

June 8, 2017

TO: City Manager, Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: All Department Heads
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of June 5, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Government Affairs and Public Works Committees of City Council will hold their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, June 12 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., respectively. The Parks and Recreation Committee have cancelled their meeting for the month of June.
2. On Monday, the Financial Planning Committee met to discuss the 1st half real estate report, 2016 financial audit and the 2018 tax budget.
3. On Tuesday, Katie Smiddy attended the quarterly Southwestern Ohio Tax Administrators Association (SWOTAA) meeting in Kettering, Ohio. The group was hosted by The Ohio Municipal League's Director of Communication Josh Brown. Mr. Brown provided updates on the Governor's 2018 budget including the elimination of the "means tested" LGF formula, Worker's Compensation Budget, updates to the Ohio Business Gateway filing system and Senate Bill 331 regarding small cell towers.
4. On Tuesday afternoon, Katie Smiddy attended the Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) Finance Committee meeting in Kettering, Ohio. The group reviewed and approved the 2016 financial statements, annual report and the property renewal for 2017.
5. On Wednesday morning, Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon, Katie Smiddy and representatives from Brandicorp and Traditions met to further discuss options for the financing of the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA). The meeting included a comprehensive review of the Gateway Partners proforma and will result in a follow up proposal from the City for the financing of the project in the middle of next week.
6. On Wednesday, Brian Riblet, Gary Heitkamp and Justin Liming attended the 37th annual Traffic Engineering Workshop in Fairfield. This year's program was highlighted with a presentation on the Ohio Ethics Law and a session on Roundabouts, Ramp Metering and Educating the Public.
7. Tracy Roblero and Frank Davis met with members of the planning team for Gateway Partners on Wednesday afternoon to discuss potential text amendments that may be necessary for the Old Montgomery Gateway District regulations for the Gateway Redevelopment Area. It was a very productive meeting and staff hopes to make a recommendation to Planning Commission on text amendments at their next meeting.

8. A swearing in ceremony was held at the City Council Business Session last night for Police Chief John Crowell and Assistant Police Chief Greg Vonden Benken. Many guests, including family, friends, and law enforcement officers from surrounding areas and beyond, attended making this a standing room only ceremony. We congratulate John and Greg on their new roles here in the City and are proud of them and their accomplishments!



9. Crews began concrete curb removal and replacement this week as part of the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program which includes resurfacing of 2.48 centerline miles of roadway. The project is scheduled for completion on or before August 11 just prior to school beginning. In addition, crews from The Gertz Company should complete the annual fire hydrant replacements this week. This program is done in conjunction with the annual Street Resurfacing Program.
10. Wayne Davis and Tracy Roblero met with representatives for Bethesda North Hospital to discuss potential modifications to the proposed medical office building and associated parking garage on the Bethesda North Hospital campus based on concerns expressed from the Planning Commission and residents. The applicant hopes to finalize the proposed modifications and submit the revisions for consideration at the next Planning Commission meeting on June 19.
11. Wayne Davis presented the annual State of The City to the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce today to a sold-out crowd. This annual luncheon is a favorite of the Chamber members and guests and provides an opportunity for networking among the City's local businesses.
12. Julie Prickett attended Frost Brown Todd's 24th Annual Public Sector Labor Seminar today. Topics included recent developments in the areas of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) law and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) law, an update on case law impacting a variety of labor and employment practices, and a panel discussion conducted by attorneys and practitioners in the field of public sector employment. This seminar provides a good opportunity to network and share experiences with other public sector employers in the region.
13. Mayor Dobrozsi and Council Members Margolis and Suer, along with Wayne Davis, Chief Wright and Tracy Roblero attended a groundbreaking ceremony at Bethesda North Hospital this afternoon for the Harold M. and Eugenia S. Thomas Comprehensive Care Center.
14. The Big Rig Gig was held this afternoon at the Montgomery Pool. This very popular event is always well attended by young and old! We thank all the staff who contributes to making this event such a success.
15. Chief Simpson's retirement reception is being held tomorrow at the Montgomery Inn, from 2:00 to 4:00. Plan to stop in and wish Don a happy retirement. Not that Don is counting the days, but his last day with the City is next Friday, June 16.

