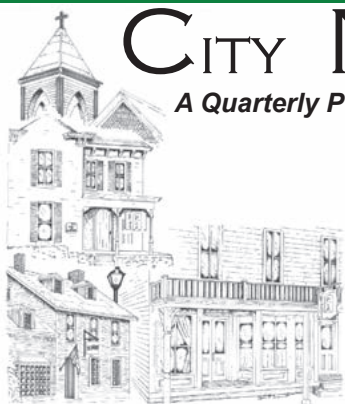


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CITY NOTES

A Quarterly Publication for the Citizens of Springboro

Download the New City App!

Interested in having information about the City right on your smart phone? Find the "Download the City App" symbol on the home page of the City's website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us and click on it to download the new City of Springboro App! Or scan the QR code on this page!

The App is easy to use and will provide information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week right to your Android, iPhone or Blackberry. We even have a sign up for text alerts should any information be updated on the App - you will know! We will be using the App to provide timely updates, such as emergency notifications, traffic issues, etc.



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Relay for Life – May 19 & 20 – North Park



On May 19th & 20th, the American Cancer Society will be holding its annual Relay For Life of Springboro at North Park. Since 1985, Relay For Life has grown from one man – Dr. Gordy Klatt, who walked, jogged and ran around a track for 24 hours raising money for his local American Cancer Society unit – to a movement to eliminate cancer that now takes place in 5,000 communities in the United States and in 19 other countries around the world. More than 3.5 million people participate in the life-changing event, which has raised a total of more than \$3 billion to fund the American Cancer Society's mission.

Everyone in Springboro who has been touched by cancer is invited to attend. This team event builds friendship among team members by having fun and raising money for the fight against cancer. It's the perfect team-building event for any organization. By forming a team from your company, church, school, neighborhood, etc., you will not only be part of a great community event, but you will raise funds to improve the quality of life for cancer patients today and the outlook for those diagnosed in the future.

If you are interested in learning more about this important event, please visit www.relayforlife.org/springboro.



Happy 2012 from the Office of Mayor and City Council

Springboro City Council welcomed two newly elected City Council Members Gary Hruska and Becky Iverson in January after taking their Oath of Office at a ceremony held on December 15 in Council Chambers.



Becky Iverson

Council Member Becky Iverson and her husband Ed have been Springboro residents for nine years and are the proud parents of four children. Becky manages a sales and training team at LexisNexis and is a competitive triathlete.

Becky looks forward to serving the citizens of Springboro as a City Council Member for the next four years.

Newly elected Council Member Gary Hruska has lived in Springboro for 20 years and is an Attorney with Hollencamp & Hollencamp. Gary previously served as a Springboro City Council Member for ten years from 1998-2007 and has held a number of committee seats including on the City's Finance and Legal Committees, Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and the Board of Tax Appeals as both an elected official and citizen volunteer. City Council looks forward to working with both Gary and Becky as they begin a four-year term of office.



Gary Hruska

City Council also congratulates John Agenbroad on his fourth plus term serving as Mayor of Springboro following three years of service as a City Council Member. In addition to his 16 years of service as an elected official, Mayor Agenbroad has been a resident of Springboro for most of his life and has actively participated as a volunteer in leadership positions for many organizations in the community. Mayor Agenbroad is eager to begin a new term of office and we thank him for his continued service.

We would be remiss not to mention that City Council also bid farewell to two very dedicated Council colleagues. Councilwoman Marie Belpulsi retired in December after serving 18 years as a Springboro elected official, four years as Deputy Mayor and City Council representative to



John Agenbroad is sworn in for his fourth term as Springboro Mayor.

many local and regional boards and committees. Prior to her terms on Council, Ms. Belpulsi also served as an appointed member of the Planning Commission. We cannot thank Ms. Belpulsi enough for all of her years

of dedicated service to our community! Council also said goodbye to Councilman Tom LaDu who served the Springboro community for a total of seven years as a City Council Member and many years prior as a citizen volunteer. Mr. LaDu represented Council well on the Legal and Finance Committees and as Deputy Mayor in 2011; we sincerely thank him for his service to the City.

