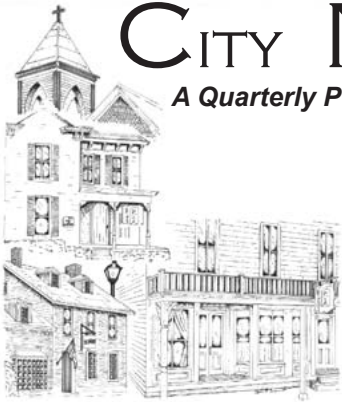


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## CITY NOTES

*A Quarterly Publication for the Citizens of Springboro*

### City Building Dedication and Open House



*Springboro residents investigating the outside of the new city building.*



*Springboro Mayor John Agenbroad officially dedicates the new city building.*

City staff members gave tours of the building from 1-4pm, and the building was well-received by all who attended. The new City building was designed as a "one-stop" shop, where residents and businesses can interact with all departments that are regularly utilized by the citizens every day.



*Residents take tours and explore the inside of Springboro's newly opened city building.*



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## A Holiday Greeting from the Mayor and Council

We would like to wish the entire Springboro community the very best of health and happiness this holiday season. The City has had an extremely busy year and certainly could not have accomplished so much without the hard work of our dedicated volunteers and staff members. We would like to thank all of our board and commission members, employees, and especially our citizens and businesses for your continued service and commitment to Springboro.

2009 will always be a very memorable year, as we moved into our new Municipal Building at 320 W. Central Avenue with a public open house and building dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 27. We were very pleased to share our excitement with almost 600 guests at the opening, and received many positive comments from residents who toured the new building. Staff worked very hard with our architects and contractors to get the building ready to open; we truly thank everyone who contributed to this project, and especially the community for their patience, support, and encouragement throughout the transition to our new public space. We hope everyone in the community has a chance to stop by in the near future to see how far we have come!

As always, we look forward to kicking off the holiday season at the 23rd Annual Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival held the weekend before Thanksgiving on November 20, 21, and 22. This very special annual tradition begins with a tree lighting ceremony at 6:45 p.m. on Friday followed by Santa's Parade at Noon on Saturday, and continues until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. We really enjoy welcoming our many, many visitors to Springboro during the festival and sharing the charm and amenities of our historic downtown. The Springboro Area Historical Society along with the generous sponsorship of many area businesses and community organizations always makes this event a wonderful start to the holidays.

Last, but not least, City Council is seeking residents willing to volunteer their time and talents to the community to serve on our citizen committees. At the end of each year, terms expire on various boards and commissions and Council seeks new applicants who are interested in serving as committee volunteers. Springboro's citizen committee members have the unique opportunity to actively participate in the leadership of our City. Committees typically meet once per month to conduct business. City Council will make appointments to the following citizen committees in January for terms beginning in 2010:

- Architectural Review Board (2 year term)
- Audit Committee (1 year term)
- Board of Review/Taxation (3 year term)
- Community Service Board (2 year term)
- Park Board (2 year term)
- Tree Authority (3 year term)

Applicants must be a City of Springboro resident and a registered voter. Interested volunteers should send a letter and/or resume by November 30 to:

Lori Martin  
Clerk of Council City of Springboro  
320 W. Central Avenue  
Springboro, Ohio 45066  
or Fax: 937-748-0815  
or E-mail: [lori@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:lori@cityofspringboro.com)

If you have questions or would like additional information about committee service, please call 748-4356.

On behalf of Springboro City Council, we are honored to serve the Springboro community, and again, many thanks from all of us with best wishes for the New Year!

