



# SPRINGBORO CITY NOTES

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## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

As presented by Mayor John Agenbroad on January 2, 2020

**AS MAYOR OF SPRINGBORO,** it is a privilege to address our citizens and share the progress we have made over the past year plus a few highlights of what to expect in 2020, but first I would like to thank the entire community for your trust and confidence in this City Council. I am deeply honored to begin my seventh



term as Mayor of Springboro and congratulate my colleagues Becky Iverson and Stephen Harding on their re-election, and again welcome Councilman Jack Hanson, as our

entire City Council looks forward to serving together in 2020! I would also like to thank Alan Schaeffer for providing outstanding service and legal counsel to the City as Law Director for the past 16 years and welcome our newly appointed Law Director Gerald McDonald also representing Pickrel, Schaeffer and Ebeling. Many thanks also to our City Manager Chris Pozzuto for his dynamic, team-oriented leadership together with Assistant City Manager Greg Shackelford, our department directors and AMAZING staff, who dedicate every day to making Springboro a great place to live, work and play by providing great services and amenities to our citizens.

### FINANCE

**Springboro maintains its excellent financial position in 2020** thanks to our staff's efforts to carefully plan and budget for our community's present and future needs. In November, City Council approved \$71.4 million in total budgeted expenditures for operations, services and

equipment. The General Fund, our primary operating budget, pays for the majority of the City's Administrative, Police and Public Services, and income tax is the principal source of revenue for the General Fund. Income tax accounts for over 80% of all revenue while property tax accounts for only 7% and the State's Local Government Fund-- only 1%. These funds combined with other miscellaneous sources of revenue provide less than 20% of the total General Fund income. **Springboro's property tax rate is the lowest in Warren and most of Montgomery County**, generally 1.6 cents of every tax dollar, and the City is projected to receive approximately \$730,000 in real estate tax this year. The City's reliance on income tax revenue has increased by close to 20% since 2008 due mainly to state funding cuts, which is why it is more important than ever for the City to focus on efforts to support our community's economic development.

Income tax receipts have steadily increased over the past ten years due to our growing economy, and we are now receiving over 30% more in revenue. Income tax revenue is estimated to increase 1.5% in 2020 over 2019 projections. Although our last income tax increase was levied in 1988 and our last property tax levy is even older, **we have continued to fund projects and services at the highest levels possible** to provide the best tax value for our residents.

Other funds include the Street Fund, which will increase in expenditures this year by approximately \$380,000. These new funds are available due to additional revenue from the increased gas tax approved by the State last year. We are committed to applying these additional monies directly to repairing and resurfacing our streets and expanding our roadway improvement program. In addition,



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the City will be **saving about \$650,000 in interest by paying off our water and sewer debt early** decreasing water and sewer expenditures by about \$9 million in 2020. Our **rates for water and sewer service remain frozen** this year, and again, we feel fortunate to be able to pass this savings on to our residents.

We are also happy to report that additional cost savings will be realized when we **pay off the remainder of our golf course debt in 2020 saving close to \$50,000 in interest payments**. The City has saved significantly more in interest over the life of the debt by refinancing to take advantage of reduced market rates, and our current Aa1 bond rating enables the City to finance projects at lower interest rates. Overall, the City's finances present a very conservative picture with a total projected fund balance at year-end of \$21 million with an estimated General Fund balance of \$5 million or 28% of total revenues in the general operating budget.

Finally, the City of Springboro received special recognition by State Representative Scott Lipps and the Ohio General Assembly last year on receiving the **"Auditor of State Award with Distinction" for a clean financial audit report in 2019** and for maintaining this standard of excellence in government accounting and record keeping practices year after year. This award is indicative of Springboro's strong tradition of fiscal responsibility and the beneficial impact it has had on our community.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Springboro's Capital Improvement Program helps us invest in our community by planning short and long range projects to improve our infrastructure and roadway system, create new public spaces and much more to sustain a vibrant community. Last year, we celebrated the addition of two NEW amenities in Springboro, the **Performing Arts Center** (PAC) dedicated to the public in September and a splash pad at **Kacie Jane Park**, which opened in July. The new Performing Arts Center is home to the Springboro Chamber of Commerce, Springboro Community Theatre and Center Stage Dance Studio and is busy seven days a week. Plans to expand programming



and curate local art exhibits at the PAC are already underway this year. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Steve Wilson and Representative Scott Lipps, the Performing Arts Center project will receive a \$250,000 grant from the State of Ohio in 2020.

