

CITYNotes

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Give Us Your Input to Make Springboro a Better Place to Live

The City of Springboro is working with FlashVote to engage our community and gather valuable input from residents to help inform City decisions.

Sign up takes less than one minute and your input is always kept anonymous. Personal or demographic information collected by FlashVote is never shared with the City or anyone else. At registration, you can determine how surveys are received: by email, text or phone call. Each registrant will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey and then have 48 hours to participate before the survey closes. Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group.

Register here www.flashvote.com/springboro or call 775-235-2240.



“We’re very excited to use the input collected in these surveys to inform decision making at the City in ways that serve our residents better.” Chris Pozzuto, City Manager

Sign up now so you don’t miss our first survey, coming in March.



Police Chief Announces Retirement

After 50 years in law enforcement, Police Chief **Jeff Kruithoff** announced his upcoming retirement date of April 21, 2023. Chief Kruithoff began his career as a Community Service Officer with the Holland, Michigan Police Department in 1972. He was hired as Chief of Police in Springboro in April 2002. Look for more information about Chief Kruithoff’s exemplary career in our next issue.

City Income Tax Deadline is May 1

The City’s normal tax-filing deadline is April 30; since that falls on a weekend in 2023, you’ll have until **Monday, May 1** to file. Our filing deadline allows you to focus on getting your Federal return filed by the IRS’ April 18 deadline, so you’ll need to complete your Federal return before filing with the City. If you need assistance with your return, here are free services we offer:

- **In-person tax preparation:** If you would like to have a staff member prepare your return while you wait, schedule an appointment online at www.ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-9701. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Note:** You **MUST** have an appointment to have your return prepared; walk-in service is **NOT** available.

- **Remote tax preparation:** Start by downloading the “Document Submission Form” from our website. Complete that form with your contact information and then **follow the instructions regarding what forms we need to prepare your return.** Submit the submission form and required documents via the electronic dropbox on our website, the physical drop box at the municipal building, or postal mail. We’ll prepare your City return and mail it back to you for review and signature.

We’re here to help. If you have questions, call us at 937-748-9701, or refer to the frequently asked questions on our website.





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 2023 Tax Budget.** The 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 2023 is approximately \$250,000 and property tax revenue will be approximately \$900,000.
- **An agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to plan, construct and maintain the gateway monument/landscape project at the interchange of I-75 and St. Rt. 73.** The City has partnered with the City of Franklin to make aesthetic improvements to the areas surrounding the interchange that include the cloverleaf adjacent to the exit ramp. These improvements will begin following the construction of the roadway safety upgrades to St. Rt. 73 under I-75 in 2023.
- **Consent legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation for bridge inspection program services.** ODOT's bridge inspection program helps cities across the state achieve full compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's bridge metrics, and inspection services will be provided at no cost to the City. The City is responsible for four bridges located on Pennyrory Road, West Tech Drive, Hazel Woods Park and West Market Street.
- **A resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) funds**

through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

This funding will support the construction of a 3,800 foot long, 10-foot wide multiuse trail from E. Milo Beck Park to the City corporation line on West Factory Road. If funding is approved, the City will receive up to 80% of the project's construction costs for reimbursement. This trail is a continuation of the Central Greenway, a trail that will ultimately connect six Springboro parks to neighborhoods and commercial districts, and to the regional trail network to the southwest in Franklin and northeast in Montgomery County. Construction is anticipated in 2025.

- **An ordinance expanding a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) to include additional property within the municipal corporation and establishing requirements to ensure public health and safety within such area.** This ordinance expanded the City's existing DORA established in 2020 at Wright Station to the historic downtown area along S. Main Street to Mill Street. A DORA allows patrons 21 and older to purchase alcoholic beverages from establishments within the DORA and carry them in specially labeled cups within a clearly defined area. The City received approval from the State to operate the newly expanded DORA on October 20, 2022.
- **An ordinance amending Chapter 1276, Solar Energy Systems, of the Planning & Zoning Code.** These regulations primarily focus on building-mounted solar energy systems. The City's existing regulations dated back to 2012, and the amended regulations are designed to provide more flexibility by reducing the regulatory review time for Solar Energy System applications and eliminating the fee associated with the review. The regulation of Solar Energy Systems in the Historic District will remain unchanged.



