

JUNE 30, 2019 POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

# City of Webster Groves, MO

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND RAISE A FAMILY



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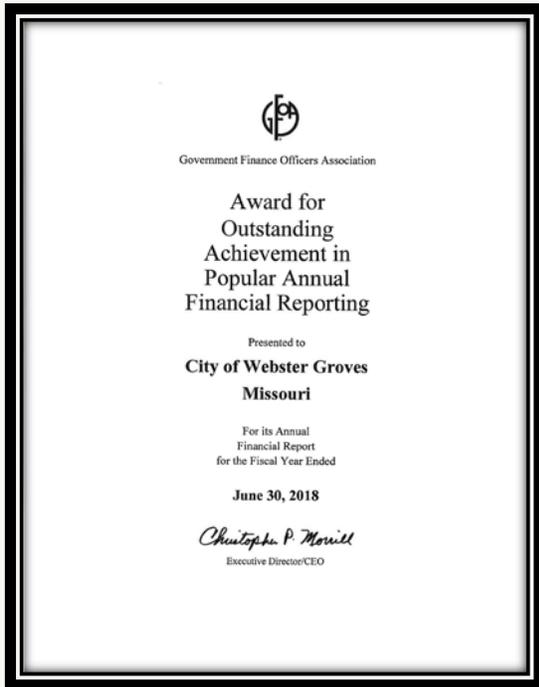
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# To the Residents of Webster Groves

The information contained here is taken from the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and is presented for the purpose of communicating the City's financial position to the taxpayer.

The CAFR provides more detailed information and includes an audit from an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants.

The CAFR is prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the United States of America. The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is prepared in accordance with Government Finance Officers Association standards and in conformity with GAAP. Copies of the 2019 CAFR and the 2019 PAFR are available at [www.webstergroves.org](http://www.webstergroves.org) or at City Hall.



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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.

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The complex block contains three photographs. The top-left photo shows the Webster Groves Recreation Complex building with a sign that says 'WEBSTER GROVES RECREATION COMPLEX'. The top-right photo shows a white police car with its blue and red emergency lights flashing. The bottom photo shows a red fire truck with 'WEBSTER GROVES' and the year '2021' on its side, parked in front of a building.

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# About Webster Groves

The City is a predominantly residential community located in southeastern St. Louis County, Missouri and has received a great deal of attention for its suitability as a place to live, work and raise a family as well as recent acclaim as a culinary destination. Webster Groves is one of the more affluent communities in Missouri, ranking 41st in per-capita income. Webster Groves was named as Missouri's 2013 Creative Community by the Missouri Arts Council. The City is known for its long-standing foundation in the arts, with cultural anchors such as The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and The Community Music School. In January, 2019, Webster Groves was also named as one of the top five safest cities in Missouri by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.



## Meet Our City Council

From Left to Right

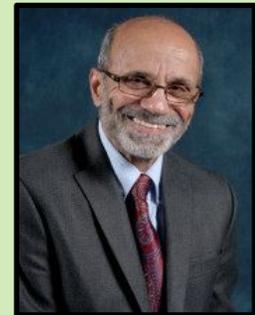
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Mayor Gerry Welch

Laura Arnold

Bud Bellomo



From Left to Right

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Pam Bliss

David Franklin

Frank Janoski

Emerson Smith



## Miscellaneous Statistical Data

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Year of Incorporation              | 1896              |
| Year of City Charter Adopted       | 1954              |
| Form of Government                 | Council – Manager |
| Area                               | 6 Square Miles    |
| Miles of Streets (City Maintained) | 92                |
| Population                         | 22,995            |
| Number of Full-Time Employees      | 156               |
| Number of Sworn Officers           | 49                |
| Number of Firefighters             | 38                |
| Number of Parks                    | 17                |
| Acreage of Parks                   | 127               |
| Median Home Value                  | \$265,200         |
| Per Capita Income                  | \$44,501          |

## General Fund:

The General Fund ended the year with revenues and transfers in exceeding expenditures and transfers out by \$84,002. The result was a total increase in budgetary funds at the end of the fiscal year-end to \$11,936,150. Overall, the General Fund ended fiscal year 2019 with a mixture of favorable and unfavorable budget variances for revenues and generally favorable budget variances for expenditures. These are explained in the Management Discussion and Analysis of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fund Balance, July 1, 2018</b>  | \$11,852,148        |
| <b>Revenues</b>                    | +\$15,810,502       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                | -\$16,678,275       |
| <b>Transfers In/Out</b>            | +\$951,775          |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>  | \$84,002            |
| <b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2019</b> | <b>\$11,936,150</b> |