The public's response to our new splash pad at Kacie Jane Park far exceeded our expectations with hundreds of children and families enjoying the colorful water features every day during our first splash season. The 3,000 sq. ft. splash pad and shelter house was the park's first phase of development largely funded by a donation from the Hausfeld Family of Springboro.

**In 2020, Kacie Jane Park will be complete** with the installation of two age-specific interactive play areas for 2 to 5 year olds and 5 to 12 year olds. Kacie Jane Park is also the first joint park project by Springboro and Clearcreek Township. The Township will be contributing \$50,000 per year of the City's inside-millage property tax revenue towards the park over the next 10 years. We truly appreciate this partnership on behalf of the residents of both of our communities.



Again, many thanks to everyone involved in these two fantastic projects!

In November, City Council approved approximately \$24.7M in capital improvement projects over the next five years including the maintenance of vital infrastructure that you use every day like our streets and water system. This past year we **resurfaced 15 neighborhood streets and have budgeted an average of \$900,000 per year for the next five years to support our street resurfacing program**, which includes extensive concrete repair on 80 City streets. Springboro has a total of 84 miles of streets that are routinely cleaned and maintained including street sweeping, leaf collection, and SUPERIOR snow removal service thanks to the dedicated employees of our Public Service Department!

We are also investing \$5.5 million over the next five years to ensure that our water system is properly maintained by **continuing to replace old and deteriorating water mains in the City** and providing generator upgrades vital to the function of our water system. These types of improvements ensure our residents will have dependable water service even during emergencies.

In spring, S. Main Street will be repaved from St. Rt. 73 to the southern City limit under the management of the Ohio Department of Transportation and a community video board will be installed completing the improvements taking place on the

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northeast corner of St. Rt. 73/St. Rt. 741. **The new sign will advertise community events and welcome visitors to the heart of Springboro.** In addition, the City has invested in technology infrastructure over the past several years by participating in a seven-community fiber ring extending approximately 35 miles around the south Dayton area; Springboro's local connection runs mainly along St. Rt. 741. The City has budgeted \$100,000 in 2020 to **expand our internet service capabilities through a wireless connection to the new fiber network.** Springboro currently has one internet service provider; however, this fiber expansion project will enable us to **provide WiFi technology to our City's parks** and possibly neighborhoods in an effort to bring new internet service providers into the community. This project could potentially give our residents access to multiple service providers and a higher speed of internet service. We look forward to these and many more exciting and important projects next year and beyond.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Our nine City parks provide more than 400 acres of outdoor space for everything from youth sports, walking trails and scenic views to a place for dogs to play, a concert venue, a place to splash and to pay homage to our veterans. In 2019, our **free "Concerts in the Park" program attracted a record attendance** of almost

18,000 music fans. Due to the growing popularity of the concerts, the City decided to expand the seating area at North Park Amphitheater. Our Public Service Department completed this project in-house and managed to **double the existing seating area** by grading and seeding the hillside to accommodate larger audiences. Our summer concert program has grown tremendously thanks to the efforts of our hardworking Park Board and many staff members. Thank you for continuing to bring an AWESOME concert line-up to Springboro and sponsoring events such as Touch A Truck, BBQ Fest and Doggie Days, and for ALL you do to make summer in Springboro fun for everyone!

Our recreational space also includes **Heatherwoode, an 18-hole championship golf course owned and operated by the City.** Thanks to outstanding course conditions, excellent customer service and golf amenities, Heatherwoode has become **one of Ohio's premier public golf courses** over the past 28 years. Our golf course is another great Springboro amenity providing an excellent facility for collegiate tournaments, corporate outings, recreational golf and banquet services. Approximately 34,000 rounds were played in 2019 and revenues were up with more than 150 events hosted at Heatherwoode. We commend our entire golf course staff for making Heatherwoode such a valuable community asset!



## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Springboro endeavors to be business-friendly and committed to attracting new commerce while supporting the growth of our existing business community. The City helped celebrate the opening or expansion of approximately 20 businesses in 2019 as economic growth continues in Springboro. Nearly 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial expansion was approved by the City over the last year including our first retail tenant at Wright Station, Warped Wing Brewing Company, which broke ground in October. The new 21,000 sq. ft. microbrewery and eatery plans to open this summer, and we are excited to report that development at Wright Station is gaining momentum.

