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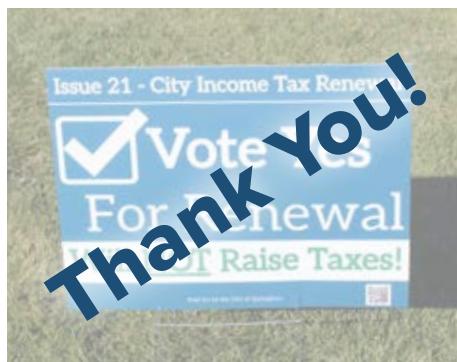
Income Tax Renewal Passes

On Nov. 7, 2023, Springboro voters approved the 0.5% renewal portion of the City's 1.5% earned income tax. The renewal will extend that 0.5% through 2043. The issue passed by a vote of 59.62% in favor of the renewal.

That 0.5% portion of the earned income tax generates \$5.6 million each year and is critical to the City's general operations and capital improvement program. First approved in 1988, the 0.5% tax funds projects including the annual street resurfacing program and park development and maintenance and is used for purchasing police and public works vehicles.

City Manager Chris Pozzuto said that the 0.5% renewal was an important piece of the 2024 budget as material costs continue to rise. "We thank our citizens for seeing the value in this 0.5 percent income tax," says City Manager Chris Pozzuto, "and we pledge to remain fiscally responsible and transparent to our residents."

For more information on the City income tax or budget, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.



City Crews Ready for Snow

Springboro's Public Service Department is ready for winter! Our crews work to provide quality services so motorists can safely travel our roadways. So, what is our process for clearing ice and snow?

- 1ST** Major arteries (St. Rt. 73, St. Rt. 741, Pennyroyal, Lytle-Five Points) are plowed first. We must keep roads clear for emergency vehicles, and conditions may require continued treatment.
- 2ND** Once major arteries are cleared, our crews move on to main streets and through subdivisions.
- 3RD** Residential streets, cul-de-sacs and courts will be serviced once the major arteries and main roads are cleared. **Please help us by removing basketball hoops and parking your cars in the driveway.** This allows the snowplows to better and more efficiently clean your streets so you can safely drive on them.

"Named" Snow plows roll out for first snow

Snow-tastic news! Look for our newly named snow plows to come down your streets. We received 162 creatively frosty names of which 14 of the coolest were selected to be placed on the trucks. A blizzard of applause to all those who participated!

Check traffic before you go

Check out live road conditions and traffic situations 24/7 from the City website. The City has 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 under the "Calendar." Click on a camera location to see a live feed of the traffic.



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. In 2023, City Council voted on more than 60 legislative items concerning capital improvements, planning and zoning, economic development, finance and general policies. Here are just a few agenda items recently approved by City Council:

→ **An agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the construction of the Clearcreek-Franklin Road improvements.**

This project will consist of pavement resurfacing and markings on Clearcreek-Franklin Road from St. Rt. 73 to the northern corporation limit. The total estimated construction cost is \$509,597.79. The City received a grant of \$150,000 from ODOT for this project making the City's local share of the cost \$359,421. This project is scheduled to begin in April of 2024.

→ **A resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, consideration and/or granting of any zoning, occupancy, or other permits or applications relating to vape stores within the City of Springboro.** The City has experienced an influx of vape stores where vaping cigarettes and products are sold. Vape stores have been known to increase the prevalence of illegal sales to minors and have caused many cities to propose regulations dealing with the distance of vape stores to other uses including in particular those associated with minors. In addition, vape stores are known for certain advertising that runs counter to zoning code regulations. The 270-day moratorium will provide time to create reasonable and proper regulations to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community.

→ **The City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and 2024 Budget.**

City Council reviewed the City's annual budget and capital improvement program in November approving expenditures for capital projects, equipment and operational costs for the next year.

→ **A resolution supporting a grant application through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.** This grant would assist the City in funding the construction of the next phase of recreation improvements at North Park, which include a plaza entryway to the new playground area and a potential water feature.

