

# SPRINGBORO CITYNotes

A PUBLICATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGBORO

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025

## Leaf Collection Starts Soon

The Service Department is gearing up for our annual leaf pickup service. Early pickup will be offered Oct. 13, 14, 15 or 16-- 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 problems 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](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) or call 937-748-0020 for more information. **See the collection map on page 11.**



## Ridd Concludes Distinguished Service on City Council

After 11 years representing Ward 1, **Janie Ridd** is concluding her service on Springboro City Council on December 31, 2025. First appointed in 2014 and re-elected twice, Janie has been a steady voice on Council, serving as the representative to the Architectural Review Board and the Warren County Municipal League along with several other committees. She also chaired the 2026 Charter Review Commission.



Her dedication to Springboro spans decades, including 28 years on the Planning Commission, time on the Community Reinvestment Committee, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and early involvement in the City's land use and strategic planning efforts.

A Springboro resident since 1979, Janie and her husband, John, raised two children here while she also volunteered with the schools, youth programs and community activities.

We thank Janie for her 39 years of public service and leadership and wish her the very best.





# 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, City staff, and community volunteers. **Thank you to everyone who enjoyed a show or helped make these events possible.**

Strong schools help build a strong community and that's why your **Springboro City Council has endorsed the Springboro Schools proposed 2.8 mills bond issue** that will appear on the November ballot. If passed, this bond **will not increase current taxes** but will provide the funding needed for several important projects.

In the months ahead, City Council will turn its focus to the annual budget and capital program. Together with staff, we'll review **the City's needs for the next five years, including public infrastructure, parks and recreation improvements, and operational equipment.** Official action on the 2026 budget and capital improvement program will take place in November.

After 39 years of service to Springboro—including 11 on City Council—**Janie Ridd is concluding her time in elected office.** We deeply appreciate her leadership and decades of dedication and will miss her presence at the Council table. All the best to you, Janie!

**Veterans Day is November 11,** and we send heartfelt appreciation to all who have served. Thank you for your commitment to protecting our country.

This is the final issue of City Notes for 2025. 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!**



Jerry Ferris will be the new City Council member representing Ward 1. A longtime Springboro resident and active community volunteer, Ferris is running unopposed for the seat to be vacated by Janie Ridd.

## Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is Election Day and polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Springboro's four ward City Council seats will be elected.** Three current City Council members are running unopposed: Dale Brunner in Ward 2, Jack Hanson in Ward 3 and Jim Chmiel in Ward 4. In Ward 1, Jerry Ferris is running unopposed for the seat vacated by Janie Ridd.

Springboro Schools has a 2.8 mills bond issue on the ballot.

Voter registration deadline for the November election is Oct. 6. Visit [vote.warrencountyohio.gov](https://vote.warrencountyohio.gov) to register, view your sample ballot and obtain absentee ballots and early voting information. Contact the Board of Elections at 513-695-1358 for additional information.



## City Remains Responsible Stewards of Tax Dollars

As we wrap up 2025, the City of Springboro's **focus and budget remains on core services** which include:

- Resident-centered services
- Increased annual street-paving program
- Quality public safety services
- Improvements and maintenance of all 600 acres of public parks
- Continued updates to water and sewer infrastructure
- Businesses and new development support

### 2025 Projects included:

- I-75/St. Rt. 73 Safety and Landscape Upgrade
- New bridge and upgrades connecting trails to Clearcreek Park and Hazel Woods Park
- Water Main replacements throughout the city
- Intersection Improvement at Remick Blvd. and N. Main Street
- Online tax filing system, LIME
- Wright Station outdoor area additional parking and other upgrades
- New restrooms, landscaping and benches for pickleball courts at North Park
- 3.87 miles of streets resurfaced

## Springboro is Officially an America250 City!



In celebration of our nation's 250th birthday, Kathy Stachowski, president of the **Springboro Area Historical Society**, presented the City's **America250** proclamation to Mayor John Agenbroad during the July City Council meeting. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant, the society will host special events that include planting a Sugar Maple tree honoring early pioneers' sugar camps, recognizing 18 Revolutionary War veterans who became founding families and debuting a short play about the Null family's journey to Clear Creek and their home—located on what is now a part of Heatherwoode golf course. It's going to be a memorable year!





