



## Fire collaborative proving successful

On June 1, 2020, the cities of Englewood, Union, and Clayton began operating together as a fire collaborative. The agreement provides both financial and operational benefits to residents in all three communities. A reduction in capital expenditures and an improvement in emergency response times are the core of the partnership.

For example, a firefighter working at Clayton, Englewood and Union would receive a set of fire gear from each employer. A complete set of gear costs nearly \$3,000. That em-

ployee now receives a single set of fire gear and can wear it while working on behalf of any of the three departments, saving up to \$6,000. Collectively, these savings amount to over \$5 million during the next capital improvement cycle.

The Fire Collaborative recognizes every second counts during an emergency. Our agreement sends the closest available ambulance or fire truck to an emergency, regardless of municipal jurisdiction. This will provide emergency crews to your emergency seconds, or even minutes faster.

The EFD also provides non-emergency services to the community:

- Smoke detector installation
- Car seat installation
- CPR & first aid training
- Fire extinguisher training
- Fire safety inspections

Call (937) 836-2399 to schedule.

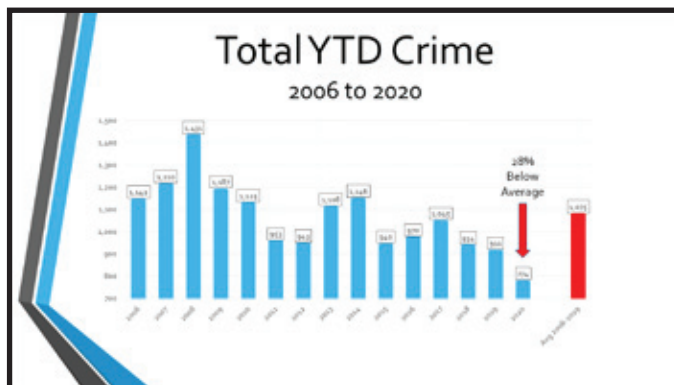
## 2020 Bright spot: Low crime rate

Wow what a year 2020 was... History-making in many ways – including the low crime rate.

Reported crime in 2020 was the lowest it's been since 2006 when we began using the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System. Thefts continue to be our most significant reported crime (33%) but dropped by 34% compared to the average of 2006-2019. Even shoplifting was lower than average.

There has been an extraordinary reduction in violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) per capita in the last five

years compared to the first five years of this millennium. There has been a 55% reduction in violent crime when comparing the average of 2000-2004 to 2016-2020. There were only 13 violent crimes in 2020, which is incredibly low, keeping Englewood a very safe city in which to live and work.



## New library coming to Englewood

City Council has approved rezoning for a new Dayton Metro Library location. The Northmont Branch Library will be located on a 6-acre site at 700 West National Road, directly west of Cypress Point Health Campus and north of Centennial Park. Construction is scheduled to start later this year.



# Englewood Police takes on the challenges

The challenges facing law enforcement agencies are constantly evolving and administrators must adapt and maintain a solid operational foundation.

To confront these challenges, the Englewood Police Department migrated all its policies and procedures to a new platform called Lexipol. Lexipol is the leading provider of policy, training and wellness support for law enforcement and government leaders, helping address public safety challenges and improve the quality of life for all community members.

Their solutions encompass state-specific policies, online learning, and analysis, including the online digital communities. Lexipol serves more than 2 million public safety professionals in 8,100 agencies and municipalities across the United States. Lexipol continuously updates policies and training to keep up with legislative changes, training mandates and by following best practice guidelines.

Lexipol one of many state-of-the-art tools that the Englewood Police Department counts on to stay on the cutting

edge of technology in order to provide the best services to our community. Innovation is not just about the latest gadget, it's about finding new ways to do things better. The Englewood Police Department was the first local department to use body cameras, receiving them in 2014 shortly after unrest in Ferguson, Missouri. Body cameras are an indispensable tool for law enforcement to keep the public's trust.

Surveillance cameras are also located throughout the City and have been very useful in apprehending criminals. The police department also participates in information sharing with numerous law enforcement agencies using shared databases.

