



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



From the **Mayor** and **City Manager**

We are pleased to present the City of Springboro's Annual Report recapping the City's progress throughout 2023. Our goal is to share your City government's achievements over the past year, show how your tax dollars are being utilized and present our budget for 2024.

As you review this report, we hope you feel a sense of pride about the services, programs and amenities your City offered last year as well as excitement and satisfaction about our plans for 2024.

Some of those accomplishments include our Fiber to Home initiative, which earned an international Smart City award, our continued commitment to residents' safety and security, recognized with Springboro being named one of the safest cities in Ohio by SafeWise, and another record attendance—25,000—for our concerts and special events. We continued to invest in our street repair program, upgraded the park area at Wright Station, welcomed 25 new businesses and broke ground on our new all-access playground at North Park.

Our plate is full for 2024 as we'll work toward offering free Wi-Fi at all Springboro parks, adding a new bike path connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park and opening the new playground and pickleball courts at North Park. In partnership with Clearcreek Township, a new fire station located in the northern part of Springboro will also open this year.

We offer these services and amenities while maintaining an income tax rate that is one of the lowest in the region and a municipal property tax rate that is the third lowest in the state.

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 to ensure our community remains the #1 choice for families and businesses.

Thank you for making Springboro your home!

Sincerely,

John Agenbroad

Chris Pozzuto



2023 Facts, Figures and Highlights

The City of Springboro continues to focus on these areas to ensure our community remains the #1 choice for families, safety, recreation, education and businesses.

- Third largest city in Warren County, with a population of 19,427 (2022 Census)
- Lowest Municipal Property Tax Rate in the Miami Valley Region Warren County: 1.1 mils, and the third lowest municipal property tax rate in the State of Ohio
- Median Household Income: \$113,182
- 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 2023: \$64 million
- 2024 Budget: \$56,870,492
- Planning \$38.6 million in capital improvements over the next five years

Stephen Harding, Becky Iverson and Mayor John Agenbroad reelected to four-year terms

- Number of Businesses: 550
- Named 6th Safest City in Ohio by SafeWise
- Aa1 Investment grade by Moody's Investor's service
- Top 5% of Ohio communities demonstrating financial stewardship
- Springboro voters passed a **0.5% income tax renewal**, which represents one-third of income tax collections
- Received the **Smart 50 Award** as one of the 50 most transformative smart city projects in the world for the Fiber to Home Plan
- Following 21 years of service as Police Chief, **Jeff Kruithoff** retired in April. **Dan Bentley**, a 25-year veteran with the department who most recently served as the Operations Lieutenant, was named **Chief of Police**.
- Started the safety upgrades project on St. Rt. 73 at I-75 and intersection improvements on North Main Street at Remick Blvd. Construction costs for both projects were covered 100 percent by **two ODOT Safety Grants totaling \$4.5 million**. Upgrades included additional turn lanes to improve safety and traffic flow at these busy intersections.
- Approved **six building sites and four residential sites**

- Provided **\$36,398 in grants to eight homeowners for exterior improvements to homes in the Tamarack and Royal Oaks neighborhoods**
- Saw record attendance of more than **25,000 for concerts** at North Park and **special events**
- Hosted for the second consecutive year the **Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest Districts Boys & Girls Golf Championships at Heatherwoode**, and first in Ohio to host daily live coverage on YouTube

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY



Springboro Police Officers continue to lead the way in law enforcement, apprehending several suspects in numerous burglaries and other crimes from across the region. The Police Division remains vigilant to keep our community safe.

Notable staff and department achievements:

- **Teamwork Award** from the Dayton area Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) to Officers **Cody Baker**, **Carl Hoskins** and **Kyle Treon** along with Detectives **Dustin Christian**, **Josh Emmel** and **Dustin Hogan** for their tireless efforts in call-outs to assist other agencies during critical incidents and investigations
- **TCSU Investigator of the Year Award** to Detectives **Dustin Hogan** and **Josh Emmel** for their investigative work resulting in 17 felony counts against a suspect that included aggravated burglary, aggravated assault and aggravated arson
- **Lifesaving Commendation Award** from Springboro City Council and **Dayton 100 Club Award** to **Officer Heath Martin** for his heroics in pulling a man from a burning house
- Collected **65 lbs. of pills** in April and **75 lbs.** in October during the DEA National Take Back Days. In addition, 225 lbs. of drugs were collected in our lobby lock box throughout the year. All drugs were destroyed by the DEA.



