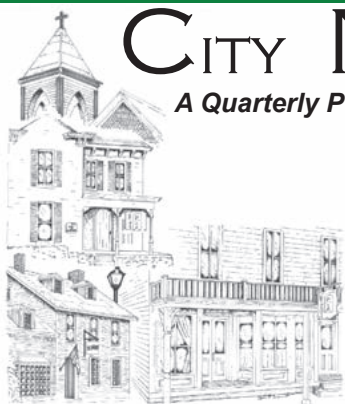


# SPRINGBORO



## CITY NOTES

*A Quarterly Publication for the Citizens of Springboro*

### New Community Room



As part of the new City Building, the City Council made it a priority to include a place where Springboro groups could congregate to conduct meetings and public gatherings. The Community Room in the new City Building is available for public gatherings of Springboro affiliated non-profit groups.

The Community Room can hold up to 50 people and is available on a first come, first serve basis (after November 1 for reservations for the following year). For more

information, please visit the City Website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) to download the reservation form and Community Room Usage Policy, or call 748-4343.

### 'Round Town

- The 10th annual presentation of the Springboro Chamber of Commerce Hometown Expo, "That Spring Thing", is set for Saturday, March 13 – 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m., at Springboro High School. Admission to the family event is free. More than 160 exhibitors will showcase area business, and food, entertainment, kids' activities, prizes and giveaways will fill the day with fun for everyone. Last year more than 6,000 people poured through the doors to enjoy the day with families and friends.

Thanks to Grand Prize Sponsor Miami Valley Hospital, one lucky person will win a 47" LG HDTV, along with delivery and installation and a five year service contract provided by Custom Connections A/V. And that's just the icing on the cake, as every exhibitor will hold a drawing for prizes valued at least \$25 - and some are worth much more! An entire aisle will be

devoted to free children's activities and the Commons will be alive with music, dance and people enjoying free samples from area restaurants.

Free family entertainment, a chance to chase the winter doldrums and mingle with the community make the Springboro Chamber of Commerce Hometown Expo the place to be on March 13.

- The community recreational soccer program for kids 4-17 is run by the Clearcreek Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). The CYSA board is currently seeking new members who are committed to helping keep an excellent youth soccer program going strong. If you are interested, please contact CYSA at [cysa@woh.rr.com](mailto:cysa@woh.rr.com).



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## From the Office of Mayor and City Council

Springboro City Council would like to welcome aboard two newly elected City Council Members. David Vomacka, representing Ward 1, the area east of State Route 741 and north of Lytle Five Points Road, and Bruce Moore, representing Ward 2, the area east of State Route 741 and south of Lytle Five Points Road, took the Oath of Office in a ceremony held on December 17 in Council Chambers. City Council looks forward to working with Council Members Vomacka and Moore as they begin a four-year term of office.

Newly elected Councilman David Vomacka and his wife, Jan, have been residents of Springboro and actively involved in our community for more than 15 years. Mr. Vomacka has served on the City Planning Commission, Tree Authority, Memorial Tree Committee, Architectural Review Board, Landscape and Identity Master Plan Committee, and 2008 Charter Review Commission. Mr. Vomacka also was appointed to serve as a Springboro City Council Member in 2004-2005. Mr. Vomacka holds a Doctorate in Political Science and is an AICP certified planner specializing in community and transportation planning and environmental compliance with CH2M Hill. Mr. Vomacka plans to continue to apply his knowledge and leadership as an experienced team member on City Council.

Newly elected Councilman Bruce Moore has lived and worked in the Springboro community for over 20 years. He is the Senior Pastor and Founder of Clearcreek Christian Assembly, and has been serving as the Lead Pastor since 1988. Mr. Moore has served among the leadership of a number of local committees and organizations including the Springboro Historical Commission, Chairman of the Springboro Community Assistance Center Board, and Springboro Schools Citizens Advisory Committee, and has been intensely involved in charitable activities. In addition, Mr. Moore is a veteran of the Ohio Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserves. Mr. Moore and his wife, Carol, have two children, Jordan, a Springboro High School graduate and current sophomore at Central Bible College, and Alyssa, a sophomore at Springboro High School.

Council also congratulates Ward 3 Council Member Jim Chmiel and Ward 4 Council Member Sheila Lairson on their re-election to City Council. Both Mr. Chmiel and Ms. Lairson are eager to continue their service to the City and the citizens of their wards. Ward 3 is generally the area west of State Route 741 and south of State Route 73 and Ward 4 is the area west of State Route 741 and north of State Route 73.

