



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

**SPRINGBORO**

Live. Work. Play. Learn. Grow.

# From the Mayor **John Agenbroad**



It is my pleasure to present the City of Springboro's Annual Report ending December 31, 2021. Our goal is to share what your City government has accomplished over the past year and how your tax dollars are being utilized.

Despite the challenges and heartbreak of this ongoing pandemic, our community continues to pull together in true Springboro spirit. As you'll read in my State of the City address also included in this publication, even with those uncertainties, 2021 was a productive year and we look forward to the numerous projects, services and events planned for 2022.

Making Springboro your home or business location is a smart choice—for many reasons. In addition to our excellent schools, Springboro offers a quality of life second to none. We continue to enhance City amenities by embarking on a citywide fiber network, presenting entertaining free concerts and offering a variety of options for recreational, social, arts, wellness and educational programs. Our outstanding Springboro Police and the Clearcreek Fire District ensure we live in one of the safest cities in Ohio, and Springboro continues to maintain the lowest property tax in the Miami Valley region.

Last year, we welcomed new housing options and 19 new businesses, provided reliable and safe water, repaired and repaved many of our streets and upgraded our park facilities—always keeping our fiscal responsibilities to you—our residents—a priority.

These are just a few of the accomplishments of your City government. We are proud of the benefits they will bring to our residents, businesses and visitors today and for years to come.

Your City Council and staff are committed to the future of Springboro and promise to continue to lead on important issues and focus on resident satisfaction, safety and security, quality of life and financial health.

This is our home, the place we Live. Work. Play. Learn and Grow.

Sincerely,

# From the City Manager **Chris Pozzuto**



As we emerge from what we hope was the worst of the pandemic, we face new challenges and opportunities for growth. Our primary goal never waivers: maintaining Springboro's status as a premier community to live, work and raise a family. We do this by providing outstanding City services and amenities, fostering a safe and engaged community, keeping our business community strong and acting in a fiscally responsible manner.

In 2021, we continued to fight COVID, but we also continued to lead the way in programs and services. City Council voted to waive the May utility bill—including sewer, water and trash collection—for 6,200 households and businesses using ARPA stimulus funds. We offered Home Improvement Grants totaling \$100,000 to 23 residents in the Royal Oaks neighborhood, expanded public WiFi from Wright Station through Historic Springboro, and upgraded restrooms in three of our parks. We recognized the need for our homes and businesses to have access to high speed internet and invested \$2.4 million to bring fiber to every neighborhood.

As you review the Annual Report and Budget presentation, you'll notice conservative budgeting principles structured to provide efficient and quality services. Plans for 2022 include constructing a public parking lot behind Rotary Park, beginning safety and aesthetic upgrades at I-75/St. Rt. 73 interchange, and connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park with a multiuse trail.

Our focus remains on delivering core services while keeping your taxes low. We will invest in our roads, neighborhoods and historic downtown, support our business community and remain fiscally responsible.

We pledge to step up to new challenges and provide those services that are so important to you and your family.

Sincerely,

## City of Springboro, the Year in Review

# 2021 Facts, Figures and Highlights

- Third largest city in Warren County, with a population of 19,062 (2020 Census) Springboro experienced a 9 percent growth since the last Census
- Lowest Property Tax Rate in Warren County: 1.1 mils, and one of the lowest in the Miami Valley Region
- Median Household Income: \$107,000, the highest in the Miami Valley Region, and 14th highest in Ohio
- City's Primary Source of Revenue: Income Tax, 80 percent of the City's General Fund, the income tax rate, at 1.5 percent, hasn't increased since 1988
- City Expenses in 2022: \$67 million (projected)
- Federal Stimulus monies, (American Rescue Plan Act): \$2 million
- First City in the area to use ARPA funds to waive the May 2021 water, sewer and trash bill for every Springboro household and business (\$760,000 for 6,200 accounts)
- Number of Businesses: 530
- Provided \$100,000 in grants to 23 homeowners for exterior improvements to the homes in the Royal Oaks neighborhood
- Welcomed New 90,000 sq. ft. Kroger on W. Central Ave.
- Recognized Mike Swain with the Mayor's Award for Preservation Leadership for his work with the Springboro Area Historical Society

Saw record attendance of more than 21,000 for 11 concerts at North Park



- Constructed a multiuse trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park
- Rated #3 among the Top Ten communities in the greater Southwest Ohio region by Cincy Magazine
- Installed 17 miles of fiber optic and conduit for private broadband internet providers

## Safety and Security

### Our Police Department

- Saw continued downward trend in Criminal Incidents—about 9% lower than the peak in 2018. Criminal incidents, arrests, traffic enforcement and Calls for Service were also lower than pre-COVID years
- Achieved Gold level by the Lexipol Connect program for consistently and effectively disseminating policy updates to laws and ensuring officer training
- Collected a total of 172 pounds of pills and capsules in the Drug Drop Box, located in the Police Department lobby. More than 75 pounds were collected during the Drug Take Back Day in October. The drugs were destroyed by the DEA.



