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Community Connects 1/8!





New Albany at a glance

- Best City to Live in Ohio (according to 24/7 Wall St.)
- One of "America's Best 50 Cities to Live" (according to USA Today)
- Tree City USA Community with 25,000 street trees
- Population estimate 11,770*
- Square miles 21.9 (approximately 14,000 acres)
- Number of homes 3,794
- Residential units per acre 0.27
 - By far the lowest of comparable central Ohio cities
- Lane miles of roadway 372
- Miles of water 104
- Miles of storm sewer 98
- Miles of sanitary sewer lines 98
- Miles of leisure trail 68
- Median household income \$200,001*
- High school grad 98.4%*
- College grad 79.4%*
- Business Park
 - 9,000-plus acres, 33 million square feet of commercial space
 - 25,000 employees, \$45 billion in private investment (updated in March 2024)

*Source: ESRI



















Message from City Council



As we take a look back at everything the New Albany community accomplished together in 2023, we have many reasons to celebrate. New Albany City Council is pleased to reflect on our collective achievements and the strides we have made in pursuit of our organizational goals. These goals have been instrumental in guiding our decision-making processes and shaping the initiatives that have unfolded over the past year.

Organizational Goal No. 1 - Invest in projects and programs that enhance quality of life:

This past year, we were thrilled to witness the opening of the

first phase of Taylor Farm Park. This 100-acre destination park features wetlands, walking trails, and an inclusive playground, exemplifying our commitment to creating accessible recreational spaces for all abilities. We will see additional amenities come online in 2024, including a restroom facility, shade sails for the playground, the completion of the walking trail, an expanded environmentally friendly parking lot, and pedestrian bridges connecting the park's trails to our leisure trail system.

Our dedication to this organizational goal also materialized through the opening of our pickleball complex with 16 tournament-level courts that we believe

are the best in central Ohio. We further enhanced the quality of life for our residents by introducing diverse community events such as Juneteenth, Diwali, and Miracle League Family Fun Day. We hosted several free summer concerts at the Hinson Amphitheater, while New Albany 101 events provided educational and enriching experiences for our community. Expanding our sustainability efforts, we implemented composting initiatives, hazardous household waste collection events, holiday lights recycling, and e-waste collection events, further contributing to the well-being of our city.

Organizational Goal No. 2 - Invest in infrastructure that encourages private development:

Many of the things we enjoy in New Albany – leisure trails, road maintenance, police protection and City services – are paid for by income taxes from people working in New Albany. In fact, 81.4% of the City's general fund revenues are income tax revenues. Recognizing the vital link between private development and our ability to provide essential City services, we celebrated groundbreaking events in 2023 for Pharmavite and DSV Solutions. Announcements from AWS, QTS, and Google underscored the attractiveness of New Albany for new investments. The 25th anniversary of the New Albany International Business Park, a thriving hub with 9,000+ acres, 33 million square feet of commercial space, 25,000 employees, and \$45 billion in private investment, served as a testament to the success of this goal.

A major example of our infrastructure investments in 2023 included the substantial progress our crews made within the Silicon Heartland, including 10 miles of new roads, 4 miles of water pipes, and a new lift station capable of discharging 6 million gallons of sewer water every day. New roundabouts and wider roads in this portion of our business park are part of our ongoing efforts to manage growth with minimal impact on our residents. 2023 also saw near completion of our State Route 161 interchange project. This was a two-year project that transformed a key portion of US 62 through New Albany. The area along US 62 now features improved traffic flow, dedicated bike lanes, leisure trails, enhanced traffic







and pedestrian safety features, along with hardscape and landscaping upgrades.

Organizational Goal No. 3 - Pursue continual service and operations improvements:

We understand the importance of continually improving the services that directly impact your daily lives. This year, we made significant strides in optimizing our operations to better serve our residents. Our snow removal processes were refined to ensure more efficient and timely responses during winter weather events. We also enhanced leaf collection services to better track the progress our crews are making during the fall season.

In the realm of public safety, the New Albany Police
Department implemented innovative strategies to provide the
highest level of protection. NAPD's successful completion
of the national reaccreditation process and the continuation
of programs like the citizen police academy and women's
self-defense courses reflect our commitment to excellence in
law enforcement and community engagement. Furthermore,
we focused on maintaining our roadways and infrastructure
to guarantee smooth and reliable transportation for all.

Organizational Goal No. 4 - Maintain excellent stewardship of public funds:

Our commitment to financial excellence has been recognized through various accolades, including the

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). New Albany received the 2023 cashvest® 90+ Award and the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for financial reporting. We are proud of our Aaa rating from Moody's and AAA rating from Standard & Poor's, reflecting our strong fiscal responsibility.

As we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2024 will bring, we extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support. New Albany City Council remains dedicated to serving you, and we are grateful for the collaborative efforts that help make our community special.



City Council















Sloan Spalding

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Chip Fellows

Kasey Kist

Matt Shull

Andrea Wiltrout

SLOAN SPALDING, MAYOR

mayor@newalbanyohio.org; voicemail: 614-939-4019 Sloan and his wife Jennifer have been New Albany residents since 2002 and are the proud parents of three boys. The Spalding family is very active in New Albany High School sports, charity walks and runs, community events, the New Albany Symphony, and Pelotonia. Sloan was elected mayor in 2015, 2019 and 2023 after having been elected twice to City Council. Prior to being elected to Council, Sloan served New Albany on the Personnel Appeals Board, Planning Commission, and was the Chair of the 2009 Charter Review Commission. Before he moved to Ohio, Sloan was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Army and served in the Utah Army National Guard.

MARLENE BRISK, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (2022-2023)

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Marlene and her late husband Jim, who passed away in 2022, moved to New Albany in 2004. Their three daughters are all graduates of New Albany High School. Marlene served on the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals from 2010-2014 and on the Steering Committee to the Western Licking County Accord from 2015-2017. In 2014, she was the first woman appointed to the New Albany Planning Commission, where she served until becoming a member of City Council in 2016. As a member of City Council, Marlene has served as liaison to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and to the New Albany-Plain Local School District. She is currently the Council liaison to the Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Action (IDEA) Implementation Panel and to the Architectural Review Board. She is a member of the Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee and also serves on the Healthy New Albany Steering Committee and the New Albany Bridges Steering Committee.

