

CITYNotes

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City Continues Technology Upgrades

Springboro is bursting onto the digital scene with a variety of projects to upgrade our technology providing better safety, higher internet speeds and expanding our quality of life.

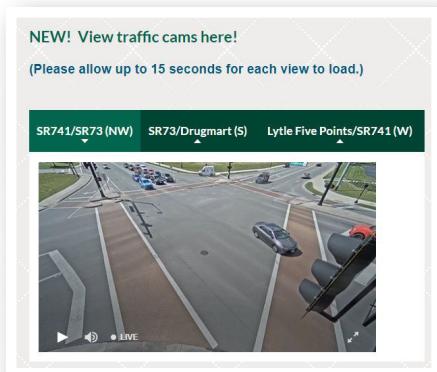
The City has embarked on a 17-mile fiber optic project that will cover the entire City. The fiber will be used by the City to connect all of our traffic signals, public buildings along with water and sewer infrastructure to provide better monitoring of the City's infrastructure. In addition, the City is setting aside additional conduit to be sold or leased to private internet Service Providers (ISPs) to provide more competition in the internet realm. Point Broadband is the first company to jump on board the digital highway the City is creating and will provide up to 1GB service to any City household looking for internet choices and higher internet speeds. Point Broadband is currently working in various City neighborhoods in proximity to the City Building and their network should be available to the entire City by the end of next summer.

Additional technology upgrades are occurring at all of the major intersections in the City with a traffic signal. The City was awarded a \$400,000 safety grant from the State of Ohio to install radar detection for traffic signal timing. Radar units are much safer for intersections as they can detect vehicle speed and then determine when to change the main arteries to a red light, allowing for safer access to main roads from the cross-streets.

The City has installed three traffic cameras at the intersections of St. Rt. 741 and Lytle-Five Points, St. Rt. 741 and St. Rt. 73, and St. Rt. 73 and DrugMart. These cameras are accessible on the City's website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us 24/7 for the public to monitor road conditions and traffic. The City has plans to install more cameras at additional intersections in the future.

Another upgrade we're working on is creating an online tax filing system called LIME (Local Income Tax Made Easy). This proprietary system will allow most residents to completely file their City income taxes online by uploading or taking photos of tax forms and then the program will digitally "read" all information and automatically insert it directly into the tax forms to be submitted. It will even calculate your taxes for you. Tax-filers will literally simply take a photo and the system will do the rest! We hope to have LIME ready for use by next tax season.

Free public Wi-Fi is also a priority for the City. The City Building/Library parking lot already is a hotspot. In addition, Wi-Fi is in place at Wright Station and soon, another Wi-Fi project will be complete in Historic Downtown, providing that entire area with internet access. Eventually all public parks in Springboro will also have free public Wi-Fi.



Art Gallery Showcases Photo Contest Winners, Local Artists

Winning photos from the Springboro Area Historical Society's "Spring in Springboro" photo contest will be on display during the month of June at the Performing Arts Center Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way.

The July show, "ReConnect", will feature the works of Amy Dolan, Mikee Huber, Rachel Tepe and Teresa Olavarria.

The gallery 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.



Give us 10 or 30, Springboro!

Take part in Walking & Biking Wellness Program

Our Springboro parks and roadways are home to numerous walking trails, bike paths and lanes. Take advantage of the amenities in your own backyard!

1. Walk 10 miles or cycle 30 miles in one month using a tracking app of your choice. There are plenty of free apps out there.
2. Take a photo or screenshot of the mileage completed. Selfies at the parks or around town are encouraged, too!
3. Complete the form available on our website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us, by the end of each month to be eligible for prizes.

All completed forms will be entered into a drawing for prizes-- including one local restaurant gift card for every 20 entries.

This program runs May 1 through September 30, 2021. You must be a Springboro resident to participate. Stay active, Springboro!



Kacie Jane Splash Pad is Open!