The Englewood Police Department is committed to providing the best services possible to our community. We will always be looking for new ways to do things better. The Englewood Police Department is proud to be a member of this community and is very thankful for the on-going support we receive.

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## Paint and more paint!

The Service Department has been hard at work improving and beautifying the city.

From June to August 2020 – and with the assistance of the Fire Department – 786 fire hydrants around the city were “plug hugged” (a process that quickly cleans hydrants of debris) and primed for painting. In addition to the hydrants, 370 streetlights were freshly painted as well.



Starting in late August, Old Fire Station 98 on South Walnut Street was pressure washed, and mortar work done on the bricks. After the prep was completed, new siding was installed along with a fresh coat of paint. This project was completed in early September.

The final painting project of the year began in late August, with 984 catch basins being prepped and painted. This project will resume in the Spring.



## Wenger Road Resurfacing

The city has awarded John R. Jurgensen a contract to resurface West Wenger Road, from Main Street to Southview Drive. The city received nearly \$500,000 in grant money from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) to assist with this project.

Resurfacing is scheduled for this spring and should take approximately two weeks to complete.

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## Coming Memorial Day! New and improved Centennial Park Splash Pad





## Englewood Police welcomes three new officers



**Officer Robert Cottrell** joins the department with more than 12 years of law enforcement experience. He's a graduate of Troy High School and Sinclair Community College. He recently worked at Wright State University PD. Officer Cottrell is a certified bicycle officer and firearms instructor.



In early January, the police department welcomed **Officer Kyle Gee**. He graduated from Covington High School and attended Wright State University's Lake Campus. Previously employed by the Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff, Officer Gee is certified as a self-defense instructor.



**Officer Travis Eaton** joined the Police Department in October. A graduate of Northmont High School and Sinclair Community College, Officer Eaton is a certified evidence technician and traffic crash reconstructionist and spent the last several years as a crime scene investigator with Dayton PD.

Officer Eaton has successfully completed the department's field training program, while both officers Gee and Cottrell are progressing through the program with veteran Field Training Officers.

## Fire collaborative completes rope training

Firefighters from Clayton, Englewood, and Union recently completed rope rescue training at the Englewood fire training center.

Each year, firefighters respond to numerous technical rescue incidents requiring advanced knowledge and training.



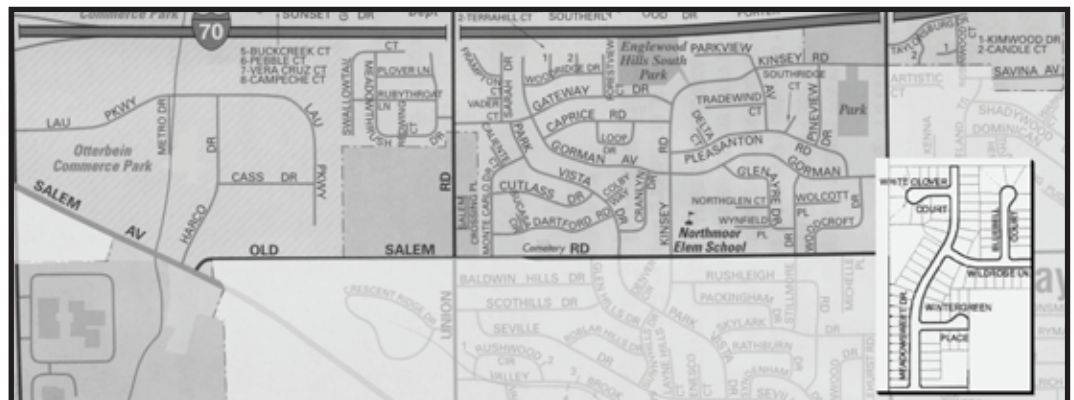
## Grant you this!

The Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant program is providing \$50,000 toward a special-needs baseball diamond in cooperation with the Englewood Little League Association. The ADA compliant ball field will be completed this summer.

The Ohio Public Works Commission is supporting environmental improvements at the wastewater treatment plant by approving \$198,085 in aid.



The Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th, 2021. This year's designated sale area includes the neighborhood south of I-70.



## Terrace promoted to Fire Chief

Anthony Terrace was promoted to Fire Chief January 4, 2020, following Chief Elmer “Buddy” Bergman’s retirement. Terrace began serving in 2003 as a firefighter/EMT. Terrace previously served for the Ohio Fire Marshal’s office, as a Captain for the City of Union, and as a Battalion Chief for the City of Lebanon. A Northmont graduate, Terrace also holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Science from the University of Cincinnati and a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from The University of Pittsburgh. Chief Terrace looks forward to continuing to serve the community where he grew up.



## Studebaker promoted to Maintenance Superintendent

Tim Studebaker was promoted to Maintenance Superintendent at the Service Center in May of 2020 after Al Butler’s retirement. Tim has been employed with the city for over 20 years. Prior to his promotion, he served as Maintenance Service II for 19 years.



## Happening at the Heck Center

Remember those New Year’s Resolutions you made back in January? Whether you’re going strong with them or forgot you made them, it’s a great time to join one of the many fitness classes offered at the Earl Heck Center!

Senior Fitness, Yoga, Pilates, Line Dancing and Aerobics are just some of the classes being offered. The center has also added some chair fitness classes including Stretch and Balance, Pound Fitness and Strength and Balance programs. These classes are geared towards seniors and those with mobility issues and are done from the comfort of a chair.

The senior fitness and chair exercise classes are part of the Silver Sneakers program, provided by many Medicare plans. Those with the Silver Sneakers option are eligible to take these classes for free.

Class sizes are limited due to COVID-19, so all participants must register prior to beginning a new class. For more information, please call the Earl Heck Center at (937) 836-5929.

## Coming soon - website upgrade!

Look for a fresh, new look to the City website later this year!

## Protect our rivers and streams

Storm sewers empty directly into the local water ways. Residents are reminded to take steps to prevent pollution in the storm sewers by:

- Shoveling snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for salt
- Shoveling snow onto non-paved surfaces such as grassy areas, so as it melts, it will soak into the ground
- Using sand or sawdust as an alternative to salt
- After snowmelt, sweeping up sand and salt residue

## Receive city news straight to your phone

The City of Englewood has activated a new advisory system to keep residents informed of local events, emergencies and weather issues, to name a few. Participation is completely voluntary and there is no charge.

This system will be used to push specialized and emergency alerts by several methods – voice call, text, email – to applicable neighborhoods. Residents can customize what kinds of alerts they’d like to receive, and in what format.

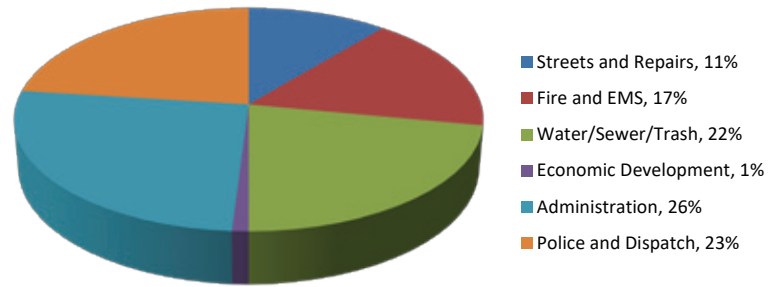
- Water Main Breaks
- Boil Advisories
- Snow Emergencies
- Public Safety Emergencies
- Tornado Warnings
- Street Paving
- New Business Alerts
- Special City Events

Registration and customization online is easy. Visit the city’s website for a link or stop by the Government Center for assistance. All information is kept completely confidential.



# Local income tax supports local services

For several years Englewood has been awarded the Ohio Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting and compliance with applicable laws. Our latest audit for the year of 2019 can be seen at <https://www.ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch>. Below is a graphic of the percentage of monies spent in the different areas.



The latest financial audit has been approved by the State Auditor.  
To view a copy of the 2019 and prior years' audits go to <https://ohioauditor.gov>.