City Employees Recognized for Service

The City of Springboro recently recognized 15 employees for reaching a milestone in service in 2022. Receiving 25-year awards were Police Lt. Dan Bentley and Sgt. Larry Bush along with Development Director Elmer Dudas and Clerk of Council Lori Martin. Recognized for 20 years of service were Police Office Manager Jennifer Embleton, Police Chief Jeff Kruithoff, Building Inspector Larry Parsons, Assistant Service Director James Rutherford and Tom Warren, mechanic, from the Service Department.

Receiving 15-year awards were Police Sgt. Eric Abrams, Mike Brock from Heatherwoode Golf Club maintenance, Facilities Director Mike Eaton, and Jason Frisch and Ben Warden from the Service Department. Stephanie Gabbard, police customer service, received a 10-year award.

"We appreciate the continued outstanding efforts and commitment of our entire staff," said City Manager Chris Pozzuto, "and it's an honor to recognize these employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Springboro."





From Mayor John Agenbroad

As we welcome 2023, I am excited and encouraged by the many new projects happening in our city. Our focus this year is on providing outstanding core services. We'll do this by investing in North Park improvements including new all-access playground equipment, pickleball courts and landscaping. As part of our efforts to attract new private investment in fiber high speed internet, we're well on our way to having every home and business connected to a fiber network giving residents and businesses options for hi-speed internet and connectivity. We'll welcome several new businesses and business expansions, expand road improvement projects and update the park space at Wright Station. We'll host a variety of activities at Wright Station and North Park, including our popular concert series. Our commitment to our Bicycle Friendly Community status includes opening new bike paths and our first pump track at Community Park.



A quick snapshot of our 2023 budget shows expenses projected to be \$62.5 million for capital and operations with stable year-end projections in total fund balances. We plan to expand our Capital Improvement Program and eliminate some outstanding debt. Look for specific financial and budget details in our Annual Report, mailed to every home in March and available at that time on our website.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you, our residents. Your support of our businesses, schools, non-profit organizations and City services are what makes Springboro the community we all love! It is indeed a great place to Live. Work. Play. Learn and Grow.

Please accept my very best wishes for your health, safety and happiness in this New Year. I'm looking forward to seeing you at some of our many community events!

Springboro City Council Meetings

Springboro City Council meets the first and third Thursday 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 6 or live stream www.mvcc.net. Schedule changes will be posted at www.ci.springboro.oh.us. Council will meet on the following dates:

February 2 & 16

March 2 & 16

April 6 & 20

May 4 & 18

June 1 & 15

July 6 & 20

August 3 & 17

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

December 7 & 21



Mayor Agenbroad helped cut the ribbon for new Springboro business MixPill Compounding Pharmacy, LLC at 245 N. Main Street.

Wellness Program and Treasure Hunts Continue

“Give us 10 or 30” is our citywide Wellness Program. We know it’s tougher to do in the cooler months, but if you walk ten miles or cycle 30 in one month and upload a snapshot of your achievement to our website, you’ll be eligible for terrific prizes! Visit ci.springboro.oh.us for details.

Residents are having a ball finding our treasure bags hidden in various City parks. Since May 2021, 90 bags have been found—each filled with fun treats!

Each month has a different theme. Clues will be posted on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages Feb. 7, March 6 and April 3 for each respective hunt for five lucky winners to find the goody bags. If you find one of the bags, please post a photo with the item on your social media with #StayConnectedSpringboro.





MYTH BUSTERS

Economic/Business Development

Every mid to large-sized city in the state—including Springboro—has some form of economic development department or employee within the organization whose job it is to help attract and retain businesses

in the community, including Springboro. To help our residents better understand just how economic development works, below is information and some myth busters that may be helpful:

MYTH #1

The City decides what businesses come into a community.

MYTH BUSTER This is probably the biggest myth out there! The City has much more control over WHERE a new business can locate than it does WHICH businesses locate in the community. The City has zoning authority, which determines where businesses, homes and the like can be located in a community. If a certain area is zoned business (and there are different zoning classifications), then any business permitted in that zoning classification can locate there, provided the business meets other standards such as building type, building setbacks, parking requirements, etc. For example – the area of the Historic District is zoned Central Business District. Typical permitted businesses for that zoning are what you see there currently – small restaurants, financial planning businesses, photographer studios, etc. A business such as a car dealership would not be permitted in that area.

As far as WHICH businesses locate in a community – that is dictated by the free market. Business owners have a whole host of reasons why they want to locate their business in a certain area or community – median income of potential customers, labor force availability, location, highway access, etc. If a business owner decides on a location zoned correctly for that particular business, chances are very good that business will be approved for that location.

