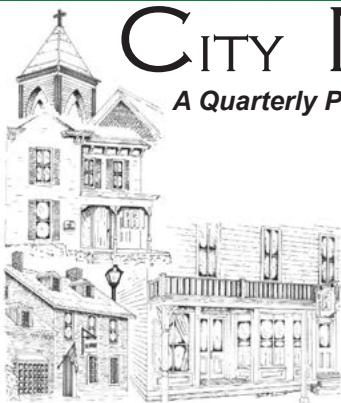


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## CITY NOTES

A Quarterly Publication for the Citizens of Springboro



## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

As presented by Mayor John Agenbroad  
on January 15, 2015



On behalf of City Council, I would like to take just a few minutes as your Mayor to begin 2015 by presenting a State of the City Address this 15th day of January 2015. This is a very special year in the history of our

City; it is Springboro's 200th birthday! Springboro was founded in 1815 and officially recognized as the "City" of Springboro in 1987 after surpassing the 5,000 residents required to become a city. Incredible changes have occurred in the past 200 years, but Springboro still retains the small town heritage it was built on. We are proud of our efforts to balance both old and new and remain focused on preserving our legacy while encouraging responsible, forward-thinking growth. Springboro is home to many great citizens and community leaders, past and present, who have worked together to shape the progress of our community, and we really do have so much to celebrate and appreciate living in one of the best communities in America! In the past six years, Springboro has been ranked the 41st and 43rd best place to live in America, and most recently rated the 10th best suburb in America in addition to being named one of the safest and best places to live and raise a family in Ohio. These ratings simply confirm what we already know; Springboro is a great place to be and just keeps getting better!

I would like to start the New Year by welcoming Councilwoman Janie Ridd, who

was sworn into office in November as City Council Member for Ward 1 after serving 28 years on our Planning Commission. I would also like to introduce our new Deputy Mayor for 2015 Councilman Bruce Moore, and thank all of my colleagues on Council for their proven commitment to Springboro and for more than 50 years of shared experience in community leadership. Furthermore, without the hard work and support of our amazing management team, City Manager Chris Thompson, Assistant City Manager Chris Pozzuto, Law Director Alan Schaeffer, Clerk of Council Lori Martin, department directors and staff, we would not be able to rise to the level of service our citizens truly deserve. That is why it is a great pleasure to report that Springboro received a 95% satisfaction rating from citizens in our 2014 citizen survey. Our satisfaction ratings have steadily increased since our first survey in 2008 and survey results revealed some very positive feedback regarding a variety of city services such as street maintenance and especially snow removal in Springboro. The survey also indicated that our parks remain one of our most popular assets and we appreciate the great response we received from citizens regarding our park services. These results reflect the time, energy and funding spent making our parks some of the best recreational space in the area for the residents of our community. Most of the other services included in the survey improved as well such as police protection and road conditions. We like to think of this survey as a report card of our performance as a city, and based on the results we are headed in the right direction!

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Over the last year, Council attended more than 50 meetings and voted on 65 legislative items concerning capital improvements, planning, zoning and economic development, operations and finance. Council Members attended approximately 50 committee and association meetings last year representing Springboro in both local and regional organizations and kept in touch with the legislature concerning issues important to our local government.

We are also pleased to share that the City has a healthy financial outlook going into 2015. We thank City Manager Chris Thompson, Finance Director Robyn Brown and staff for all of the time and effort they dedicated to presenting a balanced budget, which was unanimously approved by Council in November. As always, we remained within our budgeted expenditures for 2014 and begin 2015 with a very conservative budget of total proposed expenditures. We would also like to note that once again we received a clean audit from the state in 2014.

Our income tax has not been raised in 26 years and Springboro has one of the lowest tax rates in the Dayton area. Thanks to our well-managed finances, we have presented a balanced budget each year in spite of the tremendous growth the City has experienced since 1990 and have continued to adequately fund our operations and services. Staff has kept a close eye on our financial position and proactively managed our City's finances by preparing for potential revenue shortfalls due to cuts in local government funding and minimizing the impact of the fluctuating economy on our budget. Staffing levels remain the same today as they were almost 25 years ago, but our staff has become much more efficient in keeping up with the 40% growth in population since that time.

In addition to our outstanding staff, we have relied on the assistance of many Springboro residents who serve on our various citizen committees to help our City grow and prosper while maintaining our quality of life and level of service. We are honored to recognize our nearly 50 volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions. Without their countless hours of service and support, we would not be where we are today.

