

CITYNotes

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Breakfast Club Coming to Wright Station

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. The restaurant will be open for breakfast and lunch. Look for a mid-spring opening. The remainder of the building will serve as a dental office, which will open later this year.



Midway Shopping Plaza Sees Redevelopment with Two New Businesses

A coffee drive thru and a fitness center have opened at the Midway Shopping Plaza on West Central Avenue. **7 Brew** coffee serves a variety of hot and cold drinks at 827 W. Central Ave. The drive-thru style concept has more than 250 locations nationwide.

Planet Fitness has opened a 22,000 sq. ft. space in the shopping center. Featuring classes, trainers and fully equipped locker rooms, the center is open seven days a week. The fitness center will share building space with **Aldi**, scheduled to open a 21,000 sq. ft. grocery store on the west side of the building later this year. The building formerly housed GAC Fitness.



The shopping center has undergone significant redevelopment over the past few years with the addition of **Kid Clubhouse** and **Fairhaven Church, Springboro Campus**.





From Mayor John Agenbroad

Welcome 2025! Your City Council and staff enter the new year with a continued focus on providing the outstanding core services you expect as residents of Springboro. Those services include keeping our roads in good condition, our water clean, our business community strong and our neighborhoods safe.

Plans for 2025 include continuing to invest in our road resurfacing program, construction of a new multi-use trail on the south side of Clearcreek Park, opening a new restroom facility 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.

The City's 2025 budget shows expenses projected to be \$55.7 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.

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



Mayor Agenbroad presents the City's sponsorship check to the Christmas in Springboro committee.

Springboro City Council Sets 2025 Meeting Schedule

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, watch the live broadcast on Spectrum cable channel 6, U-verse 99 or live stream at mvcc.net. Schedule changes will be posted at ci.springboro.oh.us.

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

Rumpke Waste Collection Rates to Increase

In May 2020, the City of Springboro signed a 5-year agreement with Rumpke, which included two optional 3-year extensions. Rumpke has declined both optional renewals and proposed new rates. To cover the increased costs, the City will need to raise trash and recycling collection rates as follows:

- 2025: \$19 per household per month
- 2026: \$21 per household per month
- 2027: \$22 per household per month

Despite these adjustments, the rates remain well below those of many surrounding communities.

Monthly Fees in surrounding areas:

• Miami Township: \$15.24 per month	• Monroe: \$21.81
• Miamisburg: \$16	• Lebanon: \$22.02
• Kettering: \$16.71	• Centerville: \$24
• Springboro: \$19	• Clearcreek Township: \$35 or \$38 (depending on waste hauler)
• Mason: \$19.41	• Washington Township: \$40
• West Carrollton: \$19.71	
• Franklin: \$20.65	

Customers can still save \$2 per month if you sign up for both e-billing and automatic payment. Details can be found on the City website, ci.springboro.oh.us, or by calling the Utilities Department, 937-748-4343.



Motto Retires

Nick Motto, the City's Business Retention Specialist for more than 18 years, retired in November 2024. Motto joined the City in 2006 following a successful career in banking. Over his time with the City, he made thousands of calls and visits to Springboro businesses, building connections and helping our community flourish. We wish Nick all the best and thank him for his service.

Community Leadership Update

City Councilman **Jim Chmiel**, serving his sixth term on Council, was appointed Deputy Mayor for 2025. Chmiel also serves on the City's Park Board and chairs the Council Finance Committee. City Council has approved all other council and citizen committee appointments for new terms in 2025. Many thanks to all our dedicated board and commission members for their continued participation in our community's leadership.



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 2024, City Council voted on more than 70 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.

- **A contract with Sturm Construction for the “Clearcreek Park Multi-Use Trail” project**, which includes construction of a new multi-use trail on the south side of Clearcreek Park, including a realignment of the existing trail in the vicinity of the main (east) park entrance to decrease pedestrian/bike/vehicle conflicts, construction of a spur trail to the park restroom/concession stand, and an extension of the existing trail to the west end of the park. The new trail supports the City’s 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to connect E. Milo Beck Park to the east and Hazel Woods Park to the west. Total cost is approximately \$166,000 funded entirely by state capital monies and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Recreational Trails Program.
- **A resolution authorizing the submittal of applications for federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission’s transportation improvement plan.** The funds would allow the City to receive up to 80% of the project’s non-acquisition costs for reimbursement. The applications support three projects: construction of a northbound, right turn lane at the Lytle-Five Points Road/North Main Street intersection, resurfacing of a

portion of Lytle-Five Points Road, and construction of a portion of the Central Greenway bike path from West Factory Road to Community Park.

