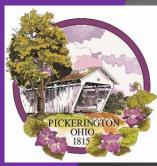
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POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020





2020 City of Pickerington, Ohio

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Citizens of the City of Pickerington, Ohio:

I am pleased to present to you the City of Pickerington's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. This report provides an analysis of the financial position of the City, where the revenues come from, where those dollars are spent, and an overview of local economic trends. My goal is to better communicate how the City is operating fiscally in a reader friendly financial publication.

The financial information for this report has been taken from the 2020 City of Pickerington Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Report). The Annual Report is comprised of 182 pages of detailed financial statements, notes, and schedules and 50 pages of statistical information. The Annual Report was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by the CPA Firm, Wilson, Shannon, & Snow, Inc., receiving an unmodified opinion. An unmodified opinion means that the general purpose financial statements of the City are fairly presented in all material respects.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is un-audited and presented on a GAAP basis. The Annual Report contains more detailed information of all of the City's funds and can be obtained from the Finance Department at City Hall or on the City website at https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is a means of increasing public confidence in City government and your elected officials through more user-friendly reporting. As you review the PAFR for 2020, I invite you to share any suggestions, questions or comments you may have at (614) 837-3974.

Sincerely,

Christopher Schornack

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Director of Finance

# City of Pickerington, Ohio 2020 Elected Officials



Lee A. Gray
Mayor
mayorgray@pickerington.net

Lee was elected Mayor in November 2011. Mayor Gray previously served as Mayor from 1992 to 1999 and as a Councilperson in 1987.



Crystal Hicks Councilperson chicks@pickerington.net

Crystal was elected to City Council in November 2019. Crystal currently serves as Chairperson of the Rules Committee and as a member of the Finance and Safety Committees. Crystal is a member of the Nuisance Abatement board.



Tricia Sanders
President of Council
tsanders@pickerington.net

Tricia was re-elected to City Council in November 2017. Tricia currently serves as Chairperson of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Rules Committee.



Jaclyn Rohaly Councilperson <u>jrohaly@pickerington.net</u>

Jaclyn was appointed to City Council in February 2019. Jaclyn currently serves as a member of the Finance, Rules and Service Committees.



Tony Barletta Vice President of Council tbarletta@pickerington.net

Tony was elected to City Council in November 2009. Tony currently serves as Chairperson of the Service Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.



Tom Romine Councilperson tromine@pickerington.net

Tom was elected to City Council in November 2017. Tom currently serves as Chairperson of the Safety Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.



Nick Derksen Councilperson nderksen@pickerington.net

Nick was elected to City Council in November 2019. Nick currently serves as a member of the Finance and Safety Committees. Nick is the Council representative to the Parks and Recreation Board.



Brian Wisniewski Councilperson bwisniewski@pickerington.net

Brian was re-elected to City Council in November 2019. Brian currently serves as a member of the Finance and Service Committees. Brian is the Council representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission



#### **Vision Statement**

"Pickerington will be a safe, thriving, family-friendly community that preserves tradition while creating a balanced, accessible, affordable, hometown by engaging our citizens to collectively enhance our quality of life."

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# Three Year Sources of Revenue – Governmental Activities

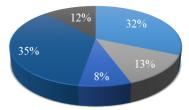
The following is an overview of the City's financial revenues for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018.

Revenues	2020	2019	2018
Income Taxes	\$7,887,473	\$8,204,007	\$6,993,683
Property and Other Local Taxes	3,214,464	2,915,025	2,821,276
Franchise Taxes	222,652	227,437	216,933
Grants and Entitlements	658,370	610,741	337,101
Investment Earnings	562,808	882,785	509,148
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	437,685	398,709	329,517
Impact Fees	1,043,452	718,409	1,382,772
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	0	28,849	0
Charges for Services	2,081,879	2,242,123	2,358,258
Operating Grants & Contributions	2,538,778	1,166,417	1,054,325
Capital Grants & Contributions	5,685,133	7,880,514	2,886,219
Miscellaneous	681,252	232,687	320,757
Total Revenues	\$25,013,946	\$25,507,703	\$19,209,989

