

**PRESS RELEASE AS ISSUED BY THE OHIO TREASURER'S OFFICE
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In a first-of-its-kind statewide transparency initiative, the Village of Burbank has partnered with Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's office to post the village's checkbook level spending online at OhioCheckbook.com.

Burbank joined this growing transparency movement by launching their local checkbook spending site on September 24. You can view how your money is spent by visiting Burbank.OhioCheckbook.com.

This past December, Treasurer Mandel launched OhioCheckbook.com, which for the first time in Ohio history posts all state spending information on the internet. Treasurer Mandel recently expanded OhioCheckbook.com to include local government and school districts across Ohio by inviting local officials to partner with the Treasurer's office to post their spending information online, at no cost to local governments.

Since that invitation, hundreds of counties, cities, schools, townships and special districts across Ohio have joined the movement towards greater transparency by partnering with the Treasurer's office, and last month, the first 114 of these local transparency sites launched live on OhioCheckbook.com.

"I believe the people of Ohio have a right to know how their tax money is being spent at the state and local level," said Treasurer Mandel. "By partnering and posting local government and school checkbooks on OhioCheckbook.com, taxpayers across Ohio are empowered with a powerful tool to hold public officials accountable within their communities."

The Village of Burbank is a part of the first wave of local governments and schools to participate in this transparency partnership and open the checkbook for citizens to follow their money.

"Burbank voted to participate in this excellent program because of the transparency that will be afforded our residents in just how their local government is spending their tax dollars," said Burbank Fiscal Officer Gary Harris. "The Ohio Checkbook website offers our residents the ability to review and question any expenditure made by the Village going back to 2013 and updated monthly going forward. In addition, we do plan to add a link on our Village website to Ohio Checkbook to allow our residents even quicker access to their Village financial expenditures."

You can view Burbank's online checkbook at Burbank.OhioCheckbook.com.

To learn more, visit OhioCheckbook.com and select the “Local Gov & Schools” option.