- **The City’s 2025 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.** City Council reviewed and approved the City’s annual budget and capital improvement program in November. Budgeted expenditures for 2025 total \$55.7 million for all capital and operational expenses.
- **An ordinance amending the City’s Planning and Zoning Code, Section 1263.02, Prohibited Uses and Uses Not Expressly Permitted, prohibits adult use marijuana operators.** State Issue 2, legalizing “Adult Use Cannabis,” became effective on December 7, 2023. As with the previously enacted state medical marijuana law, the new law allows municipal corporations to prohibit or limit the number of adult use cannabis operators. In 2017, the City passed an ordinance prohibiting medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and dispensaries within the City, and in similar fashion passed an ordinance in November 2024 prohibiting adult use cannabis cultivators, processors, and dispensaries within the City. This prohibition does not prohibit or restrict home grow of adult use cannabis authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 or prohibit or restrict any activity that is otherwise authorized by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780.
- **A five-year contract with Wilson, Shannon & Snow, Inc. and the Office of the Auditor of State to conduct an audit of the City of Springboro for the periods ending December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2028.** The City is required to have an annual audit by the Office of the Auditor of State (AOS) and the AOS can elect to have Independent Public Accounting (IPA) firms perform audits of public entities. The AOS requested that the City use an IPA firm to perform its annual audits for fiscal years 2024 through 2028 and awarded the contract to Wilson, Shannon and Snow.

Welcome, New Businesses!

A warm Springboro welcome to these businesses that have recently opened. Thank you for supporting local!

Clay Awhile, 15 S. Main St.
Controlled Environment Systems, 105 Advanced Drive
Essential Yoga & Wellness, 155 S. Main St.
Hounds Town USA, 105 Tahlequah Trail
Luck Gallery and Gifts, 337 S. Main St.
Planet Fitness, 827 W. Central Ave.
Royal Ha Beauty Lounge and Nail Spa, 664 N. Main St.
Spirit Talks, 80 W. Central Ave.
7 Brew Coffee, 785 W. Central Ave.
70/70 Social Club, 140 S. Main St.
The Lodge-M & S Flooring and Design Center, 110 E. Mill St.
Vita Lux Studios, 4 Sycamore Creek Dr.

Coming soon

Aldi, 827 W. Central Ave.
Breakfast Club, 5 N. Main St.
Elite Logistics and Fulfillment, 355 S. Pioneer Blvd.
Heartland Dental, 15 N. Main St.
MLA Companies, 35 Commercial Way
Wasabi Japanese Cuisine, 784 N. Main St.



La Comedia Celebrates Golden Anniversary



Since opening in 1975, La Comedia has provided a unique entertainment experience for millions of visitors. Combining dining with live stage productions, La Comedia, on W. Central Ave., is celebrating its 50th year in business! Congratulations to Springboro’s own, “Taste of Broadway.”

New Memorial to be Built at Gardner Park

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. He has long dreamed of creating a meaningful tribute to honor their sacrifice. Through this memorial, these veterans' courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.

North Park Continues to Add New Amenities

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 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. The current building, onsite for more than 30 years, is set to be demolished with construction to follow, with an expected opening date of early summer.

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

This is the latest in improvements to North Park. Six new pickleball courts opened at the end of summer at the south end of the park, and the 30,000 sq. ft. Dayton Children's Playground, which has provided a place for all children to play, opened last spring.



Free Kids Movies at the PAC



The City of Springboro presents three free movies for kids this winter at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Showtimes are noon and 2 p.m.

See **"Paw Patrol The Movie"** on Saturday, Jan. 18. When their biggest rival, Humdinger, becomes Mayor of nearby Adventure City and starts wreaking havoc, Ryder and the heroic pups kick into high gear to face the challenge head on.

"The LEGO Movie" will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 22. The first-ever full-length theatrical LEGO movie follows Emmet an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person (the MasterBuilder) and the key to saving his LEGO world. Now the fate of the world is in his tiny yellow hands.

"Kung Fu Panda 4" is set for Saturday, March 15. After three death-defying adventures defeating world-class villains with his unmatched courage and mad martial arts skills, Po, the Dragon Warrior, is called upon by destiny to...give it a rest already. More specifically, he's tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace. That poses a couple of obvious problems.

