



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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, 2022. Our goal is to share what your City government has accomplished over the past year and how your tax dollars are being utilized.

As you'll read in my State of the City address also included in this publication, even with continued uncertainties including labor and material shortages and increasing higher costs, 2022 was a productive year and we look forward to the numerous projects, services and events planned for 2023.

Looking back on 2022, there is much reason to be proud! We embarked on a citywide fiber network giving residents options for high speed internet, passed legislation requiring permits for solicitors and created a Do Not Solicit list for our residents. We repaired and repaved many of our streets, provided reliable and safe water, welcomed a record 23,000 people to our concerts and saw 25 new businesses open doors. We offered Home Improvement Grants totaling \$125,000 to 31 residents for exterior improvements and expanded public WiFi from Wright

Station through Historic Springboro. Our outstanding Springboro Police and Clearcreek Fire District continue to ensure we live in one of the safest cities in Ohio.

In addition, Springboro continues to maintain the lowest property tax in the Miami Valley region.

We have many projects set for 2023 including new playground equipment at North Park, an increased budget for our street resurfacing program, upgrading the outdoor space at Wright Station and streamlining utilities payments.

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.

Thank you for making Springboro your home!

Sincerely,



## From the City Manager **Chris Pozzuto**

Looking over the past year, despite challenges brought on by material and labor shortages along with rising costs, we continue to move forward—leading the way in service delivery and programs. As you'll read throughout this report, our list of accomplishments in 2022 is significant for many reasons.

Fast internet services and connectivity are no longer a luxury. It is a necessary and needed tool for schools, work from home employees, businesses and families. We began working on infrastructure plans in July 2019—before the pandemic and at a time when just .08% of communities in the United States offered three or more high speed fiber providers to every residence. Now, some three years later, I'm pleased to report the City of Springboro is one of the first municipalities in Ohio to offer the availability of three high speed broadband services to every household and business—providing the opportunity to choose from three different providers, at a cost that works for individual household budgets.

Heatherwoode Golf Club was selected to host the Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest District Boys and Girls Golf Championships. We were the first host city to provide daily live coverage of play.

These are just two examples of our City leading the way.

Moving into 2023, we have an ambitious year planned. North Park will be undergoing a considerable makeover with a new, all-access playground showcasing cool features like a zipline and tower. As the gateway to our historic downtown, we're upgrading the green space at Wright Station, with a stage area, pergola and new landscaping.

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.

Our pledge to residents is to continue to step up to new challenges and provide those services that are so important to you and your family.

Sincerely,

- 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 City Property Tax Rate in the Miami Valley Region at 1.1 mills
- Median Household Income: \$111,538, the second highest in the Miami Valley Region
- 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: \$68 million
- 2023 Budget: \$62,504,903
- Planning \$39.4 million in capital improvements over the next five years
- Number of Businesses: 545
- Aa1 Investment grade by Moody's Investors service
- Top 5% of Ohio communities demonstrating financial stewardship
- Provided \$125,000 in grants to 31 homeowners for exterior improvements to homes in the Tamarack and Royal Oaks neighborhoods

- Adopted the newest Master Plan in February
- Partnered with MVECA and two private ISP providers for the installation of 17 miles of fiber optic and conduit to every household and most businesses in the City. The two private ISP providers installed fiber to the home throughout the City to provide high-speed internet service options.

Saw record attendance of more than 23,000 for 12 concerts at North Park



- Offered residents the opportunity to sign up for the Do Not Solicit List following City Council's approval of the ordinance
- Recognized The Springboro Area Historical Society with the Mayor's Award for Preservation Leadership for its outstanding work
- Paid off sewer system mortgage revenue bonds early—saving over \$660,000 in interest
- Hosted the Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest Districts Boys & Girls Golf Championships at Heatherwoode, and first to host daily live coverage
- Presented shoppe smitten owners Leslie and Todd Moss along with property owner Betty Bray with the Jonathan Wright Award for Historic Preservation for the transformation of the circa 1883 building at 200 S. Main St.

