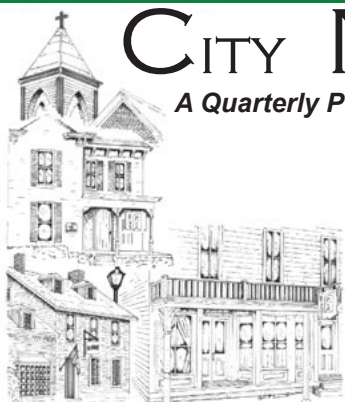


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CITY NOTES

A Quarterly Publication for the Citizens of Springboro

7th Annual Springboro Day at Heatherwoode Sunday, October 12, 2008

All Springboro residents are invited to join City of Springboro employees and Council Members for a FREE day at Heatherwoode. The day includes FREE golf and a FREE patio cookout.

Springboro Day activities are limited to residents of Springboro only. **Proof of residency is required.** This is a great opportunity to get to know the Heatherwoode Golf Club, City Council and staff.



For you golfers, enjoy nine (9) holes of golf with a cart, with tee times available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Heatherwoode staff will begin taking reservations on Friday, October 3, at 7:00 a.m. Reservations for golf are required by Wednesday, October 8. Golf times are limited and will go quickly! Please call Heatherwoode at 748-3222 ext. 3, to reserve your spot. Tee times are available for foursomes, provided all four players are Springboro residents. For you non-golfers, come out and enjoy food and fun on the patio from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at Heatherwoode!

Avenue of Flags



This program has been growing and growing, so we thought we would let you know about it again! The Springboro Optimists now have 87 families and/or businesses in their "Avenue of Flags" program. The program delivers and installs a 3 foot by 5 foot flag on a 10 foot pole on your property for all major flag holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4, Labor Day, 911, and Veterans Day. They repair or replace any flag that becomes tattered, weather worn or stolen. The cost right now for the remaining 3 flag holidays this year and all of 2009 is just \$60. The renewal for 2010 will not be due until May 1, 2010. To start your program now please call **Don Wright at 937-305-3400** or **Bill Johnson at 937-477-2453** or send an email to: mergewright@yahoo.com with your name, address and phone number and they'll send you an invoice and add you to the program. The "Avenue of Flags" program benefits children in our community through many different programs.



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From the Mayor and Council

At the beginning of this year, City Council appointed nine Springboro citizens to serve on the 2008 Charter Review Commission to review and recommend changes to the City Charter. The Commission Members committed to several meetings per month since January to fulfill their duties and conducted a very comprehensive review of our City's Charter. During the review process, the Commission considered suggested revisions to the Charter from committee members, the legal department, and staff, and spent several hours at each meeting carefully considering the Charter's content, striking through outdated or obsolete sections and updating or clarifying language as needed. On June 19, after numerous sessions involving intensive discussion, research and writing, the Commission submitted their final report of recommendations to City Council. At this time, Council would like to officially recognize and thank the following Springboro residents for their hard work and commitment during this process: Commission Chair Greg Bell, Vice Chair David Vomacka, Sandy Calmes, John Gianattasio, Rebecca Hall, Gary Hruska, Sarah Jobe, Fran Sheehan, and Jim Sheehan. After reviewing the report, City Council considered all of the recommendations at a Special Meeting on July 31, and passed legislation on August 7 to submit various Charter amendments to the voters for approval on November's election ballot. The proposal of Charter amendments will be published in a local newspaper prior to the election and mailed to Springboro residents in advance for review and consideration. If you would like additional information regarding the proposed Charter amendments, please contact Clerk of Council Lori Martin at 748-4356.

City Council is pleased to introduce the members of the City's newest Board, the Community Service Board, Council Member and Board Chair Sheila Lairson, Vice Chair Cathy Herbenick, Secretary Cindi Green, Jim Marsh, Mark McKinney, and Mike Woodward. The Community Service Board was established by City Council to administer a community oriented volunteer program that would connect residents in need with volunteers and service organizations in the City. The Board has a lot of work ahead of them, but they are very enthusiastic and anxious to get started; we wish them the best of luck in reaching their goals. The Community Service Board will meet regularly on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building, 425 S. Pioneer Blvd. in Springboro. City Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hardworking committee members; we truly appreciate everything they do for the City as volunteers.