→ **A resolution submitting applications for federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.** The City is applying for federal funds for the construction of the Central Greenway Bike Path and the resurfacing of Pennyroyal Road from Clearcreek-Franklin Road to N. Main Street. The estimated local share of the costs of the Pennyroyal Road resurfacing is \$255,048.00 with construction in 2028 and the estimated local share of the costs of the bike path is \$332,126.00 with construction in 2029. The federal grant funding will cover approximately \$1.4 million in total costs for both projects.

→ **A resolution entering into agreements with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for \$250,000 in state capital funding for a multi-use, off-road trail connecting Clearcreek Park to Hazel Woods Park and an additional \$250,000 for a similar trail in Clearcreek Park.** Funding was made available through Ohio House Bill No. 687 and will be paid on a reimbursement basis. These projects fulfill in part the recommendations of the 2020 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and construction of the trails is anticipated in 2024.

Council Members Take Oath of Office

Springboro Mayor John Agenbroad and At Large Council Members Stephen Harding and Becky Iverson were sworn into office in December. All three incumbents were re-elected in November and will serve four-year terms. Mayor Agenbroad begins his eighth term, Iverson begins her fourth term and Harding begins his third term on City Council.

City Council member Jack Hanson was appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2024. Hanson also serves on the City's Legal Committee, Community Reinvestment Committee and Tree Authority.

Seniors over 80... Water & Sewer Assistance Program Available

We have an income-based assistance program for residents experiencing financial hardship. In addition, senior residents over the age of 80 receive automatic approval upon application. Call 937-748-4343 for details.

2024 Tax Season Gets Sweeter with LIME

The City of Springboro has designed a quick and easy online application for filing local income tax returns. The program, called LIME (local income-tax made easy) makes it possible for residents to file a return online from the convenience of their own home—or smart phone! This application is for Springboro residents only and will be available beginning Feb. 19.

Just create an account and follow

LIME's prompts to answer a few easy questions and upload your tax documents (like your W-2). From there, the system will do all the calculations, inform you of your result, file your return, and provide options for making any payment due. It's your shortcut to a sweet tax season in Springboro! For more information visit ci.springboro.oh.us.





From Mayor John Agenbroad

As I begin my eighth term, I am excited and encouraged by the many exciting projects happening in our city. I thank you for your support of Issue 21, our income tax renewal. These funds help us provide the outstanding core services you expect as residents of Springboro which include keeping our roads in good condition, our water safe, our business community strong and our neighborhoods safe.

Plans for 2024 include investing in our road resurfacing program, opening the new all-access playground and pickleball courts at North Park, and attracting new and maintaining current businesses. We'll host a variety of activities at North Park and Wright Station including our popular concert series. Our commitment to our Bicycle Friendly Community status includes bike rides, new paths and programs.

Our 2024 budget shows expenses projected to be \$56.8 million for capital and operations with stable year-end projections in total fund balances. 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 would be remiss if I did not express my sincere gratitude to our residents for reelecting me as your mayor. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Your support of our businesses, schools, non-profit organizations and City services is 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. Welcome, 2024! 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.

January 4 & 18	July 4* & 18
February 1 & 15	August 1 & 15
March 7 & 21	September 5 & 19
April 4 & 18	October 3 & 17
May 2 & 16	November 7 & 21
June 6 & 20	December 5 & 19

*Rescheduled to July 18

Welcome, New Businesses

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

Smart Start Childcare, 90 Edgebrook Dr.

Playa Bowls, 734-B N. Main St.

Lox Beauty Collective, 105 W. Central Ave.

Tres Amigos, 92 Edgebrook Dr.

Edward Jones, 78 Remick Blvd.

Eclat Facial Studio, 200 S. Main St.

Pathway Holistic Center, 84 N. Main St.

Pedego Electric Bikes, 720 N. Main St.

Lynn Electronics, 283 Sharts Rd.



