

CITYNotes

A PUBLICATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGBORO

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

Leaf Collection Starts Soon

The Service Department is gearing up for our annual leaf pickup service. Early pickup will be offered Oct. 8, 9, 10 or 11—depending on your area. To keep leaf collection on schedule and help keep costs down, please follow these guidelines:

- **Rake your leaves to the curb or tree lawn**, not into the street where they will block traffic.
- **Place your leaves at the curb at least two days before crews are scheduled to arrive.** Depending on Mother Nature, equipment issues and volume of leaves, crews may run up to two days early or two days late.
- **Do not rake anything except leaves to the curb for collection.** Branches, sticks and other waste clog the machinery and can potentially damage the leaf vacuum.
- **Do not bag your leaves for collection.** Leaves must be at the curb for ease of pick up by leaf vacuums. Bagged leaves will be left for Rumpke to pick up as part of their yard waste collection.
- Do not park vehicles within 20 feet of leaf piles. **Leaves must be accessible** to the trucks and the leaf vacuum. If leaves are not accessible, they will be bypassed – we do not want to risk damaging the leaf vacuum or your vehicles.

Leaf collection schedule updates are available at ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-0020 for more information.

See the collection map on page 5.

Special Activities Will Kick Off the Ho-Ho-Holidays!

Write a Letter to Santa, and He'll Write Back!

The magic of Christmas is here! Santa is looking forward to receiving letters from the kiddos of Springboro. Beginning Nov. 11, drop off letters to Santa's special mailbox in the lobby of the City Building, 320 W. Central Ave. Be sure to include your name and mailing address, and Santa will personally send you a reply straight from the North Pole! Letters will be accepted through Friday, December 13.

Win a "Frozen 2" Themed Christmas Tree!

Dreaming of a Frozen Christmas? Elsa, Anna and Olaf are waiting to be part of your holiday season with a chance to win a beautifully decorated 7½-foot artificial Christmas tree! Featuring all your favorite characters from "Frozen 2", to enter, register at the SPARC and Go, 320 S. Main St., during Christmas in Springboro, Nov. 22-24 or the City Building, 320 W. Central Ave., until noon Dec. 13. The tree will be on display Nov. 26-Dec. 13 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center (PAC), and the drawing will take place Dec. 13. You must be a Springboro resident to enter, one entry per person per day.

Meet Santa at the PAC

Santa is making a special stop in Springboro! Bring your Christmas wishes and meet Santa Claus at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way:

Friday, Dec. 6, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7, noon – 2 p.m.
and 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8, noon – 2 p.m.

Make a holiday craft too. This event is free and open to everyone—come share the joy of the season!





From Mayor John Agenbroad

It was quite a summer in Springboro! We welcomed thousands of guests over the past four months to our concerts, parks and special events at North Park and Wright Station! Springboro is setting the standard for outstanding events and family entertainment and it wouldn't happen without the efforts of our Police, Fire and City staffs and community volunteers. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed a show or volunteered to make the concerts happen.

We will be focusing our attention over the next few months on the City's annual budget and capital program. City Council and staff will review budgetary and capital needs for the next five years including improvements to essential public infrastructure, parks and recreation projects as well as equipment needed for operations and services. Official action will be taken on the 2025 budget and capital improvement program in November.

Your city is committed to remaining fiscally responsible and transparent to our residents. Please email askus@cityofspringboro.com or call 937-748-4343 with any questions.

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

This is the last issue of City Notes for 2024. As we approach the holiday season, I wish you a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year. It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

Happy Holidays!



These lucky residents won City chairs as part of our free drawing, offered at every concert.

