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Bellefontaine, Pleasant Township and Valley Hi are among the first wave of 114 local government and school districts to launch spending sites on Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's OhioCheckbook.com.

Mr. Mandel's office launched the website last year, setting a new national standard for government transparency and, for the first time in Ohio history, reporting all state spending information on the internet.

"The Ohio Checkbook provides a transparency of the expenditures of Bellefontaine," said City Auditor Jack Reser said. "OhioCheckbook and the annual state audit provide the resources for our citizens and the assurance that Bellefontaine is working to ensure the taxpayers' resources are being used in an effective and timely manner. Simply stated, it is good government."

Mayor Ben Stahler said the city "is excited to be one of the first cities in Ohio" to use the resource.

"OhioCheckbook.com will help Bellefontaine save time with public records requests by displaying finances online in a way citizens can search and access 24/7/365," he said. "Putting postings of our city's finances online, in a way that's easy for taxpayers to access, allows our community to take yet another step in the right direction as a leader in local government transparency."

"Pleasant Township has nothing to hide, and is pleased to be among the first government entities to join this venture so that our local taxpayers can see how their hard-earned tax money is being spent," said Pleasant Township Fiscal Officer Joan Downing. "We feel this is a good program for all concerned."

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