## Cyber Hygiene: Keep yourself safe online

With more and more aspects of our daily lives being on the internet, it is increasingly important to demonstrate good browsing practices, good email habits and social media awareness.

Practicing good "cyber hygiene" will greatly reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

1. Make sure your anti-virus software is up to date, and if you don't have one, get one! There are many free options out there. Windows Defender is a built in free anti-virus on Windows 10 devices. Additional protection is recommended.
2. Keep your computer up to date. Windows and Mac push out many updates that keep your PC safe.
3. Use complex passwords. The days of using pet names and relatives for passwords are long gone and can be easily

cracked. Use a combination of numbers, letters, and symbols.

4. Do not click on suspicious links. This sounds simple but majority of all cyberthreats occur from clicking on bad links sent by email or social media. If the link is sent to you from an unknown source, delete it. A very obvious give away for bad emails are unusual formatting and misspellings. If you are promised something free, it won't be free after you click on it!

5. Only browse on genuine websites. Threats will mask themselves as legitimate websites to try and get you to enter your personal information. Look for the <https://> prefix in the front of the URL. That means it has been verified and is a safe website. *For example, a good site: <https://www.apple.com> vs. a bad one: [www.apple-iphone.com](http://www.apple-iphone.com)*

## Property maintenance equals property value

Regular property maintenance is an important factor to maintain property values. Active property maintenance code enforcement by the city helps to maintain welcoming neighborhoods and keep property values high.

Every resident in the city can help by looking at their property for potential issues. Common problems include overgrown grass (exceeding a height of eight inches), trash and debris stored on the property, piles of brush, overgrown bushes, weeds in flower beds, trash cans stored in

front of a property (all trash cans are prohibited from being stored in front of your home), dead trees, peeling paint on the house, shed or fence, missing downspouts or broken windows. If you notice an issue in your neighborhood, please contact Bill Singer, development director, at (937) 771-2880.

In 2020, the city issued 1,200 violations for property maintenance issues. If you receive a notice, please address the issue in a timely manner or contact the city offices to make special ar-



rangements with city staff, as we have resources that can help. Your home is most likely the greatest investment you have and maintaining it ensures a good return on your investment.

# {CALENDAR} OF EVENTS}

**May 31**

*Memorial Day – City Offices Closed\**

*\*Trash delayed one day all week*

**June 4**

*2021 Neighborhood Garage Sale*

*Neighborhood located south of Interstate 70*

**June 5**

*Yard Waste and Used Tire Drop-Off Day*

**July 4**

*Fourth of July Fireworks*

*Centennial Park*

**July 5**

*Independence Day (observed) – City Offices Closed*

*No Trash Delay*

**September 6**

*Labor Day – City Offices Closed\**

*\*Trash delayed one day all week*

**October 11**

*Columbus Day – City Offices Closed*

*No Trash Delay*

**November 25-26**

*Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed\**

*\*Trash delayed Thursday and Friday*

**December 24**

*Christmas Day (observed) – City Offices Closed*

*No Trash Delay*

**December 31**

*New Year's Day (observed) – City Offices Closed*

*No Trash Delay*

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### Extended tax office hours

Englewood's due date for all 2020 tax returns and extensions is April 15, 2021. The city offers several options to file or drop off returns. Returns can be filed online at our website – as well as faxed or scanned and emailed to the tax office. Residents are welcome to drop off returns during and after business hours in the Utility drop box.

The tax department will hold extended tax hours for residents who need assistance with the preparation of their City Income Tax returns. Extended hours are listed below:

Saturday April 3, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday April 10, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday April 13, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 14, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday April 15, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

### Waste collection upgrades

City Council has approved a six-year extension with Rumpke. Look for a special mailing explaining additional recycling provisions and holiday collections.

## Your City Council



**Thomas Franz**  
Mayor



**Brad Daugherty**  
Vice Mayor



**Adrienne Draper**  
Council Member



**Andrew Gough**  
Council Member



**Steve Henne**  
Council Member



**Michael Kline**  
Council Member



**Cathy McGrail**  
Council Member