## Financial Activity for Year Ended June 30, 2019:

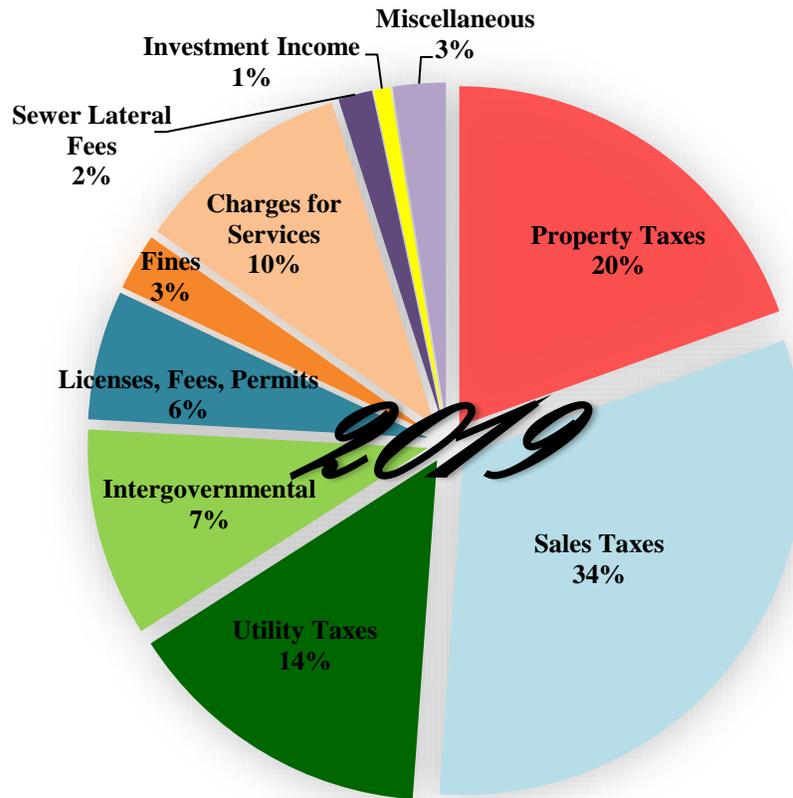
At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds report a combined fund balance of \$21,122,986 with a net decrease in total fund balance of \$59,173 from 2018. About 55% of the total amount (\$11,553,567) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the City's discretion. This amount represents an increase in unassigned fund balance from 2018 (\$11,143,533).

### ALL FUNDS:

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fund Balance, July 1, 2018</b>  | \$21,182,159        |
| <b>Revenues</b>                    | +\$24,099,179       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                | -\$24,220,941       |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>  | -\$59,173           |
| <b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2019</b> | <b>\$21,122,986</b> |

# Where Does the Money Come From?

| Revenue                 | 2017                | 2018                | 2019                | Change<br>2018 to 2019 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Property Taxes          | \$4,339,676         | \$4,865,773         | \$4,701,190         | -3.4%                  |
| Sales Taxes             | \$6,906,147         | \$7,890,005         | \$8,125,405         | 3%                     |
| Utility Taxes           | \$3,471,752         | \$3,689,050         | \$3,461,357         | -6%                    |
| Intergovernmental       | \$2,183,655         | \$2,475,741         | \$1,784,004         | -28%                   |
| Licenses, Fees, Permits | \$1,508,436         | \$1,534,932         | \$1,442,342         | -6%                    |
| Fines                   | \$701,072           | \$676,677           | \$759,303           | 12%                    |
| Charges for Services    | \$2,386,886         | \$2,575,787         | \$2,459,543         | -4.5%                  |
| Sewer Lateral Fees      | \$340,440           | \$404,359           | \$405,739           | .3%                    |
| Investment Income       | \$96,028            | \$199,988           | \$323,926           | 62%                    |
| Miscellaneous           | \$440,173           | \$626,906           | \$636,370           | 1.5%                   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>    | <b>\$22,374,265</b> | <b>\$24,939,218</b> | <b>\$24,099,179</b> |                        |