# From Boom to Balance: Springboro's Housing Trends

There's been some talk around town that Springboro is experiencing another major growth spurt, with rapid development and rising population. While it may feel familiar, **today's growth looks very different from the explosive decades of the past.**

Concerns over too much growth are not new. A Dayton Daily News article in August 1973 captured resident worries about a new subdivision west of town—what is now the Tamarack neighborhoods (Tamarack Hills, Royal Tamarack, Royal Springs and Royal Meadows)—as well as plans for a new high school—today's Springboro Junior High. At that time, the village boundary on North Main Street only extended to Eleanor Drive, and eastward only to Cherry Street at Central Avenue.

## A Look Back at Growth

- **1950 Population:** 516 (lower than its 1880 population of 553)
- **1970 Population:** 2,799, following the completion of Interstate 75 in 1962
- **2000 Population:** 12,380, Settlers Walk nearly completed
- **2020 Population:** 19,062, reflecting slower but steady growth

Springboro's growth was explosive after 1960, doubling every decade until 2000. By contrast, growth since 2010 has been more measured, with new development constrained by limited available residential land.

## Housing Permits Tell the Story

Springboro's single-family housing-starts illustrate the difference. In the early 2000s, new home construction was booming, peaking at **305 permits in 2000**. By the late 2000s, numbers plummeted due to the recession, reaching just **12 permits in 2008**.

Since 2012, building activity has stabilized at a steady pace, except for a slowdown during the pandemic years, 2021–2023. Development has also shifted outward, with more growth occurring in Clearcreek Township and surrounding areas.

## Single-Family Home Permits Issued (2000–2025 projected):

- 2000–2004: Averaged over 260 annually
- 2005–2010: Declined sharply, bottoming out at 12 in 2008
- 2012–2020: Steady recovery, averaging 60–70 per year
- 2021–2023: Pandemic lows of 12, 2, and 3 permits
- 2024: 43 permits
- 2025 (projected): 55 permits

## The Takeaway

While Springboro is still growing, today's development pace is a far cry from the boom years of the late 20th century. The City's limited land supply means future growth will be steadier, smaller in scale, and increasingly shaped by redevelopment rather than large new subdivisions.

# 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](http://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 2026:

- Architectural Review Board\*
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Community Reinvestment Committee
- Park Board
- Tree Authority

\*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.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 7 at: [boardsandcommissions@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:boardsandcommissions@cityofspringboro.com).



Volunteers from Springboro's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee join Dan Boron for Bike the Boro at North Park.



# 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 2026 is approximately \$275,000 and revenue from property tax will be approximately \$940,000.**
- Development Agreement with the Borror Company and Easton Farm Partners, LLC: Pursuant to the judgement entry filed with the Common Pleas Court of Warren County on October 24, 2022, **a development agreement for the property located at 605 N. Main St., commonly known as the "Easton Farm," was approved** on Aug. 7. The City negotiated an agreement between the parties for infrastructure and other improvements to the property.
- Agreement with Adgo, Inc. to complete PLC replacements for water and wastewater facilities. This project consists of **installing new Programmable Logic Controllers or PLCs at water and wastewater facilities throughout the City replacing obsolete controllers and increasing cybersecurity for water and sewer system operations.** Total cost is \$265,931.51.

## Restaurant, Dental Office Open at Wright Station

The **Breakfast Club** is now open at Wright Station, serving fresh, homemade breakfast and lunch with locally roasted coffee for dine-in or patio seating. The restaurant shares an 8,000-square-foot building with **Settlers Walk Dental Care**, and 18 new parking spaces were added to the site along N. Main Street. This marks the sixth building completed at Wright Station, a partnership between Synergy Building Systems and the City of Springboro.



## Welcome, New Businesses!

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

- 48 Salon & Spa**, 722 N. Main St.
- 500 East Events**, 500 East St.
- Acrisure Insurance Group**, 405 S. Main St.
- Be Mine Botanicals**, 25 E. Mill St.
- Blue Dog Books**, 245 S. Main St.
- Burberry Nails**, 754 N. Main St.
- Cross Country Mortgage**, 535 N. Main St.
- Forza Fitness Training**, 222 W. Central Ave.
- Kings Cross Community Church**, 250 W. Central Ave.
- Settlers Walk Dental**, 19 N. Main St.
- Total Vision Centers**, renovation, 851 W. Central Ave.