As recently as December, the City approved two new buildings at the site containing 13,000 sq. ft. of retail space with construction to begin this spring. The first building will be partially occupied by Cassano's on St. Rt. 741 and the second building will house Luminous Nail Spa on St. Rt. 73. The remaining space in both buildings will be reserved for prospective tenants, and Cassano's transition to Wright Station will provide additional parking for the development on their former site next door. Almost 50,000 sq. ft. of commercial space will be developed at Wright Station when the project is complete.

In addition, plans were approved for Tomco Machining to build a 24,000 sq. ft. office/light industrial facility to expand their current manufacturing operations in Springboro and McDonald's received approval to completely redevelop their 4,000 sq. ft. restaurant on St. Rt. 73.

Also in 2019, we sponsored two appreciation functions for our business community. More than 100 guests attended the City's **15th Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast** in February and 70 representatives from our business community attended our first annual **Business Appreciation Day Golf Outing** in September. These events give us the opportunity to say thank you to our businesses and share with them what's new in Springboro! We will continue our

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business retention and growth efforts through alliances with local and regional economic development organizations, business incentive programs and by dedicating staff resources to building a strong relationship with the 500 plus businesses supporting our local economy.

**Neighborhood sustainability is a growing initiative** for the City and last year a new Residential Grant Program was launched to assist homeowners with exterior home improvements in various neighborhood subdivisions. The pilot program was introduced in the Royal Oaks Subdivision to an overwhelming response. Nearly 100 residents expressed interest in the program and more than 60 residents have had the opportunity to apply for funding. Property owners submitted 18 projects for approval representing a combined commitment of about \$84,000. The City will reimburse approximately \$41,000 toward these improvements through the new program. Seven projects were completed during 2019 with other projects still underway.

Due to the high level of interest, the City has budgeted to double its commitment to the program in 2020 and continue in another neighborhood later this year. Special thanks to Assistant City Manager Greg Shackelford and City Planner Dan Boron for spearheading this new program to help residents in Springboro improve their homes.

This program along with several of the economic development highlights mentioned previously were featured in the Dayton Business Journal in August. The article spotlighted the City's growth and investments in the community's residential and commercial sectors and has provided Springboro with regional coverage for the past two years.

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Springboro's volunteer board and commission members generally meet on a monthly basis to carry out a variety of City programs and initiatives. **We have 30 active volunteers appointed to serve in areas ranging from community planning to historic preservation** who provide an

estimated total of 100 service hours per year. These community leaders supported a number of efforts in our community in 2019 and participated in various City events as part of their service.

Our Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is now 10 years old and the committee's work has led to the development of around **12 miles of designated bike lanes** and accompanying



wayfinding signage connecting our parks, neighborhoods and business districts and the completion of two bike hubs along Main Street.

In 2019, the committee hosted a **community outreach meeting and collected feedback** from an online survey to encourage public involvement in updating Springboro's 2009 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. The input provided, **helped to identify priorities for current and future phases** of the plan. In the coming year, the BPAC will focus on moving the plan forward by working on the development of a **multi-use trail connecting E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park** with future multi-

use trails leading to Hazel Woods Park and ultimately the Great Miami River Trail over the next two years. The City will seek grants from ODOT and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to offset the costs of these off road trails, which will connect to the rest of the community's bikeway system and eventually all of our City's parks.

In addition, the BPAC helps sponsor activities such as "Bike the Boro" and other local bike/hike events each year to encourage bicycle and pedestrian usage in our community.

In 2019, Springboro received national recognition as a **Tree City USA for the 23rd consecutive year** thanks to our Tree Authority's commitment to urban forestry in our community. The Tree Authority participated in the celebration of Arbor Day by planting five new trees at Dennis Elementary School, and more than 90 new trees were planted in public spaces throughout the City last year with many more to come at Wright Station. The Tree Authority also sponsors opportunities to plant trees in our community through our Memorial Tree Program and Neighborhood Tree Grant and by giving free tree saplings to our residents at the Christmas in Springboro Festival each year.

Our Architectural Review Board (ARB) continues efforts to support the preservation of our historic buildings and landmarks through programs such as our annual Historic Preservation Awards and Historic Preservation Grants. Last year marked the 20th anniversary of the **Historic**



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**Preservation Awards Program**, which recognizes citizens for contributions to historic preservation in our community. The board presented three awards in 2019 to individuals for efforts in both historic building restoration and preservation leadership to increase public awareness of the importance of preserving our community's history.

