



SPRINGBORO CITY NOTES

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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

As presented by Mayor John Agenbroad on January 3, 2019

AS MAYOR OF SPRINGBORO,

one of the most important parts of my job is to thank all of the people who make Springboro such a great city. Without our tremendously dedicated staff, led by the wonderful teamwork of City Manager Chris Pozzuto and Assistant City Manager Greg Shackelford, our community leaders and great



citizens working together, we would not be one of the most highly rated cities in Ohio to live, work and raise a family. In fact, Springboro rated in the top 10 best places in Ohio to raise a family again

in 2018 ranking fifth out of 185 communities by WalletHub, based on factors such as family life and fun, education and safety. Springboro is the perfect blend of small-town charm and modern amenities, and is easily one of the most recognized family-oriented places in Southwest Ohio. Our history of community-oriented leadership and commitment to public service has not only brought us to this point, but keeps our community moving in a positive direction!

We believe that listening to and working with our residents and businesses is central to Springboro's success. We value the public's opinion and rely on the feedback we receive to help us make Springboro a better place to live and work and to enhance our community's quality of life. Every three to four years we conduct a citizen satisfaction survey asking residents to rate our performance as a city. Since 2008, our satisfaction ratings have increased by more than 10% resulting in a 97% rating on our most recent survey, and we are inspired by how much people really enjoy living in Springboro!

We strive to provide the most responsible and effective leadership in all aspects of our role as your local government from transportation and recreation improvements to community development, finance and safety, and here are just a few highlights.

FINANCE

Springboro's financial standing continues to be strong as we welcome 2019, and we would like to thank our management staff and finance department for all of the time and effort they dedicated to preparing this year's budget. City Council carefully reviewed revenue projections and anticipated expenditures needed to fund operations, programs and services for our community, and budgeted expenditures for 2019 across all 45 city funds is approximately \$94.8 million. Water and sewer expenditures account for more than 30% of this year's budget and a significant portion is being reserved to pay off our water and sewer related debt as a cost saving measure reducing our interest payments by \$600,000-\$700,000.

Also, following an analysis of our water and sewer fund balances, the Council Finance Committee recommended freezing our water and sewer rates and this rate freeze was approved by Council this past December. Costs associated with the maintenance and operation of our current water and sewer systems will be continually monitored, but the current rates will remain in effect until further notice. Again, we feel fortunate to be able to pass this savings on to our residents and still continue to fund all of our services.

Revenue in our general operating fund is projected to increase approximately 3% over the revised 2018 budget and budgeted expenditures of approximately \$12.8 million have actually decreased from 2018. The



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General Fund, which is primarily funded by city income tax, has remained fairly steady despite dips in revenue attributed to factors such as state cuts in the Local Government Fund and a decrease in residential building permits.

Our income tax revenue has consistently increased over the past five years and is again projected to increase approximately 2% this year, while our tax rate of 1.5% has not increased since 1988. It is estimated that total income tax and income tax capital revenue will be approximately \$13.7 million in 2019.

Springboro's financial profile includes the second highest investment grade of "Aa1" and the highest credit rating of MIG1 assigned by Moody's Investors Service signifying that our creditworthiness is of the highest quality and indicative of prudent spending and debt management and generally operating in a financially responsible way. These high ratings provide access to the best interest rates when financing major capital improvements in our community. Also, the city is required by the state to be audited each year, and once again we are pleased to report that Springboro received a clean audit in 2018. The State Auditor's Office has permitted the city to continue using an Independent Public Accounting firm to perform its audits through 2022 with no fee increases for this service.

We work as a team with our staff to look for ways to expand services while keeping costs streamlined and current levels of service sufficiently funded. As of today, the city has 82 full-time employees providing services in administration, police, parks, streets, engineering, planning, building and zoning. Two new police officers will be added this year to support safety services in our growing community of about 18,600, and staff has managed to decrease budgeted expenditures in 2019 even with the addition of these new officers. Our city staff always does a great job of presenting a cost-conscious budget, and we truly appreciate their efforts to reduce expenses whenever possible. Many, many thanks to our Finance Director Robyn Brown for her 22 years of dedicated service to the city and all of her contributions to the financial stability of our

community; we wish her health and happiness in her retirement! We would also like to officially welcome our newly appointed Finance Director Jonathan Hudson. Mr. Hudson served as the City of Centerville's Finance Director before joining our city's team of directors and currently resides in Springboro with his wife and two children.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Capital planning is fundamental to Springboro being a sustainable and enterprising community and helps us determine our most immediate and future needs in areas such as community development, transportation, parks and infrastructure services. In November, Council approved a proposed investment of approximately \$24 million in our Capital Improvement Program over the next five years, and street improvement projects make up over 40% of that program.

