



# Mayor & City Council Promote Transparency: Follow Your Tax Dollars: South Euclid's Checkbook is Public & Online!

In an effort to increase transparency in government, South Euclid's expenditures are easily available for public review through *Open Checkbook*, a partnership with Ohio's Treasurer. South Euclid was the first Northeast Ohio City Government to agree to place our spending online at OhioCheckbook.com!

"South Euclid is committed to continually increase its level of transparency and Open Checkbook is an example of meeting that commitment," said Mayor Georgine Welo.

South Euclid's Open Checkbook provides financial information about the City's expenditures to help residents better understand how taxpayer dollars are spent in the community. The interactive website can be used to search specifics of vendor payments by category, department and government area.

"Government Accountability is not about politics. It doesn't matter if we are Republicans or Democrats, we all have a responsibility to be fiscally responsible and accountable to the citizens we serve," said Mayor Georgine Welo. "Putting the City's checkbook online is another responsible step toward promoting improved transparency and making sure that our hard-working residents of South Euclid have easy access to see

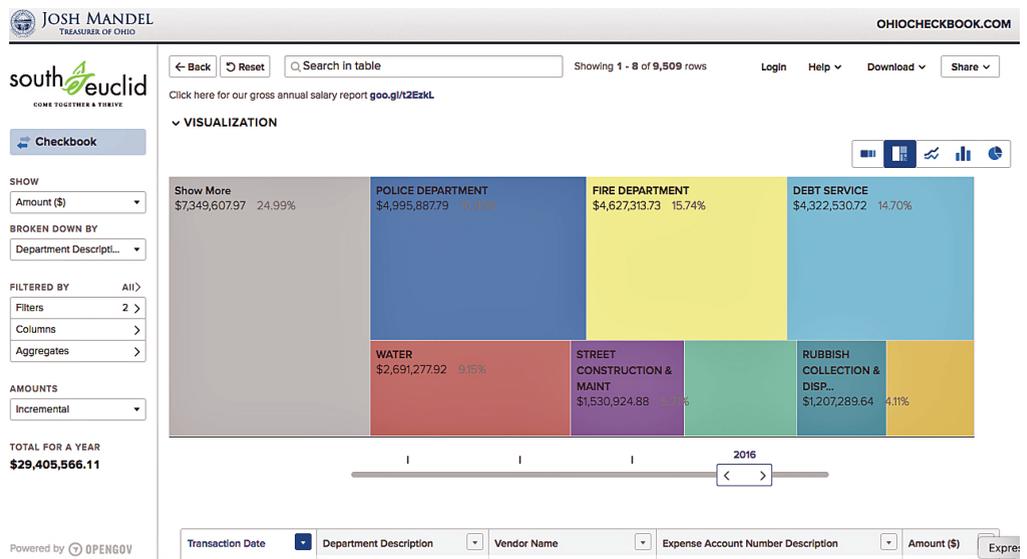
how we are spending their hard-earned tax dollars."

Ohio State Treasurer Josh Mandel launched OhioCheckbook.com, which sets a new national standard for government transparency and for the first time in Ohio history puts all state spending information on the Internet. OhioCheckbook.com recently earned Ohio the number one ranking in the country for government transparency.

"I believe the people of South Euclid have a right to know how their tax money is being spent and I applaud local leaders here for partnering with the Treasurer's



Mayor Georgine Welo with Eric Synenberg, Deputy Legal Counsel for Ohio Treasurer of State.



office to post their finances on OhioCheckbook.com," said Treasurer Mandel. "My vision is to create an army of

citizen watchdogs who are empowered to hold public officials accountable."

Visit South Euclid's Open Checkbook at [www.southeuclid.opencheckbook.com](http://www.southeuclid.opencheckbook.com).