When Station 87, located at the corner of Cornell Road and Main Street, was built in 1969 it was to initially serve as a location to house all the equipment for what was then an entire volunteer department. Since then, it has become a station housing people 24/7, but has had no substantive renovations accounting for its change in purpose.

Upon completion of this much needed renovation, it will be a modern livable space for the staff. Improvements include moving offices and bunk areas to the first floor so that firefighters do not need to navigate stairs in the middle of the night. Additionally, the downstairs will also house a separate turnout gear room in order to reduce contamination and cancer risks to the building and staff. There will be an area to wash and clean turnout gear that is a necessity in the modern fire service.

The upstairs will contain the workout room, day room and kitchen area. The interior and exterior will be completely redone and modernized with adding insulation and replacing all windows and doors, replacing all the utilities and roof, and cladding the exterior. All of this will be done at a substantial savings in comparison to acquiring land and building a new fire house of similar size.

The City hopes to start construction later this year. It should take six to eight months for the remodel.
NEW POLICE STATION

Construction of the new police building will allow them to double in size to approximately 24,000 sq. ft. It will be open 24/7 and accessible to the community. One new feature is a small community room that will be available for the community to use.

The new police building will be located near the corner of 42 & Kemper Road. This central location within the city will provide excellent access to the interstate and to an area with a large number of calls for service. It also allows them to easily avoid railroad blockages.

Ground broke mid-July. Construction will take 12 to 15 months. The department hopes to move in by the fall of 2020.

ROLLING OUT A NEW LOOK

Our police officers are getting new, dark navy uniforms. With that comes an update to the police patch to better complement the new color scheme. A committee of four officers was formed within the department to determine the vision of the new patch. Once input was collected, various options were sketched out, and then the department voted. This new patch was the overwhelming winner! The new uniforms and new patches will be in the field mid-August. We hope you enjoy the new, fresh look!
Continuing Improvements Throughout the City

Convention Center Wants to Double Exhibit Hall Space

The convention center, which currently has 68,000 square feet of rental space, plans to add over 45,000 square feet. This would allow them to grow with larger groups, some of which are maxed out in our current facility. Besides doubling the exhibit hall space, plans include a full restaurant with bar as well as a grab-n-go marketplace. This expansion is planned as an extension of the original part of the building to keep the continuity of the structure.

We want to thank Hamilton County for their continued grant support for our architectural and design phases for the convention center expansion. We are optimistic we will have a funding plan in place soon.

Fitness Center Expansion at Community Center

Reconfigured use of the lobby combined with a single point check-in allows for the fitness center to expand. Upon completion of the project, space in the fitness center will increase by approximately 25% or 580 sq ft. Existing equipment will remain with new equipment being requested in 2020.

New Retaining Wall for Tennis Courts

The wooden retaining wall surrounding the tennis courts on Thornview Drive will be replaced by block. The enhancement will not only be an aesthetic improvement, but replaces the rotting wood. Construction is expected to take place mid-September and will wrap up within a month. The tennis courts will not be affected by the construction and will continue to be accessible by the community.
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Thank You!

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