



# Resident Information Packet

[www.colerain.org](http://www.colerain.org)

This packet is for your information only.  
If you have specific questions, we recommend  
that you contact the appropriate department

## **A Message from the Administrator**

Welcome to Colerain Township!

Colerain Township is the second largest township in the state of Ohio encompassing 42.9 square miles while serving just under 60,000 residents. Colerain Township is located northwest of Cincinnati and is conveniently located off of two major interstates providing easy access to our residential and business communities.

Residents and businesses of Colerain Township receive the benefit of a full-service township providing a variety of services including Administration, Senior & Community Center, Police, Fire & EMS, Planning & Zoning, and Public Services. Please take time to browse our website for more information on programs and services offered by Colerain Township.

On behalf of the 250 full-time and part-time employees of Colerain Township, we are committed to serving our community in an efficient, accountable and transparent manner making customer service our number one priority.

Please feel free to contact us at 513-385-7500 should you have any questions or concerns relating to Colerain Township.

The community of Colerain Township is presently governed on a co-operative basis jointly by the State of Ohio, the County of Hamilton, and by the Township. Each has its own specific responsibilities and its own separate authority.

## **TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**

Townships exercise only those powers specifically delegated to them by the State General Assembly.

### **State General Assembly**

### **Townships**

Townships were first laid out in Ohio according to the basic policy for the survey and sales of public lands established by Congress in the Articles of Confederation in 1785. This system of townships, six miles square subdivided into plots one mile square, has been used in surveying most public land ever since. After the first Ohio Constitution was adopted, the legislature tended to follow the original survey lines in creating townships.

In Ohio, Townships are unincorporated civil jurisdictions. All land areas not incorporated into municipalities, i.e. cities and villages, lie within the jurisdiction of a township. The present 1,320 townships in Ohio are divisions of the counties. Essentially, townships are administrative subdivisions of county government that function as a "statutory local government" exercising only those powers specifically delegated to them by the General Assembly.

Unlike municipal corporations, Ohio townships do not enjoy the broad grant of local self-government regarding matters of local concern including the form and structure of local government. Townships most commonly provide residents services such as road maintenance, cemetery management, police and fire protection, solid waste disposal, and zoning regulations.

In 1991, the Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation giving townships the ability to establish a "limited form of self government." Less than a dozen townships have opted for this status, commonly referred to as Township Home Rule. While law grants those townships that meet the specific criteria expanded legislative authority and more power to enforce township resolutions, townships remain unincorporated jurisdictions which may be significantly altered by action of the General Assembly, the board of county commissioners, or municipal annexation. Indeed, municipal corporations annex significant parcels of township territory each year.

Since the adoption of the 1851 Ohio Constitution, the basic form of township government has remained relatively unchanged. Governed by three elected trustees serving four-year terms, this board of township trustees is the legislative authority and also fulfills many executive responsibilities as well. A fourth elected official, a township fiscal officer, is independent of the trustees, yet by law must work closely with them. The township fiscal officer's duties include the recording of the township proceedings and keeping records of township financial accounts.

## **HISTORY**

Colerain Township was first settled in the spring of 1790 by a surveyor, John Dunlap, who named the settlement after his birthplace of Coleraine, Ireland. The settlement, Fort Coleraine, commonly called Dunlap's Station, was located on the bend of the Great Miami River several miles below the bridge to Ross, Ohio.

Only one year after it had been settled, Dunlap's Station was temporarily abandoned following a brutal attack it sustained by Native Americans. John Dunlap and the 11 families living at the Fort moved down river to the settlement at North Bend.

In 1794, Coleraine was established as a Township. The "e" at the end of Coleraine was dropped sometime later, Americanizing the name Colerain. The villages of Barnesburg, Bevis, Dunlap and Groesbeck were established in the early 1800's along Blue Rock and Colerain Roads, two of the oldest roads in the area. German immigrants farmed the southwestern portion between 1840 and 1870, heavily influencing the township's cultural and architectural traditions.

### **THE COLERAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

4725 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251

Hours/museum tours: Upon request

[www.colerainehistorical-oh.org](http://www.colerainehistorical-oh.org)

e-mail: [colerainehistorical@outlook.com](mailto:colerainehistorical@outlook.com)

Founded in 1964, the Coleraine Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported by its membership of individuals, businesses and organizations. The purpose of the Coleraine Historical Society shall be to acquire and preserve historical knowledge, materials and artifacts of Colerain Township, Ohio.

Please visit the societies website for more information on meeting dates and membership rates.