City Council's first meeting of the year was held on January 5 and among other business, Council appointed all standing committees and citizen boards and commissions for new terms beginning in 2012. The full roster of committee membership is posted on our City's website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us. We greatly appreciate the willingness of our volunteers to continue their service on our various committees and always encourage residents who are interested in getting more involved in our local government to apply as openings are advertised. All of our volunteers, whether new or seasoned are committed to the City's success and we truly appreciate their hard work and contributions.

We always look forward to the new year's events and hope to see many members of our business community again this year at our City's annual business appreciation breakfast in April. Invitations are extended to all Springboro businesses in March. Another great business and community event each year is the Springboro Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. The Chamber's "EXPO 2012" will be held on Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Springboro High School; we look forward to enjoying this year's expo with the entire community. Our Tree Authority will sponsor Springboro's annual Arbor Day Celebration in April as well with a tree planting ceremony. Details regarding the date and location will be published in the local media or on the City's website. Also, the Memorial Day Committee will

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observe Memorial Day in Springboro on Monday, May 28 with a walking parade on South Main Street followed by a ceremony at Wade Field and invite everyone to pay tribute to our lost veterans.

On a final note, Congressman Mike Turner will have a representative from his office in the Springboro City Building on a monthly basis in 2012 to meet with constituents. Warren County Outreach Coordinator Marty Heide represents Congressman Turner and will be in the City on the last Friday of each month to assist citizens with questions regarding Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, VA issues, Immigration, USDA, Federal taxes, Housing and Community Developments, and other current Federal issues. Dates are subject to change; please contact Ms. Heide at the Dayton District Office at (937) 225-2843 or via e-mail at marty.heide@mail.house.gov to confirm office hours or for additional information.

We would like to thank the community for your support and wish all of you a wonderful year!

– **Mayor and City Council**

Parks Update

Clearcreek Park – The City is very excited to announce that as of mid-January, the City owns an additional 47 acres of land adjacent to Clearcreek Park! This land, directly to the north of the existing park, was part of the Thomas Stolz Estate that was donated to create the original park. This brings the total acreage of Clearcreek Park to 137.5 acres, and total green space/park space in the City to 295.5 acres!

The Park Board has been working on a master plan for the additional acreage and will be putting portions of that plan into motion this Spring. Plans for the entire 47 acres include additional baseball diamonds, restrooms and two full-sized football/soccer/lacrosse fields.

Solar Project – Now that all 5 solar arrays are up and running and producing energy at our park facilities, we are happy to report that the return-on-investment in that project is right on the anticipated schedule. Over the past 6 months, the solar arrays have saved \$2,630.04 in the City's electric bill. That's an 85% reduction in electric costs over that period of time as compared to 2010! In addition to the savings, the solar project has generated \$2,031.63 in Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs). To view the energy being created by 3 of the solar arrays in the parks, please visit the City website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

City Council Meeting Dates 2012

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.

(Schedule changes will be posted.)

January	5 & 19
February	2 & 16
March	1 & 15
April	5 & 19
May	3 & 17
June	7 & 21
July	5 & 19
August	2 & 16
September	6 & 20
October	4 & 18
November	1 & 15
December	6 & 20

A Very Big Thank You!

The City would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to Miller Valentine Residential Company and CEO, Mike Green. MV donated \$1,250 to Operation Santa and they also donated \$1,250 to the Springboro Community Assistance Center.



2012 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

- **Memorial Day** - Monday, May 28 - Delay 1 day
- **Independence Day** - Wednesday, July 4 – No Delay
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 3 - Delay 1 day
- **Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 22 - No Delay
- **Christmas** - Tuesday, December 25 – Delay 1 day
- **New Year's Day** - Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 – Delay 1 day



STATE TREASURER OF OHIO PROGRAMS

SaveNOW

SaveNOW is a higher interest savings account, which rewards savers with a 3% interest rate bonus. The Ohio Treasury partners with participating banks to offer Ohioans interest-earning savings accounts. Each applicant who opens a SaveNOW account receives a welcome letter from the Ohio Treasury and three financial education newsletters during a 12-month period.

