But which option is the best?

Program offers savings on electric & gas

There has been a great deal of news recently concerning the opportunity to reduce energy bills, for both electricity and gas. Each resident and business owner, like the City administration, may have received correspondence in the mail from a number of electrical energy producers promising to save up to 15% off your bill when signing up with their program. The opportunity is referred to as the Ohio Customer Choice program, which has been in existence since 2001. According to experts, however, the opportunity to achieve meaningful savings only recently became available.

Earlier this year, the City took advantage of the opportunity and partnered with nine other political jurisdictions in an electrical aggregation cooperative to save on electric bills. In an effort to assist Springdale residents and small businesses in experiencing similar savings, City officials have been studying the issue and the many nuances it presents not only to the City, but also to residents and small business owners. The City’s only interest in this process during these challenging economic times is to help residents and businesses find ways of reducing their expenses.

In addition to allowing the individual property owner or customer to select their electrical provider, the Ohio Customer Choice program also permits the local jurisdiction – such as Springdale – two options to assist their residents in experiencing these savings. One option is to place an issue on the ballot that would allow the City to choose a primary provider for the community that provides the greatest of savings. Under that option, if the ballot issue is successful, the City would choose a primary provider for residents and small businesses. Each would receive their electrical energy from that provider unless they decide to “opt-out” of the program. Opt-out means that the resident has decided to have some other organization provide their electrical energy and thus they would notify the City and/or its provider. Due to the 2010 deadlines to get items on the ballot, the City would target 2011 for such an action. That would give residents plenty of time to educate themselves about the options to consider.

The second option provided by the Customer Choice program is for the City to “endorse” a particular provider. Under the endorsement program, the resident or small business owner would contact the endorsed provider and sign up at the agreed upon rate or savings being offered by that provider. The endorsement program appears to be the fastest process by which residents could experience a savings. However, it is the City administration’s understanding that if the City officially endorses a particular provider, it may somehow reduce protection provided under the State of Ohio’s Public Utility Commission (PUCO) for the resident and small business. It also places a higher level of additional responsibilities on the City organization. It is not the intention of the City to reduce what is already enjoyed by City residents and small businesses. The City wants to ensure that each resident has the greatest level of protection and service with the least amount of expense.

Duke Energy serves as the area’s electrical energy provider, unless a resident or business has already switched to another provider. Duke Energy’s current rate program is scheduled to expire at the end of 2011 and a new rate plan will be in place as of January 2012. It is unknown at this time whether Duke’s current rates will increase or decrease in 2012. The City plans to monitor that rate plan since it will have an affect on the final decision of selecting a primary electrical energy provider in Springdale if the ballot issue is passed.

It is important that residents understand that this discussion focuses on “Energy Generation.” That is, who generates the energy that each of us purchases? This is the core of this selection process. No matter who is chosen to generate electrical energy, Duke Energy will continue to deliver or distribute the energy to area homes and businesses. Duke Energy will continue to maintain the same poles and wires in the community. If power goes out, calls will be made to Duke Energy to get power back on. This will continue to be their responsibility as the distribution provider.

In the meantime, there are opportunities for residents and small businesses to reduce the cost of electricity on their own. While the City will currently not endorse any single electrical alternative supplier, there are three companies that may provide a savings opportunity. Each resident and business owner may wish to call the suppliers listed below to see if their rate programs offer any benefit. Those heating with electricity are encouraged to discuss the issue with the potential supplier since that may impact the savings opportunity.

For More Information

Dominion Retail .......... 888-574-1160 www.dom.com/products
First Energy Solutions ....... 800-977-0500 www.fes.com

For information about this subject, visit the PUCO website or log-in at http://www.puco.ohio.gov/PUCO/Utilities/OneStop.cfm?OneStopKeyword=EL, or call the City at 346-5700.
Officers ready to address power outages

It seems the region is frequently hit more and more with severe storms that have affected different phases of traffic control within the City during the past couple of years.

