

AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPRING 2021



As we continue forward in 2021, we reflect on where we were just one year ago, the beginning of a global pandemic. With a new reality settling in and a very different way of operating ahead, we are incredibly grateful for the creativity and efficiency of our staff and partners throughout the county. We have been able to quickly provide new, and support existing, local programs to assist individuals and businesses facing countless challenges.

Beyond all of that, we are ultimately pleased to report that during the most uncertain year we have experienced in over a decade, we did not lay-off or furlough any employee, and ensured that all county services continued on behalf of the taxpayer.

As always, thank you for your support and interest in Warren County!



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WARREN COUNTY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Warren County received \$7,003,129.80 through the first round of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. With these funds, the Warren County Rental Assistance Program launched on April 5, 2021 and is designed to provide needed rental and utility assistance to residents in our county. This program also offers financial support to Warren County landlords, as business owners. These funds are specific to the economic challenges surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and are contingent upon certain income eligibility requirements. To learn more please visit co.warren.oh.us.

BOOST PROGRAM

Through an incredibly generous donation of \$50,000 made to Warren County Job and Family Services from local residents, David and Kristi Bowen, the agency was able to launch the BOOST Program. Designed to help individuals and families living in Warren County with rent and utility expenses, the program has been a tremendous success since its launch on January 19, 2021. As owners of Shaker Run Golf Club in Lebanon, the Bowens understand how important it is to give back to their community and help their neighbors through difficult times.

“As the Director of Warren County Job and Family Services, I want to thank David and Kristi Bowen for being a shining example of true generosity and kindness to those in need.”

Lauren Cavanaugh, Director

THANK YOU WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

The Warren County Health District (WCHD) and Emergency Management Services have been incredible partners during the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering information and resources quickly for county agencies and all Warren County residents. Health Commissioner Duane Stansbury, and Emergency Response Coordinator, Dustin Ratliff, attended many County Commissioners' meetings at a moment's notice to inform the Board of updates, present and clarify data, and offer their expertise on all circumstances related to the pandemic.

For vaccine information or to schedule with WCHD, call **513-695-SHOT(7468)** or visit warrenchd.com. To find a clinic nearest to you visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov



WCHD vaccination site located at the Fairgrounds.

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WARREN COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Every Child Reads Everyday

One year ago, Mrs. DeWine came to Warren County to celebrate the official kick-off of the Warren County Imagination Library. Since then, roughly 60% of eligible children in Warren County have enrolled in the Imagination Library. Community leaders, educators, and other local partners have all committed to this generational change for our County, and it shows!



Learn more and enroll at www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org

Warren County launched an enrollment program to raise awareness of the Imagination Library and give county employees all the information to sign up their children! Any child living in Warren County is eligible from birth and will graduate out of the program when they turn five years old.



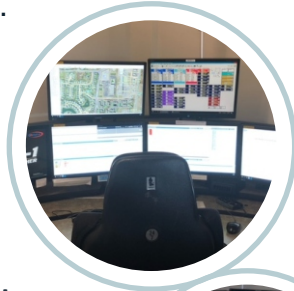
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

DID YOU KNOW?

The Warren County Communications Center is staffed by **42** employees totaling over **339** years of experience. The Communications Center dispatches for **13** Fire & EMS Departments, **8** Police Departments and the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

- 70** Text to 911 calls
- 42,430** 911 calls
- 100,958** Admin calls
- 16,000** Caution notes entered for first responder safety
- 1,300** Hours entering caution notes
- 230,000** Calls for service processed



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

PETER'S CARTRIDGE FACTORY

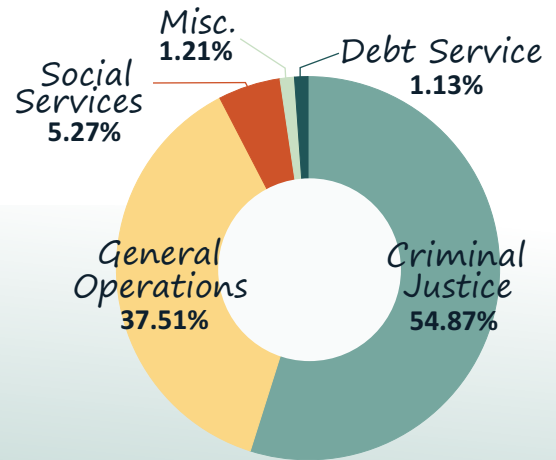


Just a few months ago, the anticipated Peter's Cartridge Factory Project came to fruition! Following years of hard work and advocacy, our community now gets to enjoy this re-purposed historic landmark.

The County Commissioners were grateful, along with the Warren County Port Authority to support its development.

THE APPROVED 2021 BUDGET

A QUICK-LOOK SUMMARY OF THE **\$77,936,893** GENERAL FUND BUDGET



Warren County witnessed a consistent incoming revenue through real estate and sales taxes during 2020. While conservatively planning for a projected 25% decrease in these revenue sources, there was approximately a \$1 million increase in the county's collected sales tax. Additionally, the County Commissioners were able to maintain a \$38 million carry-over for 2020, which comes after the reserve \$12 million "rainy-day" fund and the discretionary \$10 million county-wide "infrastructure bank." Neither of these funds were modified from unforeseen COVID-19 expenditures, and are another testament to the County's strong financial position.

2 WATER SOFTENING UPGRADES

PROGRESS REPORTS

1 JAIL & SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Construction for the county's new Jail and Sheriff's Office is on track to open October of this year and has remained within its approved budget. Currently at 70%

completion, it has been designed to functionally meet the workflow needs of our Sheriff's Office and better accommodate future capacity limitations.



Since October 2020, Water softening upgrades have been underway at the Franklin Area and Richard A. Renneker Water Treatment Plants. The upgrades will result in a grains per gallon decrease of approximately 55%, dropping water hardness for over 30,000 customers served by these two locations. This project is funded through cash reserves as well as a low interest loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority. We are excited for its completion in the Summer of 2022!

COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2021

This year Commissioner Dave Young was sworn in as President of the Board, and Commissioner Tom Grossmann will serve as its Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to the CCAO Board and NACo Human Services & Education Committee



The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as needed.

Meetings are held in the county administration building and via WebEx.
WebEx Meeting Number: 129 861 4072

Stay connected with us. We value our relationships with our residents, businesses, community organizations and our elected officials. Contact us with your input, questions or concerns.

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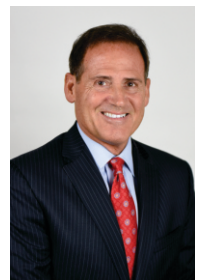
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