



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR - CHRISTOPHER GETTY
CLERK - ELYSE HOFFENBERG
ASSESSOR - PATRICK HYNES
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER - SEAN McDERMOTT
TRUSTEE - COLLEEN H. KELLY
TRUSTEE - GARY B. CROSSMAN
TRUSTEE - DONNA BAFFOE-McDONALD
TRUSTEE - MARK ANDERSON

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS STAFF

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:

JOE BONOMO, SHERRIE MARROTTA, MARY VANALLEN

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

CARRIE BERNARDONI, IRENE FARBO, JENNIFER O'SULLIVAN

MENTAL HEALTH:

RON MELKA, DIRECTOR; JAZMIN LOPEZ

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

KATHY ROSENBECK, JOE BETZ, MIKE MUHR

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION:

QUINN CORCORAN, DIRECTOR

BUS DRIVERS:

RONALD GROSS, ART KRASOWSKI, KEVIN McMURRAY, MICHELE WEYRICK

CLERK'S OFFICE:

GEORGE PACH, DEPUTY CLERK; NOUR JAGHAMA

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**LYONS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES
FOR
JANUARY 2023 THRU DECEMBER 2023**

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Township of Lyons, County of Cook, State of Illinois, SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT 6:00 P.M. on the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, except for the Annual Town Meeting which is set by State Statute.

FINANCE HEARINGS for budget and levies for the General Town and Road and Bridge funds shall be held at the regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AND/OR RESCHEDULED MEETINGS shall be announced by posted, published and/or written notices.

Action may be taken regarding any old or new business as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees, at any scheduled Board Meeting.

All meetings shall be held at the LYONS TOWNSHIP MEETING HALL, located at 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING shall be scheduled for a time and place that will be announced by Public Notice.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES, TUESDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

January	10, 2023	May	9, 2023	September	12, 2023
February	14, 2023	June	13, 2023	October	10, 2023
March	14, 2023	July	11, 2023	November	14, 2023
April*	11, 2023	August	8, 2023	December	12, 2023

*Annual Town Meeting follows Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATES, MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

January	23, 2023	May	15, 2023	September	18, 2023
February	27, 2023	June	26, 2023	October	16, 2023
March	20, 2023	July	TBD	November	20, 2023
April	17, 2023	August	TBD	December	NONE

THIS LIST OF DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2023, IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES.
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. MINUTES ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE CLERK, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

SET FORTH BY: ELYSE HOFFENBERG, TOWNSHIP CLERK, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022

ELYSE HOFFENBERG
TOWNSHIP CLERK

**Supervisor's Financial Statement/Settlement
General Town Fund**

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2022	3,218,472.91
Income	
Property Tax 2021	1,563,209.30
Replacement Tax	274,676.18
PACE Grant	57,597.83
Interest Income	11,912.42
Other Income	7,953.92
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Total Income	1,915,349.65
Expense	
Compensation Of Town Officers	239,557.24
Town Hall Expenses	373,018.04
Town Offices	802,075.75
Community Programs	236,122.78
Senior Transportation	280,155.71
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Total Expenses	1,930,929.52
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2023	<u><u>3,202,893.04</u></u>

**Supervisor's Financial Statement/Settlement
Special Police Protection Fund**

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2022	243,477.22
Income	
Property Tax 2021	77,616.35
Replacement Tax	26,687.51
Interest Income	209.79
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Total Income	104,513.65
Expense	
Cook County Sheriff's Police Dept.	84,240.00
Total Vendors Under \$2,500	1,450.00
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Total Expenses	85,690.00
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2023	262,300.87
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**Supervisor's Financial Statement/Settlement
General Assistance Fund**

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2022	149,983.56
Income	
Property Tax 2021	182,526.83
Interest Income	13.52
Other Income	6.50
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Total Income	182,546.85
Expense	
Administration	156,678.90
Home Relief	4,250.00
Crisis/Community Assistance	10,000.00
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Total Expenses	170,928.90
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2023	161,601.51
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**Road District Treasurer's Annual Report
Road Bridge Fund**

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2022	1,279,710.12
Income	
Property Tax 2021	759,150.14
Replacement Tax	141,812.83
Fines Income	1,028.40
Interest Income	1,127.00
Other Income	2,700.00
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Total Income	905,818.37
Expense	
Administration	178,784.34
Maintenance/Roads	604,018.27
Street Lighting	13,252.10
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Total Expenses	796,054.71
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2023	1,389,473.78
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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR
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As your elected Supervisor of the Township of Lyons. I will continue to work with the Town Board to provide services to all the residents of Lyons Township.

The Township Senior Transportation service free of charge to our senior residents and those with disability. Lyons Township is one of the remaining few townships in the State of Illinois that still does not charge a fare for senior transportation and is funded with Township property taxes.

Since 2012, the Township, in partnership with Community Memorial Foundation and Greater Chicago Area Food Depository, sponsors monthly mobile food banks to our residents each year. Dates and sites are posted on our website at www.lyonstownship.gov. Volunteers from the host site, St. Blasé Parish in Summit, Village of Justice, and Pleasantview Fire Protection District in Hodgkins distribute the food.

Grants were approved by the Town Board to support not for profit agencies that provide youth, senior, disabled and family orientated programs. The Township's Summer Intern Program employed forty-two college-aged Township residents. The interns worked over 12,562 hours at twenty-two agencies within the Township.

I would like to thank all the employees and volunteers of the Township of Lyons. It has been a pleasure to work with our Town Board and I commend their dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of the Township of Lyons.

Best Regards,

Christopher Getty
Supervisor



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-23

The Township of Lyons Clerk's office is honored to highlight the progress and services we have provided in 2022-23 under the management of Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg. It is always our goal to provide an honest and reliable government to Township of Lyons residents.

