

**VILLAGE OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2017**

The Obetz Village Council met in regular session on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Obetz Government Center located at 4175 Alum Creek Drive with Mayor D. Greg Scott presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Scott called the roll with six members of Council present: Mrs. Bonnie Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Mr. Guiles Richardson, Mr. Michael Flaherty, Mrs. Louise Crabtree, and Mrs. Angela Kirk. Also present were E. Rod Davisson, Village Administrator; Michael Confer, Police Chief; Stephen J. Smith, Esq., and Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of property. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mrs. Crabtree — yes; Mr. Flaherty — yes. Council went into Executive Session at 6:03 PM. Council returned from Executive Session at 6:42 PM with all six members in attendance.

**ORDINANCES**

**FIRST READINGS**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 03 – 17: An Ordinance Approving The Village Of Obetz Annual Conversion Plan Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications.

**SECOND READINGS**

No second readings.

**THIRD READINGS**

No third readings.

**EMERGENCIES**

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 04 – 17: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With The City Of Columbus, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Scott and Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. No questions. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 04 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree — yes; Mr.

Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 04 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 05 – 17: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With OhioHealth (Grant Medical Center), And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that when you take someone to jail, you have to pay their medical bills if medical services are rendered while the prisoner is under your care. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 05 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 05 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 06 – 17: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Necessary Conveyance Documentation To Acquire Approximately 4.97 Acres, More Or Less, Fee Simple Interest From Herbert And Madonna Perkins And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that purchasing this land creates the deal needed to make the emergency room work. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 06 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 06 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 07 – 17: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2017 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson reviewed the appropriation changes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 07 – 17. Motion made by Mrs. Kirk; seconded by Mr. Wiley. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 07 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree – yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

Ms. Boumis read Ordinance 08 – 17: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) Of Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Paying The Costs Of Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Relating To The Ohio Health Project, Including, But Not Limited To, The Acquisition Of Land And Interests In Land, Construction And Installation, As Necessary, Of Roads, Sidewalks, Storm Water Detention And Retention Structures, Water Lines, Waste Water And Storm Water Lines, Utilities, Signalization Equipment, Landscaping And All Appurtenances Relating Thereto, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated that the Village will be taking out a short term loan to cover the cost of infrastructure at the Walnut Retail Center site. The loan also includes the purchase price of the Perkins' property. Mayor Scott called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 08 – 17.



Motion made by Mrs. Crabtree; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree — yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes. Mayor Scott called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 08 – 17. Motion made by Mr. Wiley; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mrs. Kirk—yes; Mrs. Wiley—yes; Mr. Wiley—yes; Mrs. Crabtree — yes; Mr. Richardson—yes; Mr. Flaherty—yes.

**TABLED**

Ordinance 50-16: An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 925 Of The Codified Ordinances Related To Right Of Way Use remained tabled.

**VILLAGE OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

*Mayor Scott* – Mayor Scott stated that Saturday was the Obetz Police and Hamilton Township Fire Department awards banquet. He further stated that income tax receipts were up 25 percent over last year.

*Michael Confer, Police Chief*—Chief Confer stated that since the last meeting there have been 619 calls for service.

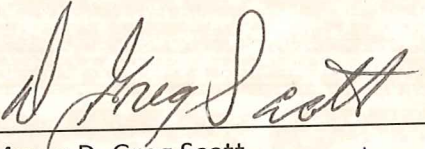
*Stacey Boumis, Community Services Director* – Ms. Boumis stated that there is a special Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday to review the Obetz Wings and Rings.

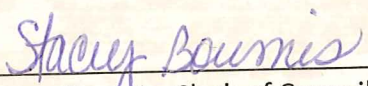
*Stephen J. Smith, Esq., Law Director* – No report.

*Rod Davisson, Administrator* – Mr. Davisson gave his annual report on the state of finances in the Village. (A copy of the presentation is included in the minutes)

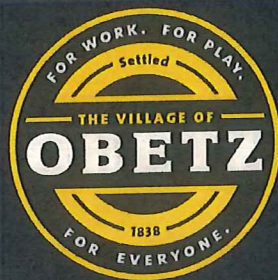
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Wiley; seconded by Mrs. Crabtree. All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:07 PM.

