



City of Moraine

2021 Annual Report

City Council Recaps 2021

The year 2021 was filled with unexpected challenges, and City Council strived to provide leadership by strengthening regional partnerships, enhancing internal processes, providing exceptional City services, and continuing the promotion of citizen oriented activities.

After 20 years of service on City Council as Mayor and Council Member, Mayor Elaine Allison opted not to run for re-election. The City Council hosted a farewell celebration for Mayor Allison in December to thank her for her many years of dedicated service, and wished her well on her future endeavors.

Deputy Mayor Teri Murphy ran for the Mayor's Seat at the November election and will become the 13th Mayor for the City of Moraine in 2022. Current Council Members Ora Allen and Don Burchett also ran for re-election and will continue as At-Large Council representatives.

Even through a continuing pandemic, Council still maintained City business. City Council approved a new three-year extension with each of the City's five Collective Bargaining Units. As more events continued to be resumed, Council was able to attend various City events including Star Spangled Boom, National Night Out and Boo Bash, as well as ribbon-cuttings that welcomed new businesses into the City.

Council would like to thank the residents and business leaders, who continue to display community spirit throughout the City. Council appreciates the dedication and hard work of all City employees, who go above and beyond to maintain an excellent level of services to the community.

As we head into 2022, Council is looking forward to a productive new year with a bright outlook towards a better future. Each member of Council is proud to provide leadership and service to the residents and they are eager to address challenges while celebrating successes. Council takes the City's motto, "Progress Through Unity," to heart because we believe that better relationships make for a stronger Moraine.



Elaine Allison
Mayor



Ora Allen
At-Large



Don Burchett
At-Large



Randy Daugherty
Ward 1



Teri Murphy
Ward 2



Shirley Whitt
Ward 3



Jeanette Marcus
Ward 4

Farewell to Mayor Allison

Mayor Elaine Allison provided 20 years of service to our community and below are a few of her reflections.

“Probably one of the biggest accomplishments was being a part of the team that brought Fuyao Glass America to Moraine. This redevelopment started to heal the wound caused by the departure of GM, a blow that not only hurt Moraine but also the Country.”

“When GM left, the loss of income had a significant pain on City resources. Every employee took a ten percent reduction in pay from top to bottom and we cut programs and scaled back services. However, through diligent work with staff and Council, we’ve been able to put the City back on good, firm financial footing, and in the last couple of years have been able to bring back many items we had to put off.”

“Another achievement was being able to bring three new housing developments into the City including Oak Pointe, Pinnacle Ridge and Wright Landing adding nearly 300 new homes to the City.”

Mayor Allison said her 20 years on Council were worth it because of “the satisfaction of being able to provide leadership for the City and that ultimately we’re there to serve the residents. The fact that we as a Council and then myself personally have been able to do that as well as be a servant leader, has really been rewarding to me.”



Rolling with it

The Parks and Recreation Department took a pro-active yet cautious approach to annual programming. Staff was able to modify some of our annual kid-friendly events in an effort to allow them to still occur. The Easter Egg Hunt was moved to Wax Park to help better control the crowds, our summer lunch program and day camps became “to go.” “The staff did a great job creating a drive-thru style system for our residents to stay involved,” said Parks Director Brent Shane.

Summer brought a new initiative with our annual Star Spangle Boom 4th of July celebrations. The Fireworks display was moved within the Wax Park boundaries creating a more intimate and visibly entertaining show. “Spectators who stayed for the fireworks show were amazed by the close-up pleasing show,” added Shane. The warmer months also gave staff the opportunity to hold its first Movie in the Park night. The positive turnout and comments have encouraged the City to consider additional Movie Nights in 2022.

We had great support from our volunteers this year. Eagle Scout, Kai Hary, built a Little Library at Wax Park, which holds donated books for park visitors. DMAX employees continued their annual clean-up efforts along Dryden Road.

The Keep Montgomery County Beautification grant program allowed the City to re-stock Deer Meadow Pond with various species of fish to include bass, crappie, catfish, and others, to include an albino catfish. Additionally, several trees were planted around the City that were donated by DMAX or supplied from grant programs.



