



SPRINGBORO

CITY NOTES

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FROM THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

2007 is winding down and once again City planning was a top priority. This year's planning projects included a revision of the City's Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan. Both plans are principal to the City's development, and City Council would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time and expertise to the process. Our volunteers included local civic and business leaders and residents who shared their wisdom and vision for our community's future. These participants provided the valuable input and direction needed to form the best plan for Springboro's future. Revised versions of both plans will be presented to City Council for approval in the near future.

Ongoing area and regional planning efforts include collaborating with the City of Franklin to obtain grant funds for the first phase of the I-75/State Route 73 plan, which is to rebuild the bridge over State Route 73. The bridge piers will also be widened to accommodate additional lanes on State Route 73 from I-75 east to the Sharts Road area. These improvements will relieve some of the traffic congestion on State Route 73 near the interstate, especially during peak hours. On the north side of the City, we are continuing to work with our local partners – Miamisburg and Miami Township – on the Austin Road Interchange project. We truly believe that the Austin Road Interchange will be an outstanding, noteworthy example of regional cooperation. Springboro has established its own zoning districts for land within the City to ensure that quality development occurs around the new interchange. We currently own 89 acres of land, at South Tech Industrial Park fronting I-75, for economic development purposes. We have begun marketing/development of the property and intend to close on approximately 20+ acres of land for the development of manufacturing and medical facilities, with regional and national clientele. The most recent timelines indicate that bidding of the project will occur in late 2008 and the opening of the Interchange will occur in 2010.

Despite the extremely hot, unforgiving weather this summer, the City's water plant was able to meet the demand for water in the City. We reached a maximum

of 4.2 million gallons in a single day and averaged around 4 million gallons per day over the summer. Thanks to advanced planning efforts, our water plant capacity is 7 million gallons per day, certainly adequate to meet any future capacity demands. The City conducted several traffic studies this spring to investigate potential traffic signal safety upgrades along the State Route 741 and State Route 73 corridors in the City. As a result of these studies, additional traffic signals are planned at Tamarack Trail and State Route 741 and on State Route 73 in front of the Drug Mart Shopping Center. The City worked with local commercial property owners including Drug Mart and Springboro Pointe Shopping Center to develop plans that will implement the traffic signal on State Route 73.

City Council will soon begin the budgeting process for next year and perform the annual review of the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan will be presented in October and the 2008 Budget will be presented in November – exact meeting dates to be announced.

The City continues to welcome new businesses both large and small. Mayor John Agenbroad, City Council Members and Officials attend groundbreaking, grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies throughout the year. We are extremely pleased with the rate and quality of our economic development in the City. We are always glad to greet and work with new businesses as well as find ways to meet the needs of our existing businesses. We wish our entire business community every success.

Our annual Concerts in the Park programs held at North Park were well attended this year, with the help of four great bands and the sponsorship and support of our Park Board Members and City staff. National Night Out was held again this year at Patricia Allyn Park on August 2. The City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township Police and Fire Departments, staff members, many community volunteers, and many, many generous sponsors presented the event. Over 1,200 people attended this nationwide event and enjoyed plenty of fun and educational activities, displays, food, and entertainment throughout the park.

The Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival sponsored by the Springboro Area Historical Society will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving on November 16th, 17th, and 18th. The annual festival marks the beginning of the holiday season with delicious food, entertainment, carriage rides and shopping. For those residents new to the community, this festival really showcases the charm and amenities of our historic downtown Main Street. The festival kicks off with a tree-lighting ceremony on Friday evening and Santa's Parade begins at Noon on Saturday.

The Warren County Board of Elections will hold a General Election on Tuesday, November 6 to elect a number of local government officials in area communities including Springboro. The voters of Springboro will elect a Mayor and two at-large City Council Members this November. If you are not registered to vote or have questions about where to vote, please contact the Board of Elections Office at (513) 695-1358 or (937) 425-1358 for information. The deadline to register to vote for the November 6th election is October 9th. If your address has changed, please notify the Board of Elections a few weeks before the election.

