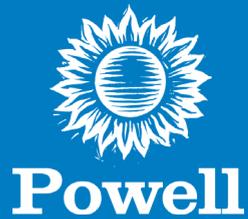




City of Powell  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**  
2013



**Powell**



**City Council:**

Bottom row (l-r) Jon Bennehoof, Vice Mayor Brian Lorenz and Frank Bertone  
Top row (l-r) Richard Cline, Mayor Jim Hrivnak, Tom Counts and Mike Crites



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# [Greetings]

As we reflect on 2013 and look ahead to the remainder of 2014, it is vital to recognize the vibrancy our community continues to showcase. This excellence is felt at each special event, within our highly-rated school district, in the deliverance of city services and even as you ride or run along our more than 12 miles of bike paths.

We are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report, noting our major highlights, facts and figures, as well as our latest financials. There were several top moments in Powell throughout 2013 as capital improvement projects got underway, we welcomed our first-ever canine unit to the Police Department and so much more.

Additionally, Standard & Poor's upgraded the City's bond rating to

'AAA' with a stable outlook – the highest bond rating that a municipality can receive. In fact, Powell joins only 10 other communities in Ohio to have this rating.

City Council met this January for a special goal setting session and created several objectives to focus on over the next 18 months. These goals include developing sustainable capital improvement and maintenance sources of funding, continuing to identify and complete bike paths, establishing a policy for economic development incentives, reviewing and updating the comprehensive plan and defining a formal policy for annexation. The initiatives will continue to foster a sense of safety, fiscal responsibility, sustainable infrastructure, planning excellence

and most importantly, a better community for all of our residents.

In the next few weeks, we are launching our biennial community survey to gather feedback from our residents. You may receive a phone call, asking you to participate in the survey. The survey results assist City Council in establishing priorities for projects and funding. We thank you in advance for your participation.

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Jim Hrivnak, Mayor



Steve Lutz, City Manager



Mayor  
Jim Hrivnak

City Manager  
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[ Building for the Future ]

## Smart Growth Capital improvement planning gets underway

Powell voters passed a 1.8-mill bond levy to fund a portion of the capital improvements needed in the City for the next 10 years during the Nov. 2012 election. The bond levy took effect on Jan. 1, 2014 after an existing 1.8-mill park levy expired.

## Murphy Parkway Extension

Funding to begin the extension of Murphy Pkwy. was approved in April, 2013. This project will extend the existing Murphy Pkwy. to Liberty St. and serve as another downtown Powell bypass. Engineering and design will begin this spring.

## Traffic Lights

Two new traffic lights will be installed during 2014 as part of the City's capital improvement projects. The lights are located at Sawmill Pkwy. & Galloway Dr. and Sawmill Pkwy. & Village Club Dr. Traffic studies indicated these two areas as priorities for traffic light installation.

## Bike Paths

Powell is home to nearly 13 miles of bike paths, providing connectivity for residents throughout the city. The City's Development Committee, comprised of City Council members, staff and residents, met throughout 2013 to identify areas for bike paths and connections. Development will be focused on the north side of Rutherford Rd. from Sawmill Pkwy. west to Tricia Price Dr. and along the west side of N. Liberty St. (north of Brookhill Dr. to Seldom Seen Rd.).



## Development gains speed in Powell

The City's Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed more than 30 proposals during 2013, ranging from new commercial developments to single family housing subdivisions.

City Council approved a pre-annexation agreement for The Shoppes at Wedgewood and Mt. Carmel Health System in the early fall, two properties that will significantly expand the income and property tax base in Powell. The Shoppes at Wedgewood is a 34-acre development along Sawmill Pkwy. and includes a site for Target and other retail space.

Mt. Carmel Health System owns approximately 15 acres along Sawmill Pkwy. and was annexed into the City this winter. The company doesn't have immediate plans to develop; however, sometime in the future plans to expand the site with office, retail, educational/wellness and/or medical types of uses.

Additionally, Powell City Council passed the final development plan for the Reserve at Scioto Glen in the fall. Metro Development LLC. plans to begin construction on 119 single family homes on nearly 70 acres on the south side of Home Rd. near Scioto Reserve this spring. This is the first single family housing development in Powell since 2005 when the Woods of Powell North was developed off of Liberty Rd.

## Axel joins the City as the first-ever canine unit

Public safety is paramount in the City and the Powell Police Department continues to explore ways to sustain the well-being of the community. The Powell Police Department added Axel, the City's first-ever canine unit in the fall.