Concessions are available and each child can make a craft. Admission is free and no tickets are needed. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us or call 937-748-5774.

Donation Supports AEDs in Parks

Thanks to a \$7,000 donation last year from the Springboro Eagles, automated external defibrillators and cabinets have been installed at all City parks. An AED is a portable device that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. Look for the boxes near shelters.



City and Premier Health Continue Monthly Speaker Series

Because of the success of the 2024 Speaker Series, the City of Springboro and Premier Health will again offer 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. Upcoming topics include **Joint Health** on Jan. 21, **Heart Health** on Feb. 18 and **Kidney Health** presented by the National Kidney Foundation on March 18. For more information, call 937-748-5774.

Next Destination Speaker Series Kicks Off in January

The City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in partnership with the Springboro Public Library present the 2025 Next Destination Speaker Series that focuses on hiking and bicycling programming during the winter months.

All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Springboro Performing Arts Center's Premier Health Theatre, 115 Wright Station Way, and include a 60-minute presentation and plenty of time for questions after. All programs are free; no registration is required. For more information visit BikingInTheBoro.com.

Wednesday, January 15

Andy Niekamp: Walking The Camino de Santiago - The Portuguese Way



Wednesday, January 22

Lance Smith: Bikepacking for Beginners



Tuesday, February 4

Karen Power: Crushing Kilimanjaro: Summiting Africa's Highest Peak



Thursday, February 13

Ron Schilb: Highpointing the 50 States



Art Gallery to Highlight Fabric Sculpture, Scrabble Art and Watercolor

Solo shows will be featured in the first part of 2025 at the Springboro Performing Arts Center Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way.

A series of saree fabric sculptures, created by **Dr. Hyacinth Paul** that celebrate the incredible journeys of Indian women in Dayton, Ohio, will be featured in January. "Fabric Chronicles: Sculpting the Unseen" showcases Udaan which means "Flight." Each piece, crafted from recycled sarees, symbolizes resilience, strength and the beauty of transformation. Dr. Paul will speak about her inspiration and process at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 in the Performing Arts Center.



"Bandhini Ki Udaan"
Hyacinth Paul



"Miranda Priestly"
Jonathan Heart

Springboro artist **Jonathan Heart's** latest interest includes creating with Scrabble tiles—thousands and thousands of tiles! His interactive show "More than Words" will be the perfect activity for the entire family to stop by and participate in hidden word games. For many years Jonathan sang professionally and is a published song writer. Enjoying a long career as a professional origami artist, he's also a graphic designer, and has created posters for various organizations.

Linda Hart's watercolor work will be featured in March. Hart studied drawing and watercolor as a child on scholarship at the Carnegie Museum of

Art in Pittsburgh and as an adult at the Dayton Art Institute and Riverbend Art Center. Her art has been featured in several solo shows and she's been selected for many juried shows and won several awards. She is a member of The Contemporary Dayton and The Dayton Society of Artists. Check the City website for information on an artist reception.

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 937-748-5774. For more information, visit ci.springboro.oh.us.



"Abandoned Shadows 3"
Linda Hart

Tax Season Gets Sweeter with LIME

The City of Springboro has made filing your taxes easier with the introduction of its online tax filing software application LIME (Local Income-tax Made Easy). The program is designed to simplify the process of filing your Springboro tax return. LIME allows you to conveniently file your 2024 Springboro tax return and pay any balance due from the comfort of your own home. The easy-to-use application will be available on the City's website starting February 10.

To file a return with LIME you will need to create an account and answer a few simple questions. Then just follow the step-by-step prompts to finish filing your return. The program will do all the hard work for you and make sure your return is complete and accurate. The whole process can be completed in less than five minutes. LIME will be your shortcut to a sweet and easy tax season in Springboro! For more information visit ci.springboro.oh.us.

Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

This year 17 streets will be resurfaced along with repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. The City has committed \$1.47 million to this project.



2025 Street Resurfacing Program

Streets include Remick Boulevard, Tory Pines, Callaway Court, McCray Boulevard, Park Lane, Parsley Court, Parkridge Court, Twincreek Court, Creekview Court, Roundtree Court, Graham Drive, Redbud Drive, Willow Drive, East Longmeadow Drive, Salem Court, Beckley Farm Way, and Corral Court. The project will be out to bid in January of 2025. Concrete work will begin in the spring. After concrete work is complete, paving will be scheduled.

