



CITYNotes

A PUBLICATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGBORO

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

Leaf Collection Starts Oct. 11

The Service Department is gearing up for our annual leaf pickup service. Leaves will be collected beginning Monday, Oct. 11, and crews will collect leaves from each area at least ten times. To keep leaf collection on schedule and help keep costs down, please follow these guidelines:

- Rake your leaves to the curb or tree lawn, not into the street where they will block traffic or potentially clog storm sewers.
- Place your leaves at the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled to arrive. Depending on Mother Nature, equipment problems and volume of leaves, crews may run up to two days early or two days late.
- Do not rake anything except leaves to the curb for collection. Branches, sticks and other waste clog the machinery and can potentially damage the leaf vacuum.

- Do not bag your leaves for collection. Bagged leaves will be by-passed. Leaves must be at the curb for ease of pick up by leaf vacuums. Bagged leaves will be left for Rumpke to pick up as part of their yard waste collection.

- Do not park vehicles within 20 feet of leaf piles. Leaves must be accessible to the trucks and the leaf vacuum. If leaves are not accessible, they will be bypassed – we do not want to risk damaging the leaf vacuum or your vehicles.

Leaf collection schedule updates are available at www.ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-0020 for more information. See the collection map on page 5.



City to Offer “Race and Bias in the Court System” Discussion

TWO OPTIONS FOR VIEWING: LIVE STREAM OR IN-PERSON

Are black defendants treated differently than white defendants? In a continuing effort to facilitate open communication, the City of Springboro and the Springboro Police Department sponsor a third panel discussion on race. This forum will address race and bias in our court system at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public.

Five distinguished members of our legal community will participate on the panel: David Fornshell, Warren County Prosecutor; the Honorable Jeff Kirby, Warren County Common Pleas Family Court Judge; the Honorable Gerald Parker, Montgomery County Common Pleas Judge; Kent DePoorter, Springboro Mayor’s Court Magistrate and practicing attorney; and Mark Webb, Springboro City Prosecutor and practicing defense attorney. Springboro Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff will serve as moderator.

In addition to limited seating at the Performing Arts Center, the program will be streamed live on the City of Springboro Facebook page and taped for viewing at a later date. For more information call 937-748-0611.

The first panel discussion featured four local Black men sharing their experiences. In April, “Law Enforcement from a Black Perspective” was presented by five local officers. Both programs are available on the City’s YouTube channel.





Bill Haggerty was recognized by City Council for his nine years of volunteer service to the Architectural Review Board. Over the years, he has held the positions of Vice Chair and Chair of the Board. Council liaison to the ARB. **Janie Ridd** presented **Haggerty** with a plaque of appreciation during a recent Council meeting.



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.

- **The 2022 Tax Budget** – is a projection of revenues and expenditures for the following year and must be filed annually with the Warren County Auditor's Office in order to receive the City's share of Local Government Funds and 1.11 mills of property tax revenue. Springboro's estimated share of Local Government Funds for 2022 is approximately \$130,000 and property tax revenue will be approximately \$775,000.
- **An ordinance amending Chapter 678, Weeds and Litter,** of the City's General Offenses Code to recoup additional costs to abate property maintenance issues, specifically the mowing of lawns, within the City. The newly amended ordinance adds an administrative fee of \$250 in addition to the costs charged to property owners for neglected properties to be mowed. Generally, the height limitation for grass and weeds is eight (8) inches in residential neighborhoods.
- **A resolution** authorizing Springboro to participate in an agreement with the Warren County Engineer's Office to purchase road salt for the 2021-2022 winter season. The county engineer's office will conduct the bid process for road salt on behalf of municipalities within the county. This cooperative bidding process lowers the cost of salt and allows the participating communities to purchase salt as needed to keep roads clear and safe during snow and ice season.
- **A resolution** authorizing the City to enter into an agreement for the sale of fiber optic conduit bank to Cincinnati Bell. Under this agreement, the City will sell four banks of conduit to Cincinnati Bell for \$1.5 million. The conduit purchase enables Cincinnati Bell to run its own fiber optic cables in all of the main thoroughfares and neighborhoods in the City. Cincinnati Bell plans to offer various high-speed internet products to all Springboro residents by mid-2023.