Looking back on 2014, we battled more than 40 inches of snow last winter using more than 3,000 tons of salt. Our dedicated road crews were relentless in making sure that our 90 miles of streets were kept in the best and safest condition possible for our residents, commuters, school bus drivers and business traffic under the very able direction of

Public Service Director Vince Murphy. Despite the difficulties Ohio communities have had obtaining road salt due to shortages, we are confident that due to the efforts of our staff and through cooperation with other jurisdictions our supplies along with more effective ways to treat and clear our roadways will carry us through another unpredictable winter season. Our Service Department also completed the City's fifth successful leaf-collection program in November. This service has been provided to residents since 2010 as part of our street maintenance program.

We continued to build upon our community's mobility plan by improving roadways, bikeways and walkways throughout Springboro in 2014. The City collaborated with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District last year to fund and construct the new north bound ramp to I-75, which has significantly improved the flow of traffic on westbound SR73. The City also entered an intergovernmental agreement with the Warren County TID in November for the management and construction of the SR73/741 improvement project to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow at our City's busiest intersection, which is scheduled to begin in 2017. The City has moved forward with designs to improve the intersection of Sharts Road and Greenwood Lane on SR73 as well in response to traffic concerns expressed by residents and businesses. We are currently working with businesses in the interstate area on this project. In addition, the City in cooperation with ODOT installed a traffic signal at the intersection of West Tech Road and SR741 and made intersection improvements to provide safer access to SR741 for our South Tech business community. Many of our roadway improvement projects are partially funded by state and federal transportation dollars that we actively pursue through our participation in regional transportation and planning enabling us to make needed local transportation improvements.

Also, the City completed improvements to Lytle Five Points Road to widen the road to three lanes and added a sidewalk to connect more neighborhoods to downtown Springboro and continued the sidewalk on W. Central Avenue by extending the existing sidewalk on the south side as part of the City's connectivity plan to promote mobility and safety for all modes of transportation. Finally, the City began making infrastructure improvements in some of our older neighborhoods to avoid costly repairs and interruptions in water service due to deteriorating water mains. The water main on Pinecone Lane that serves the Tamarack Hills Subdivision was replaced in 2014 and these projects will continue this year in Royal Oaks. The City also made

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some major improvements on Cherry Street in response to residents' concerns over significant storm water drainage issues, which have now been eliminated.

Some new development projects began in 2014 with the Planning Commission's approval of plans for both residential and commercial development in the City including the construction of a 111-unit assisted living facility on W. Central Avenue, which began last fall. The City also sold a parcel of its 30 acres of land at South Tech Business Park for the development of a new office building on West Tech Road adjacent to I-75. The new building will be the first of a larger Class A office development known as The Ascent and should prompt further development at the site. On N. Main Street, 56 townhouse-style residential homes were approved on nine acres just north of Gardner Park. This new residential development is currently under construction and will add to our diversity in housing options for residents and newcomers. Both Village Park and South Tech Business Park promise future revenue for the City as development continues at these sites. Our Planning Commission has done an outstanding job of overseeing Springboro's growth and development by working with staff to develop planning tools like our Land Use Master Plan and Planned Unit Development ordinance, and has served us well in keeping Springboro both viable and beautiful.

Our ongoing economic development efforts include our business retention program administered by a staff member dedicated to keeping Springboro businesses in Springboro and our Springboro Incentive Program, which provides grants to businesses willing to move into a vacant building and has helped to increase our tax base by producing approximately a quarter-million in additional income tax since the program began. In addition, Springboro is a founding member of the Warren County Small Business Development Center, a partnership of communities and private entities since 2013 created to help small businesses grow and succeed in Springboro and other area communities. The SBDC serves about 120 clients and has generated an investment of approximately \$2.3 million in Warren County communities including Springboro. In addition, the City welcomed about eight new businesses last year and recognized several businesses celebrating five, ten and fifteen years in Springboro. The City also sponsors an annual Business Appreciation Breakfast every spring for our entire business community. Both large and small businesses are equally important in creating a diverse and prosperous local economy and we thank our more than 500 businesses that support the Springboro economy.