The society's newsletter entitled the "Pageant" is published 10 times a year. It contains the society's business information, event announcements, and articles and pictures of historical interest. It is sent free to all members.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Colerain Township is located in the northwest area of Hamilton County, and is the second largest township in the state of Ohio in population and the largest in square miles. Neighborhoods in the township vary depending on who you ask and may include: Barnesburg, Bevis, Dunlap, Dry Ridge, Groesbeck, Mount Healthy Heights, Northbrook, Northgate, Pleasant Run and White Oak.

Colerain Avenue has evolved into one of the regional retail hubs in the Greater Cincinnati Area. Colerain Avenue offers a daily traffic count of over 55,000 autos and 95,000 people within three miles of the corridor. Colerain offers a wide variety of manufacturing including steel valves, machine tools, food production & distribution, limestone mining and research & development.

Colerain Township is a full-service township, with independent Zoning, Fire, Police, and Public Services as well as a Senior & Community Center. The Township has no income tax. A number of areas within the Township are currently zoned for industrial use, with a number of additional sites being reviewed by the land use committee for future industrial/light industrial use.

### Area

|                   |                     |                              |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Colerain Township | 42.9 square miles   | 1,404 people per square mile |
| Hamilton County   | 405.91 square miles | 1,976 people per square mile |

### Employment - 2010

|              | <i>Hamilton County</i> |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Labor Force  | 431,400                |
| Employment   | 390,900                |
| Unemployment | 9.4%                   |

### Housing Units

| <i>1980</i> | <i>1990</i> | <i>2000</i> | <i>2010</i> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18,140      | 20,174      | 23,093      | 24,765      |

### Population

|                   | <i>1980</i> | <i>1990</i> | <i>2000</i> | <i>2010</i> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Colerain Township | 56,583      | 56,781      | 60,144      | 58,499      |

### Tax

Colerain Township does not have an income tax.

| <b>Property Tax</b> (County, Local and School) | <i>Effective Rate</i> | <i>Actual Rate</i> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Northwest Local School District (residential)  | \$71.56 / \$1,000     | \$104.31 / \$1,000 |
| Mt. Healthy City Schools (residential)         | \$85.83 / \$1,000     | \$122.49 / \$1,000 |

### Higher Education (approximate distances given are from the center of the Township)

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Cincinnati State             | 10 mi. |
| Miami University             | 18 mi. |
| Northern Kentucky University | 16 mi. |
| University of Cincinnati     | 10 mi. |
| Xavier University            | 11 mi. |

## Major Corporations

|                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cincinnati Mine and Machine Company | Porter Precision Products |
| Clippard Instrument Laboratory      | Rumpke                    |
| Grippio Food Inc.                   | MWG Metalworking Group    |

## Colerain Chamber of Commerce

For additional business information visit the website [www.ColerainChamber.org](http://www.ColerainChamber.org)

Or e-mail: [President@ColerainChamber.org](mailto:President@ColerainChamber.org)

### Medical Services (approximate distances given are from the center of the Township)

|                              |          |                |                           |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Children's Hospital          | 10 mi.   | (513) 636-4200 | 3333 Burnet Avenue        |
| Cincinnati VA Medical Center | 8.5 mi.  | (513) 861-3100 | 3200 Vine Street          |
| Good Samaritan Hospital      | 8.5 mi.  | (513) 862-1400 | 375 Dixmyth Avenue        |
| Good Samaritan Western Ridge | 7 mi.    | (513)246-9800  | 6949 Good Samaritan Drive |
| Mercy Hospital Fairfield     | 7 mi.    | (513) 870-7000 | 3000 Mack Road, Fairfield |
| Mercy Health – West Hospital | 10.7 mi. | (513) 215-5000 | 3300 Mercy Health Blvd.   |
| The Christ Hospital          | 10 mi.   | (513) 585-2737 | 2139 Auburn Avenue        |
| University Hospital          | 10 mi.   | (513) 584-1000 | 234 Goodman Street        |

### Schools

|                                 |                |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Northwest Local School District | (513) 923-1000 | 3240 Banning Road    |
| Mt. Healthy City Schools        | (513) 729-0077 | 7615 Harrison Avenue |

### Transportation

#### Interstate:

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| I-275 | (5 mi.)*   |
| I-74  | (3 mi.)*   |
| I-71  | (10.5 mi.) |
| I-75  | (8 mi.)    |

#### Highway:

U.S. Rt. 27\*  
Ronald Regan Cross County Highway\*

\*Passes directly through Township

#### Airports:

|                                  |        |           |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Greater Cincinnati International | 13 mi. | 10,000 ft |
| Luken                            | 16 mi. | 6,102 ft  |
| Butler County Regional           | 8 mi.  | 5,440 ft  |

#### Distance

#### Runway Length

Truck: A majority of local and national motor freight carriers serve Colerain Township

Rail: CSX, Norfolk Southern and Greater Cincinnati serve the Colerain Area.

