

# CITYNotes

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## Wright Station Continues to Grow

The City's Wright Station central park has a fresh, new look. Located at the intersection of St. Rts. 73 and 741, it has quickly become a popular spot for outdoor gatherings and concerts. New features include a stage area for entertainment, synthetic turf, paved walkways and a pergola along with additional seating and landscaping. The City has a terrific lineup of bands set for Tuesday and Friday evenings through early September. See page 12 for the list.

Home to restaurants, retail and office spaces, a fifth building in the development has recently opened. Set between the Performing Arts Center and Cassano's, the 6,000 sq. ft. space already has two tenants, including Tropical Smoothie Café. A third space is available.

Wright Station is a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area** and last year, City Council extended the designated area to include Historic Downtown along S. Main Street. As the entry point to downtown, a new gateway near the northwest corner of the development should be completed soon.

## Bike the Boro and BoroFest Planned for North Park

**Free cycling event, kids' activities and The Eagles Project set for Saturday, Sept. 16**

The City of Springboro hosts the **10th annual Bike the Boro** with the traditional bike rides and festivities and this year, will add a concert to the event on Saturday, Sept. 16 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. Bike the Boro features 2-, 10- and 16-mile rides, giving cyclists of all ages and levels the opportunity to ride throughout the City. Bicycle helmet giveaways and helmet fittings along with exhibitors including bike shops and bicycle education will also be a part of the event. The rides start at 10 a.m. This is a free event, however registration is required if you want a t-shirt. Course maps and registration are available at [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).



After the rides North Park will be filled with bounce houses, exhibits and equipment from Springboro Police, Clearcreek Fire and Warren County SWAT. Miami Valley Hospital CareFlight will land at noon. This event ends at 1 p.m. Then come back for a concert and more festivities at 4 p.m.

### BoroFest

The fun continues at the park with **BoroFest, 4 to 8 p.m. as The Eagles Project** takes the stage along with bounce houses,



free face-painting, kids' events and food trucks. Beer sales support Springboro United Church of Christ. For more information, visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).



# Legislative Update

Your City Council meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday 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 resolution authorizing an agreement with Double Jay Construction for site preparation and installation of **new playground equipment and safety surface at North Park**. The City has worked with The Kleingers Group to create a new master plan for North Park. Phase I of the plan is to install new playground equipment. The existing playground is over 25 years old and will be replaced with an approximate 30,000 sq. ft., all-accessible playground. Double Jay previously worked on the construction of Kacie Jane Park. ARPA funding has allowed the City to reallocate funds to make this project possible.
- A resolution authorizing an agreement for the **design of improvements at the City's water treatment plant**. The original

clearwell and generator at the water plant have undergone many repairs and need to be replaced. Strand Associates, Inc. will design a new clearwell and generator along with associated improvements for a total cost of \$447,000.

- A resolution authorizing a contract with J.K. Meurer Corp. for the **“2023 Joint Repair Program.”** This annual street improvement program consists of repairing transverse cracks along City streets. This year’s program includes repairing transverse cracks on Advanced Drive and asphalt surface repairs on Settlers Walk Boulevard. The total cost of repairs is \$61,435.
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire approximately 8 acres of land in the southern portion of a 42-acre property annexed from Franklin Township. The property, which is located off Sharts Road, is proposed to be developed as the Cedar Creek Reserve Subdivision under the City’s R-2, Low Density Residential District. As part of the annexation agreement, the City will purchase 8+- acres of the land to expand Clearcreek Park.

## City's Financial Report Available on Website

The City of Springboro's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for 2022 is available to review at [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us), departments, Finance. The report showcases the City's financial health, major accomplishments and future plans in a format that is easily understood. The financial information is from the 2022 City of Springboro Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The ACFR contains detailed financial statements, notes, schedules and historical statistical information. The ACFR was prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by Wilson, Shannon, Snow, a CPA firm in Newark, Ohio. For a more comprehensive look at the City's financial reporting, please refer to the ACFR.