# Parks News

The new **restroom building at North Park** opened in May, featuring six stalls each for men and women, a family restroom, and water fountains for adults, kids and pets. It replaces a 30-year-old facility. In addition, new landscaping and fencing enhance the area. Other recent upgrades include the **Dayton Children's Playground** and six new **pickleball courts**.

At **Hazel Woods Park**, enjoy a stroll across the new **hike/bike bridge** connecting Hazel Woods and Clearcreek parks. This final link ties Springboro's Central Greenway to the City of Franklin and eventually the **Great Miami River Trail**. The project was a partnership between Springboro and Franklin.

Both these projects were supported by \$300,000 in State Capital Budget funding secured by **Sen. Steve Wilson** and former **Rep. Scott Lipps**.

With **more than 600 acres of recreational space**, Springboro parks offer practice fields, pickleball courts, pump tracks, playgrounds, hiking/biking trails, a dog park and a splash pad—something for everyone!



## Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

This year 17 streets will be resurfaced along with repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. The City has committed \$1.54 million to this project.

### 2025 Street Resurfacing Program

Streets include Remick Boulevard, Tory Pines, Callaway Court, McCray Boulevard, Park Lane, Parsley Court, Parkridge Court, Twin creek Court, Creekview Court, Roundtree Court, Graham Drive, Redbud Drive, Willow Drive, East Longmeadow Drive, Salem Court, Beckley Farm Way, and Corral Court. Concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons are also scheduled. Concrete work was completed in the spring, and paving is now complete.

### 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. Construction should be wrapped up soon.

## 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 2026 Next Destination Speaker Series focusing on hiking and bicycling programming. Presentations will be offered January to March. Look for more information in our next issue or visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us). Got hiking or biking adventures to talk about? Call 937-748-6183 and tell us!

## 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.

## Service Dept. Employee Retires

After 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Springboro, **Richard Brown** retired in July. Throughout his career, Richard was known for his can-do attitude and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed. From repairing water mains to clearing snowy streets, Richard played a key role in keeping Springboro running smoothly in all seasons. In recent years, he also took on the important responsibility of operating and maintaining the City's two video boards. We appreciate Richard's many contributions and wish him all the best in this next chapter.



# New Memorial Planned for Gardner Park

Fundraising efforts continue for the **Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Memorial** at Gardner Park, 181 Village Park Blvd. This memorial will honor the bravery, service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans while also sharing the story of the war's impact on the citizens of Vietnam. It will serve as a place of reflection, remembrance, and education for generations to come.

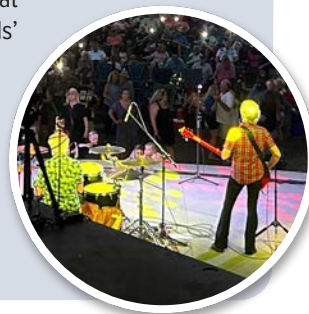
The project is the vision of Springboro resident and business owner **Daklak Do**, who fled Vietnam in the late 1970s and has long dreamed of creating a lasting tribute.

The memorial will be funded through donations from individuals, families, and organizations, covering construction, landscaping, and maintenance. Learn more at [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).



## 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 and Wright Station including kids' music, tribute bands, soul, rock, country, a cappella, R&B and swing. 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 2026 schedule by visiting [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).



## Parks are Great for Walks, Rides and Treasure Hunts

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

Residents are having a ball each month finding one of the five treasure bags hidden in various City parks. Since May 2021, 270 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.



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

The Springboro Performing Arts Center showcases a new exhibit each month. The October show features the work of **Yufeng Wang**, a professor and brush painting artist deeply rooted in the rich traditions of Chinese art. Using a fine-tipped Chinese brush with ink and color, she works on various surfaces, including rice paper, silk, canvas and ceramics. Dr. Wang will hold a reception, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Oct. 6, as well as a Chinese Brush Painting workshop on Oct. 11. Visit the City website for details.

**Matt Burgy**, a kinetic sculptor, is the featured artist in November. Currently the Interim Director of the Dayton Society of Artists, he has a

studio at the Front Street artist community in Dayton. Matt works in painting, drawing, printmaking and jewelry. His artist reception is Sunday, Nov. 2, 3–5 p.m.