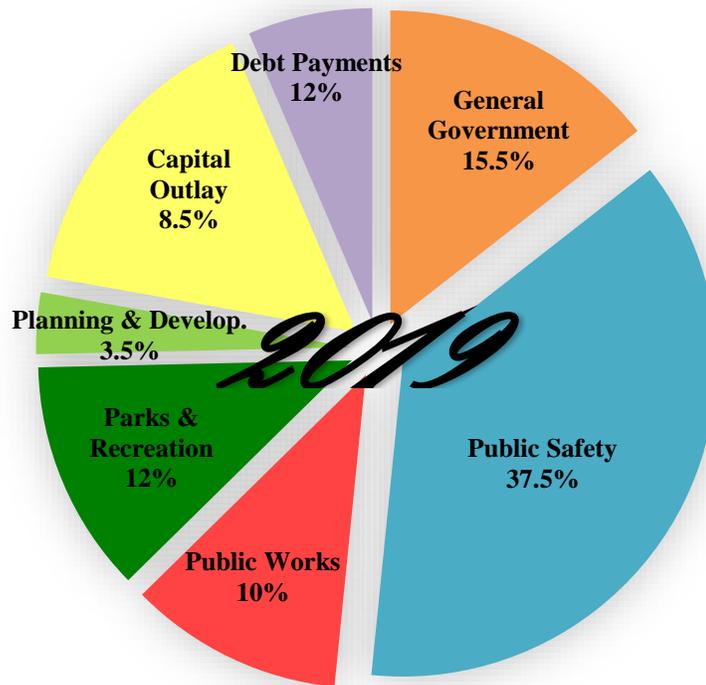
- (a) Intergovernmental Revenue has decreased due to a decrease in grant funding in fiscal year 2019.
- (b) Fines and Forfeitures have increased due to more people choosing to pay their court fines than in prior years.
- (c) Investment Income has increased due to the fact that interest rates have increased.

**Note:** The total revenue matches the all governmental funds total revenue on page 18 of the CAFR.

# Where Does the Money Go?

| Expenditures              | 2017                | 2018                | 2019                | Change<br>2018 to 2019 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| General Government        | \$2,978,457         | \$3,530,495         | \$3,766,667         | 6.7%                   |
| Public Safety             | \$8,497,312         | \$9,082,773         | \$9,091,073         | .09%                   |
| Public Works              | \$2,710,064         | \$2,699,043         | \$2,485,955         | -0.08%                 |
| Parks & Recreation        | \$3,038,926         | \$2,936,210         | \$2,995,335         | 2%                     |
| Planning & Develop.       | \$721,711           | \$774,776           | \$854,597           | 10%                    |
| Capital Outlay            | \$2,586,345         | \$3,853,042         | \$2,079,719         | -46%                   |
| Debt Payments             | \$1,829,824         | \$1,570,660         | \$2,947,595         | 88%                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>\$22,362,639</b> | <b>\$24,446,999</b> | <b>\$24,220,941</b> |                        |

(a)  
(b)  
(c)



- (a) A majority of the Planning and Development expenditure increase is due to a budget amendment for a demolition at 801 Holland Avenue.
- (b) Capital Outlay expenditures generally fluctuate more than other categories due to the fact that many one-time purchases are made here. Examples include parking garage repairs, recreation and aquatic center upgrades, police vehicles, and fire trucks.
- (c) Debt payments expenditures increased due to the payoff of \$1,750,000 in 2011 General Obligation Street Improvement principal as a part of the defeasance explained further in the CAFR.

**Note :** The total expenditures match the all governmental funds total expenditures on page 18 of the CAFR.

## Sales Tax Rate Comparison

| Municipality          | Sales Tax Rate |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Brentwood             | 9.238%         |
| Chesterfield          | 8.738%         |
| Clayton               | 9.238%         |
| Creve Coeur           | 8.488%         |
| Des Peres             | 9.238%         |
| Kirkwood              | 9.238%         |
| Maryland Heights      | 8.238%         |
| Olivette              | 9.238%         |
| Richmond Heights      | 9.238%         |
| Town & Country        | 8.988%         |
| University City       | 9.238%         |
| <b>Webster Groves</b> | <b>9.238%</b>  |

## Top City Employers

| Employer                           | Employees |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Webster University                 | 1,300     |
| Webster Groves School District     | 965       |
| Laclede Groves                     | 600       |
| Edgewood / Great Circle            | 450       |
| City of Webster Groves             | 275       |
| Epworth Children & Family Services | 198       |
| Ross & Baruzzini                   | 111       |
| Schnucks                           | 100       |
| Nerinx High School                 | 85        |
| Farnsworth                         | 70        |

Note: Totals includes full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees.

