Special Election Preview: Earnings Tax Increase

In January, City Council voted unanimously to place on the May ballot a proposed earnings tax increase from 1.5% to 2%. It’s important residents understand the reason this was placed on the ballot as well as who the proposed increase would affect and what this would mean for our City’s future.

Why is the City in this situation?
For over 30 years, the State of Ohio shared the revenues from sales tax and state income taxes with local governments, but in 2012 the State began reducing this amount. Springdale experienced a decrease in these tax revenues from $581,000 per year to $195,631 in 2018. The City also lost revenue from the estate tax in 2014 when the State eliminated it resulting in an additional loss of $790,000 per year. On top of these losses, another $284,000 vanished from the City’s revenues when the State phased out the tangible personal property tax. To add further insult to injury, several large businesses have petitioned the Hamilton County Auditor to reduce the value of their properties which has cost the City an additional $360,000 per year.

In total, these revenue-reducing measures have resulted in a loss of approximately $1.6 million per year to Springdale. The last earnings tax increase for Springdale was in 2004.

However...
The City continues to provide the same services to residents with less money resulting in expenses exceeding revenues by approximately $1.4 million in 2017 and 2018.

If approved, who will the earnings tax increase affect?
Because the majority of Springdale residents work outside the City limits, the earnings tax increase will affect only approximately 7% of Springdale residents since Springdale gives its residents a 100% credit for taxes they pay to other communities. As a result, nearly all of the earnings taxes are paid by individuals who work here and businesses located here.

Also, if the measure is approved, pensions, social security benefits, annuities, interest income, dividends, alimony, military pay, capital gains, worker’s compensation, unemployment benefits, insurance benefits, IRA and 401k distributions, welfare payments, and profit sharing will continue to be exempt from the earnings tax.

How does Springdale’s earnings tax stack up to other communities’ earning tax?
There are thirty-two communities in Hamilton County that have an earnings tax. When factoring in the earnings tax rate and the full credit given, we find that twenty of these communities have an earnings tax rate equal to, or higher, than Springdale’s proposed 2% rate.

Please remember to vote on May 7th.

Economic Development News
La Michoacana Bakery Now Open on Northland Boulevard
Mayor Doyle Webster helped with the ribbon cutting at La Michoacana Bakery on February 16th at 342 Northland Boulevard. The bakery features a full range of items including cakes, cookies, bread, pastries, and their special Tres Leches (Three Milks) cake. Steven Nolasco and his family have owned and operated La Michoacana Ice Cream shop for several years and have expanded their business with the opening of the bakery. They are excited to welcome you to their store!

OurHealth Brings Innovative Health Care Model to Springdale
OurHealth, an Indianapolis-based primary care provider, celebrated the grand opening of their first Cincinnati MyClinic on February 20th. Located in Springdale Town Center, OurHealth is not open to the public, but provides free primary care to the employees and families of partner companies. The companies pay a flat fee per employee who can then access the more than 100 services offered by OurHealth. OurHealth currently has contracts with First Financial, Rumpke, and Advics Manufacturing in Lebanon.

Studio 6
The owners of Midwest Inn and Suites at 11645 Chesterdale Road has remodeled their hotel and has rebranded as Studio 6. Rooms feature kitchenettes, new furniture, and a modern décor.
Welcome New Employees!

**Connie Berter**
Connie Berter joined the Springdale Police Department as a Violations Bureau Clerk in October of 2018. Connie was born and raised in Hamilton. She has over 25 years of experience, combined, in private security and corrections. Connie has a B.S degree from Walden University in Forensic Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. She enjoys watching hockey games, UFC, and ATP tennis tournaments. In her spare time, Connie traps, neuters, and releases stray/feral cats in her community to cut down on the uncared for, unwanted feline population.

**Amy Ellis**
Amy Ellis began working for the Springdale Health Department in January 2019. Amy has been a Registered Nurse for the past 20 years. She spent the last 18 years serving as a Public Health Nurse for the City of Hamilton. Amy grew up in Hamilton, Ohio and graduated with honors from Northern Kentucky University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In addition to Amy’s extensive public health nursing experience, she has emergency preparedness and public health accreditation expertise. In her free time, Amy enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 children. She also enjoys a variety of sports and outdoor activities. Amy is looking forward to the opportunity to work with the residents of the City of Springdale.