We often hear comments and questions like, “Why is the City putting in another (insert business type) here? We already have too many!” Please understand that the City isn’t putting that business anywhere – the business owner has made that decision. Businesses – and businesses alone – make the ultimate decision to invest and locate in a community. Businesses need to make a profit – and if a business decides to open – even if there are already similar businesses in that community – that is the business owners’ decision.

MYTH #2

The City needs to incentivize certain businesses to locate in town.

MYTH BUSTER People generally think that financial incentives for businesses are enough to lure businesses into town— but that is typically not the case. In many studies, financial incentives rank 6th or 7th in order of importance as to how a business decides on location. Criteria such as availability of labor, tax structure of the community, location of property in relation to a highway, number of households within a certain proximity and other issues are important factors. For example, many of our residents ask about a Chick-Fil-A. Because Chick-Fil-A has VERY specific criteria for choosing a site to locate one of their stores, if a community does not meet those criteria, no matter how many financial incentives you might try to provide, they are more than likely not going to locate in that area.

MYTH #3

Why is the City allowing “X” business to build on that vacant land when there is a vacant building right next door?

MYTH BUSTER Couple of things here. Again, the City cannot force a business to locate in a certain area—including vacant buildings. Building owners control who leases their buildings and there are many reasons some buildings are vacant – which the City can’t control.

The City does keep inventory of vacant buildings and when businesses look to locate here, we always try to steer those businesses to the vacant buildings—but ultimately—business location is the building owner’s decision.

Property rights are paramount. Even though the City has encouraged a business to locate in a vacant building, if a vacant piece of land is located next to that building, and the business wants to develop the land—instead of leasing or buying the vacant building – as long as the business meets the zoning requirements, more than likely it will be approved.

For more information about economic development, please contact Greg Shackelford, greg@cityofspringboro.com or 937-748-4343.



City Offers Free Shred-It Day

Saturday, May 20 at North Park

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. – noon—or until trucks are full: Saturday, May 20 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. For more information, call 937-748-4343 or visit ci.springboro.oh.us.

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.

TIP: The first hour tends to be the busiest, so avoid that line and come a little later.

For more information, call 937-748-4343.

Play and Read with Little Free Libraries at Parks

Book lovers of all ages can pick up a great read from two Little Free Libraries in Springboro parks. Book nooks are located near the playground at North Park and in the shelter at Kacie Jane Park. Visitors are welcomed to take a book and leave one for others to enjoy.



Art Gallery Highlights Solo Exhibits

A variety of painting exhibits will be on display over the next few months at the Springboro Performing Arts Center Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way, with each featuring an artist with a unique style and technique.

The February show highlights the works of **Lawal Said**. Said, who studied painting in Nigeria, works with pencils, crayons, oil, photography, watercolor, pastel and acrylic. He uses bright colors to bring nostalgia and deep emotions to those who encounter his paintings. Meet the artist at a reception 5 – 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb 25.

Yufeng Wang is the featured artist for March. Wang is a Chinese brush painting/ceramic artist and a college professor of history. She will host a brush painting workshop 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the PAC theater. The event is free and open to the public.

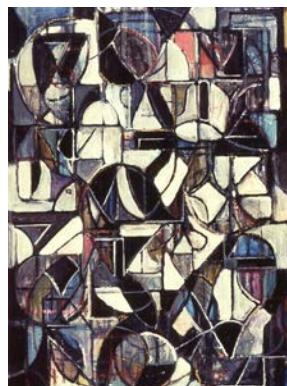


Lawal Said



Yufeng Wang

The April show features master painter **Scott Gibbs**. Gibbs is known for his “word” paintings in which he writes words all over the piece and then works with paints until the words are no longer recognizable.



Scott Gibbs

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 937-748-5781. For more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.

Early Literacy Matters

Register for free books

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 partner on this program. Visit ohioimaginationlibrary.org to enroll. To read along with Dolly, search Imagination Library on YouTube.



City Relying More on Income Tax

Springboro property tax rate is lowest in region

Income tax generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Springboro businesses and taxes paid by individuals—is the largest single source of revenue for the City, comprising 80 percent of the General Fund. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Springboro has increased its reliance on local income tax revenue.

Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region. Your Springboro municipal government realizes just over two cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 63 cents support Springboro schools. 17 cents are allocated to Clearcreek Township, Warren County receives 10 cents and Special Districts (Warren-Clinton Community Health, Warren County Health District and Franklin-Springboro Public Library) and the Warren County Career Center each receive about 4 cents.

With those tax dollars, your City protects its citizens and property, provides quality road maintenance and offers an array of quality-of-life features that truly make our community unique. As our City's landscape expands and changes, our residents and businesses can continue to expect quality services delivered in a professional manner.

Speaker Series, Biking Opportunities Set for BPAC

Take an adventure on the St. Cuthbert Way in Scotland and England with Jocelyn Hardman, Ph.D. at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20 in the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. This is the last of the Next Destination Speaker Series hosted by the Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in partnership with the Franklin-Springboro Public Library. Links to the previous presentations are available on the City's YouTube channel or at www.ci.springboro.oh.us, Biking in the Boro.

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast.

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance

to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

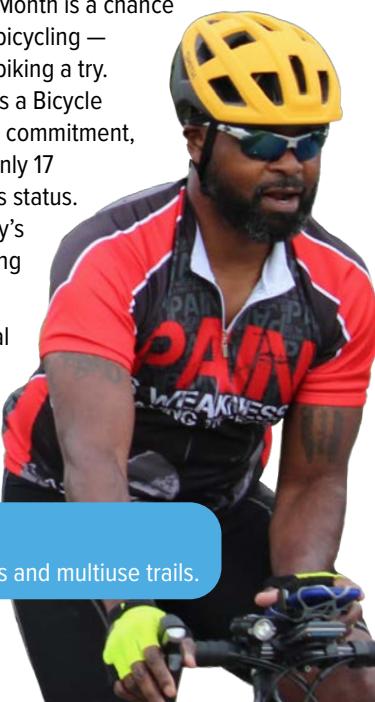
Springboro earned bronze status as a Bicycle Friendly Community for a four-year commitment, 2020-2024. Springboro is one of only 17 communities in Ohio to achieve this status.

For more information about the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan or biking events, visit the City website.

BPAC in partnership with three local breweries, will sponsor six 10-mile bike rides on City streets this summer. Look for details in our next issue of City Notes.

Did You Know?

The City maintains 12 miles of bike lanes and multiuse trails.



Interchange Makeover Project to Start Soon

The I-75 and St. Rt. 73 intersection located in the City of Springboro and the City of Franklin is getting a makeover, thanks to an Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant and a partnership between the two cities, Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) and ODOT.

The Interchange Safety and Aesthetics Project will be completed in three phases. Phase I should begin soon. The safety portion of the project will be started with the construction of an additional turn lane westbound on St. Rt. 73, under the I-75 overpass turning onto southbound I-75, as well as an additional turn lane on the I-75 northbound off ramp. After the safety improvements are complete, the aesthetic improvements will begin, including gateway enhancements.

ODOT funded 100% of the safety portion of the project for about \$2 million, and WCTID will manage the project.



Experience the Seasonal Changes of Nature

See the wonder of nature as the season changes during a nature walk at North Park. The City and Park Board sponsor four nature walks led by Lynn Johnson, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and Springboro resident. The walks will focus on spring wildflowers and explore other seasonal changes in the natural surroundings. This is a free event, and no registration is required. Each walk occurs on a Sunday afternoon. Meet at 2 p.m. at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. Walk dates: April 2, 16, 30 and May 14. Call 937-748-5774 for more information.

Register for Utilities Auto Pay and E-Billing and Get a Discount

We've just made making your Springboro water, sewer and trash payments easier! Beginning with the April bill, every customer using both Auto Pay from a checking or savings account and e-billing services will receive a \$2 per month discount. Register now at www.ci.springboro.oh.us Utility Services. Customers already taking advantage of these easy services don't need to re-register, your April bill will also show the \$2 discount.



Through e-billing, you'll receive a notification on the first business day of each month that your bill is ready to view, with a due date of the 20th of that month. Auto Pay will ensure your bill is paid on time, and you'll never need to worry about finding a stamp, getting to the post office or missing a due date.

Once you're registered, our Utilities Department will contact you for billing information.

To register, visit www.ci.springboro.oh.us Utility Services or call 937-748-4343.