### Where the Money Comes From

The City generates revenue from a variety of sources. The most significant revenue sources are income taxes and property and other local taxes. Income taxes and property and other local taxes comprise 44 percent of total revenues in 2020. Income tax revenue decrease was primarily related to income tax refunds in the amount of \$327,821. During 2020, investment earnings decreased by \$319,977 or 36 percent. The significant decrease was due to lower interest rates on investments. Impact fees increased by \$325,043, or 45 percent. This was due to increases in building permits including residential housing in developments such as Spring Grove and Wellington Park. Each of these residential developments and others are currently underway with newly constructed single-family homes and vacant lots remaining. During 2020, capital grants and contributions decreased by \$2,195,381 or 28 percent. The Refugee Road widening project was essentially completed by the end of 2020. Lastly, miscellaneous receipts increased notably by 192% and was primarily due to Worker's Compensation refunds received throughout the year.

#### 2020 Sources of Revenue



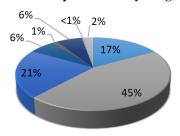
- ■Income Taxes
- ■Property and Other Local Taxes
- ■Charges for Services
- Grants and Entitlements & Contributions
- ■All Other Taxes and Services

# Three Year Expenditures by Program – Governmental Activities

The following is an overview of the City's financial operations for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018.

Expenditures	2020	2019	2018
General Government	\$2,852,442	\$3,204,706	\$3,218,547
Security of Persons & Property	7,562,299	2,247,487	6,752,600
Transportation	3,621,227	3,490,565	4,847,026
Leisure Time Activities	1,050,758	968,183	888,853
Public Health Services	217,034	200,946	182,928
Community Environment	1,066,348	964,274	840,218
Utilities	66,725	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	409,216	477,984	346,124
Total Expenditures	\$16,846,049	\$11,554,145	\$17,076,296

#### 2020 Expenditures by Program



- General Government
- Security of Persons and Property
- Transportation
- Leisure Time Activities
- Public Health Services
- Community Environment
- ■Utilities
- $\ensuremath{\,^{\coprod}\,}$  Interest and Fiscal Charges

#### **Sources of Revenue Definitions**

**Income Taxes** – The City levies a one percent income tax on all income earned within the City. Residents are granted up to a one half percent tax credit for income taxes paid to other municipalities.

**Property and Other Local Taxes** – The City's portion of real estate and public utility taxes, as well as a three percent tax levied on hotel/motel sales.

Charges for Services - Sources include recreation programs, building department permits and licenses, and mayor's court fines and forfeitures.

*Grants and Entitlements* – Revenue received from State levied shared taxes.

Operating (and Capital) Grants & Contributions - Revenues received from other governments, organizations and individuals that are restricted in some manner.

Investment Earnings – Revenue earned by investing all available City funds throughout the year.

All Other Taxes, and Services - Revenue received from cable franchise taxes, payments in lieu of taxes from infrastructure improvements, gain on sale of capital assets and miscellaneous revenue.

# City of Pickerington, Ohio 2020 Financial Overview

### Where the Money Goes

During 2020, the City made significant investments in road infrastructure projects and economic development efforts. The following initiatives occurred during 2020:

- In late 2018, the City began the construction phase of the Refugee Road improvement project which continued throughout 2019 and was approximately completed at the end 2020 with only minor items outstanding. The Refugee Road project has widened the intersection at SR 256 and Refugee Road, widened Refugee Road in front of the Ohio Health property, and widened Refugee Road west of Ohio Health. The Refugee Road project's estimated total cost at close-out is \$14 million. From 2014 to 2018, the City received a total of \$11.35 million in grants that included funding from the following sources: ODOT Safety Planning Commission (\$3.50MM), Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, MORPC (\$7.30MM), Ohio Public Works Commission, OPWC (\$0.30MM), and Ohio Department of Commerce (\$0.25MM).
- During 2020, the City continued the annual street resurfacing program. Various neighborhood streets were repayed and curb and gutters replaced. The total project cost just under \$1.25 million.
- The City took a role in regional infrastructure development by spearheading and supporting efforts for a new interchange at US 33 and Pickerington Road, a connector road between US 33 and I-70, and upgrades at I-70 interchanges.
- In 2020, the City embarked on an update to its Comprehensive Plan which serves the purpose of developing a cohesive community vision to guide future public decision making related to land-use and housing, transportation and infrastructure, public facilities and other initiatives for the Pickerington community.