Due to Springdale’s strategic location within the northern suburbs, with two state routes and the interstate running through the city, the daily traffic count is very high at many intersections. Springdale has planned extensively in the past to promptly respond in traffic related emergencies involving several different areas.

When a severe rain storm, wind storm, or extreme cold hits the community, the Police Department usually receives a high volume of calls related to alarm drops, assistance calls, and traffic control issues. Officers try to patrol as many streets as possible to make sure all roads are open for travel and to prevent any future problems before they occur. During some storms, traffic lights will be affected due to power outages and other causes. Depending upon the reason for the shut down of the traffic light at the intersection, Springdale’s Police Department will respond accordingly.

If power is out to a signal, we need electrical power to get it back on line. When a large area is affected, it may take a considerable amount of time to get this accomplished. In order to speed up the recovery process, the City of Springdale has purchased a number of portable generators and have modified traffic control boxes to allow officers to simply power up a generator and connect it to a traffic control box to initiate a normal traffic light cycle.

In years past, very large generators were required to accomplish this task. The larger the intersection, the more difficult such an endeavor would be. The City’s largest intersection, Princeton Pike and Kemper Road, would have required a large generator and 3-4 officers to temporarily run the traffic signals. Now that the City is utilizing traffic signals using LED lights, substantially less power is needed to operate the signals. As a result, one officer can retrieve a generator from a critical incident response vehicle and place it in service quickly to operate the lights at a given intersection.

At intersections where there is still no option to use a generator, officers will notify the Public Works Department to place portable stop signs at the intersections until power can be restored.

When a traffic signal is malfunctioning or totally out of service, remember that the darkened traffic signal should be regarded as a four-way stop. Always stop before entering the intersection.

Using extra caution, and driving defensively when conditions are not the best, will only enhance the safety of everyone.

Hey!... There’s a cop on the roof!

During the weekend of August 6 & 7, there will be at least one Springdale Police Officer camping out on the roof of Walgreens at the corner of Springfield Pike and Northland Boulevard for a 35-hour stay. Officers will be there as part of a national program to raise awareness and funding for Special Olympics.

With Walgreens’ support, the local “Cop on Top” Program, as it’s called, seeks to generate $10,000 in contributions for the Ohio Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run (LET). The Cop on Top Program isn’t the only effort local officers will undertake. Throughout the year, officers will involve themselves in some unusual undertakings to raise funds for the LETR.

It all started in 1981 when officers with the Wichita (Kansas) Police Department wanted to get involved in the community and raise funds for the Special Olympics. By 1985, the program went nationwide when officers organized the first Law Enforcement Torch Run originating in Cincinnati and ending three days later in Columbus.

Springdale Police Officers were honored to be a part of the most recent torch run in June, carrying the symbolic Special Olympics Torch on its first leg from Fountain Square to Springdale.

Efforts like the Cop on Top Program are a part of a statewide effort on the part of law enforcement to generate $500,000 in Ohio and $30 million worldwide for worthy causes.

Mammography van to visit Springdale on August 19

A few openings remain for the upcoming visit of the Jewish Hospital’s Mobile Mammography Van when it stops at the Community Center on Thursday, August 19. The van will provide exams from 8 to 11:30 a.m. For an appointment, call 686-3300. Appointments are limited.

The service can be billed directly to patients’ insurance providers. (While mammography is covered by most insurance plans, patients should check to be sure Jewish Hospital is a panel provider.) Financial assistance may be available by calling 686-3306.

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Foreclosure Crisis: homeowners have options

One in every 400 homes in the United States experienced a foreclosure filing in May of this year, according to RealtyTrac, a website that tracks and lists foreclosures throughout the nation. RealtyTrac also indicates that Ohio had filings for 10,379 homes during the same period. In May, Hamilton County experienced 575 filings.