On behalf of the Springboro City Council, we would like to thank the residents of this community for their continued support, and wish everyone the very best of health and happiness this holiday season and in the New Year.

Best Wishes,
Mayor and City Council

BEGGAR'S NIGHT AND FRIGHT NIGHT MOVIE

Beggar's Night in the City will be observed on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The City kindly reminds everyone to be extra cautious when driving to ensure that Beggar's Night is not only fun, but safe also.

Before the kids get all geared up for trick-or-treat, please join the community at the Springboro Amphitheater at North Park for our free "Fright Night Movies in the Park," on Saturday, October 27, featuring a children's Halloween movie starting at 7:00. It's a BYOT event (Bring Your Own Treats), so don't forget to bring your popcorn and snacks!

SPRINGBORO DAY AT HEATHERWOODE

Heatherwoode Golf Club
6th Annual Springboro Day at Heatherwoode
Sunday, October 14, 2007

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. *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 5th at 7:00 a.m. Reservations for golf are required by Wednesday, October 10th.** 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 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at Heatherwoode!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Springboro committee volunteers have the unique opportunity to play an active role in the leadership of our community. Minimum eligibility requirements are; applicants must be a Springboro resident and a registered voter. Committees typically meet once per month. The City Council will make appointments to the following committees, for terms beginning in 2008, at the end of the year:

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

Interested volunteers should send a letter and/or resume by October 19 to:

Lori Martin, Clerk of Council
City of Springboro
320 W. Central Avenue
Springboro, Ohio 45066
Fax: 937-748-0815
e-mail: lori@cityofspringboro.com

If you have questions or would like additional information about committee service, please contact **Lori Martin at 748-4356.**

2008 CHARTER REVIEW

The citizens of Springboro adopted Springboro's City Charter in 1978 in order to secure the benefits of local self-government under the Constitution of the State of Ohio. It is important for the City to preserve the integrity of the Charter if it is to serve as the basis of our local government. Our Charter is the City's most vital document and should be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that it maintains the strength and flexibility needed to represent a thriving community like Springboro. As the City moves forward through progress and growth, the language in the Charter may become outdated, inapplicable or obsolete and should be updated and amended to maximize the operating efficiency of the City and be politically responsive to the community.

According to Springboro's Charter, beginning in 1984, a Charter Review Commission shall be appointed every eight years to review the Charter and make recommendations to City Council for revision. Springboro will begin this process once again in January 2008 with the appointment of nine citizens to form the 2008 Charter Review Commission.

The 2008 Charter Review Commission will officially begin their review process in January by conducting a series of meetings to review any recommendations for revisions to the Charter submitted by Legal Counsel, various Charter Committees and Staff. The Commission must submit their formal recommendation to City Council no later than July 1, 2008. City Council will consider the Commission's recommendations and authorize the submission of any Charter amendments to the voters for approval at the next general election.

Springboro City Council is seeking nine (9) interested citizens to serve on the Charter Review Commission for 2008. Applicants must be a resident of the City and a registered voter. Charter Review Commission appointees will serve for one year, and will meet at least twice monthly to fulfill their duties. City Council will announce appointments in January 2008.

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ANNUAL WATER & SEWER RATE SURVEY

Each year, the City of Oakwood collects and compiles water and sanitary sewer rate information from over 65

jurisdictions in Southwest Ohio. Each participating jurisdiction is asked to calculate their effective water and sewer costs using a base consumption of 22,500 gallons over a three-month period of time.

We are very happy to report that compared to the other jurisdictions in Southwest Ohio, the City of Springboro fares very well as far as water and sewer rates are concerned.

In the 2007 survey, when looking at overall combined water and sewer rates, the average rate in a three-month period for all jurisdictions is \$184.97. Springboro's rate is \$168.18. The lowest rate for a community in the survey was \$113.19; the highest was \$253.20.

When just comparing water rates, the average rate in the survey is \$84.37. Springboro's rate is just under the average, at \$83.76. As far as sewer rates are concerned, Springboro is well below the average, with a rate of \$84.42. The average sewer rate for 22,500 gallons was \$101.21, with the lowest being \$45.51 and the highest being \$152.85.