Splish! Splash! Your favorite place to cool off has water play, two playgrounds, a musical interactive area, restrooms and a shelter. It's Kacie Jane Park at Lytle-Five Points and Crosley roads. Bring your towel and sunscreen for a day of fun! The splash pad is open 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. Springboro is home to nine parks open dawn until dusk. Visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us for more information.



Painted Rugs Bring Color To Historic Downtown

The City partnered with three downtown art gallery owners and two Springboro High School art students to create outdoor living areas in Historic Springboro. The artists painted an original design "rug" under each of the 12 benches located throughout S. Main Street. Artists included Shawna Hatton, owner of Chasing Light Art Studio and Gallery, Anthony Murrill of A. S. Murrill Art Gallery and Kim Loesche, owner and artist at Eve's Ink Tattoo along with Sydney Small and Amber McKinney, Springboro High School seniors.

Scavenger Hunts Planned throughout Summer

"Celebrate Summer in Springboro" is the theme for our June scavenger hunt and "Cool Concerts" is the theme for July. Clues will be posted on our Facebook page on June 21 and July 15 for five lucky winners to find a Springboro cinch sack, hidden in a few of our parks!

If you find the prize pack, please post a photo with the item on your social media with #StayConnectedSpringboro.

One day each month through September, the City will host a scavenger hunt in our parks. Clues will be posted on our Facebook page the day prior to each hunt.

From Mayor John Agenbroad

Summer! We've been waiting for you! As we continue to see more COVID restrictions lifted, summer and all the joy that it brings will be welcomed warmly in Springboro!

Springboro offers many wonderful amenities, so stick around town for great food, entertainment, kids' activities, nightlife, shopping, nature, history and more!

The always terrific Concerts at North Park will kick off our calendar of special events on June 25. See our schedule on page 8. In addition, we plan to offer a variety of outdoor entertainment at Wright Station. It's going to be a fantastic July 4 celebration at North Park with a Tribute to Elvis followed by fireworks! Bike the Boro is on the calendar for Sept. 4 and Boro BBQ Fest is set for Oct. 2.

Our commitment to community wellness programs continues throughout the summer. Just walk ten miles or ride your bike 30 miles in one month. Then upload a screen shot of a tracking app on our website and you'll automatically be registered for some great prizes! We have more details about all of these programs on our website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

Along with City-sponsored events, Springboro is brimming with activities for the entire family! A few on tap for June include the Springboro Chamber of Commerce Hometown Expo on June 5 and a Juneteenth Jubilee on June 19 with live music at North Park, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney at the Coffman YMCA and Underground Railroad tours. 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. More information about these events are included in this issue.

Thank you for your continued support of our Springboro 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.

It's going to be a great summer in Springboro! #stayconnectedspringboro



City Offices will be closed **Monday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day.



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:

- **A contract** for the 2021 Joint Repair Program. This annual street improvement program consists of repairing transverse cracks on streets in our neighborhoods and business areas to improve road conditions. This year's program involves approximately 6,500 linear feet of joint repair in the McCray Farms/Woodland Greens and Royal Springs/Royal Tamarack Subdivisions, South Tech Business Park and North Pioneer Boulevard. J.K. Meurer Corp. submitted the lowest and best bid for this project at \$228,800.00.
- **A grant application** to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trails Program. This grant would be used to design and construct a 10-ft. wide multi use trail on the south side of Clearcreek Park and to upgrade and extend an existing trail that would ultimately connect Hazel Woods Park to E. Milo Beck Park. This project fulfills the recommendations of the City's

latest Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. If funded, the project would help develop a continuous off-road trail from E. Milo Beck Park to Franklin's Lion Club Park by 2023.