2023 Facts, Figures and Highlights

- Maintained Gold Level award by the Lexipol Connect program for maintaining the best industry policies and ensuring those policies are utilized in day to day practice
- Taught DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to almost 1,500 second, fourth and sixth graders in Springboro schools during the 2022 - 2023 School year
- Answered 20,643 calls for service
- 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 the 25th annual Operation Santa event, assisting six families and a total of 20 children
- Participated in Miami Valley Tactical Crime Suppression Unit
- Appointed Aaron Morgan to the newly created Community Resource Office position, to serve as liaison with the community and coordinate community outreach programs
- Added three new officers: Billy Johnson, Dalton Overholtz and Trevor Hurles



- Awarded **\$975,000** grant to construct a multiuse trail from E. Milo Beck Park north to West Factory Road, to start construction in 2026

The City has given away almost **2,000** bicycle helmets since 2013

- Celebrated the **10th Bike the Boro** at North Park with 255 riders
- Continued **Bicycle Friendly Community** Bronze award from the League of American Bicyclists, one of only 17 communities in Ohio to achieve that status
- Maintained **12 miles** of bike paths and trails
- 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 about hiking and biking

HEATHERWOODE GOLF CLUB

- Led the Heatherwoode Elite Junior Academy with 48 golfers
- Provided over **250 personalized custom** golf fittings

- Installed **two new golf simulators** with Foresight GC Quads, bringing the total number to three indoor golf simulators along with the area's only facility with a Putt View system, designed to enhance and develop superior putting skills
- Played more than **38,000 rounds of golf**
- Saw over **1,100,000 golf balls** hit on the practice range



QUALITY OF LIFE PARKS IMPROVEMENTS AND PROJECTS

- Started construction of a **30,000 sq. ft. all-access playground at North Park**. Elements will include swings, slides, a zipline and climbing tower in addition to musical play areas
- **Upgraded Wright Station park** area adding turf, a pergola and stage area
- Completed work on a **2,500-foot multiuse trail** connecting E. Milo Beck Park to City of Franklin

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

- **Built DK Bike Park** with two pump tracks, at the west end of Community Park
- **Welcomed 9,409 individuals** including walkers and bikers passing through the counter August-December at E. Milo Beck Park



- 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
- Home to the Wright State Men's Golf team

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT WRIGHT STATION

- Hosted **Art Gallery**, featuring monthly exhibits showcasing numerous artists
- Presented free **Speaker Series**

CITY EVENTS

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

- **Bike rides**, in partnership with Mr. Boro's Tavern, Warped Wing and Crooked Handle Brewing Company
- **Bike the Boro** and **BoroFest** at North Park
- **Doggie Day** at Kacie Jane Park
- 15 Concerts at **North Park** set an attendance record of 23,000
- **Shred Day** in the spring, **Shred and Electronics Recycling Day** in the fall
- **Nature walks** at E. Milo Beck, North and Gardner parks
- **Free t-shirt giveaway** at Springboro High School football game
- **Springboro High School graduates** recognized on Main St. & Central Ave. gateway sign
- Monthly **art exhibits** at the Performing Arts Center
- **Speaker Series** at the Performing Arts Center
- 13 live bands at **Wright Station**

Disney music concert and activities at North Park

- Entertainment at **Rotary Park**
- Field trip to City Building for more than 225 **Five Points Elementary School** third grade students to learn about City operations
- Fourth of July **festivities and fireworks** at Springboro High School
- **Letters to Santa** program
- **Santa visits** and activities at the Performing Arts Center
- **Treasure Hunts**, monthly in the parks
- **Wellness Program**, monthly programs in the parks

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, the City Building/Library parking lot and North Park. More parks are set for Wi-Fi in 2024.

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

- Presented **Kathy and Ken Stachowski** the **Mayor's Award for Preservation Leadership** for their work initiating and executing the Springboro Area Historical Society's Property History Program, which gives property owners a history report of their property dating back to our community's founding
- Approved **17 Restoration Projects** in the Downtown Historic District by the Architectural Review Board for investment in this federally-recognized district
- Awarded **13 projects totaling \$43,000 in grants** as part of the Historic Preservation Awards program. The grants leveraged \$259,000 private investment in the historic district and other protected properties.



2023 Facts, Figures and Highlights

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

- **Resurfaced 19 streets** including curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repairs, the Street paving budget has doubled since 2014
- **Replaced** approximately **1,900 linear feet** of 8" diameter **water main**
- Offered **water and sewer payment reduction** program to senior citizens
- **Streamlined utilities payments** by offering online payments and notices

WRIGHT STATION

- Welcomed **Tropical Smoothie Café** and **Tres Amigos Bourbon and Tequila**, joining in the development, a partnership with Synergy & Mills in Wright Station
 - Installed **free public Wi-Fi**

Architectural Review Board approved **13** projects for investment in historic district and other protected properties.

