



CITY OF SPRINGBORO

ANNUAL REPORT



2019



From Mayor John Agenbroad



We are pleased to present the City of Springboro's Annual Report ending December 31, 2019. Our goal is to share what your City government has accomplished over the year and how your tax dollars are being utilized.

As we review the year, the number of projects we took on and completed is astonishing! We kicked-off several large projects, completed many others, celebrated the opening of two new City facilities: Kacie Jane Park and the Performing Arts Center, and set record-breaking attendance at our City concerts and other events.

We continue to lead the way in programs and services. Our partnership with DriveOhio and the University of Cincinnati to conduct drone observation of school traffic on S. Main Street was the first of its kind in the entire U.S. We partnered on a project with the Miami Valley Communications Council to develop a 35-mile high-speed fiber ring between eight local cities. We

created a Residential Grant Program to assist residents with exterior home improvements, which was launched in the Royal Oaks neighborhood. We welcomed "Officer" Blue, an English Golden Retriever, to serve as a comfort dog to people in emotional distress. Blue is one of only a few comfort dogs serving in police departments statewide.

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Agenbroad".

From City Manager Chris Pozzuto



It is my pleasure to share this annual report, our first, to the citizens of Springboro.

Whether it was the introduction of new facilities, equipment or faces (one with paws!)—2019 was a year accomplishments in Springboro.

Our staff takes great pride in working for you. Our goal each day is to maintain Springboro's status as a premier community in the State of Ohio. We do this by providing outstanding City services, fostering a safe and engaged community, keeping our business community strong and acting in fiscally responsible manner.

While we were pleased to cut the ribbon on Kacie Jane Park and the Performing Arts Center, we also continued to invest in our other eight parks, adding more sports fields, expanding the concert series and offering nature walks. We invested in our roads, neighborhoods and historic downtown. Our Police Department and its newest officer, a

comfort dog named Blue, provided care and support to everyone from children attending their first day of school to senior citizens in nursing homes. Our numerous City events, concerts and programs were well-attended. Heatherwoode continues to be the favorite spot for golf and special events. Our business community continues to grow. We have maintained our AA1 bond rating through responsible budgetary decisions.

We look forward to an exciting 2020 with the continued development of Wright Station, including the grand opening of Warped Wing Barrel Room & Smokery in June, adding playgrounds to Kacie Jane Park, paying off the Heatherwoode Golf Club debt and continuing our many City improvement programs.

Our focus remains to deliver first-class services while keeping your taxes low.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. Pozzuto".

Property Tax Revenue

2013	\$596,174	
2014	\$602,921	
2015	\$611,988	
2016	\$658,192	
2017	\$665,959	
2018	\$688,743	
2019	\$775,561	
2020 PROJ	\$799,102	

Property Tax Rate Comparison

City of Springboro



Clearcreek Twp.



\$4,107.25* **\$4,353.13***

Springboro residents pay 6% less than township residents!

*Based on 2019 property tax figures on a \$250,000 house in the Springboro Community City School District

City relying more on income tax, property tax rate is lowest in region

The largest single source of revenue for the City is income tax generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Springboro businesses and taxes paid by individuals, comprised 78 percent of the City's general fund revenue. As the State continues to cut funding to cities, Springboro has increased its reliance on income tax revenue.

Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region. The Springboro municipal government realized less than three cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 67 cents supported the school district, 11 cents were allocated to Warren County, Clearcreek Township received 11 cents, with Special Districts (Warren-Clinton Community Health, Warren County Health District and Franklin-Springboro Public Library) and the Warren County Career Center both receiving 4 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 makes 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

Lebanon

11.82

Oakwood

10.05

Franklin

9.32

Miamisburg

7.03

Mason

6.72

Kettering

6.67

Springboro

1.11

Income Tax Revenue

Percent of Income Tax Revenue from Total General Fund Revenue



2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Major Projects

- Kacie Jane Park Splash Pad opened in July, in partnership with the Hausfeld family and Clearcreek Township. Located at Lytle-Five Points and Crosley roads, the park features a splash pad with several water features, restrooms and shelter. Phase 2 of the park, set to open summer of 2020, will feature two age-appropriate playgrounds.
- Wright Station—a partnership with Mills Development, plans for 6–8 buildings, including Warped Wing Barrel Room & Smokery, under construction, with a June 2020 opening date.