- **A contract** with Sturm Construction Inc. for the 2021 Water Main Replacement Project. This project is part of the City's ongoing program to replace aging and deteriorating water mains throughout the community. This year's project will consist of replacing approximately 2,600 feet of 6" water mains with new 8" water mains on Foliage Lane and Lemonwood Court in the Royal Tamarack Subdivision. The old water mains often break causing disruptions in service and needing frequent repairs. These water system improvements will cost approximately \$600,000.
- **An ordinance** providing for the issuance of \$3 million of bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds previously issued for the construction of the Austin Road Interchange. The bonds will be sold directly to the City treasury and held by the City. In essence, the City is refinancing the debt associated with the development of the interchange to increase investment returns, lower borrowing costs and expedite repayment.

City Tax Filing Assistance Still Available

The due date for filing City income tax returns is June 4. If you haven't filed yet, don't panic. With a little help from the Springboro Tax Department, you can still take care of this task. Here's how:

- Make an appointment: Tax Department staff members will complete your return for you at the City Building, but you must schedule an appointment. Call 937-748-9701 or schedule your appointment online at www.ci.springboro.oh.us. Be sure to bring your W-2's and Federal return with you to the appointment.
- Give us your documents: 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 back your completed return for review and signature along with final filing instructions.
- Schedule a Zoom appointment: Go online and schedule a Zoom appointment. If you upload your tax documents to our electronic dropbox 24 hours in advance of the meeting, we'll have your return prepared and be ready to discuss the results during our virtual chat.

Tax forms and filing information are also available on our website. If you have any questions, call 937-748-9701.

Springboro Celebrates 25 Years as Tree City USA

Students from Five Points Elementary School assisted the City of Springboro plant four trees at their school on April 30, in celebration of Arbor Day. One student from each of the ten fifth grade classes joined Principal Traci Griffen along with Deputy Mayor Janie Ridd, City Manager Chris Pozzuto and other School and City staff members for the ceremony. Springboro City Council member Becky Iverson read a proclamation announcing April 30 as Arbor Day in the City of Springboro.

The City continues to meet the guidelines to earn our 25th annual distinction as a Tree City USA. Conceived in 1976, Tree City USA is a national program administered locally by state foresters using four standards to evaluate a community's commitment to its urban forest resource: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The City made reforestation, preservation and maintenance of trees a priority in our community by establishing the Tree Authority in 1995. Sit back and relax under the shade of a beautiful tree!



Community Celebrates Graduates

The year 2021 will be one we'll all remember—for many reasons.

The Springboro community is doing its best to rally around the SHS Class of 2021 and celebrate this milestone. The City of Springboro is proud to share in the Panther Pride that will be evident all over town including banners, yard signs, all 511 graduates' names on the gateway sign and a senior parade. Congratulations to all the graduates of 2021!



Yard Waste Impacts Water Quality

In nature, a balance forms between growth and decay and when a natural system (such as a stream habitat) becomes out of balance, the system becomes dysfunctional. Leaves, grass clippings, twigs and other yard waste are naturally composed of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus. Dumping these excess nutrients into a nearby stream (storm drain, ditch or lake) disrupts the stream's ability to keep itself healthy which impacts the water quality and aquatic life. It causes things like algae to grow much larger than they should which depletes the oxygen in the water for the fish and other stream life, making it difficult for them to survive.

The good news is you can reuse yard waste as free fertilizer for your yard and gardens!

- Compost yard waste in a home-made or purchased compost bin creating reusable, free fertile soil.
- Use a mulching mower. This reapplies the clippings (and nutrients) back onto the yard which helps feed the lawn, retain moisture and protects from the hot sun. Mow in different directions each week to prevent thatch build up.
- Keep your grass at least three inches long to reduce the amount of clippings. Taller plants grow longer roots which keeps the grass and soil healthier and more drought resistant.
- Blow your leaves on top of your gardens in fall. They protect perennial roots from cold temps and add free nutrients to your garden as they decay.
- Mulch walkways between the rows in your garden with yard waste to help prevent weeds and save on buying wood mulch.
- And remember, storm drains are for clean rain water only.