## The City of Springboro to Place Income Tax Renewal on the November Ballot

### First time in 35 years for City to have tax issue on ballot

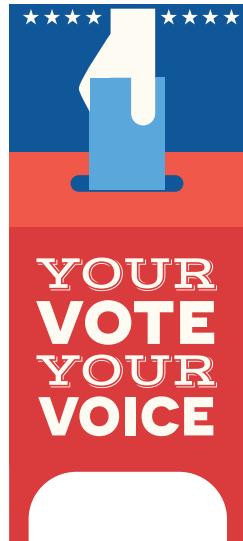
**City Council will place a 0.5% income tax renewal on the Nov. 7 ballot.** City Council first introduced the ballot issue in June and it has had additional official readings in both July and August.

City Manager Chris Pozzuto recommended placing the income tax renewal on the ballot. According to Pozzuto, the current 0.5% income tax is tied to water and sewer treatment plant improvements completed in 1988 along with other on-going capital improvements. **Pozzuto said the 0.5% income tax will expire when those water and sewer improvements are paid off**—which will be at the end of 2023. “From a capital improvements standpoint, a renewal is necessary to keep City operations running as they have been,” he said, noting the income tax generates about \$5.6 million each year.

Pozzuto presented four options to City Council – from allowing the income tax to expire to putting an income tax increase on the ballot – and ultimately City Council decided to put forth to voters a simple renewal of the 0.5% income tax.

“City Council decided to seek only a renewal because while we do not need to raise anyone’s taxes at this time, we do want to maintain these important services,” stated Mayor John Agenbroad. “The \$5.6 million generated from the 0.5% income tax funds services and operations that affect our residents’ everyday lives like road paving, park improvements and the purchase of police vehicles and snowplows.”

**This income tax renewal is the first time in 35 years that a tax issue will be on the ballot for the City.** For more information, visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).





# From Mayor John Agenbroad

As we prepare for the start of school, it's been quite a summer in Springboro! Over the past three months, our City has welcomed thousands of guests to our concerts, parks and special events. I'm very proud of the outstanding reputation we've built for providing quality entertainment in safe and fun venues. Special thank you to our Park Board along with our Parks, Service, Police, Fire and EMT staffs in addition to many volunteers for staffing these concerts and special events. We still have a lot more to come! In celebration of our **10th Bike the Boro** event, we have a fun, full day of activities for the entire family on Saturday, Sept. 16 at North Park. The first part of the day features our bike rides, kids' activities and police and fire displays. Come back at 4 p.m. for food trucks, kids' activities and live music from The Eagles Project.

**Live music is in full swing at Wright Station**, at the corner of St. Rts. 741 and 73. We have a variety of bands scheduled there on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evenings. You'll find the schedule on page 12. That area is a designated DORA, giving you the opportunity to purchase and carry alcoholic beverages in designated cups throughout Wright Station.

Along with City-sponsored events, Springboro is brimming with activities for the entire family! A few on tap include **Girls Night Out** with food trucks Aug. 17, Sept. 14 and Oct. 19, **ARTfest on Main** Aug. 26 and **Oktoberfest** Sept. 8 and 9.

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor. Please enjoy all that your City offers.

See you around town!

## Art Gallery to Showcase Paintings, Fiber and Mixed Media

The Springboro Performing Arts Center features a new exhibit each month. The Gallery hosts "**Disrupting The Norm**" through Aug. 25. Curated by Dr. Hyacinth Paul, the show features works from artists who have rejected conventional approaches to art and instead embraced innovative, experimental techniques and celebrates the creativity and imagination of artists who are pushing the limits of what we expect from visual art.

**The September exhibit is FiberArt23**, coordinated by well-known fiber artist Cathy Jeffers. The show features fiber artists from the Dayton-Cincinnati area including Boyd Hastings, felting; Viveca McDonald, weaving; Lynn Campbell, art quilts and fiber enhanced sculpture; Marsha Pippenger, paper collage paintings; Jessicah Taylor, fiber sculptures; Elisha Frontz, large scale paper/sculpture/paintings; Cynthia Caitlin, art quilts and 3-D forms; Charmaine Boggs, cyanotypes; Jeanne Fehskens, mixed media paper collage and Cathy Jeffers, art quilts. Meet the artists at a reception and hands-on demonstrations for participants ages 5 and up, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

The October show features "**Beauties and Beasts: Figurative works from Shawna Hatton and Maureen O'Keefe**", local artists who recently spent two weeks at the coveted artist residency, Chateau Orquevaux in France. There they each focused on a new series of figurative paintings. This will be their inaugural show. Information on an artists' reception will be available on the City website.

The Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Gallery Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment by calling 937-748-5781. Visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us), Art Gallery for details.

## Welcome New Businesses

Welcome to these new Springboro businesses that have recently opened or are opening soon. Thank you for supporting local!

**Olive and Mane Salon**, 205 S. Main St.

**Tropical Smoothie Café**, 52 Founders Dr.

**Tres Amigos** is under construction and will open soon at Wright Station

## Preservation Award Presented

City Council recognized the 2023 recipients of the Architectural Review Board award program during its May meeting. **Kathy and Ken Stachowski received the Mayor's Award for Preservation Leadership** for their work initiating and executing the Springboro Area Historical Society's Property History Program, which gives property owners a report on the history of their property dating back to the community's founding. Since the program was introduced last year, 26 research requests have been completed free of charge by the Stachowskis. City Council member Janie Ridd, Council liaison to the ARB, presented the award. The Stachowskis were nominated on behalf of the Springboro Area Historical Society Board of Trustees by Mike Thompson, President.





## Sunstar to Expand Operations

**Sunstar Engineering Americas** ("SEA"), a member of the Sunstar Group, is expanding operations in Springboro through the support of the State of Ohio, JobsOhio, REDI Cincinnati and the City of Springboro. SEA's growth includes the addition of 60 new jobs and capital investment of \$18.15 million.

SEA, which has five locations across Springboro and Franklin, serves the automotive and motorcycle industries, providing services in both the chemical and manufacturing verticals. Through the expansion, SEA will streamline its motorcycle, R&D and warehousing functions, integrate new manufacturing processes and bring new services in-house.

A variety of positions will be created, including chemical engineers, R&D personnel, supervisors, quality control, operations, sales, back office and a multitude of equipment operators. Most job creation will occur in Springboro but the expansion will also generate a small number of employment opportunities in Franklin.

"This is great news for Sunstar, the City of Springboro and the entire region," says Springboro Mayor John Agenbroad. "We are thrilled that Sunstar is committed to investing additional capital and workforce in Springboro and commend Sunstar's top-notch management team for this creative way to improve operating efficiencies."



## Mayfield Brain & Spine Center Under Construction

City officials joined **Mayfield Brain & Spine** staff for a groundbreaking ceremony at Mayfield's newest site to be located at The Ascent—the business park located on W. Tech in Springboro. Planned services include dedicated neurosurgeon coverage, clinic hours for nurse practitioner appointments, physical therapy services and interventional pain treatments. The office is scheduled to open summer of 2024.



## North Park Improvements to Begin Soon

Springboro's North Park is set to undergo a significant upgrade. The City is planning \$4 million in improvements and new equipment, including replacing the 25-year-old playground with two all-access playgrounds and pickleball courts. City Council approved the upgrades, which will take place over several years, using remaining COVID relief American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover much of the cost.

Phase I plans include a 30,000 sq. ft. all-access playground with two age-appropriate areas: one for youngsters under the age of five and the other for children 5 – 12 years of age. Elements include swings, slides, a zipline and climbing tower. In addition, musical play areas, similar to those found at the City's Kacie Jane Park, will be a part of the design.

Future plans for the park include the addition of pickleball courts in the spring and upgrades to the areas near the amphitheater and concession building.