City Remains Responsible Stewards of Tax Dollars

As we wrap up 2024, the City of Springboro's focus and budget remain on core services which include:

- Resident-centered services
- Increased annual street-paving program
- Quality public safety services
- Improvements and maintenance of all 400 acres of public parks
- Continued updates to water and sewer infrastructure
- Businesses and new development support

2024 Projects include:

- I-75/St. Rt. 73 Safety and Landscape Upgrade
- Public Wi-Fi at all Springboro parks
- Upgrades and new trails at Clearcreek Park and Hazel Woods Park
- Water main replacements on Park Lane
- Intersection Improvement at Remick Blvd. and N. Main Street
- Upgrades to Wright Station outdoor area
- New playground equipment and six pickleball courts at North Park
- 3.87 miles of streets resurfaced
- New online tax filing system, LIME



City Keeps Eye on Budget

The Springboro Budget is built upon conservative budgeting principles and structured to provide efficient and quality resident-focused services. The budget reflects an emphasis on delivering core services, maintaining city infrastructure and providing safe and reliable public utilities. Key Capital Improvement investment areas include public safety, street resurfacing and infrastructure, recreation upgrades and public utility improvements. Sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure the City can provide the quality services that make Springboro the best place to live in Ohio.

Major Capital Improvement Projects in 2024

Street Paving	\$2,517,325
North Park Upgrades	\$1,100,000
Safety Backup Generators for Water & Sewer System	\$1,350,000
Total 2024 Capital Improvements:	\$9,198,655



Warren County Tax Valuations to Increase in 2025

The Warren County Auditor's Office will be mailing notifications to all homeowners indicating new valuations, which will increase your property tax. **Warren County Auditor Matt Nolan provided responses to these Frequently Asked Questions about the valuation process.**

He also explained how valuations work on the City's video program, "Here & There", which is available by scanning the QR code.



Scan here for the auditor's interview

Why do valuations happen?

Every three years, Ohio law requires the County Auditor to reassess the properties in the County to bring them in line with market values. The process is the same whether values are going up (most of the time) or down (2009). It is important to note that the Auditor's Office is only re-evaluating the **VALUES** of properties.

Who or what is responsible for this increase?

We all are responsible. We all vote (or don't) for levies. We all have bought or sold properties. We all have worked to increase our property values in this community.

Now that being said, the property tax structure that we have is the result of the Ohio Legislature.

It was decided long ago by the Ohio Legislature that property tax in Ohio would be the main source to pay for public schools. As a result, 70 to 80% of your property tax dollars go to your local school district.

In addition, there has been a concerted effort by our Legislature to lower

State income and business taxes. In doing so, they shift the burden to local property taxes to cover the costs of necessary expenses such as schools, fire, police and roads. This process benefits a wealthy county, like Warren. It benefits businesses and individuals with high incomes. But it is detrimental to senior citizens and people on fixed incomes.

How much will my property taxes increase?

On average, people in Springboro will see a \$250 increase per \$100,000 in property value. That will vary from property to property, but if you budget for \$250 per \$100,000 of value, you should be close. **However, even with this increase, the City of Springboro will continue to have the lowest municipal property taxes in Warren County and the 3rd lowest in the state of Ohio.**

How will the increase affect people with escrows?

Your bank is not currently collecting this additional money. I recommend that people set money aside so that it is available when you are notified that your bank needs to collect the difference of what it has been collecting and what is now owed. The alternative is to ask your bank to take additional funds each month. Some banks will allow this, but I always like to see the money in your account rather than in the banks.

How can I appeal the new valuation?

You can schedule an appointment with a County Appraiser to review your property. If you still are not satisfied with the value, you have the right to file a complaint with the Board of Revision. For more information visit wcauditor.org.

2024 Property Tax Millage Rates



Source: Montgomery County and Warren County auditors



Springboro Property Tax Rate is Lowest in Region

Our municipal property tax rate—at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region and the third lowest in the state. Your Springboro municipal government receives just over two cents from every property tax dollar collected to support City operations.

The City of Springboro and Springboro City Schools are two separate entities, each with its own independent elected officials and budgets. The Springboro City School District is funded primarily with property taxes while the City of Springboro is funded primarily with income taxes.



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.

- **The Annual Tax Budget:** A projection of revenues and expenditures for the following year required to be filed annually with the Warren County Auditor's Office in order to receive the City's share of Local Government Funds and property tax revenue. **Springboro's estimated share of Local Government Funds for 2025 is approximately \$290,000 and revenue from property tax will be approximately \$940,000.**
- An ordinance replacing sections 1042.29 (Backflow Prevention Devices) and 1042.30 (New Homes To Install Backflow Prevention Device) of the City's code with new section 1042.29 (Backflow Prevention). **The newly adopted section 1042.29 updates local ordinances to meet current EPA regulations.**
- **A resolution extending the 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. City Council previously passed legislation on September 7, 2023 authorizing a 270-day moratorium on vape stores. Local regulations are still under review including issues related to the trade dress, signage and lighting associated with most vape stores. This resolution extends the current moratorium to December 6, 2024.

