Jeff has dedicated his career to local government for 27 years. He proudly served communities in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio in roles as County Administrator, City Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Director of Administration and Treasurer. He served communities during fast growth, slow growth, and redevelopment. All positions required his leadership in strategic planning, intergovernmental relations, economic development, capital planning, budget and finance, team building and HR/staff development.

His long tenure of 15 years as County Administrator of Kendall County, Illinois (40 miles southwest of Chicago) was when the county had the fastest growth rate per the US Census Bureau. His service required leadership, collaboration, and financial planning from initial concept through successful implementation for strategic projects such as a courthouse expansion, jail expansion and new health department facility. He is especially proud of his leadership of Kendall Area Transit - the county's first public transportation system serving the entire county with 12 incorporated cities.

Jeff strives to build teams and collaboration for internal and community initiatives. His teams plan together for goals and celebrate together when accomplished. He earned his master's degree from Indiana University and bachelor's degree from DePauw University. He and his wife, Gina, are proud parents of two, and they enjoy time with their two rescue dogs and rescue cat.



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#### Jeff Wilkins, MPA

### **Background and Experience**

- Dedicated career to local government for 27 years
- Served communities during fast growth, slow growth and redevelopment
- County Administrator Kendall County, Illinois
- City Manager Buchanan, Michigan
- Assistant Town Manager Fishers, Indiana
- Director of Administration & Treasurer Regional Authority serving Greater Columbus, Ohio
- Leadership in strategic planning, intergovernmental relations, economic development, capital planning, budget & finance, team building and staff development.



### Servant Leadership Approach

- Leadership/management style is based on "we" and partnerships
  - Collaboration, transparency, efficiency
- Build cross functional department teams
- Build intergovernmental, stakeholder, and partner agency teams
- First six months meet stakeholders informal GAP and SWOT

"In my career I've seen change happens regardless, but productive progress takes planning and collaboration."



#### Oro Valley – Community of Choice



### Oro Valley – Community of Choice

- Moderate residential growth
- Housing choices
- Safe
- Educated



- High-tech cluster biotech, aerospace, semiconductors
- Planning for future neighborhoods, parks, infrastructure
- Sustainability planning water resources
- Intergovernmental cooperation commitment

# Oro Valley – Opportunities

- Economic Development leverage high tech cluste tourism & hospitality, regional partnerships, BRE
- Slower residential growth rate
  - Ensure housing choices housing study completion in 2023
- Sales tax dependency vacancies, infill development
  - sales leakage to other areas
- Annexations of potential commercial areas



## Oro Valley – Opportunities

• Transportation – support mobility, workforce, sales tax generation



- Community Connectivity parks, recreation, trails, sense of place, and historic preservation
- Sustainability water supply, reuse and education
- CIP infrastructure, facilities, drainage, financial planning, impact fees

### Oro Valley – Service Improvements

Balanced Score Card



Operational performance measurements

for customer service and business efficiency

Public understanding of our work to serve citizens

#### Oro Valley – Service Improvements



Town of Oro Valley Transit Services Division is now introducing

#### **Passenger Portal**

Book rides directly . Review upcoming trips . Track bus location in real time

#### How does it work?



Passenger Portal is designed to replace the current online reservation
system and is a web-based tool that can be accessed on a desktop, tablet
or mobile device. For more details, including how to use the portal, scan
the QR code or visit <u>www.orovalleyaz.gov</u> and search NEED A RIDE.

Prefer scheduling by phone? Passengers can still call Transit Services at 520-229-4990 to request rides.



#### Oro Valley – Service Improvements





- Grant of \$1,000,000 from the Arizona State Parks Land, Water, Conservation Fund program.
- Largest parks grant received to date.

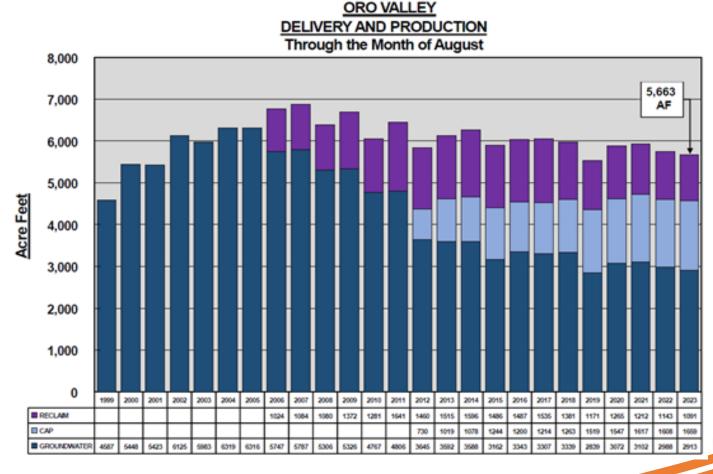
#### Oro Valley – Capital Improvements



- Naranja Park
- Community Center Parking Lot
- Golf course irrigation replacement
- LaCanada and Naranja multiuse paths

### Oro Valley – Water Planning

- Water consumption continues on downward trend.
- Rate setting rewards lower consumption.
- Conservation contributes to this continued trend.



### Oro Valley – Water Planning

- NWRRDS Reservoir & Booster Station
- Better distribution of our current Central Arizona Project (CAP) water into higher elevation pressure zones.
- Receive additional CAP water supplies when completed in November of 2024.
- Reduce Town's dependence on groundwater as well as provide system redundancy improving system reliability.



#### Oro Valley – Strategic Plan 2023-2025



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#### OVERVIEW

The Council-adopted Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2023/24 through 2024/25 is the culmination of an extensive three-month process involving Town Council and staff. Rooted deeply in the values and priorities of the Your Voice, Our Future 10-year general plan, the two-year Strategic Plan provides organizational direction in seven focus areas:

- Economic Vitality
- Land Use and Design
- Culture and Recreation
- Public Safety
- Roads, Water and Town Assets
- Financial Stability and Sustainability

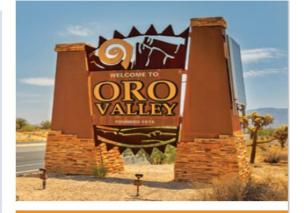
Effective and Efficient Government

Within these focus areas are 19 goals and 55 objectives to guide everything from budget decisions to municipal operations, providing the community with a clear understanding of goals and expectations for the next two fiscal years.

#### **ORO VALLEY'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

#### YOUR VOICE, OUR FUTURE

Oro Valley strives to be a well-managed community that provides all residents with opportunities for quality living. Oro Valley will keep its friendly, small-town, neighborly character, while increasing services, employment and recreation. The Town's lifestyle continues to be defined by a strong sense of community, a high regard for public safety and an extraordinary natural environment with scenic views.



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### Oro Valley – Community Partnerships

- •Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve
- Arizona Heroes Memorial
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2024
- •General Plan 2026



### Oro Valley – How to Get Involved

- Find your passion
- Prepare yourself
- Serve and lift-up others



#### "Be an ideal citizen"



# Thank you!

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