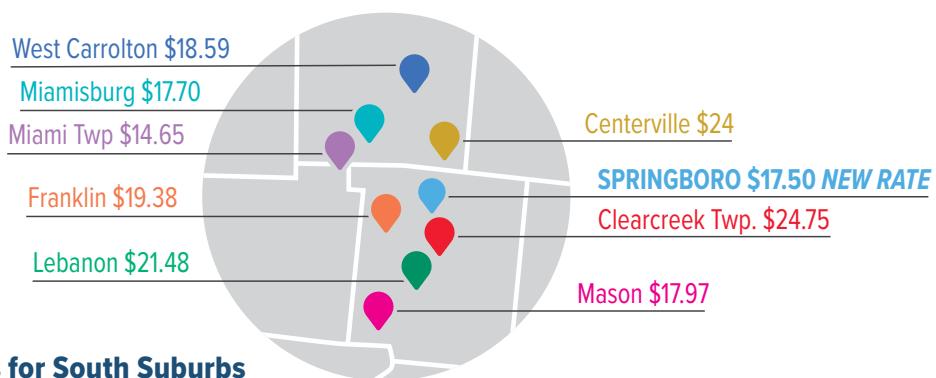
Third grade students from Five Points Elementary took over the City building in November. About 250 students from 12 classes arrived over two days for a visit that included meeting Mayor Agenbroad and City Manager Chris Pozzuto along with learning about City operations like the Planning, Service, Finance and Police departments and participating in a mock City Council meeting. The students also learned how a snow plow works, saw the inside of a police cruiser and met everyone's favorite comfort dog, Blue!



Waste Collection Rates to Increase with February Bill

Beginning with their February bill, Springboro waste collection customers will notice a \$2 increase. A variety of rising costs led to the increase, the first since 2018. The new rate is \$17.50 per month, still one of the lowest in the south suburbs.

Customers who have not already signed up for e-billing and auto pay can do so and save \$2 per month. To register or for more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-4343.



Waste Collection Rates for South Suburbs

Free Kids Movies at the PAC

“The Super Mario Bros. Movie” and “Lilo and Stitch” to be featured

The City of Springboro presents free movies for kids on Saturday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Show times are noon and 2 p.m.



See “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” on Jan. 20. Based on the Super Mario video games, the animated film follows Mario on his adventures with his friends. Mario joins forces with Princess Peach and Toad. The trio is in search of Mario’s brother Luigi. Together, they hope to defeat the evil Bowser and save the Mushroom Kingdom from his destructive schemes.

“Lilo and Stitch” will be shown on Saturday, February 17. In Lilo and Stitch, get ready to crash-land on Earth with Stitch, a runaway genetic experiment from a faraway planet. As he wreaks havoc on

the Hawaiian Islands, he becomes the mischievous adopted alien “puppy” of an independent little girl named Lilo and learns about loyalty, friendship, and ‘ohana, the Hawaiian tradition of family.

Concessions available and each child can make a craft. Admission is free and no tickets are needed. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time and close when theater is full. For more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.



City Employees Recognized for Service

The City of Springboro recently recognized 11 employees for reaching a milestone in service in 2023. Service Department Director **Vince Murphy** received a 25-year award while Utility Billing Supervisor **Mark Duvall**, Police officers **Chris Evans** and **Heath Martin** and City Manager **Chris Pozzuto** were recognized for 20 years of service. Receiving 15-year awards were Police officers **Dustin Christian** and **Scott Coffey**. City Engineer **Chad Dixon**, Chief Building Official **Tad Stoll**, **Jeff Kries** from the Service Department and **Charles Edwards**, Mayor’s Court bailiff, received 10-year awards.

“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.”



City Manager Chris Pozzuto congratulates Vince Murphy on his 25 years of service. Pozzuto received a 20-year award.

How Zoning Works

In our continuing efforts to help our residents better understand how our City operates, below is information about zoning.

Everything has its place and most communities use some form of zoning to help place the right things in the best place. Zoning is among the tools the City of Springboro uses to manage the health, safety and welfare of the community.

In its most basic form, zoning is used to:

1. Designate areas within the corporate limits to place together land uses that are appropriate to be near one another, like parks, schools, churches and neighborhood shopping areas near the places where people live.
2. Separate land uses that may be incompatible, like a factory or other business that emits smoke, noise, and light from a daycare facility and homes.

By balancing these two relationships, zoning allows the City to function most efficiently—ensuring that there are appropriate utilities to support the City's current and future development, roads, sidewalks and paths installed to convey people and commerce, locate police/fire/EMS facilities to appropriately respond to emergencies, and place and size schools to match the current and long-range needs of residents.

