

# SPRINGBORO CITYNotes

A PUBLICATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGBORO

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## America Will Mark its 250th Birthday with a Yearlong Celebration

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

Ohio and Ohioans have shaped the United States in extraordinary ways—through the leadership of statesmen and innovators, the creativity of artists and performers, the breakthroughs of scientists and Nobel laureates and countless other contributions that have influenced our nation's story. **Throughout the year, America250-Ohio will share our state's story** from its earliest residents, Native Americans, to the diverse communities who today call Ohio home with special projects throughout the state in celebration of America's 250th birthday. Visit [america250-ohio.org](http://america250-ohio.org) for a list of activities.

**Springboro is pleased to be designated an America250 City!** Kathy Stachowski, president of the Springboro Area Historical Society, is heading up a committee comprising representatives from local organizations that is coordinating an events calendar. Activities already planned include a film series, public art project, tree planting honoring early pioneers' sugar camps, recognition of 18 Revolutionary War veterans who became founding families, a short production about the Null family's journey to Clear Creek and their home—located on what is now a part of Heatherwoode golf course, and special events on July 4th! Check our website and social media for updates. It's going to be a memorable year!



## New City Council Member Brings Lifetime of Service

Springboro's newest City Council member, **Jerry Ferris**, may be new to the role, but he has been an active part of the community since moving to the City's "Spice Rack" neighborhood in 1979. Jerry now represents **Ward 1** on City Council.

A Vietnam veteran and three-time Purple Heart recipient, Jerry went on to a 27-year career with AK Steel, becoming its first African American professional. Since 2014, he has led the **Warren County Veterans Service Commission**, earning induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2025.

Originally from Cincinnati, Jerry and his wife, Darlene—his sweetheart since their marriage in 1974—have lived in their Springboro home 47 years. They have one son, Rodney, a U.S. Navy veteran and Southwest Airlines pilot, who lives in Utah with his wife Shevon and their three children. Jerry and Darlene enjoy visiting often.

For more than three decades, Jerry has championed veterans—serving with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, helping establish Purple Heart Cities, and securing Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the first active-duty Purple Heart installation. He looks forward to continuing his community service on City Council.





# Legislative Update

Your City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in Council Chambers to pass legislation and authorize expenditures that support the daily operations of our City and the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

In 2025, City Council voted on more than 90 legislative items related to capital improvements, planning and zoning, economic development, finance and general policy matters. Here are a few highlights of recent meetings:

- ➔ **Cyber-Security Plan Adopted:** City Council approved a **Cyber-Security Plan** in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 9.64, which now requires all local governments to have a plan protecting their computer systems. This ensures that Springboro's technology infrastructure meets new state standards and safeguards vital city data.
- ➔ **Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Replacement:** Council awarded a contract to Glenwood Electric, Inc. to **replace the 20-year-old backup generator** at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The \$947,273.80 project will ensure reliable operations during power outages.
- ➔ **Trail Connection Feasibility Study:** Springboro entered into a Local Public Agency Safety Study agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to study the **feasibility of a multi-use trail connecting Community Park to North Park**. The project supports the 2020 Bicycle



& Pedestrian Plan and advances the development of the Springboro Greenway, linking six city parks and connecting to regional trails.

- ➔ **Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The City continues to partner with the Warren County Emergency Management Agency on the **Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation 5-Year Plan**. This federally required plan helps communities prepare for and reduce the impacts of natural disasters such as flooding, tornadoes and severe storms—keeping Springboro eligible for federal mitigation grants.
- ➔ **Federal FAST Act Funding Applications:** Springboro has applied for Federal Fast Act funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. If approved, these funds will **resurface Lytle-Five Points Road from St. Rt. 741 to Hickory Hills Drive in 2030** and construct a **shared-use path from Factory Road to Community Park in 2031**.
- ➔ **Business First! Program Membership Renewed:** Council renewed the City's participation in the Business First! Program through 2030. This regional business retention and expansion initiative connects Springboro to more than 80 area partners, providing resources like **job training, low-interest loans and support for local companies**.
- ➔ **2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Program:** City Council approved the 2026 Annual Budget in November, authorizing **\$82.8 million** in operational and capital expenditures to maintain essential services, improve infrastructure and invest in Springboro's future.

