



State of the City 2021-2022

September 27, 2022

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Your City Departments

- Engineering
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Human Services
- Law
- Planning, Development, Building & Housing
- Police
- Public Service



Engineering Department

- Over \$6,000,000 in outside funding was committed towards 2021-22 projects
 - 2021 Asphalt Pavement Repair Program
 - Northeast and Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs
 - Mendota and Rowena Avenues Water Main Replacement



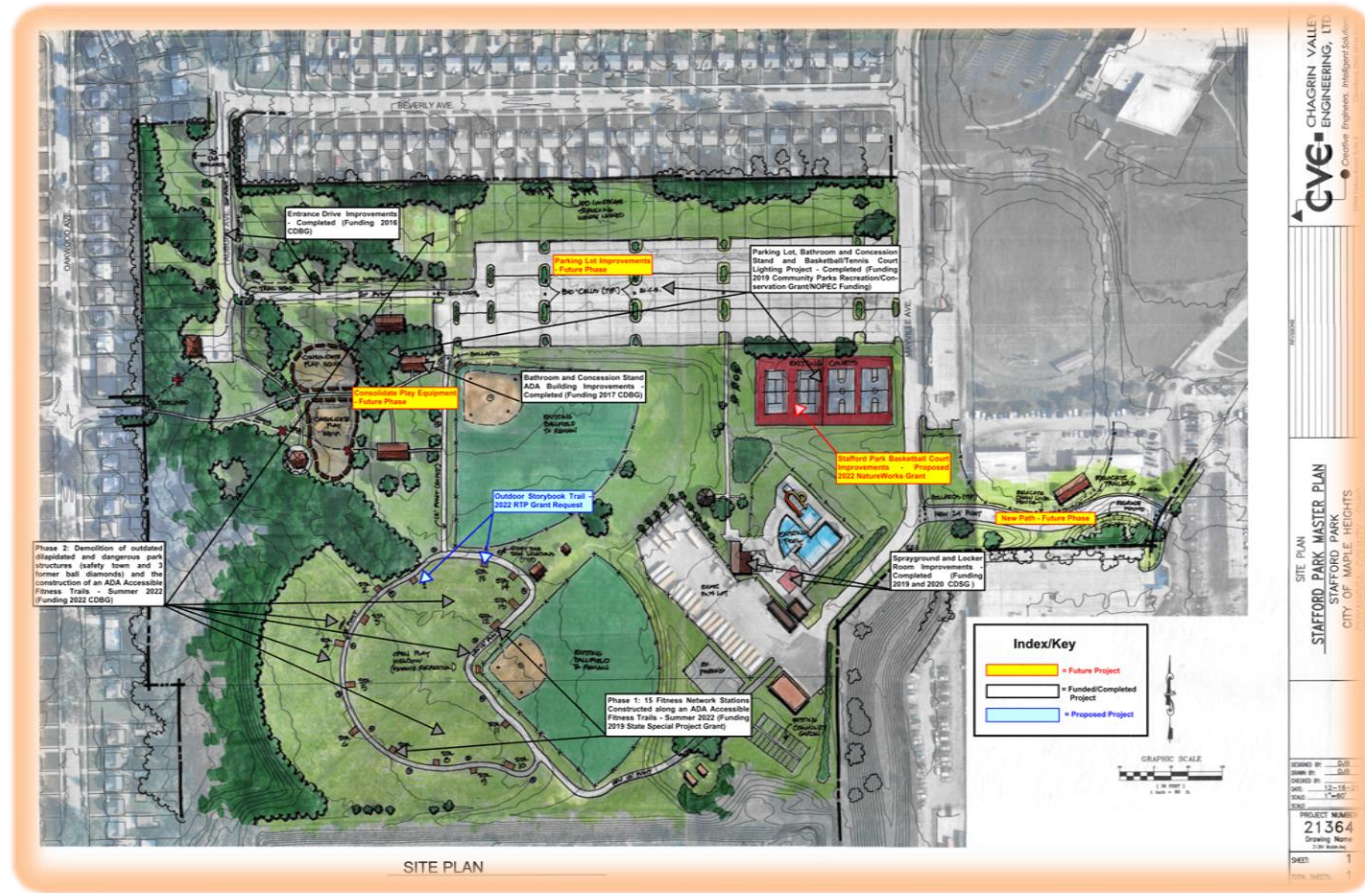
Engineering Department

Work in Progress

STAFFORD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- LED Lighting Upgrade: 2021
- Security Cameras: Jan 2022
- Sprayground Rehab: May 2022
- Locker Room Rehab: May 2022
- Safety Town Demo: Oct 2022
- Fitness Trail Network: Oct 2022