Infrastructure completed includes:

- Installation of storm sewer, water main and sanitary sewer main
- Construction of internal streets along with curbs, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping
- Performing Arts Center at Wright Station—opened in September, features 16,000 sq. ft. with office space, lobby, Premier Health Theater and new homes for the Springboro Community Theatre, Center Stage Dance Studio and Springboro Chamber of Commerce

City Improvements

- Created new gateway and directional signage
- Repaired the roof on the Water Treatment Plant and installed a water-proof membrane to protect the finished water
- Offered grant programs for Downtown area
- Created a Residential Improvement Grant Program to assist 18 homeowners in the Royal Oaks neighborhood with exterior improvements totaling approximately \$40,000. The City has made an \$82,000 commitment for overall neighborhood investment.
- Presented Preservation awards recognizing those preserving the City's rich heritage
- Rezoned 62 acres of land in and around Wright Station for future redevelopment by the private sector
- Launched the City's YouTube channel
- Constructed new 8" water mains on Renwood Place
- Painted the interior of the two-million gallon water tower on Lytle-Five Points Road



Road Projects

- Resurfaced approximately 2.5 miles of streets along with concrete repair to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons
- Repaired concrete curb and sidewalk on S. Main Street—in anticipation of the South Main Street Resurfacing Project that will be completed in 2020, from SR 73 to the south corporation limit
- Completed median project on St. Rt. 73

Parks Projects

- Upgraded Hazel Woods Park by adding soccer and lacrosse fields
- Expanded seating area at North Park Amphitheater

Safety and Security

Springboro Police Department

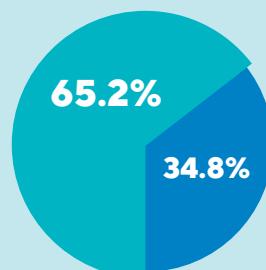
- Increased Police staffing by adding 4 new officers
- Welcomed Blue, a comfort dog for people in emotional distress
- Created Boro Watch, a video camera safety registration program
- Collected more than 125 pounds of pills during two DEA Drug Take Back Days
- Participated in Career Day at Clearcreek Elementary School
- Greeted hundreds of Springboro students as they started their first day of school
- Recognized Officers Josh Emmel and Cody Baker with Life-Saving Awards for efforts in saving a man in medical distress
- Coordinated Operation Santa, assisting 13 families and a total of 28 children
- D.A.R.E. Program, Springboro School Resource Officers taught:
 - 404 second grade students and 430 fourth grade students D.A.R.E. topics like home, drug and stranger safety
 - 472 Springboro Intermediate students (6th grade) decision-making skills for safe and healthy living

Springboro Police Department BY THE NUMBERS

2019 Traffic Stop Analysis

- Warnings
- Citations

Based on 6,426 traffic stops



Statistics	2018	2019
Calls	15,918	18,368
Response Time	4 min.	3 min.
Time on Scene	22 min.	18 min.

City Council

- Appointed Jack Hanson to fill the seat left vacant after Carol Moore Dorsey moved out of the City
- Saw the reelection of John Agenbroad to his seventh term as Mayor and Council Members Stephen Harding to his second term and Becky Iverson to her third term



Service Department

- Battled 11 snow events
- Completed its 18th year without a lost-time accident

Business Outreach

- Hosted first Business Appreciation Golf Outing (in addition to the Business Appreciation Breakfast)
- Welcomed 25 new businesses
- Hosted US Congressman Steve Chabot to tour local manufacturing businesses



Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

- Updated the Bike and Pedestrian Plan, hosted two community meetings along with online input opportunities
- Painted two bike lanes green as reminder of the dedicated lane space
- Coordinated nine bicycling and walking events including National Trails Day and Bike the Boro



Heatherwoode Golf Club

- Installed the last new tee—on hole 18—creating a longer and more challenging hole. Other recent new tees are on #2, #10 and #17
- Installed new wall of windows and blinds in the upstairs banquet room
- Participated in a pilot program with Lighthouse Power Partners for Sunbolt solar-powered charging station
- Hosted Mother's Day Brunch and Brunch with Santa
- Added four single-seat golf carts to make total of 12 (only place in Ohio you'll find them)
- Heatherwoode debt expected to be paid off by June 2020