523
PRC Memberships

8,130
Grab & Go Meals

17,628
PRC Daily Drop-ins

360
Camp to Go Boxes

3,217
Aerobics Participants

60
Rec & Go

6,835
Senior Meals

147
School Supply Giveaway





The Montgomery County Recycling Incentive Grant funded three big belly trash compactors that were placed around the Municipal Building.



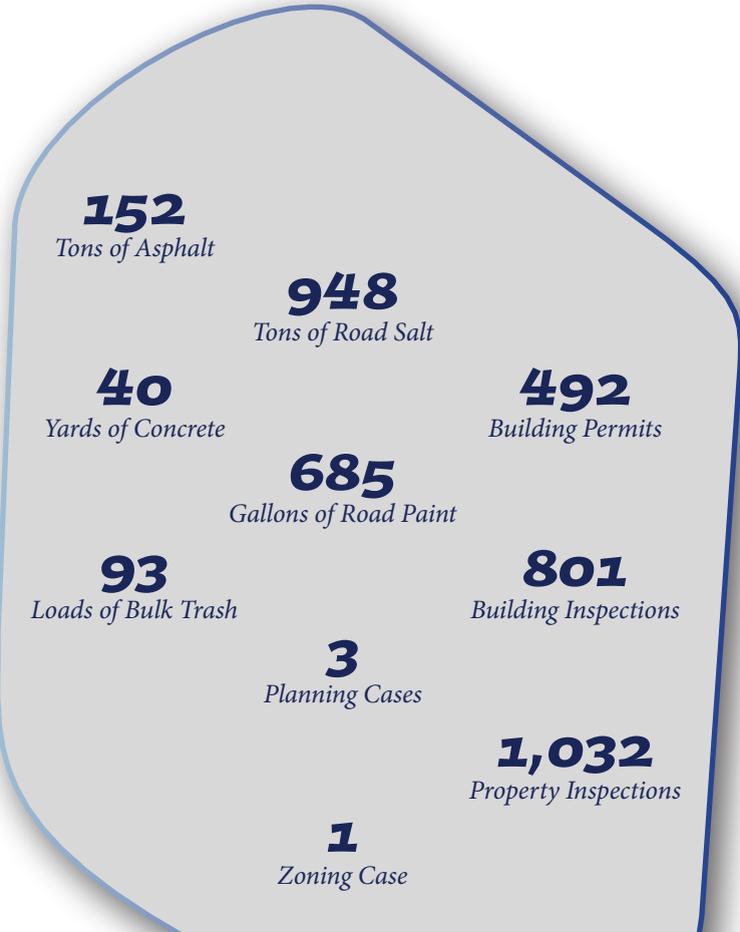
DMAX was able to acquire tree saplings through the Living Lands & Waters' Million Tree Project. They distributed several samplings to their employees, as well as approximately 50 of the swamp white oak saplings to the City.

This project aids in the protection, preservation and restoration of the natural environment of the nation's major rivers and watersheds. These saplings will be planted Citywide where ash trees once stood.



In 2021, significant work continued on the Pinnacle Ridge and Wright Landing developments.

Pinnacle Ridge was paved and the last remaining lot was sold. Wright Landing has begun to take shape with 33 lots sold and the hope to sell the remaining 15 lots in 2022.





GATEWay fiber is our door to the future

Municipal networks often catch headlines for dramatically improving the lives of residents by giving them access to high-speed, reliable, low-cost internet. These institutional networks also remain a tried-and-true model for cities to begin investing in their information future. By connecting government buildings, schools and public libraries, they save communities money and can serve as alternative options.

Last year, when the GATEway Fiber lit up its intergovernmental, multi-jurisdictional fiber network, it connected eight member cities and dozens of municipal buildings, schools, and other public anchor institutions. The effort sparked quite the interest of telecommunication companies providing fiber-to-the-home, because these deployments are a better option for consumers today and are very efficient to upgrade over time.

The positive news is there will be several options for both businesses and residents to take advantage of in 2022. The new construction in the right-of-way has resulted in a significant amount of utility marking requests as well as right-of-way permits. In 2021, we had 65 right-of-way permits and over 1,600 OUPS tickets, which is 300 more than we had in 2020.