MIKE DURIK

mdurik@newalbanyohio.org; voicemail: 614-939-4022 Mike has lived in New Albany since 1993 and has two adult children plus two grandchildren. He has served on City Council since 2017 and is currently Council liaison to Plain Township. Prior to that, Mike served on several boards and commissions, including the Economic Development Commission, Zoning Appeals Board, Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and the steering committee for the Western Licking County Accord. In addition, Mike has served on the boards of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce and Healthy New Albany.

CHIP FELLOWS

cfellows@newalbanyohio.org; voicemail: 614-939-4023 Chip and his wife Teresa are proud New Albany residents. He has lived in New Albany since 2001 and has two daughters, Maddie and Anna. Chip has served on City Council since 2006. During his tenure, he has been Council liaison to the New Albany-Plain Local School District, Board of Zoning Appeals, Charter Review Commission, Parks and Trails Advisory Board, and the Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee. Prior to his City Council tenure, he was on the New Albany Community Events Board and the Architectural Review Board.

KASEY KIST

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Kasey and his wife Rebecca have lived in New Albany since 2004 and have two sons. Kasey has been a City Council member since 2018 and currently serves as Council liaison to the New Albany-Plain Local Schools and the Sustainability Advisory Board. Prior to serving on City Council, Kasey was a member of the Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord, Parks and Trails Steering Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission. He is co-founder of the Thanks for Giving 4-Miler, an annual Thanksgiving Day event based in New Albany that raises funds for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, LifeCare Alliance, and the New Albany Community Foundation. Kasey is also active with Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.

MATT SHULL, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE (2024-2025)

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Matt and his wife Vickey have been New Albany residents since 2000, and their son and two daughters all graduated from New Albany High School. Matt served on the Board of Zoning Appeals from 2004-2016 and as its Chair for two years. He was appointed to City Council in 2016 to replace Sloan Spalding, who had become mayor. Matt was re-elected by New Albany residents in 2017 and again in 2021. As a member of City Council. Matt is currently serving as President Pro Tempore.



He also serves as Chair of City Council's Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Subcommittee. Additionally, Matt serves as the Council Liaison to Board of Zoning and Appeals, Council Representative to New Albany Parks & Recreation, and Council Member on the Community Improvement Corporation. Matt has served as the Council liaison to the Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and Charter Review Commission.

ANDREA WILTROUT

awiltrout@newalbanyohio.org; voicemail: 614-939-4020 In 2015, Andrea and her husband Chad chose New Albany as the place to raise their three young children. Andrea was elected to City Council in November 2021 and began her term in January 2022. She is committed to ensuring that New Albany remains the best place to raise a family. Before being elected

to City Council, Andrea served on the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals and the New Albany Planning Commission. In addition to serving on City Council, she currently serves on the boards of the New Albany Women's Network and the New Albany-Plain Local School District Parent Teacher Organization for the Primary School and Intermediate School.

City Council meetings are open to the public and held the first and third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall (99 W. Main Street). Participation must take place in person. However, New Albany residents interested in viewing our public meetings can stream them online at newalbanyohio.org/city-council-mayor.



New Albany Government 101

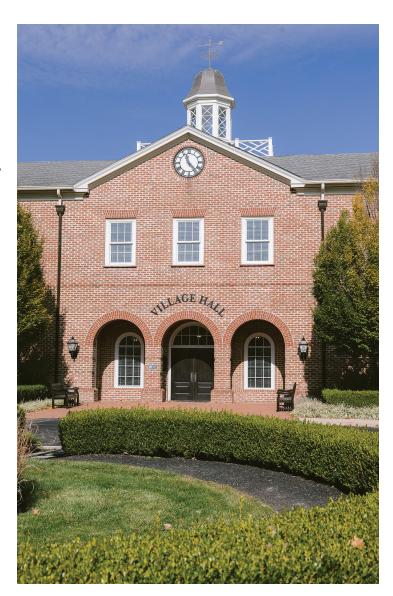
Style of Government

New Albany utilizes the Council-Manager form of government, which combines the political leadership of elected officials with the managerial expertise of an appointed, professional city manager who serves as New Albany's CEO.

Mayor & City Council

City Council is the legislative branch of government consisting of seven members, one of whom is the mayor. City Council and mayoral elections are held in November of odd-numbered years and are non-partisan. City Council members are elected by residents to four-year terms. The mayor, in addition to the powers, rights and duties of a City Council member, presides over meetings and acts as a primary spokesperson for the city. The mayor has no veto powers. The current mayor is Sloan Spalding.

City Council has been granted certain powers by the Ohio Constitution, the laws of the State of Ohio and the New Albany Charter. These powers are exercised through the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. Among other things, the New Albany Charter gives City Council the authority to create and abolish departments, commissions, boards and committees, audit accounts and records, conduct inquiries and investigations, levy taxes, enforce laws and regulations, adopt a budget, appropriate funds, adopt building and zoning regulations, and hire a city manager.



City Manager

The city manager serves as the community's CEO and is appointed by City Council to:

- Provide organizational leadership;
- · Manage municipal operations;
- Coordinate and direct the budget process;
- Oversee implementation of City Council enacted policies and adopted budgets;
- Ensure effective delivery of services to New Albany residents and businesses;
- Advise City Council members on policy matters and keep them apprised of municipal operations;
- Direct department heads and consultants; and implement all fiscal, planning and infrastructure programs.

The current city manager is Joseph F. Stefanov. He has served in this capacity since 2000 and is the longest serving city manager in New Albany's history.

Home Rule Charter

Residents approved New Albany's first charter in 1992, giving the then-village greater local control and flexibility than Ohio's statutory provisions. The charter is reviewed every ten years and any proposed revisions must be approved by the New Albany electorate before they can be enacted. The last charter was approved by residents in 2019.