Grants Assist Homeowners with Exterior Improvements

In the spring of 2022, the City offered a third round of Home Improvement Grants, allotting \$125,000 for residential assistance. This program, which started in 2019, provides grants for qualifying home improvements to residential property owners in the Tamarack and Royal Oaks neighborhoods. Grants helped pay for preapproved exterior improvements, reimbursing the homeowner up to 50 percent of the cost of the project, up to \$10,000. The maximum grant is \$5,000.

So far, 31 homeowners have applied and received approval, and approximately 27 homeowners have already received the grants for their completed projects.

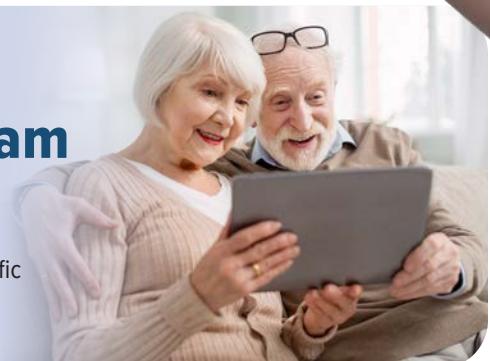


Illegal Dumping

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

Water and Sewer Assistance Program

The City of Springboro has a Water and Sewer Assistance Program. Please contact 937-748-4343 for program details and specific information for residents age 80 and older.





Operation Santa Celebrates 24 Years

Santa made an early stop in Springboro! Each year, the Springboro Police Department raises funds and collects donations for Operation Santa, a program that supports families in need in the City. In December, Santa visited six families—with a total of 17 children—delivering gifts and holiday cheer as part of the program. Operation Santa began in 1998 by three Springboro officers with \$100 and five children to assist. The program has grown over the years with the support of the business community, sponsors and individuals contributing to this community event.



Drop Off Expired, Unused Pills at Drug Take Back Day

The Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. Drop off expired, unwanted and unused pills and capsules Saturday, April 22 to the Springboro Police Department. Officers 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.

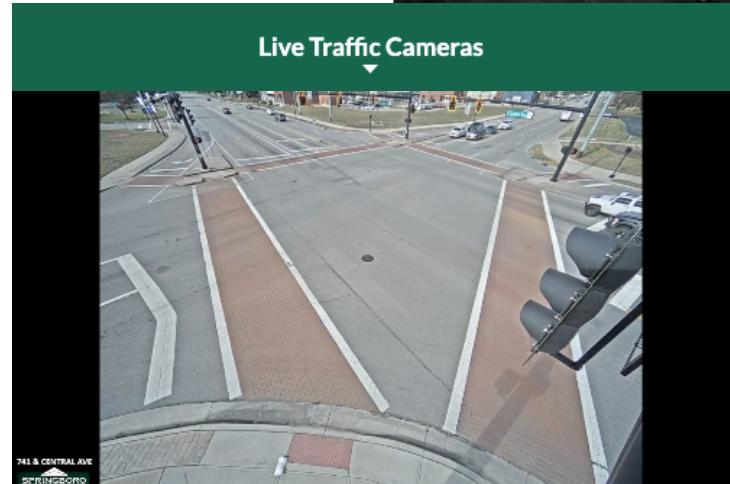
Following the event, representatives from the DEA will collect and safely dispose of the medications. In October, more than 185 lbs. of pills were collected from residents.

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 11 p.m., seven days a week. For more information, contact Springboro Police, 937-748-0611.



Meet Police Officer Kyle Treon

Officer Treon joins the Springboro Police Department with over ten years of law enforcement experience, the last seven being served with Hamilton Township Police Department. Prior to that, he worked as an officer in Riverside. Officer Treon brings a wealth of experience to the Police Division including carrying certification as a crash reconstructionist. Following Field Training, Officer Treon will be assigned to road patrol. Originally from Piqua, Kyle comes from a family of police officers, including his grandfather, uncle and cousin. Officer Treon says he appreciates the SPD work culture and already feels a part of the team.



Live Traffic Cameras

741 & CENTRAL AVE SPRINGBORO

Check Traffic Before You Go

Find out road conditions and traffic situations in real time from the City website. The City has installed three live streaming traffic cameras at the following intersections: St. Rt. 741 at Lytle-Five Points, St. Rt. 741 and St. Rt. 73, and St. Rt. 73 at Drug Mart. Visit ci.springboro.oh.us and scroll down the main page. Click on a camera location to see a live feed of the traffic.

