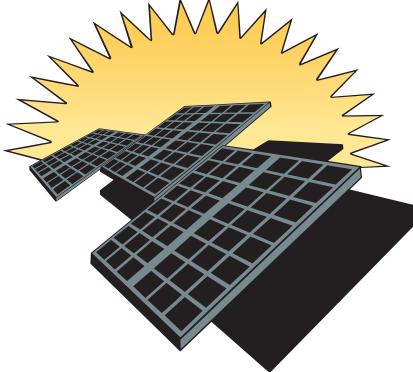
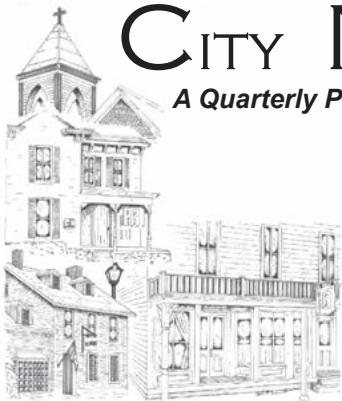


# SPRINGBORO

## CITY NOTES

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## Solar Grant Awarded

The City is happy to announce that on November 29, the State of Ohio, through the Advanced Energy Fund (AEF), awarded Springboro a grant in the amount of \$77,328 to install 120 solar panels within the Springboro Parks System. In addition, Waste Management has also pledged \$10,000 towards the project.

The 120 solar panels, along with the 8 solar panels already installed and operational at the Community Park Shelter B, will help to generate electricity at 4 park shelter and concession stand facilities within North, Clearcreek and Community Parks, lowering utility costs as well as generate additional revenue for the City.

The project, with a total cost of approximately \$180,000, will go a long way to making the Springboro Parks fully sustainable from an energy usage

standpoint, and also help the City become more "green". Currently, the City spends approximately \$5,500 every year in electricity bills for the different shelter and concession stand facilities within the parks. With the addition of the solar panels, utility costs will be cut by almost 80%. Also, the City will be able to generate about \$10,000 in revenue annually with the generation of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs). The project has a return-on-investment of about 5.2 years.

The project is expected to begin in Spring 2011, and should be generating electricity by the summer.

For more information about the project, and to see electricity data being collected from the current panels in operation at Community Park, please visit the City website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us).



## Business Expo

**"That Spring Thing"**, the Hometown Business Expo coordinated by the Springboro Chamber of Commerce, is slated for March 19, 2011. Each year, since its inception in 2001, the Expo, presented in 2011 by Ralph E. Wade Insurance, has grown and exceeded expectations. With over 160 booths, including more than 20 non-profit groups, 9 food vendors and plenty of day-long free entertainment provided by local talent, 2011's Hometown Expo is bound to continue that trend. From 10:00 a.m. until the doors close at 4:00 p.m., the Springboro High School halls and gyms will be filled with families and kids enjoying a variety of fabulous exhibits, free food samples, kids' activities, giveaways and prizes, music, dancing and singing, and above all the chance to win the 2011 Grand Prize. Sponsored by Custom Connections, one lucky winner will win a 50" LCD TV with delivery, installation, wiring and a five year warranty all included.

*This is the local Springboro event of the year, not to be missed!*



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## Greetings from the Mayor and City Council

**Happy New Year!** As we look forward to the projects, programs, and events planned for 2011, we would like to highlight some of our accomplishments over the past year.

The City completed roadway improvements on E. Mill Street including the new bridge over Richards Run Creek and the construction of a sidewalk connecting the Villages of Creekside and the Fieldstone Subdivisions to the downtown area. A sidewalk along the south side of W. Central Avenue from Royal Drive to the first traffic light located at Springboro Pointe Plaza was also completed. Both projects provide pedestrian access to popular destinations in the community. The Austin Interchange, a collaboration of the City of Miamisburg, Miami Township, and the City of Springboro and numerous other partners, was finally completed in 2010. The new interchange is the most significant infrastructure project the City has ever participated in and we look forward to the progress it brings to the community and the hope it holds for the future of our local economy.