New Albany Boards & Commissions



City boards and commissions play an important role in our local government by evaluating matters of interest and making recommendations to City Council. All board and commission meetings are open to the public. For information about becoming a candidate for a city board or commission, please contact Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason at jmason@newalbanyohio.org.

Architectural Review Board

Meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Duties: Review plans, drawings, and signage applications. Issue Certificates of Appropriateness for any major or minor environmental or zoning changes. (See NA Code 1157.07.) Hear appeals of staff decisions or interpretations made under New Albany Code section 1157.

Qualifications: Candidate preferably has background in architecture, landscape architecture, city planning, interior design, industrial design, engineering, or other allied design professions.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Duties: Hear and decide appeals regarding legislation and administrative determinations related to zoning and land use. Also shall hear variances from zoning area regulations and general development standards. Subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, compel discovery as needed.

Qualifications: Preferred background in design, architecture, landscaping, construction, engineering, city planning or other applicable field.

Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board

Meets as necessary

Duties: Advise City Council and staff on issues related to the restoration of the New Albany Cemetery.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary.

Community Improvement Corporation

Meets as necessary

Duties: Trustees adopt by-laws and govern the CIC, handle CIC employee matters, handle CIC financial matters, act as agent of New Albany in certain matters.

Qualifications: Prefer experienced business background.

Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Action (IDEA) Implementation Panel

Meets as necessary

Duties: To address issues of inclusion, diversity and equity in a manner which helps create a better understanding

and acceptance of the diverse beliefs and cultures as one community.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary.

Income Tax Board of Review

Meets as necessary

Duties: Hear tax appeals, issue resolutions/declarations.

Qualifications: Background in tax law and finance preferred.

Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts

(Appointed by City of New Albany, Plain Township, McCoy Center, New Albany Community Foundation, New Albany-Plain Local Schools)

Meets the second Thursday of each odd month at 8:00 a.m.

Duties: Foster an appreciation of the arts and culture by providing lifelong learning opportunities through education, exposure and participation.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary.

New Albany Parks & Recreation

(Appointed by City of New Albany, New Albany-Plain Local Schools, and Plain Township)

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Duties: Oversee fiscal operations of the Joint Parks District, approve budgets.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary. Preferred background in finance, business, law, or active user of the parks.

Parks & Trails Advisory Board

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Duties:** Advisory capacity only, make recommendations regarding parks and trails to council and administration. **Qualifications:** Preferred background in natural resources, parks, city planning, or an active user of parks and trails.

Personnel Appeals Board

Meets as necessary

Duties: Shall hear appeals from administrative determinations made pursuant to Administrative Code.

Qualifications: HR, business, or law background preferred.



Planning Commission

Meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Duties: Hear applications

Duties: Hear applications for land use, zoning classifications, recommend legislative actions, review legislation, rules, and regulations re: city planning, land use, and zoning.

Qualifications: Preferred background in design, architecture, landscaping, city planning, etc.

Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord

(Appointed by City of Columbus, City of New Albany, Plain Township) Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Duties: Evaluate

applications for rezoning and make recommendations to the planning body of the impacted jurisdiction (Columbus, New Albany, Plain Township) in the RFBA area.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary. Preferred background in design, architecture, landscaping, city planning.

Sustainability Advisory Board

Meets second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. **Duties:** Advise City Council on matters relating to



sustainability, promote and communicate sustainability principles broadly among the community and stakeholders, advise and assist City Council and city manager in efforts to make city operations more sustainable.

Qualifications: No specific qualifications necessary. Experience in sustainability industries, environmental programs, energy conservation, and/or passion for sustainability a plus.



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Get to Know Sustainability Advisory Board Member Pete Barnes



Pete Barnes

Sustainability Advisory Board

What prompted you to serve?

I've served on the Sustainability Advisory Board since its inception in 2021. I am a fifth-grade science teacher at New Albany Intermediate School, and I have taught about sustainability for many years. I am passionate about protecting our environment, and my family and I look for ways to live more sustainably. The Sustainability Board was a great opportunity to further my interests and to connect with my fellow earth lovers here in New Albany.

What is the most rewarding aspect of serving on a board or commission?

I enjoy the connections we make as a Board with people all over New Albany. We have brought the City and the schools together through our Student Leaders in Sustainability Grant Program, celebrated local environmental heroes like my mentor Bill Resch, and heard from local businesses like Axium Packaging who are improving recycling practices in

Central Ohio. It is also great when we hear from residents about sustainability issues important to them. This pushes us to look for new solutions and keeps the momentum going toward creating a more sustainable New Albany.

Why would you encourage someone else to consider serving?

I encourage others to serve on a board or commission because serving leads to direct action on issues important to our community. It is easy to complain about things we don't like about New Albany. It takes effort and time to serve on a board or commission. When I look back at the things our Sustainability Board worked on over the past 2 1/2 years, I feel my time and effort were well spent. We have plenty of great ideas for what comes next, and I am excited about going after them.



Get to Know Board of Zoning Appeals Board Member Tiana Samuels

Tiana Samuels

Board of Zoning Appeals

What prompted you to serve?

I grew up in a family of activists and public servants who instilled in me a strong sense of civic responsibility. However, as a New Albany resident who is also a Black woman, mother, and wife, I was initially uncertain where my voice would "fit" in this community. In 2020, I was afforded the opportunity to serve on the newly formed Inclusion Diversity & Equity Action (IDEA) Committee. My experience was so rich that, at the end of that term, I was determined to continue my engagement with city service. I currently serve on the City's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

What is the most rewarding aspect of serving on a board or commission?

The most rewarding aspect of serving on boards and commissions has been threefold for me: developing genuine and meaningful friendships with community members, neighbors and community leaders; witnessing actioned

response from the City based on feedback provided from our committee to enhance the inclusive experience for those who live, work and play here in New Albany; seeing the pride in my sons eyes as he has watched me become a visible example of someone who looks like him engaging in our community matters.

Why would you encourage someone else to consider serving?

My experience has taught me that it is easy and quite comfortable to "coach from the couch," but matters take a whole different shape when we "get in the game." Serving through community boards and commissions is a great way to truly understand the "how" and the "why" of our community. It's fulfilling to be a part of the processes that provide us the beautifully built and interpersonal community that we are blessed with here in New Albany.





