



# **FINANCIAL REPORT** *to the Community*

## **2014**

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# Your Township

## BY THE NUMBERS

*Welcome* to the third edition of Clearcreek Township's Financial Report to the Community, prepared by Fiscal Officer Linda Oda. The Township Fiscal Office is committed to providing residents with the transparency of their tax dollars in an easy to understand format. We appreciate your responses, both in person and online.

In addition to paper copies, this Financial Report to the Community is posted online at [www.clearcreektownship.com](http://www.clearcreektownship.com). While on the Township's website, please find other useful tools that will help you understand the financial picture even better. All monthly receipts and expenditures are posted online for public viewing. Click on "Fiscal Office" and then the tab for which you are searching.

The Board of Trustees' minutes also are posted by date under the "Fiscal Office" tab. These minutes are available online through 2006. Additionally, the Township recently converted all of its minutes – some dating as far back as the early 1900s – to electronic media and can be copied for residents' viewing.

This information is all public record. In fact, with the exception of some personnel information, all information in Clearcreek Township and other governments is considered "public record." This means every citizen has a right to view this information, and to ask questions. Any government is only as good as its citizenry, and we hope you will become actively involved to make Clearcreek Township the best it can be.



Clearcreek Township Fiscal Officer,  
**Linda Oda**

On the following pages, you will find a 3-year history of the Township's spending, receipts and levy information. Clearcreek Township has a budget of more than \$11 million, and the breakdown of those expenditures can be clearly seen on the graphs provided. On the page is information on the taxes collected from township residents through property taxes and other taxes.

In addition to the receipts shown on Page 3, it is important to remember the Township has about \$13 million in an investment portfolio. For the past six years, the Township has had a \$12 million carryover each year from the previous years' receipts.

If you would like further explanation of Township receipts or expenditures, please do not hesitate to call 937-748-1267 or email [loda@clearcreektownship.com](mailto:loda@clearcreektownship.com).

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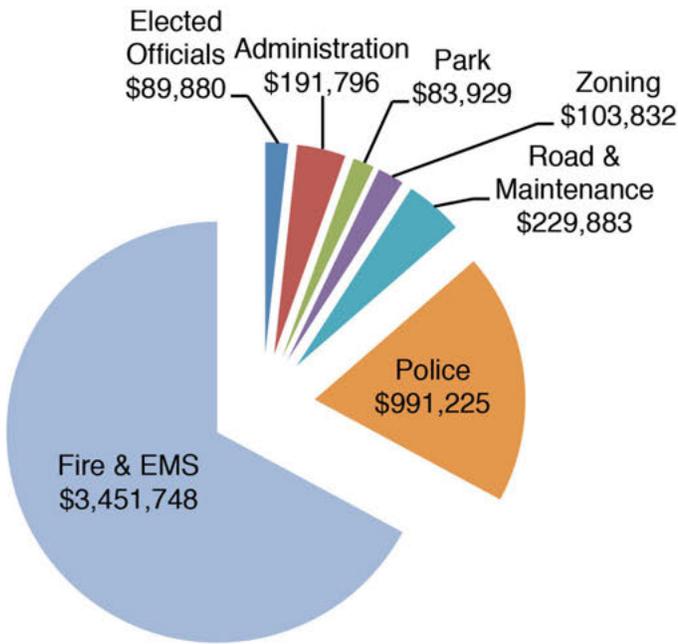
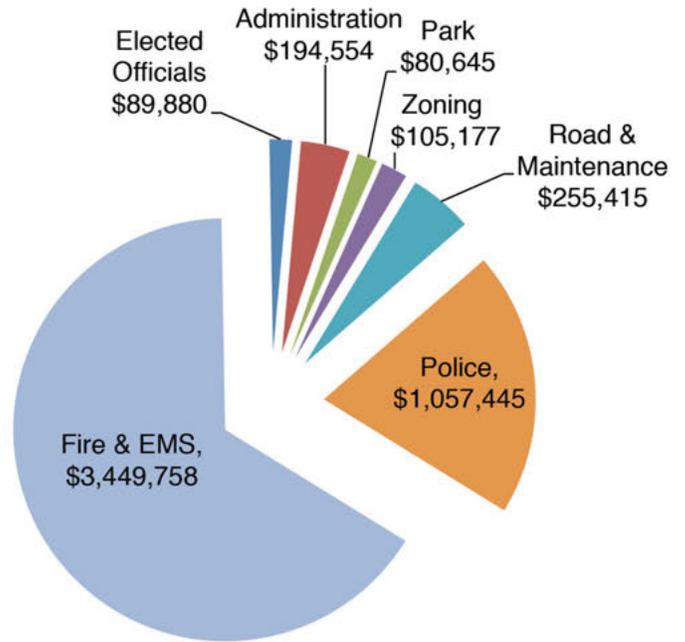