- Paved 23 streets totaling 3.8 miles of street, our largest street resurfacing program to date. In fact the street paving budget has doubled since 2014
- Completed work on a 2,500-foot multiuse trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park
- Recognized as a leader in the region for commitment to green space, with 20 acres of park space per 1000 people
- Rated #3 among the Top Ten communities in the greater Southwest Ohio region by Cincy Magazine



Extended the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) to include S. Main Street

- 19 Restoration Projects were approved by the Architectural Review Board for investment in the Downtown Historic District, a federally-protected Historic District
- Added a Little Free Library to Kacie Jane Park
- Offered a water and sewer discount to senior citizens
- Installed decorative Lighting and public Wi-Fi in Historic Springboro
- Streamlined utilities payments by offering online payments and notices



# 2022 Facts, Figures and Highlights

## 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 and places us in the .08% of communities in the US offering three or more high speed fiber providers to every residence
- Installed free public Wi-Fi in Historic Downtown Springboro. Free Wi-Fi 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
- Added RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) at the crossing on Lytle-Five Points Road east of Country Club Lane and Remick Blvd.
- Installed radar units for traffic safety/progression at nine intersections

## Road/Infrastructure Improvements

- Added East Street Parking lot creating 29 new parking spaces for Historic Downtown
- Replaced two 6" water mains with new 8" water mains—approximately 2,600 linear feet of water main
- Replaced all lighting along South Main Street to new updated LED lights
- Installed new decorative light poles in Historic Springboro

## Safety and Security

### Our Police Division

- Experienced a 10% increase in calls for service which translated into a 20% increase in Part I offenses in 2022. This mirrors similar increases seen in many communities locally and nationally. The Police Division met this growth with a 29% increase in arrests and 54% increase in traffic enforcement. Maintaining visibility and making presence felt in traffic enforcement is an industry practice for discouraging criminal activity among law breakers both living in Springboro and traveling here from other communities.



Received a new DARE vehicle

- Continued to report larceny as the criminal activity seen most by Police. These offenses are reduced when utilizing crime prevention strategies such as locking doors and vehicles and removing valuables from cars
- Maintained its Gold Level by the Lexipol Connect program for aggressive posture toward maintaining the best industry policies and ensuring practices mirror policies

Accompanied Blue, the department's comfort dog, to numerous community events



- Collected more than 185 pounds of pills and capsules in the Drug Drop Box, located in the Police Department lobby, including during two National Drug Take Back Days. The drugs were destroyed by the DEA.
- Taught DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to almost 1,500 second, fourth and sixth graders in Springboro Schools during the 2021 - 2022 school year
- Answered more than 20,000 calls for service
- Co-coordinated Safety Town classes for youngsters entering kindergarten



- Maintained Boro Watch, a video camera safety registration program
- Coordinated the 24th annual Operation Santa event, assisting six families and a total of 21 children
- Participated in Miami Valley Tactical Crime Suppression Unit
- Partnered with St. Mary's Church for a safety plan
- Installed Flock Safety cameras for automatic license plate readings to provide real-time alerts for wanted vehicles
- **Notable staff achievements**
  - Lt. Aaron Zimmaro completed the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command
  - Officer Jason Huelsman became a DARE Instructor in the Springboro Schools District

## Parks Improvements and Projects

- Added heating and cooling to the restroom facilities at North, Gardner and Kacie Jane parks
- Constructed a picnic shelter and restrooms at Gardner Park

## Wright Station

- Welcomed RE/MAX Victory + Affiliates and Bubbakoo's Burritos, joining in the development, a partnership with Synergy & Mills in Wright Station
- Installed free public Wi-Fi
- Offered weekly entertainment throughout the summer
- Added 40 parking spaces near Cassano's Pizza



## 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

### Business Outreach

- Welcomed 25 new businesses
- Participated in Historic Springboro special events



*Hosted fourth annual Business Appreciation Golf Outing*

## City Events

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

- Community bike ride events, in partnership with Mr. Boro's Tavern, Warped Wing and Crooked Handle Brewing Company

- BoroFest at North Park
- Doggie Day at Kacie Jane Park
- 12 Concerts at North Park, set an attendance record of 23,000
- Shred It Day in the spring and fall
- 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
- Entertainment at Wright Station
- Entertainment at Rotary Park
- Disney music concert and activities at North Park
- Hosted 500 Springboro Schools third grade students to learn about City operations
- Fourth of July Fireworks and Festivities at Heatherwoode Golf Club
- Letters to Santa
- Santa visits and activities at the Performing Arts Center
- Treasure Hunts, monthly in the parks
- Wellness Program, monthly programs in the parks