2025 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains are being designed for Springwood Drive and Jacamar Court, Bayberry Drive (between Renwood Place and Park Drive) and Cinnamon Court to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water mains. These streets will be a part of the 2026 Street Resurfacing Program. The project will be out to bid in the first quarter of 2025 with construction anticipated to begin in summer.

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, www.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.

Springboro Has Lowest Property Tax in the Region

Springboro residents enjoy some of the most affordable property taxes in the region, making our city a standout choice for homeowners. Our municipal tax rate of **1.1 mills**—ensures that your hard-earned money goes further. With this competitive rate, Springboro ranks as having the **third-lowest municipal tax rate in Ohio**, all while maintaining excellent city services and a vibrant community.

Property tax is based on the amount charged per \$1,000 worth of taxable property value, also known as "millage", and supports local services like schools, libraries and public health. The County Treasurer and Auditor ensure these funds are responsibly distributed to serve residents effectively.

For a \$300,000 home value in Springboro, property taxes in 2024 are, on average, **34% lower than neighboring communities**. This chart shows Total Property Taxes. Tax reductions may be available through the county auditor.

2024 Total Property Taxes for a \$300,000 Home

Springboro	\$5,029.50
Lebanon	\$5,394.90
Mason	\$5,634.30
Franklin	\$6,052.20
Centerville	\$6,734.70
West Carrollton	\$6,945.75
Kettering	\$7,164.15
Miamisburg	\$7,402.50
Oakwood	\$8,583.75

Interchange Makeover Project Underway

The I-75 and St. Rt. 73 intersection located in the City of Springboro and the City of Franklin is almost complete. The project included tree and shrub plantings outside of the work area and gateway enhancements. The safety portion of the project includes 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. ODOT funded 100% of the safety portion of the project for about \$2 million. The remaining project costs are being covered by an Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant, a partnership between the two cities, Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) and ODOT.



Prepare for Freezing Temperatures

Winter brings freezing temperatures. Below are some tips to help avoid problems:

- **Disconnect Garden Hoses:** Remove hoses from outdoor spigots to prevent freezing.
- **Drain Irrigation Systems:** Turn off and drain your system to protect it from damage.
- **Secure Exposed Plumbing:** Keep garage doors closed if your meter or plumbing is in a garage or exposed area.
- **Prevent Pipe Freezing:** If your home has a history of frozen pipes, consider letting one faucet trickle slightly overnight.
- **Locate Your Water Shut-Off Valve:** Be ready to turn off water immediately if a pipe freezes or bursts.
- **Check Vulnerable Areas:** Identify unheated spaces like basements, crawl spaces or outside walls that are most at risk for freezing.

Call for Help

- **During business hours (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday):** Call 937-748-4343.
- **After hours:** Contact the Police non-emergency line at 937-748-0611.

Keep Your Contact Information Current

Please let our Utilities Office know if you have a new phone number or email address. Email utilities@cityofspringboro.com or call 937-748-4343 to update your contact information.

Illegal Dumping

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

City Crews Ready for Snow

Springboro's Public Service Department is ready for snow! 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.

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.



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.

City Employees Recognized for Service

The City of Springboro recently recognized seven employees for reaching a milestone in service in 2024. Police Officer **Todd Turpin** received a 30-year award, while Police Lt. **Aaron Zimmaro** and Service Department staff member **Richard Brown** were recognized with 25-year awards. **Lois Boytim**, payroll clerk, received a 20-year award. Receiving 15-year awards were Police Officers **Randy Peagler** and **Jeff Strader**. Officer **Aaron Morgan** received a 10-year award.

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



Todd Turpin



Aaron Zimmaro



Richard Brown



Lois Boytim

Safety Kits Good to Have in Your Vehicle

As winter weather approaches, the Springboro Police Department recommends motorists keep the following safety kit in your car:

- Blanket
- Flares
- Small bag of sand
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Small shovel
- Boots
- First aid kit
- Jumper cables
- Ice scraper



Before you leave for your destination...

- Check tires (tread/inflation)
- Check maintenance and keep your vehicle in good running condition
- Keep fuel tank full
- Know where to tune the radio or TV for road safety information

Club Fitting is a Heatherwoode Specialty

Keep your swing in shape! Heatherwoode is rated one of the best club fitting facilities in Ohio. Treat yourself or your group to a fun, exclusive, personalized experience. Utilizing Foresight GC Quad launch monitors, the 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.