City's YouTube Channel Showcases Special Programming and Concerts

Relive all the great music and fun of our summer concert series by watching the City of Springboro YouTube channel. In addition to our concert lineup from the past several years, you can also catch episodes of our government programs, speaker series and other special events. Subscribe to the channel and never miss a Springboro show! Search City of Springboro on YouTube for all the latest programs.



Help Us Keep Neighborhood Roads Clear

When snow is predicted, please remove parked cars from the street and portable basketball hoops from cul-de-sacs so that our crews can do a better job of plowing.



Rumpke Adds More Items to Recyclable List

Paper, aluminum and plastic cups are now accepted in Rumpke's recycling program. In addition to plastic tubs including butter tubs and fruit cups, all items should be clean and empty. Attached lids on glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, jugs and tubs are all accepted. Place all items loose in the recycling toter—do not bag. All of these items will then find new life through Rumpke's enhanced recycling program. Visit ci.springboro.oh.us and rumpke.com for more information on recycling.



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 application 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

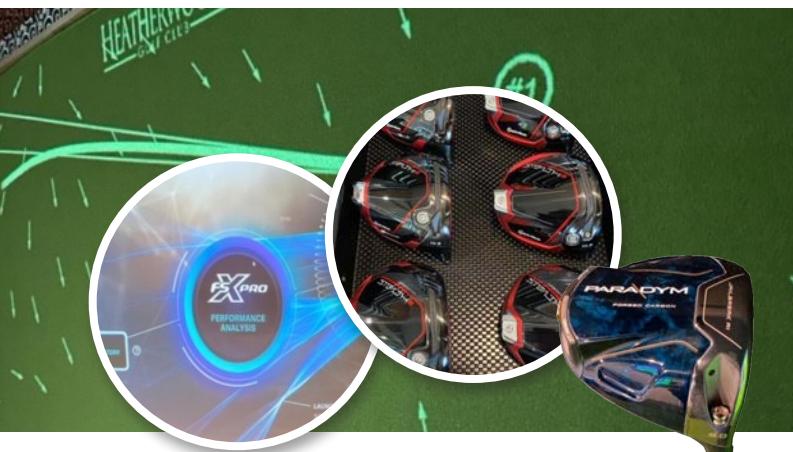
Streets in the **2023 Street Resurfacing Program** include: McDaniels Lane (from Pursley Lane to the west/south), Sweeney Court, Blose Court, West Pugh Drive, Lownes Court, Farr Drive (from Crockett Drive to the east), Crockett Drive (between West Pugh Drive and Farr Drive), Abbey Springs, Aspen Woods, Aberdeen Circle, Cedar Cove, Meadow Brook, Beckworth Way, Farmridge Road, Stapleton Way, Beckley Farm Way (between Beckwork Way and Stapleton Way), Cornish Court, Shockton Court and East Mill Street (from South Main Street to Beckwork Way/Village Drive). Work also includes concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer and completed early fall.

2023 Water Main Improvements

In 2022, new 8" water main was installed on Fairway Drive from West Central Avenue to Sesame Street. In 2023, this project will continue. New 8" water mains and new water services will be constructed on Fairway Drive and Clove Court to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water main. Also included in this project is the widening of Fairway Drive at the intersection of West Central Avenue. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring. Sturm Construction Inc. is the general contractor.

North Main Street and Remick Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project

Improvements including the installation of a northbound right turn lane and new traffic signals with updated signal timing will be constructed in 2023. The project will also include new curb, drainage, signage and pavement markings. The project is in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation and is funded 100% by the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant. The project is expected to be awarded in May with construction beginning in July.



New Simulators Add to Golfing Experience

Heatherwoode Golf Club has temporarily converted the upstairs banquet room into one of the best off-season training facilities in the area. Featuring the addition of two new Foresight Sports GC3 simulators – the industry leaders in golf ball tracking – and housing a large state of the art PuttView putting green, now is a great time to keep your swing in shape! Visit the golf shop or www.golfheatherwoode.com for more information.

Junior Program Continues to Grow

The Elite Junior Academy is 36 golfers strong! Attracting junior golfers from area schools, the program gives students the tools they need to develop with a huge focus on instruction, short game improvement (inside 100 yards) and mental training. Call 937-748-3222 for details.

Club Fitting is a Heatherwoode Specialty

Keep your swing in shape! 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 focus on finding the right shaft and head to help you play better golf. Contact Matt Cole, 937-748-3222, to schedule your fitting.



