

# VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD



**Mayor Bobbie  
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# 2013 Highlights



Purple Heart Ceremony



The Great Hotdog Caper of Richfield



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# Highlights – Mayor’s Office

- Started the Mayor’s Fitness Challenge
- Contracted the painting of the historic Eastwood House
- Purchased approximately six acres of land to expand Fairview Cemetery
- Named #2 in Summit County for recycling activities
- Increased staffing levels commensurate with demand in many departments
- Initiated a reevaluation of the “Green” plan for the downtown area
- Hired a new Fire Chief
- Hired a records retention employee
- Used NOPEC grant money to purchase new LED lights for Christmas displays

# Highlights – Finance

- 2013 income tax revenue was \$8,546,410
- 8.7% increase from the 2012 income tax revenue of \$7,859,820
- Cash balance from 2013 was \$3,377,450, which is a 45% increase from 2012
- 2014 income tax is forecast to be “flat,” remaining at \$8,546,410
- Decreased the overall Village legal expenses by \$11,045, or 6%
- Reduced costs by \$83,299, or 12.08% for employee medical insurance
- Reduced refuse collection costs by \$59,705, which is a 23% decrease from 2012

# Highlights – Service

- Purchased two acres of land for the future location of a sanitary sewer pumping station to service the Briarwood area
- Hired a new full-time sanitary sewer technician
- Replaced the fire suppression system and air conditioner at the Masonic Hall
- Replaced aging lights at Kinross Lakes
- Resurfaced 1.3 miles of Brecksville Road
- Repaired the Fairview Cemetery wall

# Highlights – Recreation

- Received a grant from Dr. Pepper/Snapple for 10 recycle cans at Town Hall and the parks
- Completed the Library entrance to the Carter/Pedigo Trail
- Awarded more than \$51,000 in grant money toward a \$69,000 Town Hall playground improvement
- Three Eagle Scout projects were completed for our parks



# Highlights – Seniors

- Maintained the English Tea program
- Blood pressure checks offered twice a month
- Conducted the quilt fair honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War
- Various physical fitness activities offered throughout the year
- Bingo was offered every Thursday

# Highlights – Fire

- Fire Department increased training hours by 110% over 2012
- Switched to University Hospitals (UH Ahuja) as our Medical Control for FD and Jail
- FD received several iPad devices from UH Ahuja for electronic reporting
- Fire Department received a Bureau of Worker's Compensation grant for a power load system
- Received an annual \$2,500 grant for medical supplies from the State of Ohio EMS

# Highlights – Police

- Police Department implemented ALiCE in the Revere School District
- Police Department made national news investigating a big hotdog spill on I-271
- Established a School Resource Officer Program in collaboration with Revere Local Schools and the Bath Police Department
- Received grants for:
  - DARE program (Used to continue DARE program at Revere Schools)
  - Juvenile Diversion (Used to continue juvenile diversion program)
  - JAG LE Grant (Used to replace patrol room computers and Detective Bureau Recording equipment)

# Highlights – Planning & ED

- Implemented the Moving Ohio Forward Program
- Worked closely with Ohio EPA to mitigate hazards on the Bencin Property
- Approved three new development projects
- Approved occupancy of 60 new employees in the Village
- Initiated an analysis of the Commercial Historic District to strengthen the Zoning Code
- One of the most significant accomplishments of 2013 was completion of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update