Negotiate with the lender: Those who have a good payment history with a financial situation that is truly temporary may be able to work out a payment plan with the lender. Before contacting the lender, the homeowner may want to enlist the aid of a foreclosure counselor who can assess debts and finances and help determine the best approach when dealing with the lender.

Negotiate a Short Sale: A short sale is a sale of the home for an amount which is less than what is owed on the mortgage. Short sales must be approved by the lender, which must also approve the final terms of sale. The lender will likely only consider a short sale if a homeowner can show:

- A financial situation that will not permit the owner to continue payments or pay the loan in full.
- Circumstances are due to a hardship such as loss of job, divorce, medical emergency or bankruptcy.
- The market value of the home has dropped.

If a short sale occurs, in most cases the lender will forgive the homeowner for the amount of the loss. The benefits of a short sale are:

- The lender does not have the prolonged and expensive legal process of foreclosure.
- The lender is not faced with owning, maintaining and selling the property at the end of the foreclosure process.
- The homeowner is out of the mortgage liability without facing bankruptcy.
- The homeowner’s credit report does not show a foreclosure. (It may show that the loan was settled for less than the full balance.)

Homeowners who are considering a short sale should contact a real estate broker and/or a real estate lawyer.

Springdale’s interest in foreclosure reduction

If the property is occupied, it is likely to be maintained. In 2009, the City cut grass 49 times on 30 properties. Most of the the properties were in some stage of the foreclosure process. Poorly maintained properties affect property values and home sales. The principal reason for the City’s interest is to promote the protection of property values. Most foreclosed properties resell at deeply discounted prices. The bank sales combined with property maintenance issues further depress property values already impacted by a poor economy.

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Photo contest seeks park-oriented pictures

Summer is a great time to take photos, and Springdale parks are ideal locations! Springdale Parks and Recreation is holding a photography contest this summer, with only three rules:

1. The photo submission must have been taken in a Springdale Park or at the Community Center (or on its grounds).
2. The photographer must be a Springdale resident at least 18 years of age.
3. Please, no professional photographers.

So shoot away, or dig out a recent photo taken of one of the kids, a beautiful flower or a nature scene at one of Springdale’s parks.

Submit a hardcopy of the photo, with the image saved in a digital format on a disc. (A disc must accompany all prints). The print and disc should have the name of the photographer and contact information.

Deadline for submission is September 1.

Entries will be displayed in the Community Center lobby. The winning photo(s) may even be featured in a Springdale publication.

For information, call Anna at 346-3910.
Shred sensitive documents for free
A mobile shredding unit will be available during the August 21 Community Pride Yard Sale so that residents can destroy documents. Old financial records, medical records, past bank statements, and any other sensitive document can be dumped into the shredder. The shredding service is free, courtesy of Shred Safe.

Tips for selecting child seats
Selecting a car seat may be challenging enough, let alone having to install the device. Here are a few tips that may be of help in the process.

Select the Proper Seat Type
- Rear Facing: For infants up to one year old AND 20 pounds. Most rear facing seats can be converted to a forward facing seat when a child is big enough.
- Forward Facing: For toddlers one year old AND 20 pounds up to four years old and 40 pounds. Some forward facing seats can be converted to a booster seat when a child is big enough.
- Booster: From about four years old to at least eight years old (until seat belt fits properly across upper thighs and shoulder belt fits across chest).

When Selecting a Seat
- Read the owners manual: Is it easy to understand? Does it have pictures for demonstration.
- Does the seat fit easily into your vehicle? Many baby stores will allow the demo seat to be taken to the car to check the fit.
- Are the straps easily adjustable? Do they snap together easily? (Consider the child’s movements when adjusting and securing the straps.)
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Remember that the best seat is the one that fits perfectly in the car and that will be used 100 percent correctly 100 percent of the time. An improperly installed car seat can cause as much injury as no seat at all.