16. On Friday, sealed bids will be opened for the Ross Avenue Sidewalk and Storm Drainage Project, as well as the Jolain Drive Storm Drainage Project. Staff will review the bids and, if acceptable, will request both projects be added to the June 21 City Council Work Session for consideration.
17. On Friday, Public Works staff will host a presentation from the Hamilton County Storm Water District. This annual training event is part of the City's requirement to maintain our storm water permit through Hamilton County and provides information on new or proposed legislation, best practices, and other storm water related events and activities.
18. Assistant Fire Chief Ben Shapiro is attending the Hazard Zone Conference in Phoenix, Arizona this week. This conference has excellent instructors that provide the latest trends and studies for the fire and EMS services.
19. Mark your calendars for the City Council Staff Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Thursday July 20 at Swaim Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come and share lunch and a time of fellowship with City Council.
20. Attached is a Thank You note from a resident at Twin Lakes for the care she received from the fire department. Thanks to Griffin Drake, Chris Luebbe and Sander Wechsler for their excellent care and service they provide to the community.
21. The City was recently named 5th among the top 50 communities in Cincy Magazine's 11th annual Rating of the Burbs. Top awards went to Madeira, Union Township (Warren County), Terrace Park and Springboro. The featured article is attached.
22. Members of the Beautification and Tree Commission are working hard on all the "behind the scenes" activities and tasks associated with the upcoming Tree and Garden Tour scheduled for Sunday, June 25 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This year's tour includes 5 homes and 2 businesses for participants to enjoy!
23. Faith Lynch and Matthew Vanderhorst have created an online survey to help gather data to learn the communications preferences of different demographic groups in the community to ensure that City information is disseminated to meet the widest audience. This is a key implementation step in Goal 2, Strategy 2, of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan. The plan is to first publish the question through the City's electronic channels such as social media, MCLA In The Loop email, City website, and the pool membership email list. They will then publish the question in the July or August Montgomery Bulletin.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Wayne Davis, City Manager
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

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To all who came to 1034 Heritage
Lake Dr on this past Saturday -

Thank you for your caring
and comforting service. We here
at Twin Lakes (The Farming Town ☺)
are so fortunate to have you
people so close by. You take good
care of us

I couldn't let this past
Saturday, avert - not once - but
twice! go by with out saying
a big Thank you

You are the BEST!