City Council's first meeting of the year was held on January 7, and Council approved all committee appointments for 2010. Councilman Jim Chmiel was unanimously appointed by Council to serve as Deputy Mayor again this year, and

all other standing committees and citizen committees were appointed for terms beginning in 2010. The full roster of committee membership is published on our City's website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us). We truly appreciate all of the residents who expressed interest in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission and do encourage them to re-apply as openings are advertised.

City Council meets regularly the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning with a Work Session at 6:00 PM followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend or tune in to the live broadcast on local cable TV Channel 6. Also, viewers can watch the "Springboro 45066" show on Channel 6 at 6:30 PM just prior to the Regular Meeting. The "Springboro 45066" show is celebrating its ninth year on the air. Mayor John Agenbroad and producer Don Wright co-host the show, which features people, places, and events in our community. The show is rebroadcast throughout the month; please check the Miami Valley Communications Council website at [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for dates and times.

Council always looks forward to spring and to the opportunity to get together with our business community at the City's annual Business Appreciation Breakfast. This year's breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 22 at the Heatherwoode Golf Course Clubhouse. Springboro businesses should receive an invitation in March. Also, the Springboro Tree Authority will sponsor our City's annual Arbor Day Celebration in April with a tree planting ceremony—look for details regarding the date and location in the local newspapers or on the City's website.

Finally, our 3rd U.S. District Representative, Congressman Mike Turner, will have a field representative from his office in the Springboro Municipal Building on a monthly basis to meet with constituents. Warren County Outreach Coordinator Marty Heide will be in the Community Room on Fridays from 1:00-2:00 PM on February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 28 to meet with residents regarding Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, VA problems and concerns, Immigration, USDA, Federal taxes, Housing/Community Developments, and other Federal issues. Please contact Ms. Heide at the Dayton District Office at (937) 225-2843 or via e-mail at [marty.heide@mail.house.gov](mailto:marty.heide@mail.house.gov) to confirm office hours or for additional information.

As always, we thank the Springboro community for your continued support, and wish everyone a happy spring season!

– **Mayor and City Council**



## 'Round Town (cont.)

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- The community recreation baseball program is coordinated by Springboro Clearcreek Baseball Association (SCBA). SCBA offers baseball and softball from the age of 4 through high school. Their older divisions of softball have recently joined the SDSL (South Dayton Softball League), which will allow for the opportunity to play against many surrounding communities. Please visit SCBA's website at [www.borosports.com](http://www.borosports.com) for more information.
- The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will again be held at North Park, on May 22-23. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the U.S., along with 20 other countries, gather to take part to raise funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. For more information, please visit [www.RelayForLife.org/Springboro](http://www.RelayForLife.org/Springboro).



## Homestead Program

Homeowners who turn 65 at any point in 2010 are now eligible for the Homestead Program and are encouraged to sign up with the Montgomery or Warren County Auditor (depending on where you live). Enrollment is now open until June 7th and applications are available in the Auditors' offices or by calling **937-225-4341 (Montgomery County)** or **513-695-1235 (Warren County)**.

The Homestead exemption program brings property tax relief to homeowners age 65 and older and the permanently disabled. There are no longer any income requirements, but newly eligible recipients (those turning 65 any time in 2009) must sign up with the Auditor's office. Homeowners already enrolled in Homestead do not need to reapply.

Qualified applicants who missed last year's deadline may also sign up before June 7th and still get a reduction on last year's taxes, as well as this year's. Current homestead recipients do not need to reapply or do anything unless they have moved or had some change in their status.

Potential new applicants are encouraged to log on to [www.mcauditor.org](http://www.mcauditor.org) for Montgomery County or [www.co.warren.oh.us/auditor](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/auditor) for Warren County for more information.

## business spotlight

### Dayton Squash Center

Although it's the Dayton Squash Center, area enthusiasts are glad it is at 3200 West Tech Blvd., just off Ohio 741 on Springboro's northern border.

"The owner Dr. Tom Olsen is an avid squash player and there were no squash courts in Dayton. He'd been driving to Cincinnati and was tired of that and thought Dayton deserved a first class squash facility, so he built one," says Charlie Johnson who has managed the center since it opened 10 years ago. The name reflects the desire to "reach out to the entire Miami Valley area."