Our park system continues to improve to meet the demand for quality recreational space in our community. The City maintains seven parks, a combined 400 plus acres of land, which includes our newest, Hazel Woods Park. In 2012 the City agreed to purchase the new park land in Franklin due to its natural proximity to Clearcreek Park. This newest park is being jointly master-planned by Springboro and Franklin for the future recreation and enjoyment of both communities. The City's first SPARC and Go next to Rotary Park, which houses a police substation, public restrooms and serves as an active transportation hub and neighborhood emergency center, is now equipped with a permanent community bikeway map and maps are available to the public. The City plans to construct another SPARC and Go at 510 North Main Street sometime in the near future. These facilities are integral to the City's Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan to support active transportation throughout the community and region. To promote our bike/ped plan, the City sponsored a new community event in 2014 known as "The Big Event" on Labor Day weekend to encourage biking and walking in Springboro. The event consisted of a 5K run at Heatherwoode Golf Course in addition to the Bike the 'Boro, 3, 10 and 16-mile bike rides and a community festival at North Park, which combined a safety expo with family entertainment. More than 200 residents participated and many more attended the festival and we look forward to hosting this event again this year over Labor Day weekend.

The City expanded its "Concerts in the Park" series last summer to include Friday night concerts in addition to the standing Tuesday night concerts in July. The Park Board plans to expand the schedule again this year to offer even more free entertainment for our community. Our amphitheater facility is also the stage for Theatre Under the Stars each summer. Playhouse South presents a production of six free performances annually for the Springboro community, which attracts well over 1,000 people. Our amphitheater is also used on a regular basis by Springboro residents for private events.

Our golf course is another great Springboro amenity serving our residents and golfers from all over the region by providing private and corporate recreation and banquet services for the past 23 years. Under the management of General Manager Tom West, Heatherwoode received an award in 2014 for the overall highest customer service ratings among more than 100 golf courses. We congratulate the entire Heatherwoode staff for consistently receiving

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top ratings for customer service over the past five years, and we especially thank Golf Course Superintendent Keith Day and his staff for keeping the course in tip-top shape.

Springboro was again honored to receive the Tree City USA award for the 18th consecutive year in 2014 and we just received our 19th Tree City award in April. The City has planted close to 100 trees in the past year and routinely maintains the urban forest by removing dead and diseased trees. The City also offers a Tree Grant Program to encourage residents to plant trees to preserve Springboro's beauty and offers a Memorial Tree Program for residents as well. The Farms at Heatherwoode Street Tree Project initiated in 2012 to reforest the neighborhood's common areas in cooperation with the residents and the Tree Authority is complete, and the Tree Authority hopes to work with another neighborhood in the near future. Springboro's Tree Authority is dedicated to the preservation and proliferation of trees in our community and we thank the residents who have committed their time and energy to this committee and Park Maintenance Supervisor Jon Brown, who serves as liaison to the committee as a certified arborist.

Finally, our Police Department, under the solid leadership of Chief Jeff Kruithoff and our 25 dedicated officers, provides exceptional service to our community and demonstrates a continued commitment to the safety and welfare of our citizens. In addition to professional law enforcement and investigative services, the department fosters cooperation and participation in mutual aid with other law enforcement agencies in Warren County and

beyond. Our Police Department also helps our schools maintain a safe and healthy environment for students by administering the DARE Program and providing a full-time School Resource Officer funded in cooperation with Springboro City Schools. Our Police Chief was named 2014 DARE Association of Ohio Executive Police Officer of the Year and our DARE and School Resource Officer Sergeant Don Wilson serves as the International President of the DARE organization. In addition, our Police Department endeavors to provide for individuals and families in need in our community by participating in charitable fundraising, outreach programs and volunteering.

In closing, I would like to express how truly fortunate I am to have served as your Mayor for five terms of office and to be a part of Springboro's leadership. As a City Council, we know that the public trust is earned through responsible and effective leadership and we could not ask for a better constituency than the great people of Springboro. I look forward to helping Springboro celebrate 200 years of history and thank everyone who has contributed to our City's success including our friends, families, volunteers and staff members who possess exceptional public spirit when it comes to our hometown. My family has been involved in Springboro for the past 113 years!! I have a great passion for this City and try to emulate that in everything I do as MAYOR!!! Thanks again for your continued support and please accept my wishes for the best of health and happiness in 2015! Thank you and may God Bless our great city and above all God Bless America!!

– Mayor John Agenbroad



### WE ARE #1!!

After being ranked #41 Best Place to Live In America, #10 Best Suburb in America, #8 Safest Place to Live in Ohio, we are FINALLY #1 in something (where we should be of course!)

**The City of Springboro was ranked #1 Best City to Live For Young Families in Ohio!** NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website, conducted a study on the best cities in Ohio for young families, and Springboro is now on top. Previously, ranked #7, Springboro moved up to the top spot based on five criteria - Public School Ratings, Median Home Value, Cost of Home Ownership, Median Income, and Economic Growth.