#### **Expenditures by Program Definitions**

**General Government** – consists of City Council, Mayor, Mayor's Court, City Manager, Finance Department, and all general administrative departments.

**Security of Persons & Property** – includes the Police Department which provides public safety services through our patrol division, detective bureau and dispatch services.

 ${\it Transportation}$  – includes all costs associated with maintaining our roads.

**Leisure Time Activities** – includes costs associated with operating our recreation programs and maintaining our parks.

**Public Health Services** – includes health services contract with the Franklin County Public Health Department.

**Community Environment** – consists of our Building Department, Economic Development Department and the Planning and Zoning Department.

Interest and Fiscal Charges – includes interest payments on municipal debt.

#### Governmental Activities Debt

As of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and notes in the amounts of \$9,835,000, \$10,780,000, and \$11,725,000 respectively, as follows:

Three-Year Governmental Activities Debt Summary

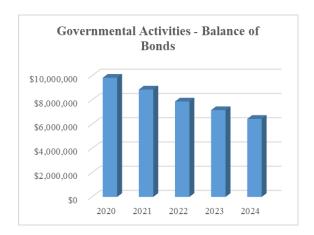
Debt Type	2020	2019	2018		
General Obligation Bonds/Notes:					
Street Improvement Bonds	\$9,250,000	\$9,910,000	\$6,175,000		
Police Facility Bonds	585,000	870,000	1,150,000		
Street Improvement Notes	0	0	4,400,000		
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	\$9,835,000	\$10,780,000	\$11,725,000		

#### **Debt Type Definitions**

General Obligation Bonds - long-term debts that are repaid from the City's available resources.

**General Obligation Notes** - short-term debts that are repaid from the City's available resources

The following chart represents the current and future balances of Governmental General Obligation Bonds:





Bicentennial Barn

### CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# Three Year Revenues – Proprietary

The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer, stormwater, and aquatic recreation center operations. For water and sewer operations, the City charges a fee to customers, based upon the amount of usage, to recover the costs of the services provided. For stormwater operations, the City charges a flat monthly fee per equivalent residential unit (ERU). For the aquatic recreation center the City charges a fee for pool passes.

The following is an overview of the City's enterprise fund financial revenues for the years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018.

Proprietary Funds			
Revenues	2020	2019	2018
Water	\$2,706,913	\$2,481,979	\$2,416,234
Sewer	4,027,734	3,723,518	3,666,020
Stormwater	739,551	725,256	708,522
Aquatic Recreation	113,249	216,269	196,192
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$7,587,447	\$7,147,022	\$6,986,968

During 2020, water and sewer revenues each increased nine and eight percent, respectively. The increase in revenues for both funds was primarily due to residents spending a greater amount of time at home due to the State of Ohio's Stay at Home Order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the addition of 114 new user accounts. For 2020, stormwater revenues increased two This increase directly correlates to the two percent increase in additional utility accounts over 2019. Finally, aquatic recreation center revenues decreased forty-eight percent in 2020 over 2019. The number of pool season passes decreased dramatically from 501 in 2019 to 0 in 2020, however, the number of day passes increased significantly from 9,237 in 2019 to 13,875 in 2020. The shift in volume of sales is due to the City offering day passes only for the 2020 pool season.



Pickerington Community Pool

### Three Year Expenses – Proprietary **Funds**

The following is an overview of the City's proprietary fund financial operations for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018.