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# SALARIES

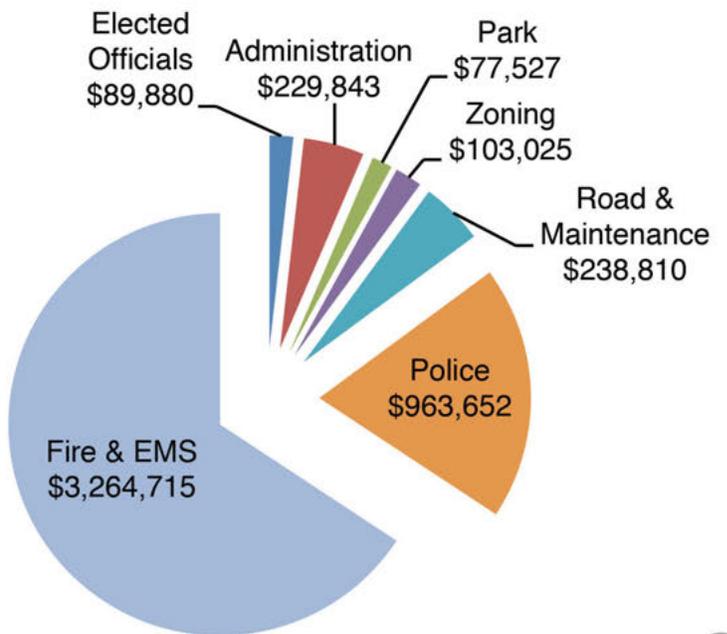
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**2013 Salaries**  
**\$5,232,874**



**2012 Salaries**  
**\$5,142,293**

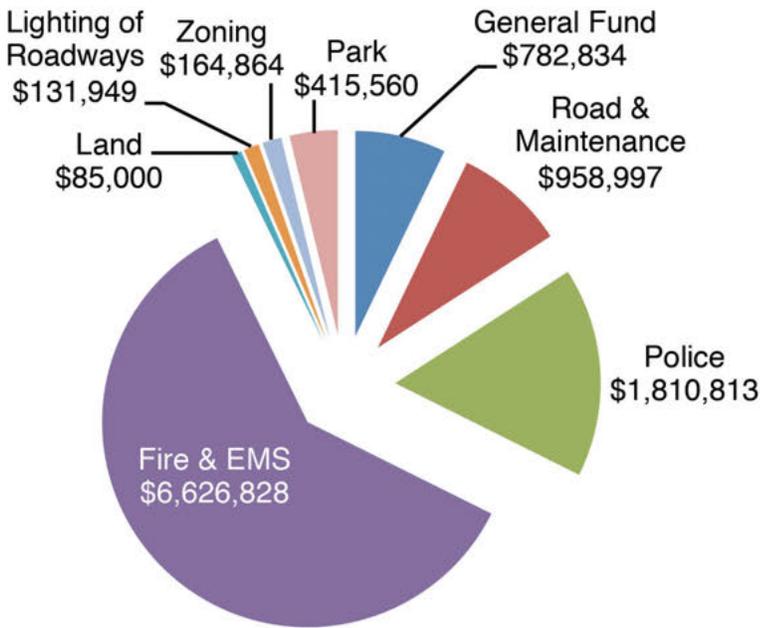
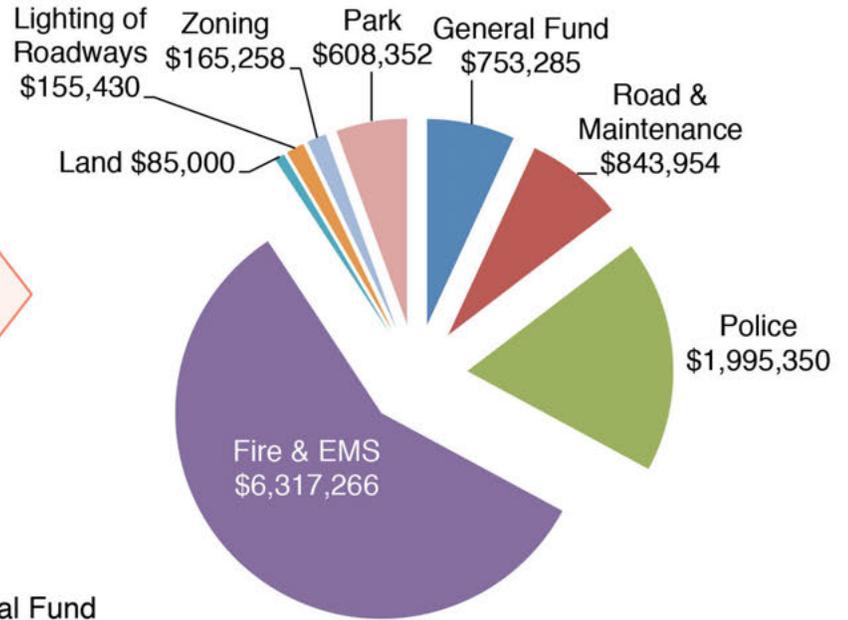
**2011 Salaries**  
**\$4,967,452**