For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov, then click on Child Safety. Residents can schedule an appointment with the Fire Department to review the correct installation of a car seat. Call 346-5580 for an appointment. Before arrival, be sure to install your seat so personnel can see what may have been done properly or improperly to help make any correction on installation.

SOS prepares for 4th year
Even in the best of times, many families need help during the Christmas holiday season. To better address the needs during this difficult economy, Springdale Offering Support (SOS) will kick off its fourth annual “Adopt a Family” Holiday Assistance Program. A non-profit organization initiated by the City, SOS includes representatives from local agencies, churches, organizations and concerned citizens.

The group’s mission is to coordinate community resources and unite individuals and families with elements of help and assistance within Springdale and surrounding areas. To be a part of this holiday program, residents and businesses are invited to adopt a needy local family for the holidays this year by making a cash, gift or food donation to SOS to assist a needy local family.

Families in need of assistance over the holidays, or those who know of a family in need, may contact SOS through the Springdale Health Department at 346-5725 to request assistance.

Each contribution will be acknowledged by SOS with a response letter that can be used for tax purposes.

Community Pride Yard Sale/Safety Day set August 21
Saturday, August 21, will be an important day for cleaning out your home, as well as learning how to keep it safe. That’s the day of Springdale’s Community Pride Yard Sale at the Community Center and the annual Safety Day at the nearby Springdale Town Center.

The Community Pride Yard Sale features 60 booths that are rented to residents so they can wheel and deal on the items they’ve cleaned from their basements, garages and attics. Booths that are 10’ x 10’ are available for only $20 on a first come, first served basis at the Community Center.

The popular annual event is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A non-profit organization will be available for donations at the end of the event so that participants can avoid having to take unsold items back home with them. Items may then be eligible for a tax deduction for those making the charitable donation.

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Life saving information will be offered to participants, along with free giveaways.

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All proceeds from the event will be used to purchase needed safety gear for the local residents. Booths are $10 a first come, first served basis at the Community Center.

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Old electronics can be reclaimed & recycled

With more than 100 million computers, monitors and televisions becoming obsolete each year, it’s no wonder that electronics have become the fastest growing waste streams in our modern day society, according to the Government Accountability Office. A study by Hewlett-Packard reveals that 70 percent of Americans have stockpiles of used or unwanted electronics in their homes.

You’d be surprised at just how much of the old devices can be reclaimed. Those old units contain valuable resources like copper and aluminum. In some components, there are even small traces of gold.

While summer drop-off programs have ended for the year, there are still plenty of ways to dispose of those old electronic devices in an environmentally responsible manner.

Take-Back Programs

When buying a new product, many retailers offer a take-back program so that you can recycle your old gear. Be sure to ask about recycling programs they offer. You might even get a “trade-up” discount.

Television Recycling

If you can’t wait for next year’s free recycling programs, local companies still offer a television recycling service for a small fee of 30-cents per pound:

- 2trg (formerly the Technology Recycling Group)
  11093 Kenwood Road • Building 7 • Blue Ash 761-5333
  Sony, Zenith, LG, and Goldstar brands accepted for FREE

- USA Lamp & Ballast
  7806 Anthony Wayne Avenue • Cincinnati 641-4155

Best Buy Programs

Under the company’s national program, Best Buy will accept just about any electronic device for recycling, including televisions and monitors (up to 32-inches), computers, video cassette recorders, DVD players and telephones. Note that appliances are not part of the recycling program. (If buying a new appliance, ask about having your old unit hauled away.)

The store will accept up to two devices per day from area residents. A $10 recycling “fee” is charged for devices with a monitor, but the customer gets a $10 Best Buy Gift Card to offset the charge. No fee is charged for recycling Best Buy’s exclusively branded products, such as Insignia, Dynex and VPR Matrix.