	Proprietar		
Expenses	2020	2019	2018
Personal Services	\$2,210,277	\$2,755,812	\$2,499,680
Contractual Services	2,204,380	1,938,906	2,079,438
Materials and Supplies	668,917	599,515	460,154
Utility Deposits Returned	4964	66	0
Depreciation	1,234,666	1,125,493	1,159,339
Total Expenses	\$6,323,204	\$6,419,792	\$6,198,611

During 2020, expenses decreased by just one and one half percent compared to 2019. Personal services decreased by \$545,535 or twenty percent, primarily the result of a hiring freeze that was implemented in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Positions were not filled in each of the water, sewer and stormwater funds resulting in a significant decrease in wages and benefits paid. The wastewater treatment plant, and the water plant, continued to have ongoing maintenance performed in 2020, however, expenses increased due to a greater amount of maintenance projects being performed in 2020 that were not required to be performed in 2019. The plants have established policies regarding the repair and/or replacement of critical pieces of equipment. This resulted in higher expenses related to contractual services in 2020. Materials and supplies increased in 2020 mainly due to the increase in chemical costs at the water plant.

	Rate Comparison			
	Water (1)	Sewer (2)	Stormwater (3)	
2018	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50	
2019	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50	
2020	\$4.16	\$9.13	\$4.50	

- (1) per 1,000 gallons (2) per 1,000 gallons (minimum 3,000 gallons)
- (3) per ERU (equivalent residential unit)

#### **Expense Definitions**

Personal Services - consists of wages, retirement, and health insurance costs for water, sewer, stormwater, and aquatic recreation departments.

Contractual Services - includes costs associated with electricity, heating, maintenance, and services performed by outside agencies.

Materials and Supplies - includes costs associated with office supplies, chemical supplies, gasoline, and miscellaneous

**Depreciation** – the measurement of the decline in value of an asset over a period of time.

The City was awarded a total of \$11.35 million in grants for the Refugee Road intersection and widening project 2014 - ODOT awarded the City \$3.5 million for SR 256 and Refugee Road intersection improvements 2015 - MORPC awarded the City \$5.75 million for Refugee Road corridor improvements 2016 - MOPRC awarded an additional \$1.55 million in grant funding for Refugee Road improvements 2017 - OPWC awarded the City \$303,400 in grant funding for Refugee Road Improvements 2018 - Ohio Department of Commerce awarded \$250,000 grant for Refugee Road Improvements in collaboration with Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District (TID)

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### **Outstanding Debt**

As of December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and OWDA Loans in the amounts of \$8,710,433, \$9,748,096, and \$10,753,410 respectively, as follows:

Three-Year Business-Type Activities Debt Summary

<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	\$8,710,433	\$9,748,096	\$10,753,410
Sewer	6,436,299	7,026,352	7,595,349
Water	184,134	361,744	533,061
OWDA Loans:			
Sewer	515,000	675,000	830,000
Water	\$1,575,000	\$1,685,000	\$1,795,000
General Obligation Bonds:			
Debt Type	2020	2019	2018

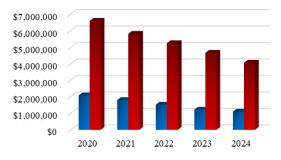
#### **Debt Type Definitions**

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{General Obligation Bonds} & - long\text{-term debts that are repaid from the City's available resources.} \end{tabular}$ 

**OWDA Loans** – low interest loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority to support water and sewer improvements.

The following table represents the current and future balances of Business-Type General Obligation Bonds and OWDA Loans:

#### Business-Type Activities Balance of Bonds and Loans



- Business Type Activities Balance of Bonds
- ■Business Type Activities Balance of OWDA Loans

#### On December 6, 2018, Moody's Investors Service maintained an Aa2 rating on the City's general obligation bonds.

Obligations rated Aa are considered to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. A higher credit rating often reduces the cost of borrowing.



Touch-A-Truck Event



Refugee Road Widening Project



Christmas Tree Lighting

# City of Pickerington, Ohio 2020 Financial Overview

#### Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position looks at the City as a whole and asks the question, "How did we do financially during the year?" The table below provides a summary of the City's governmental activities net position for 2020, 2019, and 2018