Zoning in Springboro is based on a long-range plan, the most recent one having been completed in 2022. That plan identified where and how the City plans to grow based on existing conditions for the next decade. The plan is also informed by public comments heard from residents. In the case of the 2022 plan, over 1,000 individual inputs were received during the plan's development. For more on zoning and planning in Springboro, visit ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-6183.

Springboro Property Tax Rate is Lowest in Region

Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region.

Property tax is based on the amount charged per \$1,000 worth of taxable property value, also known as “millage.” Amounts collected for levies, other than general operating levies, must be used for those specific purposes. The County Treasurer’s office collects property taxes and the County Auditor’s office distributes those taxes to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Example:

\$300,000 Home

In Warren County
Taxing District 05



\$3,315.15 | 66.93%
Springboro City Schools

 **\$748.44 | 15.11%**
Clearcreek Township

 **\$278.12 | 5.62%**
Warren County Career Center

 **\$158.84 | 3.21%**
Warren County General Fund

 **\$154.51 | 3.12%**
Warren County
Developmental Disabilities

 **\$74.78 | 1.51%**
Warren County
Senior Citizens

 **\$68.60 | 1.38%**
City of Springboro

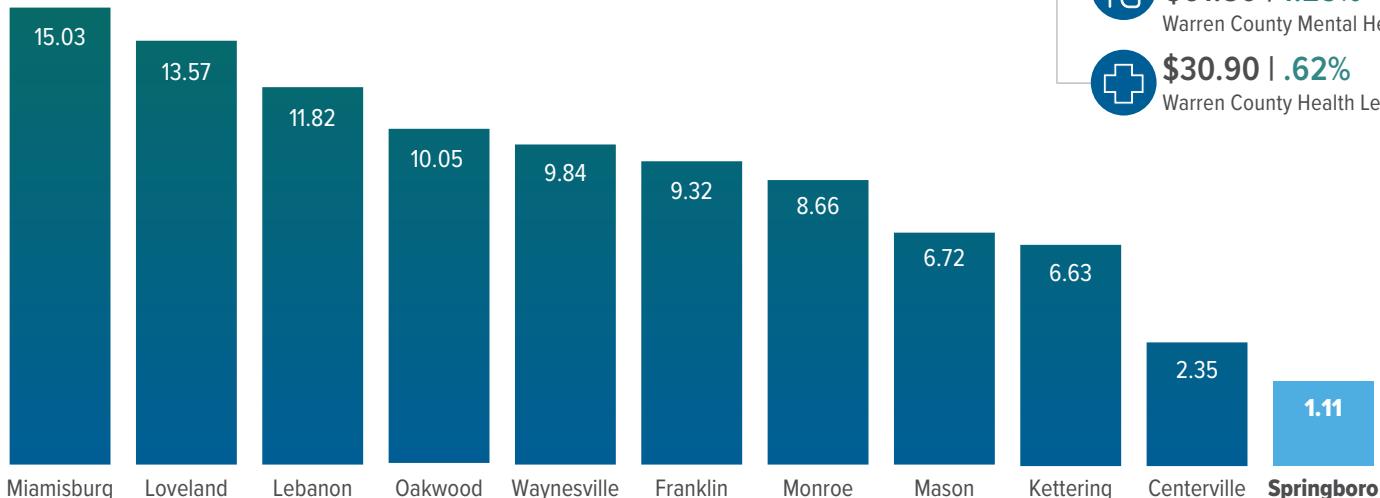
 **\$61.80 | 1.25%**
Franklin-Springboro
Public Library

 **\$61.80 | 1.25%**
Warren County Mental Health

 **\$30.90 | .62%**

Warren County Health Levy

Municipal Property Tax Rate (In Mills) for South Suburb Cities





North Park Improvements Underway

Dirt is moving! Playground equipment is getting installed! Our new playground at North Park is underway! Delays in equipment delivery have slowed progress, but the project is moving along. The City is replacing the 25-year-old playground with 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 to musical play areas. Phase 1 of the \$4 million project that includes park improvements and new equipment—including 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.

Future plans for the park include the addition of pickleball courts 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 is expected to be completed sometime next year.

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 for details.