As always, these kinds of rankings are a testament to the wonderful residents, schools, businesses and community that we all share here. Way to go Springboro! #1 where we belong.



## “Get Social” With the City!

The City of Springboro’s presence on social media continues to grow....but you wouldn’t know that if you haven’t “Followed” or “Liked” us yet on Twitter or Facebook! The City uses both social media platforms to provide current information to our residents about City Council actions, City projects, tax information and a whole host of other issues. Our Twitter handle is @cityofboroOH and you can search us on Facebook at City of Springboro-Municipal Government.



Like Us On  
facebook 

*Tell your friends about us!*



## Superior ISO Rating for Cleacreek Fire District

Recently the Clearcreek Fire District, which serves the residents of Springboro, learned that it was rated a Class 3 Fire Department from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). This means that the Fire District is ranked in the top 7% of all fire departments within the Public Protection Classification System in the United States. This is important for a few reasons:

- 1) Homeowner’s insurance rates are tied to ISO Class Ratings – the lower the rating (closest to 1), the lower insurance rates will be. Clearcreek was a Class 4 in the last ratings, so they are trending in the right direction.
- 2) 40% of ISO Class Ratings for fire departments are based on the availability of the public water supply, so this translates to mean Springboro has an excellent water distribution system when it comes to fire protection (i.e. good water pressure, abundant availability of fire hydrants, etc.)

The City appreciates the efforts of the Clearcreek Fire District, Chief Kidd and all of the fire fighters who protect the residents of Springboro on a daily basis.



## Shred-It Day

**Saturday, May 16**  
**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

The City has scheduled another “Shred-It Day” on Saturday, May 16; from 12pm to 3pm in the City Building Parking Lot, located at 320 West Central Avenue.

On May 16, tax time will be in the rearview mirror for all but the most diehard of extension-seekers, so it might be a good time to think of getting rid of some of the records that the passage of another year makes obsolete. We’ve got you covered!

The event offers City of Springboro residents the opportunity to protect themselves against identity theft by having personal papers and other material shredded by the mobile shredding unit of Cintas. And in keeping with the City’s “Go Green” theme, all documents that are shredded are recycled by Cintas.

There is no charge for the service. We hope you can take advantage of it.

## Help The Clearcreek Fire District Find You

The quicker the Clearcreek Fire District can locate you, and your home, the quicker they can begin helping you and your family in an emergency. In an effort to locate your home or business during an emergency, the Fire District can provide a 6 inch x 18 inch reflective sign that will clearly display your street address. These signs are invaluable to the Fire District (and any other safety service), which may be looking for your home or business in your time of need.

The Fire District will install the signs on your mailbox or other sign post for \$10 (which covers the cost of the sign). Each sign has your street address prominently displayed on both sides of the sign. The signs are installed in a way that assures their visibility even with high grass or deep snow conditions.

For more information, please contact the Clearcreek Fire District at 937-748-2766.

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## Police Beat

### Coffee With The Cops

Come have a cup of coffee on us! Do you have a question or concern about the Police Department? Or do you just want to get to know your local police force a little better? This is an opportunity to come out and meet the Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff and a few of the police officers in an informal setting.

Coffee With The Cops will be held on Friday, May 22; Monday, June 22 and Thursday, July 30 at 10:00am at the SPARC and Go in Downtown Springboro, located at 320 South Main Street.

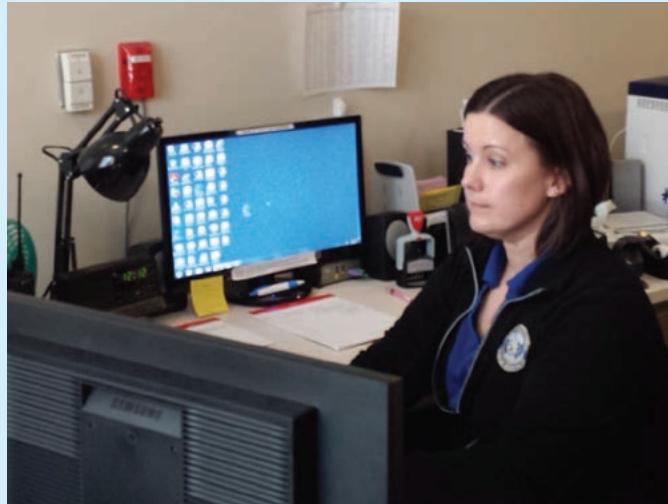
### Bicentennial Badges

The next time you see a Springboro Police Officer, you may note a little something different about their uniform. Ask the officer to explain the badge he is wearing. In an opportunity to have our police officers participate in the Bicentennial celebrations this year, they are wearing a special badge that they designed just for this calendar year.