In December, "**Plus One**" will showcase artists working in their signature mediums—plus one piece created outside their usual practice. From watercolors paired with metal sculpture to unexpected experiments, the show celebrates imagination and creative versatility. The exhibition celebrates the courage of artists to step beyond their comfort zones and reveal the depth of their artistic imagination. Artists' reception, 12–2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7.

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](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) Art Gallery for details.





## City Crews Ready for Snow

Springboro's Public Service Department is prepared to keep roads safe this winter. Crews first clear **major arteries**—St. Rt. 73, St. Rt. 741, Pennyroyal and Lytle-Five Points—for emergency access. Then move on to **main streets and subdivisions**, followed by **residential streets and cul-de-sacs**.

Residents can help by **moving cars off the street and removing basketball hoops** so plows can work more efficiently.

### Check Traffic Before You Go

See live road and traffic conditions anytime on the City website. Cameras are located at St. Rt. 741/Lytle-Five Points, St. Rt. 741/St. Rt. 73 and St. Rt. 73/Drug Mart. Visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) and scroll to "Traffic Cameras."



## Heatherwoode to Host OHSAA Championship

Heatherwoode Golf Club has earned the honor of hosting the **OHSAA Division II Girls Golf Championship** on Oct. 5 and 6—a rare move outside Columbus. The region's top junior golfers will compete for individual and team titles.

The event brings together **72 golfers from 12 schools** plus individual qualifiers, along with family and friends from across Ohio. The City, Heatherwoode staff and Miami Valley Golf are partnering with the **Miami Valley Communications Council** to broadcast the tournament live on the City's YouTube channel, giving fans nationwide a chance to follow the action.



Heatherwoode Golf Club hosted the OHSAA Boys and Girls Golf Districts for Southwest Ohio in 2023.

## Speaker Series Tackles Variety of Wellness Topics

Join us for the **City & Premier Health Speaker Series**—free health talks at 11 a.m., third Tuesdays at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Upcoming topics include **Oct. 21: Joint Health** (arthritis) and **Nov. 18: Eating Well Through the Holidays**. Call 937-748-5774 for details. Topics subject to change.

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

### Write a Letter to Santa—He'll Write Back!

Starting **Nov. 14**, drop letters in Santa's mailbox at the **City Building, 320 W. Central Ave.** Include your name and mailing address, and Santa will send a reply straight from the North Pole! Letters accepted through **Dec. 12**.



### Meet Santa at the PAC

Santa's sleigh is making a stop at the **Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way**:

- Friday, Dec. 5, 5—7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 6, noon—2 p.m. and 5—7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 7, noon—2 p.m.

### Make a holiday craft too! Free and open to all!

**Help Decorate the PAC Tree** Celebrate a "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" Christmas by adding an ornament to the PAC tree. Bring one from your collection during Santa's hours and receive a special keepsake ornament (while supplies last).

### Win a Rudolph-Themed Christmas Tree!

Enter to win a **7½-foot artificial tree** decorated with Rudolph and friends! Register at the **SPARC and Go, 320 S. Main St.**, during Christmas in Springboro, Nov. 21–23 or at the **City Building** through noon, Dec. 8. Open to Springboro residents—one entry per person per day. Free delivery included.



## Free Kids' Movies to be Held at the PAC



The City of Springboro will host three free kids' movies this winter—one each in January, February and March—at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. The movie schedule will be announced in our next issue. For details, visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) or call 937-748-5774.



## Operation Santa Brings Holiday Cheer to Springboro Families

The Springboro Police Department is again spreading the magic of the holidays through **Operation Santa!** This heartfelt program is led by a dedicated group of officers and volunteers who deliver Christmas joy to local families in need.

Families nominated for the program receive a special visit from **Santa himself—escorted by Springboro Police Officers**—bringing hand-selected and beautifully wrapped gifts for children. The goal is simple: to lift spirits and ease the stress of the season for those who may be facing challenges.

**Nominations are anonymous**, and the program is entirely free for participating families. All that's required is a completed application to help Santa choose the perfect gifts. For more information or to get involved, contact **Officer Aaron Morgan**, 937-748-0611 or [aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com).