The ARB also oversees the Historic Preservation Grant Program that provides matching grants each year to support the ongoing restoration of Springboro's historic downtown. This program, implemented by the board in 2017, has provided for 22 preservation projects over the past three years, which is about one-third of the Historic District. Funds totaling \$75,000 have been granted to help property owners maintain and repair their historic buildings and has made a big impact on the district. This very successful program partially funded six building projects in 2019 and continued to support the physical preservation of Springboro's historical architecture and private investment in our downtown neighborhood.

**Thank you to all of the residents and staff members** who serve on our boards and commissions for the significant time and energy they put into these and many other programs and for the outstanding service they provide to the community each year.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Springboro Police Department, led by Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff, works in partnership with our neighborhoods and business community to provide a **safe and secure environment** in Springboro. The City currently employs 29 police officers and a four-member communications staff, who received an estimated 18,400 calls for service last year.

In 2019, the Police Department hired two additional patrol officers and will be hiring two more in 2020. This is the first staffing increase in the Police Department in nearly a decade. The expansion of the patrol unit was based on a staffing study conducted in 2018 that took into consideration multiple aspects of safety service. A total of 20 officers will be assigned to patrol duties by the end of the year **improving our ability to provide service-oriented policing for our community**



and increasing the safety of our almost 19,000 residents. The Police Department welcomed a new kind of officer to its ranks last year when **"Officer Blue,"** an English Golden Retriever, received his charge to serve the department as a Police Comfort Dog. The puppy was generously donated by a local breeder, Spirit Goldens, to help the department start this new program. Blue's primary duty is to **provide comfort to people in crisis or experiencing distress** and be a calm and reassuring presence for community members and especially our children and youth. Officer Blue has made a tremendous impact on the community since his arrival by visiting nursing homes, greeting students on their first day of school and participating in community events. People of all ages have come to the Police Department to visit with Blue, and we thank Officer Blue for being such a positive influence in our community.

The Springboro Police Department also provides **crime prevention programs** and works with residents to help reduce crime in our neighborhoods. Early last year, the Police Department introduced **'Boro Street Watch**, a new crime prevention program giving citizens the opportunity to help protect our community. The program allows residents to register their home security camera with the Police Department to use as a crime prevention



Mayor Agenbroad presents a sponsorship check to Wendell Weimer, Christmas in Springboro festival president, in support of the holiday event.

and investigative tool. This program is intended to deter crime and assist police in investigating criminal incidents captured by the cameras.

Our Police Department's **high success rate in closing cases and crime prevention work** are contributing factors to Springboro's reputation as a safe community. In fact, Springboro was **ranked the 10th safest City in Ohio** in 2019 by Alarms.org and The National Council for Home Safety and Security based on FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics, population, size of police force and other factors. A total of 7,639 cities were factored into this ranking along with data from 8,793 law enforcement agencies. We would like to thank our Police Department for the many ways they work to keep our community safe and for providing our citizens with exceptional police service.

I will conclude by stating that our community's development, operation and services are supported by a **well-managed and staffed city government and a dedicated corps of volunteers**. As your community leaders, **we value your input** to help us make decisions that enhance our community's quality of life. Citizen satisfaction is our goal and we look forward to representing and assisting you in 2020! Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this great community and please accept our very best wishes for health, happiness and success in the New Year!

**- Mayor John Agenbroad**

## Tax season is here

Every January brings the same thing: short-lived resolutions, inclement weather, and the kick off of a new tax season. In 2020, the City of Springboro wants to help make this last annual reality a more pleasant one. So, here are a few tips to simplify your 2019 return filing.

### City extends filing deadline to April 30

Take advantage of our relaxed filing deadline. It's hard enough to get your Federal and State returns filed by April 15. So the City of Springboro is giving you a little reprieve by extending the City filing deadline to April 30. That gives you two extra weeks to polish off your City return—and one less thing to fret about on April 15.

### Try our new EZ Form

Many full-year residents will qualify to file our new EZ form, designed for people whose only City taxable income was from employment wages. This fillable PDF version of our tax form makes it easier than ever to prepare your City return. Once you're done, you'll have the opportunity to electronically sign and file the return—no printing or postage required. You can access the form from our website, [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us).