→ A contract with Eagle Bridge Co. for the construction of the **"Hazel Woods Park Multi-Use Connector Trail," a new 145-foot, single-span, weathering steel truss bridge and multi-use trail to connect Hazel Woods Park and Clearcreek Park.** Total cost is approximately \$845,000.00 with approximately half of the project funded by state capital grants.

→ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement to purchase certain property located at 605 North Main Street. The City was approached by the representatives of the owners of the **Easton Farm to purchase 60 acres of the property** between the existing homestead and the portion of the property that is proposed to be developed as commercial and multi-family. The purchase price for the 60 acres is \$7 million or \$116,666.67 per acre.



Wright Station Adding Breakfast Club

The new building under construction at Wright Station will include **The Breakfast Club Café & Coffee Roastery** at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. The restaurant will occupy half of the 8,000 sq. ft. building and include an outdoor patio with covering. This is the sixth building to join Wright Station, a development partnership of Synergy and the City of Springboro. The eatery, owned by Cameron Whipp, is well-established in Lebanon, and ready to grow to this new location. "We're bursting with excitement to serve the Springboro community with fresh, homemade breakfast and lunch, complemented by delicious drinks and freshly roasted coffee," says Whipp. Look for a late spring opening.

North End Sees Business Growth

InnoMark Communications has recently expanded its footprint in Springboro. The visual marketing company on S. Tech Boulevard added more than 96,000 sq. ft. and 15 jobs. Offering design as well as in-house printing, manufacturing and fulfillment capabilities, InnoMark products include digital signage, displays and décor.