Pat Thomas

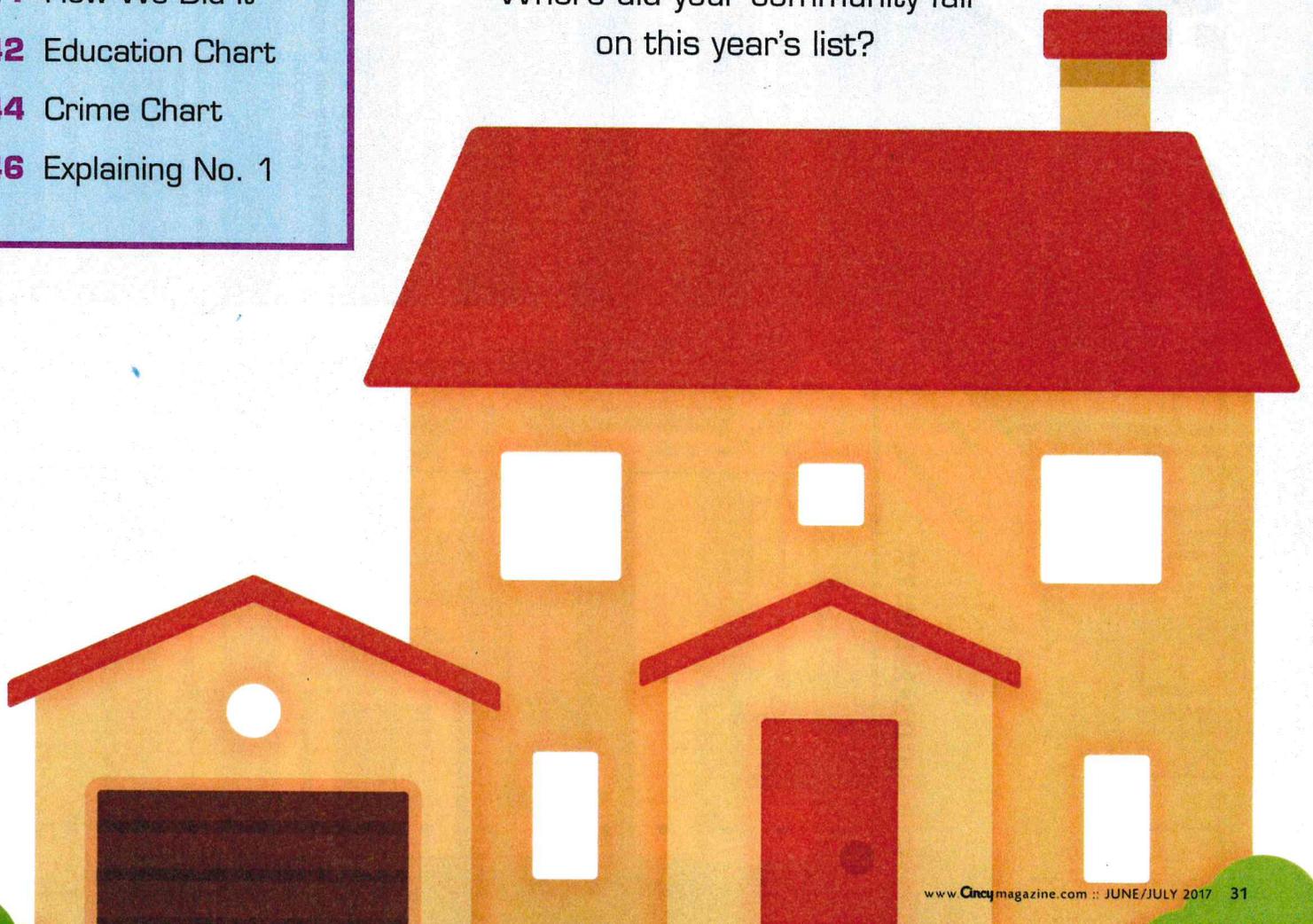
RATING THE BURBS

Compiled by Bill Ferguson Jr.

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In our 11th annual Rating the Burbs feature, we look at our local communities to see how they stack up against each other. Where did your community fall on this year's list?





Madeira

The TOP 15 Communities

1 Madeira

OK, so it's becoming a broken record: Madeira keeps its No. 1 rating for the second straight year after being No. 1 in 2010-12. The city of 8,976 residents has been a perennial Top 5 suburb. Overall, a relatively low crime rate, combined with a strong city school district, keeps the city as one of the area's most desirable places to live. Also helping was a 42 percent gain in its median home-sale price from 2011 to 2016. Located next door to Kenwood Towne Centre, the 3.4-square-mile city is conveniently located off Interstate 71 about 12 miles from downtown Cincinnati. Another educational centerpiece is St. Gertrude Elementary School, a K-8 Catholic school started in 1934 and operated by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Although it is zoned 90 percent-plus residential, Madeira boasts a vibrant community of 150 retail and service businesses.

2 Union Township (Warren County)

Low crime and strong home sales helped Union Township maintain its No. 2 ranking among communities for the second consecutive year. The median home-sale price

more than doubled to \$223,500 from 2011 to 2016. Union, formed Jan. 3, 1815, from parts of Deerfield and Turtlecreek townships, is one of 11 townships in Warren County. The township surpassed 5,000 residents in 2015 (most recent data). The township's crime rate is 11th-lowest among the burbs. The township, in the central part of Warren County, owns two parks—William H. Hackman Park and Willard E. Spicer Park—and is served by four school districts.