## Drug Take Back Day – Safely Dispose of Medications

Clean out your medicine cabinet during the **DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** on **Saturday, Oct. 25**. Drop off expired, unwanted or unused pills and capsules at the Springboro Police Department, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Officers will be on-site to collect prescription and over-the-counter medications. Please place pills in a zipper-lock bag; liquids, creams, powders and needles cannot be accepted.

In April, residents turned in more than 65 lbs. of pills. After collection, the DEA ensures safe disposal.

In addition to participating in the nationwide Take-Back events, the Police Department maintains a secure drug drop box located in the City Building lobby available 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. For details, contact Springboro Police at 937-748-0611.



## Run, Hide, Fight Presentation



6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 Performing Arts Center

Most of us go about our day—running errands, going to work or spending time with family—without ever expecting to face a violent threat. But the truth is, **emergencies happen quickly and without warning**. In those critical moments, what you do before help arrives can make all the difference.

Join Springboro Community Resource Officer Morgan to talk about **Run, Hide, Fight**. It isn't about living in fear—it's about being prepared. This simple, proven framework gives everyday people options: **to escape if you can, to protect yourself if you must, and to fight as a last resort**.

This is an interactive discussion class; some topics may be triggering but are essential to discuss. Free and open to the public.

## Springboro Police Department Announces Appointments

**Scott Coffey**, a 17-year Springboro Police Department veteran, was promoted to sergeant in August. According to Police Chief Dan Bentley, Sgt. Coffey has shown exceptional dedication and leadership throughout his career, and this promotion reflects Sgt. Coffey's strong contributions to both the department and the community.



The department welcomed two new officers over the summer. **Officer Wyatt Arnold**, formerly with Hamilton PD, brings 11 years of experience and specialized training including service as a K9 handler, gang expert witness and SWAT operator.

**Officer Jake Irving**, a U.S. Navy veteran, brings nearly seven years of service as a firefighter/EMT and is beginning his career in law enforcement with Springboro PD.

Please join us in congratulating these officers!



Officer Wyatt Arnold



Officer Jake Irving





## Theatre Showcases Musical, Holiday Celebration

Springboro Community Theatre presents “Footloose the Musical”, Nov. 14 – 16 and 21 – 23 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. 5 – 7. Visit [borotheatre.org](http://borotheatre.org) for ticket and audition information.



## Christmas in Historic Springboro is November 21-23

“Gnome for the Holidays” 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 70,000 visitors each year with plenty of food vendors, local 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 “**Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer**”-themed Christmas tree. Meet Rudolph and other Christmas characters 1–3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. 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](http://springborofestivals.org) for the complete schedule of events.

## Baby Box Coming to Fire Station 21

A fundraising effort is underway to install a **Safe Haven Baby Box** at Fire Station 21 on S. Main Street. The secure, climate-controlled device allows parents in crisis to legally and anonymously surrender a newborn up to 30 days old. Once an infant is placed inside, the door locks, an alarm alerts 911, and firefighters respond immediately. The baby is then taken to the hospital for medical care.

There are 14 Baby Boxes in Ohio, with 15 infants safely surrendered nationwide in 2023—including one in nearby Lebanon. The project cost is estimated at \$55,000–\$90,000, with installation possible as early as this fall.

This initiative is supported by Ohio’s Safe Haven Law, which permits the safe and anonymous surrender of unharmed newborns. For more information, contact [JoHuestis@outlook.com](mailto:JoHuestis@outlook.com).

## Holiday Safety Tips from the Springboro Police Department

As you celebrate the season, keep these simple safety tips in mind:

### Shopping:

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas and lock your vehicle.
- Keep purses, bags and valuables close or out of sight.
- Store shopping bags in the trunk, not visible in your car.
- Shop with a friend or family member, especially after dark.

### At Home:

- Track and bring in packages promptly.
- Don’t scan codes on unknown packages—contact the shipper.
- Avoid overloading outlets with holiday lights.
- Keep gifts out of sight from windows/doors.
- Lock all doors and windows, even when home.
- Traveling? Ask a neighbor to watch your property and pause mail/packages. Contact Springboro PD for a free Vacation House Check. Call 937-748-0611 to register.

