

# City of Maple Heights

State of the City Address

February 21, 2019



**Presented by  
Mayor Annette M. Blackwell**



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights City Council

### 2019 Council Members



**Ron Jackson**  
Council President



**Leonette F. Cicirella**  
Clerk of Council



**Stafford L. Shenett, Sr**  
Dist. 1 Councilman



**Toni Jones**  
Dist. 2 Councilwoman



**Ebony Miller**  
Dist. 3 Councilwoman



**Terry Woody, Sr.**  
Dist. 4 Councilman



**Tanglyn Madden**  
Dist. 5 Councilwoman



**Annette M. Blackwell**  
MAYOR



**Sharri Thomas**  
Dist. 6 Councilwoman



**Edwina Agee**  
Dist. 7 Councilwoman



# City of Maple Heights

## Fiscal Recovery

Keith Faber  
State Auditor

- Income Tax and Property Tax Collection has increased more than **5% and is estimated to increase to over 8% in 2019.**
- The debt reduction achieved during the recovery has been more than **3 million.**
- We continue to adhere to the plan presented by the Maple Heights Financial Planning and Supervision Commission monitored by State Auditor Keith Faber's office; reducing debt and increasing revenue.
- We hope to be released from fiscal emergency by the end of 2019!



# City of Maple Heights

## PLAN PRESENTATION

# CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN

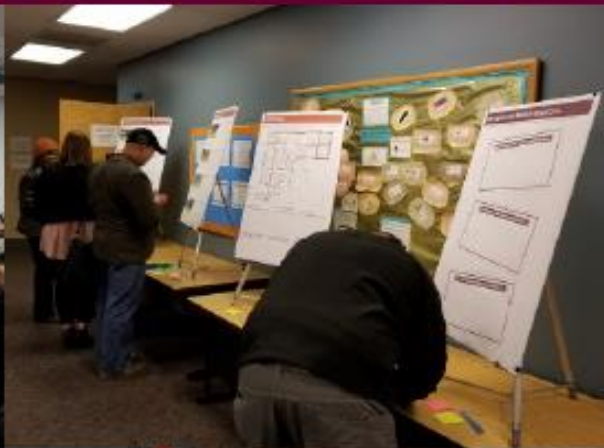




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## PLAN PRESENTATION

### MAPLE HEIGHTS PLAN: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT







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### MAPLE HEIGHTS PLAN: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT





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### ONLINE PRESENCE

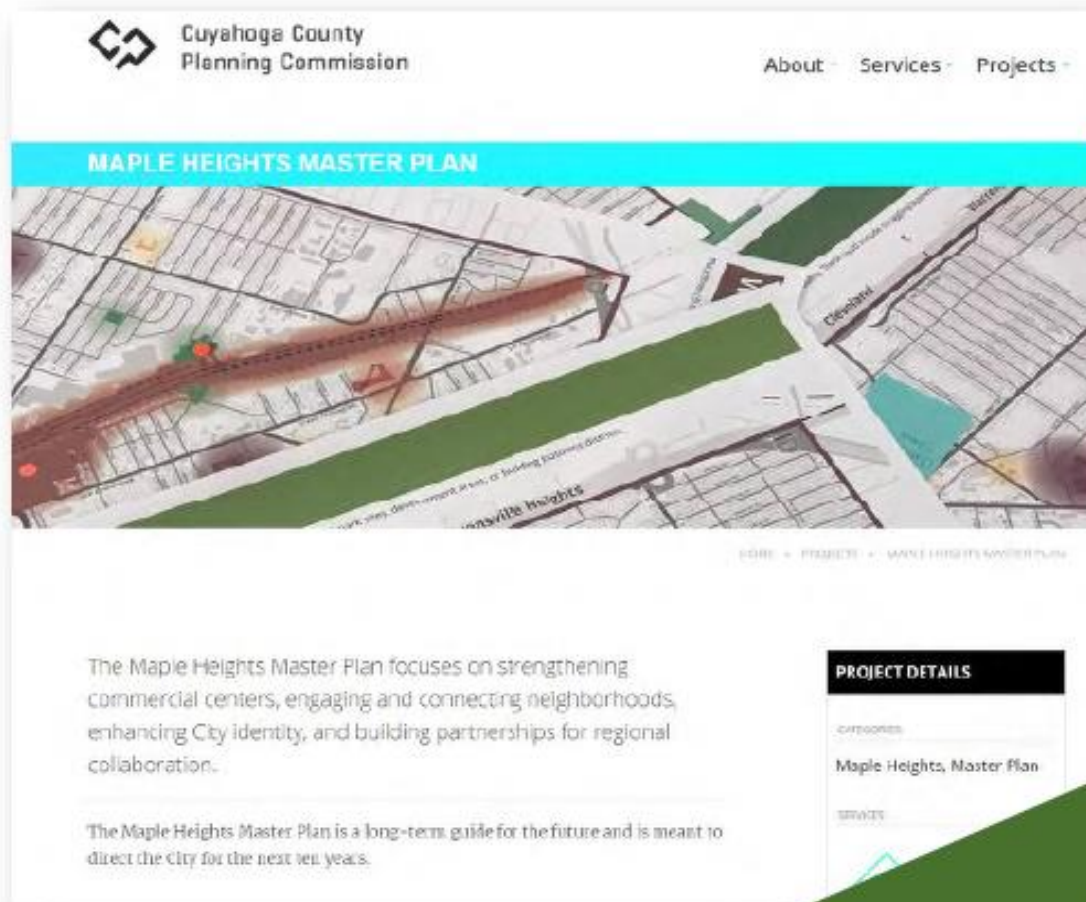
Information updated on  
County Planning website

