



## **BOROUGH OF SPOTSWOOD**

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Dear Residents:

Wow. This is the word that immediately comes to mind as I reflect upon the gratitude that I feel to be the Mayor of Spotswood at this incredibly important moment in our Borough's history. I am grateful for the opportunities, and quite frankly, the many challenges that have been presented to me in the past 20 months, the dedicated employees of the Borough, and most especially grateful for the residents supporting the work that we are so tirelessly trying to achieve. We have harnessed our collective voice to ensure the introduction, adoption, and certification of a budget by the State and County that recognizes a .53% decrease in the municipal purpose portion of Spotswood's tax rate.

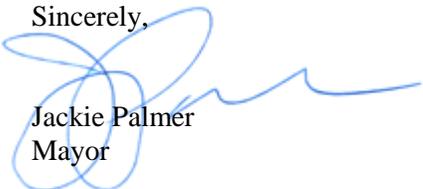
My Administration has relentlessly advocated for increased state and federal dollars as well as grant funding to improve the quality of life and maintain affordability for our residents. The excitement of a decrease in our portion of the tax rate is combined with historic investments into our water infrastructure. Construction has begun on a nearly \$1.5 million investment in our Daniel Road Treatment Center, including new filters and a new well. This, combined with the NJDEP approving a contract for the Borough to receive 786 million gallons per year in water rights graciously donated by Schweitzer, brings our Water Utility one step closer to independence.

While we are sad to see the Schweitzer plant go, we are excited about the next chapter this will bring with a state-of-the-art warehouse. The revitalization of this site will bring a surge to our economy and jobs and benefit the Borough and its residents for decades to come, creating a new legacy similar to the special place the Schweitzer plant holds in the hearts of so many.

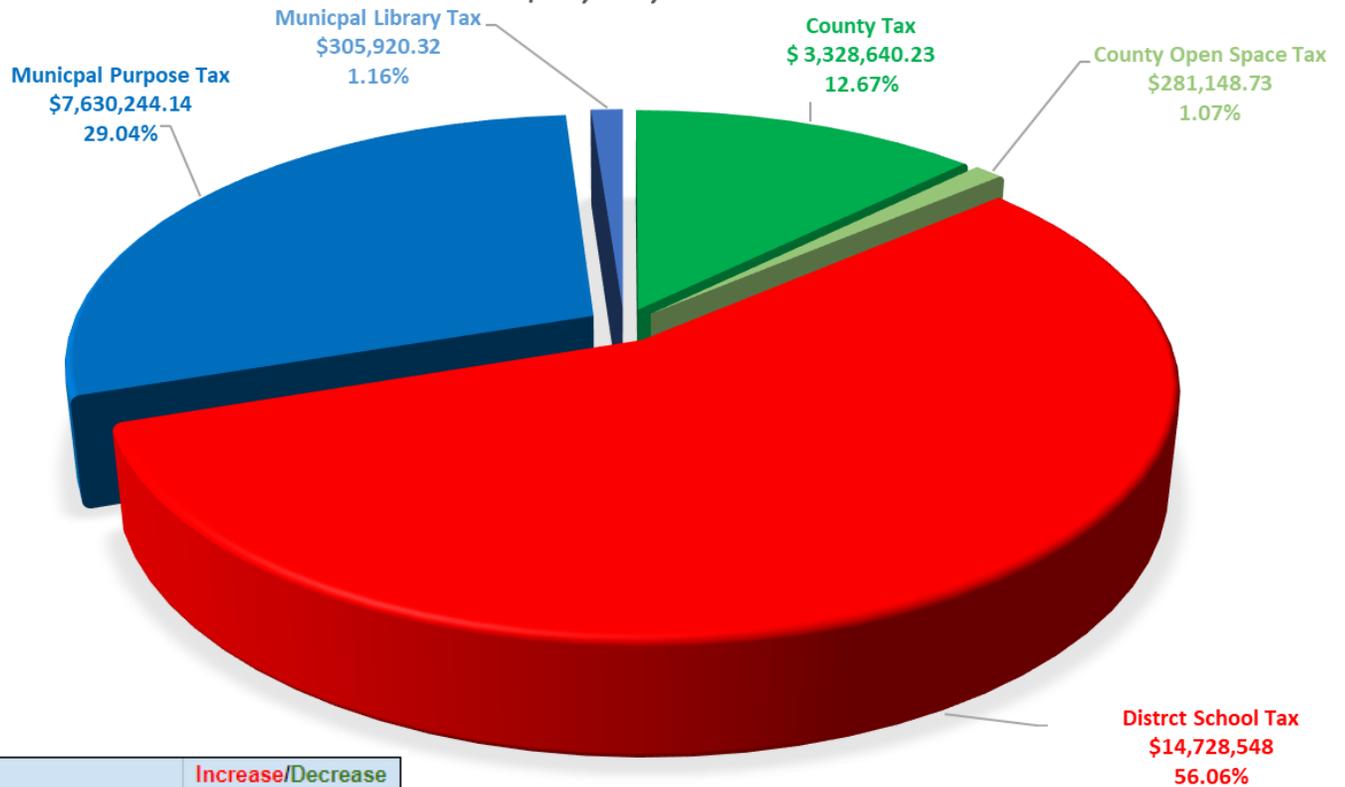
Our efforts have not stopped there. We have completed dredging for a portion of DeVoe Lake with the addition of two aerators. Nearly four years of road projects dating back to 2018 for projects that were delayed have been finished, with more road improvements underway in the next few weeks. Before the end of 2022, we will see renovated tennis courts as well as a brand-new, inclusive Michael Road Park, which will be accessible to every resident regardless of age or ability.

In the past year, we have had to share our goodbyes and congratulations to a few of our Borough's mainstays as they have chosen to retire or embark on a new journey. We have been fortunate to promote or hire consummate professionals that are "no stranger to our Borough." While many towns are dealing with workforce shortages and what the experts have dubbed in our nation's current economy "the Great Resignation," we are proud to usher in these new department heads and committed team, all of which have "come up through the ranks" or are longtime residents. These professionals and each member of our incredible team at the Borough work diligently in service to the residents and contribute to enhancing the already ingrained culture of service.

Sincerely,

  
Jackie Palmer  
Mayor

**2022 TOTAL TAXY LEVY  
\$26,274,501.42**



Institution	Increase/Decrease to Tax Rate
County Tax	1.40%
County Open Space Tax	0.20%
District School Tax	1.40%
Municipal Purpose Tax	-0.53%
Library Tax	0.30%

**We Hope to See You at Our Events!**

Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday	September 10	Farmers Market and Craft Fair	Spotswood Municipal Parking Lot	9am-4pm
Saturday	September 10	Spotswood 5k	SHS Little League Field	7:30-10:30am
Sunday	September 11	9-11 Ceremony	Spotswood 9-11 Memorial	7:00 PM
Friday	September 30	Oktoberfest - Spotswood Day	Spotswood Municipal Building	5:30-9:30pm
Sunday	October 23	Mayor and Council Breakfast	Polish American Club	8am to noon
Sunday	October 31	Trunk or Treat	Spotswood High School Parking Lot	6:00-8pm
Sunday	October 31	"Monster" Meal at the Municipal Building (Pizza Party)	Spotswood Municipal Building Parking Lot	6:30-7pm
Saturday	December 3	Spotswood Tree Lighting	Spotswood Municipal Building	5-7pm
Friday	December 9	Cookies with Mrs. Claus	TBA	TBA
Saturday	December 10	Santa Claus Drive Around Town	Spotswood, NJ	TBA