### File online

So, maybe your tax return is a little more complicated, and you don't qualify to use the EZ form. That doesn't mean you have to mail or drop off your completed return. Instead, use the online dropbox filing tool on our website to upload your return and supporting documents.

### Make use of our free City tax preparation services

Don't feel like a do-it-yourself tax project? No problem. Bring your tax documents (including your W-2's and a copy of your Federal tax return) to our Income Tax Department during the City's normal business hours (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). We will be happy to complete your City tax return for you at no charge.

### We're here to help

If you have questions as you're completing your return, feel free to call us at 937-748-9701. Our staff can answer both general tax questions (e.g., "What income is taxable to Springboro?") and questions specific to your return (e.g., "What's the total amount of estimated payments I made for 2019?"). You can reach a staff member Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If the office is closed, leave a voicemail message and we will respond to your inquiry the following business day.

## Water and sewer rate-freeze to continue

Residents will see no increase in Water and Sewer rates for 2020. City Council's vote in 2018 ensured that rates would remain constant for at least two years. The City will analyze rates every two years to ensure funds are adequate to maintain our water and sewer systems at their highest levels.

## City opens Art Gallery in Performing Arts Center

The City's newest addition to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) is an Art Gallery, located in the center's lobby, 115 Wright Station Way. The first show opened in early January and featured seven Springboro artists showcasing a variety of mediums including oil and acrylic paintings along with photography.

Exhibits may be viewed 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday. In addition, the PAC will be open during the Springboro Community Theatre weekend performances.

Exhibits will change monthly. For more information or to submit an application for exhibit, call 937-748-5774.

Owned and operated by the City of Springboro, the Performing Arts Center opened in September 2019. It is home to the Springboro Chamber of Commerce, Springboro Community Theatre and Center Stage Academy of the Arts.

## Springboro City Council meetings

Springboro City Council meets the first and third Thursdays of each month beginning with a Work Session at 6 p.m. followed by a Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend or watch the live broadcast on Spectrum cable channel GATV 6 or live stream [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net).

### 2020 City Council Meeting Dates

Schedule changes will be posted at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us)

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

## City Council update

Mayor John Agenbroad and City Council Members Becky Iverson and Stephen Harding were sworn in at the January 2 City Council meeting by Springboro Law Director Alan Schaeffer. Each will serve a four-year term beginning January 1, 2020.

City Council elected Council Member Jim Chmiel to serve as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

## Early payoff results in City savings

Because of sound fiscal management, the City will be paying off nearly \$1 million in Heatherwoode Golf Club debt in 2020-earlier than expected. The early payoff will save \$50,000 in interest.



## Huelsman joins SPD



The City welcomed Jason Huelsman to the Police Department in Sept. 2019. Officer Huelsman brings seven years of police experience from the Moraine Police Department, where

he also was the traffic school officer and taught self-defense classes. Originally from Tipp City, Officer Huelsman served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an engineer for eight years prior to his police work. At Springboro, he is assigned to Road Patrol and works the evening shift. He enjoys spending time with his two young sons, working on his '86 Camaro, hunting and riding his motorcycle.

Officer Huelsman says he appreciates the support the Police Department receives from the community and says the Springboro Department already seems like family. "Our residents are inviting and the City is great. This feels like home."



## Operation Santa

Each year, the Springboro Police Department coordinate Operation Santa. The program served 13 families with 28 children this year. Each family receives a dinner with all the fixings along with a bagful of toys, clothes and other gifts delivered by Santa Claus himself—assisted by the Springboro PD. Thank you to the Springboro community for supporting this program and sharing the holiday spirit.



# SPRINGBORO POLICE 'BORO STREET WATCH

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

- 1 Call or email the Springboro Police Department, or visit the City of Springboro website for our online form.**
- 2 You will be asked to provide necessary information for our PRIVATE database.**
- 3 An officer can give you tips on which areas would be the best placement for your cameras.**
- 4 REGISTER TODAY!**



## Lock It—Don't Leave It

Theft from motor vehicles and homes continues to be a crime trend throughout the area. The Springboro Police Department reminds citizens that leaving doors and vehicles unlocked can create a crime of opportunity—that can often be prevented. Follow these guidelines for better safety:

### Vehicle Safety

- Lock your vehicle.
- Remove or hide your valuables.
- Park in a busy, well-lit area away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.
- Remove your garage opener from vehicles left outside.
- Completely close vehicle windows and sunroofs.
- Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.