The Township is proud of our partnership with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and Chicago Internal Medicine Practice and Research (CIMPAR), which has allowed our facility to consistently serve as a flu shot, Monkeypox, and COVID-19 vaccine clinic. Our routine vaccine drives have provided over 200 residents of the Township, and the surrounding area, with all doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as the Monkeypox vaccine and flu shots. Those vaccinated include seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and many others. Our commitment to ensure the health and safety of the Township's residents against COVID-19 is ongoing, and CCDPH and CIMPAR identified the Township of Lyons office as "essential for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine". As long as the pandemic persists, the Township will be a vaccine clinic.

The Clerk participated in community bonding events at the Township in which residents were welcomed to stop by, have coffee and desserts, and get to know the Township's elected officials, and each other. These events are recurring and help to create and maintain an environment in which community members are comfortable approaching their elected officials with any challenges they may encounter.

One of the most important aspects of the Clerk's leadership role is the connection and maintenance of partnerships with community members and organizations. This equips the office with the ability to distribute information and resources to Township residents. We would like to recognize those groups we have partnered with: Arab American Family Services, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Eira Sepulveda, Summit Park District, Cook County Department of Public Health, Chicago Internal Medicine Practice and Research, Illinois Secretary of State's Office, Illinois State Treasurer, Toys for Tots, Village of Bridgeview, all local school districts, League of

Women Voters of the LaGrange Area, Citizens Utility Board, NAMI, Southwest Collective, Go Green La Grange, Lions Club and Northshore Clinical Labs.

The Clerk's Office holds the Mobile I.D. and I-CA\$H program on multiple dates annually. The program enables residents to obtain a new driver's license, an Illinois State ID card, renew their license plates, and have their vision tested. In addition; our residents can make claims to get money back from the Illinois State Treasurer.

Typically, the office also hosts the AARP Defensive Driving class; a course in which adults aged 50 years and above are given an opportunity to refresh their driving skills and earn a discount on their auto insurance. We hope to provide this program to our residents in the near future as the COVID-19 pandemic has halted this course.

As a convenience to our residents, notary services are provided by the Clerk's office free of charge to any who seek it. Two notaries are at the public's service.

The Township's website and social media platforms are regularly updated with important information, including events within the Township, public health information, and board meeting agendas and minutes. The website is user-friendly and all documents are easy to access.

The Clerk's office collects tattered and worn American flags so they can be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

We are proud to offer multiple recycling opportunities at the Township. We are currently participating in the following initiatives:

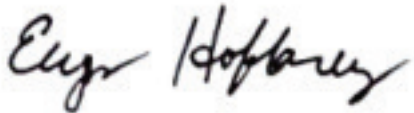
- **SOLES4SOULS COLLECTION:** In conjunction with Go Green La Grange, the Clerk's office accepts gently worn shoes. Those in good shape are re-conditioned for re-use for those in need. Shoes beyond hope are ground up and re-purposed as playground surface material.
- **PUT A CORK IN IT:** In conjunction with Go Green La Grange, corks can be dropped off for recycling outside the Clerk's Office. Some are used by Vintners if they deem them reusable, otherwise, they are sent to recork.com where they are ground up and reconstituted as bulletin boards, trivets, footwear, etc.
- **Pop-Tops for Ronald McDonald House:** An effort the Township has proudly been a partner of for years. Pop tabs can be brought to the Clerk's office; they are donated to the Ronald McDonald House to raise money for the charity.
- **Eye Glass & Cell Phone Recycling:** Collecting for the Lions' Club. Collection bin outside of Clerk's Office.

The Clerk's Office was able to provide 103 temporary Handicap Placards to our residents while they awaited their permanent one from the Secretary of State in Springfield.

Vehicle Stickers for those living in the unincorporated areas of Lyons Township are now only available through the Cook County Department of Revenue at wheel.tax@cookcountyil.gov or by calling 312-603-7301. However, if you need assistance in transmitting any of your information to the Department of Revenue please stop by our office and we will be happy to help you.

We hope you utilize this year's Annual Book as a resource for important information regarding the Township. We do our best to inform our citizens and deliver excellent service!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elyse Hoffenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Township of Lyons Clerk

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS



The Assessor's Office and Clerk's Office have been participating in the Toys for Tots campaign for the last 5 years. Each year, the amount of toys donated by our taxpayers increases. We appreciate all the support they have given. This helps underprivileged children receive Christmas gifts that may not have received otherwise.



We continue to collect pop tops to give to the Ronald McDonald House. It takes approximately 1,128 pop tabs to equal **one pound**. They typically receive between **\$0.40** to **\$0.50** per pound of pop tabs. This program brings in an average of **\$6,000** each year. They use this money to fund the Ronald McDonald House.

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Last year the Lyons Township Assessor's office conducted a survey using available county data to identify taxpayers missing valuable tax savings exemptions. We were able to contact these taxpayers through local outreach and direct personal contact. The Assessor's office helped secure \$1.2 million in refunds for our constituents through this effort.

Our office also conducted an audit of county data used by the Cook County Assessor's Office to allocate the property tax burden across our township. Erroneous data makes it difficult to achieve a fair and equitable property tax distribution. We discovered and corrected erroneous assessments and returned fifty missing properties back to the tax rolls. As a result, we were able to reduce the tax burden for our remaining taxpayers by over one million dollars.

Finally, we helped our taxpayers manage the appeals process to secure successful reductions in assessed value. In total, the Lyons Township Assessor's Office returned over \$2.5 million to the taxpayers in our township. For every dollar spent on our office we return eleven in real property tax savings.

I would like to thank Irene Farbo, Carrie Bernardoni, and Jennifer O'Sullivan for their tireless work pouring through county data searching for errors.

We are lucky to retain an experienced staff with decades of local property tax expertise. We participate in continuing education workshops, certification classes, and follow the ever-changing property tax landscape. Our staff maintain membership in several professional assessment organizations including, the International Association of Assessing Officers, the CIAO association, Women's Property Tax Association, and the Illinois Chapter of the IAAO.

We are available for outreach events and have hosted property tax forums at the township office and throughout the community. Last year, we hosted the Cook County Clerk and Cook County Board of Review. If your

community organization would like to host a presentation with the Assessor to discuss property tax related issues, please contact our office.