City Council is eagerly awaiting the construction of our new City Building facility, which is sure to be a welcome and wonderful improvement to our City. The site preparation is complete and construction will begin soon on this exciting project. The construction schedule should allow staff to open the new building to the public by next fall, and we are all looking forward to a new, friendly, community-oriented facility for our citizens.

Representatives from the Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs met with City Council at their July 17 Work Session to present and discuss the results of the Citizen Satisfaction Survey conducted earlier this year. During the survey, approximately 2,000 households randomly received a survey regarding a variety of issues and City services. The survey enabled the City to reach out to citizens and gather information about their general views and attitudes concerning the quality of life and development in Springboro and City government and services. The City received a 44.5% response rate to the survey and wishes to thank the households that were selected for their participation in this important evaluation. The City plans to use the valuable information collected from the survey as a baseline for future surveys, and, more importantly, to continually strive to improve our services and quality of life in Springboro.

The annual Concerts in the Park series at North Park was very well attended again this summer, and featured five great bands ranging from bluegrass to big band to popular bands. The weather was great, and as always, we would like to extend a special thanks to the Park Board and City staff members, who are responsible for making it all happen. If you ever have the chance to meet your Park Board Members, please let them know their work is appreciated; they do a lot to plan and manage our City's parks. They are Council Member John Parise, Board Chair Suzanne Geisler, Vice Chair Mary Sillies, James Crabtree, Charles Halsey, and Diana Johantges. Also, close to 2,000 people were anticipated for the fourth annual National Night Out event at Patricia Allyn Park on August 5. The City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township once again teamed up to sponsor this event along with many volunteers and very generous sponsors from across the community. Everyone involved made this nationwide event a big success and great fun for all who attended.

City Council will host Springboro Day at Heatherwoode this fall on Sunday, October 12. This annual City sponsored event is a great opportunity for Springboro residents to



enjoy a free round of golf, food from the grill, and to meet City officials. We truly look forward to this opportunity to chat with friends and neighbors and meet Springboro residents.

Once again, Congressman Mike Turner will have a representative from his office in the Springboro City Building on a monthly basis to meet with constituents. Warren County Outreach Coordinator Marty Heide represents Congressman Turner in Springboro, and Ms. Heide will be in the City on Fridays from 1:00-2:00 PM on August 22, September 26, October 24, and November 21 to assist with questions regarding Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, VA problems and concerns, Immigration, USDA, Federal taxes, Housing/Community Developments, and other Federal issues. Dates are subject to change from time to time; 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.

On behalf of the Springboro City Council, we are honored to serve the citizens of Springboro; many thanks from all of us for your continued support.

Best Wishes,
– Mayor and City Council



VRAD (Video Ready Access Devices) boxes. City Council recently passed a resolution regulating these types of boxes. (See Council and Board Happenings side-bar to the right).

Council and Board Happenings

City Council:

- At their July 3 meeting, City Council passed a resolution regulating VRADs (Video Ready Access Devices). Telephone companies use VRADs to deliver video services to homes through existing telephone lines. The large VRAD boxes (up to 54" tall x 36" wide) have been located in many localities surrounding Springboro and the City Council wanted to take a proactive approach to VRAD placement in our community. The resolution certainly does not prohibit these boxes, but it does regulate where they can be placed and how they look.
- On May 1, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring banks and other entities to alert the City whenever a foreclosure has been filed within the City limits. This will allow the City to be proactive in cases where properties could go abandoned if foreclosed upon, ensuring properties are kept maintained as they go through the foreclosure process.

Planning Commission

- At the June 25 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a new car wash facility to be built on Hiawatha Trail behind Hollywood Video. This two-bay, automatic car wash will be a welcome addition to that area after the previous car wash was demolished on SR 73 to make way for the new City Building! (Yes, we know – A LOT of people used that car wash!) Excel Construction is developing the current car wash project.

Community Service Board:

- This newly created board held their first meeting on June 24. They elected Councilmember Sheila Lairson to serve as Chairperson and discussed ways to implement the focus of the Board. One of the Board's primary focuses is to be a referral source to the community of volunteer organizations or individuals that can assist citizens in need – whatever those needs may be – assistance with housing, food, etc. The Community Service Board will meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 in the City Council chambers.

