

Fiber to Home Project Underway



As part of the City's Fiber Master Plan, construction is underway on the City's \$2.4 million investment in the digital future. In partnership with the Warren County Port Authority, the City is building a broadband fiber network to provide high-speed internet service. The City will not be providing internet services, however, the fiber network is expected to attract additional Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

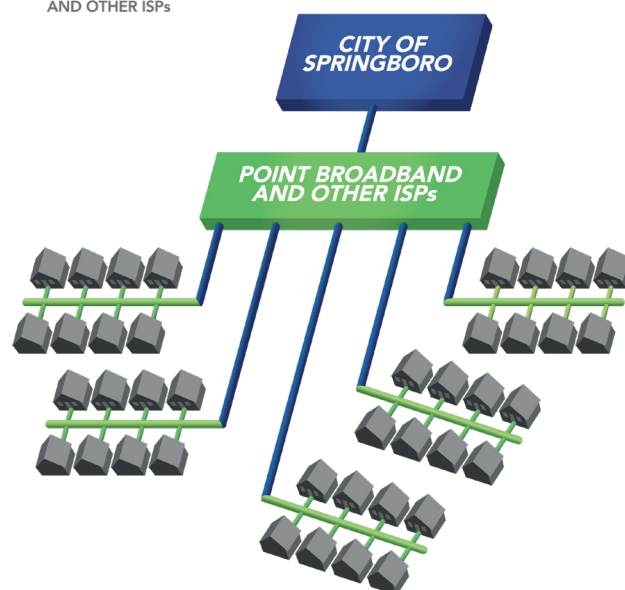
The first ISP to drive Springboro's new digital highway is Point Broadband. Point Broadband is partnering with the City to run its fiber optic network to every neighborhood in Springboro. Residents can expect to see Point Broadband construction teams in and around neighborhoods completing both aerial and underground work. Among the first areas on the schedule include main roads like St. Rt. 741, St. Rt. 73, Lytle-Five Points and Pennyroyal. Following, construction will begin in neighborhoods.

Point Broadband expects to offer up to 1GB upload and download speeds to residents by the end of summer.

Visit the City website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us, for more information about the Fiber Master Plan, FAQs and Point Broadband.

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Progress Continues on Master Plan



Community input has been very important in the Master Planning process. Feedback provided in the fall of 2020 helped shape the themes and objectives of the plan and allowed the consultant team to prepare a series of draft recommendations. A second survey was available in March for residents to review the draft recommendations and provide feedback to help refine and further evolve the Master Plan. That survey focused on housing, connectivity, place-making and public art, growth scenarios and future land use.

The plan will be completed in mid-2021 and replace a similar plan adopted by City Council in 2009. For more information, visit springboromasterplan.com, the City website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us or contact Dan Boron, City Planner, 937-748-6183, or danb@cityofspringboro.com.

From Mayor John Agenbroad



Spring is here and there is much to celebrate in Springboro! As COVID restrictions continue to loosen, we look forward to seeing you out and around town.

I invite you to get out and enjoy all the wonderful resources your City has to offer! Last year, we again gained status as a Bicycle Friendly Community and boast over 10 miles of bike lanes throughout the City! Our parks are perfect for walking, running, playing or just sitting on a bench and taking in the views. Visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us and click "Biking in the Boro" for our biking system map or "Parks and Recreation" for ways to enjoy the great outdoors! Take a stroll through our charming Historic Downtown featuring unique boutiques, restaurants and services and make sure to visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for information on upcoming special events and programs. Stop in the newly reopened Springboro Area Historical Society Museum to see new exhibits and activities, and submit your favorite Springboro photo for their photography contest. View great works of art—right here in our Performing Arts Center. The April show features traditional oil paintings and the May show will highlight our talented Springboro school students.

City Council Updates: I'm pleased to report that Council Member Janie Ridd was appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2021. Janie is serving her second term on City Council and previously served as a member of our Planning Commission for 28 years.

City Council appointed four citizens as new committee members. Mike Thompson is our newest Planning Commission member, Lynn Fields was appointed to the City's Tree Authority, and Brian Retterer and Ed Syron now serve on our Board of Zoning Appeals. We welcome these Springboro residents to our community's leadership, and thank all of our volunteer board and commission members for their continued service in 2021.