For more information about electronics recycling, visit http://www.hcdoes.org/SWMD/Residents/CompElec.html

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Farmers’ Market earns award

When the Springdale Farmers’ Market was introduced last year, nobody had any idea just how popular it would become. Started by the Springdale Chamber of Commerce in 2009, the market has expanded to include dozens of vendors offering fresh produce or other unique items not readily available anywhere else.

Located in the Springdale Town Center at the corner of West Kemper and Springfield Pike, the Farmers’ Market is open each Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. The market will remain open weekly through October.

In just its second year of operation, the Springdale Farmers’ Market has grown to be one of the more popular markets in the metro area.

The market was highlighted in a Springdale Chamber of Commerce video production that has earned a 2010 Blue Chip Cable Access Award. The award was presented to Springdale Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julie Matheny during the July 21 meeting of Springdale City Council.

The video, co-produced by Ms. Matheny and Jennifer Otten, earned the top award in the category of Community Activity Coverage (Professional Category).

Sponsored by a group of 12 access centers in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, the awards have been presented since 1986.

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Garden Club sees growing interest

The Springdale Garden Club has attracted significant interest, involving 74 members and guests at its first High Tea in March.

In April, the club took a field trip to review the gardens at the Spring Grove Cemetery. Thanks to club member Emma Marcum’s extensive research about the cemetery, she was able to highlight specific points of interest during the club’s tour. She was able to explain the history of many of the family plots and was even able to show us a tree that was well over 200 years old.

At the end of April garden club members helped Springdale Elementary first graders to plant the butterfly attracting flowers that the students had grown from seed. In cooperation with the Garden Club and Public Works Department, the Parks and Recreation Department organized the annual Arbor Day Celebration held in April. First graders from Springdale Elementary participated in the celebration by writing poems about trees and assisted in planting a tree provided by the City.

Every June, the Garden Club hosts a booth at the Springdale Farmers Market, selling perennials and potted herbs.

August and September are planning months for the fall season. Meetings are held at the Community Center at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Joan Knox at 674-7755 or Karen Reynolds at 671-2645 for information.

New members welcome
### Community Pride Yard Sale
**Saturday, August 21 • 10 am - 2 pm**
Got Junk? Turn it into fast cash at the popular Community Pride Yard Sale! The Parks and Recreation Department will organize and advertise the event. You can sell the items or – if all your items do not sell – a charitable organization will be on site to accept them as donations so you don’t have to drag everything back home again.

New this year will be a free shredding service to totally destroy private papers and documents, such as old financial statements or medical records.

The event will feature 60 10 x 10 booths for a nominal fee of $20, available on a first-come/first-serve basis. Food and beverages will be sold by the Springdale Youth Boosters.

### Adult Drop-In Sports
**Act Like a Kid Again!**
Sundays • Beginning August 29 • 6 - 8 pm
We’re ready to take the fun outdoors. Come alone or bring a group of friends to our free monthly drop-in sports night where you can act like a kid again. Join us for a fun evening of wiffleball and kickball. “Backyard” style rules will be played. If Mother Nature doesn’t cooperate, we’ll move indoors for dodgeball or wallyball. Must be 18 years of age or older. Call 346-3910 to pre-register.

### Aquatic Programs
**Ladies Day at the Pool**
**Friday, August 20 • Noon - 3 pm**
The kids are back in school and the hectic summer schedule is over. Take some “me” time and enjoy a relaxing day floating around the pool. Bring your friends, coolers and rafts to spend a peaceful day at the pool! Please, no glass containers. Regular guest fees apply.

**Goldfish Swim**
**Saturday, September 4 • Noon (opens at 11:45 am)**
Spring and Dale are back swimming in the waters of the Community Center pool! Who will catch Spring and Dale this year? Remember, no nets, buckets or help from Mom or Dad. All fish must be caught by children under 12 years of age with their bare hands. Regular guest fees apply.