Park Board:

- During the May meeting of the Park Board, members discussed their vision of Clearcreek Park with Deborah Edsall of Edsall and Associates in Columbus, who was tasked with revising the master plan of the western portion of the park. The preliminary redesign includes 4.5 acres of land the City recently purchased to expand the park. Discussion surrounded inclusion of an additional playground, restroom facility, more parking, Frisbee golf and additional baseball and soccer fields. The plan should be adopted in September and implementation of the plan could start as early as next year.

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Police Beat

The Springboro Police Department is happy to announce that they have added two officers to their ranks in July and will be adding two more in August. In January of this year the department advertised the openings in several newspapers in the region and began a hiring process that took approximately six months. As of July, two individuals successfully completed that process. Mayor John Agenbroad swore in Scott Coffey and Luke Treiber as the newest members of the department at the July 3 Springboro City Council meeting.

Scott Coffey is a 1993 Springboro High School graduate. He and his wife Lauren have two children and currently live in Lebanon, OH. Scott is a veteran of the United States Navy and a 2007 graduate of the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy.

Luke Treiber is a 2005 graduate of Tippecanoe High School and has recently earned his associates degree in Criminal Justice from Sinclair Community College. Luke is also a 2008 graduate of the Sinclair Police Academy.

Officers Coffey and Treiber will have to complete a lengthy three-month field training process with our veteran officers before being released to regular duty.



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Springboro Trivia Question

Every issue we will ask a trivia question about something Springboro – whether it be a current event question or something from Springboro's storied past. The answer can be found by going to the City's website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us and searching in the "City News & Updates" section. See how much you really know about your hometown...

This issue's question: **Approximately, how many miles of roads are there within the City of Springboro (including SR 741, SR 73 and all residential & commercial roads)?**

- A) 14 miles
- B) 56 miles
- C) 75 miles
- D) 120 miles
- E) 234 miles





SPRINGBORO HISTORY 101

(With special thanks to resident historian Becky Hall who penned the following article.)

The Early Days of Springboro - Part 1

Taking a leisurely walk down South Main Street in Springboro on a warm summer evening is something many residents enjoy. Many end up at the popular K & W for some ice cream and socializing with friends. Did you ever wonder what South Main Street and the rest of Springboro might have been like in its early days?

Jesse Wright, grandson of Jonathan Wright, gave a speech from the porch of the house at the corner of Main and Market Streets during the Centennial Celebration in summer of 1915. In his speech he recalled images of Springboro from 1815 through 1915. This speech is one of the primary historical documents available of the history of Springboro. In the following editions of the City Notes Newsletter, parts of Jesse Wright's speech (with some editing) will be printed for your enjoyment.

When it was decided at a meeting of the citizens of Springboro that there should be held a Centennial and homecoming to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the village, I was to write a brief sketch of the history of the place with reference, more particular to the first half century of its existence. I accepted the task, though that is not the word, for it has not been a task, in the sense of a thankless job. I accepted with the mental reservation that it is not a genealogy of the families of the founders or a glorification of their work. It is the story of the making of the village as it was for many years, one of the most prosperous of the villages in the Miami Valley.

I shall endeavor to make this a record as nearly correct as I find possible of some of the incidents and happenings connected with the founding and building up of Springboro. I could not ascertain to a certainty the exact dates of some of the events related to this sketch, but I feel sure that I have approximated closely to the time.

In the year of grace 1800, the site of the village and the country for miles around it was a dense forest except for an occasional clearing around a log cabin built by one of the few settlers that had come, at that early day, from Virginia, Pennsylvania, or New Jersey, seeking a home in what was then called "The Miami Country." Among the early settlers of the Clearcreek Valley from 1796 to 1846 inclusive were the following families: Alexanders, Batemans, Blackfords, Blinns, Clevengers, Crocketts, Dearths, Freys, Greggs, Lawrences, Mullins, Millers, Millards, Nulls, Pences, Richardsons, Robinsons, Russells, Wrights, and many others not now represented by descendants bearing the family name and living in or near Springboro.

In the year 1814, several families of Friends, connected by ties of blood or marriage, left their homes in Adams (then York County, Pennsylvania) and settled on the north side of Clearcreek near the present site of Springboro.