Ten months after opening an account, the participant will receive a financial literacy assessment survey. The survey must be completed in order to receive the bonus. The saver will receive a 3% interest rate bonus on the account's average daily balance, approximately in the 13th month from opening an account.

SaveNOW has savers in 76 out of 88 counties throughout Ohio. To enroll in SaveNOW, please visit the Treasurer's website at www.tos.ohio.gov/savenow to complete an application and open a SaveNOW savings account at one of the participating banks (the list is on the website).

SaveNOW encourages Ohioans to save a portion of their income, and then rewards them for doing it. More importantly the program increases financial literacy by giving Ohioans access to relevant guidance and education.

ECO-Link

ECO-Link is a partnership between the State Treasurer of Ohio and participating state banks that provides a 3% interest rate reduction for five or seven years on bank loans when completing energy-efficient upgrades in your home. Through this program, ECO-Link invests in Ohio's environment and communities while fostering economic growth. The maximum loan amount the interest rate reduction can be applied to is \$50,000. A homeowner can opt for a seven-year rate reduction if the loan is for more than \$25,000.

Weatherization projects may reduce energy bills while adding value and comfort to your home. Additionally, most improvements are also eligible for federal tax credits and rebates, as well as utility companies' incentive programs, which add to your potential savings. ECO-Link provides a money-saving tool for Ohioans while supporting a green economy.

ECO-Link is not a loan from the Treasurer's office to the homeowner but rather a strategic investment with lenders to spur energy conservation, a cleaner environment and a healthy state economy. Here is how the program works:

1. The Treasury purchases an investment with a participating bank at a discounted rate on behalf of the homeowner participating in ECO-Link
2. The lender then passes along the discounted savings to the homeowner as a 3% interest rate reduction of for five or seven years on an eligible bank loan
3. Through the life of the loan, the customer pays the bank and the bank then returns the investment to the Treasury at maturity

Benefits:

ECO-Link provides reduced rate financing for Ohio homeowners who complete weatherization or energy-efficient improvements in their homes

- Decreased energy use
- Increase the comfort inside your home
- Take advantage of federal tax credits and rebates as well as incentives offered by many local utility companies

For more information about ECO-Link, please visit www.tos.ohio.gov/ECOLINK





Asian Longhorned Beetle

As if the Emerald Ash Borer wasn't enough, now comes the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)! The ALB grows within hardwood trees, particularly maple, birch, horsechestnut, willow and elm. The tunneling larvae eventually kill the tree. Adult beetles start to emerge as the weather gets



warmer and are most active during summer and early fall, when they can be seen on trees, branches, walls, outdoor furniture, cars and sidewalks.

An ALB is usually 1-1 ½ inches in length, have six legs and a shiny black body with distinctive white spots.

The ALB has been spotted in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Illinois and they could be making their way to Ohio. If you observe beetles or signs of infestation, immediately contact one of our City arborists, Jon Brown or Tim Leonard at (937) 748-0020 or you can also go to www.BeeleDelelves.com to report what you have found.

Please Remove Basketball Hoops from Roadway or Tree-Lawn



During this winter season, the Public Works crew asks that you please remove portable basketball hoops from cul-de-sacs or any tree-lawns so the snowplows can clean the streets from curb to curb.

Unfortunately, the plow drivers can't always see the basketball hoops and they want to protect against any damage the plows may cause, as well as any damage the basketball hoops may cause the snow plows.

They appreciate your help!

Police Department Hires New Officer and Promotes Another

The Springboro Division of Police is pleased to announce some recent changes as the result of the resignation of Lt. Jon Wheeler who left to become the Chief of Police for Hamilton Township in southern Warren County.

Police Officer Antwaun Scott was sworn in by Mayor John Agenbroad to become Springboro's newest police officer. Antwaun was a Corrections Officer for the City of Middletown when he applied to the City of Springboro.