The City is especially proud of several green initiatives instituted last year. A solar energy system was installed at North Park and the City anticipates receiving a significant grant to expand the system to the City's other park facilities to totally eliminate electric utility costs at our parks. A new recycling program also began in 2010, which provided larger recycle containers and a bi-weekly collection schedule to help residents increase recycling in our community. The newly enhanced recycling program is not only better for the environment, but will effectively reduce the City's costs for waste disposal in the years to come. The City also received grants and a rebate for efforts to be more energy efficient and reduce our impact on the environment. Namely, the City received funding to pay for 100% of the construction of the bio swales and rain gardens at Clearcreek Park and North Park completed in 2010. These new natural features will help to remove pollutants from storm water run-off from parking lots and other paved surfaces before it reaches our creeks and streams and require little maintenance. The City also received a rebate from Duke Energy last year for participating in an energy savings program by installing high efficiency lighting in our Public Works facility. One quick, final note, Council converted to a paperless agenda packet in 2010 and as a result saved 18,385 sheets of paper!

The City was very excited to launch a new leaf collection program in 2010 in response to ongoing requests from

residents for this service. From all reports, the program was very well received and makes this seasonal chore a little easier for everyone. We appreciate your feedback and comments and will make every effort to incorporate your suggestions as we fine tune these new programs.

The City's Community Service Board continues to develop its community based volunteer program to assist residents in need in our community. Requests for assistance increased significantly last year and a number of our residents were helped with leaf and snow removal among other household tasks that they were not able to do by themselves. This free program is currently underway and volunteers will be busy helping their neighbors with snow removal during the winter season. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer to help, forms are available on our City's website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us), at our Customer Service Desk, and the Police Department or contact the Community Service Board by phone at 748-4343 or by e-mail at [ServicesBoard@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:ServicesBoard@cityofspringboro.com) for more information.

The City offers several community events each year and in 2010 the City hosted its 6th annual Business Appreciation Breakfast in April for over 170 guests and sponsored its 9th Springboro Day at Heatherwoode event in October for approximately 200 residents. Also, several hundred residents joined us for the "Concerts in the Park" series; four free concerts in July at North Park Amphitheater sponsored annually by the Park Board. City Council held a Town Hall Meeting in October to update residents on the new services the City is offering including the previously mentioned new recycling program, the free leaf collection program and information regarding the new solar power system for the City parks. Council Members also presented information regarding the City's street improvement projects for the next several years, economic development, and the budget and capital improvement program. Council listened to questions and concerns and responded by sharing helpful information with residents in attendance. Finally, City Council met on November 18 to carefully review the proposed budget for 2011 before approving next year's expenditures in formal session. Once again, Council focused on reducing costs and increasing efficiency while continuing to provide the best service possible to our citizens. City Council proudly recognizes the hardworking and dedicated staff members

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and volunteers who serve our community and through their leadership helped to achieve our goals for 2010.

Mayor John Agenbroad and City Officials welcomed several new businesses to the community in 2010 and are eager to welcome even more in 2011 as progress continues around the Austin Interchange and development occurs in other commercial areas in the City. Our doors are always open to new business and we are here to support the economic development of our community. Good luck to all of our new and established businesses with best wishes for success in 2011!

City Council's first meeting of the New Year was held on Thursday, January 6. Among other business, Council appointed all standing committees and citizen boards and commissions for 2011. A full roster of committee membership for 2011 is published on our City's website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us). Council meets regularly on the first and Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building. A Work Session is held at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance or watch the live broadcast on local cable TV channel 6.

For your information, Congressman Mike Turner has a representative from his office in our Community Room on a monthly basis to meet with constituents. The Congressional Office can assist citizens with questions regarding: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, VA problems and concerns, Immigration, USDA, Federal taxes, Housing and Community Developments, and other Federal issues. Warren County Outreach Coordinator Marty Heide is Congressman Turner's representative in Springboro. Ms. Heide will be at the City Building on Fridays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in our Community Room on the following dates: January 28, February 25, and March 25. Please contact Ms. Heide at the Dayton district office at (937) 225-2843 or at [marty.heide@mail.house.gov](mailto:marty.heide@mail.house.gov) to confirm office hours or for additional information.

As always, the City Council and Staff thank the Springboro community for your support, and wish everyone health and happiness in the New Year!