Organizational Goal #1

Invest in Projects and Programs That Enhance Quality of Life



play surface for accessibility, boasts two play areas catering to different age groups: one for ages 2-5 and the other for ages 5-12.

It's crucial to note that the Taylor Farm Park project is an ongoing endeavor. While phase one is now accessible to the public, phase two construction is already underway. Plans for the second phase involve the addition of a restroom facility, trail expansion, shade structures for the playground, and the relocation of the community garden from behind Village Hall to Taylor Farm Park.

In a forward-looking move, the City is exploring the possibility of relocating an

old barn near Bevelhymer Park to Taylor Farm Park for use as a pavilion. The Taylor farmhouse,

however, will remain standing.

We look forward to all of the progress that will be made on Taylor Farm Park in 2024.

Increased Connectivity Near Taylor Farm Park

In late 2023, crews began construction on two new pedestrian bridges over the Sugar Run creek near Taylor Farm Park. When the project is finished in spring 2024, residents will enjoy increased connectivity from the park to our leisure trail system. We also added a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at Greensward Road and Dublin-Granville Road to offer additional ways to access the park.

Pickleball Court Facility

New Albany is now home to the largest outdoor pickleball facility in central Ohio, featuring 16 tournament-ready courts divided by skill level. Combining the physicality of tennis, the strategic nuances of badminton, and the fastpaced intensity of table tennis, pickleball offers a unique and inclusive experience suitable for people of all ages and skill level. New Albany is gearing up to elevate the experience in 2024, offering programming such as a free introduction to the sport in addition to affordable camps and clinics. You can find additional pickleball information at newalbanyohio.org/pickleball.

Taylor Farm Park Now Open

The first phase of Taylor Farm Park officially opened to the public in the summer of 2023. This 100-acre site, once a farm dating back to the 1800s and bordered by the Rocky Fork Creek, Dublin-Granville Road, Harlem Road, and State Route 161, now welcomes residents of New Albany and surrounding communities to explore various amenities.

The open aspects of phase one include over 30 acres of wetland, a walking trail loop, wood boardwalks, a permeable parking lot, and a playground. The playground, designed with a rubberized

Community Events Provide Opportunities to Connect

New Albany made significant strides in 2023 to enhance the way all residents are able to connect with each other

and their city. Thanks to the efforts of New Albany City Council, the IDEA Implementation Panel, and City staff, our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community was evident as we offered

a wide range of events and programs. One of the City's most notable accomplishments this past year was the organization of several large-scale community events that showcased New Albany's diverse population. These events included Juneteenth, Diwali, and Miracle League Family Fun Day.

We also expanded our community programming to cater to a wider range of interests and demographics. The Hinson Amphitheater became a hub for free concerts, providing residents with

the opportunity to enjoy live music on beautiful summer evenings. For younger residents, we introduced a series of free preschool events, fostering early childhood development and engagement in a fun and enriching environment. Additionally, our

inaugural New Albany 101 program

offered newcomers and long-time residents alike a sense of belonging and connection by providing the opportunity to learn about the city's history, culture, and government. Look for more exciting events and activities to come in 2024!

Earth Day to Arbor Day

We were excited to launch a week-long celebration of environmentally focused activities and programs in April 2023 called Earth Day to Arbor Day. The schedule of events included an electronic waste recycling drive, Bill Resch bench dedication, park cleanup, compost 101 open house, education on native landscaping, planting of over 200 trees, and more! The City of New Albany has plans to continue this special week in 2024 as part of our commitment to being good stewards of the environment.

City Sustainability Strides

- Diverted 57,000 pounds of food waste from landfill with the City's drop-off compost program.
- Diverted 12.9 tons of pumpkins from the landfill in the fall.
- Recycled 745 yard signs during the November election season.
- Hosted the City's first-ever household hazardous waste drive, resulting in over 22,000 pounds of managed waste being diverted from the landfill.
- Launched the City's first-ever Student Leaders in Sustainability Pilot Grant to support young leaders with excellent ideas for educating the community on sustainability issues.
- Received GOLD status through Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence program.
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Sustainable 2050 member with silver certification status.
- Switched to 100% recycled paper postcards.
- Opened Phase I of Taylor Farm Park, which featured permeable parking lot, some permeable trails and boardwalks, and native plantings.
- Requiring more than 20% of land use as dedicated parkland or open space for all new subdivisions.
- Offering incentives for commercial facilities constructed according to green building standards.
- Using old asphalt as berm on roadways.
- Using bio-swales and filtration ponds to clean stormwater before its release to streams.
- Monthly street sweeping that prevents pollutants from entering waterways.
- Snow removal that utilizes natural beet juice to melt snow while reducing the need for chemical melting compounds.
- · A green street policy in historic Village Center providing sustainable stormwater management for Third Street and the Second Street and Miller Avenue extensions.
- Adding electric vehicles to the City fleet.
- Converting collected leaves to topsoil as part of the leaf collection program.
- Converting branches and trunks to mulch as part of the tree pruning program.
- Converting lights at Village Hall, the public service facility, streetlights and traffic signals to LED.



Organizational Goal #2

Invest in Infrastructure That Encourages Private Development



New Albany Land Use at a Glance 21.9 Total Square Miles (approximately 14,000 acres)

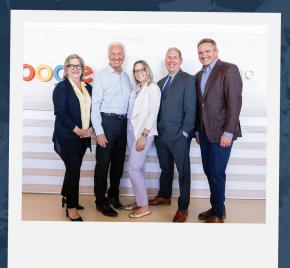
- 57.5% Commercial
 - While best known for its miles of iconic white horse fence and Georgian architecture, New Albany is home to the New Albany International Business Park, one of the largest planned commercial office parks in Ohio. Located within 500 miles of half the U.S. and Canadian population, the park has four interchanges along SR 161 and represents more than \$45 billion in private investment, 25,000 employees, and nearly 33 million square feet of commercial space.
- 24% Residential
 - o 3,794 total households
 - 0.27 units per acre, the lowest residential density
 (by far) of all comparable central Ohio cities
- 10% Right-of-Way/Civic, Institutional, Governmental
- 8.5% Parks/Open Space
 - Counting Rocky Fork Metro Park, nearly 15%
 of land (more than 2,000 acres) in or abutting New
 Albany is green space or open space
 - Tree City USA community since 2009, maintaining 25,000 street trees
 - 68 miles of leisure trails connecting all facets of New Albany
 - Park or open space is within ¼ mile of most neighborhoods