Antwaun's brother is a police officer for the City of Middletown and was present at the swearing in ceremony to pin a new Springboro Police Officer badge on his brother. A number of other family members were also present to witness the big event. Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff explained to the City Council the extensive process Officer Scott completed to be hired. The hiring process includes a physical test, written test, an interview panel of city and community leaders, a psychological examination, several polygraphs tests, and a complete background investigation completed by detectives from the Police Division. Officer Scott is completing his 16 weeks of Field Officer Training and will be assigned to the Patrol Division when he completes that process. Officer Scott is anxious to begin his duties as a police officer. He likes sports, is single, and spends lots of time helping his younger brothers and sisters.

Sgt. Dan Bentley took the oath of office from Mayor Agenbroad as a Police Lieutenant at the January 5 Council meeting. Lt. Bentley has been a police officer and police sergeant for the police division since he was hired in 1997. He most recently was assigned to the night shift supervising a patrol team. In his new assignment, Lt. Bentley will be in charge of Administrative Services. This involves tracking all training requirement for the police division and researching all policy areas and keeping the policy books current and up to date. He will also complete all inspections of the police facility and officers are required, and also manage the hiring and promotion processes that will take place in 2012. Lt. Bentley is a new father, and looking forward to his new duties as a police Lieutenant.

business spotlight

Parts Express

When Parts Express owner Jeff Stahl decided it was time to leave the space he'd leased inside the iconic Mendelson's Liquidation Outlet in downtown Dayton, he spent three years searching for a building in Dayton.

In 1998, he did a walk-through of a recently vacated building on Springboro's Pleasant Valley Drive just off SR 73. Within hours Bernie Eichholz, then-Springboro's Economic Development Director, was on the phone. "He heard I'd been looking at a building and wanted to know what the city could do to bring my company to Springboro." That set the tone for the move to Springboro.

Today, Parts Express celebrates its 25th year. Its catalogue notes, it is "one of the world's largest suppliers of speakers and speaker building components." Audio and video sales comprise the business's mainstay, with sales to large commercial operations, as well as serious hobbyists.



Parts Express products are integrated into large buildings, vehicles, home entertainment centers, smart boards, and a whole lot more.

Jeff has led the company successfully into the digital world, making Internet sales now a serious revenue component. "Internet Retailer" magazine ranked it the nation's top E-Retailer several years running. U-Tube, Facebook, a Tech Talk Customer Forum, on-line catalogue, live chats and tech support complement its website presence. The on-site retail store also does brisk business. Virtually all operations – call center, web functions, marketing, advertising, shipping, customer service and office functions remain in-house.

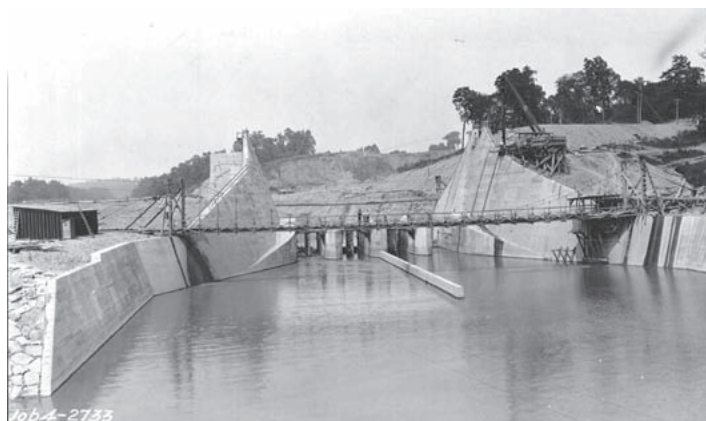
"We take care of about 200,000 customers a year. Most orders go out the door via Fed Ex and orders placed by 4 p.m., get shipped the same day."

The company now has 125 full-time employees in its 120,000 square foot complex on 17 acres. "Audio is my passion and many people here are musicians. Most employees have been with us for many years. They know the business and are experts at what they do."

For more information, check out www.parts-express.com or call 937-743-3000.