Memorialized Officer William Johnson, killed in 1983 in the line of duty. The state of Ohio named a portion of St. Rt. 73 in his memory

- Taught DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to almost 1,500 second, fourth and sixth graders in Springboro Schools during the 2020 - 2021 school year
- Presented Life Saving awards to Officers Carl Hoskins and Cody Baker for their actions
- Answered approximately 16,000 calls for service
- Encouraged discussion among residents by coordinating three community panel discussions about issues of race, bias and prejudice
- Accompanied Blue, the department's comfort dog, to numerous community events
- Co-coordinated Safety Town classes for youngsters entering kindergarten
- Maintained Boro Watch, a video camera safety registration program
- Coordinated Operation Santa, assisting 5 families and a total of 17 children

## Smart City Initiative/ Technology Upgrades

- Fiber to Home project
- As part of the City's Fiber Master Plan, in partnership with the Warren County Port Authority, invested \$2.4 million to build a 17-mile broadband fiber network to provide high-speed internet service. The fiber network has attracted two Internet Service Providers (ISPs), giving Springboro residents a variety of options.
- Installed free public WiFi in Historic Downtown Springboro. Free WiFi is also available at Wright Station and City Building/Library parking lot
- Partnered with seven Miami Valley Communications Council cities to develop 35-mile high-speed fiber ring between the cities
- Installed three live streaming cameras to monitor traffic—with video feed available on our website

Added Big Belly waste and recycling collection cans at Kacie Jane Park and Wright Station



- Installed radar units for traffic safety/progression at nine intersections
- Offered Zoom appointments and online services from the Tax Office

## Road/Infrastructure Improvements

- Resurfaced 22 streets (or a portion thereof) for 2.7 miles, including curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repairs
- Started East Street Parking lot construction project that will add 29 new parking spaces east of Rotary Park, completed by Summer 2022
- Replaced two 8' water mains—approximately 2,600 linear feet of water main
- Constructed a ten-foot-wide multi-use trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park
- Added RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) at the crossing on Lytle-Five Points Road east of County Club Lane.
- Replaced two 36" culvert pipes under Pleasant Valley for storm water purposes

- Located water services and water mains for fiber installation project. All locate work continues to be done in-house instead of contracting outside services—saving the City thousands of dollars
- Battled 15 snow events in January and February, traveling 10,231 miles clearing roads in those two months
- Installed new decorative light poles with LED lights along S. Main Street

## Parks Improvements and Projects

- Paved, striped and added parking blocks to the western side drive at Hazel Woods Park
- Created a multiuse path at E. Milo Beck Park that connects to Clearcreek Park
- Constructed a picnic shelter and restrooms at Gardner Park

## Wright Station

- Welcomed Luminous Nail Salon, Jersey Mike's Subs and Cassano's Pizza, joining Warped Wing Barrel Room & Smokery and the Performing Arts Center in the four-building development, a partnership with Synergy & Mills
- Created a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) in Wright Station
- Added 40 parking spaces near Cassano's Pizza
- Installed free public WiFi



Wright Station offered weekly entertainment throughout the summer

## Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Wright Station

- Hosted Art Gallery, featuring monthly exhibits by numerous artists
- Offered Springboro Community Theatre productions in the Premier Health Theater
- Presented free Speaker Series

## Business Development

- Installed public WiFi along S. Main Street
- Hosted third annual Business Appreciation Golf Outing

Welcomed 25 new businesses including the Christ Hospital Physicians Obstetrics & Gynecology clinic



- Expansions: Approximately 86,000 sq. ft. of new and expanded commercial space including Thaler Machine, Woodhull, Hardy Diagnostics, Tooling Zone and Atlantic Emergency Solutions
- Kroger redeveloped the former Kmart as a new 90,000 square foot store featuring a drive-thru pharmacy, pick-up lanes, Starbucks and 14-pump fueling center.