From Cornfields to the Silicon Heartland

25 Years of Collaboration

If one word could sum up the key driver for success at the New Albany International Business Park, it would be collaboration. It's evident in the City's strategic planning process that engages the entire community in cultivating a shared vision for the future to improve our quality of life and protect investment. It's reflected in enduring public-private partnerships that yield one-of-a-kind assets, from the Heit

Center for Healthy New Albany to robust, carrier-neutral fiber optics, that are critical to business recruitment. It's underscored by the "all-hands-on-deck" approach to development that brings together City staff, company executives, private developers, construction companies, and utilities to streamline planning, fast-track permitting, and meet aggressive timelines that maximize return on investment.

It's hard to imagine that it started in the late 1990s in a cornfield where City officials envisioned a strategically planned business park that promoted high-quality design and development within a connected community that embraced lifelong learning, the arts, health, and sustainability. Global retail brand, Abercrombie & Fitch, was among the first of several national companies to invest here creating a 400-acre corporate campus and an operation that would later include a logistics and distribution operation.

After 25 years, the New Albany International Business Park has become one of the most prolific economic development engines for the state and boasts the largest development project in Ohio's history, Intel's \$28 billion+ chip manufacturing operation. Today, the City competes globally for business, attracting industry leaders that include Amgen, Pharmavite, Bath & Body Works, Axium, Amazon, Meta, and Google.

Six innovation clusters – Corporate Office and R&D, Information Technology & Mission Critical, Personal Care & Beauty, Health & Life Sciences, High Tech Manufacturing & Logistics, and Semiconductor Manufacturing – aggregate areas of expertise and foster collaboration among businesses. Its technology incubator, Innovate New Albany, supports the growth of entrepreneurs while helping the City diversify its economic base. The first of its kind in the nation, the Personal Care & Beauty Campus's vertically integrated supply chain has revolutionized the way products go from concept, design, and development to packaging and shipping. As a result, Bath & Body Works now manufactures more than 60 percent of its products in New Albany.







To date, the business park has attracted \$45 billion in private investment, encompasses 33 million square feet of commercial space, and employs 25,000. Tax revenue from the business park now generates 81.4 percent of New Albany's general fund to support city services and amenities, including police protection, infrastructure, road maintenance, parks, and trails.

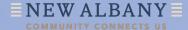
Strategic planning allows New Albany to collaborate with residents and businesses to determine how those tax revenues are used. It guides the City in prioritizing community needs, evaluating public and private development, and prudently allocating revenue. Updated every five years, the plan addresses smart growth policies that include pedestrianfriendly amenities, connectivity, mixed-use environments, residential housing, parks and recreation, and sustainability. New Albany has saved millions of dollars by leveraging public-private partnerships to promote business investment.

A partnership between the City and the New Albany Community Foundation to create a vibrant work-life balance was instrumental in the development of the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library that anchors Market Square, the pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development with restaurants, shops, and Rose Run Park.

The foundation was instrumental in the development of the McCoy Center for the Arts, which serves as a public performance venue for arts organizations and New Albany-Plain Local School students. A collaboration between the City, the nonprofit Healthy New Albany, the OSU Wexner Medical Center, and Nationwide Children's Hospital led to the creation of the Heit Center for Healthy New Albany, a state-of-the-art health and wellness facility.

The City's partnership with American Electric Power (AEP) led to critical technology advancements and competitive business advantages. The City chose to lease its advanced fiber-optic network from AEP instead of building its own. The deal saved the City millions and enabled it to offer New Albany Net, one of the fastest, most advanced fiber optic networks in the country. As AEP continued to build capacity for customers, the City and its businesses continued to benefit from the energy and reliability of AEP's triple-feed electric capabilities and the nation's largest in the nation which runs directly through the business park.

Today, the New Albany International Business Park is a thriving ecosystem that continues to revolve around collaboration and public-private partnerships that inspire the kind of creativity, discovery, and commerce that continues to fuel growth.



International Business Park Partners

New Albany is proud to welcome these industry leaders



Welcome, Pharmavite!

In spring 2023, Pharmavite broke ground on its \$200 million production facility in the New Albany International Business Park. The maker of Nature Made® vitamins and supplements is expanding into Ohio with a new 225,000-square-foot facility and the creation of 225 new jobs. New Albany City Councilmember Marlene Brisk joined Pharmavite CEO Jeff Boutelle, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted and Pelotonia CEO Joe Apgar in speaking at the groundbreaking event. We're looking forward to this health and wellness leader joining our community!

Welcome, DSV Solutions!

Groundbreaking celebrations continued in fall 2023 as members of New Albany City Council and City staff attended a ceremony for Denmark-based DSV Solutions. The company's 1.2 million sq. ft. warehouse, developed by VanTrust Real Estate, will be the largest industrial building in New Albany. The project is scheduled for completion in early 2025. DSV Solutions is a global leader in transport and logistics and offers multiple services

to support the semiconductor industry. The company is the first occupant in VanTrust's New Albany Tech Park – an approximately 500-acre area within the New Albany International Business Park. DSV and the New Albany



Tech Park will be important factors in the growth of the Silicon Heartland.

New Data Centers

Members of New Albany City Council and City staff visited Google's New Albany data center campus in August 2023 as the company announced that it will invest \$1.7 billion in Ohio this year. The plans build on Google's more than \$2 billion already invested in the state since breaking ground on its first Ohio data center in New Albany in 2019.

We also celebrated announcements in 2023 from Amazon Web Services (AWS) and QTS for data center projects. AWS is planning to invest \$3.5 billion by 2030 to establish new data centers in the area. The new investment plays an important role in supporting economic growth in the technology sector and bringing significant revenue growth to local businesses. Kansas-based QTS Data Centers, plans to invest roughly \$1.5 billion in four data centers for future end users.