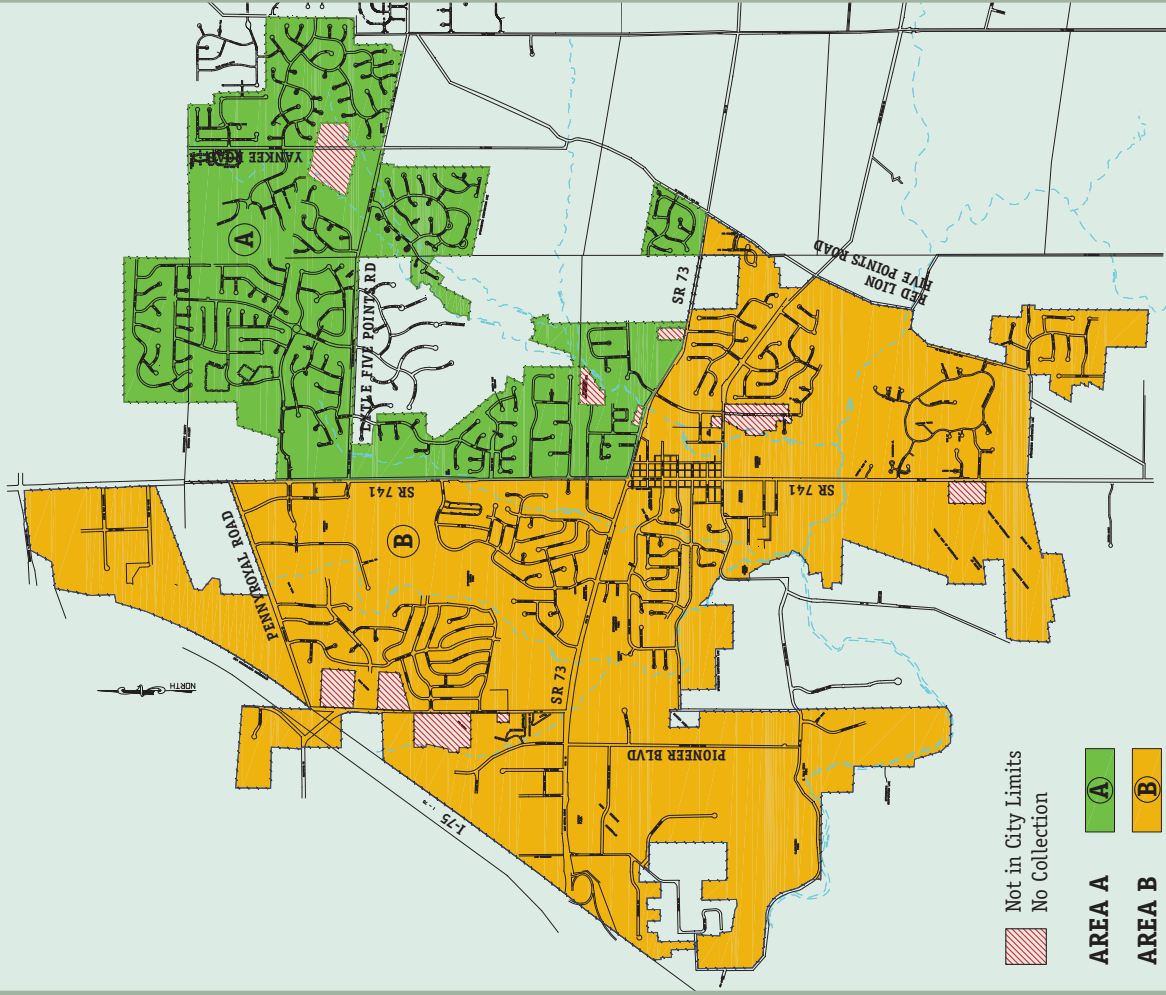
Did You Know?