Property taxes in Cook County are expensive and confusing. If you have questions or concerns about your taxes, please reach out by phone, email, or visit. We are happy to put our experience to work for you. This office is first and foremost your local property tax advocate. Please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss your specific property tax situation.

I look forward to meeting you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Hynes".

Patrick Hynes



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Over 20 miles of road are maintained by the Lyons Township Highway Department. They also provide a variety of services throughout the year for the residents of unincorporated Lyons Township. The Highway Department issues permits for construction, replaces street signs, in addition to road resurfacing, storm damage clean-up, and snow removal and salting.



Culvert Replacement



Drainage Improvement



Street Resurfacing





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**GENERAL ASSISTANCE
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General Assistance is a State of Illinois program the Township of Lyons administers to improve the welfare of needy residents with financial assistance for basic living expenses. This program provides short-term assistance until individuals qualify for an appropriate State or Federal aid program or secure employment. Residents of the Township are assessed on property tax bills to fund the General Assistance Program. To be eligible for General Assistance, an applicant cannot be receiving funds through any other government program. The Township of Lyons employs a budgeting system pursuant to the Township Supervisors of Illinois General Assistance manual.

Residents are encouraged to contact the General Assistance office to find out what resources are available from Township, County, State and Federal programs.

There are numerous agencies and volunteers who serve our community and General Assistance refers many individuals for their services. Food pantries located in the communities work together with General Assistance to provide food from their pantries to local residents. The Township of Lyons partnered with the Community Memorial Foundation to fund twelve mobile food pantries through The Greater Chicago Food Depository. We would like to thank St. Blasé Parish Church in Summit, Pleasantview Fire Protection District in Hodgkins and the Village of Justice for hosting and providing volunteers for the Mobile Food Pantry program.

The Township of Lyons provides free discount prescription cards through Coast2Coast Rx. Cards are available in the General Assistance office or online at www.coast2coastrx.com. *This plan is not insurance.*

The Township of Lyons and the General Assistance Office would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks and appreciation to those agencies and volunteers who serve residents across the Township of Lyons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary VanAllen
Caseworker



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Special Police Protection District

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The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department began handling hire-back Patrol Duties for LaGrange Highlands in 2016. The hire-back hours that the Officers patrol are between 3:30p.m. -9:30p.m. The Officers in the Patrol Division are the front line, immediate first responders of the Sheriff's Police. Police Officers submit Daily Activity Reports that detail their presence and patrol throughout LaGrange Highlands, and Unincorporated sections of the Township of Lyons. Sheriff's Police handle patrol duties on the day shift and overnight shift in LaGrange Highlands. The extra hire-back presence is a deterrent to crime and allows for better communication between shift changes with Officers from the same Department.

Sheriff's Contact Information:

Tips to contact the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department:

In emergency, call 9-1-1

Non-emergency (847) 635-1188

Information to give to dispatcher: Exact address where you want the police, with nearest major street intersection, brief description of the problem, your name and phone number (or you may remain anonymous if the incident does not directly involve you), and whether or not you want the officer to contact you. Write down dispatcher's name, and date and time you called.

The sooner you call, the sooner you will receive help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Anderson, Trustee Liaison Special Police



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**TOWNSHIP OF LYONS SENIOR TRANSPORTATION
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This service provides transportation for Seniors over age 60 and any adult with a Disability who reside in the Township of Lyons.

Registration can be easily done over the phone. Call to make Reservations.

Call office Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:00pm; (708) 354-0292

The priority of this program serves those with Medical appointments first.

We will travel two miles beyond the Township borders for Medical appointments only.

The Medical locations include: Hospitals: La Grange, Hinsdale, Hines VA.
Loyola Hospitals and clinics in Berwyn, Burr Ridge, La Grange, and Maywood.
We transport to all **Medical** offices and facilities throughout the Township.

NOTE: Please Make Reservations as soon as you confirm your Medical Appointment!
This will ensure we can accommodate your date in advance as routes fill up fast!

NOTE: People call in for Medical appointments weeks and months in advance!
Please call early so we can be able to schedule your trip! You can reserve a trip as far in advance as you want. No worries if you cancel your reservation later.

Township Borders are:

NORTH: Ogden Ave **SOUTH:** 87TH Street **WEST:** County Line Road
EAST: Harlem Ave

This is a free service for eligible residents of the Township.

All our buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

**CALL OFFICE THE DAY BEFORE YOU WANT TO SHOP & MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION**

Grocery Shopping Days are:

Tuesday or Thursday

Brookfield, Burr Ridge,
Countryside, Hinsdale, Hodgkin's,
Indian Head Park, LaGrange
LaGrange Highlands, Lyons
McCook, North Willow Springs,
and Western Springs.

Wednesday or Friday

Bedford Park,
Bridgeview, Hickory
Hills, Justice, South
Willow Springs, and
Summit.

You may go grocery shopping once a week & the limit is THREE Bags.

Other shopping: Call office as days may change.

Quarry Mall, Hodgkin's---Weekly based on availability.

Countryside Plaza, Check for available days each month.

Grocery shopping is based on availability after Medical trips are scheduled.

Call office if you need help obtaining groceries if you have no one to drive you.

Please call office to determine availability for any shopping trips

WE work together with Agencies & organizations throughout the Township.

These include Aging Care Connections, Interfaith Community Partners, People Care of Riverside,

Township area Food Pantry's, BEDS Program, and many others working with our passengers.

We have a Wellness Program we are immensely proud of. This is our way of looking after our passengers throughout the Township who are alone or in need. We work closely with families and the above agencies in supporting anyone needing assistance. We are grateful for our drivers who are providing dedicated caring and safe journeys every day!

We appreciate the support of the Township Supervisor, Board of Trustees, and all Township staff.

I welcome your calls or emails on any questions, concerns you may have.

We look forward to seeing you on the bus!

Best wishes and take care of each other!

Quinn T. Corcoran
Director of Senior Transportation



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**COMMITTEE ON YOUTH
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In 2023, The Lyons Township Committee on Youth is looking forward to bolstering our existing programs and developing new programs to offer to the township youth. Under Illinois law, the Committee on Youth is required to establish and support programs to prevent juvenile crime.