# 2022 Facts, Figures and Highlights

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects and Programs

- Continued commitment as Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze status from the League of American Bicyclists, one of only 21 communities in Ohio to achieve that status
- Installed pedestrian crossing on Remick Blvd. near Coffman YMCA
- Coordinated six bike rides, including two in celebration of National Bike Month in May, with local businesses
- Sponsored Next Destination Speaker Series with the Springboro Library showcasing four presentations
- Began construction on two pump tracks in Community Park: 210-foot youth/accessible track and 810-foot adult track to be completed in 2023
- Installed bike lanes and shared lanes on Settlers Walk Boulevard and Remick Boulevard



*Maintained 12 miles of bike paths and trails*

## Heatherwoode Golf Club

- Voted Best Public Golf Course in the Miami Valley region
- Led the Heatherwoode Elite Junior Academy with 30 golfers
- 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



*Provided over 250 personalized custom golf-fittings*

- Played approximately 34,000 rounds of golf
- Saw almost 1 million golf balls hit on the practice range
- Renovated two greenside bunkers on Holes 8 and 9 and the Renovated Driving Range short game area
- Installed new drainage on Hole 5 Greenside and 13 Tee area
- Installed new landscaping on golf course cart barn area, including new planters on majority of the clubhouse seating areas
- Selected to host the five-day Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest Districts 1, 2 and 3 Boys & Girls Golf Championships showcasing the best junior golfers in the area



*Home of the Springboro High School Golf Teams, one of only two schools in Ohio to send both the Boys and Girls teams to the State High School Golf Championship*



- Home to the Wright State Men's Golf team
- Served over 4,000 hamburgers and 9,000 hot dogs in the Bunker

## Grant Awards

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

- \$3 million in Federal Safety Grants including \$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
- \$400,000 from Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio General Assembly to complete a 4,100-foot trail upgrade/reroute in Clearcreek Park, connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Hazel Woods Park
- \$926,000 from Ohio Department of Transportation for the installation of northbound right turn lane and new signal on St. Rt. 741 at Remick Blvd.

# On Tap for 2023

## Awards and Recognitions

- 3rd Best Community to Live in Southwest Ohio, by Cincy Magazine
- Heatherwoode voted Best Public Golf Course in the Dayton area
- Heatherwoode General Manager Tom West named SWOGA Golf Merchandiser of the Year



### 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

- In addition to 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 4th Fireworks, Shred Day, Springboro Strong
- Historic Springboro: Art shows at PAC, entertainment at Rotary Park
- Springboro Community Schools: DARE program, Senior Art Show, municipal tour and Mayor's Court visit
- Springboro Public Library: Imagination Library, Next Destination Speaker Series
- Premier Health: Health Speaker Series
- Springboro Area Historical Society: Veterans Day
- Springboro Chamber of Commerce: Holiday Jubilee
- Warren County Foundation: Imagination Library
- Springboro Pastors Association: MLK Day event, Prayer Service for Ukraine
- Warren County Solid Waste Management District: light strand recycling
- Springboro Community Theatre: productions at the PAC and North Park
- Springboro Community Assistance Center: Operation Santa, No Shave November



Memorial Day Committee:  
parade and picnic

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

- Providing outstanding services to our residents
- 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 400 acres of parks

## Springboro's 2023 Budget Focuses on:

- Resident-centered services
- Robust street-paving program
- Quality public safety services
- Upgrading North Park and maintaining all public parks
- Continued updates to water and sewer infrastructure
- General community assistance

## 2023 Projects Include:

- I-75/St. Rt. 73 Safety Upgrade
- Public Wi-Fi available at all Springboro parks
- Pump tracks at Community Park
- Upgrades to Wright Station outdoor area
- New playground equipment at North Park
- New bike path connecting Hazel Woods Park to City of Franklin

# 2023 Budget

The 2023 Budget is built upon conservative budgeting principles and structured to provide efficient and quality resident-focused services. The budget reflects an emphasis on delivering core services, maintaining city infrastructure and providing safe and reliable public utilities. Key investment areas include public safety, community grants, recreation upgrades, community events and public utility improvements. Sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure the City can provide the quality services that make Springboro the best place to live in Ohio.