Paving the Way

The City used grants to help fund some of our larger road projects. The MOT-Vance Rd Resurfacing was awarded a STP Resurfacing federal grant for \$119,102, which covered nearly 60% of the total \$201,868 project cost. The Haverstick South Improvements project total cost was \$280,229, and just over 50% was covered by a CDBG Grant through Montgomery County. In total, 16.5 lane miles were paved in 2021, the streets included:

Hemple Rd • Shank Rd • Soldiers-Home Miamisburg Rd •
Soldiers-Home West Carrollton Rd • Amelia Ct • Charles Ct
• Bessie Ct • Pinnacle Ridge Blvd • Pinnacle Rd • Vance Rd
• Lehigh Rd • Pensacola Blvd • Lauderdale Dr • Genoa St •
Jomar St • Butler Dr • Mays Ave • Nyack Ln





**Chipotle
Grand Opening**



**Insignia
Grand Opening**



**P413
Grand Opening**

Schwartz Dr named after innovative leader

City Council approved changing the name of Big Hill Road to Schwartz Drive this year. “The name change was a simple way to acknowledge our appreciation of Winsupply’s continued investment in the City of Moraine over the last four decades” said City Manager Michael Davis.

The road was renamed in honor of former Winsupply CEO and current Chairman of the Board Richard Schwartz. Rick is an ambassador to the region and even more a champion for Moraine. His innovative leadership has helped grow Winsupply from 40 distribution locations to over 600 in the United States.

In September 2020, Winsupply broke ground on the Richard W. Schwartz Center for Innovation at the corner of Kettering Boulevard and Big Hill Road (now Schwartz Drive) which will serve as a training facility for Winsupply Support Services employees.





***MVLC
Grand Opening***



***Hole N One Donuts
Grand Opening***



***On Spot Techs
Grand Opening***

Investments spur growth in north Moraine

The former Knight's Inn hotel was rehabilitated as a Red Roof Inn. The \$1.5 million investment included a complete remodel, from the exterior facade to each individual room. The Red Roof Inn project helped inspire the demolition of a Holiday Inn across the street, which had become an "eye sore" in the community.

The Surgery Center of Southwest Ohio, an outpatient facility that does not require overnight stays after surgery, revamped the entire front entrance of its Arbor Boulevard building. This included the front driveway where patients are dropped off and picked up.

Another company that has made a recent investment is Insignia, a branding solutions provider that provides banners, building signage, apparel, vehicle wraps and more. They made major renovations to its new building on Dryden Road and brought approximately 20 jobs to Moraine.





Safer on the front line

The Police Division rolled out their first body-worn cameras and in-car systems during 2021. The Division was able to purchase 28 body-worn cameras, plus 12 in-car cameras featuring front-facing and rear-seat cameras, along with the associated software, hardware, and licensing.

“There are now enough devices for all vehicles and officers with additional in reserve for any detectives or administrative staff to use at the scene of a crime or an investigation,” according to Police Chief Craig Richardson

“It’s a great evidence gathering tool,” he said. “It provides community transparency, similar to a third, independent witness there at the scene.”

“WatchGuard is one of the only companies that has an integrated car system and body camera system that all kind of work seamlessly together,” Richardson said.

In the past, the Division did not use cameras because of citizen privacy concerns. However, when the Ohio legislature voted to approve a bill in 2019, that would limit what body camera footage could be released to the public, the City began to explore adding the technology.