## City Events

Art, music, holiday, recreational, athletic, health, wellness and entertainment included:

- Bike rides, in partnership with Mr. Boro's Tavern and Crooked Handle Brewing Company
- Kacie Jane Splash Pad Opening Day celebration
- Bike the Boro (with more than 300 riders) and The Big Event
- Boro BBQ Fest
- Doggie Day at Kacie Jane Park
- 11 Concerts at North Park, set an attendance record of 21,000
- Shred It Day
- Nature walks at E. Milo Beck and North parks
- Veterans Day event
- Monthly art exhibits at the Performing Arts Center
- Speaker Series at the Performing Arts Center



Despite the ongoing pandemic, the City of Springboro continued to move forward with many projects. **Making their debut in 2021 as first-time events and services:**

- Broadband fiber network installed throughout City to provide high-speed internet service options
- Decorative Lighting and public WiFi in Historic Springboro
- Preemptive lights on S. Main Street to help traffic flow for emergency vehicles
- Entertainment at Wright Station
- Entertainment at Rotary Park
- Pop Up Art Show at Rotary Park
- Utilities payments streamlined by offering online payments and notices
- Disney music concert and activities at North Park
- Fourth of July Fireworks and Concert at North Park
- Santa event and activities at the Performing Arts Center
- Scavenger Hunts, monthly in the parks
- Wellness Program, monthly programs in the parks
- Picnic shelter and restrooms at Gardner Park
- Springboro High School government students Government Day in Mayor's Court and City Building



Art "rugs", murals painted under 12 benches in Historic Springboro by five local artists

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

- Earned Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze status from the League of American Bicyclists, 2020-2024
- Maintained 12 miles of bike paths and trails
- Adopted the updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Coordinated four bicycling events with local businesses
- Celebrated National Bike Month by sponsoring a Speaker Series with topics on bicycle maintenance and Biking and the Law
- Sponsored Bike the Boro, giving cyclists opportunity for 2-, 10- and 16-mile rides throughout the city

## Heatherwoode Golf Club

- Introduced the Heatherwoode Elite Junior Academy with 30 golfers
- Recognized Head Golf Professional Matt Cole for being one of only two fitters in Ohio named to the National Callaway Club Fitters Board

Voted Best Public Golf Course in the Miami Valley region



- Provided personalized custom golf-fitting and saw 40% increase in custom golf club sales
- Added Putt-View, a computerized system designed to enhance and develop superior putting skills, joining just a few other golf clubs in the state to offer this service
- Renovated three greenside bunkers on holes 6, 7 and 9
- Rebuilt the men's white tee on #13, nearly 4,000 sq. ft.
- Added a new Greeter Station on hole #10
- Played approximately 40,000 rounds of golf
- Sold 5,600 hamburgers and hot dogs in the Bunker
- Celebrated nine golfers shooting a Hole-In-One
- Saw 800,000 golf balls hit on the practice range

## Grant Awards

- The City continues to seek grants for upgrades, improvements and other projects. Grant awards included

\$250,000 from State of Ohio to complete a multiuse trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park



- \$3 million in Federal Safety Grants including a \$2.4 million for the construction of the I-75/St.Rt.73 Interchange Safety Project

- \$10,000 from Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for the design, construction and installation of a raingarden in Clearcreek Park
- \$150,000 grant from the State of Ohio to build a 1,000-foot multiuse trail that will connect Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park

## Awards and Recognitions

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Community to Live in Southwest Ohio, by Cincy Magazine
- Heatherwoode voted Best Public Golf Course in the Dayton area
- Head Golf Professional Matt Cole named one of only two fitters in Ohio to the National Callaway Club Fitters Board
- Named Warren County Career Center Valued Community Partner of the Month, recognizing Assistant City Manager Greg Shackelford and Business Liaison Nick Motto
- Achieved Gold level by the Lexipol Connect program for consistently and effectively disseminating policy updates to laws and ensuring officer training



Tree City USA,  
25th consecutive year

- Police Officer Aaron Nicley recognized by the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit for Outstanding Investigative Work
- Life Saving awards to Officers Carl Hoskins and Cody Baker for their actions

## Finance Office

- Auditor of State Award with Distinction
- Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Recognized by the Ohio General Assembly for Auditor of State Award
- STARS highest award from the Ohio Auditor's Office for transparency in government
- Aa1 Bond rating—the highest rating for a community our size

## Partnerships

Along with providing logistic support to several community events, we are pleased to partner with various community organizations for events and special activities including:

- Clearcreek Township: Kacie Jane Park, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, Shred Day, Springboro Strong
- Historic Springboro: Art shows at PAC, entertainment at Rotary Park

Partnered with  
Clearcreek Township  
to present the  
4th of July fireworks



- Springboro Community Schools: DARE program, Senior Art Show, municipal tour and Mayor's Court visit
- Springboro Public Library: Imagination Library, Bicycling Speaker Series
- Premier Health: Health Speaker Series
- Springboro Area Historical Society: Art Show, Veterans Day
- Springboro Chamber of Commerce: Holiday Jubilee, Grant program for businesses affected by COVID-19
- Warren County Foundation: Imagination Library
- Springboro Pastors Association: MLK Day event
- Dayton Children's Hospital: bike helmet fittings
- Warren County Solid Waste Management District: light strand recycling
- Springboro Community Theatre: productions at the PAC and North Park
- Juneteenth Committee: events at North Park
- Memorial Day Committee: parade and picnic