The badge is a "shield" which is different than the "California style" badge currently worn by the officers and very popular with many police agencies in modern times. The "shield" was very popular in the early years of American policing, and is similar to the one worn by Clyde "Pappy" Prickett, the first Town Marshall for the Village of Springboro in the early 1950's. Currently the "shield" is still found in older urban communities mostly along the east coast or in the midwest.

The "shield" includes the officer badge number and the years 1815 to 2015 as a reminder of the 200 years that Springboro has been in existence. Since the badge is reflective of and the symbol of authority for a police officer, they felt this was a unique and respectful way to commemorate the wonderful anniversary that Springboro will be having in 2015. At the end of the year, the "shield" will be retired and the officers will return to wearing their previous badge.



### Police Office Manager Jennifer Embleton Recognized As 'Hero of the Month'

*(Excerpts from Warren County Emergency Services Newsletter, March 2015)*

Springboro Police Department's own Jennifer Embleton was recognized as the "Hero of the Month" for March 2015 by Warren County Emergency Services. Jennifer "Jenny" has been serving the Springboro Police Department for the past 15 years, starting out as a dispatcher, and is now the Office Manager. For the past seven years Jenny has been a part of the Warren County Tactical Dispatch Unit which is part of the Tactical Response Unit where she was promoted to Team Leader. Jenny is married to Warren County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Shaun Embleton. They have been married since 2006. When she isn't working or serving on the Tactical Dispatch Unit she enjoys relieving her stress by working out.

When asked her most memorable call, she recalled two separate and unique incidents. "I'm torn between two, both involved pursuits. The first I was dispatching when one of our officers got in a vehicle pursuit that went into Dayton. About half way into the pursuit, he lost radio contact. We continued contact via cell phone, while I still dispatched our other units on the radio, handled all other incoming calls, and continued to try and get him back up from another agency. The second, I was on a ride along with another one of our officers. The suspect ditched the car and they got into a foot pursuit. Due to unfortunate events in our dispatch center, I ended up taking over dispatching from the cruiser."

Thank you, Jenny for your service to not only Springboro Police Department, but also to Warren County as a whole.



## Identity Theft

Identity theft is a crime in which an impostor obtains key pieces of personal identifying information such as Social Security numbers and driver's license numbers

and uses them for their own personal gain. It can start with lost or stolen wallets, stolen mail, a data breach, computer virus, "phishing" scams, or paper documents thrown out by you or a business.

Approximately 15 million people in the U.S. have their identities used fraudulently each year with financial losses totaling upwards of \$50 billion. On a case-by-case basis, that means approximately 7% of all adults in the U.S. have their identities misused with each instance resulting in approximately \$3,500 in losses.

Close to 100 million additional Americans have their personal identifying information placed at risk of identity theft each year when records maintained in government and corporate databases are lost or stolen. These alarming statistics demonstrate identity theft may be the most frequent, costly and pervasive crime in the U.S.

### How can you minimize the risk of becoming an identity theft victim?

- Don't give out your SSN unnecessarily (only for tax reasons, credit or verified employment.) Before providing personal identifiers, know how it will be used and if it will be shared.

- Use a cross-cut shredder to dispose of documents with personal information. Also, use a specialized gel pen when writing out checks.
- Place outgoing mail in collection boxes or the U.S. Post Office.
- Know your billing cycles and contact creditors when bills fail to show up. Review bank and credit card statements carefully.
- Password protect your financial accounts. A strong password should be more than eight characters in length, and contain both capital letters and at least one numeric or other non alphabetical character. Use of non-dictionary words is also recommended.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you initiated the contact.
- Use firewall software to protect computer information. Keep virus and spyware software programs updated.
- Reduce the number of preapproved credit card offers you receive: **888-5OPT-OUT**

The Attorney General of Ohio's website is a good reference point for information concerning Identity Theft - [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov).

If you believe you are a victim of Identity Theft, you should immediately call the Springboro Police Department at (937) 748-0611 and file a report.

## Electric & Gas Choice for Ohio Consumers



Did you know, just as you shop for other products and services, you may also be able to shop for an energy supplier. With choice, energy customers from large manufacturers to residential homeowners are able to shop for energy options from a diverse group of competitive suppliers certified by the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio (PUCO). As more suppliers are offering their services in your area, you have the opportunity to choose the company that supplies the generation of your electricity and supplies your natural gas.