3,394

Fire/EMS Calls

1,650

Traffic Cases

746

Safety Inspections

23,793

Police Calls

5

Alcohol/Drug Cases

161

CPR/First Aid Classes

222,702

Miles Patrolled

271

Criminal Cases

32

Car Seats Installed

3,669

Traffic Tickets

20

Parking Tickets

30

Traffic School Pupil

Community Programs Educate and Promote

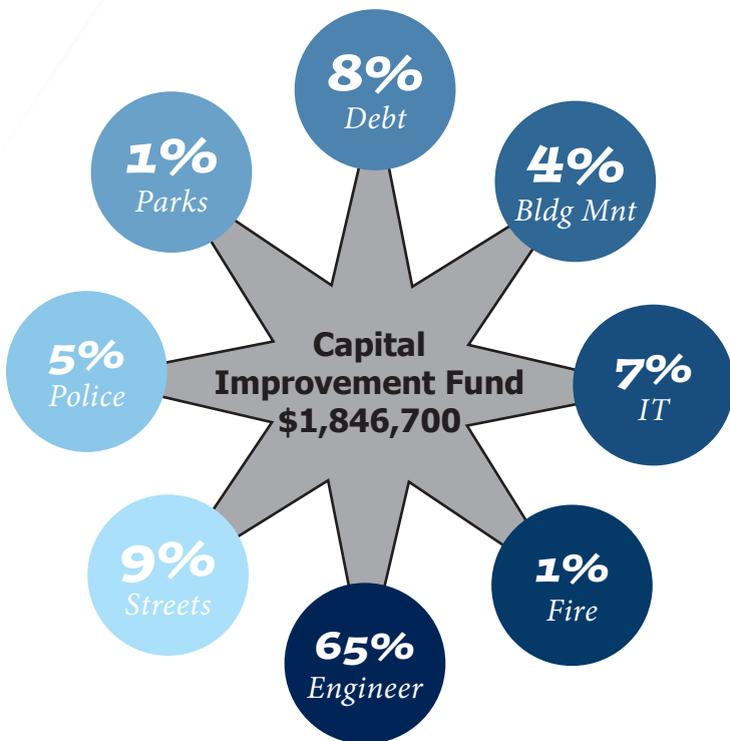
One of the core values of the Moraine Fire Division Mission Statement is to provide a full range of programs to serve the community. Part of that commitment includes providing quality Community Programs some of which are highlighted below.

The free child safety seat installation offered by the Fire Division installed 32 seats last year. This program can be used to inspect proper fit for a child safety seat that is already installed or to educate citizens on installing a new seat.

Another community program is our CPR training class. In 2021, the Fire Division taught this life-saving skill to over 160 students. Chief Dave Cooper explained, “knowing CPR empowers you to help someone in a life threatening situation and that you do not need to be a medical professional to know or use CPR.”

Additionally, the Fire Division performed free blood pressure screenings on several of our senior citizens in 2021. This is typically offered on Wednesdays at the Gerhardt Civic Center, for anyone who would like to be screened at that time.

For more information about our Community Programs, please contact 937-535-1132.



Operating Funds

General Fund - Accounts for all general-purpose transactions which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Parks & Recreation Fund - The Parks and Recreation Fund is primarily supported by the General Fund with revenue from memberships, class fees, and rentals.

Street Related Funds - The Street Department is supported by its own fund and several smaller funds that receive gas taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, and driving license fees.

Capital Related Funds - Capital Funds are used to account for expenses on large projects and higher value equipment.

Debt Related Funds - There are two funds that are used to pay the debt of both the City and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

Public Safety Related Funds - These funds include special revenue funds for both Police and Fire Pension property taxes and funds that receive revenue from criminal court cases.

Other City Funds - This category includes Economic Development, Ellerton Cemetery and other specific funds.

Capital Improvement Fund

The largest Capital Improvement project of 2021 was the Annual Street Improvement Program. This includes repaving streets, sealing pavement, replacing curb, and repairing sidewalks.

Other large projects include improvements to Vance Road and the Haverstick neighborhood.

Capital equipment includes the regular replacement of trucks, staff vehicles, equipment and radios.