City to Install Two EV Charging Stations

As more motorists begin to look for options to gasoline, the demand for EV charging stations continues to increase. In an ongoing effort to help lessen our carbon footprint, the City will be installing two Blink brand Electric Vehicle charging stations at Heatherwoode Golf Club. Each station can host two vehicles, and will be available dawn until dusk daily for Heatherwoode patrons. Any EV model will be able to charge at the stations, which will be located in the rear parking lot off Heatherwoode Circle. The stations are expected to be installed by the end of the year with the service provided by the City free of charge.



Two Springboro parks already host free EV charging stations: North Park, on Tamarack Trail, and Clearcreek Park, on lower Springboro Road.

Get Involved In Your Local Government

Springboro's board and commission volunteers have the unique opportunity to participate in the leadership of our community. Applicants must be a City of Springboro resident and a registered voter. Committees typically meet once per month to conduct business. For more information and to apply for committee service, search "boards and commissions" at www.ci.springboro.oh.us for an application. All committee members serve as volunteers. City Council will make appointments to the following citizen committees in December for new terms beginning in 2022:

- Architectural Review Board*
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Tax Review
- Park Board
- Tree Authority

**Applicants for the Architectural Review Board should have preservation-related professional backgrounds including archaeology, architectural history, architecture, historical architecture, history or planning to meet federal requirements for this board.*

Applications will be accepted until November 5 at: lori@cityofspringboro.com or Lori Martin, Clerk of Council, City of Springboro, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio 45066.

From Mayor John Agenbroad

It's been quite a summer in Springboro! Over the past four months, our City has welcomed thousands of guests to our concerts, parks and special events. We hosted a record of more than 21,000 guests to our live shows at North Park! I'm very proud of the outstanding reputation we've built for providing quality entertainment in a safe and fun venue. Special thank you to our Park Board along with our Parks, Service, Police and Fire departments in addition to many volunteers for staffing these concerts. And yes, we will welcome back Resurrection - A Journey Tribute for a show on July 29, 2022!

As we welcome fall, please get out and enjoy all the wonderful resources your City has to offer! Our parks are perfect for walking, running, cycling, playing or just sitting and taking in the beautiful views.

Your City Council and staff will be spending the next few months focusing on the city annual budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Each year the City reviews capital needs such as improvements to essential public infrastructure, parks and recreation projects, and equipment needed for operations and services for the next five-year period. Council will review all capital projects and the budget proposal in November prior to approving all budgeted expenditures for 2022 this December.

Veterans Day is November 11. We send our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all those who have served. Thank you for your dedication to keeping our country safe.

This is the last issue of City Notes for 2021. As we approach the holiday season, I wish you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year. It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

Happy Holidays



Bike the Boro and The Big Event

More than 300 cyclists of all ages spent a warm Saturday September morning at North Park for Bike the Boro. Cyclists hit the road at 10 a.m., covering 2, 10 or 16 miles of road in Springboro. Upon returning, it was time to cool off with free ice cream! Hundreds more took part in the Big Event, with bounce houses, climbing wall, face painting, sno-cones, cotton candy and other fun kid stuff—all at no cost! In addition, the City of Springboro, Springboro Police, Clearcreek Sheriff's Office, Warren County SWAT, Clearcreek Fire District and a variety of cycling vendors offered demonstrations, information booths and giveaways. Miami Valley Hospital's CareFlight landed and offered tours of the helicopter and Dayton Children's Hospital showed the proper way to fit a bike helmet. As always, lots of cool prizes and fun giveaways were awarded. For more information on cycling, visit www.bikingintheboro.com.