## Going Virtual

Along with in-person events, we offered a virtual option, giving our residents opportunity for online interaction

- City Council meetings
- Board and Commission meetings
- Friday and Tuesday summer concerts
- Speaker Series
- Master Plan meetings

## On Tap for 2022

Our focus will remain on core services, but as always, your City has many items on the To Do List which include:

- Providing outstanding services to our residents
- Installing fiber to every neighborhood
- Debuting new tax application
- Streamlining utilities billing
- Repairing and upgrading roads
- Supporting our businesses and new development
- Providing more walking and biking trails
- Upgrading and maintaining our 501 acres of parks

### Springboro's 2022 Budget Focuses on:

- Resident-centered services
- Robust street-paving program
- Quality public safety services
- Maintenance of public parks
- Continued updates to water and sewer infrastructure
- General community assistance

### 2022 Projects Include:

- East Street Public Parking Lot
- Master Plan Update Adoption (Adopted February 17)
- Multiuse trail connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park
- I-75/St. Rt. 73 Safety and Landscape Upgrade
- Public WiFi available at all Springboro parks



# City Relying More on Income Tax

## Springboro Property Tax Rate is Lowest in Region

Income tax generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Springboro businesses and taxes paid by individuals—is the largest single source of revenue for the City, comprising 82 percent of the General Fund. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Springboro has increased its reliance on local income tax revenue.

## Income Tax Revenue

Percent of Income Tax Revenue from Total General Fund Revenue



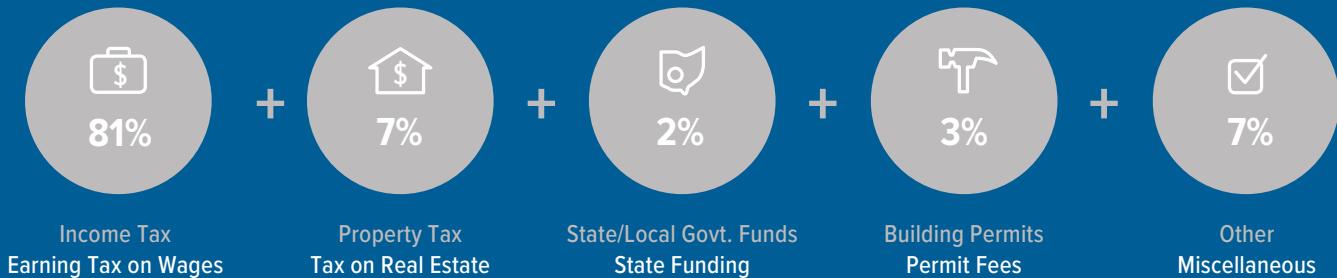
Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region. Your Springboro municipal government realizes just over two cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 73 cents support the schools, 18 cents are allocated to Clearcreek Township, Special Districts (Warren-Clinton Community Health, Warren County Health District and Franklin-Springboro Public Library) and the Warren County Career Center each receive about 4 cents and Warren County receives 3 cents.

With those tax dollars, your City protects its citizens and property, provides quality road maintenance and offers an array of quality-of-life features that truly make our community unique. As our City's landscape expands and changes, our residents and businesses can continue to expect quality services delivered in a professional manner.

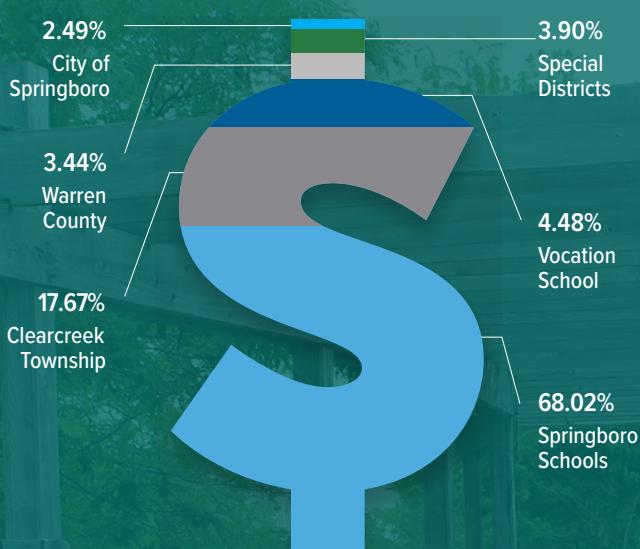
## Property Tax Rate (In Mills) for South Suburban Cities