- Storybook Lane Trail: FUTURE
- Basketball Court Rehab: FUTURE
- Parking Lot Rehab: FUTURE
- Ped Trail (Auburn): FUTURE
- Ped Trail (Warr Ctr Rd): FUTURE



Engineering Department

Sprayground Opening Day



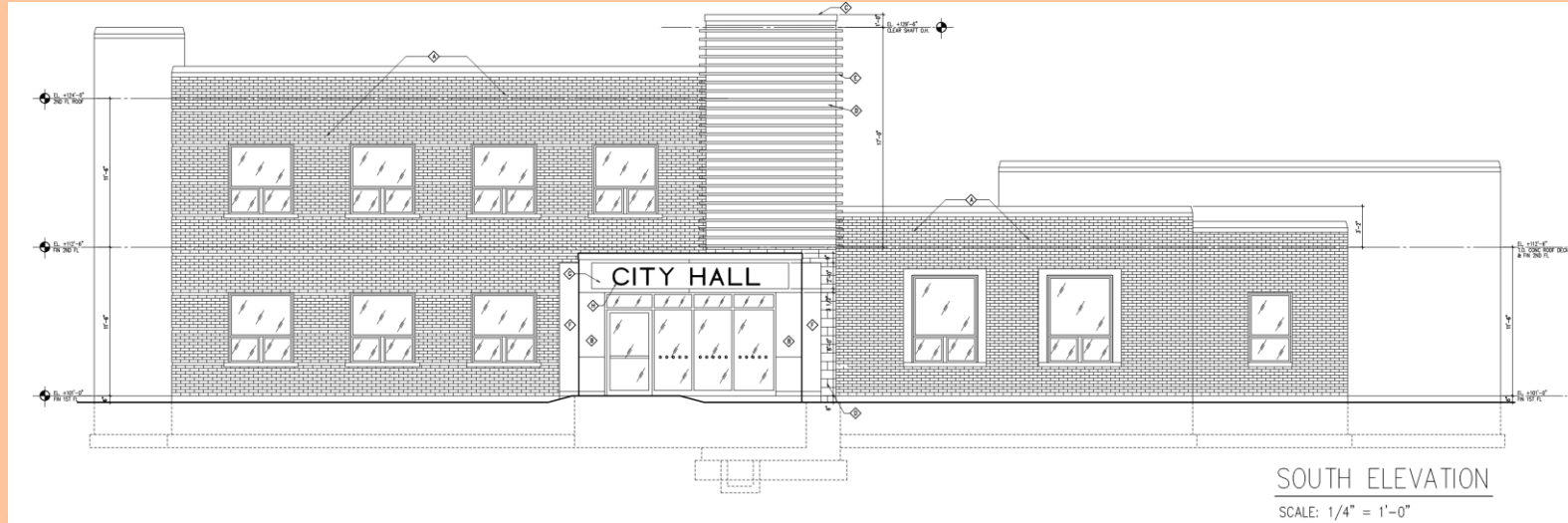
Engineering Department

Fitness Trail Under Construction



Engineering Department

Coming Soon – City Hall Elevator & Accessibility Improvements!



Engineering Department

- Continuous coordination with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works to maintain our sewers
- Approximately \$2,000,000 was committed towards our sewer maintenance in 2021



City of Maple Heights

2021 Operating Expenses

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1. Maintenance of Sanitary Sewerage Systems	\$1,633,910
2. Pump Station Operation and Maintenance	\$ 0
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance	\$ 0
4. Engineering and/or Inspection	\$47,430
5. Capital Expenses (See Section A-6 if any)	\$296,997
Total Operating Expenses:	\$1,978,337