*– Mayor and City Council*

## Community Satisfaction Survey

In February 2008, the City of Springboro tasked the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs (CPMRA) at Miami University with conducting a Community Satisfaction Survey of the residents in Springboro. Over 819 out of the 2,000 randomly selected households responded to the survey back in 2008. The City will be embarking on another Satisfaction Survey in 2011 and we hope to receive even more responses!

It is recommended that these types of surveys be conducted every 3 or 4 years so the City can track changes over time, good or bad. The results of the surveys help City officials understand, and respond to, general views about the delivery and quality of the services provided to residents and also provide baseline data for continued benchmarking and ongoing evaluation.

Preparations for the 2011 survey have already begun and plans are to have the survey in randomly selected Springboro households by March. Please be on the lookout for a survey packet! This information is very important to the City as we evaluate our service levels and determine areas of improvement for 2011 and beyond.

## Tree Winners

Every year during the Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival, the Springboro Tree Authority raffles off five trees to residents as part of the City's Tree City USA program. Congratulations to the following people who stopped by the Tree Authority booth and each won a Norway Spruce: Melissa Pfoutz, Pam Gridley, Cindy Morrison, Nancy Dyer and Joyce Hursh.

## 'No Solicitation' Stickers

In order to assist residents in dealing with door-to-door solicitors, the City has printed "No Solicitation or Peddling" stickers that can be statically applied to your front door to discourage solicitors from knocking. The stickers are available for free at the front desk at the City Building, 320 West Central Avenue.

When you pick up a sticker, you will also be given a short "disclaimer card" that details exactly what the sticker is, and is not, designed to do. It is not a "No Trespassing" sticker. It is to only be used to assist you in discouraging solicitors at your front door. If a solicitor does knock on your door – you will still have to ask them to leave.

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## Stormwater Runoff

(From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website.) Stormwater pollution from point sources and nonpoint sources is a challenging water quality problem. Unlike pollution from industry or sewage treatment facilities, which is caused by a discrete number of sources, stormwater pollution is caused by the daily activities of people everywhere. Rainwater and snowmelt run off streets, lawns, farms, and construction and industrial sites and pick up fertilizers, dirt, pesticides, oil and grease, and many other pollutants on the way to our rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. Stormwater runoff is our most common cause of water pollution. Because stormwater pollution is caused by so many different activities, traditional regulatory controls will only go so far. Education and outreach are key components to any successful stormwater program.

### The USEPA lists 10 things that you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides: learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Rake your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for leaks and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information about stormwater visit [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater).



## Consumer Protection

The following article was provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office and recommended by Springboro Tree Authority Chairman, Bill Riegel. Spring is right around the corner and this issue may arise as the trees start to bloom again, so please be careful!

### Shady tree services don't deliver

Shady tree services are invading Ohio's neighborhoods. Last year, this industry was the sixth most complained about to the Better Business Bureau. Scammers disguise themselves as professionals and employ high-pressure sales tactics to get Ohioans to dole out up to thousands of dollars for shoddy services.

In Troy, Ohio, a door-to-door salesman approached a woman about a hazardous looking tree in her backyard. He promised her a special one-day discount price to remove the tree. When she expressed her apprehension, the salesman fired up his pitch, saying he did not feel safe leaving the dangerous limb. The woman agreed to pay him his \$1,250 fee in cash, only to find her yard destroyed from his equipment. Later, she found out the worker sold his services to her neighbor by threatening to report a dangerous looking tree limb to the neighbor's insurance company.

Similarly, a man in Akron has been targeting elderly residents by portraying himself as a tree removal expert. He writes down an estimate, takes a payment and never returns to fulfill the job.

Tell-tale signs of a tree service scam include when a worker comes to your door uninvited, notices a problem with your trees, offer unbelievably low prices, only accepts cash or check, starts work immediately or only takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete a job.

### When selecting a tree service:

- Get at least three written estimates with work specifications.
- Don't choose a company based on the lowest estimate. Consider their reputation, years of service and services provided.
- Find out if the company has certified arborists who have adequate training specific to tree care.
- Meet with company representatives to ensure they are dressed properly and know the industry standards.
- Learn if the tree service belongs to organizations that ensure companies follow industry standards and have the necessary licensing and insurance requirements to conduct business. Some of these organizations include the National Arborist Association, American Society of Consulting Arborists and Tree Care Industry Association.
- Request references from the tree service and visit previous jobs, if possible.
- Check the tree service with the Better Business Bureau.