Axel is a 1-year-old male German Shepard from Slovakia and was trained as a dual purpose canine in patrol and narcotics.

The Powell Citizens Police Academy Alumni raised nearly \$20,000 to purchase the canine unit and assist with ongoing costs. Wyandot Run Elementary School also raised more than \$350 for costs associated to the canine unit, such as food and supplies.

Ofc. Jason Latiolais serves as Axel's handler. He has been with the Powell Police Department since 2000. Before joining Powell, he worked as a reserve officer for the Worthington Police Department.



Police Department maintains high standard of public safety excellence through accreditation process

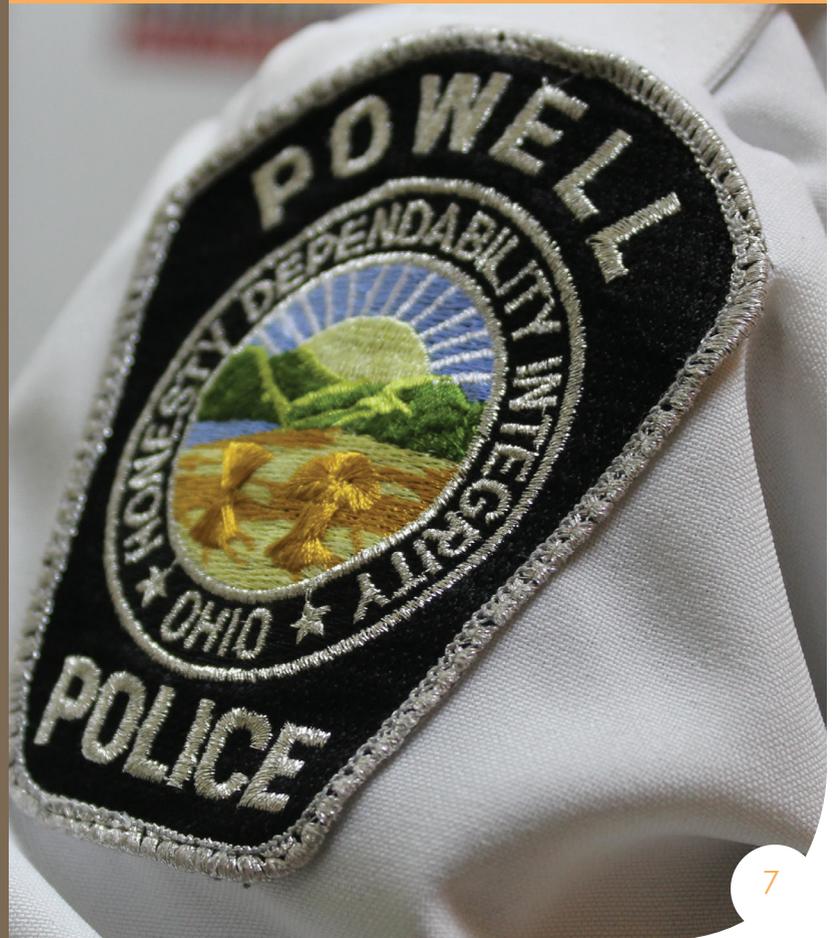
The Powell Police Department has been an accredited police agency since 2002 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) – a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. In 2013, the Police Department went through the Gold Standard assessment and was awarded with the Advanced Accreditation with excellence.

A team of assessors reviewed police policies and procedures as well as invited the community to provide feedback on the Police Department as part of the accreditation process. Verification by the team that the Police Department meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation.

"The Powell Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency that clearly demonstrated its competency at core responsibilities and its commitment to the community it serves," according to a report from CALEA. "All members of the organization contacted by the assessment team displayed a very professional attitude and demonstrated an organizational culture supportive of CALEA accreditation."

Being an accredited police agency assists in strengthening crime prevention, formalizing essential management procedures, establishing fair personnel practices, improving service delivery, solidifying interagency cooperation and increasing community confidence in the agency.

## Public Safety



## City recognized for strong fiscal responsibility

Standard & Poor's upgraded the City's bond rating to 'AAA' with a stable outlook in the fall, the highest bond rating that a municipality can receive. Powell joins only 10 other municipalities in Ohio to have this rating.

"We view the City's management conditions as very strong with robust financial practices, combined with an ability to maintain balanced budgets," according to a summary provided by Standard & Poor's. "The City typically uses three to four years

of historic data to make revenue and expenditure assumptions."