  
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Mayor D. Greg Scott

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

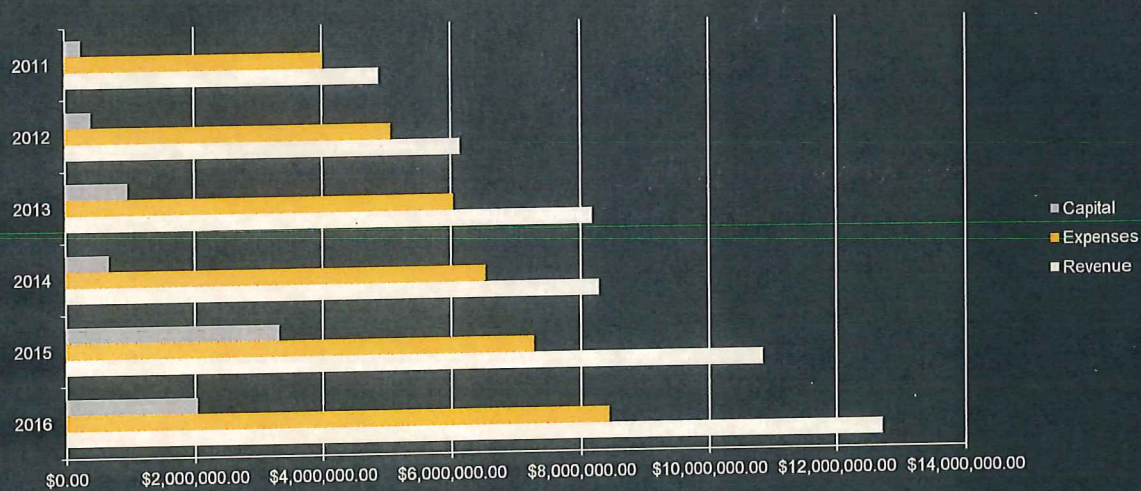




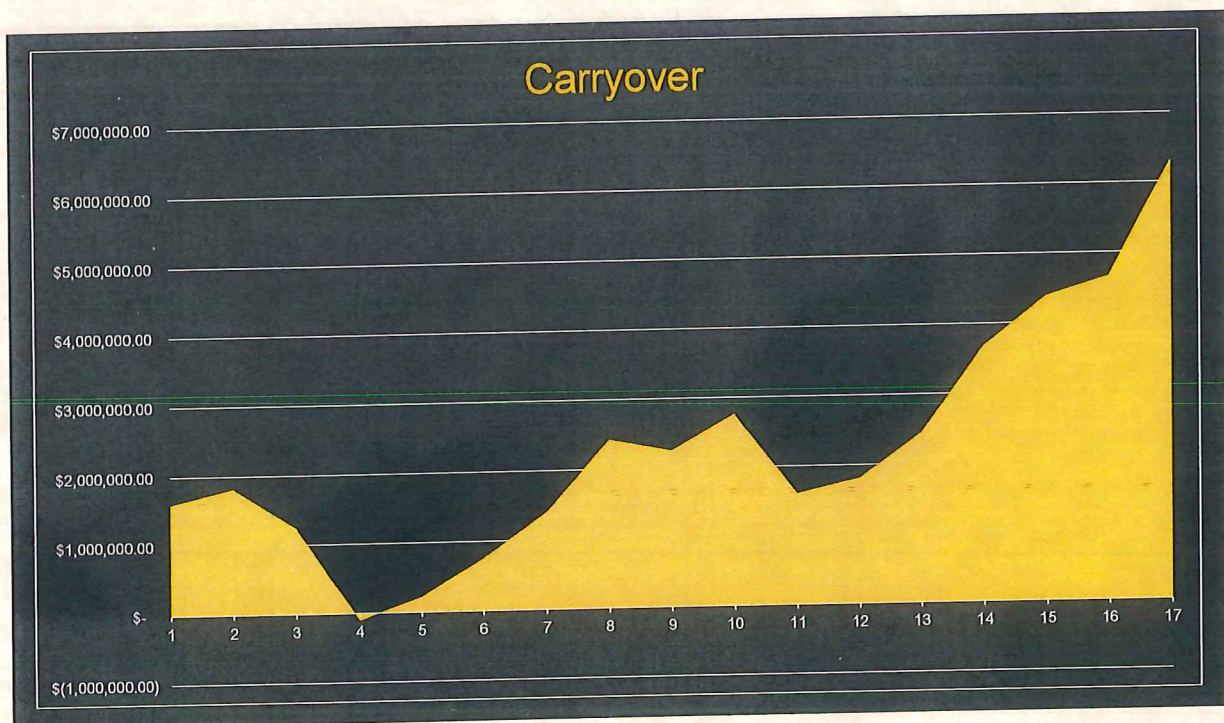
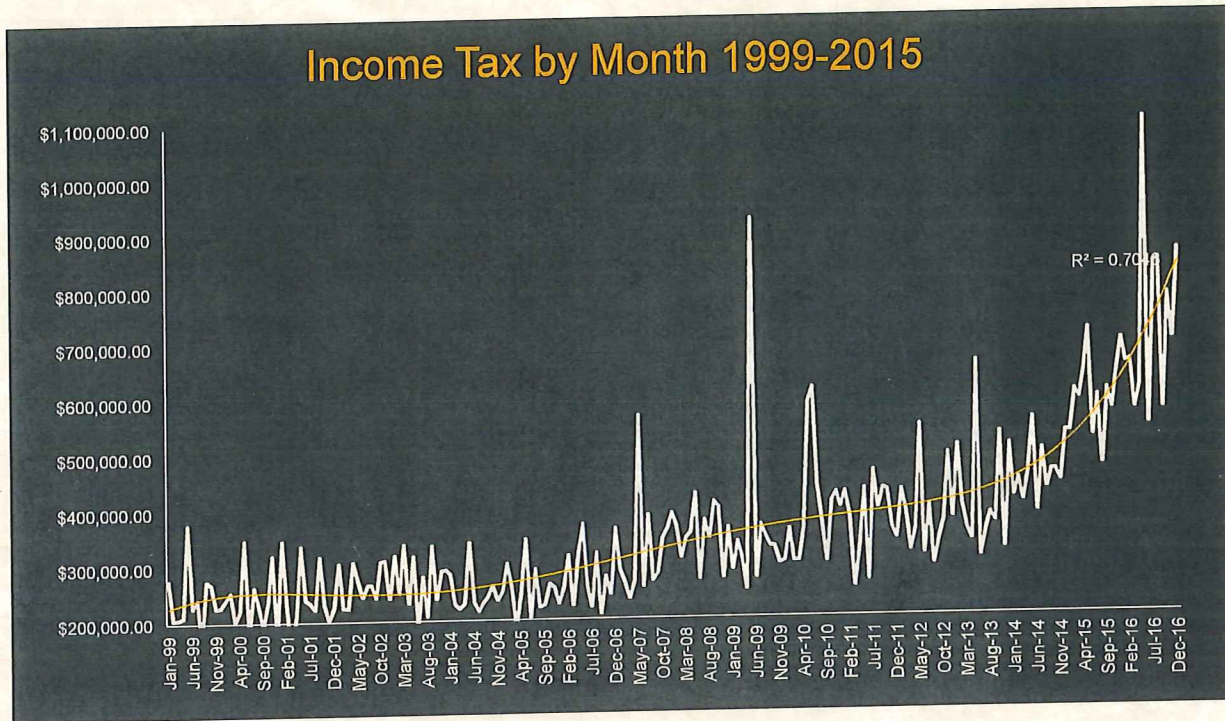
## 2016 In Review

Presented January 23, 2017

### General Fund Revenue, Expenses, and Capital









## Alum Creek Drive and I-270 Bridge \$6 million Improvement



- Over 25 meetings
- Serious challenges to get the railing we wanted
- 300+ hours
- Railing to be Completed Spring 2016

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## BASIC 2016 Year End Totals

- 38 Participating Employers
- Average of 54 Open Positions a month
- Average of 140 Available Openings a month
- 28K job posting views