# EXPENDITURES

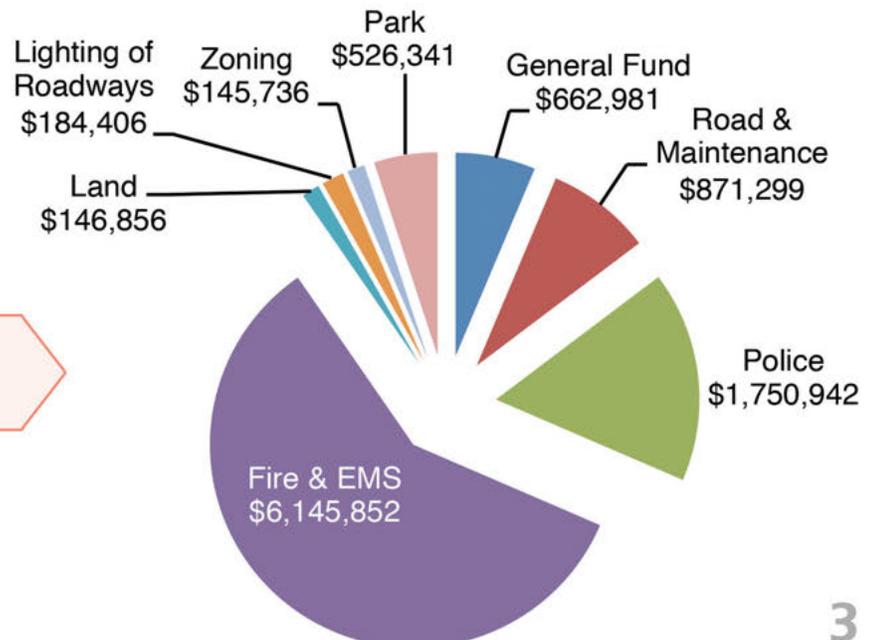
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**2013 Expenditures**  
**\$10,923,895**