Residents are having a ball each month finding one of the five treasure bags hidden in various City parks. Since May 2021, 165 bags have been found—each filled with fun treats! Each month has a different theme. Clues are posted on the City's Facebook, X and Instagram pages for each hunt for five lucky winners to find the goody bags.



City and Library Partner to offer Next Destination Speaker Series

The City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) partner with the Franklin-Springboro Public Library to present the Next Destination Speaker Series that focuses on hiking and bicycling, and you can stay cozy and warm while learning about these fantastic adventures. All programs are free, begin at 6:30 p.m. and include a 60-minute presentation with plenty of time for questions after. Please note presentation location. For more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-6183.

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

Wednesday, January 17: Andy Niekamp, “*Hiking the Arizona Trail*”

Library Community Room, 125 Park Lane

Thursday, January 25: Tracy Burge, “*Bikepacking on the North Sea*”
Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way

Tuesday, January 30: Jim Rahtz, “*Canoeing the Boundary Waters*”
Library Community Room

Tuesday, March 5: Ruth Morley, “*Keys to Success for 60-Somethings on the Appalachian Trail*” - Performing Arts Center

Thursday, March 7: Mike Bisig from Mike's Bike Park/Bike Shop in Dayton & Beavercreek – Performing Arts Center

Experience the Seasonal Changes of Nature

See the wonders of nature as the seasons change! The City and Park Board sponsor nature walks at three City parks throughout the year. Walks are led by Springboro resident Lynn Johnson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. Each walk is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon. Meet at 2 p.m. near the park sign.

2024 Walks

The winter walk will explore how wildlife, both plants and animals, adapt to winter in Ohio. Hike the prairie and the riparian corridor along Clear Creek.



Jan. 21: E. Milo Beck Park, Lower Springboro Road

The spring walks will focus on spring wildflowers and explore other seasonal changes in the natural surroundings at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. **Dates: April 7, 14, 21 and 28.**

The summer walks will focus on big trees, wildlife and prairie.

July 21: Gardner Park, Village Park Blvd.: Big Trees & Wildlife, visit the Veterans Memorial.

Aug. 25: E. Milo Beck Park: Prairie

Sept. 8: E. Milo Beck Park: Prairie

Dates are subject to change. Call 937-748-5774 for more information. These are free events and no registration is required.



New Federal Guidelines Require Citywide Inventory of Lead Pipes

The EPA has recently revised its Lead and Copper Rule with revisions that include requiring communities and water utilities to identify lead pipes that connect drinking water service to homes and other buildings. In accordance with the federal mandate, the City of Springboro is required to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials for all properties located within the City.

Over the next several weeks, we will be sending a form to every home and business owner asking you to check your plumbing material, complete the form and return it to the City. To identify the plumbing material in your home or business, look in either one of these two locations: underneath a sink or next to a water heater. Plumbing material is either lead pipe, copper pipe, galvanized steel pipe or plastic. If your home or business building was constructed AFTER 1986, you do not need to complete the form as lead pipes were not used. Complete the form now by scanning the QR code on the right. The form takes just a few minutes to complete. Please call 937-748-0020 with any questions. For more information, visit epa.gov.



[Scan for the form](#)



Pump it Up!

The new DK Bike Pump Tracks at Community Park are officially open. City Council, staff, Park Board, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee joined members from the DK Bicycles family in October to cut the ribbon. 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 the circuit of rollers, banked turns and other features. The DK Bike Park features two tracks: an 810-foot track and a 200-foot all-accessible/youth track. Both areas 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.



Do Not Solicit Registration Available

The City maintains a "Do Not Solicit List" which prohibits solicitors from making door-to-door contact with any addresses on the list. Residents interested in registering should do so on the City website, ci.springboro.oh.us. Registration is valid until a resident changes addresses.

All solicitors are required to obtain a license subject to a background check, pay a \$25 fee and restrict hours for door-to-door sales from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition, solicitors are required to carry the list, the required license and a photo ID when making door-to-door calls.

The ordinance does not affect youth fundraising activities like school, sport or scout sales, door-to-door political campaigns, collection of signatures or distribution of brochures or other literature. It does affect peddlers and solicitors selling for a profit; for example door-to-door salespersons for landscaping, pest control and roofing companies would all need to have a solicitor's license.