Many Ohioans decide to shop in order to see savings off of their monthly energy bills, others value the certainty

that comes from a fixed rate plan, and some switch to suppliers that will make a greater investment in renewable products.

Even if you are currently happy with your rates, you might want to take a moment to see the current rates being offered at the PUCO's Apples to Apples comparison charts. Simply go to <http://energychoice.ohio.gov/ApplesToApples.aspx> and compare your rates. Even if you don't make a choice now, the charts allow you to see multiple offers in your area, so you can compare what you are currently paying with the other offers available. You have nothing to lose, and you can use this opportunity to educate yourself on the many different offers marketers are providing.

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## Golf Anyone?



The weather is perfect outside to enjoy a good round of golf at Heatherwoode Golf Club, and one of the ways to keep in touch with Heatherwoode is through social media!

Heatherwoode is on Facebook and Twitter, so please "Like" and "Follow" them on both. Heatherwoode's Twitter handle is @heatherwoodegc and you can search them on Facebook at Heatherwoode Golf Club. Be on the lookout for specials, outing information and much more!

When you do dust off those clubs and head out to the golf course, you will find some wonderful changes to the facility. One of the changes involved sodding the lower practice tee with Bermuda grass, which is a much better hitting surface and will match the upper tee that was done last year. For a new and exciting experience, there are four new practice tees that will automatically tee the golf ball up for you. To further enhance the short game practice area, a mound was added onto the practice tee that will allow you to practice uphill, downhill or side hill shots to a green, and you will also be able to hit uneven lies to fairway targets. The overall practice facility allows everyone to work on each and every aspect of their game. Join the PDP range program for only \$299 or just come out and purchase a bucket of range balls, it is open to the public just like the golf course. For more details contact the pro shop at (937) 748-3222 or visit the website at [www.heatherwoodegc.com](http://www.heatherwoodegc.com).



## Community Happenings

### Springboro Lacrosse (LAX)

The Springboro Lacrosse Club was founded in 2007 and is now one of the largest lacrosse organizations in SW Ohio. The club is a 501c3 non-profit organization and includes teams for both girls and boys from 1st grade through High School. The club is 100% focused on the growth of the sport and the development of the players in our club.

On Saturday, May 2nd, LAX will hold a one of a kind tournament at Clearcreek Park. Their goal is to host a lacrosse tournament experience that brings the lacrosse community and sponsorship branding together. There are over 30 teams participating in the tournament from grades 1 through 6 with the hopes of bringing over 1,500 people to the park.

Springboro Lacrosse Club's goal is to empower youth through lacrosse, the fastest growing sport in America. This is achieved by focusing on production, promotion, and management of the event. Our event is unlike any other lacrosse tournament held in SW Ohio. Please visit the Springboro Lacrosse Club's website [www.borolax.org](http://www.borolax.org) for more details.

### CYSA Soccer

Registration for the CYSA Fall soccer league (ages 3 – 17) begins on May 1st. Visit the CYSA website at [www.borosay.org](http://www.borosay.org) for additional information and to register.

This summer CYSA is again hosting the British Soccer Camp July 27th – July 31st at North Park. For additional information visit their website.

### Springboro Schools

Springboro Community City Schools have used seven calamity (snow) days this year. The district schedule only allows for five calamity days. Therefore, the school year will be extended.

The last day of school for students at Dennis Elementary, Five Points, Springboro Intermediate, Springboro Junior High, and Springboro High School is now Friday, June 5. The last day of school for A.M. Kindergarten students at Clearcreek is also Friday, June 5.

Due to a weather-related early dismissal this year, P.M. Kindergarten students at Clearcreek will attend school for one additional day. The last day of school for P.M. Kindergarten is Monday, June 8. The last day for all preschool students at Clearcreek is Thursday, June 4.

The schools have also modified the start date of the 2015-2016 school year. School will now begin on Tuesday, August 18, which is 4 days earlier than originally scheduled.


**business  
spotlight** Logan Taylor's Salon

Sometimes, moving a business moves customers to other vendors. Not so, for Logan Taylor's Salon. Within the past year, Logan's moved to a remodeled historic house at 50 S. Main St, about a block north of its previous location.

In addition to the relocation, owner and stylist Carl Hawk says the salon will add nail and permanent make-up services. Carl's wife Traci is a nail tech and Karesa Smith will offer permanent make-up services.