## Welcome, New Businesses!

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

**ASI Commercial Roofing & Maintenance**, 235 Advanced Dr.  
**You Need Boo Nails**, 149 S. Main St. C  
**Vie Claire Salon**, 25 W. Market St.



## Springboro City Council Sets 2026 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 or U-verse 99 or live stream at [mvcc.net](http://mvcc.net). Schedule changes will be posted at [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov).



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





# From Mayor John Agenbroad

As we step into a new year, your City Council and staff remain focused on **delivering the outstanding core services you expect**. From maintaining safe roads and providing clean, reliable water to supporting a thriving business community and protecting our neighborhoods, these essentials continue to guide our work every day.

In 2026, we'll continue investing in our road resurfacing program, add a nature play area at Mills Park and strengthen both new and existing business partnerships. Among many events planned for the new year, we'll again offer a full slate of activities at North Park and Wright Station, including our always-popular concert series.

This year's City budget projects \$82.8 million in expenses for capital improvements and operations, with stable year-end fund balances. You'll find detailed financial information in our Annual Report, which will be mailed to every household in March.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to **Janie Ridd**, who retired from City Council after decades of dedicated service to Springboro. We wish her all the best! I'm also pleased to welcome **Jerry Ferris** to City Council; his experience in community matters will be an asset to our team.

Please accept my warmest wishes for your health, safety and happiness in the year ahead. I look forward to seeing you at many of our community events in 2026!



Mayor Agenbroad with the Christmas in Springboro planning committee

## City Honors Employees for Milestone Service in 2025

The City of Springboro recently recognized 14 employees who reached significant service milestones in 2025

Police **Sgt. Don Wilson** received special recognition for 35 years of dedicated service, and City Manager Administrative Assistant **Sharon Rottert** was honored for 30 years with the City.

Employees receiving 25-year awards included Police **Lt. Eric Kuhlman**, Building & Zoning Inspector **Mark Eller** and Service Department staff member **Missie Whitt**. **Matt Lang**, IT Director, was recognized for 20 years of service.

The **15-year** service award was presented to **Aaron Bowley** of the Service Department.

**10-year** awards were presented to:

- **Neal Amburgey**, **Matt Cole**, and **Tom West** of Heatherwoode Golf Club
- Police Officer **Bill Clevenger** and **Josh Emmel**
- Service Department staff member **Alex Raberding**
- **Todd Swope** from Facilities

"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."



Police Sgt. Don Wilson—35 Years



Sharon Rottert—30 Years



Police Lt. Eric Kuhlman, Mark Eller and Missie Whitt—25 Years



Matt Lang—20 Years



Aaron Bowley—15 Years

# Next Destination Speaker Series Kicks Off in Januar

The 2026 Next Destination Speaker Series is cohosted by the City of Springboro's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Franklin-Springboro Public Library. Programs begin at 6:30 p.m. All programs are at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way, unless otherwise noted. These events are free; no registration is required. For more information visit [BikingInTheBoro.com](http://BikingInTheBoro.com).



**Flexibility for Outdoor Adventures with Donna Gambino**  
Tuesday, Feb.3, 6:30 p.m. at the Springboro Library

**Bikepacking the KATY Trail with Cami and Jordan Hart**  
Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.



## 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.** As part of our America250 celebration, activities such as measuring the age of trees and their history will be included.

**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. 11

**The spring walks will focus on spring wildflower and explore other seasonal changes in the natural surroundings at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail.** Dates: March 29, April 12, April 19 and April 26

**The summer walks will take place at two parks.** Focus on big trees, wildlife and visit the Veterans Memorial at **Gardner Park**, Village Park Blvd.: July 19

See flowers and explore the prairie at **E. Milo Beck Park**, Lower Springboro Road: Aug. 30 and Sept. 13

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

## Free Kids Movies at the PAC

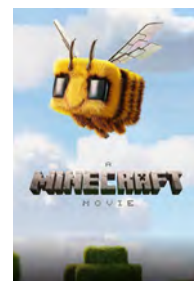
The City of Springboro presents three free family movies this winter at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. **Showtimes are noon and 2 p.m.**

See **"Minecraft" on Saturday, Jan. 24.** The story follows four misfits who suddenly transport to the Overworld—an enchanting yet dangerous dimension. They navigate perilous and often hilarious challenges while discovering themselves and searching for home.