The assessment by Standard & Poor's cited the following factors to upgrade the bond rating:

- Very strong economy that benefits from participating in the broad and diverse economy of Columbus
- Budgetary flexibility with 2012 audited reserves at 120 percent general fund expenditures
- Strong budgetary performance with anticipation of a general fund surplus in 2013
- Very strong liquidity providing a robust and stable cash flow
- Very weak debt and contingent liabilities position, mostly as a result of the City's high net direct debt

[ Robust Financial Practices ]

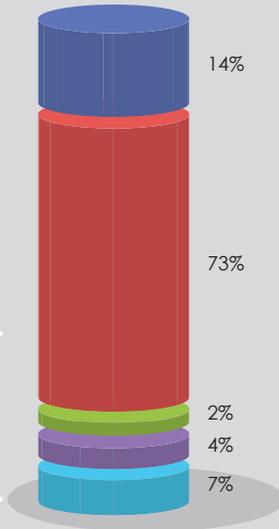
# Financial Highlights

## 2013 Revenue

The City has various revenue sources, each representing a percentage of total revenues:

Local Taxes	\$ 898,841
Income Taxes	\$ 4,832,261
Charges for Services	\$ 145,178
Development Related Revenue	\$ 274,074
Other	\$ 468,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,434,867</b>

Income Taxes	
Individual Income Taxes	\$ 2,984,496
Withheld Income Taxes	\$ 1,579,230
Corporate Income Taxes	\$ 268,535
	<b>\$ 4,832,261</b>



How a 'Dollar' of property tax is allocated in the City of Powell

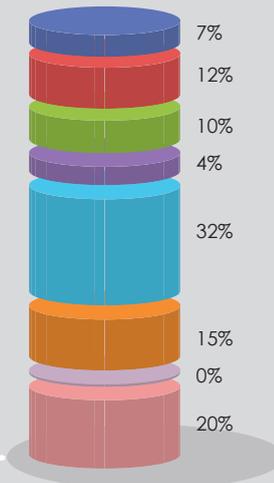
City of Powell	0.05
Delaware County	0.10
Olentangy Schools	0.72
Liberty Township	0.08
All Other	0.05



## 2013 Expenses

General Fund Departments:

Administration: Council & Public Information	\$ 472,652
Building: Development & Engineering	\$ 845,941
Finance: Lands & Buildings	\$ 693,178
Information Technology & Other Charges	\$ 317,385
Police Department	\$ 2,289,703
Public Service: Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,086,677
Contingencies & Adding to Restricted Reserve	\$ 25,000
Transfers to Other Funds*	\$ 1,400,835
	<b>\$ 7,131,371</b>



# Facts & Figures

## Building

Number of commercial and residential building/zoning permits in the City of Powell and Liberty Township for the past five years



## Clerk

- ▲ Number of ordinances | 61
- ▲ Number of resolutions | 25

## Development

- ▲ Number of trees planted | 11
- ▲ Number of proposals presented before P&Z | 31

## Engineering

- ▲ Asphalt used for street maintenance program | 2,171 tons
- ▲ Sidewalk repairs | 3,046 sq. ft., 425 sq. ft. leveled

## Parks & Recreation

- ▲ Number of camps and programs | 268
- ▲ Number of participants in both camps & programs throughout the year | 1,580

## Police

- ▲ Number of vacation house watches | 372
- ▲ Number of calls for service | 16,950
- ▲ Average police response time | 2:17 minutes

## Public Service

- ▲ Debris collected during street sweeping | 92 cubic yards
- ▲ Salt usage (2012-2013) | 1,176 tons

## Awards & Accolades

- Ranked 20th Top-Earning Town in the U.S. by *Money Magazine*
- Distinguished Budget Award for Fiscal Year 2013 from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2012 from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Auditor of State's Award with Distinction for Fiscal Year 2012 Financial Reporting
- Tree City USA Community for the 15th Year



# Upcoming Events

## Arbor Day Ceremony

Friday, April 25, 4 p.m.

## Touch-a-Truck

Friday, May 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Downtown Powell Street Markets

May 4, July 27 & Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 26, 10 a.m.

## Lolli-Pops! Summer Children's Concert Series

June 9, July 14 & Aug. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Powell Festival

June 27 & 28  
[www.visitpowell.org](http://www.visitpowell.org)

## Community Bonfire

Saturday, Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m.

## Candy by the Carload

Saturday, Oct. 25, 5-7 p.m.

## Trick-or-Treat

Friday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

## Holidays in Powell

Saturday, Dec. 6, noon-5:30 p.m.

Visit [www.cityofpowell.us](http://www.cityofpowell.us) for locations and additional event details.

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