3 Terrace Park

A former No. 1 in "Rating the Burbs" (2013) and a Top 15 regular, Terrace Park continued to rate highly across several categories. The village of 2,245 regularly ranks No. 1 for the area's lowest crime rate, and this year was no exception. Mariemont City Schools, the primary school district serving Terrace Park residents, provides students with a strong education, ranking fourth this year. The 1.22-square-mile village, located in a bend of the Little Miami River, saw its median home-sale price rise 17 percent from 2011, to \$460,000, but that wasn't as much as some other areas. Residents can find plenty of fun at the

Swim & Tennis Club, established in 1956; the Terrace Park Country Club (1910); and the Terrace Park Garden Club (1920), as well as during traditions such as Memorial Day and Labor Day parades, Music on the Green and Pedalpalooza.

4. Springboro

This historic city located between Cincinnati and Dayton sits in two counties: Montgomery and Warren. It was founded as a village in 1815 by Jonathan Wright, a Quaker, and incorporated as a city in 1987. With a population of 18,213, Springboro has relatively low crime, and Springboro Community City Schools rank 14th this year among area school systems. Springboro was a well-known stop on the Underground Railroad, and its historical society says it had more safe houses than any other place in Ohio. Its median home-sale price, at almost \$250,000 in 2016, was up 31 percent from five years earlier. Originally named Springborough for the many underground springs in the area, the city operates six recreational parks. It also hosts a three-day Christmas Festival, which it says draws about 50,000 visitors a year.

Springboro and Clearcreek Township



6 Wayne Township (Warren County)

A low crime rate and good schools helped Wayne Township break into the Top 10 this year. The township, a regular among the Top 50, is one of the original townships in Warren County, created May 10, 1803, just nine days after the county began. The township is primarily served by the Wayne Local School District and experienced steady gains in home sales, with a median price of \$199,950 in 2016, up 40 percent from 2011. The Little Miami River flows through the township, and its series of tributaries make up the Little Miami Watershed. The Little Miami Scenic Trail also passes through the township along the route of the now defunct Little Miami Railroad.



5 Montgomery

The highly rated Sycamore Community School District (No. 5 among school systems this year) and a high median home-sale price (\$406,500 in 2016) helped Montgomery move to No. 5 from No. 9 last year. The city of more than 10,500—one of Cincinnati's more affluent bedroom communities—was settled in 1796, became a village in 1910 and incorporated as a city in 1971. Montgomery was a stopping point along the old "3-C" Highway (Cincinnati-Columbus-Cleveland), and its old buildings remind visitors of a quieter past. According to the city's website, the Montgomery Landmarks Commission, established in 1976, has identified 32 landmarks to commemorate the city's beginnings.

7 Waynesville

Sitting in the middle of No. 6 Wayne Township is this year's No. 7 community, Waynesville. This is Waynesville's first appearance in the Top 10. With low crime (No. 7 this year) and good schools (Wayne Local School District), the village of almost 3,000 residents has a lot to offer. Its website notes that Waynesville is older than the state of Ohio, founded in 1797 by Samuel Heighway, an engineer from England who thought the town would become the capital of the Northwest Territory. The village calls itself the "Antiques Capital of the Midwest" and is well known for its Sauerkraut Festival, which began in 1970. The festival serves seven tons of sauerkraut to about 350,000 visitors a year. Historically, the village was

the site of an important Quaker settlement, and the Miami Monthly Meeting was established in 1803 as the first such gathering in southwestern Ohio, the village's website says.

8 Clearcreek Township

(Warren County)

This growing township of more than 32,000 residents continues to earn its place among the Top 10, where it has appeared in seven of the past eight years. Low crime, good schools and a homeownership rate of 90 percent combine to draw residents. The township gained more than 1,700 in population from 2010 to 2015, according to Census Bureau estimates. Its median home-sale price of \$299,950 is among the highest in the region. Clearcreek Township has a long history, dating to its establishment in October 1815. It has been claimed that by 1840 it had one of the best unpaved road systems in the state. The township's Clearcreek Baptist Church, founded in 1797, is reported to be the oldest church in Warren County.

9 Morgan Township (Butler County)

Continued low crime, high owner-occupied housing (No. 6 in the area with 92.9 percent) and good schools helped Morgan Township return to the Top 10 for the first time since 2014. The 36-square-mile township in the southwestern corner of Butler County sits along the Ohio-Indiana state. The area was settled in 1801 by immigrants from Llanbrynmair, Montgomeryshire, Wales. The township, named for Gen. Daniel Morgan, an American Revolutionary War officer, began March 4, 1811, when county commissioners divided it from Ross Township. The Morgan Township Historical Society, established in 1998, meets monthly to promote interest in local history, according to its Facebook page. Ross Local School District (ranked 12th this year) provides residents with a strong education system.