Charlie recently finalized an employee discount program for nearby Dayton Children's Hospital, LexisNexis, and offers corporate initiatives and junior memberships to encourage participation in the sport. "We promote fitness, fun and friendship and think that squash is the best 45-minute work-out in sport," says Charlie, who manages day-to-day operations and coaches. DSC operates with two full-time and one part-time employee.



The facility offers five international courts. With key-card entry, members use the facility 24/7 and use the robust web site [www.daytonsquash.com](http://www.daytonsquash.com) to reserve courts and learn about tournaments, classes, clinics, and other events. Charlie also sends a weekly e-mail to members, keeping them well informed.

In mid-November more than 250 enthusiasts watched matches played by the top two United States squash pros. For more information, call 937-885-9701, or e-mail [Charlie@cjsquash.com](mailto:Charlie@cjsquash.com). Access the website at [www.daytonsquash.com](http://www.daytonsquash.com).

### Springboro Hardware Relocates

Although it won't be very difficult to find, Springboro Hardware has relocated – to right next door! As of the end of January, Springboro Hardware is now located at 20 West Central Ave., which is still located in the IGA Plaza at the corner of State Route 73 & 741.





## Police Department Hires New Officer

In December, the Springboro Police announced the hiring of an additional officer to its ranks. Jeffrey Strader of Springboro was hired as the newest member after successfully completing a six month hiring process in November.

Officer Strader was sworn in by Mayor Agenbroad in front of City Council on December 17th. Among the many family members in attendance were Jeff's wife Karen and their two daughters.

Jeff is a native of Phillipsburg, Ohio, and a graduate of Northmont High School. He attended the Sinclair Police Academy in 2009. While at the academy he excelled and graduated with top academic honors. He was also awarded a "Gold Medal Award" for firearms excellence, and a "Bronze Medal Award" for physical fitness.

The Springboro Police welcome Jeff and his family to our department.

## Spring Clean Up

As Spring approaches and grass-cutting season returns, please remember that yard waste should be placed in composting bags and up to 10 bags a week will be picked up on Tuesdays.

Spring clean up items may be placed at the curb as always, but if anyone has any questions about what can and cannot be picked up, please call Waste Management at 1-800-583-1144.



## PARKS UPDATE

**E Milo Beck** - There were 350 trees planted this past fall at E. Milo Beck Park. There will be another 50 planted this spring, to bring the total number of trees planted so far at that park to 400! A large variety of trees were planted, including; Spruce, Pine, Oak, Maples, Redbud, Birch and Sweetgum.

Coming in the spring will be new trail signage, maps showing the different walking trails and Picnic Tables by resident and Tree Authority Chairman Bill Riegel (made from the same wood that made the benches for the new City Building).



**Clearcreek Park** – The small baseball diamond on the western edge of the park is complete and will be ready for use in the spring. Player's benches and spectator seating has been ordered for that diamond and should be available for the upcoming baseball season. Construction of the large baseball diamond that is planned for that area should be underway shortly. Thank you to SCBA for their financial contribution to the construction of those two diamonds.

**North Park** – Before you know it, July will be here which means "Concert in the Park" Series time! Please check the City's website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) periodically for line-up updates. The Concert in the Park Series will also be listed in the next issue of the City Notes Newsletter.

In addition to the concerts, Playhouse South will be back again this year from August 13-15 & 20-22, with the production of **Annie**. Please make sure to mark your calendars now – you won't want to miss it!

**Community Park** – Community Park will again be a practice location for the Pee Wee Football Program in the fall. This location worked out very well for the program last year, so they have asked to use the park again this year. We would like to thank the Pee Wee Program for their monetary donation to the City to reseed the areas where they practiced.

## Bio Swales and Rain Gardens Installation

The City of Springboro was awarded funding by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to install a rain garden at North Park. Also, two Bio Swales, a Bio Retention Basin and Rain Garden will be installed at Clearcreek Park as part of this project. The project is intended to improve water quality for storm water runoff prior to the storm water entering the creeks and streams in our area. The project was awarded to Evans Landscaping, Inc. Work will begin in the spring.



## SPRINGBORO HISTORY 101

*(With special thanks to resident historian Becky Hall who helped compile the following article.)*

(Part 4 taken from the Jesse Wright Centennial Celebration speech delivered in the summer of 1915)

Of wagon and carriage manufactories, there were at one time four in operation. Joseph Morton in a building across the alley from his tavern (Green Lion); Bailey and Baner in a brick building on a lot where Mrs. Bradstreet's residence now is (Helen Sproat's house); Lewis Miller's in the building now occupied as a bachelor's hall by Robert Boatwright; Clark Haines which stood on the lot now owned by Mrs. Ida Brehm (Home Repair). In 1934, Bennett and Blinn started a carriage manufactory in the building now occupied by Thomas Miller (Heather's).