The law permits the Committee on Youth great latitude in determining the best way to prevent juvenile delinquency. Thus, the Township Committee on Youth has set up working relationships with the organizations that serve township youth including Parents University at Lyons Township High School and the Nazareth Academy Snowball program. The Committee on Youth also sponsors youth organizations and park district functions throughout the township.

A long-standing program is the Townships Summer Intern Work program, which last year employed forty-two college-age Township residents. The interns worked 12, 562 hours at twenty-two agencies within the Township.

Once again, we need to thank all the extended members of the Committee on Youth for their efforts in supporting these most worthwhile activities. The entire community benefits because of their tireless dedication and service.

Very truly yours,

Donna Baffoe-McDonald
Trustee Liaison Committee on Youth



TOWNSHIP OF LYONS
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ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2022-23

History & Overview

The Lyons Township Mental Health Commission is charged by Illinois Statute to plan, fund and monitor community-based services for people with mental health and substance abuse problems, as well as for those who suffer from developmental disabilities. Created in 1972 pursuant to a township-wide referendum, the Commission provides community grants-in-aid and other funding to local agencies that provide direct services to Lyons Township residents in need. Funding is generated by a small annual property tax distributed by the Commission after careful planning and assessment of need. Since its inception over 40 years ago, the Commission has disbursed over \$78 million in community-based support to assist Lyons Township residents with these disabilities.

Mission Statement

Lyons Township Mental Health Commission Advances A Network Of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, And Substance Abuse Services For Creating A Healthier Community.

Guiding Principals

- Promote coordinated mental health services through judicious use of funding resources
- Fosters and maintains a high level of client-focused services
- Provide leadership to a collaborative community-based mental health network

Strategic Priorities

Ultimately, four key strategic priority areas were identified, highlighting activities and initiatives that the Commission should focus on in both the short-and long-term. The strategic priority areas are: 1) leveraging collaboration and partnership; 2) financial stewardship and long-term planning; 3) community engagement and support of critical services; and 4) awareness through advocacy and education.

Funded Agencies & Programs

The Commission funds a broad array of programs and services, including:

Pillars Community Health

- Behavioral Health Counseling for Adults, Children, Families, and Seniors
- Community Support Services for Persons living with mental health conditions
- Employment Counseling for Persons living with mental health conditions
- School-based clinical mental health support
- Addictions Treatment and Prevention Services
- Lyons Township Drug Free Coalition lead and fiscal agent
- Mental Health Crisis Response, Intervention and Stabilization
- Sexual Assault Services (inclusive of 24-hour help-line and response)
- Domestic Violence Services (inclusive of emergency shelter, 24-hour help line and response)
- Children's Bereavement Program (Buddy's Place)
- Health Center Services – primary medical and oral healthcare, prenatal care, psychiatry and behavioral health services
- Community based outreach, education and prevention
- Benefits assistance and enrollment

NAMI Metro Suburban

- Living Room Program is a safe place where you can talk with a peer if you are experiencing life's emotional stresses.
- Community Education and Outreach

Helping Hand

- Helping Hand Therapeutic School for Children with I/DD (EC to 22 years old)
- Outpatient Clinic (OT, Speech, Behavior, Food, Social)
- Adult Community Day Care and Education Services
- Community Residential Living Services
- Aging (dementia) day program and community living
- Vocational training, placement, and support
- Special Recreation

Community Support Services

- Respite Care provides important, intermittent breaks for parents. Respite helps families stay together and reduces the stress that many parents experience.
- Case Management is provided to all CSS participants by service coordinators who assesses the needs of the participant and their family, and arranges, coordinates, monitors, evaluates, and advocates for a variety of services to meet their specific needs.
- Our Adult Independent Living Program supports adults who live on their own as well as those who reside in one of our eight community group homes.
- Community Day Services is a fresh approach to traditional day programming where adults choose meaningful ways to spend their day. Some activities include structured volunteer work; creative classes in art, music, and dance; activities of daily living; health and wellness classes; group exercise; classes structured around developing job skills and job searching; etc.
- Customized Employment Programs are tailored for adults with disabilities who want to

work in the community.

- Home-Based Support Services helps identify, secure, and maintain the services families need.
- CSS Academy Programs provide classes and workshops in a progressive community environment in the areas of life skills, the arts, vocational and health and wellness.

Center For Independence Through Conductive Education

- Intensive Motor Training Programs for Children and Young Adults with Physical Disabilities, including Early intervention, Assistive Technology, Physical, Occupational & Developmental Therapy.
- Vocational Training & Job Placement Programs for Teens/Young Adults with Varying Disabilities that includes Employment Soft Skill Development, Job Development & Placement, Short-Term Job Coaching and Long-Term Volunteer Mentoring.
- Job Shadow & Youth Outreach Programs for local Teens interested in working with children and adults with disabilities.
- Social Work Services, Counseling, Case Management, Respite Program & Parent Training Workshops for Families Raising Children with Physical Disabilities.

Aging Care Connections

- Adult Protective Services Program helps vulnerable older adults and adults with disabilities experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- Caregiver Support Program helps caregivers deal with being a primary caretaker and for caring for themselves. Specialists offer one-on-one support at home or via phone.
- Aging Well Month brings together older adults, businesses, healthcare and social services, and health education to create a "Health Neighborhood" that supports life-long wellness, prevention and an age-friendly community.

The LeaderShop

- Programs provided within the Middle School & High School Leadership Programs
- Leadership Development Conference
- High School Teen Leader Training Program
- Volunteer Service Opportunities (all ages)
- After School Homework Programs (LaGrange, and Summit)
- Adult/Youth Mentoring Program
- Camp LeaderShop - Summer only
- Winter Camp - Winter School Break
- Mental Health First Aid Trainings (Youth Curriculum)
- Court appointed Community Service

BEDS Plus Care, Inc.