10 Wyoming

This city of 8,400-plus residents regularly appears in the Top 15, with its highly rated Wyoming City Schools (No. 2 this year), a homeownership rate of 86.5 percent and

THE TOP 50 COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY	SAFETY		EDUCATION		HOUSING				OTHER		
	2015 Population	Safety Ranking	Primary School District(s)	Education Ranking	Homes Sold 2016	Median Home Sale Price 2016	Median Home Sale Price 2015	Year % Change in Median Home Sale Price	Homes Owner-Occupied	2016 Property Taxes per \$100,000	Average Commute to Work (in minutes)
1 Madeira	8,976	14	Madeira (also Cincinnati, Indian Hill)	3	176	\$277,700	\$195,500	42.05%	88.00%	\$1,508-\$2,469	19.86
2 Union Township (Warren)	5,016	11	Kings, Lebanon (also Little Miami, Mason)	20	28	\$223,500	\$105,000	112.86%	77.76%	\$1,806-\$2,149	23.51
3 Terrace Park	2,245	1	Marionmont (also Indian Hill)	4	55	\$460,000	\$392,000	17.35%	95.23%	\$1,684-\$2,656	23.85
4 Springboro	18,213	18	Springboro (also Franklin)	14	164	\$249,750	\$190,000	31.45%	84.02%	\$1,668-\$1,836	22.27
5 Montgomery	10,506	49	Sycamore	5	173	\$406,500	\$301,000	35.05%	88.23%	\$1,924-\$2,195	22.76
6 Wayne Township (Warren)	8,735	17	Wayne (also Clinton-Massie, Lebanon, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek, Xenia)	11	56	\$199,950	\$143,000	39.83%	78.46%	\$1,226-\$1,921	24.80
7 Waynesville	2,999	7	Wayne	11	43	\$143,750	\$100,000	43.75%	57.54%	\$1,951	21.82
8 Clearcreek Township (Warren)	32,087	6	Springboro (also Lebanon, Wayne)	14	164	\$299,950	\$249,500	20.22%	89.95%	\$1,763-\$1,842	24.04
9 Morgan Township (Butler)	5,677	4	Ross (also Southwest)	12	42	\$211,450	\$160,613	31.65%	92.86%	\$1,336-\$1,398	30.42
10 Wyoming	8,411	46	Wyoming (also Cincinnati, Finneytown, Winton Woods)	2	148	\$321,191	\$271,000	18.52%	86.53%	\$2,119-\$3,321	21.31
11 Hamilton Township (Warren)	25,201	5	Little Miami (also Goshen, Kings, Loveland)	22	560	\$214,950	\$155,450	38.28%	88.64%	\$1,464-\$2,149	27.75
12 The Village of Indian Hill	5,798	41	Indian Hill (also Cincinnati, Madeira, Marionmont, Sycamore)	1	106	\$915,000	\$999,779	-8.48%	96.28%	\$1,315-\$2,276	20.87
13 Harrison Township (Hamilton)	14,654	9	Southwest	30	23	\$225,000	\$145,000	55.17%	79.19%	\$1,374	25.17
14 Fort Thomas, Ky.	16,398	16	Fort Thomas Independent	10	192	\$184,500	\$162,750	13.36%	72.10%	\$1,771	20.06
15 Massie Township (Warren)	1,187	8	Clinton-Massie (also Wayne)	38	16	\$174,750	\$55,000	217.73%	87.34%	\$1,186-\$1,687	31.25
16 Blue Ash	12,159	94	Sycamore (also Princeton)	5	193	\$274,900	\$169,000	62.66%	71.27%	\$1,762-\$1,777	20.80
17 Newtown	2,664	34	Forest Hills	8	34	\$222,500	\$132,450	67.99%	61.40%	\$2,144-\$2,487	25.62