Finance Department

- General Fund balance continues to increase from ***\$-2.7mil in 2014*** to over ***\$7.0mil*** as of 08/31/2022, with positive balances on all Fund accounts
 - Assisted over 70 taxpayers with tax issues
 - Transparent website updates with monthly reports of income and expenditures from December 2018 through August 2022
 - Registered with Treasurer of State for Ohio Checkbook database, which shows spending detail to single transactions – Now live on web: <https://checkbook.ohio.gov/Cities/City-of-Maple-Heights>
 - Upgrading accounting software to allow more electronic processes for vendors and staff, planned to go live in 2023



ROBERT SPRAGUE
— OHIO TREASURER —



Finance Department

- Completed Bond refunding that resulted in over \$750,000 savings
- Moody's Bond Rating upgraded from Ba3 to Ba2, with an updated outlook of "Stable"
- *City of Maple Heights will be awarded the Auditor of State's Award for our 2021 Clean Audit!*



Fire Department

- Answered over **5900** calls for service in 2021
- Purchased and Placed in Service a 2021 Freightliner/Lifeline rescue squad and a 2022 Ford F350 pickup truck/utility with plow
- Expanded the fire prevention bureau, Completing **274** commercial/multi-residential inspections to date
- Awarded the 2021 FEMA AFG grant for **\$44,454.54** for a fire turn out gear washer and two fire turnout gear dryers



Fire Department

Pet Rescue



Sometimes with all the serious calls, our rescues come in small packages!



Fire Department

Fight For Air Climb



5 MHFD team members volunteered to participate in the American Lung Association's "Fight for Air Climb," held Sunday May 15th at Progressive Field



Human Resources

- Joined regional municipal health and wellness benefits consortium (leveraging buying power, controlling expenses)
- Implemented new employee wellness program (begin process of educating employees about their health and resources available)
- Developing succession plans for City departments (reviewed structure and job descriptions, identifying emerging leaders)
- Continued safety forces hiring, including Lateral Hiring (lateral hires bring experienced Police and Fire staff, supplementing the hiring of newer cadets)



Human Resources – Promotions



Jaimie Hasenorhl
Human Services Assistant Director



Robert Dloniak
Service Department Foreman



Human Services

- Senior Services

- Served 21,053 Home Delivered Meals and 6,494 congregate clients in 2021.
- Over 500 Seniors and disabled clients accessed our meal and transportation program in 2021.
- Provided Medicare Counseling, rental and utility assistance and other support services to over 350 clients in the community.



Human Services

- **Maple Heights Choice Food Pantry**

- Welcomed New Coordinator, Anjenette Whitted
- “In – Pantry” shopping experience re-opened
- Served 1700+ individuals in the first half of 2022
- Distributed approximately 25,800 lbs. of food monthly, averaging 8,200 meals per month
- Mobile Food Pantry served Approximately 140 families served each month



- **City Events**

- Community Shred Days
- Pavilion Rentals



- **COVID Vaccination Clinic** held in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health providing registration, transportation and support services to 350 City residents



Human Services

2021 Holiday Lighting Ceremony



2022 Lighting Ceremony Sunday December 4, 2022 @ 5pm City Hall



Human Services

Music In The Park

- Successful 2022 Season with 4 Concerts
- Free Ice Cream for City Residents in partnership with Dedicated Senior Medical Center