- Mental Health/SUD Services
- Rental Assistance
- Housing Programs
- Employment program.
- Case management, access and linkages to community-based safety net programs.

The Commission partners with the **Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township** that meets monthly in the Mental Health Commission office and via Zoom. Its mission is "to build a healthy, safe and drug-free community" through education, advocacy, policy

change and environmental change.

In addition, the Commission provides **Mental Health First Aid Training** to local units of government, police, fire/EMS personnel, service organizations, schools and the community.

Program Services and Financial Overview

Chart 1 – FY 2022 Lyons Township Residents Receiving Assistance

Chart 2 – FY 2022 Hours of Service Provided by Program Area

Chart 3 – FY 2022 Community-Based Funding

Chart 4 – FY 2022 Funding by Service Category

Chart 5 – FY 2022 Revenue

Chart 6 – FY 2022 Expenditures

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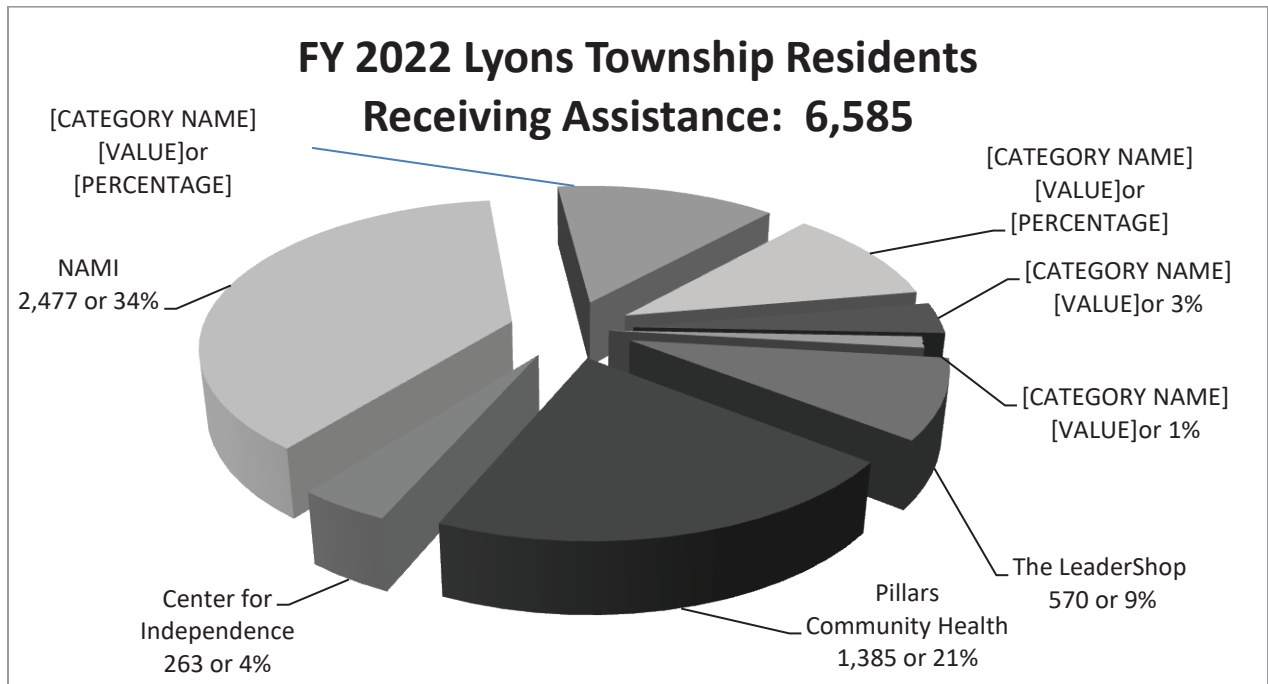


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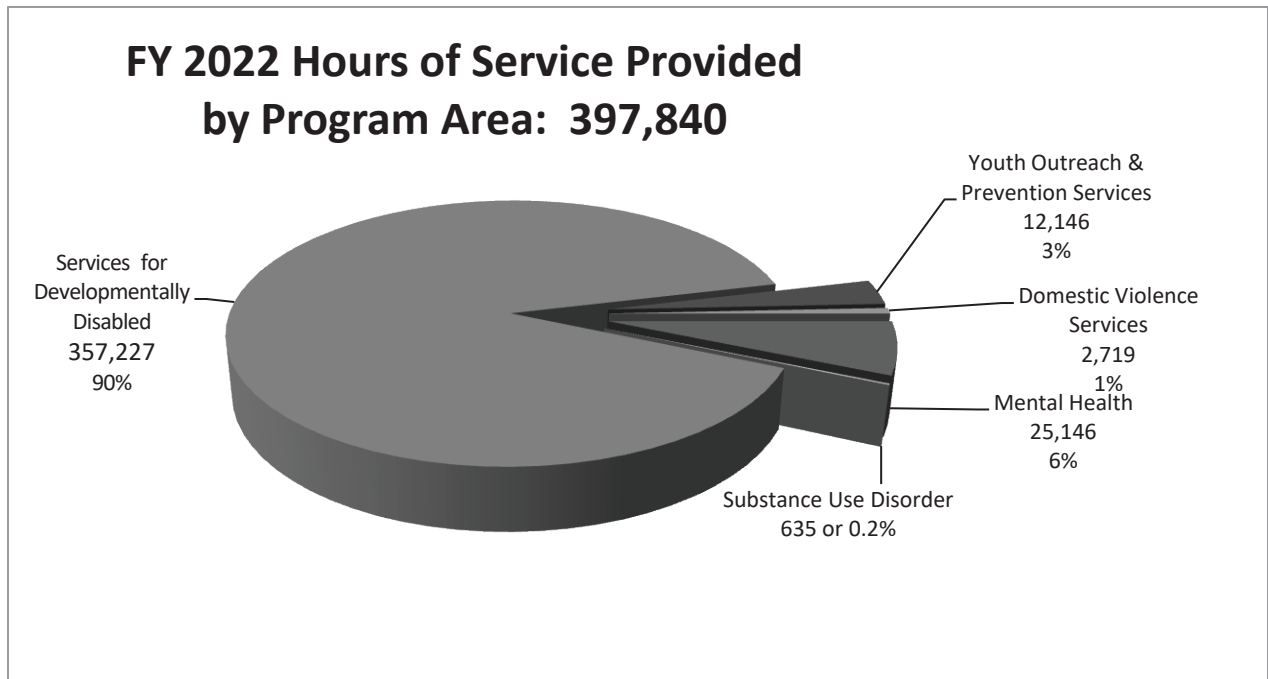