"This is our third location in our 14 years in business and it's the best so far," says Carl. Before the move, they embarked on an-about month long DIY project to accommodate transforming the two-story home into a salon. "We worked at the salon during the day and came here and worked until late at night. We spent a lot of time at home improvement stores, and I'm starting to like Ikea," he says.

Because the property is on the Historic Register, the Hawks had to get approval for some changes to the exterior of the building and the outdoor sign. They found the various City committees easy to deal with and approvals came quickly. "We've always found the City easy to work with," he says.

Their route to small business ownership began when Carl represented Redken and similar product lines to beauty salons in the area. "I came home one day and said, "Let's open a salon in Springboro. I knew this was the place I wanted the business to be located." Six months after opening, he had an amicable parting with Redken. "Our business took off and we began operating the salon full time," he says.

Noting the absence of a computer system, Carl says they are "old school." Carl, Traci, and stylist Rachael Huber book their own appointments, as will Karesa. Coloring is Carl's specialty but he says, "I'm pretty much an on-call stylist. If someone needs me to come in at 7 a.m. or late evening, I come in." They keep in touch with clients on their Facebook page, which contains glowing recommendations for the salon. One client wrote that she comes back from Virginia. Traci says other book appointments when they return to Springboro to visit family and friends.

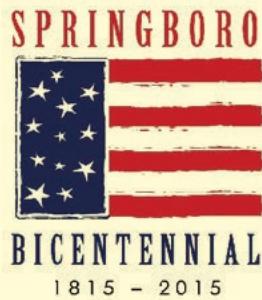
The Hawks have lived in Springboro for 12 years. Their children, Logan Taylor, 17, is a junior at Springboro High School; twins Shane and Sean, 15, are freshmen, and son Carl III, 21 attends college in Dayton.

The salon's hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., although walk-ins are welcome. For more information, visit the Facebook page or call 937-748-0346. The website is [www.LoganTaylorSalon.com](http://www.LoganTaylorSalon.com).

## Happy 200th Birthday Springboro!

Springboro is turning 200 years old in 2015. Happy Birthday Springboro!

In order to properly celebrate a milestone such as a 200th birthday, Springboro200, Inc., a non-profit organization, has been formed to coordinate the year long festivities to celebrate and commemorate the City's founding back in 1815.



The main source of information concerning the celebration will be the group's website at [www.boro200.com](http://www.boro200.com). You can also follow the group on their Facebook page. Search "Springboro Bicentennial" to Like their page.

The main event of the bicentennial celebration will occur over the July 4 weekend at North Park. Live entertainment is scheduled from 3:30pm on Friday, July 3 all the way until 7:00pm on Sunday, July 5. Bounce houses, face painting, Columbus Zoo animals, carnival rides, and fireworks are just some of the things that are also planned!

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.** Below is the list of live entertainment over the weekend. For a current and up to date schedule, please visit the Boro 200 website.

### Friday, July 3

The Fries - Classic Rock: 3:30-5:30pm  
 Hotel California, The Original Eagles Tribute: 6:00-9:00pm  
 Team Fastrax Parachute Demonstration: 9:05-9:15pm  
 American Bombshells: 9:15-10:00pm  
 Fireworks Extravaganza: 10:30-11:00pm

### Saturday, July 4

Willow Creek, Bluegrass Music: 11:00am-12:30pm  
 One, U2 Tribute and 80s/90s Rock: 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
 The Columbus Zoo Animals: 3:00pm  
 Ashley Martin Band, Country Rock: 4:30 – 7:30pm  
 Arrival, Journey Tribute: 8:30 – 11:00pm

### Sunday, July 5

Berachah Valley, Bluegrass / Gospel: 10:00 - 11:30am  
 Carlin Guthrie Band, Rock Music: 11:45am – 1:15pm  
 The Richard Lynch Band, Country Music: 1:30 – 4:30pm  
 The Columbus Zoo Animals: 3:00pm  
 The Menus, Classic Rock: 5:00pm

A Special Thanks from the Committee goes out to the Sponsors who have made this event possible: Coldwell Banker Heritage Realtors, Watkins Heating & Cooling, Team FastTrax, Ferguson Design Group, and Hand 2 Hand Gymnastics.

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## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

### Red Lion-Five Points Road Roadway Improvements, Phase II

Red Lion-Five Points Road will be widened to a pavement width of 24 ft., along with 2 ft. shoulders, between the intersection of Balcomie Way and Null Boulevard (approximately 1,050 ft.). The road will be re-profiled to improve site distance. Storm sewers, water main and a new sidewalk on the west side of the road are also a part of the project. This project is currently in the design phase.



