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Mayor Bobbie Beshara

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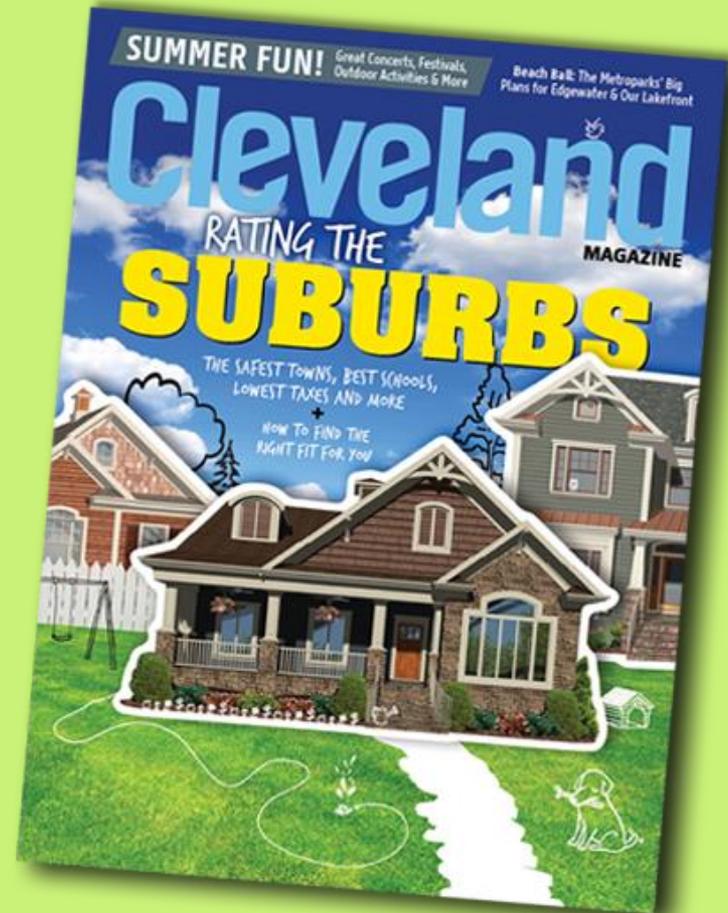
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Crossroads of Community and Commerce

- **Rated #1 Suburb**
  - The Village of Richfield is rated the #1 Suburb in 2014 by Cleveland Magazine

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- Richfield received this distinctive honor based on the following criteria:
  - Education
  - Housing
  - Tax Rates
  - Parks and Trails
  - Safety



# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **SWIF Grant (Ohio EPA)**
  - Village Green Parking Lot Improvements
  - \$150,000 Grant
- **Nature Works Grant**
  - \$51,000 for Playground Rock Garden
- **New VOIP Phone System**
  - Previously analog
  - Windstream Provider
- **BWC Grant Awarded to RFD**
  - \$22,000 for a patient lifting system
- **Online Newsletter Launched**
- **Received 2014 Tree City Award**



# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Purchase of Fire Pumper Rescue Unit**
  - Replaced two vehicles
- **Hired Three New Fire Medic Trainees**
- **Conducted Active Shooter Training in cooperation with UH Ahuja**
  - 350 teachers trained
  - First time required under Fire Code
- **Began Dispatching for Boston Heights Police Department**
  - Hired two new part-time dispatchers
- **Justice Assistance Grants**
  - \$11,000 for portable radios
  - \$9,000 for in-car tablets

# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Richfield Joint Recreation District (RJRD) Board Formed**
  - Historic formation of board in conjunction with Richfield Township to help preserve properties and form recreation areas.
  - First project was the preservation of Crowell Hilaka (former Girl Scout Camp)
  - RJRD applied for a \$1,089,000 Clean Ohio grant to permanently preserve 125 acres of Crowell Hilaka.

# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Upgraded all Regulatory Roadway Signage
- Improved trails with new layer of crushed limestone
- ODOT Resurfacing State Route 21 near Ohio Turnpike
- ODOT Brecksville Road and Broadview Road Bridge Improvements



# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **New occupancies and expansions added more than 100 new employees**
  - OE Connection Expansion
  - Liberty Mutual Insurance
  - Mobility Works
  - Cavalier Distributing (purchased the former Richfield Pizza site)
- **Resurgence of Timberlake Business Park**
  - NNV Richfield, LLC (corner of Brecksville Road and Timberlake Drive)
  - Winar Connection
- **Land Acquisition**
  - 4043 Wheatley Road – extension of Kinross Lakes Parkway
- **Soni property**
  - Phase II Report
  - NFA

# 2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Demolition of remaining buildings on the former Consolidated Freightways property**
  - Enforcement action led to removal of both buildings
  - Nearly 80 acres of prime redevelopment land
- **Clean-up of former putt-putt course off of Brecksville Road.**
  - Site available for redevelopment

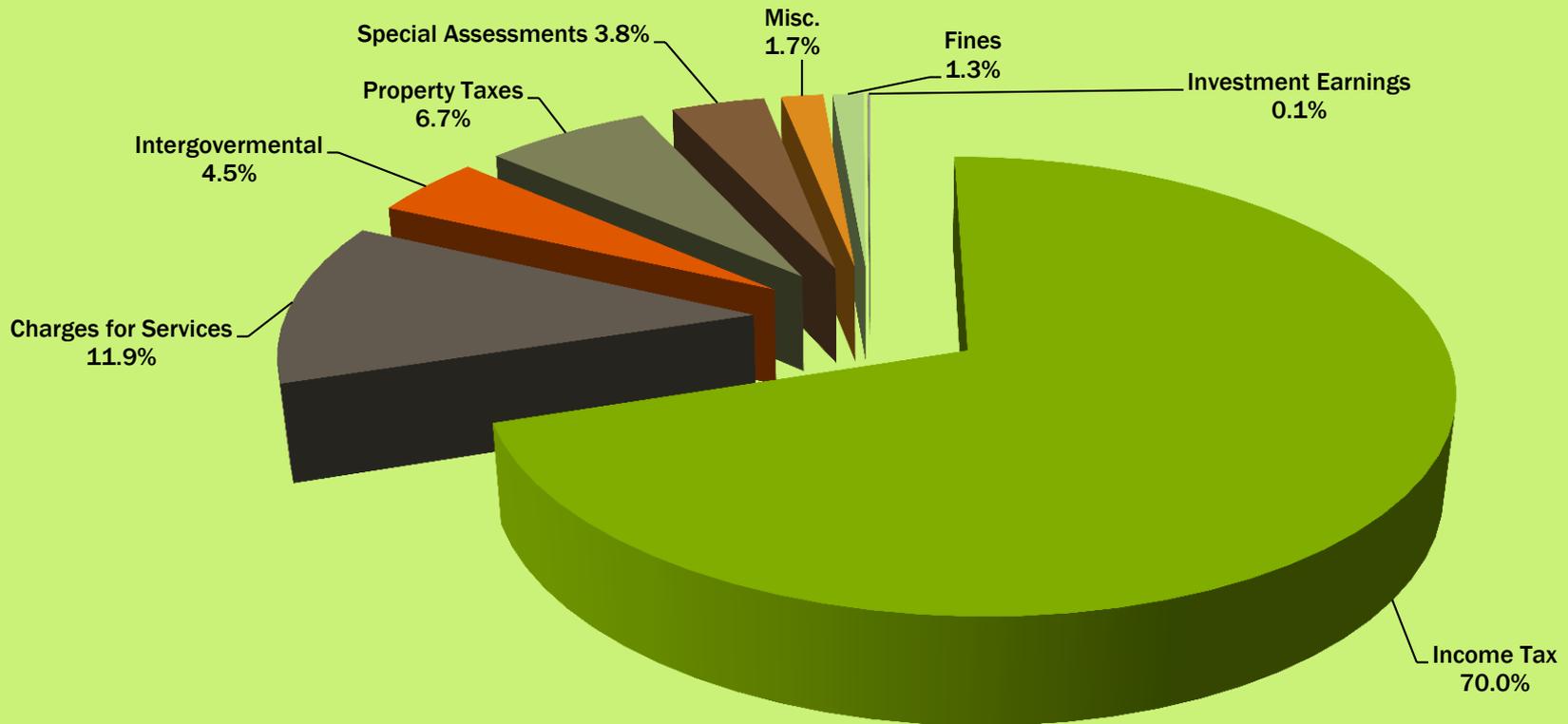
# 2014 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total revenues increased to \$12.6 million
- Income tax increased to \$8.81 million
- Debt service expenditures are down nearly \$1 million
- The Village ended 2014 with a \$10.4 million fund balance