All documents posted  
throughout the process

2017-2018 Visits

763 Page Views

560 Unique Page Views





# City of Maple Heights

City Department employees have doubled in the last 3 years.

## **Fire Department, Total 36**

1 Fire Chief  
1 Administrative Captain  
1 Administrative Assistant  
3 Platoon Captains  
3 Platoon Lieutenants  
27 Firefighter/Paramedics

## **Police Department, Total 59**

Officers FT- 30, PT- 2  
Auxiliary Officers 18  
Correction Officers FT- 4, PT- 2  
Records (non-sworn) FT- 2  
Executive Assistant to Chief

## **Human Services Department, Total 11**

5 Full time  
6 Part time

## **Service Department, Total 14**

Mechanics 1  
Drivers 4  
Labors 3  
Parks 1  
Director 1  
Admin. Assistant 1  
Part time - Building Maintenance - Repairs 1  
Part time - Buildings 1  
Animal Warden 1

## **Building Department, Total 5**

4 Full time  
1 Part time

## **Law Department, Total 5**

1 Full time  
4 Part time





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## Maple Heights Service Department

Maple Heights awarded **\$194,000** to construct second salt shed



- The new salt storage facility has a 1,200 ton salt capacity.
- We received full funding for the salt shed through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District through their Community Cost-Share Program.





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## Maple Heights Service Department

Maple Heights Service Department plows  
as a tandem team during storms

**Salt used is between 600 and 3,300 tons per season**

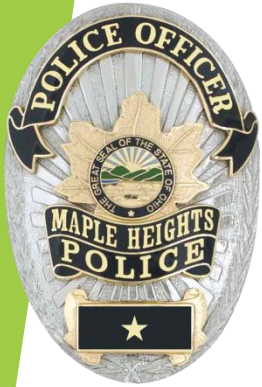






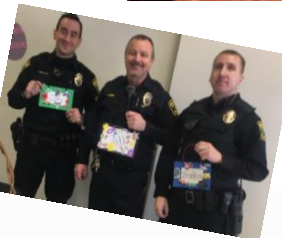
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## Maple Heights Police Department



### Police Community Involvement 2018

- Block watch meetings
- Back to School Rally
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- City Lighting Ceremony
- Community Partnership Awards
- Community Respect Program w/ Mr. Chicken
- Shop with a Cop **\*\*Record number of children sponsored this year- 19!**
- Mocktail- Univ. Hosp./Rainbow's OVI Task Force
- Safe Routes to School Program
- Easterfest
- Trunk or Treat
- Hoop It Up





# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Police Department

### New Hires, Promotions, and Milestones Total



Correction Sergeant Carrington Promoted  
Officers Kaur, Scott, Mijangos, and Zelna hired  
Auxiliary Officers Thompson and Mitchell hired



4 of the 5 living Maple Hts. Police Chiefs  
Chief Hansen promoted upon  
Chief Popielarczyk's retirement



Officers Barfield  
and St. John hired  
Auxiliary Officer Green hired







# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Police Department

### New Hires, Promotions, and Milestones



Lieutenants Mocsiran, Grossmyer, and Gazer graduate  
PEALS (Police Executive and Leadership School)

- **Over \$20,000** garnered from Local, State, and Federal partnership for various projects
- Over 1200 hours of officer training conducted
- 6 Officers, 5 Auxiliary Officers, 1 Correction Officer hired





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## Maple Heights Law/Human Resource Department



- Works with Mayor, City Council and the Administration to ensure enforcement of the Codified Ordinances and charter of the City
- Oversees and supervises two Prosecutors who represent the City in all criminal matters in Garfield Heights Municipal Court
- Attends Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Council Committee meetings
- Assists the Building and Housing Departments on land use issues including code violations and abandoned property concerns
- Manages the Human Resources Department and handles all personnel issues involving the 100 full-time and 50 part-time employees
- Manages the Workers Compensation, EAP and Safety programs
- Negotiates union contracts for the City's eight bargaining units



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## Juvenile Diversion Program



- **Goal:** Our Juvenile Diversion Program focuses on establishing confidence, academic and professional success, accountability, and leadership skills within all our students.
- **Curriculum:** Community service, Conflict resolution skills, and skill building programs.
- **Data:** Our program has serviced over 113 male and female students/juveniles between the ages of 10-17, within the City of Maple Heights.
- 104 have successfully completed the program and/or has not subsequently been in trouble with the law.



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## Maple Heights Fire Department

Maple Heights Fire Department totaled **\$746,834.00** in grant dollars!

- The City received the FEMA SAFER grant in the amount of **\$597,654.00** to partially fund the hiring of three additional firefighter/paramedics for three years.
- We also received the FEMA AFG grant in the amount of **\$145,605.00** to purchase 21 badly needed SCBA breathing apparatus units.
- The department also received the State of Ohio Division of EMS grant in the amount of **\$3575.00** to purchase EMS equipment for our rescue squads.







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## Maple Heights Fire Department

**Maple Heights Fire Department swears in 4 new Firefighters!**



Swore in four new cadet firefighter/paramedics; Aaron Cammon, Scott Damas, Joshua Waddell and Ryan Rolf.





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## Maple Heights Fire Department

### Mayor Blackwell swears in first black Firefighter

- Mayor Annette M. Blackwell had the honor of swearing-in Mr. Aaron Cammon, a Cleveland Resident and member of the East Cleveland Fire Department since 1/2017 and the Woodmere Department since 11/14.
- Mr. Cammon is the City of Maple Heights first African-American Cadet Firefighter/Paramedic; since the full-time union fire department was organized in 1953.



Mayor Annette M. Blackwell had the honor of swearing-in Aaron Cammon  
All Photos Lewis Barrett



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights joins Chagrin Valley Dispatch

- Award winning Regional Dispatch Center hosting 18 agencies
- 43 staff members
- All staff members certified in EMD (Emergency medical Dispatch) as well as CPR and AED
- Handled 247,775 calls for service- Most ever by CVD!







# City of Maple Heights

## Senior Center Awarded New Vans!

NOACA Board of Directors unanimously voted to award the vehicles to the City!  
**The award total is \$84,665.**

- The City of Maple Heights Department of Human Services has been awarded two (2) Light Transit Vehicles through a grant from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) 2018 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The total cost of the project is \$105,831. The remaining 20% will be paid from Senior Center Levy monies.
- These vehicles will allow the Department of Human Services to retire two vehicles that have long reached their maximum useful life.
- Destinations of our service include the Senior Center, doctors and dentist offices, dialysis treatments, physical and mental therapy appointments, grocery shopping, banking, and the Library to name a few.