## New Mural Underway in Historic Downtown

The Springboro Arts Council, in partnership with the City of Springboro, is bringing internationally renowned muralist Lula Goce to Historic Springboro to create a large-scale public mural at 15 S. Main Street. The mural will serve as a vibrant gateway to downtown, celebrating the city’s heritage, creativity and welcoming spirit. Work is scheduled to begin Oct. 7. Follow the Springboro Arts Council Facebook page for Goce’s painting schedule.

# Spook Up Your Halloween in Historic Springboro!

**Trick-or-Treat in Historic Springboro**, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5–7 p.m. Dress in your wickedest costume and trick-or-treat at participating downtown merchants—little monsters can fill their bags with candy at every stop! Don't miss the City booth at Rotary Park.

**Haunted Hot Dog Roast** – Springboro Area Historical Society, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6–9 p.m. After trick-or-treating, head over for a hauntingly good time: roast hot dogs, toast marshmallows, enjoy kid-friendly spooky stories, take a ghostly tour, and join in thrilling activities. Tickets available at [springboroareahistory.org](http://springboroareahistory.org) — grab yours before they vanish!



## Springboro Schools Place Bond Issue on Ballot

The Springboro Schools Board of Education has placed a bond issue on the Nov. 4 ballot. If passed, the 2.8 mills bond would not increase current taxes but would result in \$115 million to be used on five main projects:

1. A new PreK-2 elementary school built on the Easton Farm site that would include full-day kindergarten. Once the building is complete, the City would take ownership of Clearcreek Elementary and the Jonathan Wright property.
2. Additional science classrooms and cafeteria upgrades at Springboro Junior High School
3. A new multi-use athletics complex at Springboro High School
4. Various district wide upgrades including safety/security and technology improvements
5. Traffic improvements

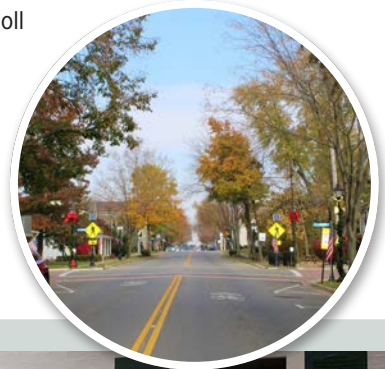
Springboro City Council endorsed the no tax increase levy at its Sept. 18 meeting. For more information, visit [springboro.org/bond.aspx](http://springboro.org/bond.aspx).



## Visit Historic Downtown

Featuring unique boutiques, restaurants and services, visit the Historic Springboro Facebook page for information on upcoming special events like Second Sundays, Girls Night Out and more! Look for sales, specials, live music, pop up shops and other activities while you shop and stroll throughout the charming area.

Check out the Springboro Art Council's new mural, being created in early October at 15 S. Main Street. Visit the Historic Downtown Facebook page for more information.



## Historical Society Wraps Up Year with Heritage, Hauntings and Holiday Cheer

The Springboro Area Historical Society invites you to experience your community's history through a variety of upcoming programs and events. In addition to the Haunted Hot Dog Roast, visit [springboroareahistory.org](http://springboroareahistory.org) for a complete list of events.

**Null House Tour, 2 p.m. Oct. 12:** Tour the 1790s Null House and discover the stories of the Null and Taylor families. Learn how preservation efforts turned this pioneer home into a community landmark. Includes a special children's story time.

