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd.

Mulch recipients must haul it away and provide proof of residency. No commercial vehicles are permitted. STAFF REPORT

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