Duke Energy Makes it Easy to Report a Street or Area Light Outage

Report and track street light outages from your desktop or mobile device using Duke Energy's new Street and Area Light Repair Tool.

Getting Started

1. Visit duke-energy.com/OutdoorLightingRepair.
2. Select your state, then search for a light by location, business name, cross street, work order number or pole number. You can also use the compass icon to pinpoint your current location.

Using the Map

- Click each light to view details, including address, repair status, issue, and estimated restoration time.
 - Green check mark: Working light
 - Orange box: Repair in progress
 - Gray icon: Non-Duke Energy light
- If the light you need isn't shown, click the light icon, drag it to the correct spot on the map, and it will be added.

Requesting a Repair

1. Select the light, then click "Request Service."
2. Confirm the location, select details about the issue and add any additional comments.
3. Enter your contact information and choose if you'd like updates.
4. Review and submit your request.

After submission, you'll receive a confirmation page with repair status and updates if requested.

Visit duke-energy.com/OutdoorLightingRepair anytime to check or report issues.

Keep Your Swing in Shape

Take advantage of the best indoor training center in the area! Heatherwoode Golf Club has two Foresight GC3 simulators ready to help your golf swing. Foresight is an industry leader in launch monitor technology providing the most reliable shot information on the market. The simulators along with their state of the art PuttView putting green gives every golfer a great experience. Visit golfheatherwoode.com for details.

Police Sergeant Retires

Longtime Springboro police **Sgt. Larry Bush** retired in December. Sgt. Bush started with the City in Nov. 1997 and has held numerous positions within the department over those 27 years including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, Radar and Lidar Instructor, Fleet Manager, Bike Patrol Administrator and Schedule Officer. He has also served as FOP Union president. Starting as a police officer for the village of Springboro with a population of about 7,900 residents, Sgt. Bush has seen our community grow into a booming city with almost 20,000. We thank Sgt. Bush for his dedicated service and wish him all the best in his next chapter.



Police Officers Recognized for Service, Training

2024 Law Enforcement and Community Service Awards Held at Springboro Performing Arts Center

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio recently hosted the 2024 Law Enforcement and Community Service Awards at the Springboro Performing Arts Center. Led by

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Parker, this event celebrated the exceptional service and dedication of law enforcement officers and citizens from the Dayton-Cincinnati area.

Springboro Police Officer Heath Martin received the Kaia Grant Badge of Bravery and Sacrifice. This prestigious award recognizes officers who exhibit extraordinary courage in the line of duty. Officer Martin exemplified this bravery in June 2023 when he risked his safety by entering a smoke-filled, burning home to rescue a disabled homeowner. His selfless actions ensured their safe escape, with both sustaining only non-life-threatening injuries.

A 20-year veteran of the Springboro Police Department, Officer Martin embodies the spirit of service and sacrifice that defines our community. The award is named in memory of Kaia Grant, Jorge Del Rio, Eric Joering, Anthony Morelli, and all law enforcement officers from the Southern District of Ohio who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Sgt. graduates from leadership college

Police Sgt. Drew Pyles graduated in November from the Police Executive Leadership College, Class 89. Sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), PELC is an intensive leadership program designed for first-line supervisors. The program spans 105 class hours over three weeks and includes a variety of research and presentation projects.



New Police Officer

Brandon Smith, a Lebanon native, joined the Springboro Police Department in September 2024 after serving four years as a deputy with the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Following his field training, Officer Smith was assigned to road patrol. In his free time, Officer Smith enjoys boating, campfires and spending time with family and friends.



Operation Santa Celebrates 26 Years

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 seven families—with a total of 22 children—delivering gifts and some holiday cheer. Operation Santa began in 1998 with 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 Historical Society Museum Extends Hours, Offers Winter Programs



The Springboro Area Historical Society re-opens Jan. 15 through March 26 with Winter hours, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Wednesday. This is a great time to escape the winter blahs, learn more about our community or use the museum's paper and digital resources for genealogy research.

The program, "The Orthodox Quaker Cemetery Project: History, Status and Next Steps", is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Old Stone Church. This is free and open to the public. Reading Between the Wines returns Jan. 22, Feb. 18, March 19 and April 15, with new authors and wonderful conversation. Visit the SAHS website, springboroareahistory.org, to learn more about these events.