### Home Security

- Close and lock all doors and windows.
- Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.

Immediately report any unusual person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood as it is occurring—don't wait. If something looks wrong or out of place, it usually is.



## Bike lanes are for bikes only

The City has green bike lanes along North Main Street (St. Rt. 741) at approaches to two intersections: Remick/Village Park Drive and Lytle Five Points/Anna Drive. Green bike lanes, like all bike lanes, create dedicated space on the road for bicyclists. The green lanes also provide notice to drivers and bicyclists of the bike lane. The white traffic paint bordering the bike lane is NOT a turn lane. When the white line is solid, cars may not cross, except to enter a driveway or for emergency.



## City crews ready for snow

Springboro's Public Works Department is ready for winter! Our crews work to provide quality services so motorists can safely travel our roadways.

You can help expedite snow and ice removal by:

- Removing portable basketball hoops from cul-de-sacs so plows can clean curb to curb.
- Parking your car in the driveway—during the snowstorm or when one is predicted. This allows the snowplows to better and more efficiently clean your streets so you can safely drive on them.

## Winter safety kit for your car

As winter weather approaches, the Springboro Police Department recommends motorists keep the following safety kit in your car:

- Blanket
- Flares
- Small bag of sand
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Small shovel
- Gloves
- Boots
- First aid kit
- Jumper cables
- Ice scraper

### Before you leave for your destination...

- Check tires (tread/inflation)
- Check maintenance and keep your vehicle in good running condition
- Keep fuel tank full
- Know where to tune the radio or TV for road safety information



## City has full lineup of events for spring

### Springboro was named the 5th Best Place to Raise a Family

in Ohio in a recent study from the personal finance outlet WalletHub.com. Enjoy all that your City offers! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

#### March 11: 6:30 p.m. "Good or Fad: Making Sense of Diets," at the Springboro Performing Arts Center

Presented by Aloiya Earl, MD, of Premier Orthopedics. See description below. Call CareFinders, 1-866-608-3463 to register. Limited seating.

#### April 25: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Doggie Day at Hazel Woods Park

Bring your pooch for fun and games! Vendors, dog care information and more!

#### May 9: 9:30 – 1 p.m. Touch A Truck at North Park

Climb, touch and "operate" various equipment. **9:30 – 10 a.m. is sensory-friendly**, with no horns or sirens.

#### June 13: noon- 10 p.m. Boro BBQ Fest at North Park

Live music—including the Naked Karate Girls, kids' activities and delicious barbecue.

In addition, the terrific lineup of concerts at North Park begins June 26. Look for the complete schedule in our next issue.

## Good or Fad: Making Sense of Diets and Fueling Your Body for an Active Lifestyle

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 Springboro Performing Arts Center Premier Health Theater



Following a pre-determined diet can make the transition to your "new you" simpler. However, with so many options, it's easy to get confused.

Join Aloiya Earl, MD, of Premier Orthopedics, to learn the science behind the good and the bad about some of today's most popular food regimens – keto, plant-based, intermittent fasting and The Paleo Diet®. She will also discuss how the body uses food for repair and energy – and the optimal nutrition and hydration you need to maintain an active lifestyle at any age, especially in our on-the-go culture.

While this seminar is free, space is limited. Please reserve your spot by contacting CareFinders at 1-866-608-FIND (3463).

# Call before you dig

Before starting any outdoor project, call OHIO811 or visit [oops.org](http://oops.org)—it's the law. The Ohio Utilities Protection Services works with member utilities including Duke Energy, Vectren, AT&T and Spectrum to locate and mark buried utility lines. The service is free and helps ensure your utility services won't be interrupted by someone digging in



## Get a permit before starting work

Residents planning to remodel, build or add-on to any structure must first obtain a permit from the City of Springboro Building/Zoning Department. This includes the construction of decks, fences, patio covers, enclosures, accessory buildings, installation of irrigation systems and the like. Any remodeling to existing houses such as basements or an 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 W. Central Avenue or downloaded at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us).

## Recycle Often, Recycle Right

Great things happen when residents recycle everyday items: tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved! Plus, the recycled materials become new products and the cycle continues.