- More than 55 inches of rain have fallen in the Great Miami River Watershed this year – 17 inches more than the average annual precipitation. And the good news is that our region's riverfront cities have not flooded.
- All five of the Miami Conservancy District (MCD) dams are currently storing water that otherwise would flood cities along the Great Miami River. Piqua, Troy, Tipp City, Dayton, West Carrollton, Miamisburg, Franklin, Middletown, and Hamilton are protected from flooding by MCD's integrated system of dams and levees.
- This is the seventh time this year that all five dams have been in storage simultaneously. The previous record was four times in one year, set in 1996. All five dams stored river water once in March, three times in April, and twice in May 2011.
- Storage at the dams begins when the water rises above the conduits (concrete outlets) at the base of the earthen dam. During times of normal flow, the river passes through the dam unimpeded. There are no permanent pools of water behind the dams. The conduits in each dam are sized to allow the amount of water to flow through the dam that the river channels in the protected cities below can safely handle within their banks. Any excess flow backs up behind the dams in the retarding basins upstream of the dam.
- The MCD flood protection system is designed to protect to the 1913 levels plus 40 percent. During the Great Flood of 1913, the region received between 9 and 11 inches of rain in a three-day period. The MCD flood-protection dams collectively have stored floodwaters more than 1,700 times, protecting communities along the Great Miami River – from Piqua to Hamilton. The system is comprised of five dry dams and 55 miles of levees and was completed in 1922.



Taylorsville dam under construction, July 21, 1921.

City of Springboro Recycling Collection Areas



* PLEASE SEE CALENDAR FOR YOUR COLLECTION DATES.

** AREAS ARE BOUNDED BY THE CENTERLINE OF NORTH STATE ROUTE 741 AND THE CENTERLINE OF EAST STATE ROUTE 73.

2012 Calendar of Recycling Dates

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The following holidays will be observed:

New Years Day	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Labor Day	Christmas Day

In the event that a holiday falls on Monday or Tuesday, your collection day will be moved to the next day.

Should you have any questions regarding the every other week recycling program, or the use of your cart, please contact: 1-800-343-6047.

- = Observed Holiday Service Delayed 1 Day
- = Area A Recycling Week (North of SR 73 & East of SR 741)
- = Area B Recycling Week (South of SR 73 & West of SR 741)





INCOME TAX INFORMATION & HELPFUL HINTS

2011 Income Tax Forms

Tax forms or extension requests are due by April 17, 2012. *Remember*, an extension is for time to file, not time to pay. Any tax due is to be paid by April 17, 2012. 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
Library – 125 Park Lane, Springboro

Withholding payments for 2012

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 online withholding program option is *in addition* to all of our current options for remittance. 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. ***This is a reminder of the due date only and will not include any personal or payment information.***

Online Tax Calculation Tool

The online tax calculation tool program is available through the City of Springboro website 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 17 (for 2012) 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 17	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, 2011 would be claimed on the 2011 Federal tax return.

4th quarter estimate paid on or after January 1, 2011 would be claimed on the 2011 Federal Tax return.

Important Contact Information:

Springboro Income Tax Department (937) 746-9701
 (937) 748-6185 (fax), www.ci.springboro.oh.us

Internal Revenue Service (800) 829-1040 (individual)
 (800) 829-4933 (business), www.irs.gov

State of Ohio (800) 282-1780 (individual)
 (800) 405-4039 (business), www.tax.ohio.gov



SPRINGBORO HISTORY 101

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

Springboro's Boardwalk

Mrs. Orissa Fox Hayner shared several of her memories of Springboro in 1961. Her writing along with others can be found at the Warren County Museum at Lebanon in a collection of works put together by Miriam Dugan called *Springboro Memories*. Below is one of her interesting recollections.

I never lived in the village of Springboro or attended school there (*because she lived in the township*), but there are many things concerning the little town and its vicinity that stand out clearly in my memory. One of the most outstanding is "The Board Walk," as we called it.

Mr. Jesse Wright, who was the manager of the Wright Store in Springboro, lived in the big Wright house west of town (*Aron Wright House at 155 West Central Ave.*). The Wright Store (*now Magnolias on Main at 245 South Main*) was situated on the west side of Main Street. It consisted of well-stocked groceries in the south side and dry goods, boots, and shoes in the north side. There was some hardware and general merchandise in the south side as well. Mr. Wright, who probably owned one or more horses, as he could well afford them, preferred to walk to his work at the store every day.