GRANT AWARDS

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

- **\$400,000** from Ohio Department of **Natural Resources** to complete a 4,100-foot trail upgrade/reroute in 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
- **\$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.
- **\$69,772.20** from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice **Services** for body cameras for Police Officers

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS OUTREACH

- Installed public Wi-Fi along S. Main Street
- Welcomed **25 new businesses**
- Participated in **Historic Springboro** special events

- Planning Commission and staff reviewed plans for investment of new and expanded businesses including:

- Innomark, 96,000-square foot facility, South Tech Boulevard
- Wright Station, fifth building
- Mayfield Brain and Spine, West Tech Road
- Sheetz convenience store, West Central Avenue
- River Valley Credit Union, 25 West Central Avenue
- Village Park, new commercial building, North Main Street
- Clearcreek Fire District station, Gardner Road in Village Park



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **Tree City USA**, 27th consecutive 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
 - State Auditor's 4-star rating for best practices in open and transparent government
 - Aa1 Bond rating—the highest rating for a community our size
- Head Golf Professional **Matt Cole** named to the Callaway National Fitting Board
- Heatherwoode voted a **Top 100 Fitting Facility** by Callaway

- **Won three awards** for Video coverage of the 2022 OHSA Southwestern Regional Golf Tournaments held at Heatherwoode Golf Club including City-County Communications (3CMA) Award of Excellence, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) Award of Excellence and the Philo T. Farnsworth Award for Excellence in Directing and for Promotional Video



- Springboro Public Library: Imagination Library, Bicycling Speaker Series
- Warren County Career Center: traffic box vinyl wrap project
- Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Geocache location
- Warren County Foundation: Imagination Library
- Warren County Solid Waste Management District: light strand recycling

NEW IN 2023

MAKING A DEBUT LAST YEAR

PARTNERSHIPS

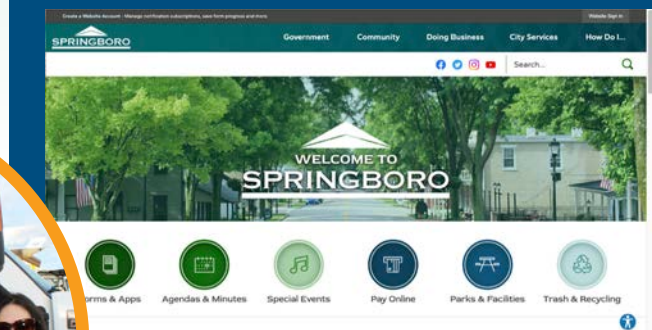
In addition to providing logistic support to several community events, we are pleased to partner with various community organizations for events and special activities including:

- Clearcreek Township: Kacie Jane Park, July 4th Fireworks, Shred Day
- DK/Airborne Bikes: design construction support for pump tracks
- Historic Springboro: Art shows at PAC, entertainment at Rotary Park, DORA extension
- Memorial Day Committee: parade and picnic
- Premier Health: Health Speaker Series
- Springboro Area Historical Society: Veterans Day event, historical museum operation, Null Log Home tours
- Springboro Chamber of Commerce: Expo
- Springboro Community Assistance Center: Operation Santa, No Shave November
- Springboro Community Schools: DARE program, Senior Art Show, field trips
- Springboro Community Theatre: productions at the PAC and North Park
- Springboro Pastors Association: MLK Day event



- Community Resource Officer, to bridge the gap between the community and the police department through events, education and programs
- PAFR: The Popular Annual Finance Report, City's financial report in an easy to understand format
- Children's Movie Series at the PAC
- Classical Music Series on Sunday evenings in June at North Park

- Website redesign



Snow Plow Naming Contest: 14 names selected from 162 submissions

- Mayor's Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
- Geocache location with Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Resident Raffle for a Grinch-theme decorated Christmas tree

2024 Budget

The 2024 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**.

MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Choosing Springboro is a smart choice—not only because of our excellent schools and outstanding quality of life, but also for your wallet. Your city works within a conservative budget, watches spending and still maintains:

- Income Tax Rate among the lowest in the region
- Municipal Property Tax Rate lowest in the region
- Waste Collection rates one of lowest in south suburbs

Major Capital Projects

Street Paving	\$1,825,000
North Park Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Water Main Replacements	\$1,600,000
Utility Generators	\$1,350,000
Total 2024 Capital Improvements	\$10,065,887

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 79% 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.