### Major Capital Projects

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| Street Paving                                 | \$2,125,000 |
| North Park Upgrades                           | \$1,400,000 |
| Water Main Replacements                       | \$800,000   |
| Utility Generators                            | \$500,000   |
| Total 2023 Capital Improvements: \$13,752,000 |             |

**Did YOU know**

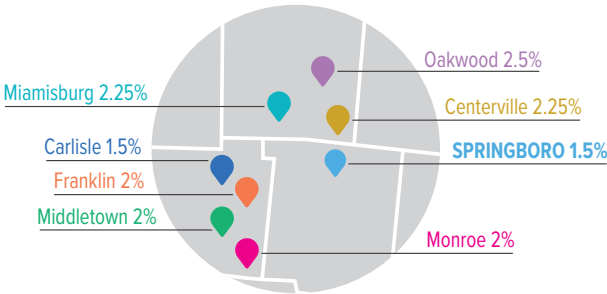
The City plans to spend \$4,074,750 for Street Improvements and Maintenance in 2023.

### City Relying More on Income Tax, Springboro Property Tax Rate is Lowest in Region

#### Income Taxes

Income tax is the largest single source of revenue for the City. Generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Springboro businesses and taxes paid by individuals—income tax comprises 80% of the General Fund. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Springboro has increased its reliance on local income tax revenue.

The City of Springboro’s income tax rate of 1.5% has been in place since 1988. The chart shows how Springboro compares to other cities in the region.



### Property Taxes

**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 to support City operations. The numbers show the annual tax impact on the owner of a \$300,000 home in the City of Springboro. The school district, Warren County and Clearcreek Township along with several other smaller entities.

#### Understanding Property Taxes

Property tax is based on the amount charged per \$1,000 worth of taxable property value, also known as “millage.” Amounts collected for levies, other than general operating levies, must be used for those specific purposes. The County Treasurer’s office collects property taxes and the County Auditor’s office distributes those taxes to the appropriate jurisdiction.

### Debt Extinguished in 2023

\$2,448,000

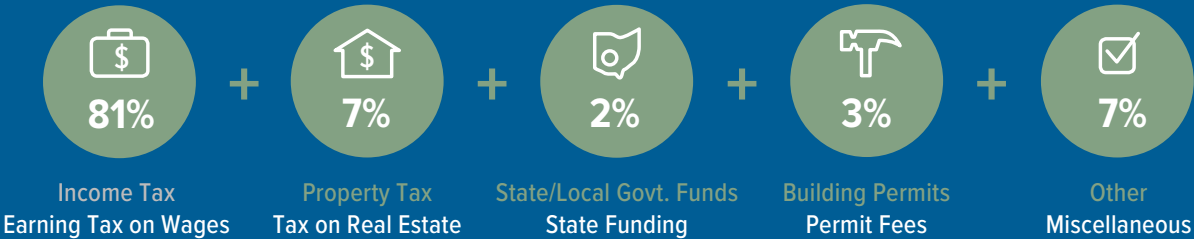
**Did YOU know**

The City provides utility services including water and sewer to over 8,100 residences.

**Did YOU know**

The 2023 Budget represents a 7% total decrease in expenditures over the 2022 Budget.

### 2023 General Fund Revenue Sources





Example:  
**\$300,000  
Home**

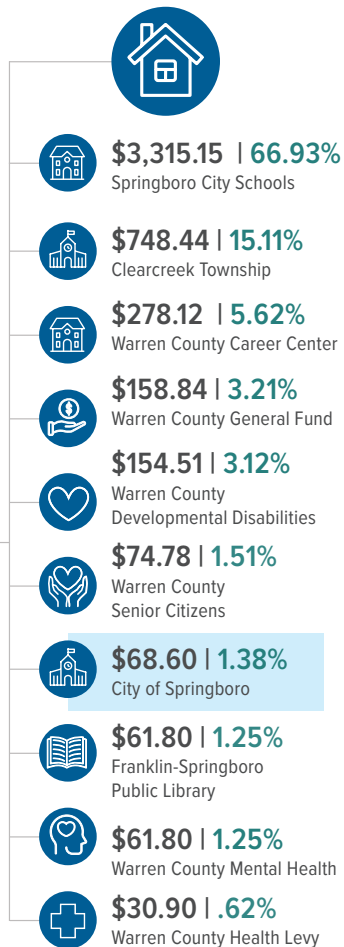
In Warren County  
Taxing District 05



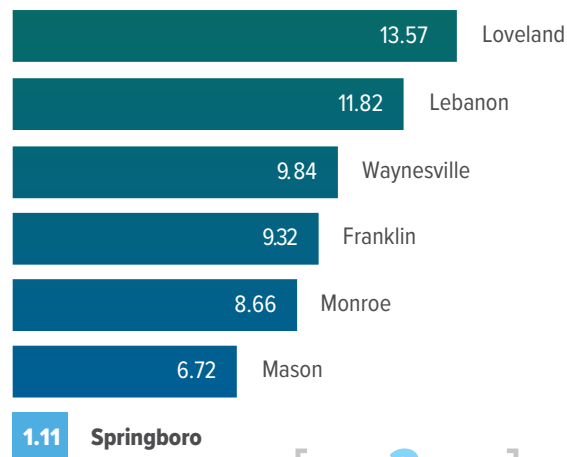
**\$4,952.95**

Total Property Taxes\*

\*Tax reductions may  
be available through  
the county auditor.