### Sharts Road and Greenwood Lane Intersection Improvements

An additional left turn lane is being added for Sharts Road and Greenwood Lane at the intersection of State Route 73. Upon completion, Sharts Road will have dual left turn lanes onto SR 73. Traffic signal improvements are also being made, upgrading the existing strain poles to mast arms. This project is currently in the design phase.

### East Mill Street/Lower Springboro Road Improvements

East Mill Street will be widened to 3 lanes from the east side of the Fieldstone subdivision to the intersection of Red Lion-Five Points Road (approximately 900 feet). Curb & gutter, and storm sewers are also included in the project.

### West Central Avenue (State Route 73) Resurfacing

West Central Avenue will be resurfaced from I-75 to SR 741 (approximately 2 miles), at which time bike lanes will be added. The bike lanes will be provided from Sharts Road to Springwood Drive.

### Royal Oaks Subdivision Concrete Improvements

Deteriorating concrete curbs, sidewalks, and driveway aprons are being replaced in the Royal Oaks subdivision on the following streets: Royal Drive, Oak Drive, Hemlock Court, West Market Street, West Factory Road, Carey Drive, School Drive, and Dugan Place. The concrete sidewalks and aprons have been marked and notification letters will be mailed to the affected property owners. The curbs will be marked in the spring.

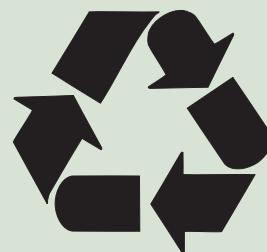
### Water Main Improvements – Bramble Bush, West Market Street, Carey Drive

Design will begin on replacing an existing 6" water main on Bramble Bush and Carey Drive with new 8" water mains, as well as replacing the existing 8" water main on West Market Street. There have been many water main breaks in these areas, and the mains require replacement. The new 8" water main will be installed the entire length of each road. Construction to be completed by year end 2015.



## PLEASE RECYCLE

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## Sign Retroreflectivity Changes

In the near future you might be driving around town and see one of the City's Public Service Workers replacing stop signs or any number of traffic control signs. The signs they are replacing might look fine and you might be asking yourself – "Why in the world are they changing out a perfectly good sign???"



Recently, the State of Ohio adopted regulations requiring all traffic signs to be a minimum retroreflectivity level no matter how new the sign might be. What is retroreflectivity? Retroreflectivity is a term used to describe how light is reflected off of a surface and returned to its original source ("retro"-reflector).



Traffic sign sheeting materials now use technology with small glass beads or prismatic reflectors that allow light from vehicle headlights to be reflected by to the vehicle and the driver's eyes, thus making the sign appear more bright and visible to the driver.

Although the City attempts

to remain diligent in replacing signs, even newer signs that have been erected within the last year fail to meet the new standard.

Therefore, to ensure Springboro is in compliance, the Public Service Department has created a Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance Program to replace every sign in the City, as required by the State of Ohio. The City has divided the community into six sectors whereby the traffic signs will be replaced in an entire sector in one year.



## Protect Our Waterways

There are areas of our Great Miami River Watershed that are considered "impaired", meaning the water quality and/or habitat in the streams of these areas have been damaged by local pollutants and activities.

Two of these impairments are Organic Enrichment and Low Dissolved Oxygen.

**Organic enrichment** occurs when nutrient-rich materials such as **soil, leaves, sticks** and **grass clippings** from yard waste go down the storm drain and into a stream. It also occurs when we use too much **fertilizer** or apply it at the wrong time, such as just before a rain, and not allowing enough time for the fertilizer to be soaked up by the grass.

**Low dissolved oxygen** is the *result* of having too many nutrients in the stream. The yard waste uses the oxygen in the water in its decaying process. This takes the oxygen away from the fish and other stream life that need it to breathe. Also, aquatic plants such as algae soak up these excess nutrients and grow much larger than they naturally would. When these large mats of algae (nuisance growths) decay they consume too much of the oxygen from the stream. Some liquids that leak from vehicles and equipment deplete oxygen in the stream as well.

To protect our waterways from the common problems above, please consider the following:

1. Never pour or put anything down the storm drain
2. Always measure fertilizer carefully and follow application instructions
3. Apply fertilizer a couple of days before or after a rain
4. Seed bare soil areas of your yard to prevent erosion
5. Wash your car and lawn mowers in the grass
6. Compost yard waste or mulch and reuse as natural fertilizer
7. Keep your septic system properly maintained if you have one



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