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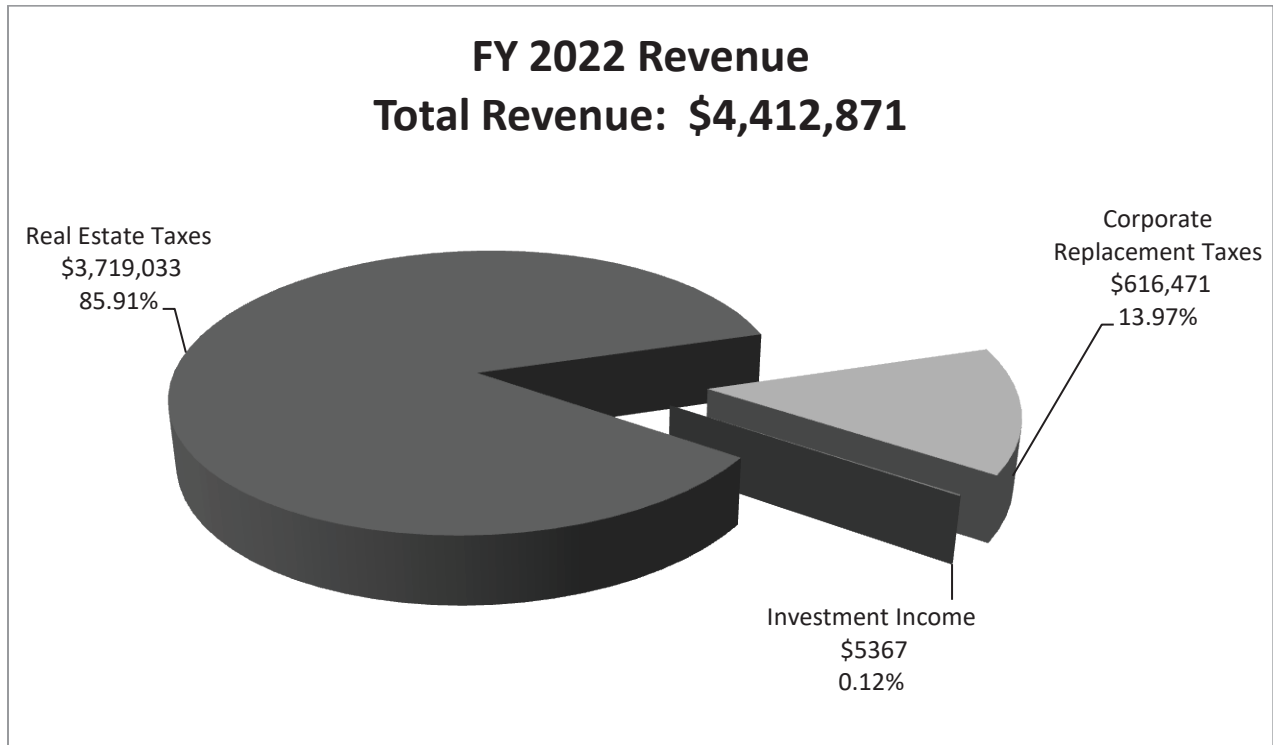


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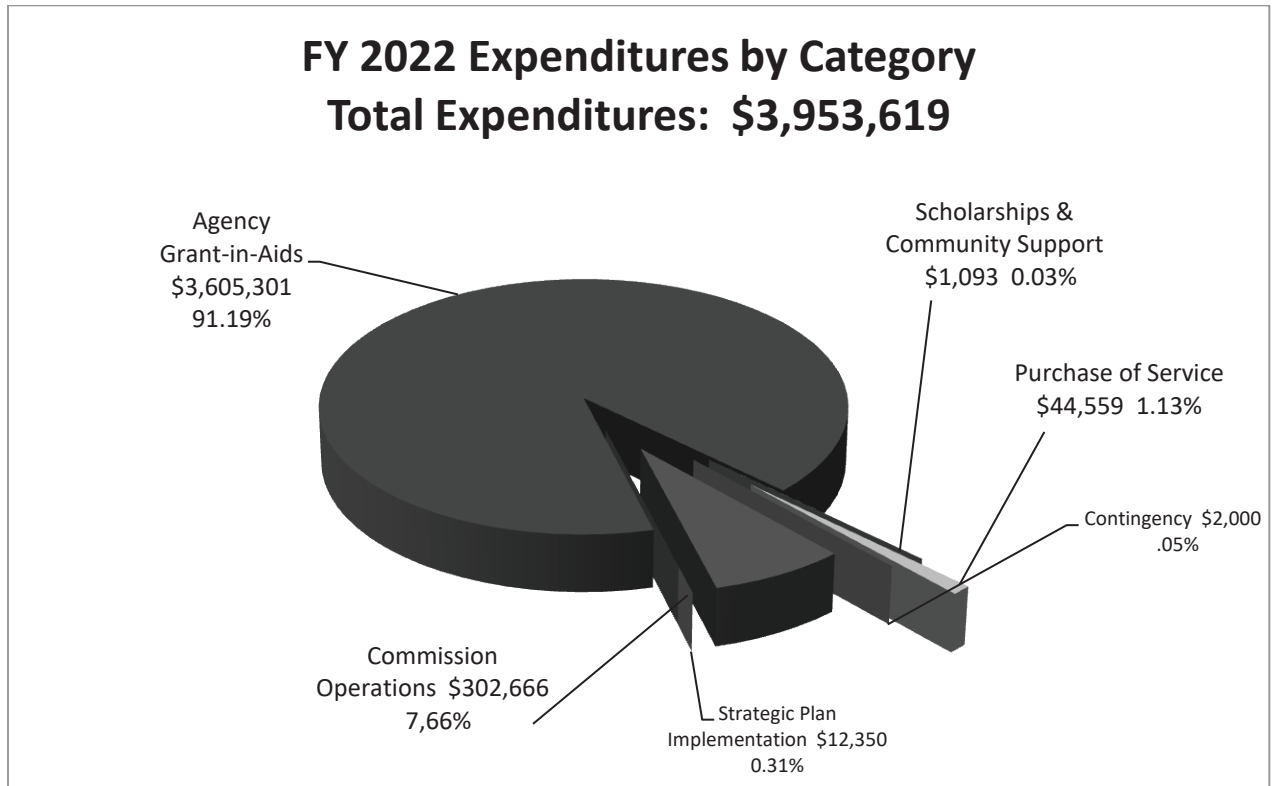