## Property Tax Rate (In Mills) for Warren County Cities



### Did YOU know

The City of Springboro and Springboro City Schools are two separate entities, each with its own independent elected officials and budgets. The Springboro City School District is funded primarily with property taxes while the City of Springboro is funded primarily with income taxes.

### Did YOU know

Manuscript debt is debt owed by the City, but debt paid back to the City, as the City is both borrower and lender of that debt.

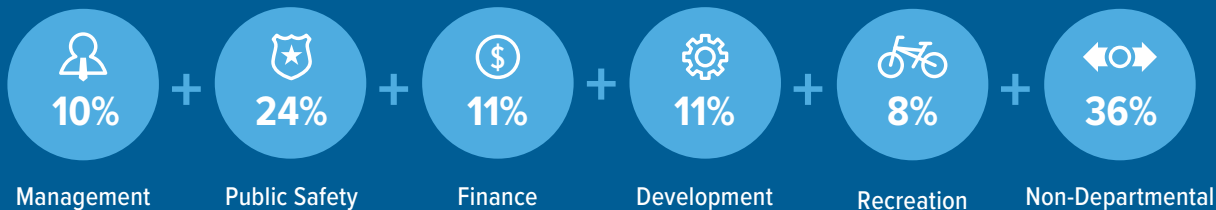
## Springboro Has the Lowest Property Tax in the Region

Springboro property taxes for a \$300,000 home in 2022 average 40% lower than neighboring communities.



| SPRINGBORO  | \$4,952.95  |
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| Centerville | \$8,488.20  |
| Oakwood     | \$10,351.95 |
| Mason       | \$5,559.75  |
| Miamisburg  | \$8,754.90  |

## 2023 General Fund Expense Distribution



**AS MAYOR OF SPRINGBORO**, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made together over the past year and look forward to continuing to provide quality service and leadership to the Springboro community. Thanks to our highly experienced and dedicated management team, staff members and volunteers, Springboro continues to be a leader in projects and programs that keep us one of the top rated cities in Ohio to live, work, play, learn and grow.

## LIFE IN SPRINGBORO

Springboro's consistently high ratings are driven by **economic stability, great neighborhoods, excellent schools, safety and services**. Springboro offers everything from outdoor concerts to a network of trails to hike and bike and public programming that includes holiday parades, festivals and fireworks.

In addition, our Performing Arts Center is a great new community resource featuring live theater, art exhibits, speaker series and special events. Springboro's beautifully preserved historic downtown is known for fun shopping and dining experiences and reflects our town's rich history.

**Springboro's 400 acres of recreational space** includes a collection of nine beautiful parks where residents can

relax, play and enjoy the outdoors and an outstanding 18-hole championship golf course.

Our excellent community ratings also makes Springboro a **prime destination for business and job growth**. Employers have the advantage of attracting a quality workforce with Springboro's family-friendly lifestyle, affordable cost of living and many great amenities that now include citywide fiber optics.

Springboro continues to experience both **small and large business growth** and works with regional and local partners like the Warren County Chamber Alliance, the Small Business Development Center, and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce to make sure this healthy growth continues. There are currently **545 businesses** contributing to our local economy and generating the revenue needed to support our many valuable services and amenities.

Springboro would not be the great city it is without **community partners** like Clearcreek Township, Springboro Schools, Springboro Public Library, Historic Springboro, Warren County and many other local organizations.

## FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

We are pleased to report that Springboro's **financial outlook remains healthy and stable** in 2023. Our management staff works closely with our finance department each year to prepare a balanced budget proposal based on conservative revenue and expenditure projections and sufficient reserve levels. Our annual budget continues to support the necessary infrastructure and services that **provide safe and reliable public utilities and streets, and parks and community development that further enhance our quality of life**.