## 2022 General Fund Revenue Sources



## Property Tax Distribution



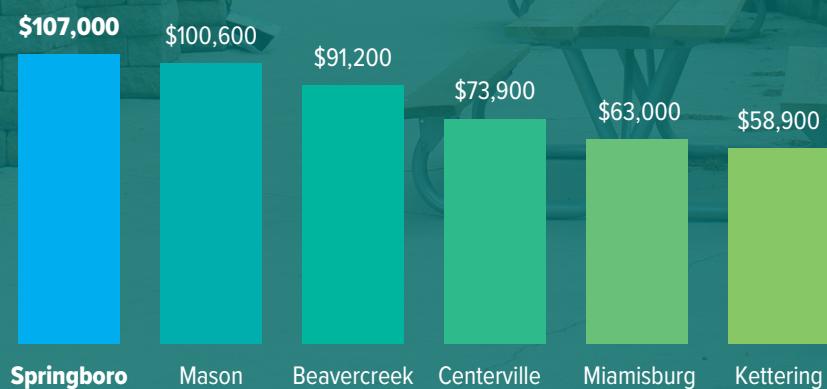
## Springboro Has the Lowest Property Tax in the Region

Springboro property taxes for a \$300,000 home in 2021 average 32% lower than neighboring communities.



Springboro	Centerville	Lebanon	Mason	Miamisburg
<b>\$4,603</b>	\$8,510	\$5,273	\$5,259	\$7,855

## Miami Valley Median Household Income



## 2022 General Fund Expense Distribution



# State of the City **ADDRESS**

As presented by Mayor John Agenbroad  
February 3, 2022

As **Mayor of Springboro**, I look forward each year to sharing some highlights of the progress we have made as a community and just a few reasons why I am incredibly proud to call Springboro home. How can I sum up 2021 without first thanking the many people involved in making Springboro the very best place to be in Ohio. **Our management team, employees and a dedicated corps of civic leaders make Springboro a leading community** in projects, programs and services that enhance the lives of our residents, support our schools as places to learn and grow and our businesses to prosper. Before commenting on the State of the City, I welcome back our four ward Council Members –Dale Brunner, Jim Chmiel, Jack Hanson and Janie Ridd– and congratulate them on their re-election. We look forward to continuing the great progress we have made as a team and their continued service and leadership.

## LIFE IN SPRINGBORO

**Life in Springboro is all about the quality and character of our community** and that is why Springboro continues to be a top-ten rated City to live, work, play and raise a family. In fact, Springboro was rated #3 among the top 10 communities in the greater Southwest Ohio region by Cincy Magazine. Seventy-five communities were rated on factors such as safety, education, housing and tax rates, and Springboro outranked the communities of Wyoming, Indian Hill, Montgomery and Mason. **Springboro's median household income of \$107K is the highest by far in the Miami Valley region and the 14th highest in the State of Ohio**, indicating that our population is on average well educated and working in top job sectors. **Springboro also has the lowest property tax rate of all Warren County communities** receiving only 1.1 mills or about \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value and our local income tax rate has not increased since 1988.

According to the 2020 census, our new population is **19,062 making Springboro the third largest city in Warren County**. We grew approximately 9% with 1,653 new residents. New projects and services over the past decade that continue to support our population include a new city building, a leaf collection program, a new intersection at SR73/SR741, a northbound ramp at SR73/I-75, at least four new parks, redevelopment of the former IGA corner, a performing arts center, a newly completed citywide fiber optic network, expanded community programming and countless top ratings.

In essence, Springboro appeals to everyone from young families to people looking for the perfect place to retire. **Our great neighborhoods, excellent schools, safety, services and amenities all contribute to Springboro's exceptional quality of life**. Springboro offers a variety of public programming that includes outdoor concerts, festivals and fireworks. Our residents enjoy bike and walking trails, an 18-hole public golf course, a charming and vibrant historic district and **501 acres of parks**.



**Springboro is also a business-friendly community** committed to attracting quality commercial development and supporting the expansion of our existing businesses. From local to state development programs, we strive to provide assistance to businesses investing in Springboro and supporting our local economy. Springboro offers quality infrastructure and services including high-speed broadband internet access and is an ideal location for abundant employment and business opportunities.