Party on the Patio Starts May 31

Spend your Wednesday evenings throughout the summer at the Heatherwoode Clubhouse. Along with music and a great selection of bourbon and cigars each week, new this year is the addition of food trucks. For more information, visit www.golfheatherwoode.com or call 937-748-3222.



Rain Garden Installed at Clearcreek Park

The City received a grant from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to install a rain garden at Clearcreek Park. In November of last year, after the area was prepped, the Service Department planted about 170 different plants native to our area that will help slow the water runoff on the north side of the park. An informational sign about rain gardens from the district will be installed soon.





Programs, Events on Historical Society Schedule

Make it a goal to learn more about your community's history. The Springboro Area Historical Society **Museum is open by appointment through the end of March. Regular hours, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, resume in April.** The society's 2023 lineup is full of interesting, educational and fun programs. For more information, visit their Facebook page or email springboromuseum@gmail.com.

Presentations

7-8 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at South Dayton Church of Christ, 300 S. Main St. All programs are free and open to the public.

- **March 9: The History of Superstitions, Part II:** Back for another round of head-scratching "aha moments," **Stacie Moore** answers questions on the origins of both common and obscure superstitions.
- **April 13: Prehistory vs History:** **Jack Blosser** further explores our Native American ancestors. This "show and tell" discussion focuses on life around 1600 in the Eastern Woodlands—prior to and after—European contact. See a variety of early tools fashioned from bone, stone, shell, clay, leather and wood, beaver furs traded with the Europeans and items for which they traded such as blankets, glass and metal items.
- **May 11: From Sheep to Shawl:** **Fiber artist Amy Reed** offers a hands-on demonstration of 19th century spinning/wool thread and yarn making in the Springboro and Ohio areas—using the Walking Wheel on display in the museum for over 20 years.

Reading Between the Wines: A partnership with local author, **Jan Irvin**, this series features local authors and poets reading their historical-themed work, paired with fine wines and charcuterie board creations. Offered 7 – 9 p.m. **Feb. 21, March 22, April 19.** Seating is limited. Visit [Event Brite](#) to register.

Fashion Show at the Performing Arts Center

Join the boutiques in Historic Springboro and the City for an evening of fun and fashion beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Just in time for spring and summer, see the latest styles on stage during a fashion show then head down to the historic district, where the shops will stay open with the items in the show on sale! Gift bags to the first 100 guests. Free appetizers and cash bar available.

Enjoy Community Theatre's Upcoming Shows

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.

"Rent", March 3-5 and March 10-12

"The Outsider", April 21 – 23 and April 28- 30

Hometown Expo is a Sure Sign of Spring!

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce annual Hometown Expo, "That Spring Thing," presented by Wade Insurance Agency, is 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 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, taste a variety of foods at the Expo Food Court and enjoy local entertainment throughout the day.



Girls' Night Out with Food Trucks

Grab your best gals and make Historic Springboro your destination for Girls' Night Out on the third Thursday of each month, April through October. In addition to a cool theme each month, look for sales, specials and other activities 5-9 p.m. And, as an added treat, a variety of food trucks will line the street on that third Thursday, June – September, so bring the family or pick up dinner.



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Touch A Truck Revs Up May 13 at North Park

Get an up close look at all kinds of cool vehicles and equipment. Police cruisers, fire trucks, backhoes, towing truck, SWAT and more! Kiddos can sit in the driver's seat, honk horns and "operate" vehicles at Touch A Truck, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at North Park. Sensory sensitive time with no horns is 9:30 – 10 a.m.

Host of Events and Concerts Planned for 2023

We're planning to bring your family all the fun activities you've come to expect in your hometown. Touch a Truck is May 13, we're adding a Classical Music lineup on Sunday evenings in June at North Park while our signature Concerts in the Park kicks off in late June. The Little Mermen—featuring all Disney music—are back on July 15 at North Park. Summer entertainment is scheduled at both Wright Station and Rotary Park. Bike the Boro/The Big Event is set for Sept. 16. The complete schedule will be included next issue.

Pastors Association Partners with SCAC for Food Drives

Monthly community food drives for the Springboro Community Assistance Center (SCAC) are underway.



Coordinated by members of the Springboro Pastors Association, a food drive will be held each month at a local church helping to assure that no family or child in Springboro goes hungry. A list of needed items is available at springborocommunityassistance.org.

Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on April 7 in observance of Good Friday.

Rumpke waste collection will remain on schedule.