Budgeted expenditures for 2023 total **\$62.5 million for capital and operations** with actual expenditures down approximately 2 to 3% and a stable year-end projection in the total estimated fund balance.

Since 2019, total expenditures have significantly decreased largely due to efforts to eliminate our golf, water and sewer debt and reduce interest payments by more than \$500,000. We appreciate the efforts of our finance staff to pursue these cost savings and their smart management of our investments and debt.

Our General Fund, which funds the City's administrative functions, police and parks, represents approximately \$14.8 million of this year's budget with **total budgeted**





revenues projected to be **\$21.4 million**. As part of the **General Fund operations**, approximately **\$3.3 million** will be spent on police and safety services and **\$1.4 million** on parks and community programming. In our public utility funds, **\$11.4 million** is allocated for **water, sewer and trash services**, which are provided to more than 8,000 residences. Our revenue stream from these utilities continues to be stable and rates remain at the same levels since 2019 in spite of inflationary costs.

Efforts to streamline operating costs while providing the same and expanded services remains our focus as we analyze the budget each year.

**Income tax is the City's largest single source of revenue and funds almost 80% of our general operating costs.** We anticipate receiving about \$15.6 million in total income tax revenue this year with approximately two-thirds assigned to our general fund and the remainder to our income tax capital improvement fund. Income tax receipts have increased by approximately 7% over 2021 matching the pace of the current economy. Notably, **Springboro's income tax rate has not increased since 1988**; however, our tax base has grown nearly 38%. This growth has helped us maintain and improve levels of service maximizing local tax dollars for our residents.

**Springboro also has the lowest property tax rate in Southwest Ohio at 1.1 mills compared to many cities over 10 mills and is a contributing factor to Springboro's affordability.**

Springboro continues to receive clean fiscal audits and the highest rating in open and transparent government under the State Auditor's Sunshine Law Rating System.

Springboro's financial profile carries the second highest investment grade of "Aa1" assigned by Moody's Investors Service. This rating keeps us in the top 5% of all Ohio communities demonstrating the City's exceptional financial position.

Moody's also reported that Springboro's fiber project received their **highest Environmental, Social, and Governance or ESG score.**

Once again, thank you to our staff for their commitment to Springboro's continued financial success.

**CAPITAL PLANNING is an investment in Springboro's future as a sustainable and vibrant community.**

Our capital plan has been essential to our community's development ensuring that we continue to provide

safe roads, safe water and safe parks and make new investments in anticipation of our community's future needs. In November, **City Council approved \$35.5 million in capital projects over the next five years** with investments covering our entire infrastructure improvement program. **Key investment areas include public safety, community grants, recreation upgrades, and public utility improvements.**

The total 2023 **capital budget is \$13,752,000**, which includes \$3.5 million in street paving and park upgrades, and a \$1.3 million investment in our water system. Over the past seven years, **our street paving budget has more than doubled** ensuring the maintenance of a quality roadway system. On average, the City has **increased miles paved from 1.9 to 3.8 miles per year** with 23 streets resurfaced in 2022, the largest program yet.

Other capital investments include the I-75 Interchange Aesthetics Project, which includes landscape elements to the cloverleaf and areas surrounding the interchange. This project coincides with \$2.4 million in state funded safety upgrades to St. Rt. 73 under I-75 scheduled to begin later this year.

Interior park upgrades are planned for Wright Station to create new public gathering space for events and entertainment at this central location and major





# State of the City ADDRESS

improvements at North Park will include the construction of a new state of the art ADA accessible playground enjoyable for all children.

Our capital program is reviewed on an annual basis and serves as an important tool to help us apply financial resources long-term.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We strive to reinvest in our neighborhoods, support economic development and provide general community assistance. Over the past 10 years, the City has **invested nearly \$1.1 million in support of community-wide events**, the work of local charitable organizations, business retention, and neighborhood improvements through grants and sponsorships. These efforts include our home improvement and historic preservation grant programs, which have generated **hundreds of thousands of dollars of public/private investment** in our community's residential and historic neighborhoods.

Springboro's investment in a **community broadband fiber network** is paying off by bringing competition to the internet service market. In addition to providing new options for residential customers and potential business users, the network will generate enough

revenue to be sustainable and has already exceeded the initial investment in infrastructure. Springboro was among seven cities that participated in the initial GATEWay Public Fiber Network project, one of the country's first multi-jurisdictional networks, and we have attracted statewide attention for completing our **17-mile fiber optic loop** prompting the fiber to home project.