Approximately 75 neighborhood streets will be resurfaced within the next five years in addition to various roadway improvements in our commercial areas totaling more than \$10 million in construction costs. In 2019, we will be completely renovating the medians along SR73 with new landscape and hardscape elements, which will minimize the cost and level of maintenance required by having fewer plantings and more hardscape. The redesigned medians will complement the landscaping plan intended for the SR73/SR741 intersection to create a uniform look along that corridor. Also this year, the city plans to resurface South Pioneer Boulevard and extend the sidewalk on the east side. Bike lanes will also be added leading to Lower Springboro Road where a future multi-use trail will connect to Clearcreek Park. Finally, thanks to the hard-working employees of our Public Service Department, Springboro's 84 miles of streets are routinely kept clean including leaf removal, plowed and repaired. We also plan to continue our new joint repair program initiated in 2018 to repair transverse cracks along neighborhood streets throughout the city improving the surface roadways.

One of our most significant transportation projects was the completion of the SR73/741 intersection reconstruction in June. We would again like to thank everyone

involved in this major undertaking including the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID) for partnering with us to manage the project. The newly expanded and upgraded intersection has helped improve traffic flow and safety for our community and fulfill our transportation needs at this busy intersection. Last year, the city also partnered with the Warren County TID to construct intersection improvements in front of Springboro Junior High School, which were partially funded by a contribution from the Springboro School District. These projects have visibly relieved traffic congestion on Main Street especially during the school commute, and we thank Springboro Schools and the Warren County TID for their partnership.

Park capital investment continues to be a priority for the city in order to provide public outdoor space for our residents to enjoy healthy activities and entertainment. One of our most valuable community assets is our park system, which now contains 413 acres of land over nine parks with a variety of amenities including a new dog park.

Our most recent park acquisition, Kacie Jane Park, is approximately 5.5 acres at the southwest corner of Lytle-Five Points and Crosley Roads, located in the northeastern quadrant of the city. The purchase of this property provided the opportunity to strategically balance park land in the community, which is mostly concentrated in the south and west areas of Springboro. The new park land will be transformed over the next two years with the development of a splash pad, two play areas and a picnic shelter. Construction of the splash pad will begin this year thanks to a generous donation from the Hausfeld Family, and we look forward to the opening of this great new amenity next summer.

Springboro's recreational assets also include Heatherwoode Golf Course. Heatherwoode was honored to receive a PGA award in 2018 for "Public Golf Shop of the Year" in the southern Ohio area, which extends from Columbus to Cincinnati. We have an excellent customer-oriented staff at Heatherwoode and thank all of our golf course employees for the pride of having one of the best public golf courses around. Heatherwoode's

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exceptional course conditions, facilities and service continue to attract business from all over the region and is now home to the Wright State Golf Team –a great win for the golf course!

We want to make sure residents of all ages have great reasons to play outside in Springboro and would like to thank our Park Board and staff for the time and effort they dedicate to bringing our parks alive during the summer. We are excited to be able to expand our events programming for the community, which has really grown since our first summer concert in the early 90s. Thousands of residents attended a variety of city-sponsored events at our parks in 2018 from the much-anticipated opening of our new dog park last April with "Doggie Days" to the opportunity to "Touch A Truck" at North Park in June. We also had a very successful concert series featuring some great tribute bands at our amphitheater this summer and our very first BBQ Fest at Clearcreek Park in July. "Movie Night in the Park" provided a fun outdoor movie experience for families and "Bike the Boro" rounded out our summer events calendar with community bike rides and a festival at North Park on Labor Day Weekend. Thanks for spending the summer with us and continuing to support our park programs! Look for even more opportunities to enjoy our community's beautiful parks in the years to come.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our business community provides the vital revenue needed to support our tax base and fund the essential services and amenities valued by our residents. Thank you to all of our businesses, large and small, for continuing to invest in Springboro and to our community's business partner, the Springboro Chamber of Commerce, for providing a local network of support and services for the hundreds of businesses that call Springboro home. Last year, the City of Springboro was awarded the "2018 Friend of Education Award" by the Springboro Chamber of Commerce in association with the Springboro Community City Schools for our dedicated support and cooperation with

our school community. We are honored to receive this important award and be recognized by our federal, state and local representatives for this achievement.