Did you know?

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

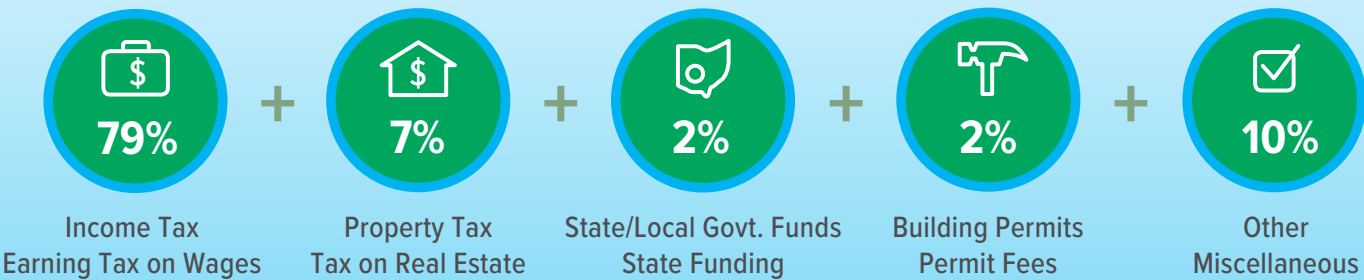
Did you know?

The 2024 Budget represents a **9%** decrease in expenditures over the 2023 Budget

Did you know?

The City plans to spend **\$3,885,075** for Street Improvements and Maintenance in 2024

2024 General Fund Revenue Sources

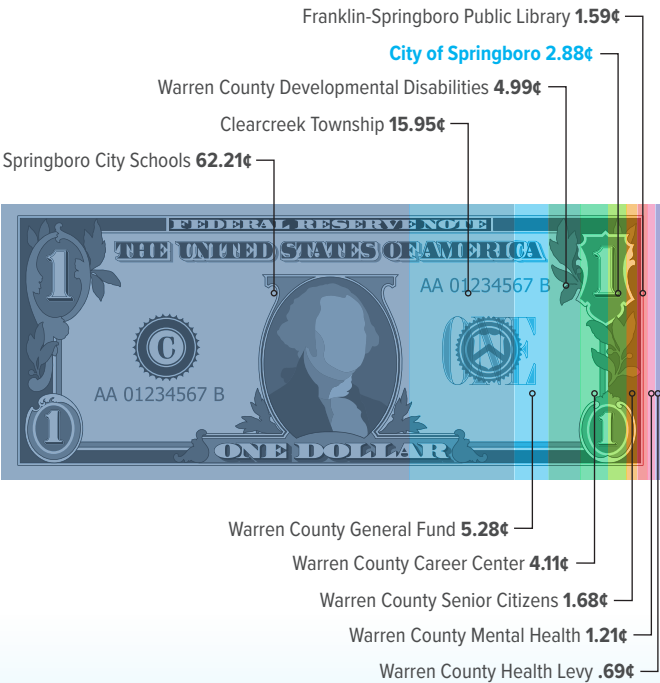


Property Taxes

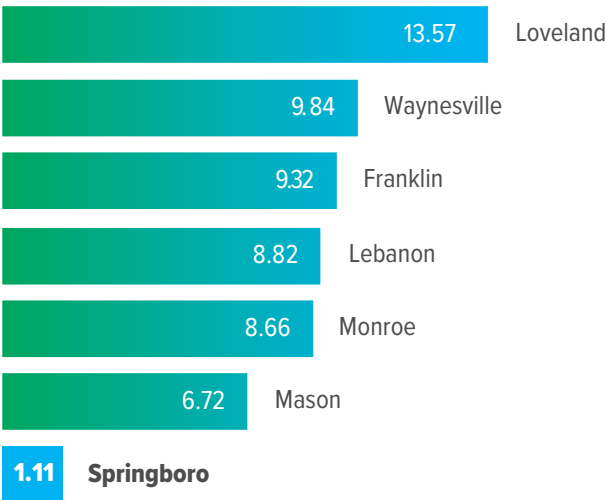
Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the **third lowest in the state**. Your Springboro municipal government realizes less than three cents from every property tax dollar collected to support City operations. The dollar bill below shows the annual tax impact on the owner of a \$300,000 home in the City of Springboro.

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.