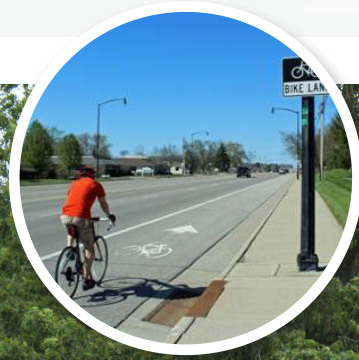
Development News: Progress continues on the new Kroger at 625 W. Central Ave., we cut the ribbon for Bear Naked Tanning, 271 W. Central Ave., and Luminous Nails, Jersey Mike's Subs and Cassano's prepare to move to new digs at Wright Station. Our Fiber to the Home project is underway, with Point Broadband working in various neighborhoods.

Communication Efforts: Based on response last year from our Citizens' Survey, we are increasing the number of City Notes issues delivered to your door. With this issue, we begin publishing the newsletter every other month. In addition, the City is partnering with the Dayton Daily News to share Springboro news, events and other information the second Wednesday of each month in the Local section.

Thank you for your continued support of our local businesses. Choosing local helps keep jobs and tax dollars in our community!

I am so proud of the many ways our residents come together as a community. It is indeed an honor to serve as your Mayor. Please contact our City Offices, 937-748-4343, or email askus@cityofspringboro.com with your questions and comments.

Enjoy spring in Springboro!
#stayconnectedspringboro



National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. The Springboro Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has four activities planned in May: two virtual speaker events and two Bike/Walk events. Whitman's Bike Way Bike Shop presents a virtual workshop on bicycle repair to help you get your bike ready for riding and attorney Steve Magas will discuss Biking and the Law. Links to both presentations will be available on our website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us. The Bike/Walk events are 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at Crooked Handle and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27 at Mr. Boro's Tavern. BPAC will host a series of events throughout the spring and summer. Visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us for more information about Bike Month and other activities.



Proposed Development at Easton Farm

At its March 10 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary plan for the re-zoning and development of a 103-acre mixed-use development, including a commercial area for offices, restaurants, retail, independent living, apartments, park areas and trails, townhomes and single-family residential neighborhood named “The Easton Farm Development.” The application was submitted by the Dillin Corporation of Springboro and the Borror Group of Columbus. If all Planning Commission requirements are met, the applicant is expected to seek approval at the Planning Commission meeting on May 12.

For a re-zoning and development of this type, the Planning Commission is the first step in a multi-approval process. If approved by the Planning Commission, the application must then be reviewed and approved by City Council at subsequent meeting(s). At a minimum, the approval process will take four to six months. A copy of the application is available for review during business hours in the Building & Zoning Department at the City Building. The plans may also be reviewed on the City website, www.cityofspringboro.com Planning Commission. For more information, contact Dan Boron, Planner, 937-748-6183, or danb@cityofspringboro.com.

City Offers Free Shred Day

It's time to get rid of those old bills, checkbooks and other papers that you've been saving! Bring the items to the City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township Free Shred-It Day, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. The best part? You don't need to leave your car! Please follow these guidelines:

- Bring papers to be shredded in cardboard boxes or other containers — plastic bags are not accepted.
- Our staff will remove the items from your car. This will keep the line moving.
- We will accept household shredding only. This event is not for businesses.
- Proof of residency required. This event is for City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township residents.

Shredding services done on-site by Shred-It. The Shred-It process is 100% compliant with all NAID Guidelines (National Association of Information Destruction.) For more information, call 937-748-4343 or visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

SATURDAY, MAY 22 AT NORTH PARK



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Your City Council Members meet monthly on the first and third Thursday at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers to pass legislation and authorize budgeted expenditures related to the management and operation of our City, and the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. Here are just a few agenda items recently approved by City Council.

- **A contract** with Barrett Paving Materials for the “2021 Street Resurfacing & Concrete Work” Program. This annual program consists of resurfacing asphalt streets and replacing deteriorating curbs & gutters, sidewalks and driveway aprons. This year's program includes 21 streets at a total cost of \$1,139,475.
- **A Memorandum of Understanding** with other political subdivisions in Warren County for the Warren County Tactical Response Unit. Springboro has participated in a multi-agency tactical response unit for over 20 years. This unit consists of officers from many Warren County police agencies and responds to incidents where the level of risk and violence is high. The Memorandum of Understanding serves as a formal agreement under which this multi-agency response team would continue to operate.
- **An agreement** with Duke Energy Ohio for the installation of new decorative light poles in the historic downtown. Through this agreement, the City will replace the 25+ year-old decorative light poles with LED capable lights to reduce energy costs and upgrade the poles to allow for the installation of Wi-Fi equipment. This project will enable the City to provide free public Wi-Fi service to the S. Main Street area.
- **An agreement** with the Warren County Engineer's Office to purchase road salt for the 2021-2022 winter season. The Warren County Engineer's Office will conduct the bid process for road salt for many municipalities within the county including Springboro. This cooperative bidding process lowers the cost of salt and allows the participating communities to purchase salt only as needed.