Heatherwoode BY THE NUMBERS

- 600,000+:** Range balls hit
- 33,279:** Rounds played
- 6,950 yards:** Golf course distance with new tees
- 4,749:** Hotdogs and hamburgers sold
- 156:** Events
- 89:** Golf Outings



ACCOMPLISHMENTS continued

Awards and Recognitions

- Designated Tree City USA for 23rd consecutive year

Finance Office

- Received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction
- Awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association
- Recognized by the Ohio General Assembly for Auditor of State Award

Employees recognized include

- Jason Frisch, maintenance worker, certified as a Playground Equipment Operator
- Dan Fitzpatrick, Building Inspector, elected Treasurer of Miami Valley Building Officials Council

City Events

It was a record-breaking year for Springboro, as thousands of people attended our free City events, including:

- Touch a Truck
- National Trails Day
- Nature Walks
- Hikes and Rides (5 events in partnership with Mr. Boro's Tavern and Crooked Handle Brewing Company)
- Boro BBQ Fest
- Bike the Boro / The Big Event
- Doggie Day at Kacie Jane Park
- 11 Summer Concerts at North Park
- Pictures with Santa at Heatherwoode Golf Club

Community Partnerships

Community Events

- Memorial Day Parade and Festivities
- Christmas in Springboro

Clearcreek Township

- Kacie Jane Park
- July 4th Fireworks

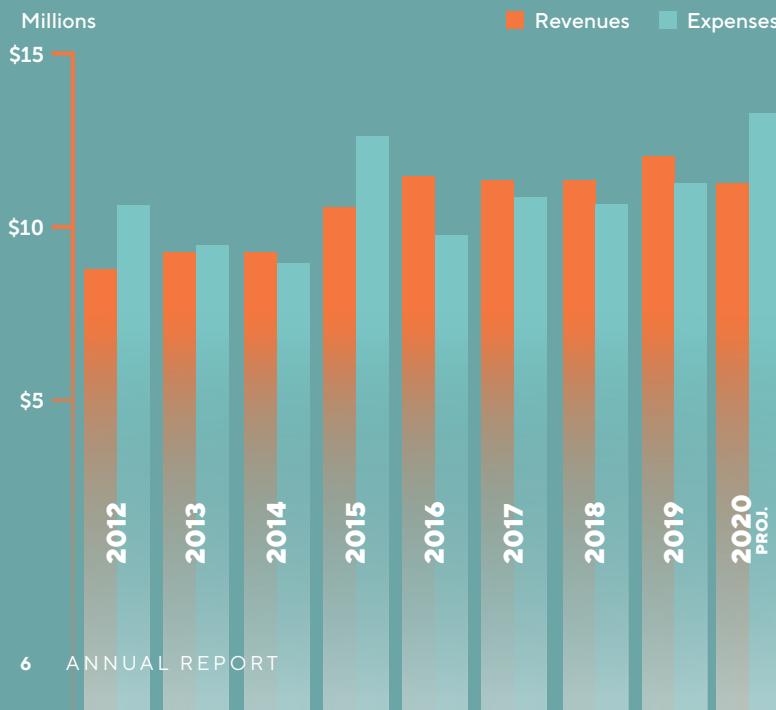
Springboro Community City School District

- Offered City tours for almost 500 third grade students at Dennis and Five Points elementary schools
- Exhibited art work by third and fourth grade Dennis Elementary School students in the City Building lobby
- Springboro Public Library, Speaker Series
- Springboro Chamber of Commerce, Hometown Expo
- Springboro Area Historical Society, Underground Railroad Historical Walk
- DriveOhio, school traffic management
- Historic Springboro, ARTfest on Main
- Springboro Community Theatre