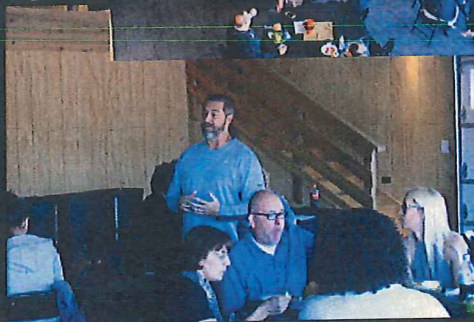


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## BASIC

### Key Partnerships & Council Members



## 2017 Obetz Jobs Initiatives



**HAMILTON**  
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



**COLUMBUS STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Career Pathways Programs
- Increased Marketing and Promotion
- Partnership with resources from Columbus State
- Growth of Current employers

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## PETITION

To The Council of The  
Village of Obetz, State of Ohio

The undersigned, owners of lots in the Village of Obetz in the immediate vicinity of Groveport Pike, respectfully petition your honorable body that the Groveport Pike be changed to Main Street within the Village of Obetz. Your petitioners further state that the reason for changing the name of said Groveport Pike is to avoid confusion in receiving United States mail and other deliveries since Groveport Pike is a continuing road which runs through other villages. Your petitioners further state that it will not be detrimental to the general interest and said change should be made.

Signed:

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

*Accepted by Council*  
*March - 4/1957*

## Rank Village

- 1 Village of Utopia  
10221 Utopia Rd., N.E.  
Utopia, OH 43085  
614 837 2731  
N.A.
- 2 Village of Commercial Point  
1376, Sec 10, N.  
Commercial Point, OH 43110  
614 877 9441  
carnestab@ohioa.gov
- 3 Village of Barbours  
51 E. 5th St.  
Barbours, OH 43004  
614 837 2024  
barbours@ohioa.gov
- 4 Village of Granville  
1411 E. 2nd St.  
Granville, OH 43023  
614 877 0127  
granville@ohioa.gov
- 5 Village of South Woodfield  
5021 S. Woodfield  
South Woodfield, OH 43085  
614 837 2541  
southwoodfield@ohioa.gov
- 6 Village of Pike City  
213 S. Olive St.  
Pike City, OH 43084  
614 877 3227  
pikecity@ohioa.gov
- 7 Village of Johnson  
5515 Main St.  
Johnson, OH 43024  
614 877 3117  
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- 8 Village of Ash-Jill  
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Ash-Jill, OH 43003  
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- 9 Village of Mentor  
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Mentor, OH 43055  
440 920 2500  
mentor@ohioa.gov
- 10 Village of Obetz  
417 E. Main St.  
Obetz, OH 43067  
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## Fastest-Growing Central Ohio Villages

Ranked by Change in population 2000-15

Locally Researched by: Robin Smith, Columbus Business First Jan 20, 2017, 6:00am EST

Central Ohio's villages are growing rapidly as well as its cities. We compare the 23 Central Ohio villages with estimated 2015 populations of more than 1,000. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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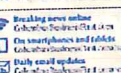


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CITYPlanning growth and  
expansion by population  
housing units Page 6COVER STORY  
**VILLAGES, BUT  
NOT FOR LONG**6 Central Ohio hamlets are  
poised to become cities.  
Here's why their managers  
say they'd rather not.

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**WHY RETAILERS  
KEEP CALLING ON  
DISMAS** 23**Predicting a  
year of caution**As a former chief economist for the region, Dymally is in the  
position of predicting the future. While companies and cities  
spend, they don't want to overpay for the right options.

BY KIMBERLY HARRIS

PEOPLE TO KNOW  
**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENT****BOB MURPHY ON LEAVING IN  
COLLEGE AND NOT COMING  
BACK** 15**SUVs buyers' top choice**  
With the ability to get up  
and go, SUVs are the most  
popular choice for buyers.  
BY KIMBERLY HARRIS**Cash to deal with post**  
Despite the fact that  
cash is still the most popular  
method of payment, it's  
being replaced by credit.  
BY KIMBERLY HARRIS**Market rules health care**  
The health care industry is  
a market that is constantly  
changing. It's a market that  
is constantly changing.  
BY KIMBERLY HARRIS**UNION REQUIREMENTS PART OF CITY PROCESS****Village  
Administrator  
Rod Davisson**