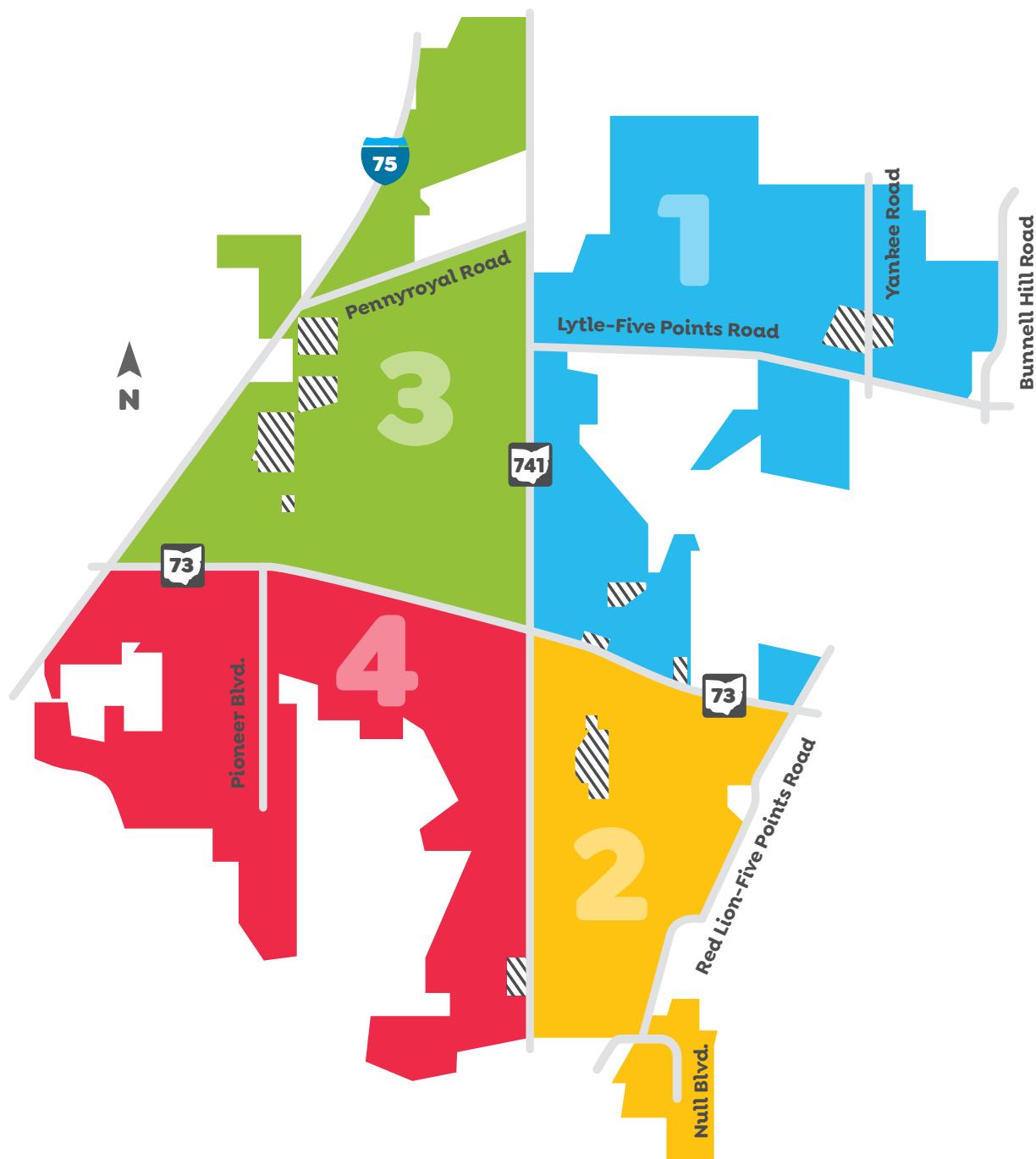


Just south of InnoMark is Springboro's Ascent, the business development on St. Rt. 741 near the Austin Road/I-75 interchange, where **Caesar Creek Software** is expanding its base with a \$9 million investment in a second building. The new building will be the fourth in this thriving area, joining **Mayfield Brain & Spine**, which recently held its grand opening. **Dayton Children's** also has a significant presence in this area.



For the numerous projects and businesses that have recently opened in Springboro, please see our special Business Update edition of City Notes, available at ci.springboro.oh.us.

2024 Leaf Collection Schedule



Not in City Limits - No Collection

*Early Leaf Pick Up

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

New Memorial to be Built at Gardner Park

As we continue to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our nation, the City of Springboro is proud to announce the development of the **Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Memorial** at Gardner Park, 181 Village Park Blvd. This memorial will stand as a testament to the bravery, service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans, ensuring that their legacy endures for future generations.

This endeavor aims not only to commemorate the valiant efforts of our veterans but also to educate the community about the significance of the Vietnam War and tell the story of the plight and sacrifice of the citizens of Vietnam from their perspective. The memorial will offer a place for reflection, remembrance and education, fostering a deeper appreciation and respect for our veterans.

Springboro resident and business owner Daklak Do, the visionary behind this new memorial, has a powerful story rooted in resilience and gratitude. Fleeing the oppressive Vietnamese Communist regime in the late 1970s, Mr. Do's journey to the United States eventually found him settling in the Dayton area. Starting from humble beginnings, he

worked numerous odd jobs before saving enough money to pursue an engineering degree at the University of Dayton. After working for several engineering firms, he founded his own company, Advanced Engineering, and located it in Springboro. Deeply grateful to the American soldiers who fought for the freedom of his homeland, Mr. Do has long dreamed of creating a meaningful tribute to honor their sacrifice. Through this memorial, these veterans' courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Your donation will help tell this very important story

This memorial will not only be a symbol of gratitude and remembrance but also a community effort that reflects our collective respect and admiration for those who have served. The Vietnam Veterans

Remembrance Memorial will be made possible through the donations of individuals, families and organizations, with contributions directly funding the construction, landscaping and maintenance of the memorial, ensuring that it serves as a dignified tribute for years to come.

For more information or to contribute, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.



City Moving Forward with Purchase of 60 Acres of Easton Farm

Negotiations are underway for the City to purchase 60 acres of land from Easton Farm Partners, LLC. Following City Council's approval to enter into a purchase agreement, City Manager Chris Pozzuto has been working on finalizing the purchase of the property situated between the proposed commercial area fronting St. Rt. 741 (North Main Street) and the existing homestead of the Easton Farm. The City is also working with Springboro Schools on a land exchange for a potential new school building on the site.

Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

Work on the streets in the **2024 Street Resurfacing Program** began in early September. Streets 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. Concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons is also scheduled. Construction is almost complete.



2024 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains are under construction at Park Lane and Parsley Court, Parkridge Court, Roundtree Court, Twin creek Court and Creekview Court to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water mains. These streets will be a part of the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program. The 2025 water main project will include Springwood Drive, Jacamar Court, Bayberry Drive (between Renwood Place and Park Drive) and Cinnamon Court.

Share Your Bicycling Feedback

League of American Bicyclists survey

Since 2016, the City of Springboro has been recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. This recognition is in consideration of the programs and events the City has offered since 2009. As part of its 2024 renewal application, the League of American Bicyclists is seeking feedback from the public to gain a better understanding of local bicyclists' experiences in Springboro.

Share your feedback at surveymonkey.com/r/BFC_2024 by Tuesday, Oct. 15. Your comments will remain anonymous and help us understand where our programs are working, and where more attention is needed.



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?

1. 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.

2. Once major arteries are cleared, our crews move on to main streets and through subdivisions.

3. 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.



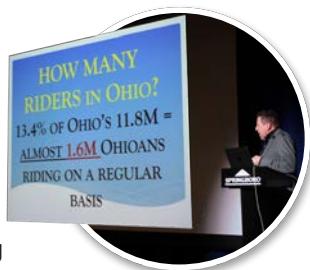
The one and only Alice Cooper met his Springboro truck namesake this summer while golfing at Heatherwoode

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 to Traffic Cameras to see a live feed of the traffic.

City and Library Partner to Offer Next Destination Speaker Series

The City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in partnership with the Franklin-Springboro Public Library will present the 2025 Next Destination Speaker Series with the following presentations at the Springboro Performing Arts Center: Jan. 15, Andy Niekamp, Hiking the Camino de Santiago; Jan. 22, Lance Smith, Bikepacking for Beginners; Feb. 4, Karen Power, Climbing Kilimanjaro; Feb. 13, Ron Schilb, State Highpointing. Look for more information in our next issue, visit ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-6183.



North Park Continues to Add New Amenities

Six new pickleball courts opened at the end of summer at North Park. Individuals, teams and leagues are enjoying the courts, located at the south end of the park. Earlier this year, the City cut the ribbon on the 30,000 sq. ft. Dayton Children's Playground, which has provided a place for all children to play. Next up for Springboro's busiest park is a new restroom building. Designed by Springhouse Architects in Springboro, the plan calls for tripling the number of stalls for both men's and women's restrooms and adding a family restroom. The current building, onsite for more than 30 years, is set to be demolished Oct. 1 with construction to follow. A restroom trailer will be onsite until Nov. 1. Depending on weather, an expected opening date is June 2025.

The new restroom building is made possible in part by \$300,000 in State funding, thanks to the support of State Representative Scott Lipps and State Senator Steve Wilson.



Get Involved in Your Local Government

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

City Council will make appointments to the following citizen committees in December for new terms beginning in 2025:

- Architectural Review Board*
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Park Board
- Planning Commission
- Tree Authority

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 8 at: boardsandcommissions@cityofspringboro.com.

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



Concert Season: It's a Wrap!

What a summer of entertainment in Springboro! The City presented more than 30 live shows and other events at North Park, Wright Station and Rotary Park including kids' music, tribute bands, soul, rock, country, a cappella, R&B and swing from June 2 through Sept. 19. Following the season at North Park, we surveyed residents about our concert schedule and lineup to help make next year's even better! Keep up to date on the 2025 schedule by visiting ci.springboro.oh.us.



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, our professionally trained 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.



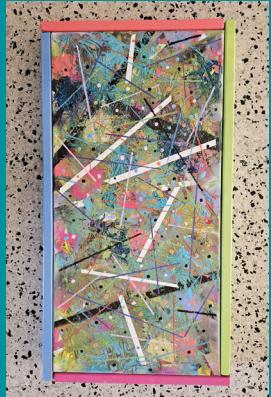
Art Gallery to Showcase Paintings, Sculpture, Mixed Media and Photography

The Springboro Performing Arts Center showcases a new exhibit each month. The October show, **"Beach Inspired"**, features fine art photography by Margie McCullough and paintings by Jim McCullough. Both artists earned BFA degrees from Wright State University and have works in corporate and private collections throughout the United States. An artist reception is set for 6 – 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7.