Photo Credit: Erin Nicole



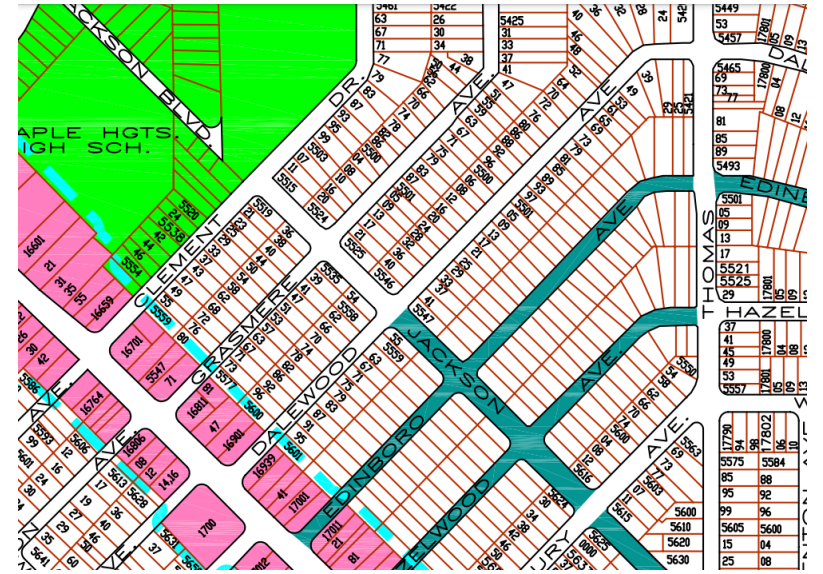
Law Department

- Works with Mayor, City Council and the Administration to ensure enforcement of the Codified Ordinances and Charter of the City
- Prepares legislation for the City; Prepares, reviews and negotiates all Contracts and Agreements
- Oversees and supervises two Asst. Prosecutors who represent the City in traffic and criminal matters in Garfield Heights Municipal Court (GHMC) and Maple Heights Mayor's Court
- Successfully completed pilot program with GHMC and fully utilizing new technology for on-line discovery procedures with court, defendants, and defense attorneys
- Conducts Neighbor Mediations and Nuisance Appeal Hearings
- Assists the Building and Housing Departments on land use issues including code violations and property concerns



Planning & Development

- Finalized Broadway Central Business District Designation
- Facilitated construction for 7 new Single-Family Homes, with plans for at least 9 more in the pipeline (2021-22)
- Finishing **41 Home Repair Grants** (Summer-Fall 2022) totaling **\$100,000** in direct funding – includes a **50%** match from Cuyahoga County
- Median Home Sale Price **\$114,723** (August 2022), up **26%** from 2021
- Processed 8,002 Building Permits (01/2021-08/2022)
- Continued progress toward Online Permitting System



Planning & Development

- Began construction on a \$14 million, 53 unit Senior Apartment Building, and Issued RFP for next major project



Planning & Development

- Most recent new home sale was \$240,000 (Greendale Avenue)



Police Department

- Over \$250,000 garnered from Local, State, and Federal partnerships for various projects
- Over 1200 hours of Officer training conducted
- Department Staff Promotions and New Recruits
- Turney-Dunham Substation Opened (2022)



Police Department

Community Involvement

- Ongoing and strong via Coffee with a Cop
- Music in the Park
- Operation Santa Sleigh
- Shop with a Cop
- Block watch meetings
- Back to School Rally
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- City Lighting Ceremony
- Mocktail - Univ. Hosp./Rainbow's OVI Task Force
- Safe Routes to School Program



Police Department

- MHPD Strategic Plan Update 2022-2027
- Our Mission: We safeguard our community's quality of life.
- Our Values: Credibility | Flexibility | Service | Professionalism

These values are core to who we are and the mutual commitment that we expect everyone on our team to uphold.

- **We are CREDIBLE** by being honest, accountable, dedicated, and consistent.
- **We value FLEXIBILITY**, putting the mission first with a great attitude.
- **We are SERVICE-MINDED** professionals who respectfully respond to calls, self-initiate to meet needs, and have the patience needed to follow up and get the job done.
- **We value PROFESSIONALISM** demonstrated through integrity, knowledge, communication, perseverance, and optimism.
- Our Vision: M.H.P.D.: a proud place to learn, grow, and work.



Public Service

- Completion of 2021 road repair program, start of 2022 road repair program
- Numerous infrastructure projects completed: Sewer rehab, Waterline replacement, many others
- Stafford Park Improvements: New roof on Pavilion 1, Demolition of Safety Town area
- Landscaping Project at the McCracken cul de sac and I-480 Exit
- Two new Service Vehicles: F-550 and F-250



Mayor's Office

- Yard Recognition Program celebrated over 250 homes for residents' efforts at maintaining beautiful homes and gardens
- Doubled overall City Staff numbers over last 3 years across Departments
- Committed to forming Sustainability Goals with Power a Clean Future Ohio and other First Suburbs, Cities across Ohio
- Modernized City Hall Facilities
- Stabilized and Strengthened City's Fiscal Position with forward momentum



Coming Soon to 5501 Warrensville Center Road!



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