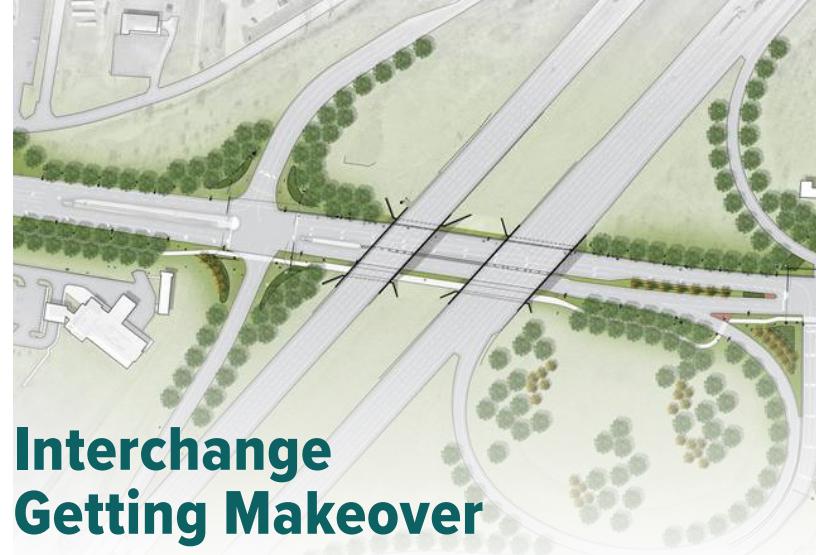
Located at 195 Tamarack Trail, North Park is Springboro's busiest park and home to the City's Summer Concert Series and other special events. Construction on the playground will begin in October with completion expected sometime next year.

## Credit Union to Begin Construction

**River Valley Credit Union** is building a new, state of the art building in Springboro. The branch, to be located on the same lot as its current location at 25 W. Central Ave., is planned to be roughly 2,490 square feet. The new building will be equipped with Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs), providing a quick and easy way for members to make withdrawals and deposits as well as have live face-to-face interactions with tellers when needed.



The existing lobby will remain open during construction while a standalone drive through will be constructed during the first phase of construction, and open for use in early fall. Demolition of the existing branch will begin during the second phase to make way for the new building, slated for a grand opening in the first quarter of 2024.



## Intersection Improvement Project Underway

An intersection improvement project on **St. Rt. 741 and Remick Boulevard** is underway. Under the sponsorship of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID), contractors for the TID and the Ohio Department of Transportation will be constructing a right-turn lane on northbound St. Rt. 741 at Remick Boulevard in addition to installing a new signal and signal timing at the intersection. The John R. Jurgensen Company was awarded a contract for approximately \$835,633 to complete the project, and all work is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024.

## Interchange Getting Makeover

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, with the first phase—the start of the aesthetics—tree and shrub plantings outside of the work area for the safety project—already underway. Following, the safety portion of the project will be started with the addition of turn lanes off the northbound exit ramp on St. Rt. 73 under the I-75 overpass as well as an additional turn lane on the I-75 northbound off ramp. After the safety improvements are complete—the remainder of the aesthetic improvements will be completed, including gateway enhancements. ODOT funded 100% of the safety portion of the project for about \$2 million. WCTID is managing the project.

## 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

This project was continued into 2023 and recently completed with new 8" water mains and water services on Fairway Drive and Clove Court, replacing aging and deteriorating 6" water mains. These streets are set to be resurfaced next year. Fairway Drive at the intersection of West Central Avenue was also widened. The City will replace the water main on Park Lane from Central to Renwood in 2024.



## Leaf Collection Program to Start in October

The City's Leaf Collection program will start in mid-October, with early pickup dates beginning Oct. 16, 17, 23 and 24, depending on your area. The collection schedule and map will be available in our next issue in addition to our website and social media. Leaf collection will continue through the end of the year.

# Pump Tracks are Rolling!

The new pump tracks at Community Park are complete. Located at the west end of the park, a rider on a BMX or mountain bike generates momentum by body movements, instead of pushing or pedaling on the circuit of rollers, banked turns and other features. The park will feature two tracks: an 810-foot track and a 200-foot all-accessible/youth track. Both tracks will be completed using asphalt and connect to the park's restroom and shelters by concrete trail. The pump track was a recommendation of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan adopted by City Council in July 2020.



## Free Wi-Fi Being Installed in City Parks

As part of the City's commitment to connectivity, free Wi-Fi is now available in North Park at 195 Tamarack Trail. Kacie Jane Park and Clearcreek Park will be coming onboard soon.