Governmen	tal Activities

<del>GOVET IIII CI</del>			
Assets	2020	2019	2018
Current and Other Assets	\$26,628,054	\$22,727,707	\$20,262,373
Capital Assets, Net	81,930,203	77,792,942	69,884,646
Total Assets	108,558,257	100,520,649	90,147,019
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			<u>.</u>
Deferred Charge on Refunding	35,035	43,793	52,551
Pension	1,437,461	3,637,297	1,811,684
OPEB	896,398	976,297	1,057,733
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,368,894	4,657,387	2,921,968
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	4,766,377	5,194,845	4,913,877
Long-term Liabilities	23,896,652	27,699,443	29,551,663
Total Liabilities	28,663,029	32,894,288	34,465,540
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	3,020,000	2,893,000	2,612,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	421,760	437,686	413,844
Pension	1,540,376	231,891	897,766
OPEB	813,823	367,405	200,129
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,795,959	3,929,982	4,123,739
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	67,577,703	64,569,465	56,962,956
Restricted	8,027,089	2,339,811	4,319,818
Unrestricted (Deficit)	863,371	1,443,990	-6,803,066
Total Net Position	\$76,468,163	\$68,353,266	\$54,479,708

Governmental Activities – Includes the majority of our City's services consisting of police, administration and all departments with the exception of our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation services.

- During 2020, governmental activities assets increased \$8,114,897 primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$4,137,409 and capital assets in the amount of \$3,875,593. The increase in cash and cash equivalents is due to the City managing expenditures, identifying a decrease in total modified accrual expenditures of \$7,410,135. The increase in capital assets is a direct result of the City accepting \$2,119,378 in capital contributions from developers and capitalizing \$3,565,755 in federal monies for the construction phase of the Refugee Road Widening Project.
- Total governmental activities long-term liabilities decreased \$3,802,791. This decrease is primarily due to the decrease in net OPEB liability in the amount of \$2,961,754. The net OPEB liability decrease represents the City's proportionate share of the OPERS plan's and OP&F's unfunded pension liability. Changes in pension postemployment benefits and contribution rates affect the balance of the pension liability. The City also made scheduled general obligation bonds principal payments during the year in the amount of \$945,000.

The following table provides a summary of the City's business-type activities net position for 2020, 2019, and 2018.

<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
Assets	2020	2019	2018	
Current and Other Assets	\$18,057,033	\$15,495,546	\$14,248,594	
Capital Assets, Net	70,063,308	66,117,179	64,278,977	
Total Assets	88,120,341	81,612,725	78,527,571	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
Deferred Charge on Refunding	6,564	8,752	10,941	
Pension	354,507	833,838	461,785	
OPEB	260,257	125,607	132,464	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	621,328	968,197	605,190	
Liabilities				
Current and Other Liabilities	465,849	371,050	551,605	
Long-term Liabilities	12,791,686	13,963,812	13,868,183	
Total Liabilities	13,257,535	14,334,862	14,419,788	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Pension	221,298	164,921	444,730	
OPEB	54,299	77,984	87,753	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	275,597	242,905	532,483	
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	60,957,298	56,348,616	53,361,251	
Unrestricted	14,251,239	11,654,539	10,819,239	
Total Net Position	\$75,208,537	\$68,003,155	\$64,180,490	

**Business-Type Activities** – Includes our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation services.

- During 2020, total business-type activities assets increased \$7,205,382. The increase was primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$2,435,297 and capital assets in the amount of \$3,946,129. The increase in capital assets is primarily due to contributions from developers of \$4,111,290. The City has not raised its water and sewer user fees since 2013.
- Total business-type liabilities decreased \$1,077,327. The decrease was primarily due to decreases in long-term liabilities in the amount of \$1,172,126. During 2020, the City made principal payments in the amount of \$270,000 on outstanding general obligation and refunding bonds and \$767,663 on outstanding Ohio Water Development Authority loans.

#### **Net Position Definitions**

Assets – consists of those items owned by the City that will provide a benefit in the future.

**Long-term Liabilities** – includes amounts owed for the issuance of debt, compensated absences, and net pension liability the City still owes.

Capital Assets – represents equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and roads and bridges infrastructure that provide an economic benefit to the City of more than one year.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources** – represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources** – represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

Net Investment in Capital Assets – represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt, to acquire the asset.