SR 161 Interchange Project

In 2023, crews came close to completing our State Route 161 interchange project. The area along Johnstown Road now features improved traffic flow thanks to additional on-ramp and exit ramp lanes. The project also created dedicated bike lanes, leisure trails, enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety features, along with hardscape and landscaping upgrades. And it was more than just mobility enhancements for the Johnstown Road corridor in 2023. We welcomed new businesses that will provide fresh food and service options for residents and employees of the business park.



Silicon Heartland Progress Update

Both Intel and the City of New Albany made significant progress building the Silicon Heartland in 2023. You can learn more about it at NewAlbanySiliconHeartland.com.

CITY OF NEW ALBANY SILICON HEARTLAND PROGRESS:

- 10 miles of new roads (the same distance if you traveled along SR 161 from I-270 to Mink Street).
- 750,000 cubic yards of earth moved to construct roadways (enough dirt to fill 240 Olympic-sized pools).
- 4 miles of large-diameter water pipes installed.
- Constructed a lift station capable of discharging 6 million gallons of sewer water every single day.
- Installed 15,000 feet of large-diameter sanitary sewer (enough sewer pipe to stretch across 40 football fields).
- Refreshed and upgraded NewAlbanySiliconHeartland.com and began distributing a regular Silicon Heartland e-blast.

INTEL'S PROGRESS:

- More than 1.6 million work hours dedicated to the project.
- Poured more than 32,000 cubic yards of concrete (enough to fill a stadium).
- Installed 4,300 tons of rebar (approximately the same weight as 600+ African elephants).
- Installed 15,000 linear feet of underground pipe (almost 700 parking spots end to end).
- Installed 210,000 linear feet of underground conduit (just over 700 football fields).
- Hired more than 100 Ohioans, including some who are training at Intel's locations in Arizona and Oregon.
- 800-900 construction workers on the site and expect to have several thousand by the end of 2024.



Organizational Goal #3

Pursue Continual Service and Operations Improvement



The City of New Albany prides itself on hiring high-quality people to serve our community. This emphasis on personnel, which also includes training and professional development, has allowed the City to assemble a best-in-class staff to support expanded infrastructure, operations, and community programming.

2023 ADMINISTRATION QUICK FACTS

- Managed 37 hiring processes, resulting in 34 new employees
- Created 8 new positions to support new program areas and City services

- Turnover <10%
- Provided several training opportunities, including public records training, financial literacy, wellness, CPR, and professional development opportunities for managers
 - ° 202 online trainings completed through our learning management system
- Coordinated logistical support for 13 external special events that took place in New Albany
- Planned and implemented 17 City of New Albany events (3 New Albany 101, Celebrate Inclusion, Juneteenth, Diwali, 3 community concerts, 4 Preschool Party in the Park events, pickleball opening, Taylor Farm playground opening, Earth Day to Arbor Day, hazardous waste drive)
- Completed Lambton Park and Planter's Grove playground renovations
- Opened the first phase of Taylor Farm Park. Continued coordinating construction on the second phase of the project
- Managed Senior Connections, which included 248 members in 2023 (23% increase over 2022)
- Created/distributed 53 CONNECTS e-newsletters (subscribe at newalbanyohio.org/subscribe)
- Produced 79 videos highlighting city services, programming, staff, residents and businesses that make New Albany such a special community
- Won four awards for communications efforts, including two national awards

McAfee Retires after 14 **Years of Serving New Albany**

Congratulations to Chief Communications & Marketing Officer Scott McAfee on his retirement! Scott joined the City of New Albany in 2009 after working for the City of Westerville and City of Upper Arlington. Here is what City Manager Joe Stefanov had to say about Scott's career with New Albany:

"Scott has built our communications program from the ground up. When he arrived almost 14 years ago, our communication with the community was very basic. We relied heavily on the press to inform our residents about City functions and activities. Scott immediately went to work and created a robust communication program. He has always had a passion for his work and a deep loyalty to the community. Scott will definitely be missed, not only for his dedicated service to the community, but also for his

> contagious laughter and the positive energy he shares with the

members of our team."

Scott's last day with the City of New Albany was January 20, 2023. He was replaced by former public information officer, Josh Poland, who has been with the City since January 2020.

- · Social media
 - o 6,065,002 impressions (average of 16,616 daily impressions)
 - o 338,940 engagements (average of 929 daily engagements)
 - Followed by more than 32,000 accounts across all platforms

BIZCONNECT 2023, the first all-New Albany business meeting and resource fair. Over 100 participants attended.

- Rinchem and DSV were the first two companies to commit to the Intel Supplier Park. Amazon Web Services announced a \$3.5 billion investment.
- The planning division created and launched a GIS-based zoning map on the City's website.
- Engineering capital improvement projects:

2023 COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT QUICK FACTS**

- · Acres zoned: 882
- Total permits issued: 969
- Total inspections: 7,840
- Commercial permit zoning reviews: 370+
- Average time for building permit review: residential - 5.8 days; commercial -18.9 days
- Total residential units: 3,794
- Planning applications processed: 100+
- · Commercial square footage under construction: 6,343,534
- New economic development projects: \$7.4 billion
- Existing business expansions: \$889,199,543
- Tiger Talks at Innovate New Albany: 39
- The economic development division collaborated with COTA to establish the extended Line 35 to the New Albany Park and Ride. This is the first daily and hourly service provided by COTA to New Albany.
- The economic development division hosted



Linear feet of sanitary sewer installed: 22,000

- o Linear feet of water line installed: 27,000
- o Lane miles of roadway constructed: nearly 35
- o Lane miles of roadway in design: nearly 40



Citizen Police Academy Strengthens Bonds Between NAPD and Community

By New Albany Police Chief Greg Jones

Imagine you are a police officer approaching what many people would deem to be a routine traffic stop. As you approach, you can hear a loud dispute taking place between a male

driver and female passenger inside the stopped vehicle. Your attempts to calm the argument fail, and you ask the driver to step out of the vehicle.