City Moving Forward with Events

We expect additional COVID restrictions to be lifted as summer approaches. Look for our complete lineup in our next issue, but since we're all looking forward to getting out and enjoying all that summer in Springboro has to offer, here's a sneak preview: The always terrific Concerts at North Park will kick off our calendar of special events. In addition, we plan to offer a variety of entertainment in the greenspace at Wright Station. It's going to be a fantastic July 4 celebration at North Park with music and fireworks! Bike the Boro is on the calendar for Sept. 4 and Boro BBQ Fest is set for Oct. 2. For more information, visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

Along with City-sponsored events, Springboro is brimming with activities for the entire family! Here are a few on tap for June:

June 5: 20th Annual Hometown Expo. Visit with over 200 businesses at Springboro High School, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, go to www.springboroohio.org.

June 19: Juneteenth Jubilee. This family-friendly event includes live music and performances at North Park, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney at the Coffman Family YMCA and Underground Railroad tours. Visit www.springborojuneteenth.com for details.

The merchants of Historic Springboro offer shopping and dining specials along with Food Truck Night, the first Thursday of each month, and Girls' Night Out, the third Thursday of each month. Visit www.historicspringboro.com or Facebook page for details.



New City Tax Filing Due Date Is June 4, Tax Office Offers Options For Assistance



The City's new due date for filing 2020 returns is June 4, 2021. That deadline gives you a little extra time to file your City return after you meet your Federal filing obligation, which the IRS has extended until May 17. As in the past, you'll need to submit a copy of page 1 of your Federal Form 1040 with your Springboro return.

There's plenty of support available from the Springboro Tax Department when it comes time to complete your local return. No matter how you like to get the job done, we offer resources to make it easier.

- If you're a "do-it-yourselfer," you can access all the forms and tools you need to complete your own return at www.ci.springboro.oh.us. If you have questions, give our staff a call at 937-748-9701; we'll be happy to assist. When your return is done, you can upload it to our electronic drop box, put it in one of the City's physical drop boxes at the municipal building, or mail it to us at 320 W. Central Ave., Springboro, 45066.
- If you want us to do the work for you, go online to our electronic dropbox and follow the instructions on our submission form to upload the documents we need to prepare your tax return. We'll send you your completed return for review and signature along with final filing instructions.
- If you prefer in-person assistance, our staff can prepare your return on-site, but you must schedule an appointment. Schedule online or call us, 937-748-9701. Don't wait to make your reservation; appointments fill quickly.
- If you want personal attention without leaving home, consider going online to schedule a Zoom appointment. If you get us your tax documents 24 hours in advance of that virtual meeting, we'll be ready to discuss the results of your return with you.

Art Gallery Showcases Olde Masters Galleria

Signature members of the Olde Masters Galleria along with founder Cecilia Brendel are showcasing their work during the April art show at the Performing Arts Center Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way. Featured artists include Jan Moran, Jack Feverston, Kamal Kumbhani, Gary Coy, Bill Hamon, June Ovington, Hyacinth Paul and Richard Bradfield. Each artist will show their rendering of old master works with the exhibit showcasing landscapes, portraits and still life. Brendel will feature her Sherlock Holmes series.

Owner of Olde Masters Galleria in Centerville, Brendel's paintings reflect her earlier technical illustrating career with oil painting. Her work has been published in major art magazines and she recently won a grant from Culture Works to expand her skills. Brendel's love of fine details has inspired her to create a series of miniature paintings which have been published in American Art Collector magazine as "One to Collect".

Meet the artists at a reception, 4 – 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17. The show is free and open to the public. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment by calling 937-748-5774. COVID restrictions apply.





Road Named in Honor of Fallen Officer

The Ohio General Assembly passed a resolution in 2020 designating a section of West Central Avenue (St. Rt. 73) as Bill Johnson Memorial Highway. Officer Johnson was killed on duty June 27, 1983 by a drunk driver. His wife, Brenda, joined members of the Police Department for the sign unveiling ceremony at the Municipal Building. Two signs will be placed along West Central Avenue in his memory.

Officer Recognized



Springboro Officer Aaron Nicley received an award from the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit for Outstanding Investigative Work for her work done at the Springboro Schools. Officer Nicley serves as a School Resource Officer.

Lock Your Car, Take Your Valuables

Each year, almost two million thefts from vehicles occur, with thieves stealing more than a billion dollars in personal items. Reduce the chances your vehicle will become a target. Don't be a victim of crime of opportunity!