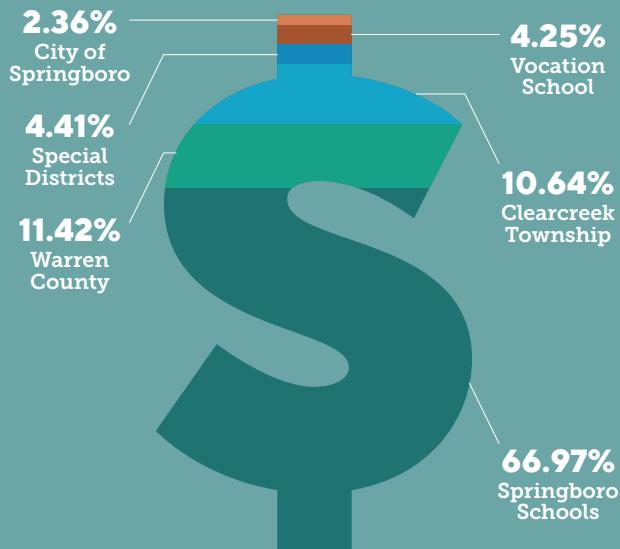
Efficiency/Technology

- Partnered on project to develop 35-mile high-speed fiber ring between eight local cities
- Piloted new online income tax filing system
- Equipped all snow plows with GPS
- Implemented computer maintenance management software

General Fund Revenue and Expenses



Property Tax Distribution



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:

Newsletters

- City Notes
- E-Newsletter
- Business Matters

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
- Instagram: City of Springboro
- YouTube: City of Springboro, Ohio

Video programs

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

- City Council monthly meetings
- "Springboro 45066"
- "Springboro: Here & There"
- "Springboro Business Matters"

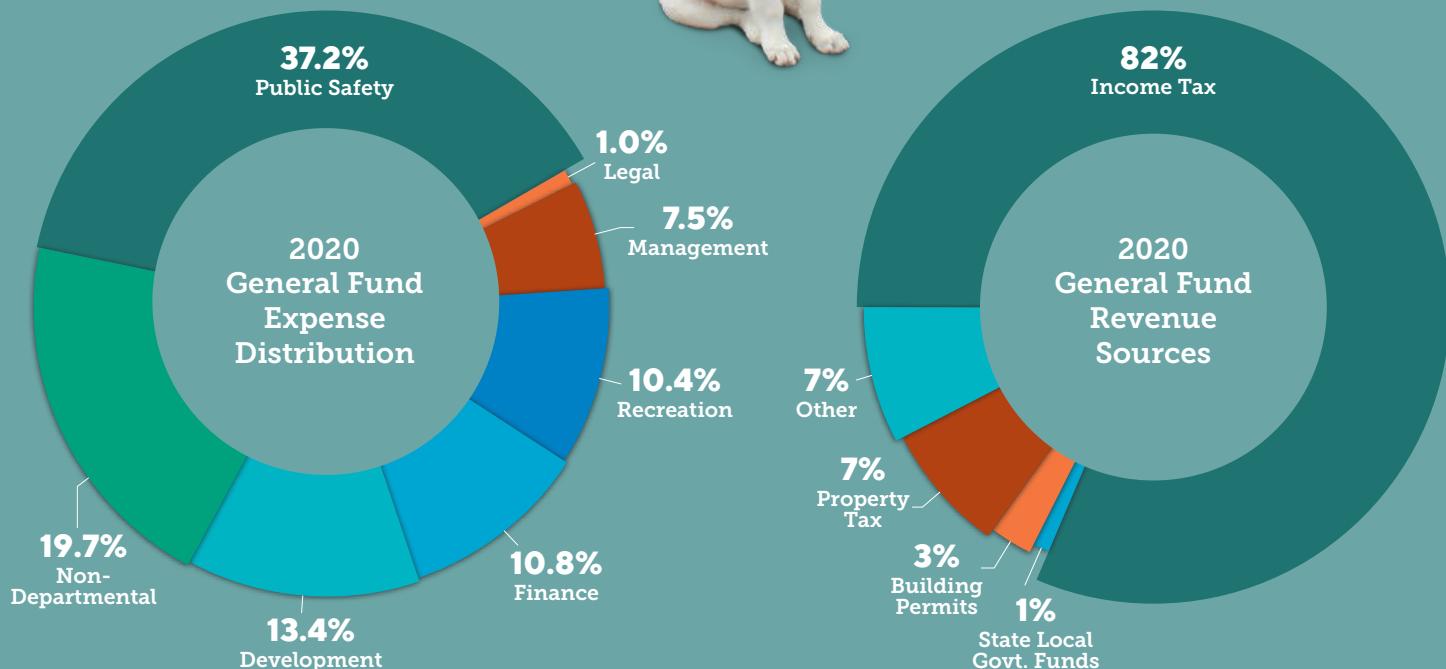


Emergency Messaging

- 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





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