### Never bag recyclables. Empty these recyclables directly into your cart:

- Plastic bottles and containers
- Food and beverage cans
- Paper
- Flattened cardboard and paperboard
- Glass bottles and containers

### Do not include in your Recycling container

- Food or liquids
- Foam cups and containers
- Loose plastic bags, bagged recyclables or film
- Clothing, furniture and carpet
- Green waste

Visit [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com) for more information.

# Roadway and Infrastructure projects

## 2020 Street Resurfacing Project

The streets in the 2020 Street Resurfacing Program include: Rosewood Drive, Elmwood Drive, Locust Drive and Lookout Drive. These streets will receive concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. The project will advertise and bid in early 2020.

### South Main Street Resurfacing

The Ohio Department of Transportation will resurface South Main Street South Main Street from State Route 73 to the City's south corporation limits, near the high school. This project is scheduled to begin on or after June 22, 2020 and anticipated to be completed before the start of school, weather permitting. The contract with ODOT states that ALL work will be performed in the evening between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. We understand that businesses with evening hours and residents in that area will be affected; however, this is being done to have minimal impact during the heaviest driving hours. The project includes milling of existing asphalt and the application of new asphalt. In addition, decorative crosswalks will be added to all six intersections in the Historic Downtown, similar to the decorative crosswalks at the St. Rts. 73/741 intersection. The City will continue to provide updates as the projects gets underway.

### Water Main Improvements

The following streets will have water main replacements in 2020: Maple Drive and McVey Place. There have been many water main breaks in these areas, and the mains require replacement. New 8" water mains will be installed the entire length of each road. The project will advertise and bid in early 2020. Construction is anticipated to start in late spring/early summer.

## 2020 Springboro Joint Repair Program

This project will repair the transverse cracks in the roadway throughout the City. Evaluations of street conditions are being performed and a list of streets will be determined. In 2018 and 2019 combined, the city repaired over 13,000 linear feet of cracks.

### South Pioneer Project

The City recognizes that there were many issues with this lengthy project, including a very late start to the project, lack of traffic control and the overall ride-ability of the final course of asphalt. The project end date pursuant to the construction contract was November 20, 2019. Unfortunately, due to contractual obligations, the City had to wait until after that date to pursue its legal options under the construction contract to remedy what we believe is to be a deficient and unsatisfactory project. The City will continue to update the community on the progress to properly complete this project as more information is available.



## Golf Anyone?



### Keep your swing in shape this winter

Weather is unpredictable! Keep your clubs handy and your swing in shape. Heatherwoode is waiting for you! Hit the links on our championship level course or try out the golf simulator--with 34 course options. Along with fantastic amenities and outstanding service, Heatherwoode offers Springboro's only walk-in cigar humidor. And, it's open to the public! Stop in the clubhouse and pro shop-- you'll like what you see! For more information and to book tee times, visit [golfheatherwoode.com](http://golfheatherwoode.com) or call 937-748-3222.



### Choose Heatherwoode for your special event

Heatherwoode Golf Club offers a unique and beautiful setting for your next special event. With two lovely banquet rooms, a covered deck and spacious outdoor pavilion overlooking the golf course, Heatherwoode offers numerous possibilities inside or outdoors to accommodate you and your guests.

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For more information, contact Staci Fox, event coordinator, 937-748-3222 Ext.106, email [staci@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:staci@cityofspringboro.com) or visit [golfheatherwoode.com](http://golfheatherwoode.com).



## Take a visit to *Almost, Maine* with Springboro Community Theatre



Springboro Community Theatre (SCT) takes the Performing Arts Center's Premier Health Theater stage with "Almost, Maine" Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6 - 8. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [borotheatre.org](http://borotheatre.org).

## A decade of City accomplishments

As our community continues to grow, the City works to improve and expand services, programs, infrastructure, tax base and amenities. Take a look at these game-changing accomplishments that occurred from 2010 to 2019:

*Leaf Pick-up Program: 2010*

*Solar Power with Park System: 2010, 2011*

*Named 42nd Best City to Live by CNN/Money Magazine: 2011*

*Wade Field project with Schools and Clearcreek Township: 2012*

*Hazel Woods Park: 2012*

*Friday night concerts added to series: 2014*

*New on-ramp to I-75: 2014*

*IGA Purchase and Redevelopment: 2015*

*Bicycle Friendly Community status: 2016*

*Historic Preservation Grant program: 2017*

*Veterans Memorial and Gardner Park: 2017*

*Reconstruction of Intersection at St. Rts. 73 and 741: 2018*

*Kacie Jane Park, with Clearcreek Township: 2019*

*Performing Arts Center: 2019*

*MVCC Fiber Ring: 2019*

We appreciate the support of our citizens and pledge that we will continue to offer superior customer services, and make every effort to give you the best value for your tax dollar.