Amenities such as new **high-speed internet services**, **free public Wi-Fi** now offered in our historic downtown area, and a DORA—Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area—stimulate our local economy by drawing people to Springboro for dining, shopping and entertainment and help our residents and businesses stay connected to what is important to them.

The City received approval last October to **expand the DORA** at Wright Station to include South Main Street in the Historic District. These designated outdoor refreshment areas are the latest economic development tool being used by communities and there are over 100 DORAs currently operating in Ohio.

Progress continues at Wright Station with the construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. office and retail building located between the Performing Arts Center and Cassano's. Wright Station and other developing

commercial areas throughout the City promise to further expand our tax base and help secure our economy moving forward.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Springboro is a community of summertime fun thanks to our many great parks and community events. Springboro ranks one of the highest in the region in recreational park space per capita at 20 acres of parks per 1,000 people. Currently, Springboro has nine parks covering 400 acres, which are highly utilized by the community. We welcomed thousands of guests to our summer concerts and many other events at North Park this past year. Our concerts were live streamed, and social media buzzed with compliments about our 2022 season.

**We are committed to making outdoor places for residents to gather for special events, sports and many other healthy activities.**

Among the many park amenities our residents enjoy include a splash pad, amphitheater, walking trails and athletic fields, shelters, play areas and dog park.

This year we look forward to the construction of an **810-ft. pump track at Community Park** creating





a new, dynamic biking experience. A second **ADA accessible tot track** will also be constructed at the park making this pump track the second one in the entire country that is ADA accessible.

**Voted one of Dayton's Best Public Golf Courses,** Heatherwoode Golf Course is known for exceptional course conditions, customer service and golf amenities. The facility hosts collegiate golf, corporate outings, and recreational golf and event services. In fact, last year the golf course was selected to host the **OHSSA Southwest District Boys and Girls Golf Tournaments** showcasing the best junior golfers from the Dayton and Cincinnati region. The City and Miami Valley Golf collaborated with the Miami Valley Communications Council to provide live coverage of the entire event creating a unique and exciting experience for these young players. In addition to booking over 34,000 rounds last year, Heatherwoode was recognized for the second time by the Southern Ohio PGA for excellence in merchandising in the promotion of golf. Many thanks to our golf course staff for the pride of having one of the best public golf courses in the region.



## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Springboro's boards and commissions represent over **40 citizen volunteers** who participate in our community's leadership. Each year our volunteers contribute hundreds of hours of service in areas such as community planning and development, historic preservation and parks and recreation. Three of our board members retired from service in 2022. Park Board Member **James Crabtree** served 16 years, Architectural Review Board Member **Gale Graham** served eight years and Board of Zoning Appeals Member **Sondra Marzluff** served 18 years. We deeply appreciate the time and valuable contributions made by these dedicated community leaders and thank all of our volunteers for the outstanding work you do on behalf of the City.

Leadership achievements over the past year include the completion of Springboro's newest **Master Plan** through the work of a nine-member steering committee. The plan recommendations were based in part on more than 1,000 comments provided by Springboro residents and will guide the long-range development of our community. Our Planning Commission reviewed plans for approximately 75,000 square feet

of development projects, including the expansion of the Springboro Public Library, and plans for new commercial and office uses in the areas of Advanced Drive and South Tech.

Springboro received the **Tree City USA** award for the **26th consecutive year** in 2022. Through the efforts of our **Tree Authority**, Springboro continues to be recognized for its urban forestry program, which supports the reforestation and maintenance of trees in our city and promotes the planting of trees through programs such as the celebration of National Arbor Day.

The **Architectural Review Board**, which is tasked with protecting our historic buildings and supporting historic preservation efforts in our community, approved 19 restoration projects in our Historic District last year. The board also presented three awards in conjunction with the board's Historic Preservation Awards Program, which has honored efforts to preserve Springboro's history since 2000.

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee** continues to support our community's bike/pedestrian program, and the committee's work has led to the development of more than 12 miles of designated bike lanes and trails. A new 2,500 foot multiuse trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park





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was completed in 2022. In addition, \$400,000 in grant funding has been awarded through the state capital budget and Ohio Department of Natural Resources to complete a 4,100-foot trail upgrade/reroute in Clearcreek Park, connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Hazel Woods Park. These new trails are a continuation of our bike and pedestrian plan's Central Greenway, a trail that will ultimately connect six Springboro parks to neighborhoods and business districts and the regional trail network.