### Costume Programs
**Halloween Carnival**
**Sunday, October 24 • 3 - 5 pm**
Games, crafts and costume contests for kids from 2 years old through 4th grade! Adults are welcome to join in the fun with their own costume contest! Free tickets are available beginning Friday, October 2, at the Community Center. Participation is limited to the first 200 sign-ups.

**Turkey Shoot**
**Sunday, November 21 • 2 - 4:30 pm**
Springdale Teens Adventuring For Fun (S.T.A.F.F.) will host their Annual Turkey Shoot at Springdale Community Center. This free-throw competition is open to the public. Come out and shoot some hoops for the chance to win a turkey! Cost to enter is two non-perishable food items that will be donated to needy families (or $2). Winners will be awarded in male and female categories divided from ages 5 and under to adults and seniors.

### Fitness & Enrichment Programs
**Stay Fit Senior Exercise Class**
**Thursdays • 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**
Still looking for just the right exercise class? This hour-long class may be the perfect “fit.” Stay Fit has become one of the most popular classes at the Center, offering a wide variety of different exercise techniques. This class is sure to awaken your mind, body and spirit. It’s free, so give it a try. You have nothing to lose. Call 346-3910 to register.

**Library in Motion**
**Thursdays • September 9 & November 11 • 2:30 pm**
The library comes to YOU! Manager Denise Strechen of the Forest Park Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County will provide free library seminars at the Springdale Community Center. Topics will include accessing the online library catalog, researching the databases, as well as using Bi-Focal discussion kits (which utilize multi-media tools that will have you reminiscing about events past, even learning a thing or two). Library in Motion will be held bi-monthly beginning this Fall. Watch for more information!

**Electric/Bass Guitar Lessons**
**Adults: Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm & Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
**Youths: Tuesdays, 4 - 5 pm**
This popular program is offered to students 10 years old through adults. Students provide their own guitar, small amplifier and headphones. Cost is $96 for the 8-week session and is required when registering. Class size is limited to 12 students. Call instructor Ed Riley at 671-1760 for information.

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### Springdale Community Center

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**FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION, CALL THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 346-3910, OR EMAIL GOPLAY@SPRINGDALE.ORG.**

**WWW.SPRINGDALE.ORG/GOPLAY**
COMMUNITY CENTER ID; guests must bring a photo ID.
Members must bring their guest for $3 at the door.
Members may bring one on the day of the event).
for SCC members if popcorn, snacks and drinks
own raft!
Hot dogs,
for an evening floating in the pool
Why sit in a car when you can enjoy an evening
watching an outdoor movie. (Teens, bring your
own raft!) Hot dogs, popcorn, snacks and drinks
will be provided. Cost is $2 for SCC members if purchased in advance ($3 on the day of the event).
Members may bring one guest for $3 at the door.
Members must bring their Community Center ID; guests must bring a photo ID. The event is open to Springdale youth in grades 6-12.

BABYSITTING COURSE
Wednesday/Thursday, August 11-12 • 1 - 4:30 pm
Designed to teach youth who are 11 and older the responsibilities of babysitting. Students will learn accident prevention, diapering, feeding and emergency first aid, as well as how to choose age appropriate games or toys, and how to prepare for a job as a babysitter. Call the American Red Cross at 792-4000 to reserve your spot.

YOUTH SPORTS
SCC Members may register beginning September 1
Participants must possess a current membership at the time of sign-ups. Registration will be accepted until teams are full. Beginning October 1, placement on teams cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, late registration may be subject to additional charges for special order uniforms. (Non-resident fee is an additional $25 per child if space is available.)

BASKETBALL
Participate in the Northern Recreational Basketball League to learn skills, meet new friends and – most importantly – have fun! Children must be enrolled in school and be at least 5 years old as of July 31.
Instructional Basketball is $30 ($45 beginning October 1). League Basketball is $50 ($65 beginning October 1).

CHEERLEADING
Children will learn the basics of cheerleading and display their talents at the youth basketball games in Springdale. Cost is $30 ($45 beginning October 1).