Police Department Recognized for Excellence in Policy and Training

The Springboro Police Division was recognized by the Lexipol Connect program for achieving Gold level for consistently and effectively disseminating policies to officers, issuing timely policy updates as laws change and ensuring officers are trained on policies. Lexipol is the nation's leading content, policy and training platform for public safety agencies. The Connect program tracks the Springboro Police Division's performance on five metrics proven to measure success in policy management.

"Policy – and regularly training on policy – is crucial to the success of the department," said Springboro Police Lt. Aaron Zimmaro, department training coordinator. "We are proud to be recognized by Lexipol Connect for continuously improving professionalism and safety."

In 2020, Springboro Police responded to more than 16,548 requests for assistance. These included criminal investigations, mental health crisis interventions, school security and animal complaints. To maintain a consistent and professional response, the department relies on comprehensive, up-to-date policies.

Officers Participate in Panel Discussion

Five local police officers shared their experiences of being Black and wearing a badge as part of a panel discussion on April 28 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by the City of Springboro and the Springboro Police Department, panelists included Springboro officers Antwaun Scott and Randy Peagler, Officer Crystal Rankins with the Miami Township Police Department, Det. Ryan Morgan from the Middletown Police Department and Assistant Chief Maurice Robinson from the Cincinnati Police Department. Springboro resident Pastor Bruce Moxley, Jr., of Dominion Ministries International in Clayton, served as moderator. The program is available on the City's YouTube channel.

Blue is 2!

Blue, the Springboro Police Department's comfort dog, is growing up! Unofficially a teenager in human years, Blue celebrated his second birthday on May 14 with special treats and lots of hugs from the community. Blue continues to keep a busy schedule visiting schools and nursing homes, comforting individuals in crisis and greeting people at special events.



Officers with Life Saving Commendation Award

Two Springboro Police Officers received the Life Saving award at a recent City Council meeting. The Police Department recognized officers Carl Hoskins and Cody Baker for their actions in February when they responded to a medical call for assistance at a local hotel. Upon entering the room, the officers discovered a suicide note and then forced their way into a locked bathroom, where they found a female in severe medical distress. The officers immediately responded with first aid, applied pressure to wounds and stopped a large flow of blood. They continued treatment until further medical assistance arrived from the Clearcreek Fire District. The Clearcreek Fire District later determined that the female was "alive solely based on the exact actions of both officers."

Both officers received a commendation plaque in appreciation of their heroic actions and exemplary service.

Officer Hoskins has been with Springboro for almost three years, while Officer Baker was hired two years ago. This is Baker's second Life Saving award. He received one last year for giving CPR to a passenger in a vehicle he had stopped.



Police Memorial Week

Each year the Springboro Police Department commemorates National Police Memorial Week—traditionally the second week of May-- by placing a wreath on a cruiser in memory of Springboro officer William Johnson, who was killed in the line of duty in 1983.





Party on the Deck

Spend your Wednesday evenings at the Heatherwoode clubhouse. Enjoy live music, great selection of bourbon, cigars and great food! See you at Heatherwoode for this event, offered through August 11. Visit www.golfheatherwoode.com or call 937-748-3222 for details.

Heatherwoode Makes Event Planning Easy!

Have an upcoming wedding, graduation party or business meeting? Let us take away the stress of planning. With two lovely banquet rooms, a covered deck and spacious outdoor pavilion overlooking the golf course, Heatherwoode offers numerous possibilities-- inside or outdoors. Relax and enjoy your party! We've got this! For more information, contact Staci Fox, 937-748-3222 Ext.106, email staci@cityofspringboro.com or visit golfheatherwoode.com.



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.

Downtown Gets New Light Poles

The City has replaced 63 light poles in downtown Historic Springboro with new poles featuring LED lighting, reducing the energy maintenance cost by almost 50 percent. The project was completed in late May. Several poles will also be outfitted for Wi-Fi, with multiple points throughout S. Main Street, so that in the near future the downtown area will have public Wi-Fi available.