## Wright Station lands two new tenants

Two new buildings will soon be under construction at Wright Station, the City of Springboro and Mills Development project at St. Rts. 741 and 73. Mills Development announced Cassano's Pizza and Luminous Nails Spa will be the next two tenants.



Cassano's will be housed in a 5,000 square foot space near the restaurant's current location on St. Rt. 741. The new building will include space for an additional tenant along with ample parking. Luminous Nails Spa will be located along St. Rt. 73 across from Warped Wing, which is currently under construction. Luminous Nails Spa will occupy part of an 8,000-square-foot facility, with remaining space for an additional tenant.

Anchored by the Springboro Performing Arts Center, the new development will include a mix of restaurants, retail, office and other entertainment spaces unique to the area.



## UCC mission center underway

OKTOBERFEST SPRINGBORO was conceived eight years ago by members of the Springboro United Church of Christ (UCC) as a vehicle to provide a family-oriented festival for the enjoyment of the Greater Springboro area and to create funding to make possible a citywide network of social services to benefit families in need of support.

To meet needs in our area, the UCC began construction of a two-story mission center utilizing Oktoberfest funds and capital campaign money from its membership. The Warren County Career Center is constructing the center, which should be complete in the spring of 2020. The church is forming a community task force to brainstorm ways to identify, create and administer services to enhance the lives of area families and residents and invites all area businesses, clubs, churches, social service groups and others to send the name of a representative to participate. Contact Terry Carlisle at (937) 371-1803 or carlislecounseling@sbcglobal.net for further information.



## Hometown EXPO a sure sign of spring!

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce 2020 Hometown EXPO, "That Spring Thing," presented by Wade Insurance Agency, is 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Springboro High School.

With over 220 exhibits featuring Springboro area small businesses and nonprofit organizations, Hometown EXPO is Warren County's Largest Business EXPO. The event is free to attend and gives Springboro residents the opportunity to meet directly with the Springboro business community. Find a doctor, an attorney, an insurance agent or an electrician—all in one day.

Residents can enter to win hundreds of door prizes valued at over \$20,000! This year's Grand Prize is a choice of an HDTV package or HD Surveillance Systems package valued at \$3,000, sponsored by Custom Connections Audio Video, Ltd. In addition, join the Hometown EXPO "That Spring Thing" Facebook event to be entered to win restaurant gift card bonus prizes.

The EXPO Food Court restaurant vendors will offer a variety of low-cost choices for breakfast and lunch. Entertainment, including music groups from Springboro Community Schools and local talent, will be presented on stage in the commons area. Last year, about 8,000 people attended Hometown EXPO with the Chamber projecting a larger crowd in 2020.

## Speaker Series at the Springboro Library

The City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in partnership with the Franklin-Springboro Public Library presents a Walking and Bicycling Speaker Series. Registration not required, first-come first-served seating. All programs are free and presented at the Springboro Library, 125 Park Lane.



### February 11: "Rails-to-Trails Conservancy": 7-8 p.m.

Eric Oberg, Director of Trail Development, Midwest Regional Office of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, tells how it all started, what's happening now and plans for the future.

### February 19: "Bicycle Maintenance": 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your bicycle and join Otto Bohn, owner of Spoken Bicycles in Middletown, for a hands-on basic bicycle repair workshop. Ages 16 and up.



## Be counted!

### 2020 Census kicks off in April

Your participation in the 2020 Census is extremely valuable and your civic duty. Census data is used to determine the level of federal funding and where to allocate funds for education, health care, economic development, transportation services, parks and recreation, schools, infrastructure and other investments. In addition, census data guides private-sector investment decisions on where to invest in job creation, new facilities, and marketing. A good and accurate Census count affects SPRINGBORO'S future and our quality of life. Completing the census is a way to participate in our democracy and say "I count!" Please respond to the US 2020 Census questionnaire; your invitation to participate will be coming soon! Further information can be found at: <https://2020census.gov/>.



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