Property Tax Rate (In Mills) for Warren County Cities



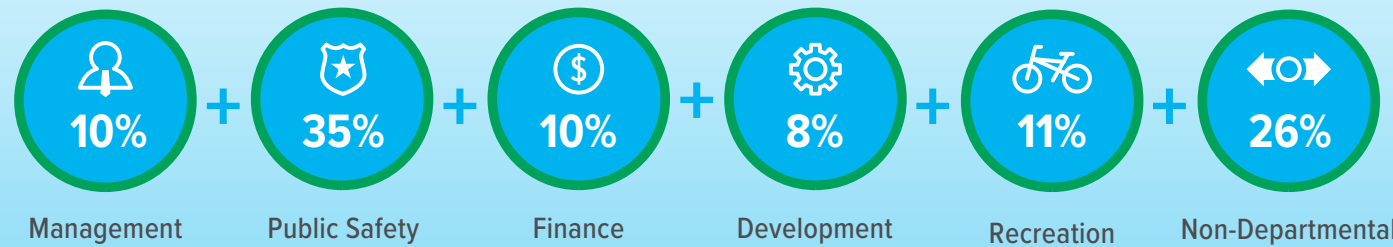
Springboro Has the Lowest Property Tax in the Region

Springboro property taxes for a \$300,000 home in 2023 average 40% lower than neighboring communities.



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

2024 General Fund Expense Distribution



As Mayor of Springboro, I am deeply honored to begin my eighth term of office as a community leader and congratulate my colleagues **Stephen Harding and Becky Iverson** on their re-election to City Council. We thank you for your trust in our leadership, and look forward to serving the Springboro community for the next four years. I would like to congratulate **Jack Hanson** on his appointment as Deputy Mayor for 2024 and thank my colleagues **Dale Brunner, Jim Chmiel, and Janie Ridd** for their continued service and support as Council Members. Our amazing staff, led by City Manager **Chris Pozzuto**, remain focused on making Springboro a top-tier community by providing many great services and amenities for our citizens.

LIFE IN SPRINGBORO

Springboro is the first choice in communities for families, jobs, education, recreation and safety. **Strong community assets such as great neighborhoods, excellent schools, services and amenities drive Springboro's exceptional quality of life.** Springboro is also home to more than 500 businesses. Our diverse business community of small to large businesses keeps our local economy strong and encourages healthy economic growth.

Springboro continues to take it to the next level with great community programming, and offers everything from outdoor concerts to bike trails, holiday parades, festivals and fireworks. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, **our downtown district is a great place to explore our history and sample our small town charm.** Our **Performing Arts Center** brings the community together for live theater, art exhibits, speaker series and other enriching experiences. **Springboro's 400 acres of outdoor recreational space**

include an exceptional 18-hole public golf course and nine beautiful parks with many amenities that include an amphitheater, splash pad, dog park, and new bike pump tracks. **There is something for everyone to enjoy in the Boro!**

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Springboro's financial position remains solid, as we continue to use a conservative approach to revenue and expenditure projections heading into the new year. We finished strong in 2023 with **income tax revenue up 2.2% over 2022** and **8.5% over budgeted revenues for 2023.** Our **2024 budget emphasizes the delivery of core city services, maintaining critical infrastructure and providing safe and reliable utilities.** **Total expenses for 2024 are projected to be \$56.8 million** for capital and operations, **a decrease of 9% over 2023** largely due to a reduction in capital and debt spending, with stable year-end projections in the total fund balance. **Revenues are expected to increase 3.5%,** with projections staying relatively flat while the economy remains in a period of uncertainty. We commend the efforts of our staff to keep our primary governmental functions properly funded ensuring the continuation of services that are essential to the daily lives of our residents.

It is important to mention that in **2024, a total of \$12.1 million will be spent in our utility funds mostly covering water, sewer and trash collection services.** These utilities operate as Enterprise Funds to ensure that the City is able to provide these basic services to our 8,000+ residential and business customers. Revenues continue to keep pace with expenses in these funds with the exception of the Trash Fund. However, **the City has taken steps to make sure this fund continues to**



operate by increasing monthly trash rates by \$2.

Rising costs led to this increase, which is **the first since 2018** and **still one of the lowest in our region**. To offset this rate increase, the City offers a \$2 monthly discount on utility bills if customers sign up for auto pay and e-billing services.

Thank you, Springboro voters for supporting the continuation of our 0.5% tax levy. This portion of the City's income tax is critical to our capital costs moving forward and **accounts for approximately one-third of our income tax collections**. The renewal enables us to keep providing safe roads, safe water, safe neighborhoods, and continued economic stability. **Springboro's income tax rate remains among the lowest in the region and our property tax is the third lowest in the entire State of Ohio.** These factors combined, demonstrate our long-term efforts to maximize local tax dollars by keeping our cost of living affordable while continuing to deliver many high-quality public services to our residents and businesses.