River: The Ohio River, 13 miles from Colerain Township, is served by over 36 barge lines.

### Utilities

The Township offers both an electric and gas aggregation program\*, with negotiated rates, for residents.

Electric Dynegy Energy Services\* .....513-794-5555

Gas Constellation Energy\* ..... 888-628-1945

Sewer Metropolitan Sewer District  
Customer Service.....513-352-4900  
Treatment: Primary  
Excess Cap: 10,000,000 (gpd)

Telephone Cincinnati Bell Telephone  
Residential Sales and Service..... 513-566-4101  
Business Sales and Service.....513-566-5050

Water Cincinnati Water Works  
Customer Service.....513-591-7700  
Source: River  
Excess Cap: 42,000,000 (gpd)

Internet Frontier Internet ..... [www.frontierinternet.com](http://www.frontierinternet.com)  
Cincinnati Bell ..... 513-566-4101  
Spectrum ..... 1-855-243-8892



# COLERAIN TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

4200 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
Phone: 513-385-7500  
Fax: 513-245-6503

## Trustees

**Raj Rajagopal**, Trustee  
e-mail: [rrajagopal@colerain.org](mailto:rrajagopal@colerain.org)

**Dan Unger**, Trustee  
e-mail: [dunger@colerain.org](mailto:dunger@colerain.org)

**Matthew Wahlert**, Trustee  
e-mail: [mwahlert@colerain.org](mailto:mwahlert@colerain.org)

## Fiscal Officer

**Heather Harlow**, Clerk  
e-mail: [harlow@colerain.org](mailto:harlow@colerain.org)

## Administration

**Geoff Milz**, Administrator  
and Director of Development  
e-mail: [gmlz@colerain.org](mailto:gmlz@colerain.org)

**Jeff Weckbach**, Assistant Administrator  
e-mail: [jweckbach@colerain.org](mailto:jweckbach@colerain.org)

**Jeff McElravy**, Finance Director  
e-mail: [jmcelravy@colerain.org](mailto:jmcelravy@colerain.org)

**Robert Shepherd**, IT Director  
e-mail: [rshepherd@colerain.org](mailto:rshepherd@colerain.org)

## Administration/Board of Trustees: Governmental Responsibilities

### Internal Functions

### External Functions

#### Management & Control

#### Legislative

Budgeting  
Payroll  
Insurance  
Record Keeping  
Accounting

Department Oversight  
Planning  
Legal  
Disbursements

Resolutions  
Public Meetings  
Government Access/Referral  
Liaison with Government Entities  
Public Relations/Press

## **Senior & Community Center**

4300 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-385-7503

Tawanna Molter, Event Coordinator  
e-mail: [tmolter@colerain.org](mailto:tmolter@colerain.org)

The Center offers Wedding Reception packages and other special event rental opportunities. Please visit the Colerain Township website, click on the Residents tab, then Hall Rental for more information.

Hours for hall viewing by appointment:  
8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Friday

For our 50+ residents: Check out our Senior activities and become a member!

Hours:  
9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Friday

513-923-5050

50+ active lifestyle opportunities for those recently retired or those who have a little more leisure time seeking to experience new things at this point in their lives, will find active and engaging choices. From arts to travel, the Center offers fulfilling opportunities. Membership is available to those 50+.

Tawanna Molter, Event Coordinator  
e-mail: [tmolter@colerain.org](mailto:tmolter@colerain.org)

Clippard YMCA  
Nora Dashley, Seniors Program Director  
e-mail: [ndashley@myY.org](mailto:ndashley@myY.org)

## **Fire Department**

### **Administrative Offices**

4160 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-825-6143

Frank Cook, Fire Chief

e-mail: [fcook@colerain.org](mailto:fcook@colerain.org)

The Colerain Township Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services provides all-hazards, all-risks fire protection, emergency medical and community risk reduction services to the residents, businesses and visitors of Colerain Township. The Department is a team of highly trained and well-equipped professionals serving the community 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

### **Station 25 – Northbrook Area**

3251 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-825-6143

### **Station 26 – Groesbeck Area**

3360 West Galbraith Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45239  
513-741-7551

### **Station 102 – Dunlap Area**

11474 Colerain Avenue  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45252  
513-245-5450

### **Station 103 – Peachgrove Area**

6000 Thompson Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45247  
513-245-5444

### **Station 109 – Pleasant Run Area**

2850 West Kemper  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-674-2490

### **Northgate Mall Public Education Station**

9501 Colerain Ave,  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-385-1713

## **Services Provided**

Fire Suppression, Rescue, Community Risk Reduction (e.g., fire and life safety inspections public education, CPR instruction, etc.), Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services, Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Extrication), Hazardous Material Incident Response, Confined Space Rescue, Technical Rope Rescue, Trench and Excavation Rescue, Structural Building Collapse Response, Water Rescue, and Search & Rescue Operations.