Should a resident have a solicitor at the door without the required license or if a solicitor comes to your door and your address is included on the Do Not Solicit list, please call the Springboro Police Department, 937-748-0611.

Illegal Dumping

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

Operation Santa Celebrates 25 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 Springboro families in need of Christmas cheer. In December, Santa visited six families—with a total of 20 children—delivering gifts and holiday cheer. 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. For more information, contact Officer Aaron Morgan, aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com.



Springboro Police Officer Heath Martin recently received the Robert B. Jacob Award of Merit. The award is presented by the Hundred Club of Dayton to Police Officers and Fire Department members who have demonstrated extraordinary bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Springboro Police Chief Dan Bentley nominated Officer Martin for the bravery he demonstrated on the morning of June 23, 2023, when he rushed into a burning house to save the homeowner. Despite smoke-filled fiery conditions, Officer Martin was able to get the man safely out of the house. Both were treated for non-life threatening injuries. Officer Martin, a 20-year veteran of the Springboro Police Department, received a commendation plaque in appreciation of his heroic actions and exemplary service.

Lock Your Car, Take Your Valuables

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

Lock your doors: Most thefts from vehicles involve unlocked vehicles.



Remove valuables: Hide electronics and accessories out of sight, or better yet, take them with you.



Completely close windows and sunroofs: Thieves may reach in through the gap and unlock your vehicle. Opened windows disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-ins and giving a thief more time before the alarm sounds.



Park for visibility: Park in a busy, well-lit area, away from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage that may hide your vehicle.



New Officer Joins the PD

Trevor Hurles has recently joined the Springboro Police Department as a road patrol officer. The Washington Court House native brings more than two years' of police experience from the Miamisburg PD. Prior to his career in law enforcement, Officer Hurles served eight years in the US Army as an Abrams mechanic. He is spending several weeks in field training with Officer Terry Dunkel learning neighborhood beats as well as department policies and procedures before going out on his own. Officer Hurles and his family reside in Miamisburg.



Officers Recognized for Outstanding Work

Springboro Police Officers have recently apprehended several suspects in numerous burglaries and other crimes from across the region. This doesn't happen by luck. Our department, under the leadership of **Chief Dan Bentley**, has made a concerted effort to investigate, follow leads and remain vigilant to keep our community safe.



Several of our officers have been recognized for their outstanding work. The Dayton area's Tactical Crime Suppression Unit presented the Teamwork Award to **Officers Cody Baker, Carl Hoskins and Kyle Treon** along with **Detectives Dustin Christian, Josh Emmel, and Dustin Hogan** for their tireless efforts in call-outs to assist other agencies during critical incidents and investigations. In addition, Detectives Hogan and Emmel pictured above, were awarded the TCSU Investigator of the Year Award for their efforts last year investigating a complex case in Settlers Walk. Their investigative work resulted in 17 felony counts against the suspect that included aggravated burglary, aggravated assault and aggravated arson.



Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

Streets in the 2024 Street Resurfacing Program include: Cambridge Drive, Clevenger Court, Clove Court, Concord Circle, Dinsley Place, Fairway Drive, Holly Court, Jackson Lane, Keevers Point, Martin Lane, McDaniels Lane, Merritt Pass, Null Boulevard, Wells Drive, Wilbur Lane and Wright Court. Work also includes concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer and completed early fall.



Call Before You Dig

Before starting any outdoor project, call OHIO811 or visit oops.org—it's the law. The Ohio Utilities Protection Services works with member utilities including

Duke Energy, CenterPoint Energy, AT&T, AES and Spectrum to locate and mark buried utility lines. The service is free and helps ensure your utility services won't be interrupted by someone digging into them.



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.

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.

2024 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains will be constructed on Park Lane and Parsley Court, Parkridge Court, Roundtree Court, Twincreek Court and Creekview Court to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water mains. These streets will be a part of the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program.

North Main Street and Remick Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project

This project is complete with the exception of new signals and the signal cabinet, which have been delayed because of material delivery. Improvements included adding a northbound right turn lane and new traffic signals with updated signal timing. The project also included new curb, drainage, signage and pavement markings. Coordinated by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the project is funded 100% by the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant.