Visitors to the City Building/Springboro Library public parking lot at 320 W. Central Ave., Wright Station at St. Rts. 741 and 73 and Springboro's historic downtown along S. Main Street can also take advantage of our free Wi-Fi.



## Bike Ride Through Springboro

Springboro's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in partnership with three local breweries are sponsoring 10-mile bike rides on City streets this summer. Two rides remain: Warped Wing on Aug. 22 and Crooked Handle on Sept. 5. Rides start at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.bikingintheboro](http://www.bikingintheboro) for details.

## Wellness Program and Treasure Hunts Continue

"Give us 10 or 30" is our citywide Wellness Program. Just walk ten miles or bicycle 30 miles in one month then upload a snapshot of your achievement to our website and you'll be eligible for terrific prizes! Visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) for details.

Residents are having a ball each month finding one of the five treasure bags hidden in various City parks. Since May 2021, 140 bags have been found—each filled with fun treats!

Each month has a different theme. Clues are posted on the City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for each 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.



## Experience the Seasonal Changes of Nature

See the wonder of nature as the season changes. The City and Park Board offer nature hikes led by Lynn Johnson, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and Springboro resident.

Sunday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 17, 2 - 3:30 p.m.: **Hike through the Prairie** at E. Milo Beck Park. Look at the flowers which bloom in late summer and early fall on this restored prairie. The prairie paths are flat but there is quite a bit of elevation change from the parking lot and overlook to the prairie. This hike could be as long as 2.5 miles. The hikes are free and open to the public. Call 937-748-5774 for more information.

## Be a Good Neighbor, Keep Fido on a Leash

Walking your dog is great exercise for you and your furbaby. We love seeing our furry friends and their owners out and about enjoying our great parks and neighborhoods!

Please remember that Springboro has a few rules with respect to our four-legged friends.

1. Do not allow your dog to roam freely. Dogs should be confined to your property or walked on a leash and kept under control.
2. Dogs may not run at large on any park property.
3. All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Following these simple rules help keep our parks safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Take advantage of Logan's Bark Park, our dog park located in Hazel Woods Park. It provides a fun place for dogs to run and play within a fenced area.



Wherever you walk your dog, please practice neighborly courtesy by cleaning up any dog waste. Help keep Springboro clean and beautiful!

## Register for Utilities Auto Pay and E-billing and Get a Discount

We're making your Springboro water, sewer and trash payments easier! Every customer using both Auto Pay from a checking or savings account and e-billing services will receive a \$2 per month discount. Customers already taking advantage of these easy services don't need to re-register, your next 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. To register, visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) Utility Services or call 937-748-4343.



## Name Our Snow Plows!

There's no business like snow business! When snow and ice hit the road, so do our Public Works crews in snow plows. Each neighborhood area typically has the same snow plow and driver throughout the season.

Here's your chance to name a plow! The contest is open to all Springboro residents. Submit your suggestion for a plow name by Friday, Sept. 8 at [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).

A panel of judges will review all submissions and select names for our 14 plows. Then, each plow will be personalized with its new name!



## Heatherwoode Offers New Option: Bring Your Own Caterer

Heatherwoode Golf Club offers a unique and beautiful setting for your special event. Now offering the option of bringing the caterer of your choice, Heatherwoode features two lovely banquet rooms, a covered deck and spacious outdoor pavilion overlooking the golf course, providing numerous possibilities—inside or outdoors. Contact Staci Fox, 937-748-3222 Ext. 106, email [staci@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:staci@cityofspringboro.com) or visit [golfheatherwoode.com](http://golfheatherwoode.com) for details.

## 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 [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://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.



## Heatherwoode to Host OHSAA Tourney

Heatherwoode Golf Club was again selected to host the five-day Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest District Boys & Girls Golf tournaments, Oct. 2 – 4 and Oct. 11 – 12. Our municipal course will showcase the best junior golfers in the area with the top three winners of each district moving on to the state competition in Columbus.