**– Mayor and City Council**





## Around Town Springboro Lacrosse:

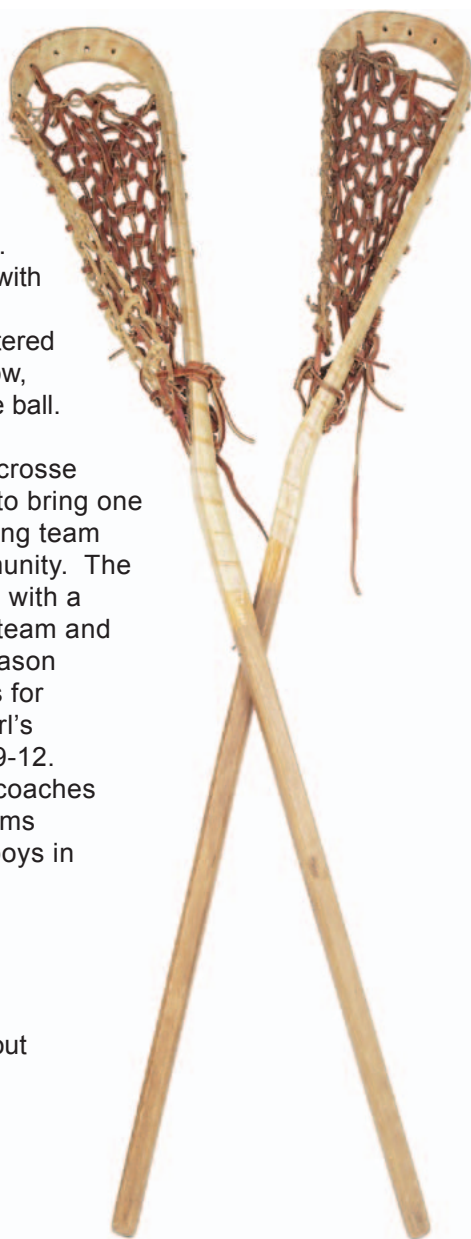
Lacrosse, considered to be America's first sport, was born of the North American Indian, christened by the French, and adopted and raised by the Canadians. Although most folks think of Hockey, Lacrosse remains the national sport of Canada. Modern lacrosse has been embraced by athletes and enthusiasts of the United States and the British Commonwealth for over a century.

The sport of lacrosse is a combination of basketball, soccer and hockey. Anyone can play lacrosse--the big or the small.

The game requires and rewards coordination and agility, not brawn. Quickness and speed are two highly prized qualities in lacrosse. Lacrosse is played with a stick, the crosse, which must be mastered by the player to throw, catch and scoop the ball.

The Springboro Lacrosse Club was founded to bring one of the fastest growing team sports to our community. The club began in 2007 with a boy's High School team and during the 2009 season fielded boy's teams for grades 2-12 and girl's teams for 2-6 and 9-12. There are already coaches in place to field teams K-12 for girls and boys in the 2010 season!

Registration for the 2010 season has begun. For more information, check out [www.borolax.org](http://www.borolax.org).



## Bill Riegel Creates Masterpieces from Fallen Tree



If you are ever visiting the new City Building, and you are walking outside and need a place to sit and relax, you are now able to "take a load off" on three wooden benches under the porch area. The benches are the handy-work of Bill Riegel, who is a Springboro resident and Chairman of the Springboro Tree Authority.



The wood from the benches tell an interesting story. During Hurricane Ike in September 2008, a large 150-foot tall Northern Red Oak Monarch Tree, was uprooted by the strong winds in Community Park. Rather than simply cut and chip up the tree, the Parks employees had the wood milled and dried for future use. One of the uses was to have benches created by Mr. Riegel. And Bill has some future projects planned as well. He is planning on making a few more benches to be placed in the parks as well as some picnic tables.

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## Council Agenda

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

**August 6** – City Council passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for Issue II funds for the widening of East Central Avenue (SR73) between North/South Richards Run Road and the east end of Fieldstone Subdivision. The length of the project will be approximately 2,200 feet. Improvements include widening the pavement to three 12 foot wide lanes and installing 4 feet wide paved shoulders on both sides of the road.

**August 20** – City Council passed a resolution to file a Drug Use Prevention Grant (formally known as the DARE Grant Program). The City has been participating in this program for a number of years. The amount requested this year from the State of Ohio is \$16,660. This grant will allow the continuation of the program in the Springboro City Schools.

**October 1** – City Council passed legislation allowing for an expedited approval process for properties in the historic downtown to make repairs after a wind storm or some other natural disaster event.



## Springboro Amphitheater Wins Design Award

On Friday, October 2, the City of Springboro and Lorenz Williams Architects were presented with an American Institute of Architects Ohio Honor Award for “Excellence in Architectural Design” for the Springboro Amphitheater. In architecture circles, this is a very prestigious award, and was only given to four projects in Ohio out of hundreds that were submitted.

A special thanks goes out to John Fabelo of Lorenz Williams and members of the Springboro Park Board who were also heavily involved in the original design.



## Springboro Trivia Question



Every issue we will ask a trivia question about something Springboro. The answer can be found by going to the City's website at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) and searching in the “City News & Updates” section. See how much you really know about your hometown...

The City of Springboro water system has (4) four water towers that supply water to the residents. Do you know how much total water the four towers can hold at any one time?

