

Resident Information Packet

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

e-mail: 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.

Property Tax (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

Or e-mail: 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
Luken
Butler County Regional

Distance

13 mi.
16 mi.
8 mi.

Runway Length

10,000 ft
6,102 ft
5,440 ft

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
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

Dan Unger, Trustee
e-mail: dunger@colerain.org

Matthew Wahlert, Trustee
e-mail: mwahlert@colerain.org

Fiscal Officer

Heather Harlow, Clerk
e-mail: harlow@colerain.org

Administration

Geoff Milz, Administrator
and Director of Development
e-mail: gmlz@colerain.org

Jeff Weckbach, Assistant Administrator
e-mail: jweckbach@colerain.org

Jeff McElravy, Finance Director
e-mail: jmcelravy@colerain.org

Robert Shepherd, IT Director
e-mail: 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

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

Clippard YMCA
Nora Dashley, Seniors Program Director
e-mail: 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

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

Nuisance Line: Tall grass, trash, debris
513-385-CODE(2633) or 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

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

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..... 844-644-6268
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