The City is audited annually for compliance with government accounting principles, practices and financial reporting. In 2023, Springboro received the **"Auditor of State Award with Distinction"** meeting the state's highest standards during a financial audit and the **"Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting"** for our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The City also completed the more user-friendly, Popular Annual Financial Report, for the first time in 2023. This report outlines our City's finances, achievements, and future goals in a format that is easy to understand. In addition, Springboro still holds the **State Auditor's 4-star rating** for best practices in open and transparent government confirming our continued commitment to government accountability.

CAPITAL PLAN

Planning for capital improvements is integral to our budgeting process. **Our Capital Improvement Program includes recurring and major capital projects that maintain and enhance our community's livability and future viability.** A total of **\$10 million in capital spending was approved for 2024 with \$38.6 million budgeted over the next five years.** Approximately **\$6.3 million will be spent on improvements to our street, water and sewer systems and \$3.7 million on general capital and park and recreation projects.** Annually recurring projects include vital infrastructure that we cannot see, but most of us use and depend on every day. We have doubled our investment in paving to make sure every street in Springboro is repaved every 20 years to keep them in good, safe condition. (Most streets have a 20-25 year lifespan before needing resurfaced.) In 2023, **we repaved 19 neighborhood streets** and continued to **upgrade our water mains** to keep our water system properly maintained and minimize disruptions in service.

Capital funds are also used to support large-scale infrastructure projects citywide. These major projects require **cooperation with other government agencies** such as the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Warren County Transportation Improvement District and are funded with state grants or federal dollars. **Major projects in 2023** included safety upgrades on SR73 at I-75 and intersection improvements on N. Main Street at Remick Blvd. Construction costs for both projects were **covered 100% by two ODOT Safety Grants totaling \$4.5 million.** Upgrades included additional turn lanes to improve safety and traffic flow at these busy intersections. Work will continue at I-75 this year with further aesthetic enhancements at the exit ramp and areas surrounding the interchange.



THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Significant upgrades at North Park will be completed this year, which include replacing the 25-year-old playground with an all-access playground totaling 30,000 sq. ft. and the addition of pickleball courts. A total of \$4 million will be invested at North Park in improvements and new equipment that will take place over several years. **Future phases** include expansion of the entranceway and plaza, a potential water play feature, and new ADA accessible restroom facility. The City is seeking state monies to cover up to half of the remaining \$2 million in costs for these improvements. Also this year, we will begin the design phase of the **East Central Resurfacing project**, with construction anticipated in 2026. The roadway will be repaved to the eastern corp limit through the Urban Paving Program with an estimated \$550,000 of the \$1.1 million project being federally funded. These are just a few of the projects planned to provide lasting benefits for the community.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The vitality of our neighborhoods remains an important priority for the City. This past year we **invested nearly \$100,000** through two successful grant programs. Our **Home Improvement Grant Program**, initiated in 2019, targets specific neighborhoods each year and offers grants for home improvement projects with 12 projects qualifying in 2023. Our **Historic Preservation Grant Program** resumed in 2023 with 13 projects recommended by our Architectural Review Board to receive funding for restoration and other improvements to buildings within our Historic District. Overall, these programs generated an investment of at least \$375,000 in community neighborhoods and helped support improvements initiated by homeowners.

Springboro is among only a handful of communities nationwide that now offers a choice between three Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Springboro received the “**Smart 50 Award**” in 2023, which honors the 50 most transformative smart city projects in the world, for our Fiber to the Home Plan. The plan involved building a **17-mile fiber optic network infrastructure within the City** that allowed private ISPs to connect from our network directly to homes. Private investment in our fiber lines covered a majority of the cost of the City’s fiber loop. This upgrade in technology allows the City to provide better safety, communication and public works services, provides residents and businesses with unprecedented connectivity, and enables the City to offer **free Wi-Fi service** in popular areas of the community such as our parks, downtown area, and Wright Station.

Springboro’s business-friendly approach attracts new employers and encourages existing businesses to expand and create new job opportunities. New business investment includes approximately 152,000 sq. ft. of new and expanded commercial space currently planned or under construction in the City at sites such as **South Tech Business Park, The Ascent Office Park, Village Park and along SR73**. In addition, more than 20 new businesses opened in town over the past year offering many specialty services to our residents and further boosting our tax base. **Wright Station**, centrally located at SR73/SR741, continues to grow with the opening of a fifth commercial building and recently completed upgrades to accommodate outdoor gatherings and live music. Wright Station has quickly become a focal point in our community with amenities like the **Performing Arts Center**, dining establishments, outdoor entertainment and the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area). We are excited about the possibilities that Wright Station and other developing areas in the City promise in the years to come.