Water Study 2, oil, 12" x 12"
C. Klinger photo

"Water-Abstracted" is the title of Yellow Springs artist Christine Klinger's November show. She'll feature paintings, sculpture and photography. Klinger has exhibited work locally and nationally and has received numerous awards. Please visit the City's website for reception information.



Jim McCullough

The African American Visual Artists Guild's show, **"Exposition Through Art - What's New?"** will be featured in December at the gallery. Member artists answered that question through a variety of mediums and approaches. Please visit the City's website for reception information.

The Gallery is in the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment by calling 937-748-5774. Visit ci.springboro.oh.us Art Gallery for details.



Margie McCullough

Heatherwoode Makes Gift Shopping Easy

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



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 prescription drugs. Drop off expired, unwanted and unused pills and capsules **Saturday, Oct. 26 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 April, more than 90 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.



Keep Your Vehicle Safe

Springboro residents are fortunate to live in a safe community, however, crime can occur anywhere. Your Springboro Police work to stay ahead of criminals each day and reduce one of the most common crimes in the City — thefts from motor vehicles.

Whether you are parked in a lot all day or just a few minutes, or in your own neighborhood, don't make it easy for thieves to break into your vehicle. Take steps to prevent thefts from vehicles and thefts of vehicles.

- Lock your vehicle: The majority of stolen vehicles are unlocked.
- Park in a well-lit, high traffic area whenever you are away from home.
- Take your valuables with you, if you can. If not, hide them in a secure area like the trunk.
- Call the Springboro Police immediately if you witness a crime or something suspicious. If you see something, say something!



For crimes in progress, call 911. To report suspicious behavior, call 937-748-0611.

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., Thursday, Oct. 31. This is not a City-sponsored event and as always, it is the parent's decision whether a child should participate. The Springboro Police Department reminds youngsters and parents of the following precautions:

DO: Carry a flashlight

Go in groups with at least one adult

Go to houses with the lights on

Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping

Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is

Dress for the weather. October brings cooler weather and sometimes windy and rainy conditions

DON'T: Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking

Go into a home of someone you do not know

Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult

Most area communities have agreed to hold the event on Oct. 31 for the next several years.



Operation Santa Underway

Operation Santa is a program designed to help residents in need of Christmas cheer. Springboro Police officers purchase and wrap gifts. Each family receives a special delivery from the officers and Santa Claus, just before Christmas. To nominate a family, contact Officer Morgan, aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com or 937-748-0611.

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.

Illegal Dumping

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

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**



Theatre Showcases Musical, Holiday Celebration

Springboro Community Theatre presents the musical comedy **"Legally Blonde"**, Nov. 15 – 17 and 22 – 24 at the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Get into the holiday spirit with the annual **Holiday Jubilee**, featuring SCT performers and Center Stage Academy of the Arts dancers, Dec. 6 – 8. Visit www.borotheatre.org for ticket and audition information.

New Pole Pantry Assists in Emergencies

Springboro United Church of Christ has a new Pole Pantry to help serve Springboro Community Assistance Center clients and others who need quick assistance with specific non-perishable items such as paper products, pet food, canned goods, cereals, hygiene products and more. The pantry is not large enough to use for weekly grocery shopping but is intended to supplement or provide items to carry a family over temporarily. Designed and built by an Eagle Scout team led by Lucas Janz, a UCC member, the pantry will be stocked by the church youth group. Located in the church parking lot at 15 West Mill Street, the pantry is based on the honor system. Donations are also accepted. Visit springboroucc.org for more information.

Toastmasters Accepting New Members

Looking to enhance your public speaking and leadership skills? Join the Springboro Toastmasters Club, part of the renowned global Toastmasters International organization. The club meets at 7 p.m. twice a month: on the second Thursday at the Springboro Library, 125 Park Lane, and on the fourth Thursday in the community room at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave. This is an exciting opportunity to grow personally and professionally, and the club welcomes new members to join both in person and on Zoom. For more information, visit springboro.toastmastersclub.org.