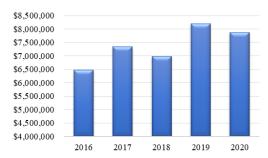
# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 TAXES

#### **Income Taxes**

The City of Pickerington levies a one percent income tax on income earned within the City, which applies to all qualifying wages, commissions, other compensation earned or received, and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business within the City. City of Pickerington residents are given up to a one half percent credit on any of their wages that are taxed by another municipality and not refunded. Income tax collections consist of three sources: taxes from employee withholdings, taxes from individuals and taxes on net As shown in the chart below taxes from withholdings make up the largest percentage of the City's income tax revenue. Employee withholdings are equivalent to one percent of the wages earned in the City which are deducted from employees' earned income and remitted by the employer. Taxes from individuals consist of one percent of individuals' income that was not withheld on the resident's behalf and remitted to the City. For example, self-employment income and net income earned from rental property are taxable to the City as earned income. Taxes on net profits are levied on the net income of all businesses located in the City.

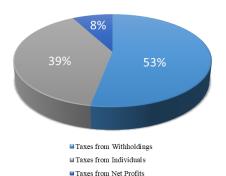
The chart below provides a summary of income tax collections over the last five years.

# Income Tax Revenues Last Five Years



The chart below represents the distribution of income tax collection by type.

#### 2020 Income Tax Collections



### **Income Taxes Levied Comparison**

In addition to concentrated efforts related to delinquent income tax collections and compliance, the City continues to expand economic development initiatives in an effort to increase and diversify the income tax base.

Municipality	Tax Levied	Credit
City of Canal Winchester	2.00%	100.00%
City of Columbus	2.50%	100.00%
City of Gahanna	2.50%	100.00%
City of Groveport	2.00%	100.00%
City of Hilliard	2.00%	100.00%
City of Lancaster	1.75%	57.14%
City of Pataskala	1.00%	0.00%
City of Pickerington	1.00%	50.00%
City of Reynoldsburg	2.50%	100.00%
City of Westerville	2.00%	100.00%

### **Property Taxes**

One of the largest tax bills a property owner receives annually is their property taxes. Property taxes are administered by Fairfield County and are generally included in the property owners monthly mortgage payment. In 2020, property taxes received accounted for 13 percent of total governmental revenues and represented just 8.5 percent of the total taxes a property owner paid.

The graph below represents the breakdown of taxes on a property valued at \$218,400 and how these monies are distributed.

#### CITY OF PICKERINGTON \$218,400 APPRAISED HOME VALUE Total Taxes - \$4,251.87 (Tax Year 2020)



\*2020 Median Home Value

The City Income Tax Department offers Electronic Filing and Online Account Access for Residents and Businesses.

# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Commercial Development Projects During 2020

There is strong business development interest in the Pickerington market and we believe there will be steady growth in the coming years. Overall, the City of Pickerington saw a total of nearly \$9.8 million in commercial investment in 2020.

The following projects were initiated or completed in 2020:

- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center committed to a long-term lease of space in the Ohio Gastroenterology Group facility at 1025 Refugee Road. OSU Wexner invested approximately \$2.2 million into buildout of the space, and first year payroll is estimated at \$1.1 million.
- Various new businesses moved into Pickerington during 2020. Some of these establishments include: Vitacare Pharmacy, Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, Fat Baby's Popcorn, Hibachi Express, Visual Care, Lien's Nails and others.
- A new commercial center that includes office and retail uses known as the Ashton Crossing was constructed in 2020. Investment is over \$708,000.

#### **2020 Principal Employers** Employer **Employees** Pickerington LSD 1,236 Ohio Health Corporation 520 Kroger Company, Inc. 425 Rooster's 314 Kohl's Department Stores 308 Tamarkin Co Inc. 287 Cracker Barrel Restaurant 210 202 City of Pickerington (including PT/Seasonal) 143 Hawthorn Senior Living 138