Fiber to Home Project Continues to Grow

The citywide 17-mile fiber optic loop, in partnership with Warren County Port Authority, is well underway—and has almost paid for itself. Six conduits are being installed throughout the City. Two internet service providers have purchased five of the lines. Point Broadband began work earlier this year installing one line and just recently the City sold four lines to Cincinnati Bell for \$1.5 million. The internet providers will then run their own fiber optic cables to provide high speed internet to neighborhoods. Construction teams are throughout the City completing both aerial and underground work. In addition to providing options for high speed internet, the technology upgrades will help the City provide better safety and public works services. Point Broadband expects to begin offering service next year, while Cincinnati Bell services should be available in 2023.



Thanks to Ted Andrews and the crew at Kona Ice for their generous donation of \$2,370 to the Springboro Police Department's Operation Santa program. Kona Ice donates a portion of their proceeds earned over the summer at Kacie Jane Park.

Businesses Opening All Over Town

Take a drive around Springboro and you'll find plenty of grand opening signs and businesses under construction.

The new Kroger on W. Central Avenue is nearing completion. Features include a drive-thru pharmacy, Starbucks, pick up lanes and 14-pump fueling center.

Other businesses either recently opened or getting close include:

- Farmers & Merchants Bank, 720 Gardner Road
- Biggby Coffee, 720 Gardner Road
- Weathervane Woodworks, 400 S. Main Street
- Mathnasium, 786 N. Main Street
- Latin Arepas, 85 W. Central Avenue
- La Embajada Underground, 770 N. Main Street
- UB Properties, LLC, Real Estate Office, 15 Commercial Way

Welcome to all of these businesses. When you support local, you're supporting your community.



Art Gallery Showcases Gallery Owners and Sister Show

The Springboro Performing Arts Center Art Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way, is pleased to present upcoming exhibits showcasing artists with Springboro connections. **Anthony Murrill** is the featured artist for October. Murrill is known for his custom artwork, portraits, animal portraits and wall murals. Last spring, he created three outdoor "rugs" that can be found under benches in Historic Springboro, where he also has a gallery at 140 S. Main Street.

The November show will highlight the works of sisters **Mary Lynn Mogan** and **Patty Reeves**. While both are longtime artists, this is the first time their work will be shown as one exhibit. Reeves is the owner and chef at Ambiance Wine Bar Café in Historic Springboro. Patty likes to paint images that draw the viewer into the picture, almost as if they are inside the world of the painting. Many of her works depict streets or the woods.

As a child, Mary Lynn Mogan was interested in the fine arts and dabbled in pencil sketching and water colors. She attended the University of Dayton to pursue a degree in art education. In her retirement years, Mary has devoted more time to developing her skills as an artist. She loves painting pet portraits and recreating vacation and travel photographs into canvas fine arts.

The December show will highlight work by artist **Shawna Hatton**, the owner of Chasing Light Art Studio and Gallery at 140 S. Main Street. Hatton's work includes fine art paintings and photography. She also participated in the outdoor "rug" project, creating three paintings in Historic Springboro.

Gallery Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with some extended hours on evenings and weekends or by appointment by calling 937-748-5774. Visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us for information exhibit.

Breast Cancer Discussion to be Held Oct. 13

Selyne Samuel, MD, FACS, will present a talk on breast cancer at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Dr. Samuel is a breast surgeon with Premier Health at Miami Valley Hospital South.



Selyne Samuel, MD, FACS

She obtained fellowship training in Breast Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Akron General Medical Center. Having trained at the Cleveland Clinic, a renowned tertiary cancer center, she is a strong advocate of a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care and the value of integrating holistic approaches. "My role as a breast surgical oncologist is to provide patient-centered treatment options that strive for a cure, while restoring peace of mind and a return to a reasonable quality of life."