City Offers Free Shred Day

Saturday, May 4 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 4 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. For more information, call 937-748-4343 or visit ci.springboro.oh.us. The City will offer another shredding opportunity along with electronics recycling on Oct. 5.

Lights! Broken! Action!

Recycle your broken Christmas lights—and all other strand lights through Jan. 31. Drop-off barrels are available 24/7 in the lobbies of the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave. and the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Thanks to Warren County Solid Waste Management District for coordinating this program.



Heatherwoode Shines During Tournament

Heatherwoode Golf Club was again host of the 2023 Ohio High School Athletic Association Southwest Regional Golf Tournament showcasing the best junior golfers in the Dayton/Cincinnati area. More than 300 golfers from 64 teams played the course over five days. In addition, thanks to our partnership with the Miami Valley Communications Council, each day's tournament was aired live on the City's YouTube channel with Heatherwoode Golf Pros Neal Amburgey and Austin Schoonmaker providing live commentary throughout the event.



Video coverage garners national awards

Video coverage of the 2022 event has received several national and regional awards including City-County Communications (3CMA) Award of Excellence, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) Award of Excellence, and the Philo T. Farnsworth Award for Excellence in Directing and for Promotional Video. See the City's YouTube channel to watch the events.



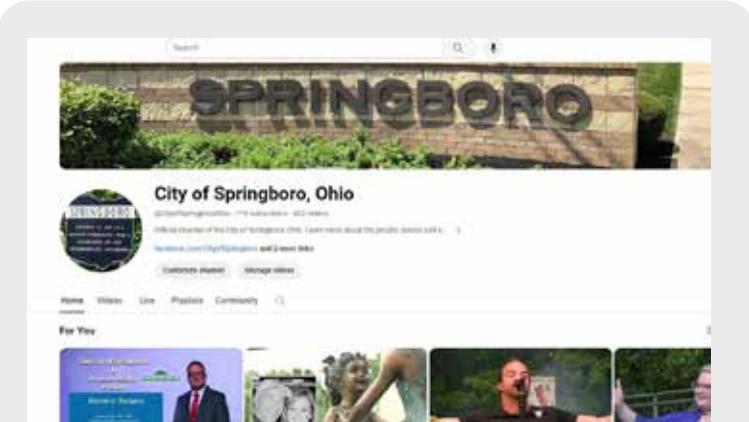
City launches monthly speaker series with Premier Health

11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the PAC

The City of Springboro is partnering with Premier Health for a monthly speaker series. A variety of health and wellness topics will be covered, including those that affect older citizens. All presentations are free, open to the public and held at 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way.

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 16 for "Recharge Your Well-Being" and take a deep dive into the interconnectedness of wellness and the importance of keeping your physical, emotional, environment and other dimensions balanced and charged.

Check our website ci.springboro.oh.us for upcoming topics. For more information, call 937-748-5774.



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, the OSHAA golf tournaments 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.



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 is held each month at a local church helping to assure that no family or child in Springboro goes hungry. Fairhaven Church Springboro will host in January, Southwest Church is scheduled for February and The Point Church will cover March. Visit the respective church's website for collection dates. A list of needed items is available at springborocommunityassistance.org.

Springboro Historical Society Museum Extends Hours, Offer Winter Programs

Although the Springboro Area Historical Society and Museum slow down during the winter months, programs are still ongoing! New this year, the museum, at 110 S. Main St., will be open 1 – 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoons January 17 - March 27. Visitors are invited to explore exhibits as well as the many resources for genealogy research.



Historical presentations are offered at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Old Stone Church.

Reading Between the Wines will be offered Jan 24, Feb 21, March 20 and April 17. 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. Seating is limited. Tickets are required. For more information about any of these activities visit to springboroareahistory.org.

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 16 at Springboro High School.

With over 220 exhibits featuring Springboro area small businesses and nonprofit organizations, this 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 September. In addition to a cool monthly theme, look for sales, specials and other activities 5-9 p.m. And, as an added treat, a variety of food trucks will line the streets on that third Thursday, May through September, so bring the family or pick up dinner.

The merchants of Historic Springboro offer a fun calendar of events throughout the year. Visit their Facebook page for details.