## **Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating**

The department's fire protection services are recognized by ISO with a prestigious Class 1 rating. This nationally-recognized standard is based on extensive criteria that evaluate a fire department's ability to protect people and property. ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule classifies fire protection into 10 categories, Class 1 recognizing the highest level of fire protection and Class 10 recognizing the lowest or no level of fire protection. Of the more than 48,500 fire departments subject to ISO survey in this country, a small percentage are rated as Class 1.

## Planning & Zoning Department

4200 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-385-7505

Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

Mike Ionna  
Director of Planning & Zoning  
e-mail: [mionna@colerain.org](mailto:mionna@colerain.org)

Nuisance Line: Tall grass, trash, debris  
**513-385-CODE(2633) or [www.colerain.org](http://www.colerain.org)**

The Planning & Zoning Department provides short- and long-range planning services for the Township as well as zoning permitting and enforcement. In addition, the Planning & Zoning Department coordinates enforcement for nuisances (tall grass and trash), junk cars, and the property maintenance code.

The Planning & Zoning Department also works in conjunction with the Director of Development with businesses seeking to locate or expand in the Township. We work closely with developers and business owners to design projects that will add to the Township's economic, environmental, and social well-being.

- Zoning Permits
- Zone Amendments
- Enforcement of Zoning Resolutions
- Land Use Planning
- Nuisance Complaints

## **Police Department**

4200 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
NON Emergency: 513-321-2677 (COPS)

Hours: Monday - Friday 24 hours a day  
Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m.– 6 p.m.

Mark Denney, Chief of Police  
e-mail: [mdenney@colerain.org](mailto:mdenney@colerain.org)

The mission of the Colerain Police Department, an internationally accredited law enforcement agency, is to enhance the quality of life among our diverse population and provide an atmosphere of safety and security for our residents and visitors through a community policing partnership.

As we strive to achieve our mission, we will honor the following values:

- ❖ We will treat citizens with dignity, respect, fairness and compassion
- ❖ We will utilize and maintain high standards of education and training
- ❖ We will uphold high standards of professionalism, integrity and ethics
- ❖ We will possess the strength and courage to fight injustice
- ❖ We will foster productive working relationships with other law enforcement agencies and the business community

### Colerain Police Department

24 hour patrol  
Investigations  
Canine  
Investigations – Special and Traffic  
Partnerships with DEA, FBI and US Marshals  
Satellite Stations:  
Community Resource Center (CRC) and  
Northgate Station  
Sex Offender Tracking  
D.A.R.E. education  
Online Police Reporting  
School Resource Officer and Investigator  
Neighborhood Watch Programs  
Citizens on Patrol - Volunteers  
Northgate Mall Patrols  
Citizens and Student Police Academy

## **Public Services Department**

4160 Springdale Road  
Colerain Township, Ohio 45251  
513-385-7502

Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Jackie O'Connell, Director  
e-mail: [joconnell@colerain.org](mailto:joconnell@colerain.org)

### **Parks & Services Division**

This division handles shelter, baseball field, amphitheater, and community garden rentals. They also coordinate the Township's special events, summer programs, recycling and community service.

**Clippard Park** – 21 acres located at 3514 Bevis Lane  
Spray ground is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**Colerain Park** - 29 acres located at 4725 Springdale

**Coleraine Heritage Memorial** – .25 acres in front of Government Complex, 4200 Springdale

**Drew Campbell Memorial Commons** – 6.5 acres located at 4160 Springdale Road

**Groesbeck Park** – 16.8 acres located at 8296 Clara Avenue.

**Heritage Park** – 126 acres located at 11404 East Miami River Road

**Dravo Park – Obergiesing Soccer Complex** – 16 acres, 9225 East Miami River Road

**Palm Memorial Park** – 1 acre next to Colerain Fire Headquarters, 3251 Springdale Road

**Skyline Park** – 1.5 acres located at 8400 Pippin Road

**Wert Family Park** – 10 acres located at 3460 Galbraith Road

### **Public Works Division**

Maintains 506 roads totaling 114 miles. Staffed with 15 full-time employees and variable part-time/seasonal and co-op student employees (number varies by season and availability).