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CHN Housing Partners and Maple Heights Department of Human Services collaborate to provide utility assistance



- Intake specialist is on site at the Maple Heights Senior Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Families are connected to resources available to them.
- Assistance with Home Energy Assistance Program, Percentage of income Payment Plan and potential utility shut off is available.



Sherry Bennett, Intake Specialist  
and Marrena Edwards, Client



# City of Maple Heights

Greater Cleveland Food Bank  
Chooses Maple Heights Food Pantry as a Food Resource Center



**Greater Cleveland**  
**Food Bank**

- **Greater Cleveland Food Bank is providing \$10,000 for capacity building**
- Offer participants services and resources to improve family stability.
- Connect participants to other agencies providing employment, housing, medical etc. services necessary for them to be successful in fighting food insecurity.





# City of Maple Heights

Maple Heights Department of Human Services

Maple Heights Senior Services throughout the year!



Guest Speakers



Flu Shots



AARP Tax Services



Brown Bag Concerts



Craft Classes





# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights has many fun events!

Maple Heights continues with many events in 2018, including the Easter-Fest, Music in the Park, Community-Wide Garage Sale, Community Shred Day, & the Holiday lighting ceremony & More!

Attention Maple Heights Residents!  
The City of Maple Heights and Southgate USA  
are proud to present:

### EASTER-FEST 2018

Saturday March 24, 2018  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Ages Infant to 10 years old  
5345 Warrensville Center Road/Southgate USA

Visit with the Easter Bunny  
and take your own photos!  
Twister Girl Balloon Company  
(Balloon twisting & Face painting)  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A light lunch for children will be provided  
by Mr. Chicken

For planning purposes, please call 216-587-5481  
to make reservations Monday - Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell  
& Members of City Council

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!!!



### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE LINE UP AT STAFFORD PARK!!

**CITY OF  
MAPLE HEIGHTS**

### COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**  
**9:00 AM - NOON**

The "InfoStore" truck  
will be at  
**St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church,  
18029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Heights**  
Paper shred items only. No Limit.  
Watch them shred it!  
**CALL 216-587-5481 FOR INFORMATION**

InfoSTORE  
Information & Technology Solutions

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor

InfoStore  
WASTE DISTRICT  
Recycling

Funder for this program provided  
through a grant from the  
Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

### City of Maple Heights Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Join Us!  
Saturday, December 1st.  
From 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Maple Heights City Hall  
5353 Lee Rd.

**Schedule of Events:**  
Award Winning  
Maple Heights High School Band  
City Hall Lighting  
Visit from Santa Claus  
Hot Chocolate and Cookies

This free family event  
is open to the public.



## MUSIC in the PARK 2018

### CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
*Remember your Lawn Chairs!*

**All Performances at Stafford Park**  
5400 Mayville Avenue  
Maple Heights, OH 44137  
216-587-5481



### CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Thursday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 5 pm





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## Maple Heights and Jump Start Sports Partnership for Health and Wellness of Our Children

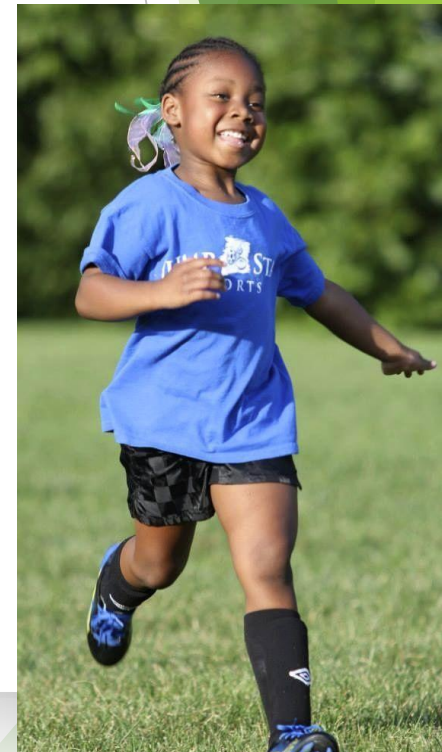


### Maple Heights Wellness Through Sports Initiative

**Summary:** Jump Start Sports, LLC proposes to work in partnership with the City of Maple Heights to implement a multi-faceted plan to promote exercise, participation in sports, and wellness among youth in the community.