- **Lock your doors:** Most thefts from vehicles involve unlocked vehicles.
- **Remove valuables:** Hide electronics and accessories out of sight, or better yet, take them with you.
- **Completely close windows and sunroofs:** Thieves may reach in through the gap and unlock your vehicle. Opened windows disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-ins and giving a thief more time before the alarm sounds.
- **Park for visibility:** Park in a busy, well-lit area, away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.

Continuous Permanent Improvement Levy for Springboro Schools on May Ballot

On Tuesday, May 4, Springboro voters will have the opportunity to vote on Issue 4. This issue asks for a 2-mill Continuous Permanent Improvement Levy for Springboro Schools to be used for Capital Improvement projects, maintenance and repair of school property, technology for the classroom, safety/security, facilities, transportation and various equipment items that are designed to last five years or more. It would not be used for school district salaries or benefits.

If passed, the Permanent Improvement Levy will cover the following expenditures:

- Safety and security enhancements
- Buses (60% of which have exceeded the useful life of age/ mileage – 12yrs/100k miles)
- Textbooks and technology upgrades
- Maintenance and upkeep of school buildings/facilities
- Potential future building additions (based on growth)
- HVAC and windows
- Parking lots, roadways, district grounds, and extra-curricular/ co-curricular facilities

Over the years, Springboro taxpayers have made an investment in school buildings and properties for the education of Springboro's children. A Permanent Improvement Fund is the district's "set aside" reserve for those expenses.

Nearly 90% of school districts in the State of Ohio have a Permanent Improvement Fund. However, Springboro Schools is part of the 10% that does not have such a fund.

On January 1, 2022, 2-mills will drop off of your tax duplicate as a result of a reduction in the high school bond issue collection. Therefore, property owners will experience a zero-net change on property taxes should this 2-mill Continuous Permanent Improvement Levy pass. For more information, visit www.keepspringborostrong.org.



Public Works Week

Cheers to our Service Department! Each May, we celebrate National Public Works Week, recognizing the contributions of the hard-working folks who take care of many of the amenities and services that make our community so special. Your Springboro Public Service crews:

- Maintain over 85 miles of streets, 1200 fire hydrants, 1800 storm drains, 50 street lights, 13 public buildings, 11 parks with restrooms, concession stands, playground equipment and more than 400 acres of grass and landscaped areas and 4 water towers
- Provide water service to 6800 customers
- Maintain over 150 different vehicles and pieces of equipment, including maintenance and building of police cruisers
- Clear snow from roads, pick up leaves, mark water utility lines, repair streets and fix potholes
- Work special events including Concerts in the Park, Boro BBQ Fest, Christmas in Springboro and other celebrations

They help keep our city clean, safe and in tip-top condition. Hats off to our Service Department!



Sign up for e-bill notices and Auto Pay

Springboro water, sewer and trash customers can streamline payments and save paper by utilizing the City's online services. Customers can receive a notification when utilities bills are ready to view, pay bills through Auto Pay or pay bills online using a credit card with no fee. Register at www.springboro.oh.us, City Services or call 937-748-4343 for more information.

Remodeling? Get a Permit Before Starting Work

Residents planning to remodel, build or add-on to any structure must first obtain a permit from the 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. Pick up an applications at the City Building or download at www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

Double fees are charged for work completed without a permit and some work may need to be removed and redone. It is very important to apply for the appropriate permit prior to work being started. Problems have developed when residents put their house on the market without proper inspection records on file with the Building Department. Contact the Building/Zoning Department, 937-748-9791, with questions.

Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

The streets in the 2021 Street Resurfacing Program include: Atrim Dells, Carlton Woods, Country Club Lane, Deer Trail Drive (west end cul-de-sac portion), Fenwick Court, Fox Trail Drive, Glass Court, Irish Hills, Laurel Ridge, Majestic Oaks, Maple Drive, Marbury Court, McVey Place, Meadows Drive (from Glass Court to Farr Drive), Pinehurst Place, Reed Road (from Springmill Drive to Springmill Drive), Rustic Brook Court, Spring Mill Drive (cul-de-sac portion), Stone Brook Court, Terradyne Trace and Wilkerson Court. Work also includes concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. Construction is anticipated to begin late spring and completed during the summer.

2021 Joint Repair Program

The streets in the 2021 Joint Repair Program include: Belvoir, Brookfield, Callaway, Country Club Meadows, Fairfield, McCray Blvd., North Ridge, Oak Hill, Southfield, Tory Pines, Turnberry, Tanglewood, Forsgate, Tuckaway, Camden Park, King George, Queen Anne, Royal Springs, St. James Place, Wellington Way, Westminster Way, Foliage Lane, North Pioneer, Industry Lane and South Tech. J.K Meurer Corporation was awarded the contract to make repairs to approximately 6,500 linear feet of cracks. The work will begin in late spring.