Berm Work  
Blacktop Resurfacing  
Catch Basin Cleaning & Repair  
Curb Repair  
Dead Animal Removal from Right-of-way  
Guard Rail Work  
Issue Right-of-Way Permits  
Joint & Crack Filling

Pavement Markings  
Pot Hole Repair  
Sign Maintenance & Repair  
Sidewalk (ADA) Ramp Installation  
Snow & Ice Removal  
Storm Sewers  
Street Sweeping  
Tree Trimming & Removal from Right-of-Way

## NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY

In case of an **EMERGENCY**, dial **911**

### **Animals**

Pet/Wildlife Rescue - SPCA..... 541-6100  
SPCA.....541-6100  
Game Warden..... 937-372-5639 ext.5217  
Lost Dogs with Tags – Dusty’s Dogs.....946-4106

### **Building/Zoning Permits**

Township Zoning..... 385-7505  
County Building Department..... 946-4550

### **Businesses**

Colerain Township Chamber of Commerce..... 923-5036  
Better Business Bureau.....421-3015  
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce.....579-3100

### **Cable Service**

Comcast..... 866-206-3909  
Spectrum..... 855-444-0480

### **Garbage Removal/Recycling**

Rumpke ..... 1-800-828-8171

### **Gas & Electric**

The Township offers both an electric and gas aggregation program, with negotiated rates, for residents.  
Electric – Duke Energy Retail..... 800-544-6900  
Gas – Constellation Energy Services.....855-465-1244

### **Housing**

Better Housing League.....721-6855  
Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority..... 721-4580  
People Working Cooperatively..... 351-7921

### **Libraries (public)**

Groesbeck Branch, 2994 W. Galbraith Avenue..... 369-4454  
North Central Branch, 11109 Hamilton Avenue..... 369-6068  
West Fork Branch, 3825 West Fork Road.....369-4472

### **License Plates/Titles**

License Bureau: 3235 Galbraith Road (Groesbeck)..... 741-7300

### **Parks**

Township..... 385-7503  
County..... 521-7275

**Police**

Emergency..... 911  
Non-emergency..... 321-2677 (COPS)  
Colerain Police Department - Administration..... 321-2677 (COPS)  
District 1 Sheriff..... 825-1500

**Pollution**

State of Ohio EPA..... (937) 285-6357  
Hamilton County Environmental Protection Agency..... 946-7777

**Post Office**

Groesbeck Branch, 8721 Colerain (on Joseph next to Home Depot) ..... 741-8396

**Recreation**

Clippard YMCA, 8920 Cheviot..... 923-4466

**Representatives**

County Commissioners..... 946-4400  
Hamilton County Auditor's Office..... 946-4000  
Ohio State Legislature..... 1-800-282-0253  
Ohio Senate..... (614) 466-9737  
Ohio House of Representatives..... (614) 466-3357  
State Attorney General (Cincinnati Office)..... 852-3497  
Additional Information on Area Representatives:  
League of Women Voters - Cincinnati..... 281-8683

**Road Repairs**

Township Roads..... 385-7502  
County Roads..... 946-4250  
State Roads (Colerain Avenue)..... 932-3030

**Schools**

Northwest Local School District..... 923-1000  
Mt. Healthy City Schools..... 729-0077

**Sewers – Sanitary**

Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD)..... 352-4900

**Sewers – Storm**

Township Roads..... 385-7502  
County Roads..... 946-4750  
State Roads..... 821-1409

**Taxes**

Property: Hamilton County Auditor..... 946-4000  
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)..... 263-3333

**Telephone**

Cincinnati Bell – Residential Customers..... 566-4101



**Transportation**

Bureau of Motor Vehicles – 6154 Colerain, Mt. Airy.....741-7300  
Ohio Dept. of Public Safety..... 844-644-6288  
Ohio Dept. of Transportation..... 932-3030 or 933-6517  
Queen City Metro..... 621-9450

**Voter Registration**

Board of Elections..... 632-7000

**Water Service**

City of Cincinnati Water Works (residential water)..... 591-7700  
Water Issues & Main Breaks on County Roads..... 946-4250  
Water Issues on Township Streets..... 385-7502  
Water Issues on State Streets in Township (call ODOT)..... 933-6618  
FEMA Flood Info..... 800-427-4661