Springboro's enduring qualities and tremendous success are predicated on a history of strong community leadership involving citizens working together to shape our community. **Our citizens share an amazing sense of community pride and are at the heart of making Springboro such a great place to live.**

## FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

**Springboro continues to be financially solvent** despite the impact COVID has had on many local communities over the past two years. Our **conservative approach to budgeting and responsible management of reserves and debt** help to maintain our strong financial position and bridge the challenges created by the pandemic. In the past several years, the City has retired a significant portion of its debt as a cost saving measure. Most notably, the City has paid off its golf, water and sewer debt reducing interest payments by well over

\$500K, and by 2023, the City intends to pay off the majority of its current outstanding debt.

**Springboro's 2022 budget remains focused on providing resident centered services** including a robust street-paving program, quality public safety services, maintenance of public parks, continued upgrades to our water and sewer infrastructure and general community assistance. Simply put, our focus remains on the services our residents use every day such as police protection, drivable streets, clean, safe drinking water, a working sewer system and parks to play in.

**Expenses are projected to be \$67M this year for capital and operations** with stable year-end projections in total fund balances. Approximately \$16.3M is budgeted in our General Fund, the City's principal operating budget, with total General Fund revenues projected around \$20M. **The City's primary source of revenue is income tax, which comprises 80%** of the General Fund revenue received. Income tax collections are projected to be 4.5% above 2020 actuals, but slightly under anticipated 2021 collections. Revenue from water and sewer fees remain steady and we are not forecasting an increase in rates anytime soon.

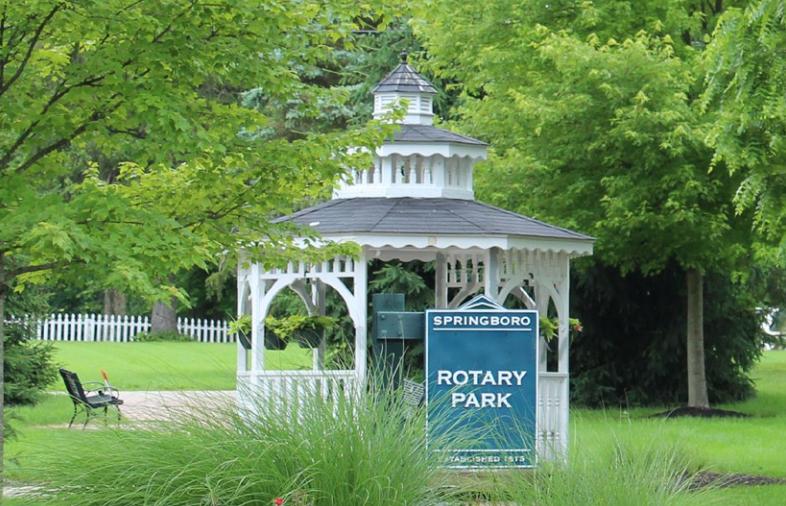
**Springboro has received \$2 million in federal stimulus monies**, which has been used for City purposes, schools and businesses within the community over the past two years. A total of \$760,000 was used to **directly assist our residents and businesses** in 2021 by waiving our May utility bill. This assistance provided some financial relief to 6,200 households and businesses. Based on feedback from residents, it really made a difference! We anticipate **receiving another \$900,000** this year and plan to augment that funding with other government grants to continue investing in infrastructure improvements, public safety and services that will positively impact the daily lives of our residents.

Springboro received all awards on our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and a clean audit in 2021, again receiving a 4-Star rating under the State's Sunshine Law Star Rating System. This rating reflects the highest achievement in open and transparent government and confirms our continued commitment to fiscal accountability.

## CAPITAL PLANNING

Our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) represents an investment in our community by planning short and long-range projects to address our immediate and future needs. The current economic environment is unique due to increased costs and delays due to COVID making it a difficult time to plan capital projects, but we have worked on a solid plan that reinvests in the City's existing assets and provides for some new assets and infrastructure.

This year's CIP proposes an **investment of \$43 million over the next five years**, an increase from the previous capital





budget of approximately \$19 million. This increase is in part a response to a survey conducted last year, which indicated that residents would consider water softening a benefit. Funding has been budgeted over the next several years to explore the design and construction of a potential water softening facility in Springboro. The capital program also includes a **40% increase in the street resurfacing budget** as a commitment to maintaining quality streets. CIP totals over the next five years show the bulk of the City's investments in core services like water, streets and parks, which are utilized by our residents every day and maintain our way of life.