Springboro Financial Report Receives Highest Honors

The City of Springboro received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. According to GOFA, the report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The report is available to review at www.ci.springboro.oh.us.

Take a Stroll Through Historic Downtown

Featuring unique boutiques, restaurants and services, visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for information on upcoming special events including Food Truck Thursday, available the first Thursday of each month, and Girls' Night Out, offered the third Thursday of each month. Stop in the Springboro Area Historical Society Museum to view two new exhibits, learn more about Springboro's role in the Underground Railroad and find out about the history of Jonathan Wright, Springboro's founder. Visit the society's Facebook page for details.





Summer Reading Program Kicks Off At Library

The Franklin-Springboro Public Library's Summer Reading Program begins June 1 and runs through July 24. Children and teens will use logs to track reading time to earn prizes. Adults that check out library materials during this time will be automatically entered to win some great prizes. Stop by the library to register or visit www.fspl.org for details. Programs will remain virtual over the summer.

ARTFest on Main

ARTFest on Main, sponsored by the Springboro Arts Council, is accepting artist applications for the juried, fine arts show set for August 28 in Historic Springboro. Featuring works from more than 80 fine artists along with music, entertainment and children's activities, application information is available at www.ArtfestOnMain.com.



2021-2022 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Nelson
Is Missing!



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Juneteenth Celebration At Three City Locations

The Springboro Juneteenth Jubilee is a family-friendly community celebration set for Saturday, June 19, honoring the day in our nation's history, June 19, 1865, when the last slaves in Galveston, Texas received word that they were free-- nearly two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation had abolished slavery.

Three events will commemorate Juneteenth: tours of the Underground Railroad sites in Springboro, a festival at North Park and a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament. For more information, visit springborojuneteenth.com.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Auditions: June 14-15, 2021
Performances: August 6-8 & 13-15, 2021

Puffs

Auditions: July 19-20, 2021
Performances: September 10-12 & 17-19, 2021

The Wedding Singer

Auditions: September 13-14, 2021
Performances: November 5-7 & 12-14, 2021

Miss Nelson is Missing

Auditions: November 8-9, 2021
Performances: January 7-9 & 14-16, 2022

The Mousetrap

Auditions: January 10-11, 2022
Performances: March 4-6 & 11-13, 2022

The Drowsy Chaperone

Auditions: March 7-8, 2022
Performances: April 29-May 1 & 6-8, 2022

Disney's Descendants

Auditions: May 2-3, 2022
Performances: June 17-19 & 24-26, 2022

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Summer Concert Series is HOT!

We're bringing the heat with our Concerts in the Park Series at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. Sing along to your favorite tunes as the City of Springboro and Park Board present a terrific lineup that includes 11 FREE concerts on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Tuesday and Saturday concerts start at 7 p.m. and feature an eclectic mix of music along with concessions by the Rotary Club of Springboro.

Friday and Sunday concerts start at 7:30 p.m. We're keeping the classic rock flame burning with tribute bands. In addition to concessions by the Rotary Club of Springboro, look for a variety of local food trucks. Beer sales support Wee Panthers Football.

Bring your own seating—we're ready for summer! Here's the lineup:

Friday, June 25 Face 2 Face - Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel

Saturday, June 26 122nd Army Reserve Band

Sunday, July 4 Elvis Tribute & fireworks display

Tuesday, July 6 Blackwater Band

Friday, July 9 Slippery When Wet – The Ultimate Bon Jovi Tribute

Tuesday, July 13 Fleetwood Gold – Tribute to Fleetwood Mac

Friday, July 16 McGuffey Lane

Tuesday, July 20 Bohemian Funk

Friday, July 23 Hotel California – The Original Tribute to the Eagles

Tuesday, July 27 The Little Mermen, featuring all Disney music, come in costume!

Friday, July 30 Resurrection-- A Journey Tribute

In addition, the City is planning a variety of free entertainment in the outdoor area at Wright Station to start in late June. Check our website and Facebook page for details or call 937-748-4343.