If you have been ripped-off by a tree service, report it at (800) 282-0515 or file a complaint at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Complaint](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Complaint).



## Pontecorvo Ballet Studios



Pontecorvo Ballet Studios, an independent ballet training school, has moved its primary operations to a newly-renovated 14,500 square foot building, located at 20 Commercial Way in Springboro. The new facility features nearly 6,000 square feet of dance space in three large studios, a large waiting area, spacious set and costume shops, and parking for more than 100 cars. Open enrollment for classes is now available by calling 937-222-6880 or visiting [www.pbstudios.com](http://www.pbstudios.com).

Pontecorvo Ballet Studios (PBS) was established in 1991 by Barbara Pontecorvo after her retirement from a twenty-year dance career as a ballerina with companies across the county, including Houston Ballet, Boston Repertory Ballet, Chicago Ballet, and Dayton Ballet. Operating originally in rented space in north Dayton, the school moved to its downtown Dayton facility, 534 East First Street, in 1996. A limited schedule of classes will continue in the Dayton building.

"We had simply outgrown our beloved building in downtown Dayton," said director Barbara Pontecorvo. "The new building gives us a much larger, more modern

facility and the Springboro location will let us serve more easily the booming communities in Warren, Butler and southern Montgomery counties."

PBS emphasizes excellence in classical ballet training while presenting classes for ages three through adult for fun, for exercise and toning, and for professional training. PBS students have danced professionally with Cincinnati Ballet, BalletMet Columbus, Pennsylvania Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, North Carolina Dance Theatre, and more. Students have gone on to continue their ballet training, usually on scholarship, at the School of American Ballet in New York, Juilliard, Butler University, and others.

In addition to classes, PBS gives all students age five and older two chances to perform on stage, in its annual full-length production of *The Nutcracker* in the late fall and in another full-length classical ballet in the spring; in May 2011, PBS students will perform *Swan Lake*. Unlike recitals at many schools, where there are recital or costume fees, there is no charge to students to appear in PBS performances.

Also moving to the Springboro site is Gem City Ballet, a separate non-profit, pre-professional ballet company directed by Barbara Pontecorvo. Open by audition to gifted students from all area dance schools, Gem City Ballet is the only local pre-professional dance company to perform annually at the Victoria Theatre in Dayton and to present the works of George Balanchine. "The move to PBS Springboro is especially exciting for Gem City Ballet," said GCB board president David Shough, "because two of the studios can be converted into a full-size performing space with audience seating for 120." More information about GCB, including upcoming auditions, is available at [www.gemcityballet.org](http://www.gemcityballet.org).



## PLEASE RECYCLE

After you are finished reading the City Notes Newsletter, please consider the environment and recycle this publication instead of throwing it in the regular trash. This paper is recyclable. **Thanks for doing your part!**



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## POLICE BEAT

### Award Winners

The City of Springboro is happy to announce that the Springboro Police Department has two recent award winners within its ranks!



**Officer Lisa Walsh was recently named a recipient of the Robert B. Jacob Award of Merit** based on her work with Springboro's Operation Santa. Officer Walsh has been with the Police Department for 14 years and in 1997, Officer Walsh volunteered to take over the Operation Santa Program. Operation Santa collects donations from within the department and the City to purchase Christmas presents for several needy children and families in the Springboro area.

Over the years, Operation Santa has impacted a significant number of families in Springboro. Since the program began, close to \$20,000 has been raised, and over 175 needy children have received gifts during the holidays, when they otherwise wouldn't have. Congratulations to Officer Walsh for her dedication to this program and this community!

**Officer Nathan Anderkin was recently awarded with the Erroll Butt Award** as the "Top Cop" in Warren County. This award is given to a law enforcement officer who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in their efforts to suppress crime and make Warren County a safe place for its citizens.