There were two tanneries, one on the lot where Elmer Graham and family now live and one directly opposite on the south side of South Street (area around K & W). When a farmer butchered a calf, he took the hide to a tannery where, at the end of three months, it was turned out, finished leather such as not known in these degenerate days of acid tanning. The hide of a cow would lie in the vat for six months and then it was leather.

The slaughtering of hogs and curing of the meat product was, for at least thirty years after the settlement of the Miami Valley, one of the leading industries of the cities, town, and villages, from the Ohio River north to the head waters of the Miamis. I believe that the first pork house—as they were called—in Springboro was built, and the business carried on, by Jacob Bateman on the lot where now stands the residence of Clarence Crossley. The building was remodeled and converted into a dwelling in 1850. The next in point of time was Pence's pork house. The business was conducted by Squire Jacob Pence and William Eulass under the name of Pence and Eulass.

The pork house which is still standing on the west bank of the creek (along creek to west of East Street), opposite Erwin Blinn's home (Fan Store), was bought or leased by Thomas Bragg who came from Cincinnati and started up a starch factory about 1847. I think the business was conducted not more than two or three years; long enough, however to kill off the fish and spoil our swimming hole. To close the list of pork houses, the Taylor brothers: Benjamin, Mordecai, and Ambrose, carried on the business on the old Taylor homestead about a mile south of Springboro (area around Null Cabin and Heatherwoode Golf Course).

In the year 1935, a number of citizens of the village formed a company called the Springboro School Association. They built on the southeast corner of the old school lot on East Street (area near Springboro Fitness) a two-story brick building which was afterward a part of the public school house—well remembered by many who are here today—as the place where they began with a, b, c, and quit in disgust when they reached cube root. This building and the lot were sold in 1847 to the Public School District No. 7 which enlarged the house by extending it to the north boundary of the lot. For more than fifty years, this housed the Public School District No. 7 and then later the Springboro Special District.



# SPRINGBORO

## Council Agenda

The following is a recap of some of the legislative action taken by City Council over the past few months:

**November 5** – City Council passed a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for a grant from the Ohio Attorney General's office to purchase an inkless fingerprint system. The new system would allow police officers to process prisoners more quickly and efficiently.

**November 19** – City Council passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sell City-owned property on Commercial Way to a landscaping company that wishes to operate in the City. The company will relocate 40 permanent full-time jobs.

City Council authorized a contract with Evans Landscaping Inc., to construct bio-swale/rain gardens at Clearcreek and North Parks. These bio-swale/rain gardens help to keep pollutants and other debris out of the storm sewer systems, rivers and streams. The City received a \$100,000 grant for this project.

**December 17** – City Council authorized a contract with Rhule Excavating for the first phase of the "South Main Street Sidewalk Improvement" Project. This project will eventually construct a sidewalk from downtown Springboro all the way to the schools to the south for increased pedestrian safety.



## CITY WELLNESS – SHOVELING SNOW

*(Thank you to Dr. Dennis Brickner, who penned the following article.)*

Late February/early March usually gives us one or two more large snowstorms, and while a fresh snow is one of the most beautiful and peaceful things to witness, shoveling snow can be very stressful on the body. The physical exertion of bending, lifting and twisting, combined with the exposure to freezing weather conditions can take a serious toll on one's body.

Anyone who has shoveled snow before knows how good a workout it can be.

When you consider that the average shovelful of snow weighs 5-10 pounds, the average drive or walkway may hold hundreds of pounds of snow. Typically the arms, shoulders and back get sore and one may occasionally feel pain. The cold air invigorates most people into action; however, the same cold air can numb the sensations of pain and fatigue. Unfortunately, pain may be a sign that an injury has already occurred or that mechanically, you are doing something incorrect in shoveling the snow. So pay close attention to what your body is telling you while you shovel.

There is a right way and a wrong way to shovel snow—paying attention to your technique can make a big difference in how you



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## Springboro Trivia Question



Every issue we will ask a trivia question about something Springboro.

The answer can be found by going to the City's web site at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) and searching in the "City News & Updates" section. See how much you really know about your hometown...

Census time is upon us! (Please see article on page 9 about the National Census.) During the mid-1990's and early 2000's, the City witnessed significant growth that contributed to the almost 18,000 residents that now call Springboro home. Do you know how many residents lived in Springboro during the 1990 census before the "growth boom"?