The following list shows how Springboro compares to some local jurisdictions, in close proximity to the City, with regard to combined water and sewer rates, based on 22,500 gallons of consumption:

Miamisburg - \$113.70
Dayton - \$136.19
Middletown - \$154.50
Springboro - \$168.18
Franklin - \$172.00
Oakwood - \$176.33
Lebanon - \$180.72
Centerville - \$213.43
Waynesville - \$219.30

POLICE BEAT – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

September is National Preparedness Month. This is an important time for families to prepare for any emergency that could affect them. The likelihood that your family will survive a house fire depends on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense.

Every family in Springboro has the opportunity to do four things that will increase their survivability in the event of a disaster or unplanned event.

First, make a kit so that you are prepared to make it on your own for at least three days, if not longer. While some things will make you comfortable think first about fresh water, food, and clean air. You can even consider two kits, one for the home and a smaller kit to grab on the way out the door, if you have to leave in a hurry.

You will need a gallon a day per person of fresh water. Include non-perishable foods that are easy to store. Protein bars and dried fruit work well. For your winter kit include warm clothes and a sleeping bag for each member of the family.

Some potential terrorist attacks could send tiny microscopic "junk" into the air. Many of these materials can only hurt you if they get into your body, so think about creating a barrier between yourself and contamination sources. It's smart to have something for each member of the family that covers their mouth and nose, such as two to three layers of a cotton t-shirt, handkerchief or towel. Filter masks are available in any hardware store.

Next, every family should develop a family communications plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or emails, the same family member or relative. It may be easier to make this contact a relative out of town in the event local communications are hampered by the disaster. A family communications plan should consider events that occur at night or while school is in session. Don't forget your neighbors as part of your communications plan.

The third step of preparedness is to be vigilant and staying informed. Be aware when bad weather is approaching. Don't be caught unprepared by the snowstorm that was predicted for three days. Practicing your family plan prior to a planned storm system will build the skills necessary in your family to implement the plan in the event of a sudden disaster.

Finally, be involved in your community. Know your neighbors, and be prepared to volunteer when your community calls for help. A community that works together every day of the year is the community that will be prepared and able to pull resources together quickly to respond to a disaster.

TEMPORARY CITY BUILDING

After being located in a former two-bedroom home at 320 West Central Avenue for the past 32 years, the Springboro Community will soon be getting a new City Building. Plans are in the works for a brand new

Council/Administration/Police facility at the current location. While at the publication time of this newsletter, we don't have any formal plans to show the public, we can tell you that the new City Building will be one that is a reflection of the community and one that will make our citizens proud.

In the meantime, while the new building is being built, the City has secured temporary space to relocate our city offices. As of December 11th, the City's temporary offices will be located at 425 South Pioneer Boulevard in the Dalco Electronics building. All current offices that are located at 320 West Central Avenue will be relocated to the Dalco Building – namely Council Chambers, Court, Administration, Engineering, Planning, and Police. In addition, arrangements have been made with AT&T to maintain all of the City's current phone numbers. We anticipate that we will be located at 425 South Pioneer Boulevard for at least 14-16 months or until the new building is complete.

However, during the time the City offices are at the temporary location, residents should continue to mail any correspondence to the City at the 320 West Central Avenue address, as all the City's mail will be forwarded to a post office box for pick up.

In anticipation of the large move the City will need to make to relocate all of our services, the City Building and certain departments will be closed from Friday, December 7 through Monday, December 10. Of course, the Police Department will remain operational and no police services will be halted during the move. Our Street Maintenance and Water and Sewer Departments will also be operational during that long weekend because they operate out of another location in the City. The City Administration, Engineering, Finance, and Planning Departments will be closed during that time to facilitate the move. Please bear with us as we try to minimize the disruption of our services to you during that time.

More information will follow on the City website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us or in the local newspapers as to the new City Building design and any other updates concerning the relocation of city offices to 425 South Pioneer Boulevard.