Springboro's ongoing efforts to support retention and growth in our business community include local incentive programs and regional participation through the Small Business Development Center, the Warren County Port Authority and other development networks to provide assistance to businesses investing in our community. More than 500 businesses from corporate enterprises to retail establishments provide a diverse and healthy economy in Springboro and an abundance of employment opportunities. A number of our local businesses have expanded their buildings or relocated to larger sites in the city over the past several years including one local business in the S. Pioneer commercial area that nearly doubled its current footprint in 2018. Over the last two years, approximately 44,000 sq. ft. of new commercial space and approximately 56,000 sq. ft. in expansion projects have been approved for construction.

What's next! In addition to other developing commercial areas in the community, the city accomplished a tremendous amount of groundwork this past year toward the future development of up to 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial building space at the former IGA property, which was spotlighted in the Dayton Business Journal in August. Over the next four to five years, the city will be focusing on the re-development of this central site in our community. The new "Wright Station" will be a mixture of office, retail and restaurant users and outdoor event space. Preparation began in the fall for public improvements at the site including underground infrastructure and an internal roadway system to support future tenants.

Final plans for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) were approved in October and we are very excited to bring this new cultural amenity to Springboro. Serving as an anchor to the development, the PAC will be the first building completed at "Wright Station" later this year. The overall development of the site will reflect the architectural feel of our historic downtown and become

an extension of that neighborhood. We would like to thank all of our community partners, especially our residents, for helping us bring the vision for this project to life. We hope you are as excited as we are to watch this development take shape and become a focal point in our community for many years to come.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Our citizen boards and commissions support some very important functions in our community such as community planning, historic preservation and parks and recreation development. For example, our Planning Commission oversees our community's growth and development by making recommendations on residential and commercial plans utilizing our Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan and Planning and Zoning Ordinance to keep Springboro a sustainable and beautiful place to live and do business. Our Tree Authority oversees our city's urban forestry program and is the reason why Springboro has received national recognition as a Tree City USA for 22 consecutive years. Our Architectural Review Board oversees Springboro's Historic District and landmarks by applying historic design standards, and supports and promotes historic preservation efforts in our community.

Two of our board members, Rebecca Hall and George Mourouzis, retired from service this past year. George served 18 years on our Board of Zoning Appeals and helped make some important decisions as part of the board's appeals process. Rebecca, during her 21 years of service, participated as a member of several of our citizen committees including the Architectural Review Board for the past 14 years. She shared her commitment to protecting our community's historical legacy, and we deeply appreciate her time and valuable contributions to the preservation of Springboro's historic buildings and landmarks. On a sad note, we lost another long-term board member when volunteer Joy Faini passed away in November. Joy served as a citizen volunteer on the Architectural Review Board from 2005-2018 and will be remembered for her commit-

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"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, Facebook or Instagram! The City uses 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, you can search us on Facebook at City of Springboro-Municipal Government and our Instagram account is City_of_Springboro. Follow or Like us today - don't be out of the information loop!



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ment to historic conservation through her many years of dedicated service on the board. These are just a few examples of the longstanding commitment of many of our committee members who provide experience and continuity to our city's leadership. Thank you to our nearly 40 volunteers for your outstanding service in 2018!

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Springboro Police Department currently employs 26 officers in command, supervisory, investigative and patrol positions with a demonstrated commitment to the safety and welfare of our citizens and security of our community. Our police department is led by Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff, who received the Dr. Ray Miller Certified Law Enforcement Executive Alumni Leadership Award in 2018 from the Ohio Police Chiefs Association and the Law Enforcement Foundation. This award recognizes one police executive each year and was awarded to Chief Kruithoff on the basis of his contributions as Chair of the Professional Services Committee for the Ohio Police Chiefs Association, part of which entails mentoring new police chiefs, and his involvement in assisting other communities in a time of crisis.