What challenges do you foresee from Obetz becoming a city at some point in the future? How will the village address those issues? Well, I don't think we want to become a city, but we're really not going to have a choice. Cities are more complex and expensive to operate under (Ohio) law. The only advantage is this feeling that, 'Hey, I live in a city.' We can offer the same exact services, but a village can do it more efficiently and cheaply because in my estimation it's a better form of government. But the law says that if you hit 5,000 (in population), you become a city, and we're prepared for that. We passed our charter and have done all the things from a legal perspective to be ready to operate as a city. The biggest (expense) will be collective bargaining. Villages don't have collective bargaining, and cities do. You're going to have people who are fans of unions, and people who are not fans of unions. But the fact of the matter is there is a difference in operating in a non-union environment and union environment. When you switch from a village to city, you have to be able to make that switch.

Are there any benefits from Obetz reaching city status? I'm aware of only the detriments of becoming a city. If you gave me a choice, we would stay a village forever. A village is a more efficient form of government for a number of reasons. But there will be no culture shock for us to change to a city except for implementation of the collective bargaining process. That's really our big challenge, and we've prepared for that in the sense that our employees in the human resources department, our attorneys and our administrators all have experience in that

environment. We prepared our charter for that, too, so we're ready to go. It will be a seamless transition for us.

What are the biggest changes on the horizon for Obetz in the next five years? How well are you positioned to respond to the expected growth? Our biggest challenges are managing growth and infrastructure, which is horrifically expensive...

We're able to get help from some of our partners at the Ohio Department of Transportation and Franklin County. We partner on a lot of projects, but all villages face the same infrastructure problems - roads, sewers, water plants and water lines... Those are the things that keep you awake at night. They are incredibly complex to manage and incredibly expensive. But that doesn't change whether you're a city or a village. The way you manage that stuff is that most villages and cities (in Ohio) are funded by income tax - that's your primary way to get money. We're doing wonderfully in that regard. We spend a great deal of time both recruiting new businesses to maintain our growth and, even more importantly, retaining the businesses we have. About 80 percent of your growth comes from the businesses that are already in town. You want those businesses to grow with you. We spend a great deal of time building relationships with them, helping however we can and encouraging them to grow. The No. 1, long-term challenge for Obetz is that we're out of land. We have room to annex and pick up another 1,000 acres, but because of a water and sewer agreement we made with Columbus literally before I was born, we have defined our boundaries and can never be bigger than that. Right now we're focused on expanding to new opportunities with the land we have remaining and as our companies leave, we would like to replace them with ones with a bigger pool of employees. If they stay, we want to help them grow into a business with a more dense pool of employees.



## Hottest real-estate market in central Ohio? Try Obetz



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HIDE CAPTION

For the first eight months of the year, Obetz home sales were up almost 80 percent over the same period of 2015, compared with 5 percent for the Columbus area. - Barbara J. Perencic | Dispatch

## Obetz says lacrosse stadium eventually will pay for itself



**OBEZ STADIUM RENOVATION**  
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NOVEMBER 17, 2016

SITE AERIAL PERSPECTIVE

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	2015	Population	Value Per Resident
New Albany	\$ 149,615,920	6,601	22,666
Dublin	\$ 608,646,000	34,967	17,406
<b>Obetz</b>	<b>\$ 79,377,545</b>	<b>4,680</b>	<b>16,961</b>
Westerville	\$ 330,371,682	30,370	10,878
Groveport	\$ 51,435,316	5,404	9,518
Grove City	\$ 252,865,161	34,027	7,431
Grandview Heights	\$ 49,222,011	6,698	7,349
Hilliard	\$ 198,244,006	28,927	6,853
Gahanna	\$ 211,822,821	34,443	6,150
Reynoldsburg	\$ 135,220,203	28,955	4,670
Upper Arlington	\$ 108,424,000	34,035	3,186
Columbus	\$ 2,402,858,000	760,303	3,160
Worthington	\$ 39,683,491	14,228	2,789
Whitehall	\$ 22,908,745	19,214	1,192
Minerva Park	\$ 1,001,386	1,288	777