## Where Does the Property Tax Go?

| Taxing Jurisdiction              | Rate per \$100 | % of Bill      | Cost*             |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| School-Webster Groves            | 5.3654         | 60.77%         | \$2,701.48        |
| Special School District          | 1.1980         | 13.57%         | \$603.19          |
| City of Webster Groves           | 0.7980         | 9.04%          | \$401.79          |
| St. Louis County                 | 0.3910         | 4.43%          | \$196.87          |
| Metropolitan Zoo Museum District | 0.2724         | 3.09%          | \$137.15          |
| Webster Library                  | 0.2630         | 2.98%          | \$132.42          |
| St. Louis Community College      | 0.2129         | 2.41%          | \$107.20          |
| Metropolitan Sewer District      | 0.1170         | 1.33%          | \$58.91           |
| Roads and Bridges                | 0.0980         | 1.11%          | \$49.34           |
| Productive Living Board          | 0.0840         | 0.95%          | \$42.29           |
| State of Missouri                | 0.0300         | 0.34%          | \$15.11           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>8.8297</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>\$4,445.75</b> |

\*Rate is per \$100 of assessed valuation. The median Webster Groves homeowner (\$265,000 market value house) pays \$4,445.75 in real estate taxes, with 9.04% of the total tax bill going to the City of Webster Groves.

**Note:** The rates above were for the 2018 Tax Year.

# Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a plan for the City's capital investments over a five year period. The CIP is both a fiscal and planning device that allows the City to project all capital costs, funding sources, and timing. The CIP plan is reviewed by the City Council each year. The CIP was developed around two primary goals. The first is to ensure the appropriate maintenance of existing infrastructure and facilities. The second is to plan effectively for future needs given current resources. Capital investments are assets valued at more than \$25,000 with a useful life of at least 5 years.



## Abbreviated List of Planned CIP Expenses for Fiscal Years 2020 - 2024

| Expenditure:                          | FY 20              | FY 21              | FY 22              | FY 23              | FY 24              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Phone System Update/Upgrade           | \$0                | \$0                | \$150,000          | \$0                | \$0                |
| Police Accident Reconstruction Equip. | \$0                | \$65,000           | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| Mill & Overlay                        | \$751,880          | \$751,880          | \$751,880          | \$476,880          | \$476,880          |
| Police Vehicles                       | \$91,000           | \$100,000          | \$100,000          | \$100,000          | \$100,000          |
| Ambulance                             | \$0                | \$0                | \$260,000          | \$0                | \$0                |
| Self Contained Breathing Apparatus    | \$256,000          | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| Dump Trucks                           | \$134,800          | \$138,100          | \$150,000          | \$154,500          | \$0                |
| Park Trail Replacements               | \$0                | \$144,000          | \$0                | \$0                | \$70,200           |
| Elevator Improvements                 | \$0                | \$85,000           | \$100,000          | \$0                | \$0                |
| Aquatic-Complete Renovation           | \$0                | \$0                | \$8,000            | \$300,000          | \$6,000,000        |
| Aquatic Center Upgrades               | \$155,000          | \$41,500           | \$170,000          | \$320,000          | \$35,000           |
| Rec Center Upgrades                   | \$50,000           | \$535,000          | \$0                | \$0                | \$65,000           |
| Fitness / Studio Meeting Room         | \$0                | \$475,000          | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| Storm Water Improvements              | \$80,000           | \$500,000          | \$200,000          | \$90,000           | \$90,000           |
| Parking Garage Repair                 | \$0                | \$200,000          | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                |
| Other Various CIP Projects            | \$1,889,498        | \$1,007,590        | \$1,602,585        | \$1,036,040        | \$2,005,616        |
| <b>Total of ALL projects in CIP</b>   | <b>\$3,408,178</b> | <b>\$4,043,070</b> | <b>\$3,492,465</b> | <b>\$2,477,420</b> | <b>\$8,842,696</b> |

**Note: For a comprehensive list of Capital Improvement Projects from 2020 - 2024, please visit our website and view pages 359 - 436 of the 2020 City of Webster Groves Budget.**