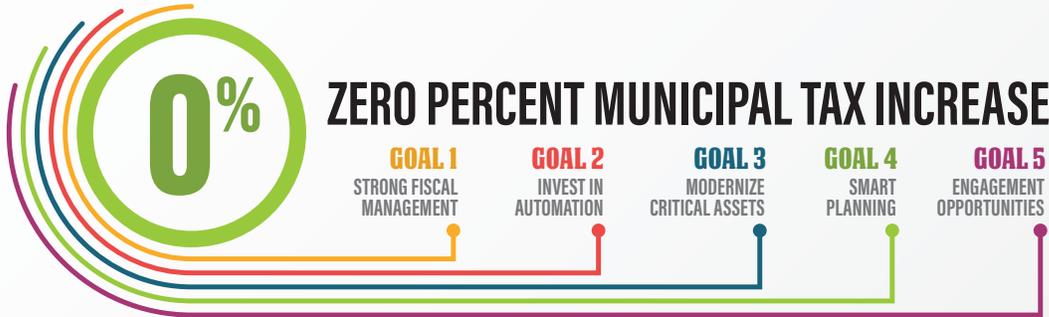




# 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FROM THE OFFICE OF  
**Mayor Shelley Brindle**  
**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Each year, residents receive their final property tax bill in late September for the next tax cycle. I'd like to take this opportunity to include some key highlights about how your municipal tax dollars are being used to maintain strong fiscal management while driving long-term investments. You can find additional details on our website at [www.westfieldnj.gov/budget](http://www.westfieldnj.gov/budget).

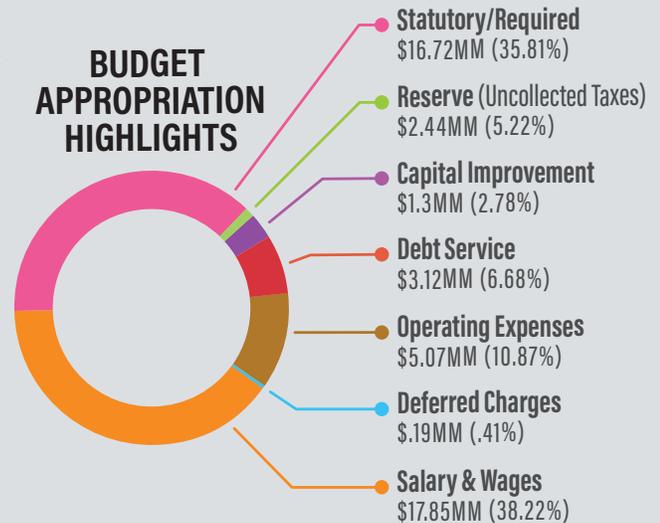


## 2019 WESTFIELD BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### WHERE YOUR TAXES GO



### BUDGET APPROPRIATION HIGHLIGHTS



## GOAL 1

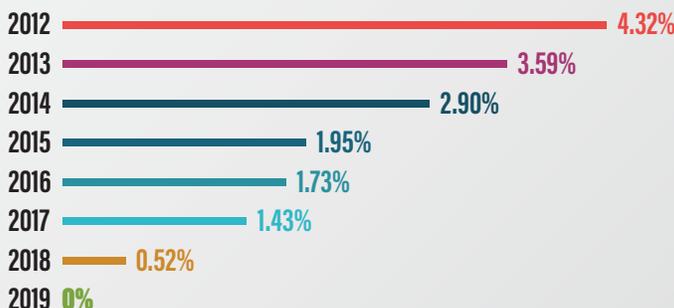
### CONTINUE TRACK RECORD OF STRONG FISCAL MANAGEMENT



TOTAL REVENUES  
**INCREASED 6%**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES  
**INCREASED 2.32%**

**NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES**



RESIDENTIAL      COMMERCIAL

**WESTFIELD RELIES DISPROPORTIONATELY ON RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAXES TO FUND ALL SERVICES (TOWN, BOE, LIBRARY, AND COUNTY)**

Category	Westfield	County Wide Average
Residential	90%	76%
Commercial	10%	23%
Other	83%	17%

**SUMMIT**  
**CRANFORD**

**GOAL 2**

## CONTINUE TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION



LAUNCHED NEW WESTFIELD CONNECT APP



INITIATED BODY-WORN CAMERA SYSTEM FOR ALL PATROL OFFICERS



DIGITIZE TOWN CODE, ENABLING ONLINE SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY AND EASE OF USE

**GOAL 3**

## MODERNIZE AND UPGRADE CRITICAL TOWN ASSETS

CONTINUE INVESTING IN FLEET MODERNIZATION, ROAD PAVING, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSETS TO REDUCE MAINTENANCE COSTS AND PROVIDE ENHANCED SERVICES.



### REPLACEMENT VEHICLES

DPW / 4 PICKUPS, 3 DUMP TRUCKS, 1 SEWER TRUCK  
 POLICE / 3 PATROL CARS (INCLUDING 1 HYBRID) AND 1 PICKUP  
 FIRE / 1 PUMPER TRUCK  
 BOARD OF HEALTH / 3 HYBRIDS FOR THE INSPECTORS



### MUNICIPAL ASSETS

PLANNED TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES TO MODERNIZE TOWN HALL



### PAVING

NEARLY 20 MILES OF ROADS PAVED, REPRESENTING 20% OF ALL ROADWAYS

**2019 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS FUNDED**

**GOAL 4**

## PRIORITIZE SMART PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT

LEVERAGE RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY AS PART OF THE "YEAR OF THE PEDESTRIAN" AND INCORPORATE VAST PUBLIC FEEDBACK INTO THE TOWN'S MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION AND STRATEGIC PARKS PLAN.

**\$110,000.00 VALUE**

**WALKABILITY, PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY STUDY**  
 Grants from NJDOT and NJTPA focused on walkability and pedestrian/bike safety to recommend enhancements along sidewalks and roadways throughout Town.

**100,000 RESPONSES COLLECTED**

**MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION & STRATEGIC PARKS PLAN**  
 Hosted four community workshops and posted online surveys to capture resident feedback for the Master Plan Reexamination and Strategic Parks Plan. Over 100,000 online responses collected.

**GOAL 5**

## EXPAND EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORT TOWN-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION.



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