**"The Wild Robot" will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 21,** and tells the story of Roz, a robot shipwrecked on an abandoned island who forges relationships with the local wildlife.

**"Smurfs" is scheduled for Saturday, March 14.** When Papa Smurf is taken by evil wizards Ramamel and Gargamel, Smurfette leads the Smurfs on a mission to the real world to save him.

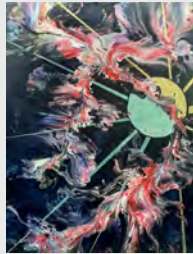
Concessions are available and each child can make a craft. Admission is free and no tickets are needed. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov) or call 937-748-5774.





# Art Gallery to Highlight Paint Pours, Interactive Experience and Miniatures

The Art Gallery at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way, will feature a dynamic lineup of solo and group shows during the first quarter of 2026



## January: Paint Pours by Frank Trick

Lifelong creative Frank Trick brings his vibrant acrylic paint pours to the gallery throughout January. Since retiring in 2023, Frank has focused on the fluid art technique of liquid pouring—producing bold, colorful works that have been featured in both solo and group exhibitions. A member of several local galleries, he enjoys sharing his rediscovered passion with others, and commissioned pieces continue to fuel his enthusiasm for the artform. Reception is 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4.

## February: *THE GAME* by Jonathan Heart – An Interactive Family Experience

Springboro artist Jonathan Heart returns Feb. 1–26 with *THE GAME*, an immersive and interactive exhibit designed for all ages. Visitors will step into a mysterious crime scene and meet an imaginative cast of characters including a paranormal detective, an art collector and SPAC, the Game Sorcerer.



SPAC challenges players to solve over **100 puzzles**—word, logic and math tasks ranging from simple to challenging. Participants earn points to help rescue four people who vanished while playing a game of Scrabble. Guests with high scores at the end of the month will win artwork created for the show. Pieces are crafted from Scrabble tiles, dice, playing cards, board-game elements, poker chips, bingo cards and more. **GAME ON!**

## March: “Big Heart” – A Miniature Art Show

From March 1–27, the gallery hosts “**Big Heart**,” a collection of miniature works created in a variety of mediums. Artists will display themed series featuring subjects such as nature, people or animals.

A **free mixed-media/painting class** on creating miniatures will be offered **1–3 p.m. on March 7** in the lobby for ages 15 through adult. Registration is available at [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov).

## Gallery Information

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with select evening, weekend and special-event hours available. To schedule an appointment, call 937-748-5774. Learn more at [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov).

# Public Art Project to Celebrate America250

The City of Springboro is planning a year of special events in honor of our country’s 250th birthday! Public art is an important part of our community and the City is hosting a project that celebrates our nation.

Springboro artists were invited to submit proposals that reflect themes of freedom, community and progress to be painted on a bench and bench cover that has just been placed in Historic Springboro. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15. We’ll keep you posted on progress.



# City and Premier Health to Continue Monthly Speaker Series

The City of Springboro and Premier Health will again partner to 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 **Dealing with the Winter Blues**, Jan. 20; **Keeping Heart Healthy**, Feb. 17 and **Avoiding Scams**, presented by the Springboro Police Dept. on March 17. For more information, call 937-748-5774.

# 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, 280 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 bag.

## City Crews Keep Roads Clear

Springboro's Public Service Department has already battled snow storms this season. 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 [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov) and scroll down the main page to Traffic Cameras to see a live feed of the tra



## Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

This year 20 streets will be resurfaced along with repairs to curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons. The City has committed \$1.88 million to this project.

### 2026 Street Resurfacing Program

Streets include Andover Drive, Bayberry Court, Bateman Court, Cinnamon Court, Commercial Way, East Manor Drive, East Waterbury Drive, Great Oak Drive, Jacamar Court, Juanita Court, Mill Run Lane, Millard Court, North Lakeshore Drive, Settlers Walk Boulevard, Springhouse Drive,

Springwood Drive, South Lakeshore Drive, Village Drive, West Longmeadow Drive and West Waterbury Drive. Concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons are also scheduled.

### 2026 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains are being designed for Sesame Street and Heston Drive to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water mains. These streets will be a part of the 2027 Street Resurfacing Program. Construction is expected this summer.