Employees
Employees
25.5
42
4
6
5.5
18
101



Ashton Crossing



OSU Wexner - The James Mammography Center



# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 DEMOGRAPHICS

### Demographics

County: Fairfield County, Ohio Area: 9.75 Square Miles Location: 13.2 Miles Southeast of Columbus Established: 1815 Attained City Status: 1991 Population: 22,158 Median Household Income: \$97,192 Median Housing Value: \$218,400 76.3% Owner Occupied Housing Rate: Median Resident Age: 35.0 years Median Household Size: 2.94 Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 44.6% Employed Labor Force: 71.0% Unemployed Labor Force: 4.0% Per Capita Income: \$35,454 Households: 6,986 Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes): 28.0 Businesses: 1.793

\*Information obtained from

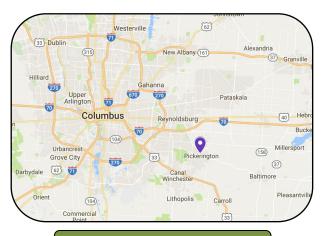
2019 U.S. Census Estimates

### Community Investments

The City provides the following services: public safety, operation of water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, street repair and maintenance, parks and recreation, and a State Certified Building Department. Fire department services are provided by Violet Township, of which the City is a part. The City of Pickerington maintains over 158 acres of park land located within Sycamore Park, Victory Park, Colony Park, Simsbury Park, Shawnee Crossing, Preston Trails, and Willow Pond Park. The parks offer a variety of activities including shelter houses, fishing, basketball courts, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, a putting green, playgrounds, swing sets, an arboretum, a covered bridge, sledding hills, and a skate park. During 2020, the City completed several park improvement projects. The projects included the expansion of the Sycamore Creek Park lower parking lot and repaying of multiple bike paths throughout the City. Capital investments in the parks and recreation department totaled approximately \$400,000 for 2020.



Sycamore Park - Parking Lot Expansion



Columbus Metro Area



Bike Path Repaving

# City of Pickerington, Ohio 2020 Awards

#### Financial Awards

The City of Pickerington has received the Auditor of State's "Award with Distinction" for outstanding commitment to the highest standards of financial reporting for the years 2005, 2006, and 2008 through 2019 due to the filing of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Report) and having no audit citations.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Report) for the year ended December 31, 2019. This was the sixteenth year the City had filed a Annual Report and received this award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Report. The report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Pickerington for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award of Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial reporting is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Pickerington has received a Popular Award for the last nine consecutive years (fiscal years ended 2011-2019).



Government Finance Officers Association

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

Presented to

City of Pickerington

Ohio

For its Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019

Christophe P. Morrill

### A Tree City for 28 Consecutive Years

The City received its twenty-eighth Tree City USA Award for the year ended December 31, 2020. This prestigious award recognized the City for its annual program of planting new trees and maintaining and removing old trees.



#### Arboretum

### 2020 Tree Statistics

Trees Planted 116
Trees Pruned 416
Trees Removed 55



#### Annual Leaf Pick-Up



# CITY OF PICKERINGTON, OHIO 2020 CONTACT INFORMATION

### City Directory



#### City Hall

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City Manager	(614) 837-3974
City Clerk	(614) 837-3974
Finance Department	(614) 837-3974
<b>Income Tax Department</b>	(614) 837-4116
<b>Human Resources Department</b>	(614) 837-3974
	(614) 833-2211
<b>Utility Billing Department</b>	(614) 833-2289

#### **Building Department**

51 East Columbus Street Pickerington, OH 43147 (614) 833-2221

**Economic Development Dept.** (614) 833-2204 **Engineering Department** (614) 833-2221 **Planning and Zoning Dept.** (614) 833-2204

#### **Police Department**

1311 Refugee Road Pickerington, OH 43147 (614) 575-6911

#### **Service Department**

200 Hereford Drive Pickerington, OH 43147 (614) 833-2292

 Sewer Plant
 (614) 837-6470

 Water Plant
 (614) 833-2290

### Popular Annual Financial Report

The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), is to be used as a quick guide for the citizens of Pickerington, and to summarize how the City is operating fiscally. The information in this PAFR was taken directly from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Report), which is more extensive and can be found on the City's website at the following link: <a href="https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance/">https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance/</a>



Fourth of July



Pickerington City Hall

### Did You Know?

The American Motorcycle Hall of Fame is located in Pickerington and features a number of engaging exhibits that showcase motorcycling's history.



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