- A) 5,634
- B) 8,815
- C) 10,112
- D) 6,549



## INCOME TAX NEWS & HELPFUL HINTS

### Withholding payments for 2009

Employers will have the option to log on to the City's secure website and initiate withholding payments to the City of Springboro Income Tax Department electronically via the ACH network.

The new online withholding program option is in addition to all of our current options for remittance and all current payment will remain in effect. Participation in the program is free.

### Quarterly Tax Payment Reminder

Would you like to receive an email to remind you that your estimated payment is due? If so, please send your email address to [taxdept@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:taxdept@cityofspringboro.com). This is a reminder of the due date only and will not include any personal or payment information.

### 2009 Income Tax Forms

Tax forms or extension requests are due by April 15, 2010. Remember, an extension is for time to file, not time to pay. Any tax due is to be paid by April 15, 2010.

This year you will be receiving a postcard with a preaddressed label for filing instead of a tax booklet. This will allow for more efficiency in processing your return plus reduce printing and mailing costs. Simply peel off the label and place on your completed tax return. If you use a tax preparer, please give it to them to affix to your completed return.

For assistance with your return, please bring all your tax information to 320 W. Central Ave. There is no charge for this service.

If you prefer to mail your forms send them to:

**City of Springboro Income Tax**  
**320 W. Central Ave.**  
**Springboro, OH 45066**

Forms are available at the:

**Tax Department: 320 W. Central Ave.**  
**City website: [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us)**  
**Library: 125 Park Lane, Springboro**

### Online Tax Calculation Tool

The online tax calculation tool program is available through the City of Springboro website [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us). Log on and click on the online tax tool link. Follow the instructions to create an online account. This is an easy to use tool to calculate and prepare your City income tax return for filing with the tax office. You will be able to access

your estimated tax credits via this tool. It will be up to you to authorize your paid tax professional to utilize this site

*Remember: This is not on-line filing; It requires you to print the return and mail it to the Tax Office with all required documentation, including signature(s) and payment (if applicable)*

If you prefer to complete the tax return manually, a blank return that has your name, address and account number printed on it can be downloaded from this site.

### Quarterly Estimated Payments

Declaration and payment of estimated tax shall be filed on or before April 15 of each year or four months after the end of the taxpayer's fiscal year end. Quarterly payments of the estimated tax shall be due and payable as follows, or 30 days after the end of the taxpayer's quarter based on a fiscal year other than January 1 through December 31, except for the first quarter payment which is due fifteen (15) days after the end of the taxpayer's first quarter, to achieve the following cumulative percentages of the estimated tax at a minimum:

1st.....	April 15 .....	22.5%
2nd .....	August 31 .....	45%
3rd .....	October 31 .....	67.5%
4th .....	January 31 .....	90%

If you owe more than \$500.00, you must file a declaration of estimated tax and remit quarterly installments to the Income Tax Division.

You may be able to deduct your estimated payments on your Federal income tax return. If you take itemized deductions on your Federal Return, you will include them on line 5 of the Federal Schedule A under State and local taxes paid. Remember: only taxes paid in the calendar year you are filing for may be claimed.

### Example:

4th quarter estimate paid December 31, 2009 would be claimed on the 2009 Federal tax return.

4th quarter estimate paid on or after January 1, 2010 would be claimed on the 2010 Federal Tax return.

### Important Contact Information:

**Springboro Income Tax Department (937) 746-9701**  
 (937) 748-6185 (fax), [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us)

**Internal Revenue Service (800) 829-1040 (individual)**  
 (800) 829-4933 (business), [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

**State of Ohio (800) 282-1780 (individual)**  
 (800) 405-4039 (business), [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov)



## Heatherwoode Happenings



### Matt Cole - Head Golf Professional

Now is the time to take a look at your bag and see where it might be time for an update in equipment. Most people think that equipment doesn't make much of a difference in their game. I think they keep telling themselves that this year they are going to practice more, play more, and then upgrade their equipment. But in reality how long have we been saying that? It's time to accept that almost none of us have the time to practice and play as much as we would like so why not take advantage of equipment to make the game as enjoyable as possible when we do get to play?