**Objectives:**

- Provide Maple Heights families with high quality recreational sports programs.
- Introduce Maple Heights children to sports in a fun and encouraging environment.
- Help to build character and teach positive values to children in Maple Heights.
- Establish participation in sports and exercise as a part of a healthy lifestyle for children in Maple Heights.
- Provide parents from Maple Heights with a healthy foundation and philosophy for participating and coaching in other community youth sports program.





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**The City of Maple Heights, the City of Bedford and Jump Start Sports  
Partner for Health and Wellness of Our Children**



- Fun and highly instruction introduction to baseball for 3 and 4 year old boys and girls
- Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting and base running, then play non-competitive games.
- Jump Start Sports staff members conduct the instruction and oversee the game play while volunteer parent team coaches assist.







Maple Heights Headlines first issue came out February 2017 and has now run 2 full years!

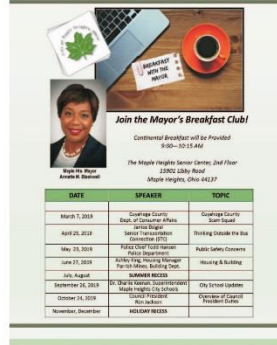
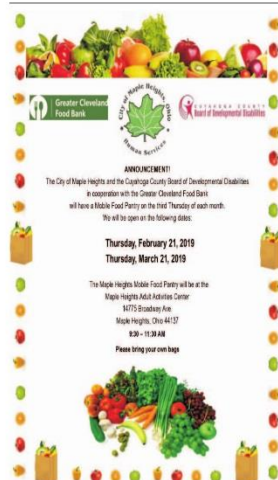
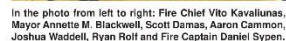


During the 2018 year, The City of Maple Heights has moved forward in the areas of Economic Development (new and expanded businesses), Property Value Appreciation, Additional Employees hired in the City, updates to city buildings and equipment, a Metropark (Dunham Park), new LED lighting at the Municipal Center, City Hall and the Police Station, the under construction Pocket Park at Libby Road and Lee Road, which will be known as the Mayor Jeffrey A. Lansky Memorial Park and with much more to come in future years.

Be sure to continue to look forward to very talented performers at the Summer Music-in-the Park series which is well attended. We are hoping to plan a city-wide summer event with activities and events, and very exciting there is a possibility that the pool at Stafford Park will re-open after receiving hard fought for grant dollars!



Mayor Annette Blackwell and Maple Heights Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas welcomed family and friends, city administration, members of City Council and the Civil Service Commission along with Maple Heights residents, to the swearing in ceremony of four new cadet firefighter/paramedics: Aaron Cammon, Scott Damas, Joshua Waddell and Ryan Rolf.





# City of Maple Heights

Maple Heights Headlines featured Businesses







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## Maple Heights Honors Citizen and Business of the Year!

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell honors Bob Dober as the 2018 Citizen of the Year and Maple Heights Hardware, owner John Hegrat, as the 2018 Business of the Year.



**Mr. Bob Dober**



**Maple Heights Hardware  
John Hegrat Owner**



# City of Maple Heights

Maple Heights Library and the Centers for Families and Children  
opens The Debra Ann November Early Learning Center.  
1st in Ohio to be located within a library







# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Economic Development

### New Businesses Open in Maple Heights

Save-A-Lot in Southgate Shopping Center  
Mr. Chicken moved to a new location on Warrensville Center Rd.  
and Domino's opened on Northfield Rd.







# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Economic Development



The City of Maple Heights, Cuyahoga County Development and SBA  
Performance Grant Program awarded business owners



Real Pros Autos  
17611 Broadway Avenue  
**\$50,000**

Living Waters  
5500 Northfield Road  
**\$35,000**





# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Economic Development



WALLICK *Communities*

Wallick Senior Housing Project



***Wallick Communities will revisit project as a 4% tax credit project in 2019 with HOME Funds from Cuyahoga County and HDAP Funds from OHFA and is currently waiting for OHFA to publish their 2019 guidelines for this program.***



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## Maple Heights Economic Development

**Broadway Care Center closed 12/31/18**

The City's Administration has made personal introductions to very interested investors.