In 2018, the police department commissioned a staffing study to determine the best levels for a properly staffed police force serving the citizens of our community. An analysis was conducted by the Advisory Services Unit of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and took into account police activity trends and crime rates, officer and service ratios based on population, adequate resources and capabilities to protect and serve the public, and officer safety and training needs. Based on the findings and the department's needs in totality, it was determined that the department would expand its patrol unit by four officers over a two-year period budget permitting. This will be the first staffing increase in approximately 10 years when one additional officer was hired. As mentioned before, a budget recommendation was approved to hire the first two additional officers this year, increasing the number of officers assigned to patrol duties from 15 to 17, to improve our ability

to provide service-oriented police protection and safety services for our community.

In addition to police personnel, the Springboro Police Department provides a 17-hour per day communications center, which received approximately 16,000 calls for service last year, a neighborhood crime prevention program, two School Resource Officers, jointly funded by Springboro Schools, and a D.A.R.E. program that has helped to promote a safe and healthy school environment for more than 25 years. We appreciate the school district's full partnership in supporting this very beneficial resource for our school community.

Finally, our police officers continue their endeavor to help families in need in our community by sponsoring Operation Santa, a charity program started by the department in 1998. This holiday season, the Operation Santa Program provided gifts to at least 24 children from ten Springboro families. We would like to thank our officers for reaching out to the community through this special program and for their dedicated service to our community each and every day.

IN CLOSING,

I consider it an honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor for the past 20 years, and on behalf of City Council, promise to continue listening to you and working together as a community to provide the best service and leadership possible in Springboro. Springboro today reflects the pride and spirit of our community minded citizens, and we truly appreciate the many ways all of you contribute to the betterment of our community. Finally, I would like to recognize the Springboro Schools, Warren County, Clearcreek Township and the Springboro Chamber of Commerce for their partnership and support in our efforts to make Springboro the very best community for our businesses and residents.

Please accept my sincerest wishes for a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity!! Thank you and may God continue to Bless the place we all call home!!!

- Mayor John Agenbroad

City Events for 2019

The City always strives to differentiate ourselves from other communities and we also look for ways to offer more free public events throughout the year. In addition to our Concerts in the Park in July, Theatre Under the Stars in August and Big Event in September, we are excited to share some of the events we are working on for 2019! (More specific dates and times for the following events will be provided in future City Notes Newsletters, as well as Facebook, Twitter and our E-Newsletter.)

Easter Egg Drop - April 13th at Clearcreek Park

Touch a Truck - May 11th at North Park

National Trails Day - June 2nd in Historic Springboro

Boro BBQ Fest - June 7th & 8th at Clearcreek Park

ArtFest on Main - June 15th in Historic Springboro

Doggie Days - July 20th at Hazel Woods Park Dog Park

Pictures with Santa - Dec. at Heatherwoode Golf Club



Parks Update

Hazel Woods Park

Development of this park into the City's soccer and lacrosse complex continues as the fields on the west side of the park have been seeded. Paving of the drive into and around the park and the asphalt walk/bike trail should also begin this Spring/Summer. The hope is to have all the fields ready for play in the fall of 2019. However, a lot of vandalism has been occurring on those fields with people "joy riding" in their cars across the new turf. If this vandalism continues, the fields will not be ready. If anyone sees any vandalism in any of the parks, PLEASE report it to the police immediately by calling the non-emergency number at (937) 748-0611.



Vandalism at Hazel Woods Park

North Park

The restrooms at North Park will be upgraded this winter with a new sanitary sewer lift station to better handle the large crowds that attend the Concerts in the Park every year, as well as all the other events held at that park. In addition, the City will be purchasing a restroom trailer that will be utilized at North Park, or in any other park in the City where large events are held.

Kacie Jane Park

Development of the City's newest park, Kacie Jane Park, is underway at the southwest corner of Lytle Five-Points Road and Crosley. The 3,000 square foot splash pad to be constructed at that location is scheduled to be completed by June 1 (weather permitting). Special thanks goes out to the Hausfeld Family of Springboro who donated a majority of the funding for the project!