## Keep Your Utilities Contact Information Current

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

## 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.



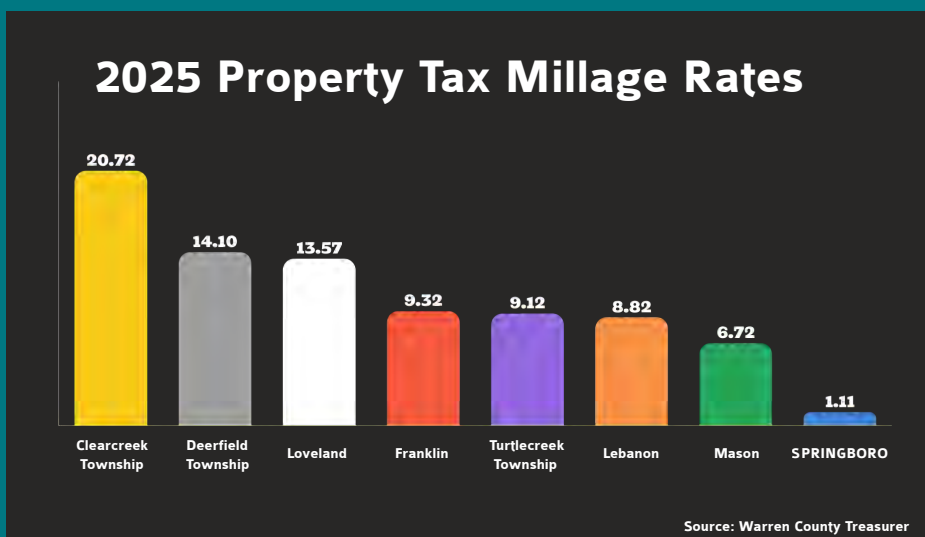


# Springboro Has Lowest Property Tax in the Region

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.

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.

The City of Springboro portion of the charged millage in 2025 was, on average, **89.1% lower than the neighboring communities charged millage**. The chart shows each jurisdiction listed by their unique millage charge.



## Do Not Solicit Registration Available

The City maintains a Do Not Solicit List that prohibits licensed solicitors from contacting any address on the list. **Residents can register online** through the City website: [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov). Registration remains valid **until the resident changes addresses**.

### Solicitor Requirements

All solicitors **must obtain a City license**, which includes:

- A **background check**
- A **\$25 fee**
- **Restricted solicitation hours**: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Solicitors are required to **carry**:

- Their **solicitor's license**
- **Photo ID**
- **The current Do Not Solicit List**

### Exemptions

The ordinance **does not apply** to:

- Youth fundraising (for example, schools, sports teams, Scouts)
- Political campaigning
- Signature collection or distribution of brochures/literature

It **does apply** to commercial sales for profit, such as

- Landscaping services
- Pest control
- Roofing or home repair sale

### Reporting Violations

If a solicitor **lacks a license** or your address is on the **Do Not Solicit List** and you are still approached, please contact the **Springboro Police Department** at **937-748-0611**.

## TAX SEASON 2026 IS HERE Catch the Filing Wave!

What do 1,200 Springboro taxpayers have in common? They all used **LIME**, the City's online filing application, to file their 2024 tax return last year. And, they did it for three basic reasons:

1. **It's fast**—typically takes less than five minutes to file
2. **It's convenient**—you can file from the comfort of your home or from your phone
3. **It's accurate**—there's no guesswork; just upload the tax documents, LIME requests and the program will do all the calculations for you

**LIME will be available to taxpayers filing 2025 returns**

**beginning Feb. 16**. To access LIME when it's time to file, go to [www.lime.springborotax.com](http://www.lime.springborotax.com).