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## Maple Heights Economic Development

Kentucky Fried Chicken and Rally's Coming in 2019



Construction will begin in April, 2019



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Maple heights OH  
September 10, 2018



Construction will begin in May/June 2019



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Building Department

### Highlights from the Building Department

- Professional uniforms for Building Department employees
- Property tax outreach events
- Potential new homebuyer fair
- Demolition of structurally unstable properties
- Vacancy residential surveys
- Systematic tracking of City foreclosures



Housing Manager  
Ashley King



Building staff from left to right: Parrish Mines, Sonia Beaman & Darrell Pate



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Building Department

Homeowner Incentive Program  
Maple Heights 100% Escrow Waiver

- **Over 100 homeowners took advantage of the program!**
- Program waives 100% of the Escrow requirement for new homebuyers
- Homebuyers must be owner occupants







# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Building Department

Delinquent Property Tax Outreach Letters  
Total number of payments is about **\$304,000**

- 317 Property tax outreach letters were mailed in December 2018.
- 145 of those properties have either set up a payment plan or paid on their delinquent property tax balance. That's a response rate of about 46%
- Of the 145 properties, 53 payment plans have been set up

<https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/REPI.aspx>





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Maple Heights Building Department

SAFE**built**®

- The City of Maple Heights contracts with Safebuilt for all plan reviews, permit inspections, rental inspections and point of sale inspections



Building Official  
Dwayne Ford



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Home Ownership Program

Made possible through a partnership between the City of Maple Heights, Slavic Village Development Corporation and Cuyahoga County Land Bank

- Succeeded in lowering the barrier of homeownership to non-traditional homebuyers
- Assisted with increasing neighborhood property values
- \$134,000 Sales Volume
- \$53,000 in developer fees paid to the City of Maple Heights







# City of Maple Heights

## 2018 Maple Heights Real Estate Sales Data **\$17,500,000 Closed Sales Volume in 2018**

\$55,000	Median Sales Price
26.8%	Increase in Median Sales Price
434	Properties went up for sale
311	Properties Sold

Retrieved from <http://www.akronclevelandrealtors.com/>





# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Engineering Department

Over \$1,200,000.00 in outside funding was secured towards 2018 projects to reconstruct and maintain our infrastructure



ABOVE Brunswick Water Main Replacement



ABOVE - Dunham Service Garage Salt Shed #2



ABOVE - Lee Road South Pavement Improvement



ABOVE - NOPEC Municipal Center LED lighting



# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Engineering Department



Approximately **\$1,800,000.00** was committed towards our sewer maintenance in 2018

### City of Maple Heights

#### 2018 Operating Expenses (Preliminary) \*

\* Estimated 2018 expenses from preliminary numbers provided by County Department of Public Works.  
- Final Report expected in March 2019

#### Activity

#### Cost

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Maintenance of Sanitary Sewerage Systems  | <b>\$ 1,107,000*</b> |
| 2. Pump Station Operation and Maintenance    | <b>\$ 25,000*</b>    |
| 3. Waste Water Treatment Plant Maintenance   | <b>\$ 0</b>          |
| 4. Engineering and/or Inspection             | <b>\$ 30,000*</b>    |
| 5. Capital Expenses (See Section A-6 if any) | <b>\$ 643,071*</b>   |

**Total Operating Expenses:**

**\$ 1,805,071\***







# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Engineering Department

### Maple Heights enhances Lee-Libby Road Pocket Park construction enters phase II



*The Pocket Park will be  
named as the  
**Mayor Jeffrey A. Lansky  
Memorial Park***

- Future improvements including walkways through the site, sitting areas, flower beds, and security lighting, are also planned as additional funding becomes available. The city recently applied for a Natureworks Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help plan and construct this next phase of improvements. The additional site improvements would take place in the Summer 2019.









# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Engineering Department



Cuyahoga County  
**Together We Thrive**

February 12, 2019

Armond Budish  
Cuyahoga County Executive

We wish to congratulate you on the following projects being selected for funding:

ROAD NAME	C.R. NO.	PROJECT TERMINI	WORK TYPE(S)	MATERIAL COST
Dunham Rd	70	Granger Road to Turney Road	Crack Sealing, Base Repair	\$10,000.00
Dunham Rd	70	Turney Road to South Corp Limit	Resurfacing, Base Repair, Catch Basin(s)	\$50,000.00
Lee Rd	8	Broadway Avenue to Interstate 480	Crack Sealing, Base Repair, Catch Basin(s)	\$4,000.00
McCracken Rd	55	East Corp Limit to West Corp Limit	Crack Sealing, Base Repair	\$6,000.00
Rockside Rd	53	East Corp Limit to West Corp Limit	Crack Sealing, Base Repair	\$12,000.00
Schreiber Rd	165	Dunham Road to West Corp Limit	Crack Sealing, Base Repair	\$5,000.00
Turney Rd	72	East Corp Limit to West Corp Limit	Crack Sealing, Base Repair	\$5,000.00





# City of Maple Heights

## Maple Heights Receives Capital Improvement Award Community Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Project

- **\$100,000.00** - 2018 Capital Improvement Award from the State of Ohio
- Administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- For renovation of City Parks, Stafford Pool reopening and to provide recreation programming

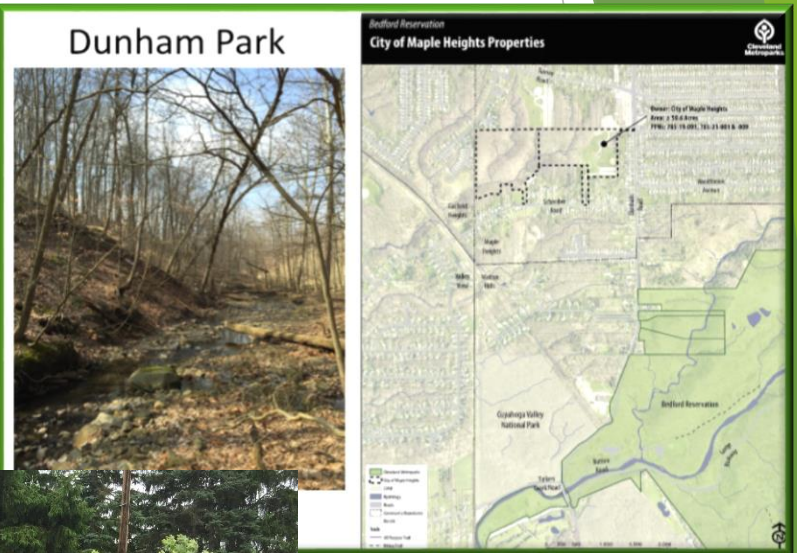


Ohio Department of  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
ENGINEERING.OHIODNR.GOV



# City of Maple Heights

Dunham Park officially becomes part of the Cleveland Metro Parks!





# City of Maple Heights

## Join the Mayor's Breakfast Club!



Maple Hts. Mayor  
Annette M. Blackwell

### Join the Mayor's Breakfast Club!

Continental Breakfast will be Provided  
9:00—10:15 AM

The Maple Heights Senior Center, 2nd Floor  
15901 Libby Road  
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
March 7, 2019	Cuyahoga County Dept. of Consumer Affairs	Cuyahoga County Scam Squad
April 25, 2019	Janice Dzigiel Senior Transportation Connection (STC)	Thinking Outside the Bus
May 23, 2019	Police Chief Todd Hansen Police Department	Public Safety Concerns
June 27, 2019	Ashley King, Housing Manager Parrish Mines, Building Dept.	Housing & Building
July, August	<b>SUMMER RECESS</b>	
September 26, 2019	Dr. Charlie Keenan, Superintendent Maple Heights City Schools	City School Updates
October 24, 2019	Council President Ron Jackson	Overview of Council President Duties
November, December	<b>HOLIDAY RECESS</b>	



Law Director Frank Consolo



Service Director Tony Ciresi



OH State Rep. Juanita Brent