Like last year, Heatherwoode, the City, Miami Valley Golf and the Miami Valley Communications Council will work together to offer live action, interviews, and commentary each day on the City's YouTube channel and onsite using the City's video board.



# Officer Recognized with Life Saving Commendation

Springboro Police Officer Heath Martin received the Life-Saving award during a July City Council meeting. The Police Department recognized Officer Martin for his actions in June when he responded to a report of a house fire. A resident's battery-operated wheel chair had caught fire and the resident was unable to get out of the smoke-filled fiery room. Despite the conditions, after having to leave the house because of smoke, Officer Martin returned crawling on the floor to retrieve the man, and carried him out of the house safely. Both were later treated for non-life threatening injuries. Officer Martin, a 20-year veteran of the SPD, received a commendation plaque in appreciation of his heroic actions and exemplary service.



## Meet Our New Police Chief, Dan Bentley

**Dan Bentley**, a 25-year veteran with the Springboro Police Department, was sworn in as Chief of Police during the April City Council meeting.

Originally from Vandalia, following high school graduation, Bentley joined the US Army.

After achieving military occupational specialties in communications and airborne training, he was selected for the First Special Forces Group in Ft. Lewis, Washington, and completed active duty as a Communications Expert. His commendations include the Army Achievement medal and the Army Commendation medal, and he had numerous deployments throughout Southeast Asia.

In addition, Bentley held a top secret security clearance, T.S.S.B.I. Upon his honorable discharge, he joined the Ohio National Guard and served for four years until 1998.

Bentley earned an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Sinclair Community College, while also being a member of the college basketball team, and then attended the Sinclair basic police academy. Upon completion of the academy, he joined the Jackson Township Police Department in Montgomery County until hired by the Springboro Division of Police in 1997.

During his tenure as a Springboro Police Officer, Bentley acted as a Field Training Officer, Bike Officer and was a founding member of the Department Honor Guard. Following his promotion in 2003 to Sergeant, he supervised both the Bicycle Unit, becoming a bike officer instructor, and also the Field Training Officer program which is responsible for the initial training of all new officers. Promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2012, he served as the Administrative Services Commander, overseeing the department's training, policy and inspection functions as well as supervising customer service and court functions of the division until 2014.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of Police, Bentley served as the Operations Commander, which commands all visible parts of the agency, including patrol and investigations.

In addition to a BS in Criminal Justice from Ohio University, Chief Bentley is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College and the top two law enforcement leadership programs in the country: Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

"It is an honor to be selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Springboro," says Bentley. "I fell in love with this community from the start, some 25 years ago. I decided then, that I wanted to raise my family here. This is a wonderful community."



## Officers Join Department

Springboro has welcomed two new officers to the Police Department. **Officer Billy Johnson** and **Officer Dalton Overholtz** were sworn in by Mayor John Agenbroad during a recent City Council meeting. Following six weeks of field training, the officers are now on their own on the road. These officers bring a variety of police experience to the department.

Officer Overholtz comes to Springboro from the City of Dayton Police Department, where he served for seven years, much of that time in community policing. He and his family live in Lewisburg.

Officer Johnson, a Springboro High School graduate, was previously employed by the City of Hamilton Police Department. Working for the Springboro PD was always a goal for him as his grandfather, Officer William Johnson, was killed in the line of duty in 1983.

Both officers look forward to meeting Springboro residents.



## Officers Recognized for Actions

Springboro Officers **Josh Emmel**, **Carl Hoskins** and **Antwaun Scott**, who along with other Warren County Tactical Response team members, received the Team Valor Award for outstanding actions during a hostage rescue operation last year in Mason. The award was presented during the Ohio Tactical Officers Association annual conference.





## Be Prepared for Emergency Situations

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. Prepare for an emergency event like a weather incident that could cause you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a grocery store or local services and possibly without response from police, fire or rescue.