18 Liberty Township (Butler)	38,613	25	Lakota	15	685	\$270,000	\$214,000	26.17%	90.15%	\$1,980	27.42
19 Turtlecreek Township (Warren)	15,449	19	Lebanon (also Little Miami, Mason, Middletown, Springboro)	26	165	\$287,500	\$212,830	35.08%	78.24%	\$1,677-\$2,247	25.25
20 Fort Mitchell, Ky.	8,306	37	Beechwood Independent (also Kenton County)	6	100	\$223,500	\$183,500	21.80%	51.69%	\$1,201-\$1,432	18.27
21 Salem Township (Warren)	4,676	44	Little Miami (also Lebanon)	22	37	\$225,000	\$123,000	82.93%	76.46%	\$1,962-\$2,097	27.62
22 Southgate, Ky.	3,856	39	Campbell County/Southgate Independent	18	72	\$79,500	\$63,000	26.19%	59.91%	\$2,121	18.22
23 Highland Heights, Ky.	7,183	33	Campbell County	18	111	\$102,000	\$84,000	21.43%	62.73%	\$1,383	18.56
24 Franklin Township (Warren)	31,442	12	Franklin (also Carlisle, Middletown, Springboro)	39	121	\$137,900	\$97,000	42.16%	68.63%	\$1,499-\$2,216	22.64
25 Edgewood, Ky.	8,769	30	Kenton County (also Erlanger-Elsmere Independent)	35	114	\$205,000	\$159,000	28.93%	89.27%	\$1,307-\$1,607	23.39
26 Amberley Village	3,591	29	Cincinnati	59	61	\$335,000	\$228,000	46.93%	92.62%	\$2,634	21.66
27 Mason	32,662	35	Mason (also Kings, Lebanon)	7	422	\$322,617	\$292,500	10.30%	81.91%	\$1,736-\$2,403	24.12
28 Reily Township (Butler)	2,711	10	Talawanda	24	24	\$146,250	\$127,750	14.48%	91.91%	\$1,404	26.71
29 Lawrenceburg, Ind.	4,960	47	Lawrenceburg	21	68	\$128,450	\$85,500	50.23%	49.67%	\$2,467	21.47
30 Hartan Township (Warren)	5,015	40	Little Miami (also Blanchester, Clinton-Massie, Goshen)	22	67	\$175,000	\$121,750	43.74%	87.67%	\$1,217-\$1,859	35.66
31 Ross Township (Butler)	8,670	63	Ross	12	88	\$224,250	\$159,900	40.24%	87.56%	\$1,487	31.45
32 Anderson Township (Hamilton)	43,738	59	Forest Hills (also Cincinnati)	8	677	\$224,000	\$188,250	18.99%	84.96%	\$2,228-\$2,631	24.92
33 Crosby Township (Hamilton)	2,758	64	Southwest	30	50	\$285,035	\$207,495	37.37%	93.59%	\$1,531	25.10
34 Miami Township (Clermont)	41,910	43	Milford (also Clermont Northeastern, Goshen, Loveland)	17	635	\$243,000	\$203,000	19.70%	84.45%	\$1,626-\$2,376	25.28
35 Hidden Valley Lake, Ind.	5,138	3	Sunman-Deerborn (also Lawrenceburg)	19	113	\$179,900	\$168,350	6.86%	89.41%	\$1,444-\$1,818	30.49
36 Hanover Township (Butler)	8,550	32	Talawanda (also Edgewood, Hamilton, Ross)	24	105	\$150,800	\$129,000	16.98%	92.16%	\$1,346-\$1,706	26.86
37 Williamsburg Township (Clermont)	5,887	54	Williamsburg (also Batavia)	23	38	\$145,000	\$75,000	93.33%	62.62%	\$1,808-\$1,683	27.27
38 Taylor Mill, Ky.	6,769	38	Kenton County	35	110	\$151,750	\$110,000	37.95%	70.87%	\$1,502-\$1,702	23.46
39 Washington Township (Warren)	2,897	31	Clinton-Massie, Little Miami (also Lebanon)	30	38	\$200,000	\$145,000	37.93%	89.89%	\$1,186	24.00