- A) 2.7 million gallons
- B) 5.6 million gallons
- C) 1.4 million gallons
- D) 4.5 million gallons





## Springboro Community Service Board Ready To Accept Assistance Requests

The Community Service Board was established by the Springboro 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 is now accepting requests for assistance for those who are in need of tasks to be completed. The board will review and forward all requests to volunteer organizations who will then contact the person/people in need. Anyone who anticipates a need with the approaching fall and winter yard tasks may contact the Community Services Board now so that plans can be made to assist those who may need help with leaf or snow removal. Changing light bulbs which can only be reached from a ladder, reading mail for those who may have visual restraints are also some of the anticipated tasks that volunteers are ready to assist with. Those with temporary restraints may also contact the board.

"After many months of planning and setting the groundwork we are excited to be able to kick off the community assistance project, where we will bring together volunteers with those in need of assistance with tasks that need to be done around their homes," stated Sheila Lairson, City Council Member and Chair of the Community Service Board.

The assistance request forms are available at the Springboro City Building, the Police Department, and some Springboro area churches. Forms may also be found online at <http://www.cityofspringboro.com/council-boards/community-service-board.aspx>

For more information please contact the Community Services Board at 748-4343 or by e-mail:

**[ServicesBoard@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:ServicesBoard@cityofspringboro.com)**.

The Community Service Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 in the City of Springboro Council Chambers.

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY  
BY BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH  
VOLUNTEERISM**

## QUARTERLY TAX NOTIFICATION

Would you like to receive an email to remind you that your estimated payment is due?

If so, please send your email address to:

**[taxdept@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:taxdept@cityofspringboro.com)**

***This is a reminder of the due date only and will not include any personal or payment information.***



## Did You Know?

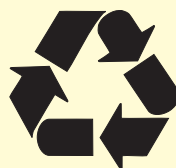
Did you know that according to state law – vehicles must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk? Section 4511.46 of the Ohio Revised Code stipulates: "When traffic control signals are not in place, not in operation, or are not clearly assigning the right-of-way, the driver of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield or if required by section 4511.132 of the Revised Code, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger." While Springboro doesn't have a trackless trolley, we do have plenty of children and other residents walking in our downtown, and to and from the schools. So please, if you are driving and you see someone trying to cross the road in a crosswalk, please yield to them and let them cross safely.

## Holiday Refuse

There should be no holiday delay in refuse pick-up, as all the major holidays until the end of the year are on Thursdays and/or Fridays.

When discarding your Christmas trees at the curb for regular refuse pick-up, please remember that if the tree is over 5 feet long, you must cut the tree in half.

## Please Recycle



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

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## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS



### Roadway Improvements

#### 2009 Street Resurfacing

The Street Resurfacing program for 2009 removed all the concrete streets within the City and replaced them with asphalt streets. The concrete street replacement project cost the City approximately \$1.5 million in addition to the \$500,000 spent on the regular street resurfacing project.

#### East Mill Street Improvements

The City has awarded a \$1,429,790.75 project to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. to complete the construction of East Mill St. from South Richards Run to East Street. The project will include the installation of sidewalk on both sides of the street, the installation of curb and gutter, a storm sewer system and a new 12" water main. The plans also include the replacement of the existing bridge over Richards Run. This is an Issue 2 project funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission. The OPWC will fund 49% of the project.

#### West Factory Road Improvements

The City is in the process of completing plans to improve West Factory Road from S.R. 741 to Woods Road. This project will include the installation of curb and gutter on the south side of the road, the installation of storm sewers and the grinding and repaving of the entire roadway.

#### South Main Street Sidewalk Installation

The Ohio Department of Transportation is in the process of replacing the bridge over Clear Creek near Heatherwoode Golf Course. This project will be constructed in 2012. As part of the project the bridge will be widened to include the construction of a concrete sidewalk. The City is completing the plans to install a sidewalk on the east side of South Main Street from Rosewood Drive to the bridge. The sidewalk south of the bridge to the Junior High School will be completed in the near future.

### Water Infrastructure Improvements

#### Clearcreek-Franklin Water Main Replacement

Plans are being finalized for the replacement of a 12" water main on Clearcreek Franklin Road from an area south of Pennyroyal Road to West Central Avenue. A new 12" ductile iron water main will replace the deteriorated main, which will reduce the amount of water main breaks in this area. The water main will be replaced prior to the resurfacing of Clearcreek Franklin Road. The resurfacing project is part of a project awarded to the City through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant.

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

The City was awarded three projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These projects include the resurfacing of Clearcreek Franklin Road, the installation of bio-swales and rain gardens in four areas at Clearcreek Park and North Park and the installation of LED traffic signals throughout the City. The LED project will also include the installation of 5 battery backups at key intersections of the City. The battery backups will allow these traffic signals to operate during power outages of shorter duration. The City presently has two battery backups installed on S.R. 741 at Central Avenue and Lytle Five Points Road.