### Remember the Basics

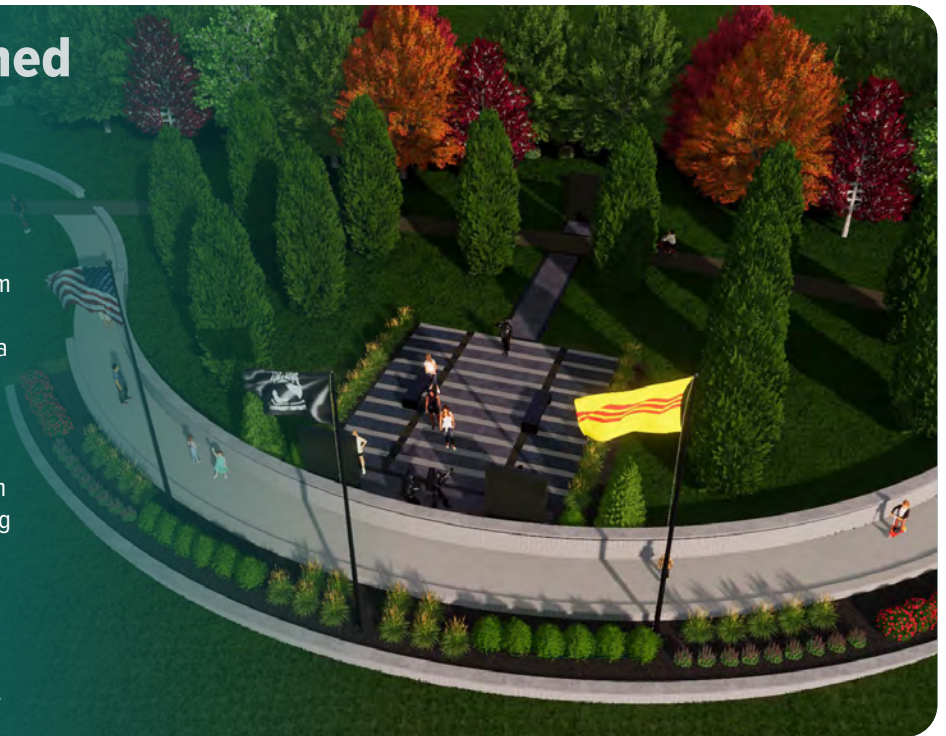
- The City's tax deadline is **April 30, 2026**.
- If you are 18 years of age or older you generally need to file a City return. For more information on filing requirements, consult the **Tax Services** page on the City's website.
- Your Federal return must be complete before your City return can be prepared.
- City staff will prepare your return free of charge in our office, **but this service is available by appointment only**. Schedule online or call 937-748-9701 to reserve a spot. Appointments fill fast, so make yours early!
- Help is just an email, [taxdept@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:taxdept@cityofspringboro.com), or phone call, 937-748-9701, away, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. Staff can typically reply to messages within 24 hours. But please be patient if you're contacting us during the peak of tax season, April 1–30; responses could take up to 2 to 3 business days.

## 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 [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov).



## Fall Election Results

**Springboro's four ward City Council seats were elected in November.**

Returning to their seats are **Dale Brunner in Ward 2, Jack Hanson in Ward 3 and Jim Chmiel in Ward 4.** **Jerry Ferris will represent Ward 1**, filling the seat vacated by Janie Ridd, who announced her retirement from public service and chose not to run. For more on Jerry Ferris, see page 1.

In addition, **voters passed the Springboro Schools 2.8 mills bond issue**, paving the way for \$115 million to be used on four main projects but will not increase current taxes. Planned projects include:

1. A new PreK-2 elementary school built on the Easton Farm site that will include full-day kindergarten. Once the building is complete, the City will 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. New access to Dennis Elementary and the high school from Weidner Road
5. Various district wide upgrades including safety/security and technology improvements

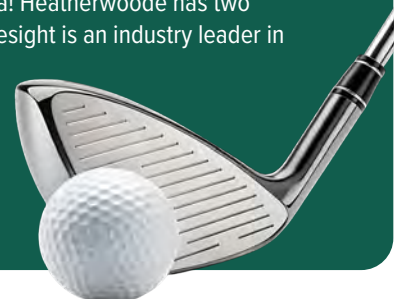
## City's YouTube Channel Showcases Special Programming and Concerts

Relive all the great music and fun of our summer concert series by watching the City of Springboro YouTube channel. In addition to our concert lineup from the past several years, you can also catch up on episodes of our government programs, speaker series and other special events. Subscribe to the channel and never miss a Springboro show! Search City of Springboro on YouTube for all the latest programs.



## Keep Your Swing in Shape

Take advantage of the best indoor training center in the area! Heatherwoode 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 [golfheatherwood.com](http://golfheatherwood.com) for details. Call the Golf Shop, 937-748-3222 X3 to book simulator tee times. Simulators are open during golf shop hours.





# Springboro Police Department Announces Appointments

During its Dec. 4 meeting, City Council recognized Police Department **Officer Andy Peagler** with the Life Saving Award.