It is important to note that **many of our capital projects are supported by grants**. In fact, the City has received grants from the state's last three capital budgets for new projects. In 2021, the City was awarded three transportation safety grants totaling \$3M with \$2.4M earmarked for the construction of the I-75/SR73 Interchange Safety Project. This fully funded project consisting of widening the roadway, adding turn lanes off the northbound ramp and other improvements will coincide with a Gateway Enhancement Project to make aesthetic improvements to the interchange. These projects will take place over the next three to four years in cooperation with the City of Franklin and will be managed by the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID). We thank the TID for their role in helping Springboro secure valuable grants to make these major transportation improvements in our community.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Springboro's Home Improvement Grant Program provides residents an opportunity to make needed exterior improvements to upgrade the safety and appearance of their homes. **Twenty-three grant applications were approved in 2021 with a total of \$100K in home improvement dollars pledged. In addition, the City recently completed a 17-mile broadband fiber network**, a \$2.4M investment in our community's digital technology in collaboration with the Warren County Port Authority. This technology upgrade will improve safety, service and quality of life for our residents by connecting our public

facilities and infrastructure and allowing private ISPs to bring fiber to homes giving residents new options for high-speed internet service. The **City realized a nearly 100% return** on this project when Point Broadband and Cincinnati Bell invested in the Springboro market. The City also continues to offer free public WiFi service in the community to help residents stay connected away from home. Local hotspots now include the City Building/Library campus, Wright Station and the Historic District, with plans to extend free WiFi to all of our parks.

With **530 businesses** and potentially a dozen more opening in the near future, Springboro's thriving business economy provides the vital tax base needed to fund the services and amenities valued by our residents. In 2021, approximately 86,000 sq. ft. of new and expanded commercial space was approved for development and **25 new businesses opened** their doors. The new Kroger store on West Central Avenue opened last October following a major redevelopment of the former Kmart site, half of the potential commercial space at Wright Station has already been developed and a new parking area with at least 40 new visitor spaces was constructed last year. We originally anticipated it taking five to seven years for the corner to completely develop, but we are very excited about the progress that has been made in such a short time. Amenities such as the **DORA, free WiFi and outdoor entertainment** have enhanced the patron's experience at **Wright Station** while a full schedule of performances, speaker series, art exhibitions and community based programming has made our Performing Arts Center an entertaining and enriching destination.



Finally, Springboro **partners with organizations who advocate for businesses and promote economic growth** in local communities such as the Warren County Chamber Alliance, the Small Business Development Center and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce. These partnerships create opportunities for new businesses, provide a network of support and services for our business community and help us stay connected with policy makers in Columbus and Washington.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Springboro's park system features nine unique and beautiful parks where our residents can play, exercise, participate in sports and experience special events. Our park programming has exploded in the past several years with more **concerts, festivals, fireworks and fun opportunities** and we remain committed to making sure all of our residents have a reason to visit our many parks.

Park amenities include a **splash pad, dog park, amphitheater, veterans memorial and miles of paved walking paths**. Our residents also enjoy golfing at our very own course. Voted Dayton's Best Public Golf Course, Heatherwoode has earned high marks for outstanding course conditions, customer service and exclusive golf amenities. Approximately 40,000 rounds were played in 2021 (9 Holes-In-One!) with sales and revenue continuing to climb each year. We commend our entire golf course staff for making Heatherwoode such a valuable asset to our community.



## CITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Nearly 40 residents are appointed by Council to serve on citizen committees that focus on particular areas of community development such as land use planning, historic preservation and parks and recreation.

Recent committee highlights include the Architectural Review Board's 21st annual Historic Preservation Awards Program. This program recognizes individuals and groups for preserving Springboro's history through the preservation of buildings and artifacts as well as public education and awareness of our rich historical past. The board also reviewed over 25 cases for improvements to historic properties in the downtown area, which is a local and federally designated Historic District dating back to 1810.

**Springboro celebrated 25 years as a Tree City USA** in 2021 thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Tree Authority to preserve our City's trees and forests. Established in 1995, the Tree Authority ensures that Springboro continues to meet the standards required to earn this national distinction, which include an annual Arbor Day celebration, a tree ordinance and a community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita to plant and grow trees throughout our City.

Springboro's Park Board continues to make our parks **fun, healthy outdoor spaces** for everyone to enjoy. The Park Board oversees programs and improvements such as shelters, athletic fields, walking paths and play areas at our nine beautiful parks. Our Park Board Members and City Staff outdid themselves in 2021 by coordinating and sponsoring **11 free concerts at North Park** attended by approximately 21,000 music fans making it a landmark year for our popular "Concerts in the Park" program.

The Planning Commission reviewed plans for development and redevelopment projects in 2021 ranging from the new Kroger development on West Central Avenue to multiple buildings in the commercial area of Advanced Drive and other retail buildings throughout the community. This year, the Planning Commission reviewed a recommendation to **revise the City's Master Plan** last updated in 2009. A draft of the new plan was completed through the work of a steering committee of area community leaders. Springboro residents were invited to participate in the process at two public open houses and through on-line surveys, which gathered close to 1,000 responses. The City's new Master Plan was adopted in February to guide the long-range growth, development and redevelopment of the community over the next 10 years.