One of the new drivers on the market such as the Cobra S9-1 driver can really improve your shots and make the game more enjoyable. It features a 460 CC head (basically the size of a Mini-Cooper) that is ultra forgiving and has the maximum legal spring like affect in the face so your ball will go longer and straighter. Who doesn't want that? And not only will your good shots improve, but your bad ones too! This monster has a lightweight Fujikura shaft and retails for only \$199 right here at Heatherwoode! Isn't your golf happiness worth a couple hundred bucks? If you are interested in trying one of these or any other Titleist/Cobra products make sure you save April 24th on your calendar. That will be the date of our huge season opening kickoff demo day and you can get fitted like a pro, try the hottest new equipment, and take a tour around the facility to see the improvements we've made over the winter.

Something we are making a dedicated effort to promote in 2010 is junior golf. We will be hosting a junior golf league this summer starting in mid-May and our very popular junior camp which will be in July this year. To promote these new programs we are hosting a FREE Junior Clinic and Sign Up Day on Saturday May 1st from 10 AM to 12 PM on the driving range. This event is being sponsored by US Kids Golf, the leading junior club maker in the country. You can bring your juniors out, sign them up for the junior league and junior camp, get fitted for the appropriate size clubs, and get one on one instruction with the Heatherwoode Golf Professional Staff. This will be a great event and a great chance to get your junior signed up before it's too late! Another key effort we are making to have more juniors at the club is by reducing our junior membership (ages 12 & up) to just \$449 which includes unlimited range balls. Call myself or our Assistant Professional Rick McCloud for details.

### Key Dates:

**Saturday April 24th** – Titleist/Cobra Free Fitting and Demo Day 9AM to 2 PM

**Saturday May 1st** – U.S. Kids Junior League/Camp Sign Up Day 10AM to 12 PM

Be sure to stop out and visit us at the club. We have some great surprises in store for the spring and summer as well as new membership rates that will fit everyone in the family. Until next time keep it in the fairway.

### Tom West - General Manager

As some of you may know, we remain open year-round and try to open the course whenever possible.

If you are one of the dedicated golfer's that we see throughout the winter season I would like to give you a couple of quick golf tips. When playing in the cold weather, make sure you keep your golf balls as warm as possible. When a golf ball is cold, it will lose its compression and fly shorter. Never leave your golf balls outside or in the trunk of your car. Wrap them in a towel and place them in your golf bag when playing.

Don't forget that the ground may be frozen so we may need to change our golf swing. We really don't want to hit down on the golf ball as we normally would when the ground is soft. When the ground is frozen, it will sometimes cause the club to bounce off the ground resulting in either a thin or skulled shot. To help prevent this, we can do one of two things. First, square the clubface up, don't open the face, this will allow the club to dig a little into the ground eliminating the possibility of that thin or skulled shot. Second, we want to make our golf swing longer and flatter. Try to extend your arms and club a little more away from your body in both the backswing and forward swing. This will allow you to sweep or pick the ball more off of the frozen ground resulting in a better shot. This may take a little practice so be patient, it will also make the ball fly a little lower than you may be use too.

My best advice when it is cold, have fun and remember our full golf season is just around the corner.

### April Fish Fry

On April 2nd we will be having a Good Friday Fish Fry, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and serving until 8:00 p.m. The menu includes beer battered fish, coleslaw, hushpuppies, French fries, and domestic draft specials. Then on Sunday, April 4th we will have our annual Easter brunch, with seatings at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please contact Amy at Heatherwoode for more information and for reservations.





## Census 2010 – “It Is In Our Hands” April 1 Is Census Day

Wow! Another decade has gone by and our country will be conducting the decennial census of people in places beginning this spring. The U.S. Constitution mandates a head count every 10 years of every person residing in the United States and population totals determine each state's representation in the U.S. Congress. It is predicted that Ohio is at risk of losing congressional seats if there is an undercount in the 2010 Census. Therefore, an accurate census count will help Springboro get its fair share of the money and power in Congress for community projects.

The 2010 Census will directly affect how more than three trillion federal tax dollars are allocated to local and state governments over the next 10 years. An undercount in Springboro will mean that your tax dollars are being distributed in someone else's community. In other words, fewer dollars would be spent for services that use federal and state formulas to determine funding levels such as disaster emergency food and shelter and rescue and relief efforts, road improvements, schools and child care centers, programs for the elderly, and economic development programs. It has been estimated that every person not counted could cost Ohio thousands of dollars per person in the next 10-year cycle. Census data also helps the private sector, as well as state and federal government, determine where jobs and job programs are needed, and corporations use population data for market research to determine locations for commercial and industrial enterprises and essential services, which boost local economies. Also, census data may be used by potential homeowners to research property values and other information about a community or may be used as proof to establish citizenship, age, pension, and inheritance. Last, but not least, future generations of your family may use census information to research family history.