While working overtime at a community event, Officer Peagler was called to assist a man in distress—his lips were turning blue and he was showing signs of a blocked airway. Officer Peagler immediately performed the Heimlich Maneuver, safely and quickly clearing the victim's airway. After administering the lifesaving abdominal thrusts, the man began coughing and breathing. When the Clearcreek Fire District arrived, they determined the man needed no further medical attention—truly a lifesaving action! Thank you, Officer Peagler.

## Two new officers join the department

The Police Department welcomed two new officers with their offi swearing-in ceremony held in December. **Officer Andy Fe** brings more than 25 years of US military and police experience to the department, while **Officer Jayden Fit** is a recent graduate of the Butler Tech Peace Officer Academy. Following completion of field training, both officers will be assigned to road patrol



Officer Andy Fe



Officer Jayden Fit

**Officer Dalton Overhol** is the newest member of the Springboro School Resource Officer team. He brings years of police experience to the schools and is assigned to Springboro Junior High School and Dennis Elementary School. SROs are more than just a uniform in the school, they are mentors, educators and protectors interacting with students and school staff every day. Officer Overholtz joins **Sgt. Don Wilson**, assigned to Springboro Intermediate and D.A.R.E. instructor along with **Officer Jason Huelsm**, who is at Springboro High School & Clearcreek Elementary.



**Congratulations to these officers**



## Operation Santa Celebrates 27 Years

Each year, the Springboro Police Department raises funds and collects donations for **Operation Santa**, a program that supports Springboro families in need of a little extra Christmas cheer. This year, Santa visited 7 families across the community—bringing gifts and holiday joy to **20 children**.

Operation Santa began in 1998, when three Springboro officers pooled \$100 to help five children. Thanks to the continued support of local businesses, sponsors and caring individuals, the program has grown into a cherished community tradition.

For more information, contact **Officer Aaron Morgan**, [aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:aaron.morgan@cityofspringboro.com).

## Winter Vehicle Safety Kits: What to Keep in Your Car

The Springboro Police Department reminds motorists to prepare their vehicles for cold temperatures and hazardous road conditions. A well-stocked safety kit can make all the difference in an emergency. Consider keeping the following items in your car:

### Recommended Safety Kit Items

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

### Before You Head Out

- Check your tires for proper tread and inflation
- Keep up with regular vehicle maintenance to ensure it's in good running condition
- Maintain a full fuel tank during winter months
- Know where to tune in for road safety updates on radio or TV. Check Springboro road conditions. We have live traffic cameras at three intersections: Main & Central; Drug Mart and Central, and N. Main at Lytle-Five Points. Visit [cityofspringboro.gov](http://cityofspringboro.gov) and scroll to Traffic Camera

Stay safe and prepared this winter!



# Preserving History Through Exhibits and Programs

The Springboro Area Historical Society preserves our community's story through exhibits, lectures and public programs. The museum is open Wednesday afternoons, Jan. 14–March 25, 1–4 p.m.

## Heritage Hour Returns

The free lecture series is offered each month

- **Jan. 8, 7 p.m.:** “State of the Society: 2025 in Review and Artifact Show & Tell” Springboro Chamber of Commerce Conference Room
- **Feb. 12, 7 p.m.:** “Ohio Black Laws of 1850” with Stephanie Jordan, Location TBD

Visit [SpringboroAreaHistory.org](https://SpringboroAreaHistory.org) for the March 17, 7 p.m. topic and additional details.

## 2026 Membership Renewal Drive

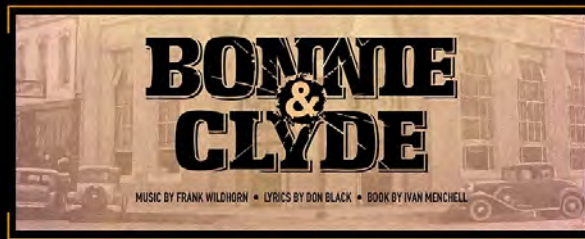
Memberships start at just \$15 and support preservation efforts, artifact collection and care, exhibit updates, research tools and maintenance of the 200+ year-old museum building. Active military, veterans and individuals age 80+ receive free membership.

## Volunteer with SAHS

The Society is seeking volunteers for docent and tour guide roles, administrative and research help, groundskeeping, and **special events related to the America250-Ohio celebration**, commemorating 250 years of American and local history. Training is provided and hours are flexible. Learn more at [SpringboroAreaHistory.org](https://SpringboroAreaHistory.org).