The big lawn, with its stately trees and circular driveway, was beautifully kept. It was surrounded by a pretty, white picket fence with a stile at the northeast corner, where Mr. Wright could easily climb over and walk to town on what we called "The Board Walk." This walk began near the lower outside step of the stile and extended to the alley at the west side of town. It was placed perhaps two and a half or three feet from the board fence on the south side of the road. It consisted of just one width of heavy plank, perhaps bridge planks, placed end to end in a continuous row. Under the ends of the planks, where they were joined together, was a heavy piece of timber or tie, to which they were firmly spiked. This made a firm, substantial walk and was used by Mr. Wright for many years.

Mr. Wright and his wife, Janie, walked on it every Sunday going to the Quaker Church (*now Preston's Shopping Center*). The Heston family, Joe, Albert,

Sudie, and their mother also used it to walk to the same church. The Easton brothers, Brewster and Arthur, walked south from their home across the Heston farm and then down the lane to the road (*near Fairway Drive*) and over the Board Walk to go to their church. I, too, with my brothers and sisters, have walked on it many times going to church and to the Wright Store.

This walk was almost a necessity for Mr. Wright, and it was a convenience for others, too. What is now State Route 73 with its smooth, firm coating was then a graveled road. These roads were kept up by the taxpayers who were allowed to "work out" their road tax. At a certain time every year, the road supervisor would call out every farmer who had a team and a "gravel bed" for his wagon to work on the road. I think they were paid \$3.00 per day for a man and his team with the number of days calculated according to his particular tax assessment. The number of loads per day was based upon the distance it had to be hauled. If a man did not work on the roads, his assessment had to be paid in cash. The gravel was obtained from various gravel pits in the area or sometimes from the Miami River or Clear Creek.

Since all the coal and heavy hauling had to be done by wagons, and with many lighter vehicles like buggies and carriages on the road, the horses' hoofs and the iron or steel tires soon ground the gravel into powder. By the time summer was over, the dust was several inches deep. Anyone walking along the road soon had his shoes white with road dust. We used to stop when we got to the Board Walk and flick the dust off our shoes with our handkerchiefs. I have seen some of the others do the same thing. Sometimes we would take an old cloth from home, dust off our shoes, and carefully tuck the cloth under the walk, out of sight, to be used again some other time.

I do not know how long "The Board Walk" was there or who took it away, but it was there as long as Mr. Wright and his wife lived in the big house west of town. When the Wright home was sold to the Nulls (*circa 1900*), Jesse and Janie moved into Springboro and lived in the double, white house (*now 143 South Main*) across the street from the Knights of Pythias Hall (*now 140 South Main*).

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West Factory Road Roadway Improvement Project

The West Factory Road Roadway Improvements project consists of widening approximately 850 feet of West Factory Road from a point 225 feet east of the intersection of West Market Street to the bridge over Twin Creek and also reconstructing approximately 850 feet west of the



bridge. The existing bridge will be removed and a new wider bridge will be installed. A new 12" water main will be installed to replace an old 6" water main.

The 12" water main and a new 8" sanitary sewer will be extended from the bridge to the existing corporation line to the west of the bridge. The project will include the installation of curb and gutter and storm sewer. Sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of the road for the length of the project. The new roadway will be 30 feet wide measured from back of curb to back of curb. Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. was awarded the contract in October and work will start early in 2012. This is a State Issue 2 project with approximately 50% of the funding coming from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

East Central Avenue 12" Water Main Improvements

An existing 12" water main will be extended approximately 2500 feet from the east end of the Fieldstone Subdivision on State Route 73 and connect to a 12" water main on Red Lion Five Points Road. The new main construction will also include the installation of a new pressure reducing valve (PRV) station. The city is divided into four different pressure zones due to the topography of the area. The new PRV station will reduce the pressure provided by the Lytle Five Points Water Tower by about 43 psi. The Lytle Water Tower is approximately 100 feet higher than the Pennyroyal Water Tower which supplies water to the Richards Run Subdivision and other areas in the vicinity. The new line will provide addition water capacity to the Richards Run area and completes a loop in the system. The new installation also allows the City to forego construction of a water tower along State Route 73 which will save the city over one million dollars. GM Pipeline was awarded the contract in December and work should begin this spring.