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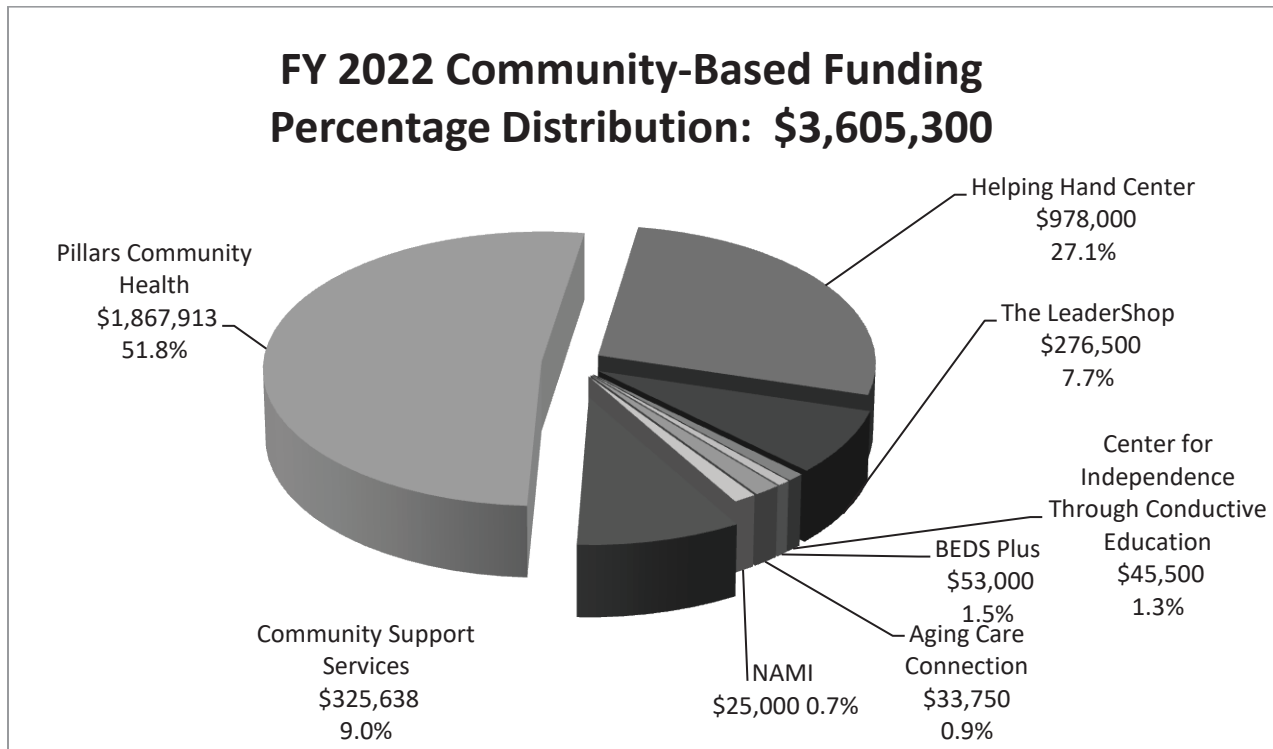
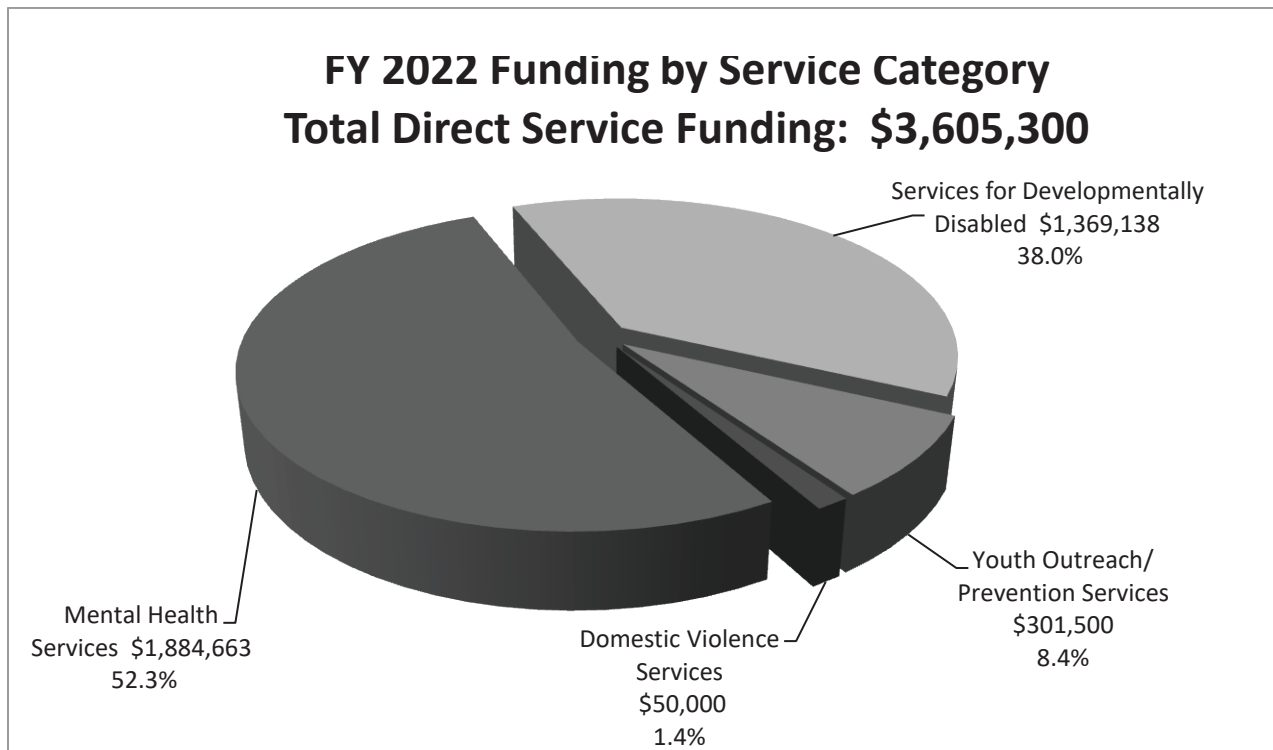