PARKS & RECREATION

Our parks provide wonderful opportunities to stay closely connected with the outdoors and participate in a variety of fun community events. Covering approximately **400 acres**, our park system has one of the highest total parkland per capita in the region. Our many park amenities now include **two bike pump tracks** installed in 2023. Thank you to DK Bikes for sponsoring this fun, new bike facility at Community Park. As mentioned previously, a new all-accessible playground is coming soon to North Park. Construction is underway on what will be our largest playground facility in the City with exciting elements like a zipline, climbing tower and musical play areas set to open this spring.

As our programming continues to grow with more concerts, festivals and other exciting events, residents are encouraged to visit our parks and enjoy these many free offerings.

Thousands of residents attended a variety of city-sponsored events in 2023, including 16 concerts at North Park, guided nature walks, Touch-A-Truck and Bike the Boro. **Thank you to our Park Board and staff** for the many hours they dedicate to bringing our parks alive each summer and giving everyone a reason to play outdoors in Springboro.

Heatherwoode Golf Course is one of Ohio's top public golf courses with outstanding course conditions and golf amenities that now include three indoor golf simulators. Heatherwoode provides an excellent facility for tournament golf, group outings and recreational play, and is preparing to host the 2024 Ohio Women's Open. In 2023, Heatherwoode again hosted the **OHSSA Southwest District Golf Championships** in collaboration with Miami Valley Golf and the Miami Valley Communications Council. The five-day event, involving

more than 300 of our region's best high school players, was televised live on the City's YouTube channel receiving over 100,000 hits on social media. Coverage of this event has received several video-broadcasting awards including the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) Award of Excellence. **Heatherwoode was also voted a top 100 club fitting facility** and the new Elite Junior Academy instruction and training program sold out in 2023. Golf stats include more than 38,000 rounds played, over 1 million range balls hit and 250 custom club fittings. We appreciate the level of excellence that our staff operates and maintains our golf course, and for making Heatherwoode such a great place to play golf.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Springboro's leadership includes approximately **40 citizens who serve on our boards and commissions** and support some very important functions in our community such as community planning, historic preservation, and parks and recreation. These community leaders volunteer their time to help us do the groundwork and carry out the many plans, programs and activities that shape our community.

One such committee is the **Planning Commission**, which assists in steering our community's growth by reviewing and making recommendations on residential and commercial development plans. Our City's **Master Plan** and planning/zoning regulations help guide the commission's work and are fundamental to keeping Springboro a sustainable and desirable place to live and do business. In 2023, the Planning Commission **reviewed plans for six commercial building sites and four new residential subdivisions**. The Planning Commission also recommends updates to the City's planning



THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

and zoning code that reflect emerging trends in planning and development, new laws, and the changing needs of our community.

Another very active committee is our **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**. The BPAC continues to support the implementation of the City's trail system, which now has more than **12 miles of designated bike lanes and multi-use trails**. New segments of our Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan's Central Greenway are anticipated with the construction of an off-road trail **connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park** and a similar trail through Clearcreek Park, which were granted nearly \$1 million in state funded financial support. We also celebrated our **10th Annual Bike the Boro** event in 2023 with 255 riders, offered locally sponsored bike rides with Springboro businesses and a speaker series showcasing Ohio bike/hike enthusiasts, who shared their expertise and passion for outdoor adventures. In recognition of outstanding efforts to encourage bicycling in our community, Springboro first earned bronze status as a "**Bicycle Friendly Community**" in 2016 and has held this designation for the past eight years.

Other activities supported by our citizen committees in 2023 include our annual celebration of **Arbor Day**, earning the nationally distinguished **Tree City USA Award for the 27th year**, presenting the **Mayor's Award for Preservation Leadership** in support of historic preservation efforts, and sponsoring our "**Concerts in the Park**" series attended by approximately 23,000 music fans. These and other programs would not be possible without the dedicated members of our board and commissions. We thank you for participating in Springboro's leadership and your continuing service to the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Community safety is provided by the City through our police force of 30 officers serving in command, investigative and patrol positions with extensive training and experience in all areas of law enforcement. We also have a fully staffed communications center open seven days a week that responded to more than **20,000 calls** for service last year.