One of the company, Jonathan Wright, set apart a portion of a tract of land which he had purchased for the site of a village, and some time during the early part of the year 1815 surveyed and platted the village which—if he had yielded to the importunities of his friends—would have been named Wrightstown or Wrightsville, but he would have none of it and named it Springboro, a name with a significance because of the many springs in that part of Clearcreek Valley. Now after a lapse of a hundred years, there are but two post offices of that name in the whole United States, whereas Wrightsville and Wrightstowns abound. Springboro was incorporated on January 3, 1831.

To be continued...



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Left: The construction site for the new City Building.

Below: Architects' rendering of the completed project.

City Building Update

The City Council has awarded the construction of the new City Building to Brumbaugh Construction Inc., of Arcanum, Ohio. After a lengthy negotiation in which the City was able to decrease Brumbaugh's original bid on the City building by approximately \$1 million, the contract to build the City Building was awarded for \$6.9 million. "It took us a while to get to where we are now," states City Manager Christine Thompson, "but ultimately, we got the construction cost to where City Council wanted it to be without compromising the building in any way – including the primary goal of providing a one-stop customer service experience for our residents."

The site work for the building is already complete. The City elected to have the site work done separate from the building construction, because it ultimately saved 2-3 months of time in the building process. "Our ultimate goal is to get this building under roof by winter, and I believe we will be able to do that by having the site work already completed," says Thompson. Brumbaugh will be starting on the building as soon as possible. If all goes as planned and the weather cooperates, (which we all know it rarely does!) – the new City Building should be complete some time in August of 2009.





YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

The City of Springboro and the Springboro Park Board are very proud to present the very first theater production to be held at the North Park Amphitheater. Playhouse South, a Community Theatre is proud to present a revival of their January 2008 Production *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Directed by Ray Gambrel and Music Directed by Jen Ortiz). This revival (Directed by Jill Proudfoot) will be performed Friday-Sunday, September 5-7 at the North Park Amphitheater. The Friday and Saturday, September 5th & 6th shows will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday, September 7th matinee will begin at 3:00 p.m.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown is a musical set in a day in the life of lovable pessimist Charlie Brown. Anyone even remotely familiar with Charles Schultz's immortal characters will immediately recognize the familiar situations Charlie Brown finds himself in: trying (and failing) to fly a kite, losing the big baseball game because he can't stop thinking about that red-haired girl, and going to Lucy for psychiatric help. The musical is so true to the original cartoon strips, and it backs up the story with fantastic music. *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* is a must for anyone who loves the Peanuts characters.

The cast of characters includes people from around the Dayton area, and a few Springboro residents as well:

Cast of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*

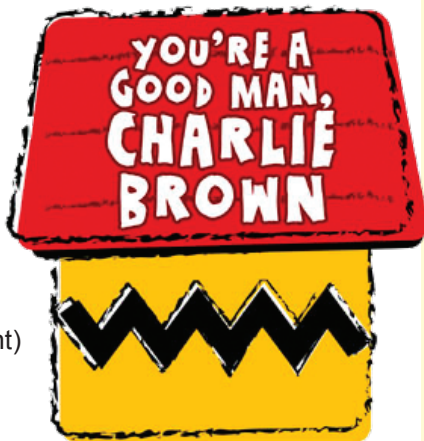
Charlie Brown- Ben Scheerschmidt
Snoopy- Dave Bledsoe
Linus- Rob Breving
Lucy- Jessica Bledsoe
Sally- Jackie Darnell
Schroeder- Bobby Mitchum

Production Staff

Director/Choreographer- Jill Proudfoot
Set Design- Craig Smith (Springboro Resident)
Music- Eric Hulsman
Producer/Stage Manager –
Dawn Roth Smith (Springboro Resident)

Original Production Staff (from Jan 2008 production)

Director- Ray Gambrel
Assistant Director- Greg Nichols
Music Director- Jen Ortiz
Choreographer- Jill Proudfoot



The best part of all – attendance is FREE (although donations are accepted to support the group)! So, please, join us at the North Park Amphitheater September 5th-7th for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*!