In a profanity-laced tirade, he aggressively confronts you.

He yells and berates you while reaching into his pocket.

In seconds, you must determine if he is reaching for a weapon or something less sinister, such as a cell phone. That split second decision may lead to devastating consequences for the victim, his family, yourself, your family, your police department, and so many others.

Men and women in law enforcement agencies across the country face these types of circumstances every day. The New Albany Police Department is no different, and we hold ourselves to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, respect, and compassion to ensure that we are making sound decisions in every situation that we encounter.

We believe that by offering our community a behind-the-scenes look at the New Albany Police Department, we can strengthen relationships with the residents who we serve and give them

a better understanding of the unique challenges that law enforcement face each day. That is why we set aside more than two months each year to host a Citizen

Police Academy. This free interactive program takes participants on a 9-week journey of tabletop exercises and real-life scenarios that require split-second decision making.

"I work an office job and I don't get to see this kind of stuff ever," said 2023 class participant Dustin Keam. "It's very eye opening, and it's a great opportunity just to see a different perspective. Things can be calm one minute and chaotic the

next, so you really have to be aware of all your surroundings. You have to be aware of the laws and how they affect your actions. It's a lot to take in and a lot to process in a matter of seconds, which police have to deal with every day."

Taught by New Albany Police Department personnel, instruction has been designed to inform residents about various topics and provide opportunities for engagement and community input. We cover topics such as emergency dispatch operations, control and arrest tactics, drug enforcement, shoot/don't shoot judgment scenarios, and crime scene investigation.

In March 2023, we had 23 community members graduate from the program. They came from all walks of a life and professions – homemakers, engineers, elected officials to name a few – but they all finished with a new appreciation for what our officers experience and a stronger connection to our department.

"It is a great way to meet the officers in our community and develop some relationships with other members of our community," said 2022 class participant Diana Jacobs. "I've made some friends in the class that hopefully I'll keep up with, and also I think it's just quite honestly been a lot of fun."

At the New Albany Police Department, we are very fortunate to serve and protect an extremely supportive community. We do our best to earn that support each day. I encourage you to join us in future editions of the Citizen Police Academy and see for yourself what makes our profession so vital and what makes our relationships with the community so special.



2023 POLICE QUICK FACTS

• Sworn officers: 31

• Civilians: 16

• Officers dedicated to the school learning campus throughout the school year: 3

• DARE graduates: 395

• Number of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) active shooter response courses taught: 9

• Unwanted medications collected through Drug Drop Box (open 24/7 at NAPD): 254.2 lbs.

• RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) classes for females aged 18 and older: 4 classes with 53 participants

• Safety Town registrants: 365

• Training hours: 4,762

• Vacation house checks performed: 2,180

• Text-to-911: 7

• K-9 deployments: 195

• Completed national reaccreditation process through CALEA

2023 PUBLIC SERVICE QUICK FACTS

Basic infrastructure maintained:

- 25.000 street trees
- 5,100 catch basins
- 2,320 sanitary sewer manholes
- 1,650 streetlights
- 1,508 fire hydrants
- 372 lane miles of roadway

- 104 miles of water.
- 98 miles of storm sewer
- 98 miles of sanitary sewer lines
- 22 bridges
- 30 traffic signals
- 6.9 M lbs. of trash
- 1.7 M lbs. of recycling
- 1.5 M lbs. of yard waste
- 62 leisure trail miles
- 43 City vehicles

- 292 resident service calls
- 23 dog waste stations
- 80 waste receptacles
- 18 facilities maintained
- 3,197 OUPS markings
- 3.5 miles of sidewalk repairs/leveling
- 1,000 hours provided for events
- Collected 722,000 pounds of leaves

New Albany Senior Staff



Joseph Stefanov City Manager



Mike Barker Director of Public Service



Jennifer Chrysler Director of Community Development



Adrienne Joly Director of Administrative Services



Greg Jones Chief of Police



Josh Poland Chief Communications & Marketing Officer



Lindsay Rasev Human Resources Officer



Bethany Staats, CPA Director of Finance



Organizational Goal #4

Maintain Excellent Stewardship of Public Funds

The New Albany Finance Department functions include overseeing fiscal operations, debt issuance, providing an accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements, managing financial investments and coordinating the annual audit. The Finance Department also supports the City by providing financial analysis and information to help guide decision making and set strategy. New Albany's general obligation rating from Moody's Investors Service is Aaa and from Standard & Poor's is AAA, the highest ratings possible by those agencies. New Albany is one of very few Ohio cities to obtain this "double triple" rating.

2023 FINANCE QUICK FACTS

- New Albany's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest form of governmental accounting recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
 - o New Albany's 2023 budget also received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award.
- New Albany received the 2023 cashvest® 90+ Award, which is the benchmark and banner for public entities that are earning and saving at the highest levels on taxpayers' resources.
- Finance staff also received the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for financial reporting.
- New Albany's bond rating: Moody's Aaa; Standard & Poor's AAA.
- 81.4% of all general fund operating revenues were derived from income taxes. In 2023, this revenue increased by \$5.6 million, or 20.7%, from 2022 as a result of continued business park

development and positive growth in net profit and individual tax revenue.

• Property taxes constituted 4.2% of general fund operating revenues for City services.

Income Taxes

In Ohio, income taxes are typically paid to the community where people work. Most New Albany residents pay no income tax to New Albany because they are provided a 100% credit for income taxes they pay to the communities in which they are employed. This is why it is so critical to create jobs inside New Albany borders. New Albany levies a 2% local income tax on gross wages, salaries and other personal services compensation. This tax is also levied on net profits of corporations and smaller businesses based here.

Property Taxes

Property taxes, which are based on the local tax rate (in mills) and the taxable value of the property, are critical to schools, townships and county-wide service agencies. For 2023, the Franklin County Auditor determined annual property taxes for City of New Albany households to be \$2,009.02 per \$100,000 fair market value based upon the mills for Tax District 222 – City of New Albany, Franklin County, New Albany Plain Local Schools, Plain Township Fire. (This millage rate does not include the 1.95 mills paid by most New Albany residents to the New Albany Community Authority for debt on the New Albany High School building, Fodor Road improvements, and fire station improvements and equipment.)