2021 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains will be constructed on Foliage Drive (from south end to Tamarack Trail) and Lemonwood Court. Sturm Construction was low bidder and the project was awarded March 18. Construction should begin early summer.



Historical Society Reopens Museum, Offers Photo Contest

After being closed for more than a year, the Springboro Area Historical Society is reopening its museum and sponsoring a community-focused photo contest. The museum, at 110 S. Main St., is open noon to 2 p.m. every Saturday in April. Hours are expected to expand in May. The society is launching two new exhibits: Lee Izor, Local Racing Champion and an expanded Native American Artifacts Collection. Admission is free.

“Spring in Springboro” is the theme for the society’s newly launched photography contest. Open to Springboro residents, winners will be selected from three age categories: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 years and above. Entries must focus on one of three subjects: any aspect of Springboro, the Springboro Historical Museum or the Null House, located at Heatherwoode Golf Course. Winning photos will be on display in June at the Springboro Performing Arts Center. The contest runs April 1 – May 15. Stop by the museum during open hours or email springboromuseum@gmail.com for an application.



Early Literacy Matters

The best way to teach your children to read is to read to them. The Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library-- in partnership with the five Warren County libraries, the Warren County Foundation and Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library—will send quality, age-appropriate books every month to children under the age of five—for FREE. All you need to do is register. There is no income requirement. The City of Springboro is pleased to commit \$20,000 to this program. Visit ohioimaginationlibrary.org to enroll. To watch Dolly read a selection from the library search Imagination Library on YouTube.

REGISTER FOR FREE BOOKS



Have a child under 5? Register now for FREE books
The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library
will send high-quality age appropriate books once a month
to registered children in Warren County.
OhioImaginationLibrary.org/enroll

The City of Springboro has committed \$20,000 to support this program.

Library Services Update



As of press time, the Springboro Public Library’s hours are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and noon - 4 p.m. Saturday. Masks are required and visit times are limited. The digital library and library databases are still available 24/7. For more information, call 937-748-3200 or visit www.fspl.org.

Wee Panthers Flag and Tackle Football Registration Open

Register your children for an unforgettable season of safe and fun football! The Wee Panthers Flag and Tackle programs offer top-of-the-line safety equipment, practice and playing fields, and coaching staffs. Players receive instruction on fundamentals, learn the power of teamwork and respect, create lifelong friendships, and develop pride in being part of the Panther community. Practices start July 19 at Clearcreek Park and games continue through late October or early November. All flag games (K-3rd grade) and all home tackle games (1st – 6th grade) take place on the weekend at Wade Field. Tackle teams also play away games against our WOJFC partner school districts. The program is open to all Springboro residents in public and private schools. Register at weepanthersfootball.com and follow the Facebook page.





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Party on the Deck starts May 26

Spend your Wednesday evenings at the Heatherwoode clubhouse May 26 – August 11. Live music, great selection of bourbon and cigars and great food! See you at Heatherwoode! Visit www.golfheatherwoode.com or call 937-748-3222 for details.

Spoil Mom with Mother's Day Brunch at Heatherwoode

Bring the family for a buffet feast in celebration of Mother's Day, May 9 at Heatherwoode Golf Club. Following all state safety protocols, brunch includes a carving station, Chef-attended omelet station, waffle bar, breads and pastries, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted desserts and more. Two seatings available: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Prices are \$24.95 for adults, \$11.95 for children 6 – 12, and kids 5 and under eat free. All prices include tax and gratuity. Reservations required, call 937-748-3222.



Club Fitting is a Heatherwoode Specialty

Heatherwoode is rated one of the best club fitting facilities in Ohio. Treat yourself or your group to a fun, exclusive, personalized experience. Utilizing Foresight GC Quad launch monitors, the staff can analyze 200 high-speed photos through impact of your swing. The Heatherwoode golf pros don't work on commission--their focus is finding the right shaft and head to help you play better golf. Look for the best prices on all of the hottest new equipment from all major brands. Contact Matt Cole, 937-748-3222, to schedule your fitting.



Heatherwoode Makes Events Memorable

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.

Along with a gorgeous location and extensive catering menu, the customer-oriented staff will ensure your experience is absolutely outstanding. Heatherwoode is the perfect setting for a business meeting, luncheon, company party, anniversary party, wedding, graduation party and other special events. For more information, contact Staci Fox, 937-748-3222 Ext.106, email staci@cityofspringboro.com or visit golfheatherwoode.com.