Springboro's **Park Board** helps to direct the development of our community's park system ensuring our recreational space continues to grow in ways that enhance our residents' experience. The City has added as many as four new parks over the past decade including Kacie Jane Park and Hazel Woods Park. **Our Park Board sponsored 11 free concerts** at North Park last summer, which were attended by over 20,000 people. Thank you to the board members and staff for another record-breaking year for our summer concert series!

**PUBLIC SAFETY** means keeping our neighborhoods, schools and businesses safe and secure. Our Police Department relies on the strength and experience of 30 police officers who protect our community through patrol, investigative,

and command services and have a demonstrated commitment to the safety and welfare of our citizens. In addition to police personnel, the department staffs a communications center seven days a week, which received an estimated **20,000 calls** for service last year. In addition, the department participates in regional law enforcement agencies such as the Miami Valley Tactical Crime Suppression Unit to help aid in policing and share costs for specialized equipment and training. Our police officers also serve in the areas of school safety and community outreach by providing two full-time School Resource Officers jointly funded by **Springboro Schools and the D.A.R.E.** program, which has taught thousands of students to live safe, healthy and successful lives for the past 30 years. Each year, the police department sponsors **Operation Santa**, which has been making a difference in the lives of many families and children within our very own

community since 1998. We express our gratitude to everyone in the community supporting this program. Finally, Blue, a specially trained police dog whose primary duty is to comfort people experiencing a crisis or in distress, has been a calm and reassuring presence

in our community since his arrival in 2019. Blue visits nursing homes, greets school students and is the star at many community events. We pledge to continue providing programs that support the wellbeing of our community and to provide the highest quality safety services for our citizens each and every day.

Before I close, I would like to thank **Patti, my wife of 47 years**, who has been a source of unwavering support during my many years of service as a community leader. Despite facing some serious health challenges this past year, she continues to support my efforts to serve this great community and I thank her with all my heart.

**IN CLOSING**, as community leaders, we are motivated by our citizens' unique pride and community spirit and believe in working together to make **Springboro the very best place to call home.**

Special thanks is owed to my council colleagues, Dale, Jim, Jack, Stephen, Becky and Janie, for another great year of teamwork, as we look forward to serving together in 2023.

I am deeply honored to serve as your Mayor, and wish all of you health, happiness, and endless blessings in the year ahead!





# BY THE NUMBERS Springboro 2022

6,540.77 tons of trash picked up at Springboro addresses by Rumpke  
1,086.74 tons of recycling material at Springboro addresses picked up by Rumpke  
710 million gallons of water produced by 6 wells on 2 wellfields  
719 million gallons at the Waste water treatment plant  
85 miles of streets  
4 water towers  
9 parks  
400 acres of green space  
40 citizens serving on boards and commissions  
25 new businesses  
1,000 comments for input on the Master Plan  
62 artists showcased in 11 Art Exhibits at the Performing Arts Center  
23,000 attendees to our 12 concerts at North Park  
1,309 flowers planted in medians and on City properties  
80,000 sq. ft. of development reviewed by Planning Commission  
545 total businesses

7,333 followers of City of Springboro Municipal Government Facebook page  
365 City videos on our City of Springboro YouTube Channel  
\$3.4 million in federal, state and local grants  
1 comfort dog, Blue  
22 years of recognizing residents with Historic Preservation awards  
12 bands played at Wright Station  
19 cases reviewed by the Architectural Review Board  
20,000 calls for Police Department services  
891 households registered for the Do Not Solicit List  
\$125,000 distributed to 31 Springboro homeowners as part of the Home Improvement Grants  
17 miles of city-owned broadband  
30 Police Officers  
54 Wellness Prize bags awarded  
19,062 Residents  
250 custom club fittings performed at Heatherwoode Golf Club  
1 Great Community!



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## Engaging Our Citizens Through Communications

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

### Newsletters:

- City Notes
- E-Newsletter

### Websites:

- **City of Springboro:** www.ci.springboro.oh.us
- **Heatherwoode Golf Club:** 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\_springboroohio

### Video programs

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

- City Council monthly meetings
- “Springboro 45066”
- “Springboro: Here & There”
- “Springboro Business Matters”
- “Boro Buzz”
- In addition, you can watch our Summer Concert Series, Speaker Series and other City programs

### Emergency Messaging

- **Code Red:** message sent via phone call, text and/or email from City

### Community Satisfaction Survey

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