2023 Net Annual Tax Estimate: \$2,009.02 per \$100,000 of value

Source: Franklin County Auditor's Office

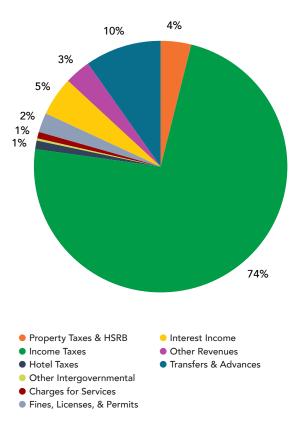
Tax District: 222

Market Value: \$100,000 Property Class: Residential Owner Occupied: Yes

New Albany Plain Local School District.	\$1,145.93
FCBDD	\$112.15
Children Services	\$77.83
ADMH	\$51.29
County General Fund	\$45.02
Senior Options	\$29.09
Metro Parks	\$19.54
Zoo	\$11.18
Plain Township	\$206.91
Columbus Public Library	\$80.48
Eastland Joint Vocational School	\$61.25
City of New Albany	\$59.41
New Albany Joint Parks District	\$97.74
Columbus State	\$11.20
	\$2,009.02

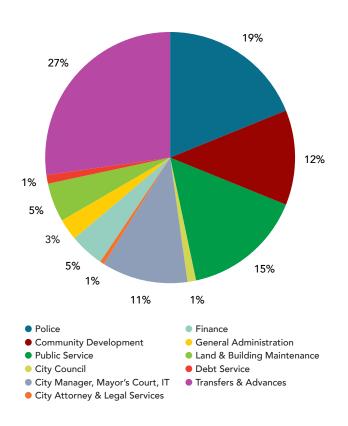
2023 City of New Albany General Fund Revenue \$44,558,795

Source: City of New Albany



2023 City of New Albany General Fund Expenditures \$37,306,411

Source: City of New Albany





City of New Albany General Fund

Source: City of New Albany

REVENUE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes, Homestead & Rollback	\$1,683,042	\$1,583,892	\$1,477,289	\$1,378,536	\$1,329,487
Income Taxes	32,774,242	27,156,356	27,390,466	21,965,716	21,526,836
Hotel Taxes	450,912	431,346	279,607	236,594	439,849
Other Intergovernmental	136,564	200,590	201,166	175,596	59,334
Charges for Services	389,310	147,233	295,299	148,189	367,692
Fines, Licenses, & Permits	1,082,272	1,405,942	1,132,329	780,433	770,806
Interest Income	2,222,194	557,041	253,024	522,457	701,751
Other Revenue	1,515,830	994,563	909,388	1,735,022	983,157
Transfers & Advances	4,304,429	629,937	85,597	275,000	_
Total Revenues	\$44,558,795	\$33,106,900	\$32,024,165	\$27,217,543	\$26,178,912
EXPENDITURES					
Police	\$7,092,956	\$6,374,625	5.514.829	\$5,042,959	\$4,562,983
Community Development	4,610,195	3,763,598	2,724,727	3,054,819	3,070,696
Public Service	5,712,081	4,710,396	4,311,491	3,729,020	3,544,372
City Council	384,787	278,532	666,071	862,254	542,898
City Manager, Mayor's Court, IT	4,049,787	3,570,908	2,425,195	2,327,447	2,196,056
City Attorney & Legal Services	210,524	166,872	215,658	275,762	252,976
Finance	1,850,046	1,480,722	1,387,894	1,250,923	1,220,430
General Administration	920,990	848,477	682,802	586,683	715,663
Land & Building Maintenance	1,835,082	1,766,899	1,293,406	1,471,538	1,024,989
Capital	_	_	_	20,581	50,650
Debt Service	433,365	2,051,926	674,091	646,003	644,372
Transfers & Advances for Other Purposes	10,206,598	3,594,881	13,397,586	2,222,182	3,865,351
Total Expenditures	\$37,306,411	\$28,607,836	\$33,293,750	\$21,490,171	\$21,691,436
Excess (def) of revenues over expenditures	7,252,384	4,499,064	(1,269,585)	5,727,372	4,487,476
Fund balance at the beginning of year	\$30,896,961	\$25,396,203	\$26,131,808	\$19,777,650	\$14,685,186
Lapsed encumbrances	576,775	1,001,694	533,980	626,786	604,987

Little League Legends

New Albany's 12U Little League team made history in August 2023 by becoming the first central Ohio team to reach the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Head Coach Tim Bush led the boys to district, state, and regional titles to earn the honor of representing the Great Lakes region on youth baseball's biggest stage.

The City of New Albany hosted a watch party at the McCoy Center for the team's first Little League World Series game against the West Region. Others in the community gathered at homes and restaurants to cheer on their local heroes.

Even though their run ended more quickly than they would have hoped, falling to the West Region 4-3 and to the Mountain Region 13-2, the team earned the respect and admiration of those watching across New Albany and beyond. Their return home prompted several special recognitions, including being honored at a New Albany High School football game and at a New Albany City Council meeting.

Congratulations to our Little League legends!





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New Albany-Plain Local Schools — 614-855-2040

New Albany Parks & Recreation — 614-939-7275

Columbus Metropolitan Library New Albany Branch — 614-645-2275

Plain Township — 614-855-7770

Plain Township Fire — 614-855-7370

Plain Township Aquatic Center — 614-775-9430

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New Albany Chamber of Commerce — 614-855-4400

Franklin County Board of Elections — 614-525-3100

Franklin County Auditor — 614-525-4663

UTILITIES

Electric (AEP) - 1-800-672-2231

Electric, Gas & Propane (The Energy Cooperative) — 1-800-255-6815

Gas (Columbia Gas) — 1-800-344-4077

OUPS (Call Before You Dig) — 1-800-362-2764

Sewer (City of Columbus) — 614-645-8164

Trash (Rumpke) — 1-800-828-8171

Water (City of Columbus) - 614-645-8270





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