VOLLEYBALL
9-11 Year Olds: Learn the basic fundamentals of volleyball in a fun environment! The co-ed league emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, fun and participation. Open to youth 9-11 as of September 30. Cost is $30 ($45 beginning October 1).

12-15 Year Olds: This co-ed league is for teens to enhance their skills while emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, fun and participation. Open to youth 12-15 as of September 30. Cost is $30 ($45 beginning October 1).

JEANNINE GROH TRIO
Friday • August 20 • 11:30 am
Join us as summertime comes to a close for a delicious menu of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and dessert. Then comes the fun of the Jeannine Groh Trio. Her luscious vocals are perfect for a beautiful ballad, but hold on for the wing! The trio of piano, bass and drums will have you swaying to the beat! Register with payment by August 18. Cost is $7.50 for members ($10 for guests).

PUT-IN-BAY
August 25-26
This 24-hour island adventure has something for everyone! Motor coach to Port Clinton and board the Jet Express boat for a ride to Put-In-Bay Island. You will remain on the island and tour many interesting places and historic sites, as well as magnificent views from the hotel. Please call Joy Tour & Travel at 777-8221 with questions and to register for this trip.

THOUSAND ISLANDS & OTTAWA
September 12-17
Where Canada and the United States meet, the Thousands Islands are truly one of the most beautiful places to behold! Tour Kingston and Ottawa, visit the Rideau Falls and enjoy a play at the Thousands Islands Playhouse. And so much more! Please call Joy Tour & Travel at 777-8221 with questions and to register for this trip.

NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT
October 12-14
On 3,000 mountain acres of the Laurel Highlands in Western Pennsylvania, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort is one of North America’s premier resort destinations. The Chateau Lafayette has 124 elegant rooms that replicate the famous Ritz Paris in France. The included breakfasts and dinners will be a gourmet delight. The trip also includes tours of two Frank Lloyd Wright homes—Fallingwater and Kentucky Knob. Please call Joy Tour & Travel at 777-8221 with questions and to register for this trip.
Annual flu vaccines to be available beginning October 19

Each year, flu vaccines are available to combat the viruses which are expected to be prevalent in the fall and winter. The vaccinations are recommended for all residents. The Springdale Health Department will have a supply of vaccines available on Tuesday, October 19.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 346-5725.

Vaccines will be provided to children (over six months old) without cost. Vaccinations for adult residents will cost $20 ($30 for non-residents). Those over the age of 65 who have Medicare coverage without a supplement can receive the vaccine without having to pay an out-of-pocket charge.

Unlike last year, a second vaccine for the H1N1 virus will not be necessary, since it will be included in this year's supply of vaccines. A separate vaccination was required last year since H1N1 did not become an issue until after the annual seasonal vaccine was already produced.

New regulations established for school-age childhood vaccines

New regulations require children entering Kindergarten to have proof of receiving two varicella vaccines, as well as the final dose of IPV vaccine administered on or after their 4th birthday. The new requirement is in addition to immunizations that include two MMR, 4 or 5 doses of Dtap, and 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. Adolescents entering the 7th grade will need a booster dose of Tdap or Td.

Children with Medicaid, those without health insurance and those who are underinsured are eligible for free vaccinations through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The Springdale Health Department offers childhood immunizations monthly on the first and third Wednesday mornings. Call 346-5725 for details or an appointment.

Crews prepare for fall leaves

Public Works crews are gearing up for the annual leaf collection program which begins when leaves start to pile up (typically during the second or third week of October). Collection starts on the west side of State Route 4 and alternates weekly to the east side of the city.

Due to the overwhelming volume of leaves, occasionally crews fall behind and cannot collect leaves for the entire half of the City in a given week. When this occurs, crews will finish one side of the City before moving to the other side. Collection is usually completed by the second week of December. Residents should not deposit leaves curbside after early December.