City and Premier Health Monthly Speaker Series

The City of Springboro partners with Premier Health for a monthly speaker series. A variety of health and wellness topics are 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. Upcoming topics include Warding off Dementia on Oct. 15 and Eating Well through the Holidays on Nov. 19. For more information, call 937-748-5774.

Visit Historic Downtown

Featuring unique boutiques, restaurants and services, visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for information on upcoming special events including Second Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 13. Look for sales, pop up shops and more while you shop and stroll throughout the charming area.



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! Clues are posted on the City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages each month 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.



Halloween Activities Set for Historic Springboro

Spook up your Halloween game in Historic Springboro! Dress to impress in your wickedest costume for Trick or Treat hosted by participating downtown merchants 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Little monsters can visit each shop for a candy-filled adventure and make sure to swing by the City booth at Rotary Park.

But wait, there's more that evening! Join the Springboro Area Historical Society for a hair-raising Haunted Hot Dog Roast, 6 to 9 p.m., at the museum. Feast on hot dogs, toast marshmallows, dive into kid-friendly spooky stories, and enjoy thrilling activities. Head to EventBrite.com and search for Haunted Hotdog Roast to grab your tickets before they vanish!



Historical Society Wraps Up Year with Programs and Special Events

The Springboro Area Historical Society museum at 110 S. Main St. is open 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Friday and Saturday through Nov. 24.

Several programs are set through the end of the year, here are just a few. In addition to the Haunted Hotdog Roast Oct. 8, for adults who enjoy an evening with ghosts and spirits, a spooky **"Night at the Null"** is set for Oct. 12. A daytime Null House tour is offered at 2 p.m. Oct. 13. For ticket information, visit springboroareahistory.org.

As part of its educational speaker series, SAHS offers **"Statues, Flags and the Ongoing Battle over the Meaning of the Civil War"** presented by William Trollinger, a professor of History at the University of Dayton, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. This is a free event.

Stop by the museum, 110 S. Main St. during **Christmas in Springboro** weekend. In addition to extended hours, holiday shopping opportunities include books from our "Meet the Authors" event and new museum merchandise— perfect for your history loving family and friends.



Christmas in Historic Springboro is November 22-24

Candy Cane Wishes is the theme for Springboro's annual Christmas Festival. Covering more than seven blocks of our beautiful historic downtown, the Christmas in Springboro festival attracts more than 60,000 visitors each year with plenty of food vendors, music and entertainment, shopping, crafts and other activities for the whole family to enjoy. The official tree lighting ceremony kicks off the festivities at 6 p.m. Friday at Rotary Park. Santa's Parade begins at noon Saturday on S. Main Street and the festival concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday. **Note that S. Main Street and several side streets will be closed this weekend. Detours will be posted.**

Stop by the SPARC and Go at Rotary Park to see the City's display and enter to win our beautifully decorated "Frozen 2"-themed Christmas tree. **Meet your favorite "Frozen" characters including Elsa, Anna and Olaf, 1 - 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.** In addition, we'll have biking information and lots of giveaways including tree seedlings.

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



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Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5 is Election Day and polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Springboro has no candidates or issues on the ballot; however, candidates for county, state and U.S. seats will be elected including the Office of President.

Voter registration deadline for the November election is Oct. 7. To register, view your sample ballot and obtain absentee ballots and early voting information please visit vote.warrencountyohio.gov. Contact the Board of Elections at 513-695-1358 for additional information.



Help Us Decorate the Christmas Tree at the PAC

Veterans Day

November 11

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



Fall Shred and Electronics Recycling Day is Oct. 5

The City is offering another opportunity for free shredding services and adding electronics recycling. Get rid of old bills, checkbooks and other papers along with computers, laptops, servers, hard drives, cell phones, tablets, batteries, microwaves, LCD screens, monitors and televisions and other electronics, 10 a.m. until noon—or until trucks are full—Saturday, Oct. 5 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 a complete list of recyclable items and other information, call 937-748-4343 or visit ci.springboro.oh.us.

Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday

Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day

Check Rumpke.com for changes in the waste collection schedule.