Theatre Showcases Musical and Improv

Springboro Community Theatre presents the musical "Big Fish", Feb. 23 - 25 and March 1 - 3 followed by *Life Unscripted*, an improvisation show, March 9 at the

Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Information on auditions for upcoming shows along with ticket information is available at borotheatre.org.



WCCVB Launches Geocaching Tour

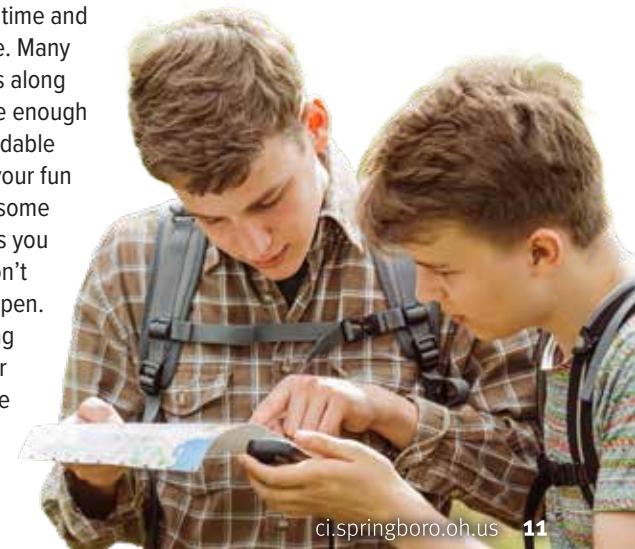
Geocaching is a popular and free outdoor adventure game that encourages players to hunt for containers, called geocaches, hidden all over the world. Plenty of these caches are already hidden in the area, and the Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau has just added more to the mix!

Scattered across Warren County's outdoor spaces, historical landmarks, iconic attractions and cities, 15 geocaches have been carefully hidden waiting to be found—including a location in Springboro!

Family-friendly and featuring fun cache containers, the #OLPGeoTour is perfect for seasoned cachers as well as those new to the game. As a bonus, each geocache includes a unique password.

Players who find each cache and complete a passport can return it to the Warren County CVB to receive a souvenir GeoCoin prize.

To play, download your preferred Geocaching app. Next, visit GeoTour landing page to start planning your adventure. The #OLPGeoTour runs year-round, so complete the tour in your own time and at your own pace. Many of the geocaches along the tour are large enough to hold small, tradable trinkets. Add to your fun and bring along some things to trade as you go along, and don't forget to bring a pen. Every cache along the #OLPGeoTour is completely free to access. Happy caching!



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Art Gallery Highlights Group and Individual Exhibits

The Art Gallery at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way, has an eclectic schedule featuring unique style and technique set for 2024.

The February show, "Heart of the Arts", features alumni, staff and friends of the innovative Living Arts Center (1966-1977).

Friends of the Living Arts Center will welcome artists and entertainment during this fun Valentine's Day-themed celebration that will help benefit a documentary on LAC. The show will feature painting, textiles, jewelry and mixed media. Meet the artists 6 - 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 for an evening of art, auctions, entertainment, food and hands-on art activities.

The works of **Kamal Kumbhani** will be featured in the March show. Kumbhani earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and an MBA from the University of Madras, where she also



painted as a part-time student in the Madras School of Arts. She received a grant from CultureWorks to attend Studio Italia in Italy, where she studied in July 2023.

Much of her work is based on her travels including paintings of cityscapes of Singapore, Seville in Spain and the White Villages.

Exhibits change monthly. 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.



Host of Events and Concerts Planned for 2024

We're planning to bring your family all the fun activities you've come to expect in your hometown. In addition to family movies at the Performing Arts Center, look for a special event in celebration of the **total eclipse** on April 8 at North Park. **Touch a Truck** is May 11, we're bringing back our **Classical Music lineup** on Sunday evenings in June at North Park and our signature **Concerts in the Park** kicks off in late June. Summer entertainment is scheduled at both **Wright Station** and **Rotary Park**. **Bike the Boro** and **Boro Fest** is set for Sept. 14. The complete schedule will be included in our next issue.

Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on:

Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March 29 in observance of Good Friday

Rumpke waste collection will remain on schedule.