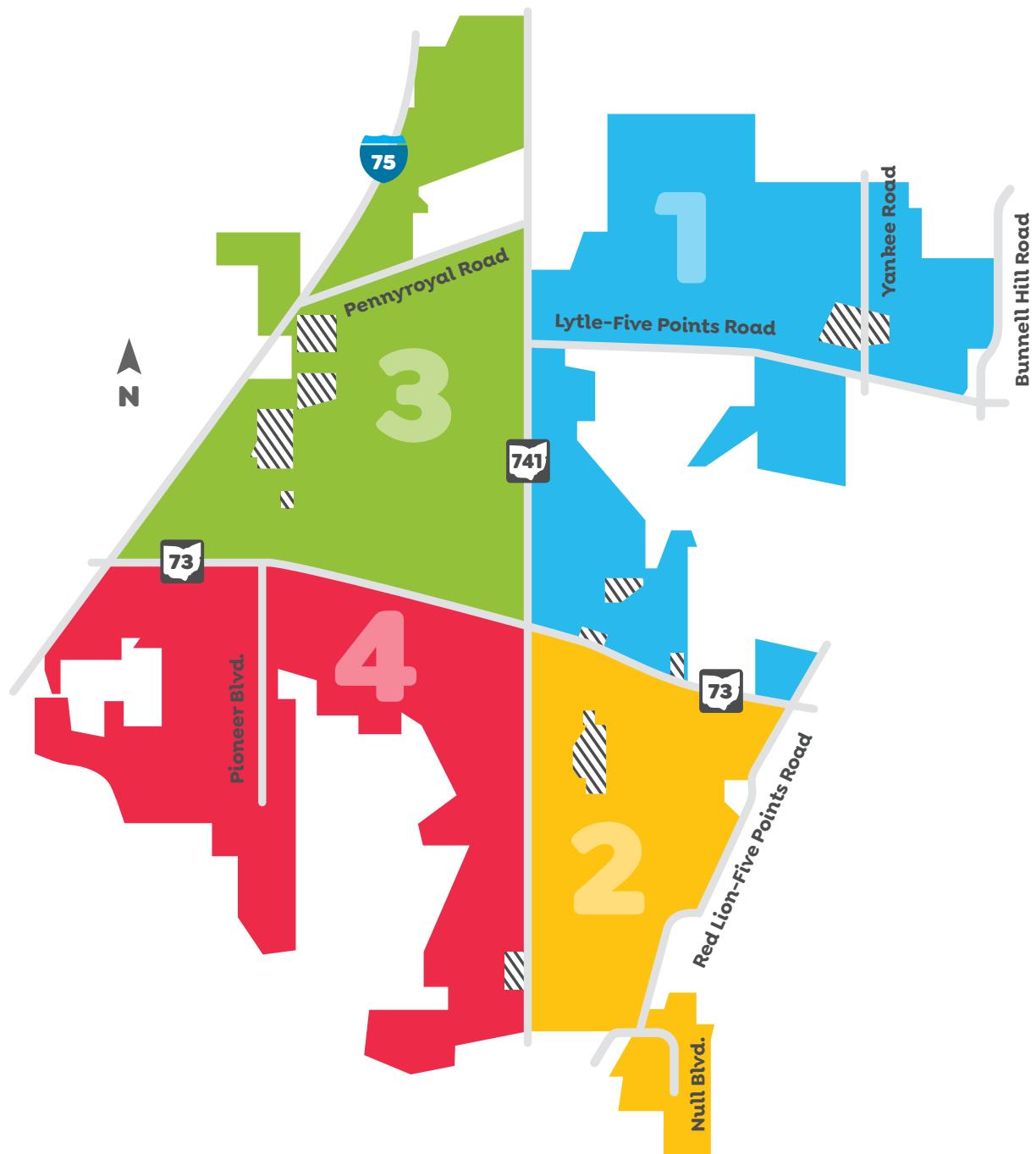
Doors open at 6 p.m. with limited seating available at the PAC, facial coverings preferred. In addition to attending in-person, the presentation will be streamed live on the City's Facebook page. Call the City, 937-748-5774 for more information.

Auto Pay and E-Billing Available for Utilities Payments

Take away the stress of finding a stamp and mailing your utilities payment. Springboro water, sewer and trash customers can pay the bill through Auto Pay and never worry about missing a due date. Customers also have the option to pay bills online using a credit card with NO FEE. You can also receive a notification when your utility bill is ready to view, through e-billing. For more information, visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us Utility Services or call 937-748-4343.