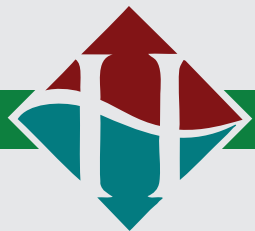
E. Milo Beck Continues to Take Shape

E. Milo Beck Park on Lower Springboro Road continues to take shape. Pro Contractors put the finishing touches on the overlook portion of the park on July 15. JK Meurer began work on the parking lot on July 14. They hope to have the parking lot completed by August 22. The main trail leading down to the lower portion of the park has been cut into place on the western side of the overlook. It is a very rudimentary trail right now – so improvements will be made over time to make access to the lower portion a little easier.

BET YA DIDN'T KNOW

Bet ya didn't know that the Springboro Parks have opening and closing times? According to Section 646.09 of the Codified Ordinances of Springboro, the parks are open the following hours: April 1-October 1, 6:00a.m.-10:00p.m.; November 1- March 31, 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Typically, we try to enforce the hours based on sunrise and sunset. Essentially, no one should be in the parks when it is dark – and can only do so with a permit from the City.

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Golf Anyone?

Heatherwoode GOLF CLUB

Heatherwoode Happenings

By Tom Barnhart, PGA General Manager

As summertime begins to wind down, we are continuing to provide some of the best golf course conditions around. If you have not yet played our golf course this year, you have been missing out and need to come over right away! We have once again been ranked the #1 public golf course in *Dayton by the Dayton Business Journal* and just been rated the top golf course food and beverage operation in Southwest Ohio.

This is the second season the course has been managed by Billy Casper Golf. We continue to learn more each day about our guests and are always looking for ways to improve the experience at the golf course. Thank you again to the City of Springboro for giving us the opportunity to manage your golf course. The entire team at the club feels proud to be a part of such a great facility and we are committed to making your club the best course around! We are always looking for feedback – if you have a suggestion, please feel free to stop by the club and ask for me...I'll be glad to see you!



Full Swing Tips

By Tom Barnhart, PGA General Manager

If your golf swing isn't up to par, try a few of the following tips – they may just help you stay in bounds.

- Check your grip pressure...it shouldn't be too tight or too loose. Your grip should be just tight enough as to not lose the club when you swing.
- Make a full shoulder turn...when swinging back, your front shoulder should turn back and be over your back foot. This should be just the opposite when swinging through, make sure your back shoulder ends up over your front foot.
- Keep the front arm straight...If you are a right handed player, your left arm should stay straight from the start of the swing all the way through until right before you are finished with your swing.
- Take a divot...to make sure you are driving down through the ball, you should hit the ball first and then take a divot when hitting with an iron. If you can do this correctly, it will show that you are releasing the club in the proper sequence. Most golfers will take a divot before hitting the ball which shows a "casting" motion and improper release of the club.
- If these tips still aren't helping with your swing, you should setup a lesson with our PGA Director of Instruction, Tim Vosler. Call him directly on the lesson line to schedule your appointment (937) 620-4704.

Heatherwoode Dining Experience

By Mike Leitz, Director of Food and Beverage

"The re-birth of great food and beverage at Heatherwoode" Well....That's what our guests are calling it! The Bunker Bar and grill is enjoying great success this year and the Bar and Grill is becoming a local destination eatery for Springboro residents – the Food and Beverage Management team couldn't be prouder! With the introduction of a comprehensive all day dining menu and the full service breakfast menu, the compliments keep coming in. We are continuing to build our customer base and are already looking at menu additions and new items for the second half of the year. One local resident stated, "In previous years we would play golf at Heatherwoode and decide to eat elsewhere, now we stay and enjoy the great food and excellent service at the Bunker." Another resident says,

"Heatherwoode is now the Neighborhood Club we always wanted!" The feedback on improved beverage cart service is phenomenal and we are enjoying great success with "on course food service" as well.

With the continued support of the Springboro Community and beyond, I believe that Heatherwoode can become the Premiere Golf Club to come to for quality food in the region. I would also like to extend Kudos to the food and beverage team; Jason Ogles, Food and Beverage Operations Manager; Dawn Mader, Director of Sales; Chris Mitchell, Executive Chef; and Zack Allen, Sous Chef. Please stop in to see what we have to offer!



CodeRED Emergency Notification System

As the City has been utilizing the CodeRed Emergency Notification System over the past two years, there have been several common questions that have arisen from residents about certain aspects of the system. So, with this article, we hope to clarify some of the questions we have been receiving about CodeRED!

