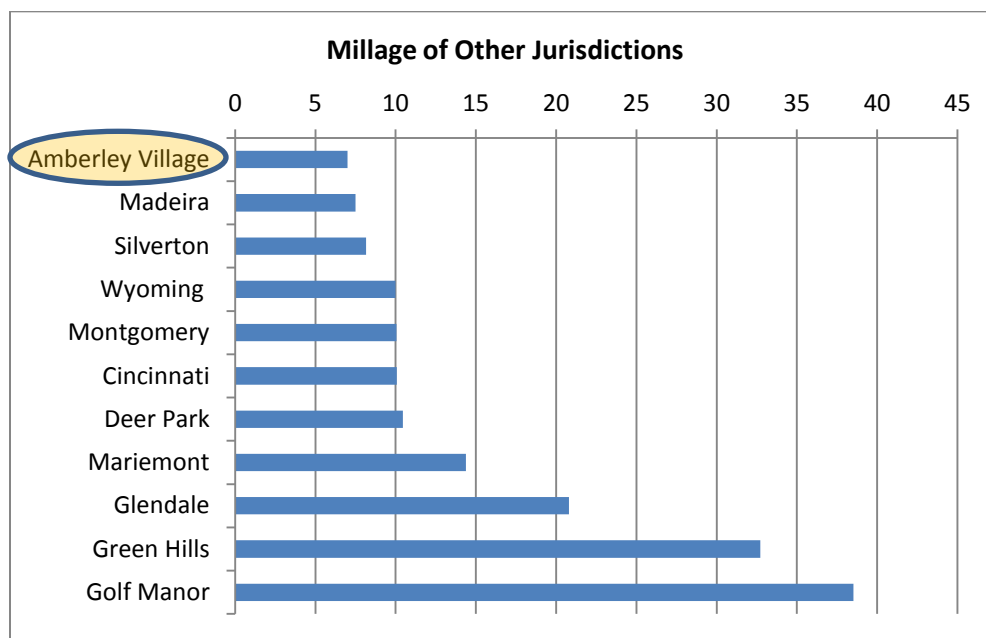


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Amberley Village has one of the lowest property tax rates in Hamilton County as shown below:



These millage rates are prior to the State budget cuts and it is likely many of these same localities will have to raise additional millage in the future.

Cuts have been made Village wide that include the Police Department such as not replacing vacant positions, pay freezes for 2 years and restricting overtime. New cruisers were not purchased in 2010, 2011, or planned for 2012. Employees have absorbed a greater cost of their health insurance and the benefit plan has been reduced. Our Police Department continues to look for ways to cut costs to keep the tax burden as low as possible for our residents.

Despite budget cuts and continued savings realized within the Police Department, the State of Ohio has eliminated significant revenue that helped fund our services.

Keeping Amberley Village a secure place to live and raise a family has always been a steadfast priority for Village Council, our Police Department and residents alike. Recognizing this importance, the Village Police Department has undergone extensive measures to ensure we have a police force of the highest caliber that provides effective and efficient safety services for the community. Their efforts and dedication have earned the department the status of being Nationally Accredited. Less than 10% of Police Departments nationally have been successful in earning and maintaining the distinction of accreditation.

The Nationally Accredited Police Department also serves as the Village Fire Department. While nearly all local governments in Ohio have separate police and fire services, Amberley's police and fire are combined, one of only 30 consolidated departments known in the United States. This unusual and very efficient emergency service saves significant tax dollars each year.

compared to many other separate suburban full-time fire departments in our area. For example, Evendale's police and fire services cost \$5.2 million while Indian Hill's cost is \$4.5 million compared to our cost of \$2.9 million. Efficiency and effectiveness in Amberley has been a cornerstone of our service delivery, but a permanent reduction in expenditures, new revenue sources and changes in the organization structure are the only viable ways to ensure our long-term sustainability.

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer is hosting "Visit with the Village Manager" from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. every Thursday evening, in council chambers at Village Hall, from January 12 through March 1 to answer resident questions about the police levy. If you would like to attend, just show up.

If you would like more information about Village finances or the upcoming levy, please feel free to contact the Village. Also, subscribe to our E-News at [www.AmberleyVillage.org](http://www.AmberleyVillage.org).