SCT SPRINGBORO COMMUNITY THEATRE 2024-2025 SEASON

ASSASSINS

Life
Unscripted

Theatre Showcases Musical and Improv

Springboro Community Theatre presents the musical "Assassins", Feb. 28 - March 2 and March 7 - 9 followed by "Life Unscripted", an improvisation show, March 15 at the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Information on auditions for upcoming shows along with ticket information is available at borotheatre.org.



State Champions! Congratulations to the Springboro High School Girls' Soccer team, who won the 2024 OHSAA D-1 state championship. The team was recognized at a recent City Council meeting and a road sign, commemorating their victory, will soon be placed at St. Rts. 73 and 741.

Lights! Broken! Action!

Recycle your broken Christmas lights—and all other strand lights through January 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. Warren County Solid Waste Management District is coordinating this program.

Career Center Students Recognized

City Council recently recognized Warren County Career Center students Leah Dorizas, Charlie Lehr, Kylin Price, Michael McCabe and Josh Ryan along with their graphic design teacher Howard Norris. As part of our City's partnership with WCCC, the students designed and installed vinyl wraps on two Springboro traffic control boxes. The wrap at St. Rts. 73 and 741—near the Springboro Performing Arts Center—celebrates the arts, while the wrap at Lytle Five Points and St. Rt. 741 showcases some of Springboro's favorite outdoor amenities like the splash pad at Kacie Jane Park, biking, the Veterans Memorial at Gardner Park and the new Dayton Children's Hospital Playground at North Park. This brings the number of vinyl wrap projects with WCCC to three—the first being completed last year in Historic Springboro, on W. Mill and S. Main streets. Additional projects are scheduled for 2025.



Mayor John Agenbroad congratulates Warren County Career Center students Leah Dorizas, Charlie Lehr and Kylin Price along with their teacher, Howard Norris, for their work on two vinyl wrapped traffic control boxes.

Springboro Pastors Association Hosts MLK Celebration, Monthly Food Drives

The Springboro Pastors Association invites the community to a celebration honoring **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy at noon on Monday, Jan. 20**, at the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. This 30-minute tribute will feature readings from Dr. King's most inspiring speeches and prayers for the community. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition, the association continues its **monthly community food drives** supporting the Springboro Community Assistance Center (SCAC). These drives, held at local churches, help ensure no family or child in Springboro goes hungry. For collection dates and a list of needed items, visit the hosting church's website or springborocommunityassistance.org.



Hometown Expo is a Sure Sign of Spring!

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce 24th annual Hometown Expo, "That Spring Thing," is 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at Springboro High School.

With over 220 exhibits featuring Springboro area 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.

Experience the Seasonal Changes of Nature

See the wonders of nature as the seasons change. The City and Park Board will sponsor nature walks at three City parks this 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.

The winter walk will explore how wildlife, both plants and animals, adapt to winter in Ohio. Meet at E. Milo Beck Park on Lower Springboro Road to hike the prairie and the riparian corridor along Clear Creek.

Date: Jan. 12



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 6, 13, and 27, and May 4.

The summer walks will focus on big trees, wildlife and prairie. Dates will be posted in our next newsletter.

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

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, 180 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.



Five treasure hunt bags are hidden—and found—each month at our parks.

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Exciting Events Planned for 2025!

We're bringing all the fun you've come to expect in Springboro! Over the next few months, join us for family movies, nature walks, Wellness and Next Destination speaker series and more. Check out our website, ci.springboro.oh.us for details. We're planning a fantastic lineup of live music at North Park and Wright Station, and fun July 4 festivities. The full schedule will be included in next issue.



Perennial Exchange at Wright Station

Saturday, April 19

Branch out and grow your garden! Join us for a unique event where you can exchange and expand your plant collection while connecting with fellow gardeners. Sponsored by the City's Tree Authority, the event is Saturday, April 19 at Wright Station, 115 Wright Station Way. Preview begins at 9:30 a.m. and trading starts at 10 a.m.

What to Bring:

Participants should bring 10 labeled plants—perennials, bulbs, rhizomes, trees, shrubs or indoor plants. Gardening tools, books, pots or planters are also welcome and can be added to the exchange.

How It Works:

All items will be displayed on picnic tables in the park area at Wright Station. The event will include 10 selection rounds. During each round, participants can choose one item from a wide variety of plants, tools, books and containers to take home.

Bonus Opportunity:

Bring an 11th plant and you'll be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a surplus of plants! For more information, call 937-748-5774.



Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Rumpke waste collection will remain on schedule.