One common question that we hear is: Why did my neighbor get a CodeRED call on their cell phone, but I didn't?

A: The reason they received a call on their cell phone and you didn't, is because they registered their cell phone number in the CodeRED system. If you would like to have CodeRED call your cell phone in addition to your home phone, it just takes a few simple steps to make that happen. Simply go to the City's website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us and click on the CodeRED link on the home page to list your cell phone on the system. Only home phone numbers are automatically populated in the CodeRED system by the vendor, not cell phone numbers.



The second most common question we hear is: My friend that lives three streets over from me received a CodeRED phone call about a water main break, but I didn't. Why?

A: The most probable explanation is that you weren't supposed to receive the call. In most situations, we do not send out CodeRED calls to every single residence in the City. In some cases, like a water main break that may only affect one street, we are able to isolate the call to that street only – thus saving our allocated minutes to use for a situation that truly requires a call to all the residences in the City. Therefore, in the case of the water main break – if it doesn't directly affect you or your street – then we probably wouldn't include your residence on the call list.

Over the past two years, CodeRED has proven a valuable tool for the City to alert our residents to a whole host of emergencies. Primarily, we have used and will use CodeRED for the following emergencies: imminent flooding, water boil alerts, evacuation notices, terrorist threats, chemical spills, drinking water contamination, viral outbreaks, utility outages, street closures, city construction projects, snow events, etc. When issuing alerts for these types of emergencies, discretion will be used while maintaining the utmost goal of public safety.



Yard Waste Season

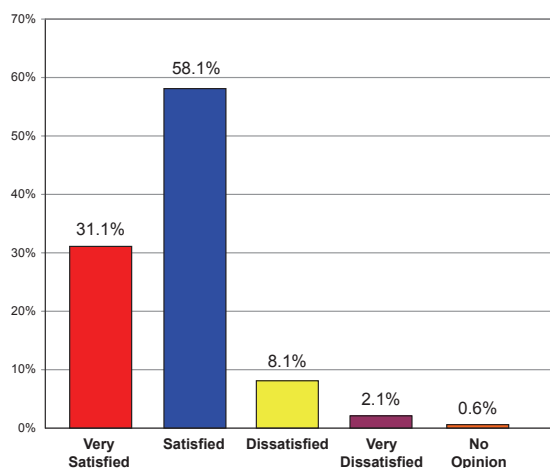
Yard waste season is in full swing, so we would like to provide a friendly reminder that Waste Management will take up to 10 bags of yard waste a week. Yard waste includes grass clippings, small branches, leaves – but DOES NOT include dirt. Any yard waste that you would like hauled away must be placed in composting bags like the one shown here.

The holiday schedule for refuse pick up for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- **Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 1**
- Delay 1 day all week
- **Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 27**
- No Delay
- **Christmas - Thursday, December 25**
- No Delay
- **New Year's Day - Thursday, Jan. 1**
- No Delay



How satisfied are you living in Springboro? (807 Responses)



New & Improved Utility Billing

In October, the residents of Springboro will see a greatly expanded and improved billing document for utilities. Changes will include:

- Full-page utility billing statements with return envelope to replace current billing postcards. The new statements will contain usage graphs and expanded usage information.
- Paperless options with E-billing! Residents will have the option to receive their utility bill via e-mail. Sign up information will appear on the new statements, or send your e-mail information and request for e-billing to: dee@cityofspringboro.com
- Online Utility account access and payment options via the City's website. Residents will be able to review usage, check account balances and make secure credit card payments at no charge using the Internet or touchtone phone.

CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

In February, the City enlisted the assistance of the Center For Public Management and Regional Affairs at Miami University to conduct a Citizen Satisfaction Survey of our residents. After gathering and calculating all the data, the results are in! The survey had a 44.5% response rate, which is higher than normal. Typically, mail surveys have a response rate of 10-20% at best. Thank you to everyone who received a survey and actually took the time to fill it out!

Overall the City scored well in most of the categories. As always though, there are some areas of improvement. The City Council and staff will fully and completely analyze the survey results and work towards maintaining our high grades where we accomplished high grades, and improve those services in which residents feel we need improvement.