### Permits for Building or Remodeling

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

Please contact the Building/Zoning Department at 748-9791 for any other information that you may require.

#### Residential Building Permits

Residential Building Permits have continued to decrease over the past few years. Through September of this year, 16 single-family new Residential Building Permits have been issued. The number of Residential Building Permits over the past nine years is as follows:

Year	Residential Building Permits
2000 .....	305
2001 .....	256
2002 .....	280
2003 .....	276
2004 .....	204
2005 .....	141
2006 .....	74
2007 .....	37
2008 .....	12



## CITY WELLNESS – UNDERSTANDING THE FLU

What is the flu? The flu or influenza is a respiratory infection that produces chills, fever, sore throat, muscle aches, and lasts about a week to 10 days. The swine flu is the typical seasonal flu just with a little more 'punch'.

Each year millions of people rush to get a flu shot hoping to stay healthy and well through the annual flu season. The results seem to be mixed. Some people do seem to make it through the flu season unscathed, but others have less favorable results. Each year there are reports of people hospitalized as a result of bad reactions after their flu shot. And every year there are an even greater number of individuals who immediately acquire the very sickness they are trying to avoid and still others who get the flu later during the flu season anyway.

Why is this? Some people have bad or allergic reaction to the preservatives and other chemicals in the flu shot. In addition, researchers have found that repeated flu shots may actually lower your natural antibody levels thus making you more susceptible to the infection at a later date.

What about more serious consequences and side effects? Dr. Hugh Fudenberg, an immunogeneticist, has shown a suspected link between multiple flu shots and increased risk of Alzheimer's Disease. In 1976 a link was seen with the swine flu vaccine and a severe neurologic disorder, Guillain-Barre Syndrome that affected an untold number of individuals.

So what is an individual to do if one chooses not to vaccinate? Do we have any recourse against the flu outside of drugs? The best and really only way to effectively battle the flu or any other disease for that matter

is a fully functioning, healthy immune system. A healthy lifestyle will improve your immune system without any negative side effects, and without injecting any foreign chemicals into your body.

**The five main factors in improving your immune function are:**

**Proper nutrients:** avoiding dairy products, and refined sugars along with adding fresh fruits and vegetables, filtered water and a whole food supplement.

**Exercise and rest:** walking (preferably outside), weight training and a daily stretching routine are essential for a healthy immune system; as well as getting adequate rest—a must for health and healing.

**Toxins:** reduce or remove obvious toxins in the body; this includes drugs, smoking, MSG, preservatives, and additives in food.

**Sound relationships:** one of the quickest ways to illness is stress from a fragmented relationship with one's spouse, co-worker, neighbor, family member, or our Maker; so repair damaged relationships with whomever it may be.

**Nerve system function:** the nerve system runs every organ in the body including our immune system so proper posture techniques to improve poor sitting, standing or walking positions is of utmost importance, also spinal distortion causing damage to delicate spinal nerves can lead to loss of energy and lowered resistance to disease; all of which can be corrected by a physician trained to treat such spinal issues.

***The bottom line is that nothing outdoes the body's own natural defenses against the flu as long as those defenses are up!***



## Heatherwoode Happenings

**Heatherwoode**  
GOLF CLUB

On behalf of the entire Heatherwoode staff, we would like to thank all of our patrons for their continued support throughout the 2009 season. As we all know, the golf season is quickly coming to an end. However, this doesn't mean Heatherwoode will be shutting down. Over the next few months we will be offering Sunday and Monday football parties in the Bunker Grillroom along with both drink and food specials.

We have a new party planned for this holiday season, Small Office, Big Party. Heatherwoode will be putting on a

holiday party for any small business who would like to be part of a large party. On December 10th we will be offering either a lunch buffet or dinner buffet. The dinner buffet will also have a DJ and dance. Anyone who would like to register their office for the party may contact Amy at Heatherwoode, (937) 748-3222. Space will be limited to the first 100.

Heatherwoode has established a new golf membership program for the 2010 season. Memberships have been structured to accommodate the needs of every golfer, from mom, dad, the kids and the grandparents. We invite you to talk a look at our new programs.

Once again, thank you for supporting us and we look forward to seeing you here at the club in the very near future.

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## Mayor and Council

<b>John Agenbroad</b> - Mayor 1255 South Main Street	<b>937-748-0842</b>
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<b>Utility Department</b>	<b>(937) 748-4343</b>
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