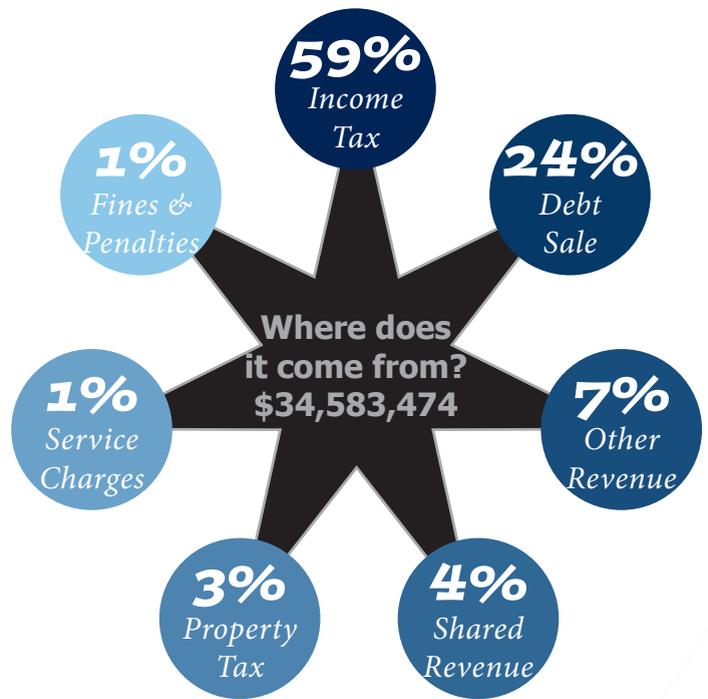
Revenue

The City of Moraine provides a variety of services to our residents and businesses. The City relies on Income Tax revenues more than any other funding source making commercial development critical to our financial success.

Currently, the City is using Debt to pay for infrastructure construction of the Vance Road developments. This Debt will be paid off using future revenue from those developments.

The City received over \$572,000 in grants to fund several special programs and capital projects.

Income Tax collections increased 8% compared to 2020. This increase is due to employees returning to work from the shut-downs that occurred in 2020. In addition, our local economy has shown to be strong and our local companies have done well in regard to income tax collections.



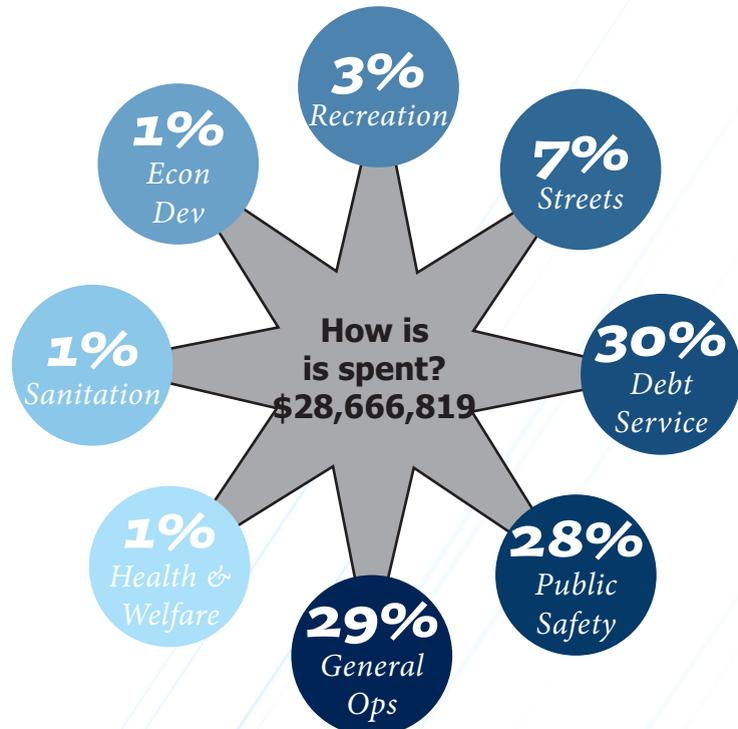
Expenses

Each year, the City strives to pass a balanced budget that is well planned. In 2021, the City spent 80% of the budget while completing large capital projects that benefit both the business and residential community.

The City's key services include Police, Fire, Streets, Recreation and General Operations. Most of these key services are supported by the General Fund, which received 85% of its funding from Income Taxes.

Personnel expenses attributed to 39% of the City's 2021 total expenses. Personnel expenses include wages and benefits.

The City pays for residential waste collection and street lighting. In 2021, the City spent \$353,294 on residential waste collection that includes large item pickup. The City spent \$235,022 on street lighting and does not currently assess property owners for this cost.



2021 Acknowledgments



Best Places to Live

Moraine was listed in the Dayton Business Journal's Best Places to Live in the Dayton Region magazine for 2021.



Purple Heart City

On October 28, City of Moraine was declared a Purple Heart City. Mayor Elaine Allison delivered an official proclamation to show gratitude for military veterans.



DBJ Fast 50

The Dayton Business Journal's Fast 50 list keeps tabs on the companies soaring with success. In 2021, Shook Construction was listed 10th & Active Electric was 30th.



Taking Two

South Community was named by Dayton Magazine & Ohio Business Magazine one of the Best Places to Work in the non-profit sector.

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