On March 3, 2010, Warren County put out a bolo reference for a suspect wanted for a stabbing that occurred in the City of Lebanon. Shortly after the dispatch, a Warren County Deputy began pursuit of the suspect on I-75. Officer Anderkin responded to I-75 to attempt to cut-off the suspect. Anderkin blocked the far right lane with "Stop Sticks" in an

attempt to stop the vehicle. The vehicle moved to the left lane to avoid the sticks. At great risk to himself, Officer Anderkin then stepped out into the middle lane and deployed the Stop Sticks. The sticks made contact with two of the tires on the vehicle, causing the vehicle to slow down.

Officer Anderkin re-entered his vehicle and followed the vehicle for a short distance. He and the Warren County Deputy approached the vehicle once it had stopped and they noticed that the suspect had stabbed himself several times in the throat and stomach and was bleeding badly.

Transitioning from arresting officer to life-saving officer, and without regard to himself, Anderkin quickly began CPR on the suspect and continued until medical units arrived. Covered in the suspect's blood, Anderkin later found out that he himself had been cut in the process, exposing himself to possible contamination.

### New Police Officer

In December the Springboro Division of Police announced the hiring of an additional officer to its ranks.

Derek Abner, of Columbus, OH was brought on board as the division's newest member after successfully completing a five month hiring process. Officer Abner was sworn in by Mayor Agenbroad in front of City Council on December 16th. Among the many family members in attendance were Derek's fiancé, parents, and grandparents.

Derek is a native of Arcanum, OH and a graduate of Arcanum High School where he was a three-sport athlete. A recent Police Academy graduate, Derek is also planning to earn his Associates degree in Criminal Justice in March from Columbus State Community College.

The Springboro Division of Police welcomes Officer Abner to our City.

### 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 website 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...

For all of your *Monopoly* fans out there, The City of Springboro actually had a *Monopoly* game of sorts of its own. As you can see in the picture – the game "Wheeler-Dealer", modeled after *Monopoly*, was created and sold in the City in what year?

- A) 1991
- B) 1983
- C) 1981
- D) 1975



## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

### **South Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Phase II**

The South Main Street Sidewalk Improvements, Phase II project consists of constructing approximately 1200 lineal feet of sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street, from Heather Glen Court to Heatherwoode Boulevard, and from Edinburgh Drive to the traffic signal at Springboro High School. The construction of Phase II, and the future Phase III, along with the bridge deck widening of the bridge over Clear Creek on South Main Street (SR 741), will allow pedestrian traffic on sidewalks from the downtown portion of Springboro to the Springboro High School and Jr. High School. The project will be constructed by Coate Construction LLC, and will be completed in the spring of 2011.



### **Heatherwoode Golf Course 10" Water Main Replacement**

The Ohio Department of Transportation will be widening the bridge deck of the bridge over Clear Creek on South Main Street (SR 741) during the summer of 2011. Due to a conflict with the future bridge construction, the city is replacing a 10" water main under the bridge. The water main is being used to irrigate the golf course. Construction will be completed by the spring of 2011 by The Nelson Stark Company.

### **East Central Avenue, SR 73, Roadway Widening**

The "East Central Avenue, SR 73, Roadway Widening" project consists of widening East Central Avenue from approximately 250 feet east of South Richards Run to 550

feet east of Farmridge Road. The road will be widened to 3 lanes, with each lane being 12 feet wide. There will be a 4 foot shoulder on both sides, with a total pavement width of 44 feet. The project will be constructed by Barrett Paving Materials Inc, and will be completed by August, 2011.

### **2011 Street Resurfacing Program**

You may have seen city employees marking the sidewalks and driveway aprons in past weeks. This is in preparation for the 2011 Street Resurfacing Program. Deteriorated or damaged curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons will be repaired as a part of this project. Letters will be mailed notifying the affected property owners in the upcoming months. The asphalt streets will be milled and overlayed with asphalt. The streets in this year's program include: Angel Court, Brookside Drive, Carnoustie Lane, Northbrook Court, Deer Trail Drive (from Pennyroyal Road to Paddock Trail), Elkins Drive (west end), Greenleaf Village Drive (west end, from Country Club Lane to Abbey Springs), Royal Birkdale Drive (east of the eye brow), Sharts Road, Springmill Drive (from Yankee Road to Millbrook Court, including 100 feet of Reed Road). This project will begin in the summer of 2011.