Tornado Warning Sirens



Effective January 1, 2019, all the tornado warning sirens in Warren County have been reprogrammed and divided into quadrants (NW, NE, SW, & SE) of the county. Therefore, when there is a severe weather issue in a different part of the county and Warren County activates the sirens, but everything is clear in Springboro, our sirens will not activate.

Please be aware – these sirens are “outdoor” warning sirens. They are to warn residents when anyone is outdoors. They are not designed to wake you up in the middle of the night if there is severe weather approaching. We often times receive calls advising our Police Department or the Clearcreek Fire District that they could not hear the sirens when residents were in their houses.

Water & Sewer Rate Freeze

Historically, in order to keep the Water and Sewer funds healthy and to pay down the debt for the Water & Sewer Plants that were upgraded a few years ago, the City was charging an annual “Cost of Living” (COLA) of between 1%-3%. After analysis by the City Council and staff, it has been determined that the City can freeze that COLA.

Therefore, starting in January 2019, the City will no longer charge an additional COLA. That means, for the foreseeable future, water & sewer rates will remain at the same level as 2018, with no increases.

The City Council has determined that the City will analyze water & sewer rates every two (2) years to ensure balances are adequate to maintain the water & sewer systems at their highest levels. This rate freeze does not mean rates will not increase in the future, but for now, balances are healthy and the water & sewer plants are in good condition to warrant the rate freeze.

Tax Time is Almost Here

2018 Income Tax Returns

Tax returns or extension requests are due by April 15, 2019.

Did you remit estimated tax payments? Not sure of the amount. Then check out the online tax program. You can find this information on our online tax program and no you do not have to set up an account. You or your tax preparer can verify estimates payments online at <https://www.municonnect.com/Springboro/login.aspx>. Please contact the tax department if you have any questions.

If you need assistance with your Springboro Income Tax return, please bring your W-2 and federal income tax return to 320 West Central Ave. There is no charge for this service. All income tax forms are available at the Springboro Income Tax Department and on the City's website at www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

Online Tax Calculation Tool

The online tax calculation tool program is available through the City website. Log on and click on the online tax tool link. Follow the instructions to create an online account. This is an easy to use tool to calculate and prepare your City income tax return for filing with the tax office. You will be able to access your estimated tax credits via this tool. It will be up to you to authorize your paid tax professional to utilize this site. Remember: This is not on-line filing program; it requires you to print the return and mail it to the Tax Office with all required documentation, including signature(s) and payment (if applicable).

If you prefer to complete the tax return manually, a blank return that has your name, address and account number printed on it can be downloaded from this site. We also have blank copies at the municipal building, the library and on our website.

Quarterly Estimated Payments Due Dates

Every taxpayer shall make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current year, if they owe at least \$200.00 for the previous year. Quarterly estimated payments are due as follows:

1st - April 15th	22.5%
2nd - June 15th	45%
3rd - September 15th.....	67.5%
4th - January 15th	90%



Springboro City Council meets the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning with a Work Session at 6:00 PM followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend or watch the live broadcast on local cable channel GATV 6 or live stream from www.mvcc.net.

2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

(Schedule changes will be posted.)

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

**July 4th meeting will be rescheduled due to the holiday.*



Police Beat

The Police Department has recently welcomed two new officers to its ranks.

Timothy Pyles who prefers to go by the name "Drew" which is his middle name, grew up in the area and graduated from Centerville High School. He has worked as an officer for Sugarcreek Township as well as West Carrollton. He served 5 years at West Carrollton Police Department where he was promoted to the classifications of Evidence Technician and Field Training

Officer.

Drew is also a certified ALICE instructor for the schools. Drew received a distinguished service award from West Carrollton for saving a person from a burning house. Drew currently resides in Springboro with his wife and 4 kids. Drew is excited for the opportunity to work for the community in which he lives and hopes to be a Detective someday. He has one son and 3 daughters.

Tyler Merritt also grew up in the area and graduated from Centerville High School. Tyler moved to Canada shortly after graduating from CHS and played hockey. He lived in Canada for 2 years after which he moved back into the area. Tyler was hired by the Cincinnati Police Department where he worked for more than 2 years. Tyler is still an avid ice hockey enthusiast where he plays with a regional police officer / firefighter hockey team. He lives in Springboro with his wife, son and soon to be second son, which is due in February!