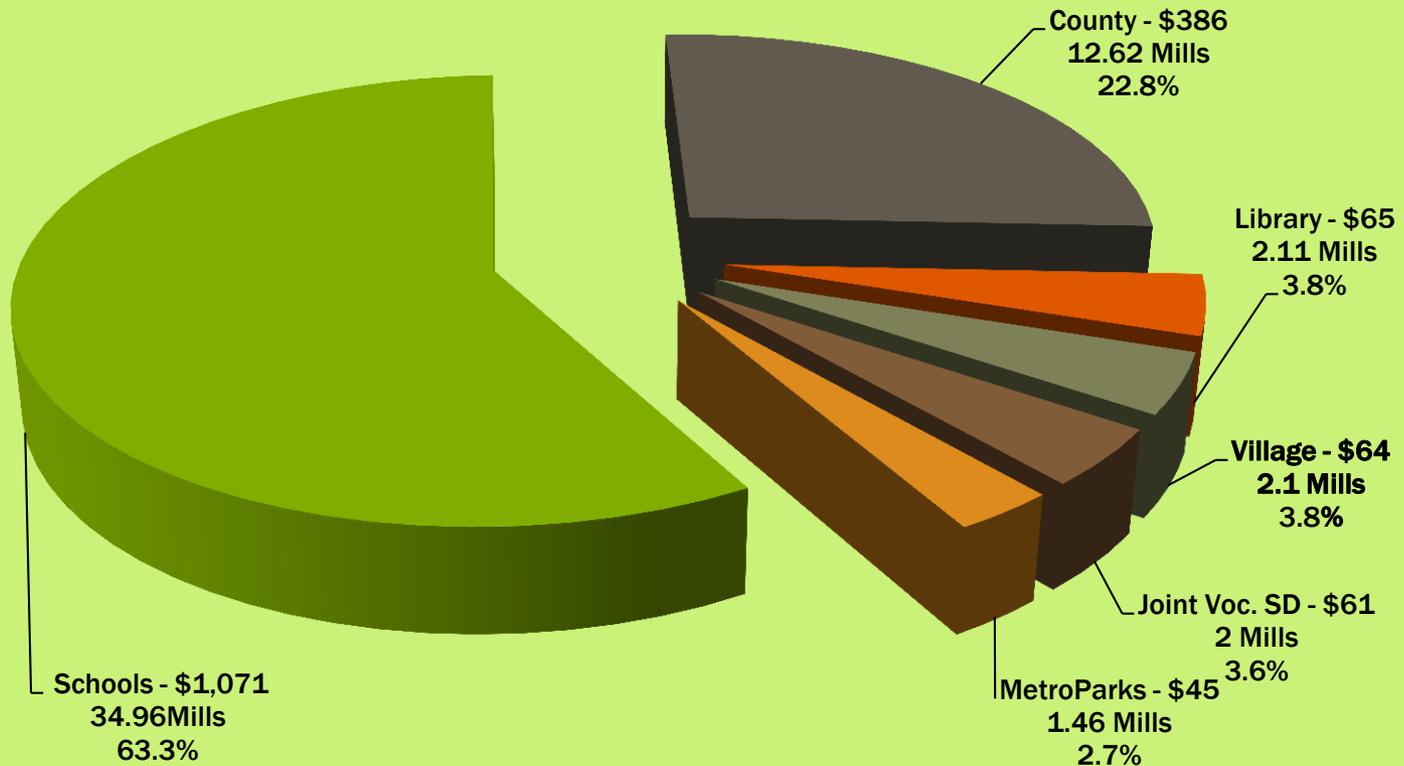
# WHERE DOLLARS COME FROM

## 2014 OPERATING REVENUE - \$12.6 M



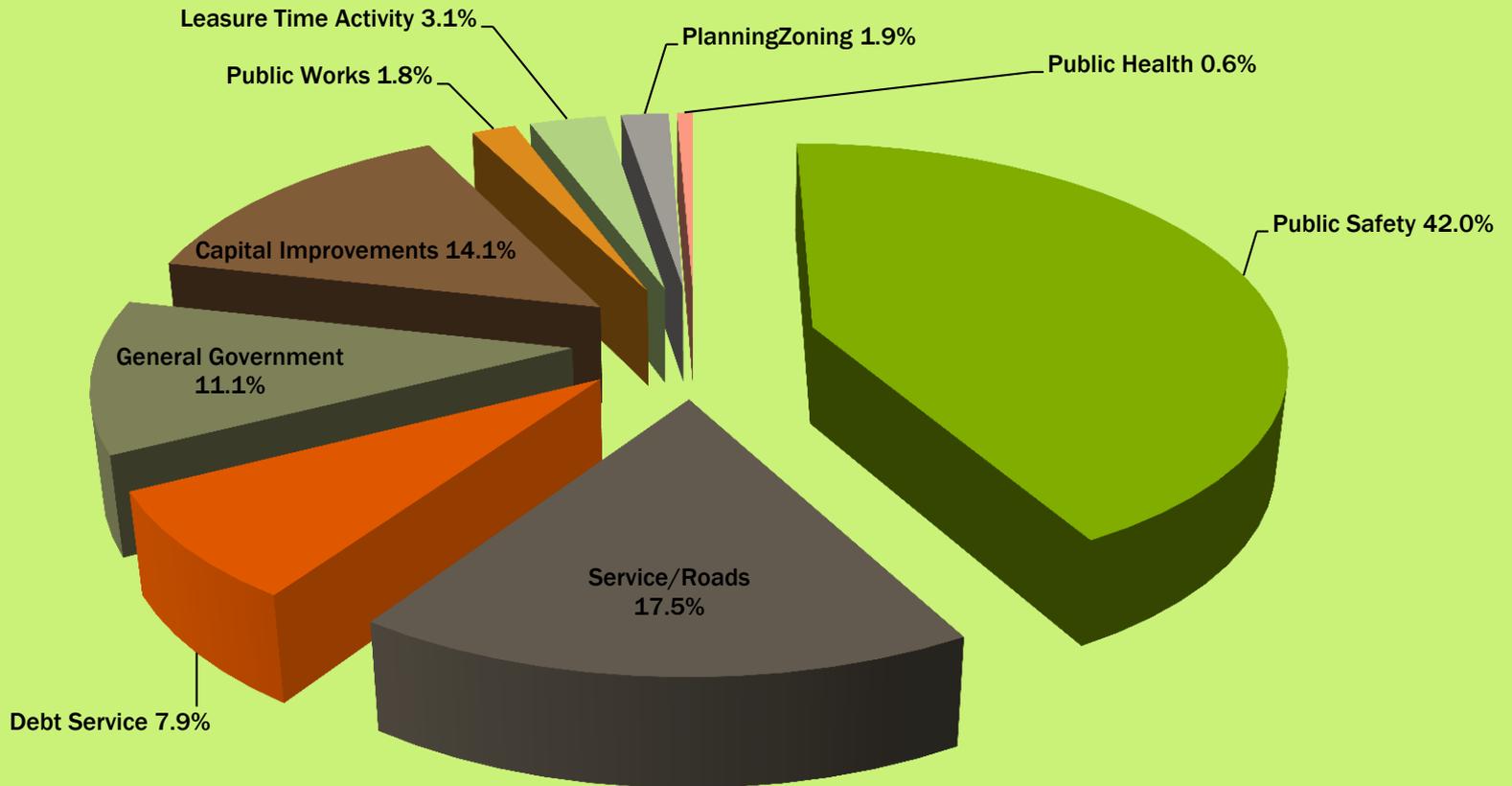
# DOLLARS FROM PROPERTY TAX

**Village of Richfield Resident**  
**\$100,000 Home Tax Contribution - \$1,775**  
**Tax Year 2013/Collection Year 2014**  
**(55.25 MILLS)**



# HOW DOLLARS ARE SPENT

## 2014 OPERATING EXPENDITURES - \$11.6 M



# **RICHFIELD SERVICES**

- **Police**
- **Fire**
- **Service**
- **Recreation**
- **Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**
- **Senior Services**
- **Finance & Taxation**

# CHALLENGES

- **Water Tower Location**
  - 1 million gallon tank
  - \$7 million dollar investment
  - Balancing Interests
  - Nearly 20 sites examined
  - Final location pending
- **Maintenance and Extension of Infrastructure**
- **Property Maintenance**
- **Impacts to the Local Tax Base**
- **State Reductions and Unfunded Mandates**
- **Briarwood Sewers**
  - Secured pump station location
- **Job Retention & Attraction**

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