**2012 Expenditures**  
**\$10,976,845**

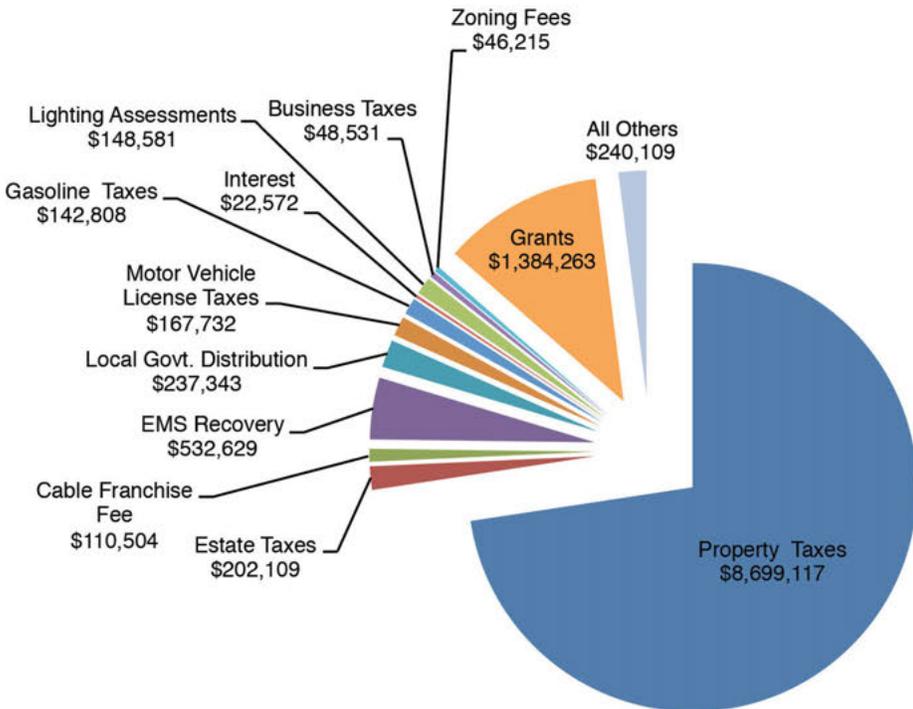
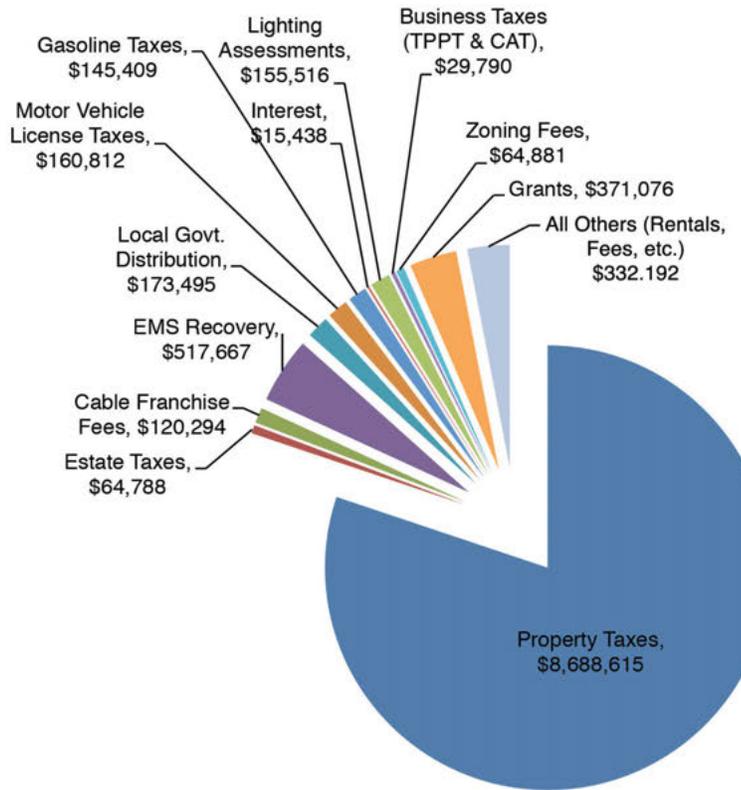
**2011 Expenditures**  
**\$10,434,413**



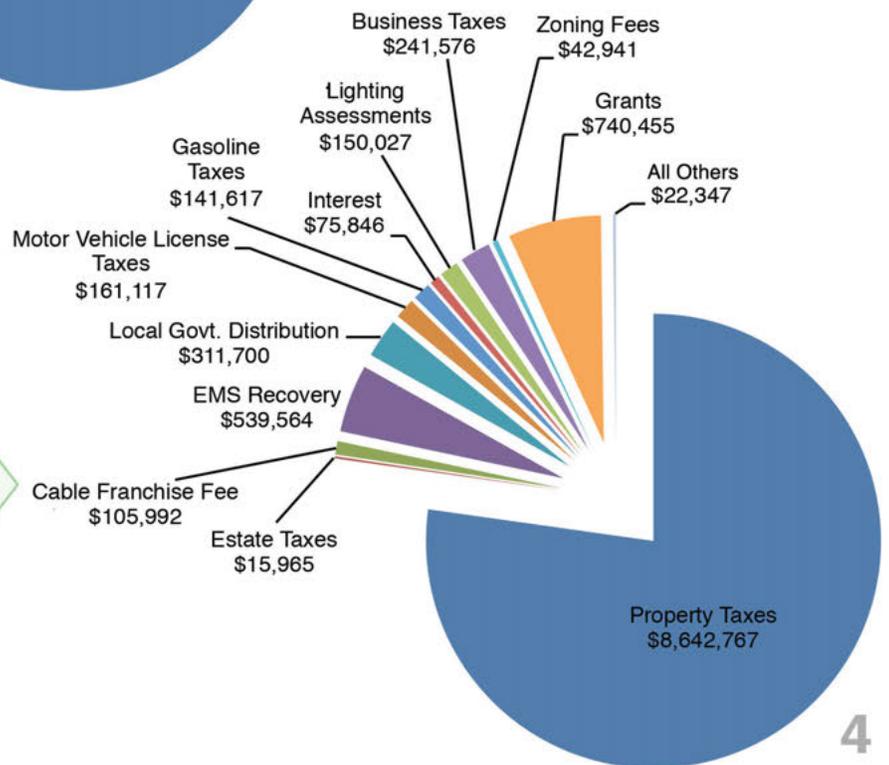
# REVENUES

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**2013 Revenues**  
**\$10,839,973**