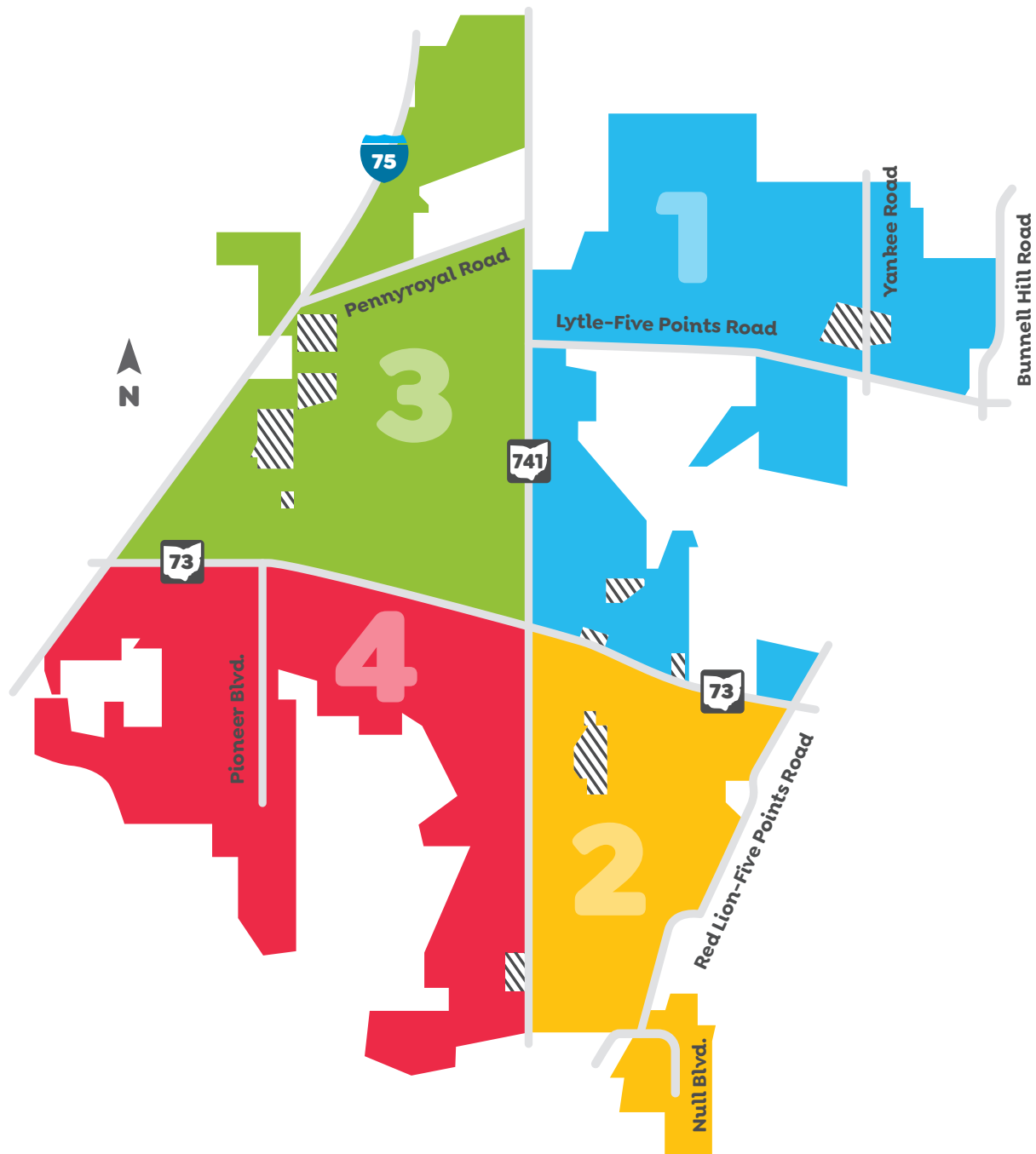
**Heritage Hour, 7 p.m. Nov. 13:** A special Heritage Hour honoring local veterans through storytelling and remembrance.

**SAHS Holiday Party, 6 p.m. Dec. 11:** Celebrate the season with friends and community.


Society memberships and business sponsorships are now available. For more information visit [springboroareahistory.org](http://springboroareahistory.org).



# 2025 Leaf Collection Schedule



Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
OCT. 13*, 20, 21, 22	OCT. 14*, 23, 24	OCT. 15*, 27, 28, 29	OCT. 16*, 30, 31
NOV. 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19	NOV. 6, 7, 20, 21	NOV. 10, 12, 24, 25, 26	NOV. 13, 14
DEC. 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19	DEC. 8, 9, 22, 23	DEC. 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31	DEC. 1, 2, 15, 16
			JAN. 5, 6

 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)



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## Lights! Broken! Action!

Recycle your broken Christmas lights—and all other strand lights **through Jan. 30**. 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.



## Fall Shred and Electronics Recycling Day is Oct. 18

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. 18 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.

## Veterans Day

November 11

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

## Trick-or-Treat Night: Friday, October 31

Ghosts and goblins will be out 6–8 p.m. in Springboro neighborhoods on Halloween night! This is not a City-sponsored event. Most area communities will continue to hold Trick-or-Treat on Oct. 31 in future years.



## Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on the following days:

Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

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

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

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