Tamarack Water Main Replacement Phase 1

An existing 6" water main will be replaced on Tamarack Trail from Clearcreek Franklin Road to Evergreen Drive with a new 8" ductile iron water main. The old main has ruptured many times over the past few years and is in need of replacement. New fire hydrants will be installed as part of the project along with new water service laterals from the main to the curb stop. Smithcorp, Inc. was awarded the contract in December and work should begin this spring.

Clear Creek Bank Stabilization Project

The existing bank on the south side of Clear Creek just east of the bridge on South Main Street has continuously eroded this past year due to all the rain and subsequent storm water flow into Clear Creek. The project is near the 15th tee at the Heatherwoode Golf Course. American Decorative Concrete was awarded a contract in December to install approximately 184 linear feet of retaining wall, ranging from about 14 feet to 21 feet high. Each retaining wall block weighs over a ton. Native trees, shrubs and perennials will be planted at the top of the wall. Construction should start early this year to minimize conflicts with golf course operations.

South Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Phase III

The final sections of sidewalk, along the east side of South Main Street, from Heatherwoode Boulevard to Edinburgh Drive will be completed this spring. American Decorative Concrete was awarded the contract in December. The installation of the sidewalk will allow pedestrian traffic to travel from downtown Springboro to the High School.



West Central Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Phase I

The City will extend the existing sidewalk on the south side of West Central Avenue from the west end of the Kroger/Kmart shopping center

to the Long John Silver's Restaurant. The installation of the sidewalk will provide pedestrians safe access to the LaComedia Dinner Theater, McDonalds Restaurant and Long John Silver's. Rhule Excavating was awarded the contract in December and work should be completed this spring. The existing curb and gutter will also be extended to control storm water runoff.

South Pioneer Boulevard Sidewalk Improvements

A sidewalk will be extended along the east side of South Pioneer Boulevard from West Central Avenue to Victory



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Drive. The installation of the sidewalk will provide pedestrians safe access to the Post Office located on South Pioneer Boulevard. Rhule Excavating was awarded the contract in December and work should be completed this spring.

Traffic Signal Installation – Junior High School

A new traffic signal will be installed on South Main Street (State Route 741) at the entrance to the Springboro Junior High School. The new signal will allow students to safely cross South Main Street. Miller Cable Company was awarded the contract in December and work should be completed this spring.

Gilpin Drive – South Street Improvements

WG Stang completed the improvements on South Street and Gilpin Drive. Both streets were widened to include the installation of curb and gutter and storm sewers. A 5-foot concrete sidewalk was installed on the south side of South Street.



South Street before.



South Street after.

West Tech Road Extension Phase 1

West Tech Road will be extended approximately 1,300 feet from its west terminus to open up the land in the South Tech Development. Sanitary sewers and water mains will be extended from existing Montgomery County facilities to serve this project. The construction includes the installation of curb and gutter, storm sewers and a 6 foot wide concrete sidewalk. Construction of Phase I was started late in 2011 and progress has been slow due to the weather.



2012 Street Resurfacing Program

North Main Street will be resurfaced from Central Avenue to the North Corporation Line in 2012. This project will be awarded through the Ohio Department of Transportation. The City is responsible to repair all the deteriorated or deficient curb and gutter and also repair any unsound pavement base. Since the City also is required to pay 20% of the resurfacing costs, this will be the only resurfacing project completed in 2012.



Stormwater Runoff

Illicit Discharges

If you see anyone dumping anything into the storm sewer system please contact the Public Works Department at 937-748-9791.

Winter Time Tips – Stormwater Management Tips

Did you know?

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies.

This winter you can help by following these environmentally friendly snow removal practices:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto non-paved surfaces such as landscaped and/or grassy areas. As the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.
- Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally friendly alternative to commonly used salt products. Cracked corn has been suggested as an alternative because animals can eat it before it gets washed into the storm sewers in the spring.
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into the storm drains and streams.
- Using the old fashioned approach of a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and it also provides the added benefit of physical exercise.





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