**2012 Revenues**  
**\$11,982,513**



**2011 Revenues**  
**\$11,191,914**

# History of Tax Levies

The Clearcreek Township Police District was formed on June 20, 1975, after a group of citizens requested its formation following a rash of break-ins. In November of 1976 voters in the unincorporated part of the Township passed 5-year 2.0-mill tax levy for police purposes.

In 1981, the 5,700 taxpayers of the unincorporated part of Clearcreek Township approved a 4-mill continuing levy to support a full-time police force. The levy generated about \$225,640 per year and the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 paid about \$140 annually for police protection. As a continuing tax levy, voter did not need to renew the levy. Today, the effective rate of this levy has been reduced to a rate of 1.46 mills, costing the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 \$45.99 per year. They levy yields \$903,000 annually.

As the Township grew, so did its need for police protection. Voters approved an additional 2 mills (generating \$202,000) in 1989 for a population of approximately 6,700. Then again in 1999, another 1.5 mills was approved (generating \$328,500) for a population of about 8,700. Today, 0.99 mills is collected on the 2-mill tax levy and 1.12 is collected on 1.5 mill tax levy for a total yield of \$1,147,000.



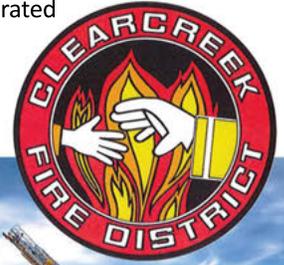
In all, 7.5 continuing mills have been approved by Clearcreek Township Taxpayers for police protection. It is important to remember, however, that today, reduction factors have

lowered the voted millage of 7.5 mills to an effective rate of 3.57 mills - generating \$2,050,000 annually.

NOTE: The Clearcreek Township Police District today patrols more than 127 miles of public roadways in approximately 37 square miles of land area and answers all calls for assistance from a population of approximately 15,000. While officers may provide mutual aid assistance to the Springboro Police Department and other neighboring communities, the Township Police Department works exclusively for the residents of unincorporated Clearcreek Township.

The City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township joined to form the Clearcreek Fire District. Today, the District

encompasses 45.5 square miles and services a population of more than 30,000. In 1980 voters of the Township and the City passed a 1.0-mill continuing tax levy that generated \$97,680 to service a community of 10,566. Today, that levy is collected at the effective rate of 0.35 mills and yields \$375,000 annually.



As the City and the Township grew to a population of 13,344 in 1990 and 20,974 in 2000, the need for more firefighter/EMS personnel and equipment grew. A 2.5 mill tax levy was passed in 1987 (\$300,452) and another 3.85 mill levy was approved in 2001 (\$2,362,575). Today, those tax levies are collected at the total effective rate of 4.59 mills and a total annual yield of \$4,375,000.

In all, 7.35-mills have been approved by the Clearcreek Township and City of Springboro taxpayers for fire and emergency medical services (EMS) protection, and since the levies are all continuing levies, they do not need to be renewed. It is important to remember that today all three levies are collected at the cumulative effective rate of 4.95 mills. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 paid about \$155.93 towards fire protection in 2013.

Taxpayers also pay inside millage (non-voted upon property taxes). In Clearcreek Township, 2.12 mills are collected for the general fund, which includes parks, and for roads and bridges. This costs the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 about \$66.78 per year.

When combined, homeowners in Clearcreek Township pay 10.64 effective mills to operate police, fire, road and bridge, parks, and the general operation of the Township. This amounts to about \$335.16 in annual assessments to the owner of a home valued at \$100,000. (The owner of a home valued at \$300,000 would pay \$1,005.48.) That places Clearcreek Township third out of Warren County's 11 townships in the rate of taxes collected through property taxes: Deerfield (12.43), Salem (10.93), Hamilton (10.54), Union (9.20), Turtlecreek (7.64), Wayne (6.80), Harlan (6.80), Massie (5.48), Washington (3.61) and Franklin (2.60).



*Information provided by the Warren County Auditor's Office.*