- Make a family emergency communication plan and include your pets.
- Identify an out of town emergency contact to coordinate information with family/friends.
- Keep an emergency kit wherever you spend time: home, car, work, etc.
- Download the FEMA app and set up local alerts.
- Practice your preparedness plans with a drill or exercise.
- Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and First Aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornadoes.
- Consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency.
- Know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

Emergency preparedness information is available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Lieutenant Graduates from Command School

Springboro Police Lt. Aaron Zimmaro recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Lt. Zimmaro successfully completed the 21-week Staff and Command program held in Evanston, IL. SPSC provides upper-level college instruction and is considered one of the premier command development courses for law enforcement executives. Topics of study include Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation. Zimmaro is a 24-year veteran of the Police Department and serves as the Operations Commander.



## Police Department Again Recognized for Excellence in Policy and Training

The Springboro Police Division was recognized with the Gold award by Lexipol Connect for consistently and effectively disseminating policies to officers, issuing timely policy updates as laws change and ensuring officers are trained on best practices and national standards for police policy.

Last year, the Police Department responded to 19,566 calls for service, a 10% increase over 2021, which translated into a 20% increase in Part I offenses in 2022. This increase mirrors similar increases seen in many communities both locally and nationally.

This is the third consecutive year the department has earned Gold level status. 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.

## Home Safety Checklist

We're fortunate to live in a safe community. However, crimes of opportunity make it easy for thieves. Follow these safety tips from the Springboro Police Department:

- Keep your garage door closed. Police often investigate complaints about golf clubs, gardening tools and beer being stolen from the garage.
- Secure side doors and windows leading into your garage.
- Lock the door leading from your garage into your home.
- Park locked vehicles near the garage door and close to illumination.
- Take car keys with you—don't leave them in the ignition.
- Hide your valuables and lock your vehicle.
- Return bicycles, tools and other items to the garage. Don't leave them in the yard.



Call the Springboro Police Department immediately if you witness a crime or something suspicious. Call 911 to report a crime in progress.



### Trick or Treat Night is October 31

Look for ghosts and goblins to come knocking at your door trick-or-treating 6 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31. Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years.

# ARTFest on Main

Spend the day at ARTFest on Main on Saturday, August 26 in Historic Springboro. Sponsored by the Springboro Arts Council, this juried, fine arts show will welcome more than 80 artists to S. Main Street. In addition, there's music, beer and wine tents, food trucks, entertainment and children's activities. Visit [www.ArtfestOnMain.com](http://www.ArtfestOnMain.com).



## SCT Back on Stage with Comedy, Announces New Season

Springboro Community Theatre's fall season kicks off in the Performing Arts Center with the comedy *"The Cemetery Club"*. Performances are Sept. 15 - 17 and 22 - 24. Visit [www.borotheatre.org](http://www.borotheatre.org) for ticket information.

## Community Celebrates Graduates

The City of Springboro shared our Panther Pride by hanging banners in Historic Springboro and listing the Springboro High School graduates' names on the gateway sign. Congratulations to all the graduates of 2023!



## Springboro Library to Reopen

The Franklin-Springboro Public Library is excited to announce the Centennial Celebration and Grand Re-Opening of the Springboro Branch. The project included the renovation of the existing 9,200 square feet and an addition of 4,500 square feet.

Amenities include large community room, conference room, study rooms, computers and workspace with free Wi-Fi, AWE computer stations for early literacy development and much more.

Residents are invited to celebrate 3:30 – 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at the library, 125 Park Lane. The event will include a ribbon cutting, music and entertainment.

## Summer Concerts Are a Wrap!

Thousands of music lovers attended our HUGE concert series over the summer. As we plan for next year, please give us your feedback about our 2023 schedule. A survey is available at [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) through Aug. 18.



# Celebrate Oktoberfest September 8 & 9

Bring the family to Oktoberfest at the Springboro United Church of Christ on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9. The church on W. Mill Street invites you to enjoy authentic German food, entertainment, kids' activities, biers and wines. There's plenty of games, polka music, dancing and fun on tap for all. The committee is looking for volunteers for all positions. For more information, visit [www.oktoberfestspringboro.org](http://www.oktoberfestspringboro.org).



## It's All Happening in Historic Downtown

Featuring unique boutiques, restaurants and services, visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for information on upcoming special events including **Girls' Night Out** and food trucks on the third Thursday of each month, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19. Look for sales, specials and other activities 5-9 p.m. Grab dinner from a selection of food trucks. Shop and stroll throughout the charming area.