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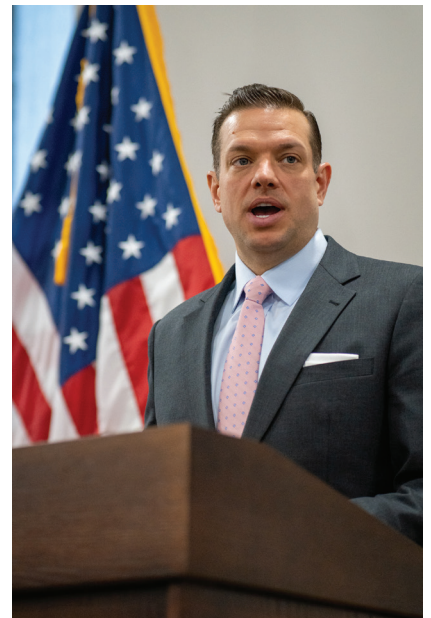
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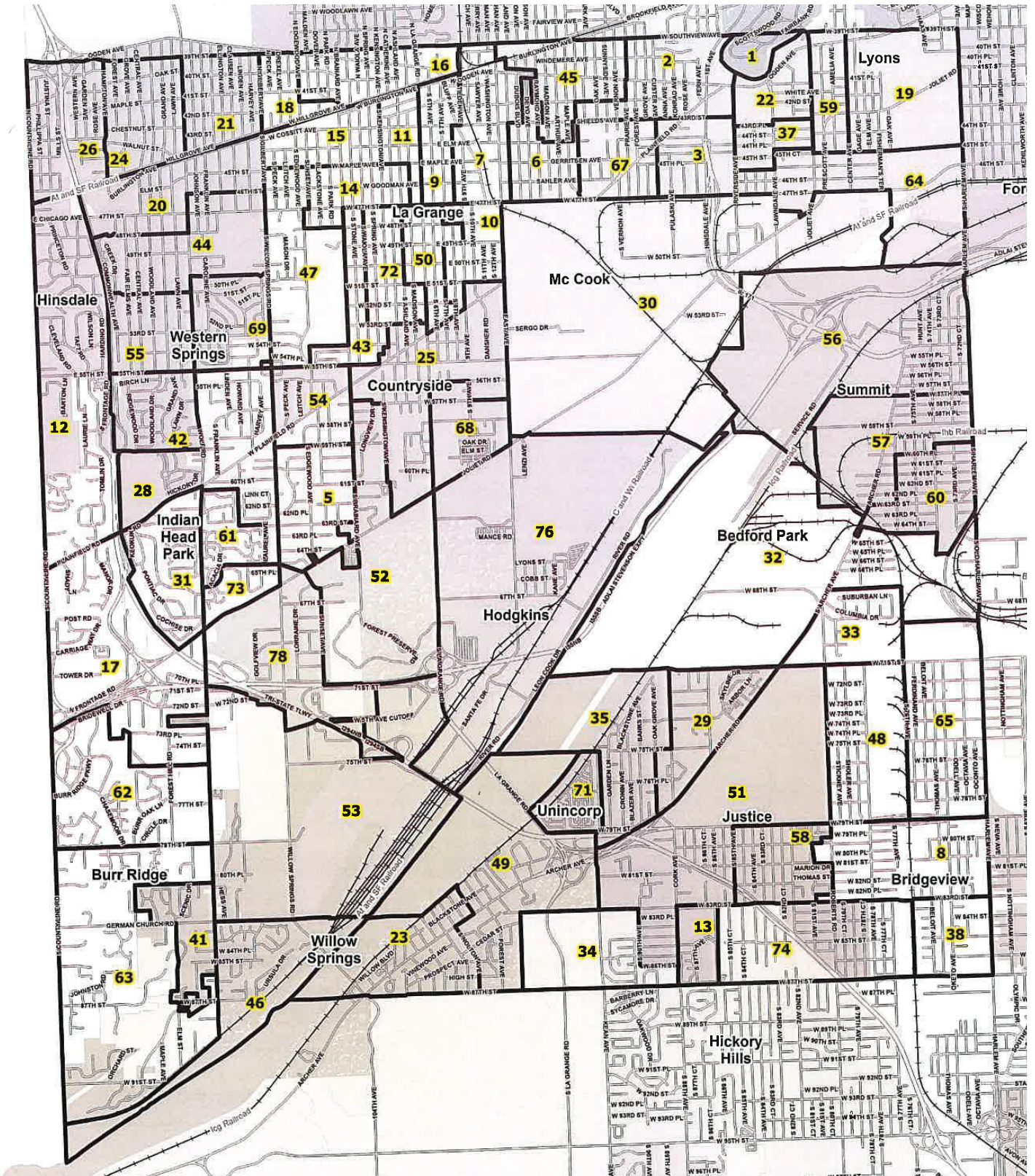
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