2021 Leaf Collection Schedule



Area 1

OCT. 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27
 NOV. 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24
 DEC. 8, 9, 10, 27, 28, 29

Area 2

OCT. 14, 15, 28, 29
 NOV. 12, 29, 30
 DEC. 13, 14, 30

Area 3

OCT. 18, 19, 20
 NOV. 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
 DEC. 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17

Area 4

OCT. 21, 22
 NOV. 4, 5, 18, 19
 DEC. 6, 7, 20, 21, 22



Not in City Limits - No Collection

Full City Sweep (weather permitting) - January 2022.

Areas are bounded by the centerline of Main Street (State Route 741) and the centerline of Central Avenue (State Route 73)



Open House
Sunday, October 3, 2021
1:00 – 4:00 PM

CLEARCREEK FIRE DISTRICT
925 S. Main Street Springboro, Ohio 45066

Fire District Open House is Oct. 3

Get a behind the scenes look at the Clearcreek Fire District during the Open House, 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 at district headquarters, 925 S. Main Street. In addition to apparatus displays, there will be an auto extraction demonstration, kids' agility course and refreshments. Miami Valley Hospital's CareFlight will also participate.



Give us 10 or 30! Take part in the City's 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.
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 started in May and more than 100 people have shared their mileage! You must be a Springboro resident to participate.



Outdoor Security Cameras Help Deter Crime



When a crime occurs in a neighborhood, one tool proven to be helpful is reviewing video from a resident's outdoor security camera. By registering your home security camera with the Springboro Police Department, you are deterring crime, assisting the police with potential investigations and protecting your family as well as your community. Please note that should you register with 'Boro Street Watch, you will ONLY be contacted by the police if a criminal incident occurs in the vicinity of your camera.

To register:

- 1) Call or email the Springboro Police Department at 937-748-0611 or springborodispatch@cityofspringboro.com.
- 2) Complete the online registration form on the City's website, www.ci.springboro.oh.us, Police Services.

You will be asked to provide necessary information for our PRIVATE database. An officer can also give you tips on the best placement for your security cameras.

Heatherwoode Makes Gift Shopping Easy

Gift cards are the perfect choice for the golfers in your life! Heatherwoode makes it easy to pick up the gifts they want--apparel, club fitting, dining or golf! Just visit golfheatherwoode.com and you're a click away from "It's the perfect size!"

Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 23



Drop off expired, unwanted and unused pills and capsules during the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Sat. Oct. 23 at the Springboro Police Department. Sgt. Don Wilson will be on-site 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to collect prescription and over-the-counter medications. Pills should be removed from containers and placed in a zipper-lock storage bag for disposal. Liquids, creams, powders and needles are not accepted.

Last year, about 50 lbs. of pills were collected from residents. Following the event, representatives from the DEA will collect and safely dispose of the medications.

In addition to participating in the nationwide Take-back events, the Police Department maintains a drug drop box located in the lobby of the City Building for drop-offs 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. For more information, contact Springboro Police, 937-748-0611.

Christmas in Historic Springboro is November 19-21

Springboro's annual Christmas Festival is a celebration of the winter holidays! Covering more than seven blocks of our beautiful Historic Downtown, the festival attracts more than 60,000 visitors each year with plenty of food vendors, local music and entertainment, shopping, crafts and other activities for the whole family to enjoy. The official tree lighting ceremony kicks off the festivities at 6:45 p.m. Friday at Rotary Park. Santa's Parade begins at noon Saturday and the festival concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Christmas in Springboro partners with Operation Santa, the Springboro Community Assistance Center and The Pantry utilizing festival funds to help improve the quality of life for families in need in our community. The festival is managed by the Springboro Christmas Festival Committee. Visit www.springborofestivals.org for the complete schedule of events.



2021-2022 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Nelson Is Missing!



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 9-9, 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

Springboro Community Theatre Has a Full Agenda!