The downtown merchants will be ready for ghosts and goblins for **Trick or Treat in Historic Springboro**, Oct. 10, 5 – 7 p.m., and stick around for the Springboro Area Historical Society's annual Haunted Hot Dog Roast, 6 -9 p.m.

Visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for details.



## Historical Society Programs

Open to the public, the Springboro Area Historical Society brings to life a different slice of History each month. For more information, visit [springboroadreahistory.org](http://springboroadreahistory.org) or email [springboromuseum@gmail.com](mailto:springboromuseum@gmail.com).

**Ice Cream Social: 2 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Null House, Heatherwoode Golf Course** This free, family friendly event is located at the Null House, Warren County's oldest, in-place log home. Live music, old-fashion kids' activities, Null House tours and free ice cream.

**"The Olde Stone Church," 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at South Dayton Church of Christ, 300 S. Main St.** The first member meeting of Fall 2023 features "The Escape of the 28: An Interracial Abolitionist Story." Speakers Diana Porter and Lisa Schumann of the College Hill Historical Society, will recount and help us explore the interracial cooperation that pulled off one of the most impressive Underground Railroad flights to Black freedom ever documented involving the Wesleyan Cemetery and along Hamilton Avenue in Cincinnati.

**Underground Railroad Information: Sunday, Sept. 10** is Ohio's designated Underground Railroad Day. In honor of our community's history related to the Underground Railroad, the museum will be open noon to 3 p.m. that day. Null House tours, 544 Heatherwoode Circle: Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. Sign up at Eventbrite and society Facebook page. This is a free event.

**Guided Underground Railroad Walking Tours, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Sept. 24 | Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. | Sundays: 4 p.m.** This 60 to 90-minute tour is a donation of \$5 per person and includes an in-museum overview of the Underground Railroad followed by a walking tour of Downtown's still-standing safe houses. Tours are limited to 14 people. RSVP and pay online at Eventbrite. Private tours of five or more are also available.

## Wrap Added to Traffic Box

The City of Springboro partnered with the graphic design department and students of **Warren County Career Center** to create a vinyl wrap on the traffic control box on the corner of S. Main and W. Mill streets. The wrap features historic and present day photos. Students from WCCC helped design and then installed the wrap. Look for more wraps coming to control boxes soon.



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# Live Music and DORA at Wright Station

Stop by Wright Station and enjoy a free outdoor concert in the park area near Warped Wing. The lineup includes country, rock, oldies and more! Shows start at 7 p.m. Bring your own seating.

The DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) allows patrons to carry alcoholic beverages in designated cups throughout Wright Station, which also offers free Wi-Fi. For the latest updates, visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).

### Friday, Aug. 18 | Velvet Crush

Crowd favorites from the '80s to today

### Sunday, Aug. 20 | NexDetour

A cappella power trio

### Tuesday, Aug. 22 | Reel2Real

Pop, rock and R&B hits complete with horns and choreography

### Friday, Aug. 25 | 5 Band

Songs you know, forgot you knew, and should know

### Tuesday, Aug. 29 | The Bucket List Players

Funk, rock, soul and R&B classics

### Friday, Sept. 1 | Counting Skeletons

Upbeat, danceable rock

### Tuesday, Sept. 5 | Route 88

Rock, country and beyond

### Friday, Sept. 8 | White Knuckle Weekend

Radio hits from the '70s to today

### Sunday, Sept. 10 | Vinyl Rewind

Yacht Rock

### Tuesday, Sept. 12 | Locking Up Otis

Three-piece classic rock band



## Fall Shred Day Set

Because of the popularity of Shred Day, the City is offering a second date for free shredding service. Get rid of those old bills, checkbooks and other papers you've been saving 10 a.m. until noon—or until trucks are full—Saturday, Oct. 7 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. 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 accept household shredding only.
- Proof of residency required. **This event is for City of Springboro residents.**

For more information, call 937-748-4343 or visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).

## Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day.