Finally, our Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee and City Staff continue working on the implementation of **The Central Greenway Project**, which will ultimately connect six City parks, neighborhoods and business districts. A multi-use **trail connector from E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park** was completed in 2021 after receiving \$250,000 in grant funding through the State of Ohio. Design work has begun on another



multiuse trail that will connect Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park funded in part by a \$150,000 grant. The BPAC's efforts to promote **biking in our community** include locally sponsored bike rides and bicycle education workshops as well as events like Bike the Boro, which attracted almost 300 riders last year.

These are some of the many initiatives carried out by our citizen committees, and we thank all of our volunteers for another year of outstanding service.



## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Public Safety is a #1 priority in Springboro.** Our Police Department of 31 officers in patrol, investigations, supervisory and command staff strive to provide **exceptional service and protection** to our community and are dedicated to **the safety and welfare** of our citizens. The department's Communications Center also operates seven days a week and received approximately 16,000 calls for service last year.

Police programs such as 'Boro Street Watch and our School Resource Officers promote community safety within our neighborhoods and schools. Last year, the D.A.R.E. Program encouraged 1,472 students in our elementary and intermediate schools to live safe and healthy lives.

Community outreach programs such as **Operation Santa** and the department's **comfort dog, Blue**, assist Springboro families in need or in crisis. The Operation Santa program assisted five families with a total of 17 children in December by providing gifts and holiday cheer. Officer Blue visited schools, nursing homes and appeared at community events providing comfort and reassurance for many of our community members.

The Police Department also sponsored three community panel discussions this past year to **facilitate open communication and encourage discussion** among residents concerning issues of race, bias and prejudice. Citizens, police officers, prosecutors and judges shared their experiences and perspectives on these important issues within local communities and the justice system.

**Staying connected** with the members of our community remains an integral part of our approach to policing and these programs would not be successful without the support of our residents. Thank you to our officers for keeping Springboro a **top rated city in safety services**.



In closing, Springboro is my home and the community that I have loved and served for the past 25 years. On behalf of City Council, we simply promise to do our best to fulfill our duty as your elected officials and work together to represent the citizens of Springboro. Our many wonderful citizens make it a pleasure to serve as Mayor and I hope 2022 brings you hope, health and happiness! Thank you for another great year!



# Engaging Our Citizens Through Communication



In addition to City-sponsored and community events where City Council and staff are in attendance, Springboro offers the following communication efforts:

## Newletters:

- City Notes
- E-Newsletter

## Websites:

- **City of Springboro:** [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us)
- **Heatherwoode Golf Club:** [www.golfheatherwoode.com](http://www.golfheatherwoode.com)

## Social Media

- **Facebook:** four pages: City of Springboro, Springboro Ohio Police Department, Heatherwoode Golf Club, Heatherwoode Events and Banquets
- **Twitter:** @cityofboroOH, @borodispatch, @heatherwoodegc
- **YouTube:** City of Springboro, Ohio
- **Instagram:** @city\_of\_springboroothio

## Video programs

Available on our website, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube channel, [mvcc.net](http://mvcc.net) and Spectrum Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse 99:

- City Council monthly meetings
- “Springboro 45066”
- “Springboro: Here & There”
- “Springboro Business Matters”
- “Boro Buzz”

## Emergency Messaging

- **Code Red:** message sent via phone call from City

## Community Satisfaction Survey

- Conducted every three years by Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs



# Volunteers Make it Happen

Springboro is a community of volunteers. We thank the 40 citizens serving on our City Park Board, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Tree Authority and Tax Appeals. We also appreciate everyone in our community volunteering their time to make Springboro a better place to live. Thank you for your contributions and service!



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440 Queensgate Road

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Police Non-Emergency ..... 937-748-0611  
Public Works ..... 937-748-0020  
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Tax Department ..... 937-748-9701  
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## By the Numbers Springboro 2021

40	Scavenger Hunt prize bags found in Springboro parks
85	Miles of streets
4	Water towers
9	Parks
501	Acres of green space
40	Citizens serving on boards and commission
25	New businesses
96	Artists showcased in 11 Art Exhibits
21,000	Attendees to our 11 concerts at North Park
1,309	Flowers planted in medians and on City properties
1	Comfort dog, Blue
1,472	DARE students
530	Businesses
6,642	Followers of City of Springboro Municipal Government
255	City videos on our City of Springboro YouTube Channel
\$3.4	Million in federal, state and local grants
21	Years of recognizing residents with Historic Preservation awards

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