CITY'S FINANCIAL AUDIT

The City Council and City Administration are proud to report the City has received a completely clean audit for the year 2006. On June 29, 2007, the City was presented the clean audit report from Wilson, Shannon & Snow, Inc., that showed absolutely no deficiencies or instances of noncompliance with regard to the City's financial reporting.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

The remainder of the holiday trash collection schedule for 2007 is as follows:

Thanksgiving – Normal Tuesday pick up
Christmas – Wednesday, December 26 pick up
New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 2 pickup

Quite a few residents have been asking for more details concerning our recycling program that we have in the City – particularly what can be recycled? The City is very fortunate that within our refuse contract with Waste Management, there is a very beneficial recycling program included at no extra charge to the residents.

The following are the items that Waste Management will take as part of the recycling program:

Paper – All newspapers (including all inserts), magazines, junk mail and phone books.

Cardboard – Corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes,

Glass – All color glass containers from home use.

Rinse containers. Remove the lids and discard them in the regular trash.

Plastic – Soda bottles, wide mouthed beverage containers, milk and water jugs and detergent containers. Rinse containers and remove lids and discard them in the regular trash.

Metal – All tin food cans, aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans, aluminum foil and pie pans. Remove all food residue, rinse and remove labels, if possible.

Polystyrene – “Styrofoam” egg cartons, refrigerated juice cartons (including those with plastic tops), and food or beverage container with a “gable” top and “brick” shaped drink boxes. Please rinse.

Over the past year, the residents of the City have recycled more than 900 tons of material that has been kept out of a landfill. The most recycled articles are paper products, with more than 519 tons being recycled last year alone. But as always, we all can do more. Recycling only accounted for 13% of all materials placed out for pick up in the City last year. Remember to keep recycling so we can all do our part!

PARK NEWS

The 2nd phase of paving of the northern parking lot of Clearcreek Park is complete. The 3rd and final phase of paving is scheduled to be complete next year. With the improvements of the parking lots at Clearcreek, we now have parking available for over 350 vehicles. We would ask that visitors to the park please do not park on any grass areas.

E. Milo Beck Park on Lower Springboro Road is starting to take shape! Recently, the house, barn and silo on the property were demolished to make way for the

scenic overlook and parking area that is planned. Work will begin this fall to clear the overlook area and cut trails into the hillside to allow easier access to the lower portion of the park.

Community Park is also seeing an upgrade with the installation of a new restroom/shelter building at the western side of the park. This restroom/shelter will mirror the facility at the eastern end of the park.

The Parks Department would also like to thank summer seasonal employees [Ryan Roseman](#), [Eric Leonard](#), [Aaron Bowley](#) and [Jeff Carter](#) for assisting our full-time park crews. They did an outstanding job this summer.

City Notes

Meeting Schedule

City Council - 7 p.m.
1st and 3rd Thursday - Monthly
Park Board - 7 p.m.
1st Wednesday - Monthly
Planning Commission - 7 p.m.
Last Wednesday - Monthly
Architectural Review Board - 7 p.m.
2nd Monday - Monthly
Tree Authority - 5:30 p.m.
3rd Tuesday - Monthly

We Want To Hear From You

Your suggestions, comments and opinions are always appreciated.
Please direct your comments and questions to:

Chris Pozzuto
Springboro Municipal Building
320 W. Central Ave.
Springboro, OH 45066
pozzuto@cityofspringboro.com



Springboro residents are encouraged to be involved in City Government through their participation in public forums, meetings, boards and commissions. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave.

Springboro Administration Building 748-4343

Your Elected Council Members Mayor

John Agenbroad - 748-0842

Deputy Mayor

Marie Belpulsi - 748-1664

Ward 1	Scott Anderson	748-8346
Ward 2	Jim Chmiel	748-0093
Ward 3	John Parise	748-1793
Ward 4	Sheila Lairson	748-8376
At Large	Marie Belpulsi	748-1664
At Large	Gary Hruska	748-0374

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