The Good:

- 89.2% of respondents were satisfied with living in Springboro.
- Over 70% felt that Springboro had "Become a better place to live" or "Stayed the same" over the past five (5) years.
- 75.6% either strongly agreed or agreed that they were satisfied with the current level of police protection in the City.
- Over seven out of ten responded that they either strongly agreed or agreed that the parks in Springboro have improved over the past 5 years.
- 76.3% stated that the City Newsletter is their main source for information about the City.

Areas of Improvement:

- 56.7% of respondents stated they have never visited the City's website. (Probably indicates a need to publicize the website more to let residents know what services are available on it.)
- 17.1% indicated that pothole repair has become worse over the past three (3) years.
- 15.3% felt that zoning enforcement has become worse over the past three (3) years.

While the percentages of people showing dissatisfaction with certain services are fairly low, we will evaluate all the "Areas of Improvement" mentioned above and do our best to ensure the satisfaction in those areas increase for the next survey.

Again, thank you to all who took the time to fill out a survey if you received one. The full report from Miami University can be found on the City website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us.



Gasoline Saving Tips

With gas prices hovering around \$4 a gallon, we couldn't publish a newsletter without including some kind of gas saving tips!

According to www.fueleconomy.gov, there are quite a few things you can do to keep your vehicle in shape and more efficient:

- Keep your engine properly tuned - Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of 4 percent, though results vary based on the kind of repair and how well it is done.
- Check & replace air filters regularly - Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent. Your car's air filter keeps impurities from damaging the inside of your engine. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it will protect your engine.
- Keep tires properly inflated - You can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure. Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent for every 1 psi drop in pressure of all four tires. Properly inflated tires are safer and last longer.

Use the recommended grade of motor oil - You can improve your gas mileage by 1-2 percent by using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil. For example, using 10W-30 motor oil in an engine designed to use 5W-30 can lower your gas mileage by 1-2 percent. Using 5W-30 in an engine designed for 5W-20 can lower your gas mileage by 1-1.5 percent. Also, look for motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" on the API performance symbol to be sure it contains friction-reducing additives.



Road Projects

West Mill Street Improvements

Improvements to West Mill Street will begin later this fall. The improvements will be part of an Issue 2 project. The project will include pavement widening, installation of water main and curb & gutter, and the installation of sidewalk on the north side of West Mill Street. Storm sewer and catch basins will be added as needed and the existing bridge west of Juanita Court will be replaced. The project will begin east of Gilpin Drive and continue to east of Lookout Street. The project will also include improvements from Juanita Court to approximately 500' west of Myers Creek Lane. The profile will be adjusted as well as the alignment modified to allow for safer driving conditions.

East Mill Street Improvements

The City is submitting, in August, to the Ohio Public Works Commission's District 10 Public Works Integrating Committee the final application for financial assistance for the East Mill Street roadway improvement project to be located between South Richards Run and East Street. If approved, the construction will begin in the spring of 2009 and will include pavement widening, installation of storm sewers, curb & gutter, and sidewalk. The bridge west of Mound Park Drive will also be replaced as a part of the project.

Library News

Mark your calendars for the library's annual Halloween Party! It is on Saturday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m. There will be candy, fun, games and some maybe some scary surprises!

The Friends of the Franklin-Springboro Public Library are planning their next used book sale! We'll need volunteers to help before during and after the sale. All the money raised at the book sale goes to help the library fund programs and to buy equipment that directly benefits those who use the Springboro Library. If you are interested in joining us to volunteer for planning the next book sale for any future meeting or event, please contact Anita Carroll, Library Director at 937-746-2665 or by e-mail at carrolan@oplin.org.



Don't Forget to File for Your Economic Stimulus Package Payment

Congressman Michael Turner's Warren County Outreach Coordinator, Marty Heide reported at the City Council meeting of July 17, that there are still approximately 140 Springboro residents that have not filed the proper paperwork with the IRS to receive their Economic Stimulus Check. Over 90 of those that did not file for the payment are over 65 years of age.

If you have not yet filed for your stimulus check, and you have access to the Internet, please visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov for more information, or call Congressman Turner's Office at (937) 225-2843 and ask to speak with Kim Holmes who is coordinating the stimulus check effort for the Congressman. You have until October 15, 2008 to file the proper paperwork to receive your payment.

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