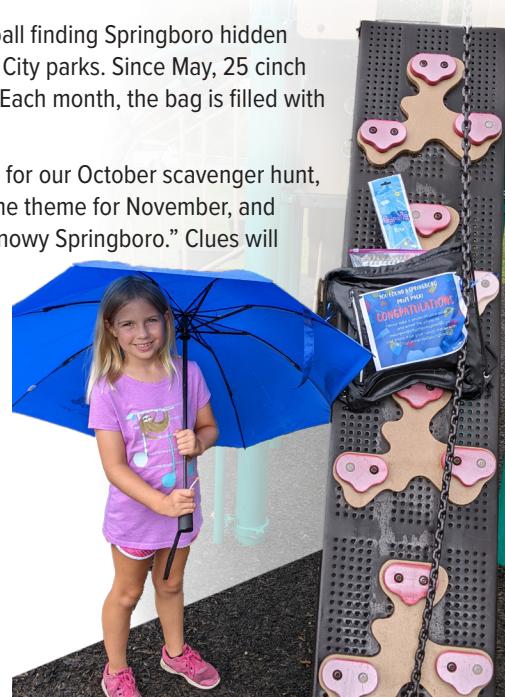
There's nothing like a live performance—whether you are on stage or in the audience! Check out the Springboro Community Theatre's upcoming schedule. All performances take place in the Premier Health Theatre, located in the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. For more information, visit www.borotheatre.org.

- Life Unscripted Improv Performance - October 2, 2021
- Performances for **The Wedding Singer** - November 5-14, 2021
- Auditions for **Miss Nelson is Missing** (Youth Production) - November 8-9, 2021
- **Holiday Jubilee** (Choir, Band, Improv, Dance Performances) - December 3, 2021
- Performances for **Miss Nelson is Missing** (Youth Production) - January 7-16, 2022
- Auditions for **The Mousetrap** - January 10-11, 2022

Scavenger Hunts Planned Through December

Residents are having a ball finding Springboro hidden treasure bags in various City parks. Since May, 25 cinch sacks have been found. Each month, the bag is filled with fun treats!

“Boro Boo” is the theme for our October scavenger hunt, “Sporty Springboro” is the theme for November, and December’s theme is “Snowy Springboro.” Clues will be posted on Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8 for each respective hunt for five lucky winners to find the goody bags.



Take a Step Back in Time With the Historical Society

See why Springboro's early roots laid the foundation for making this community one of Ohio's busiest stops on the Underground Railroad. The Springboro Area Historical Society museum, at 110 S. Main St., is open every Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



The society is offering a tour of the Null House, located on Heatherwoode golf course and one of the area's richest historical landmarks. Built in 1798 by Christian and Charles Null, the house is the oldest standing in-place log house in Warren County and a documented Safe House on the Underground Railroad. The tours are available Sunday, Oct. 24, 2 – 4 p.m. every 30 minutes on the hour and limited to groups of 20. Free admission. RSVP on Eventbrite – Null House Tours is required to reserve your spot.

Barbeque, Bands and Beer!

4th annual BBQ Fest is Oct. 2

The City of Springboro's fourth annual Boro BBQ Fest is set for noon – 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at North Park. Enjoy live music from Fleetwood Gold, Locking Up Otis and Stranger, delicious barbecue and other food trucks along with free kids' activities including bounce houses and entertainment.

The tasty lineup of food trucks includes Smokin' Barrels, Smokin' Double D's, Main Street Deli, Craves, Winks Treats, Lilia's Outside Cafe and Kona Ice. Bring your own seating for concert area. Beer sales benefit Springboro UCC. Free admission.



Trick or Treat Night

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6 – 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 2 is Election Day and polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Springboro will have four City Council seats on the ballot. Voter registration deadline for the November election is Oct. 4. Please visit vote.warrencountyohio.gov to register, view your sample ballot and obtain absentee ballots and early voting information. Contact the Board of Elections at 513-695-1358 for additional information.



Veterans Day - November 11

With appreciation and honor, the City of Springboro proudly salutes all those who have served our country.

Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
- Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24 in observance of the Christmas holiday
- Friday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Day

Rumpke waste collection will remain on schedule.