In Census 2000, Springboro's response rate was over 80% immediately following the April 1 deadline. Thanks to a strong community effort, Springboro's response rate was the highest in Warren County and surrounding areas in 2000. Ohio also responded very well in 2000, with the fourth highest percentage initial response rate in the nation of 70%. For your information, here are the official census population totals for Springboro since 1970:

**1970 = 2,799**  
**1980 = 4,962**  
**1990 = ??? (Please see Trivia Question on page 6)**  
**2000 = 12,380**  
**2008 Estimate = 17,551**

Information regarding census participation will be mailed to households on the following dates:

March 8-10, advance letter

March 15-17, census form

March 22, reminder postcard.

**CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2010.** Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on April 1. The 2010 census form consists of 10 basic questions; it is one of the shortest forms in census history and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

When your household receives the census questionnaire, please take the time to complete the form and return it immediately. **Census workers will visit households that do not return forms.** If your census form is received after the initial response deadline, which is usually in mid-April, your household may still receive a visit from a census representative.

**Your response to the 2010 Census is vital to our community** and required by law under Title 13 of the United States Code. However, Title 13 also requires that the Census Bureau keep respondents' answers confidential and use them only for tabulations that do not reveal any personal data about individuals or households.



**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

If you are wondering about census results, regional census bureau offices will submit their final reports to the President by the end of this year, and official enumeration reports will be published on or around April 1, 2011.

Again, our representation in the U.S. Congress and the distribution of trillions of our federal tax dollars is based on census data; it is vitally important that our community provides a 100% response rate. “It's in our Hands”!

If you have any questions about the census, please contact the U.S. Census Bureau Regional Office at 1-800-432-1495 or visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov). You can also link to 2010 Census Information on the City's website to find a very informative list of Census Constituent FAQs.

# SPRINGBORO



## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS



### East Mill Street Improvements

East Mill Street will be widened from East Street to South Richards Run to three lanes. Concrete curb and gutter will be installed along with a storm sewer system. Concrete sidewalks will be installed on both sides of East Mill Street connecting the Fieldstone and Creekside Subdivisions with the downtown. A new bridge will be installed over Richards Run. A new 12" water main will also be installed as part of this project. Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. was awarded the contract. Preliminary utility work and clearing has begun on the project. This is a State of Ohio Issue 2 project.

### Countryside Lane Improvements

Countryside Lane will be improved from Woods Road to the western cul-de-sac. Concrete curb and gutter and storm sewers will be installed in the cul-de-sac to provide for better control of storm water. The entire roadway will be overlaid with a stress absorbing membrane interface to protect against reflective cracking and repaved. CDA Construction Group out of Celina, Ohio was awarded the contract. Work will begin in the spring.

### West Factory Roadway Improvements Phase 1

West Factory Road shall be improved from South Main Street to Woods Road. A new 12" water main was installed a few years ago and many of the utility cuts have settled. This project will include installing curb and gutter and a storm sewer along the south side of the roadway. The existing roadway will be milled, overlaid with a stress absorbing membrane interface to protect against reflective cracking and repaved. J. K. Meurer Corporation was awarded the contract. Work will begin in the spring.

### S.R. 73 Sidewalk Installation east of Royal Drive

A concrete sidewalk will be installed by REI Construction along the south side of West Central Avenue from Royal Drive to the traffic signal at Springboro Pointe. The improvement helps to implement strategies of the City of Springboro's Mobility Master Plan to provide for a better pedestrian friendly community. Work will begin in the spring.

### South Main Street Sidewalk Installation

A concrete sidewalk will be installed along the east side of South Main Street from Rosewood Drive to Heather Glen Court. This project is in preparation for an Ohio Department of Transportation project to widen the bridge over Clear Creek in 2011. Rhule Excavating was awarded the project. Construction will begin this spring.

### Clearcreek Franklin Road Repaving

The City of Springboro was awarded funding by the Ohio Department of Transportation through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to repave Clearcreek Franklin Road from West Central Avenue to approximately 1500 feet north of Tamarack Drive. The roadway will be milled, overlaid with a stress absorbing membrane interface to protect against reflective cracking and repaved. Work will begin in early spring.