The Premier Health Theater



The City of Springboro announced a Naming Rights Agreement with Premier Health to name the new theater space within the new Performing Arts Center to be located in the new Wright Station development at the former IGA site. The theater will be named "The Premier Health Theater," and will be the home for the Playhouse South Community Theater Group, which will be relocating to the PAC.

The Premier Health Theater will be utilized for live performances by Playhouse South, performances by the Center Stage Dance studio, who will also be housed in the building, presentations and meetings with the Springboro Area Chamber of Commerce, and many other civic and community events.

"We are extremely excited to announce this partnership between the City and Premier Health," stated City Manager Chris Pozzuto. "Premier Health has made significant investments within the City and the Springboro Schools and they are obviously a good fit for the City - we look forward to our continued strong relationship with them moving forward."

"Premier Health understands that the health of the communities we serve is linked to the quality of life that those individuals enjoy," said Mary Boosalis, president and CEO of Premier Health. "Whenever possible, Premier Health seeks to partner in our communities' economic development and cultural life, and we are pleased to work with city officials to expand cultural opportunities in Springboro."

Plans are for the PAC to be completed and open to the public by October 2019. Updates on the construction schedule will be provided by the City, as they are made available.

Golf Anyone?



20th Anniversary
HEATHERWOODE
GOLF CLUB

used by several PGA and LPGA Tour Professionals to improve their game.

Heatherwoode currently has all of the fitting shafts and heads to properly fit any individual for Callaway and Ping. Brands such as Titleist, Taylor Made, Mizuno, and Wilson Staff will be added in the upcoming months.

Come enjoy the new golf simulator room

where it is always 72 and sunny. Play up to 21 of the country's most exclusive golf courses including Pebble Beach, Oakmont, Congressional, Marion. If you would like to improve your game, use the skills challenge test or simply work on the range to perfect both your long game and short game. Tee times are required by calling the Pro Shop at (937) 748-3222 to reserve your spot and for more information.



Heatherwoode would like to welcome the newest addition to the staff, Staci Fox. Staci will be the Events Coordinator for all of our banquets; which includes weddings, birthday parties, graduations, baby showers, holiday parties, etc. Please give Staci a call at (937) 748-3222 x 106. Staci will be glad to help you plan and organize any parties that you may have.

Help Us With Snowplowing



During the winter season, the snow plow crews ask that you please remove the portable basketball hoops from cul-de-sacs or any tree-lawns so the snowplows can clean the streets from curb to curb.

Additionally, if you know a snowstorm is predicted, or it has already started snowing, please park your vehicles in your driveway if at all possible. This allows the snowplows to better and more efficiently clean your streets so you can safely drive on them.



Stormwater Runoff

Illicit Discharges

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

Income Tax & Property Tax Millage Rates

The City Council and staff always strive to provide the best city services at the lowest cost possible to our residents. One way to do that is to keep the income tax and property tax millage rates as low as possible, while funding capital improvements and city services at the highest levels. Our income tax rate has not been increased since 1988 and the City has not had a property tax levy on the ballot in over four decades. The following table shows a comparison of some of the local communities surrounding Springboro with respect to their income tax and property tax millage rates (based on 2018 rates):

PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE		
City	Income Tax Rate	Property Tax Millage
W. Carrollton	2.25%	85.57
Kettering	2.25%	85.12
Moraine	2.25%	81.82
Miamisburg	2.25%	81.50
Centerville	2.25%	80.80
Franklin	2.00%	60.81
Monroe	2.00%	60.45
Mason	1.12%	59.16
Lebanon	1.00%	57.84
Springboro	1.50%	52.15



Hometown Expo

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that the 2019 Hometown EXPO "That Spring Thing," presented by Wade Insurance Agency, will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Springboro High School!

Hometown EXPO is Warren County's Largest Business EXPO, with 200+ exhibits featuring local small businesses and non-profit organizations. Truly a community event, EXPO is FREE to attend, and allows Southwest Ohio residents to directly interface with the Springboro area business community. Find a doctor, an attorney, an insurance agent, an electrician and more all in one day. Residents can also enter to win hundreds of door prizes valued at \$25,000+, including a Grand Prize HDTV package valued at \$3,000, sponsored by Custom Connections Audio Video, Ltd.