**SCOT** SPRINGBORO COMMUNITY THEATRE 2025-2026 SEASON



## Theatre Showcases Musical and Improv

Springboro Community Theatre presents the musical “**Bonnie & Clyde**”, March 6–8 and March 13–15. **Life Unscripted**, an improvisation show, is offered Jan. 17 and March 21. Performances are at the Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Information on auditions for upcoming shows along with ticket information is available at [borotheatre.org](https://borotheatre.org).

## Register Your Pooch!

2026 Warren County dog licenses are on sale now through Jan. 31, 2026, without penalty. Tags start at \$15. Buy tags and get more info at [auditor.warrencountyohio.gov](https://auditor.warrencountyohio.gov). Call 513-695-1240 with questions.



## Recycle Broken Holiday Lights

Give your broken Christmas lights—and all other strand lights—a second life! Now through Jan. 30, drop off unwanted light strands for recycling. Drop-off locations (open 24/7)

- Springboro Municipal Building lobby – 320 W. Central Ave.
- Springboro Performing Arts Center lobby – 115 Wright Station Way

This program is coordinated by the Warren County Solid Waste Management District.





# Hometown Expo Celebrates 25 Years

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce 25th annual Hometown Expo is **10 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Springboro High School.**

With over 220 exhibits featuring Springboro area small businesses and nonprofit organizations, this is Warren County's largest business expo. The event is free to attend and gives Springboro residents the opportunity to meet directly with the Springboro business and non-profit 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.



## Mural Debuts in Historic Springboro

The **Springboro Arts Council** with support from the City of Springboro, unveiled a beautiful mural that celebrates the Springboro story. Located at the entrance to Historic Springboro at S. Main and W. Central, the mural was designed and painted by **Lula Goce**, an internationally recognized artist from Spain.

According to **Kelly Settle**, Arts Council member and co-chair of the project, at the heart of the mural is a peaceful Quaker girl, a symbol of the values Springboro was founded on, equality, justice, peace and community. In her hands, she holds a “cloud of memory,” carrying scenes from Springboro’s past—early farmland, buildings that still stand today and Springboro’s role as a beacon of hope on the Underground Railroad.

“This artwork is meant to inspire calm, hope and a welcoming spirit,” says Goce. “The young Quaker woman invites visitors to pause, reflect and remember that this is a place where the past inspires the present, and where community continues to bloom.”



## 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. 19, 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](http://springborocommunityassistance.org).



## Shop Local, Keep Springboro Strong

When you choose to shop, dine or utilize services locally, you’re doing more than making a purchase—you’re investing in our community. **Springboro is home to over 500 businesses**, each contributing to the vibrant character and economic health of our city. Supporting local ensures that our community thrives for years to come. For more information about Springboro businesses, visit the Springboro Chamber of Commerce at [springboroohio.org](http://springboroohio.org).



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## Newsletter Wins National Award

**CityNotes** has been honored with the Silver Circle Award for Outstanding Printed Publications from 3CMA – the City-County Communications & Marketing Association. This national award recognizes exceptional achievement in local government communications and marketing.

The award was presented to **Mayor Agenbroad** and **City Manager Chris Pozzuto** during a recent City Council meeting. **CityNotes** is written and produced by the City's Community Relations Director, **Maureen Russell Hodgson**, and designed, printed, and mailed by ThinkPatented, with **Mike Fessler** as lead designer and **Mike Kroger**, sales representative.

Distributed to every household and business in Springboro, **CityNotes** is also available at the Springboro Performing Arts Center, the Springboro Library, and on the City's website.



## Spring Shred Day is May 16

The City is offering a free shredding event this spring. Get rid of old bills, checkbooks and other papers, **10 a.m. until noon**—or until trucks are full—**Saturday, May 16** at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. For a complete list of recyclable items and other information, call 937-748-4343 or visit cityofspringboro.gov.

## Perennial Exchange at North Park

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 18** at the North Park shelter, 195 Tamarack Trail.

**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 shelter at North Park. 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 eleventh plant and you'll be entered into a plant raffle for a chance to win surplus of plants! For more information, call 937-748-5774.



## Holiday Schedule

City Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Rumpke waste collection will remain on schedule.