### Pennyroyal Road Improvement Project

The City is in the process of completing plans to improve Pennyroyal Road from North Main Street to Deer Trail Drive. The improvements will include pavement widening, the installation of curb and gutter and a storm sewer system. A 16" water main will also be installed to connect a previously install 16" main on Pennyroyal Road and on North Main Street. This main serves the 2 million gallon Lytle Five Points Water Tower. This project is partially funded through the State of Ohio Issue 2 program. Work will begin in the fall.

### East Central Avenue Improvement Project

The City of Springboro is in the process of completing construction plans to improve East Central Avenue from Richards Run to the east end of the Fieldstone Subdivision. The improvements include widening the roadway to three lanes. This project is partially funded through the State of Ohio Issue 2 program. Work will begin in the fall.

### Edwards Drive Phase 2 Improvements

Diggit Excavating, Inc. was awarded a contract to improve Edwards Drive from Tahlequah Trail to 330 feet east. The improvements included the installation of curb and gutter and a storm sewer system. The roadway was widened and new base was installed. The final surface course will be installed this spring.

### Gardner Park Phase 1 Improvements

J. K. Meurer Corporation was awarded a contract to complete the Phase 1 Improvements at Gardner Park on Village Park Boulevard. These improvements include the installation of an asphalt walking path around an existing storm water retention basin. A concrete sidewalk was also installed along the future right of way lines for Village Park Boulevard and Paddock Trail. This sidewalk links the Hunter Springs Subdivision with Village Park and North Main Street. This project was partially funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS



### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Building Lighting Upgrade

Express Electrical Services has completed the upgrade to the lighting facilities at various City buildings. The improvements included replacing all T-12 lighting fixtures with a more energy efficient longer lasting T-8 fixtures. The existing mercury halide high bay fixtures were also replaced with T-8 fixtures. The overall lighting intensity was increased and the payback for the replacement project is between 2-3 years. The City has also applied for energy refunds from Duke because of the new installations.

#### Traffic Signal Replacement Project with LED's

The City of Springboro was awarded funding by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to replace all the existing incandescent traffic signals located at intersections throughout the city. The signals will be replaced with LED signal heads. The pedestrian signals will also be replaced. These new signal heads

are very energy efficient and will save the city money on energy costs. The project will also include the installation of battery backups at five intersections throughout the City.

### Permits For Building Or Remodeling

Any resident wishing to remodel, build or add-on to any structure must first obtain a permit from the City of Springboro Building/Zoning Department. This would include the construction of decks, fences, patio covers, enclosures, accessory buildings, installation of irrigation systems, etc. Any remodeling to existing houses such as basements or any unfinished area in a home requires building plans to be filed with the City along with a building application. Applications may be obtained at 320 West Central Avenue or downloaded from the City of Springboro Web Page ([www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us)).

Please contact the Building/Zoning Department at 748-9791 if you have any questions about permits that may be required for certain projects.

## CITY WELLNESS – SHOVELING SNOW (cont.)

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feel the next day. As with any project, the prep work is the most important. The following are some tips on how to shovel snow in a much smarter fashion:

- **Be prepared.** Spray your shovel with Teflon so the snow will not stick to it.
- **Do a warm up first.** A tight, stiff body is asking for injury. A few minutes of stretching can save you a lot of pain later.
- **Wear the right shoes.** Choose shoes with plenty of traction and with plenty of cushioning to absorb the impact of walking on hard, frozen ground.
- **Use the right shovel.** Your shovel should be about chest high on you, allowing you to keep your back straight when lifting. A shovel with a short staff forces you to bend more to lift the load. A too-tall shovel makes the weight heavier at the end.
- **Timing is everything.** Listen to the weather forecasts so you can shovel in ideal conditions. If possible, wait until the afternoon to shovel. Many disc injuries occur in the morning when the body is not warmed up and there is increased fluid pressure in the disc because your body has been at rest all night.

- **Use proper posture.** When you do shovel, bend your knees and keep your back straight while lifting with your legs and arms not your back. Push the snow straight ahead if possible; don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Try to shovel forward to avoid sudden twists of the torso and reduce strain on the back. The American Chiropractic Association recommends using the "scissors" stance, spread the legs, keep your center of gravity low and keep the bend in the low back to a minimum.
- **Take your time.** Working too hard and too fast is an easy way to strain muscles. Take frequent breaks. Shovel for about five minute at a time and then rest for two minutes.
- **Quit.** If a back problem does arise while shoveling, stop. Don't try to work through the pain or take pain relievers to mask the injury so that you can finish. Masking the problem can create a larger issue. It is best to stop the task and let the body heal for the next round of snow; there will always be more snow to shovel later.





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