Opening ceremonies will be held promptly at 10:00 AM and will feature well-known community leaders. Make sure to get there early in order to secure a great parking space! Once you enter the event, you can stay throughout the entire day. The EXPO Food Court will offer food and drink for sale in family friendly portions.

Entertainment will be provided on the stage in the commons area of the high school. Music groups from Springboro Community Schools will perform as well as other local talent. Family friendly games and a scavenger hunt offer fun for everyone. Hometown EXPO will conclude at 3:00 PM with a local music ensemble closing the event.

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Medians On State Route 73

We realize that the medians on SR 73 in front of the City Building have been a hot topic! Don't worry, they will not be empty very much longer. Plans are in place to add new landscaping, hardscape and a few trees back into those medians.

The new landscape/hardscape plan is focusing on a "less is more" approach. Previously, the medians had the tall grasses and day lilies that became too difficult to maintain by our Public Service crews. The plan will include more turf grass, a few trees and more hardscape with less plantings to maintain. Our goal with the medians is two-fold: We want to mirror the improvements at the SR 73/741 intersection to make all the enhancements more uniform and we want to create nicer looking medians that are less maintenance so we don't put the Public Service employees in harm's way as often out in the middle of traffic on SR 73.

Work on the medians will begin in the early spring as soon as Mother Nature cooperates.

Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

2019 Street Resurfacing

The streets in the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program include: Ambridge Court, Basil Street, Catalpa Drive, Christman Drive, Copley Circle, Curry Drive, Darby Court, Edgebrook Drive, Hollister Court, Manor Drive, Meadows Drive, Paw Paw Drive, Reed Road, Spruceway and West Tech Road. Concrete repairs to the curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons will also be completed on these streets as a part of this program. The concrete work will begin in the summer. Resurfacing work will begin in the fall and is anticipated to be completed by the end of fall.

South Pioneer Boulevard Roadway Improvements

This project will install storm sewer, curb & gutter and sidewalk on South Pioneer Boulevard from Victory Drive to Lower Springboro Road. In addition, the medians will be redone and bike lanes added to South Pioneer.





Community News

Springboro Library

Storytimes will continue until April 18th at the Springboro Library.

Monday's schedule includes:

Baby time at 9:30 a.m.

Toddler time at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool time at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday's schedule includes:

Toddler time at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Preschool times at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Teens, ages 11-18, are invited to DIY Teen Craft Hour on Monday, March 18th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Participants are invited to raid the craft stash at Springboro Library and use your imagination and keep what you make.

Adults, ages 16 and up, are invited to a Writers' Workshop series with award winning author, Sharon Short, who writes the Kinship Historical Mystery series as Jess Montgomery. All programs are on Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Springboro Library.

- **Creating a Writing Life on Saturday, February 2nd**
- **Creating Vivid and Believable Characters on Saturday, February 16th**
- **Putting Humor to Use in Any Writing Style on Saturday, March 2nd**
- **Top 10 Tips I've Learned in Publishing on Saturday, March 16th**

Don't forget to check out the Digital Library at www.fspl.org/digital-library.



Springboro Community Assistance Center

The Springboro Community Assistance Center marks its 12 anniversary this spring on the heels of a fantastic 2018. The center provided food and emergency assistance to residents of the Springboro Community City School District thanks to the generosity of numerous donors and volunteers.

For the holidays, SCAC distributed 36 Thanksgiving meals and facilitated the adoption of more than 60 families giving more than 150 children a Christmas to remember.

Donations are always needed and tend to slow after the holidays. If you or your organization would like to sponsor a food drive, please contact us!

Our food pantry is open twice a month and our customers' needs are typical. We always need boxed cereal and breakfast items. Items that cannot be purchased with food stamps are also needed. Those include cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Basically, if you use it at home, we need it!

Donations can be dropped off at our facility which is in the Educare Building next to Springboro Junior High School. There is a brown box outside the door for donations. Monetary donations can be dropped off on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. when our food pantry is open. Or, mail them to Springboro Community Assistance Center, 1629 South Main Street, Suite 320, Springboro, Ohio 45066.

Visit our website at www.springborocommunityassistance.org and like us on Facebook to stay updated on our needs and to volunteer.





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