Police services also include **multiple safety and welfare programs** such as neighborhood crime prevention, School Resource Officers, a D.A.R.E. program, Operation Santa, and a specially trained Comfort Dog named Blue. In addition, the department has a newly assigned Community Resource Officer to bridge the gap between the community and the police department. This officer will work with residents and businesses to promote safety through outreach programs and education and represent the department at various community events throughout the year.

The Police Department's **2023 merits** include a Life Saving Commendation Award, two Miami Valley TCSU (Tactical Crime Suppression Unit) Investigator of the Year Awards, the Gold Level Award by Lexipol Connect for maintaining the best industry policies and ensuring they are utilized in the department's daily practices, and Springboro was rated the 6th safest city in Ohio according to web-based safety expert SafeWise. Congratulations to our officers on these achievements in working to safeguard our community.

Also in 2023, **Operations Lieutenant Dan Bentley, a 25-year veteran of the department, was promoted to the position of Police Chief**. Under Chief Bentley's leadership, the department will continue its strong commitment to public safety and keep Springboro in Ohio's top-ten safest cities.



Finally, a **new fire station** will open this year in Village Park on N. Main Street. **The City worked with Clearcreek Township** by purchasing the land to facilitate the Fire District's construction of this new station to better serve residents and businesses in the **northwest portion of Springboro** by having emergency services in close proximity. Whenever possible, we work through community partnerships to advance the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and thank all of our first responders for the many ways they serve above and beyond.

IN CLOSING, the most rewarding part of my role as Mayor are the many opportunities I have to work with and serve the people of Springboro. Without all of you driving this community, Springboro would not be one of the **best hometowns in America**. I am especially proud of the many wonderful projects and programs offered by the City and thank our hardworking staff and volunteers for another great year! Please accept my gratitude and very best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2024!

One final note, my loving wife Patti continues to encourage and support my endeavors to serve the citizens of Springboro as Mayor, as she has done so faithfully for the past 26 years. Even as she continues to experience many health issues, her strength never wavers and is always an inspiration to me. Without question, you have been my guiding light as First Lady of Springboro. Thank you, Patti!

#StayConnectedSpringboro



On tap for 2024

Springboro's 2024 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

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 online tax application
- Repairing and upgrading roads
- Supporting our businesses and new development
- Providing more walking and biking trails
- Upgrading and maintaining our 400 acres of parks
- Offering special events and activities for the entire family to enjoy

2024 Projects include:

- I-75/St. Rt. 73 Landscape Upgrade
- Public Wi-Fi available at all Springboro parks
- New 30,000 sq. ft. playground areas at North Park
- New bike path connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park
- Design phase of the East Central Resurfacing project, with construction anticipated in 2026
- Heatherwoode Golf Club to host the Ohio Women's Open



320 W. Central Ave.
Springboro, OH 45066

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #29
SPRINGBORO, OH



Mayor and Council

John Agenbroad - Mayor 937-748-0842
1255 South Main Street

Jack Hanson - Deputy Mayor
Council Member - Ward 3..... 937-219-1699
74 Wheatmore Court

Stephen Harding
Council Member - At Large 937-748-4851
74 Wheatmore Court

Becky Iverson
Council Member - At Large 937-470-1812
105 Dalfaber Lane

Janie Ridd
Council Member - Ward 1 937-748-0370
440 Queensgate Road

Dale Brunner
Council Member - Ward 2..... 937-673-2954
28 Pinehurst Place

Jim Chmiel
Council Member - Ward 4..... 937-748-4356
1235 South Main Street

City Council Email
council@cityofspringboro.com

Lori Martin - Clerk of Council 937-748-4356
320 West Central Avenue
Email: lori@cityofspringboro.com

City Offices

City Manager's Office 937-748-4352
Police Non-Emergency..... 937-748-0611
Public Works 937-748-0020
Utility Department..... 937-748-4343
Tax Department..... 937-748-9701
Building & Zoning 937-748-9791

www.ci.springboro.oh.us • askus@
cityofspringboro.com



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

WEBSITES

City of Springboro:
www.ci.springboro.oh.us

Heatherwoode Golf Club:
www.golfheatherwoode.com

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: City of Springboro, Springboro Ohio Police Department, Heatherwoode Golf Club

X (formerly Twitter): @cityofboroOH, @borodispatch, @heatherwoodegc

YouTube: City of Springboro, Ohio

Instagram: @city_of_springboroohio

EMERGENCY MESSAGING

Code Red: Message sent via phone call, text and/or email from City

CITIZEN FEEDBACK

Flash Vote: Conducted two surveys in 2023

Community Satisfaction Survey: Conducted every three years by Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, new survey set for 2024