**Christina Ingle**
Christina Ingle began her tenure with Springdale as HR Administrator in November 2018. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Management Analyst for the Butler County Board of Commissioners. Born and raised in Forest Park, Christina is a proud graduate of Winton Woods High School. She holds Bachelor’s degrees from BGSU in International Studies and Spanish, as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from NKU. In her spare time, Christina enjoys volunteering, running races, reading, cooking, and doing outdoor activities with friends and family.

**Elizabeth Johnson**
Elizabeth joined the Parks and Recreation Department in November as the Fitness Center Manager. In her position, she oversees the fitness center, studio, fitness programming, and special events. Elizabeth has a B.S. in exercise science from the University of Southern Indiana. She previously worked for the

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**IRS Telephone Scams**
Even though the 2018 tax season is coming to an end, the Springdale Police Department continues to receive calls and complaints concerning IRS telephone scams. The Internal Revenue Service is strongly warning consumers to guard against sophisticated and aggressive phone scams targeting taxpayers. These scams have not ended with the filing season so the IRS urges everyone to remain on guard.

The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to www.irs.gov and type “scam” in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months. Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver’s licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile - apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are entitled to big refunds or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, phone scammers often call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim’s Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it’s the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

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Central Parkway YMCA as the Sr. Program Director where she was brought in to oversee the development and reopening of the 15,000 square foot health and wellness facility. On her down time, she enjoys running marathons and hiking. If you have any health or fitness programming ideas, feel free to stop by the Community Center and share them with Elizabeth.

Jamison Kuenkel
Jamison Kuenkel graduated from Butler Tech’s Basic Police Academy in December 2016. He is 32 years old and was raised in Liberty Township, Ohio, graduating from Lakota East High School in 2005. Jamison married in 2011 and has 4 children, ages 7 months up to 6 years old. After working in sales for most of his career, he decided to pursue the honorable calling to serve and protect. Jamison counts it a privilege to have received the Sgt. Brian Dulle Award after completing the Academy and began working for Springdale Police Department in August 2018. Jamison enjoys spending time with his wife and kids, lifting weights at the gym and riding motorcycles. Jamison has completed his field training and is currently assigned to road patrol.

Mark Martin
Mark Martin was born in Hamilton, Ohio and grew up in Ross, Ohio. He graduated from Ross High School in 2005. Mark went on to attend the University of Cincinnati where he studied finance and graduated in 2009. After college, Mark enlisted and later commissioned in the United States Army. He has served several combat deployments overseas. Mark served on active duty until April of 2015 and further served in the United States Army Reserves until 2017. Mark attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and graduated with the 141st Basic Class on January 23rd of 2018. Mark is currently undergoing the field training process with the department.

Kristy Peterson
Kristy Peterson has joined the Police Department as a Violations Bureau Clerk. Kristy has lived her entire life in Cincinnati and graduated from McAuley High School in 1986. She has over 30 years in customer service, along with office management and bookkeeping experience. She enjoys time with her family, spending time outdoors, and is a devoted animal lover. “I am glad to serve the vibrant community of the City of Springdale and look forward to many years of service with the Springdale Police Department.”

IRS Telephone Scams

- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver’s license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here’s what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don’t owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you’ve never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant at https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

Olde Gate Drive Reconstruction Project

After several years of extensive road construction in Springdale, this year will see a considerably smaller amount of road work performed.

Olde Gate Drive off of Northland Boulevard will be reconstructed from Northland Boulevard to the terminus of the public street at the Olde Gate Condominium/Carriage Court Apartment complex. The original 1980 concrete curbing and asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced along with minor upgrades taking place to the street’s storm sewer system.

Work will be underway early this spring with an anticipated full road closure beginning sometime after May 30, 2019. The road will be closed to all traffic for approximately 30 days to expedite the construction schedule. The project will be completed by the end of the summer 2019.
Spring will soon be sprung so the Springdale Garden Club is offering a few suggestions. When your ground is fairly dry (if that day ever comes), clean up your garden area. Cut back your perennials and rose bushes but do not cut back any early blooming trees or shrubs. Apply some Preen to help keep the weeds from germinating. Do the same when you start planting in May or June. Consider applying more Preen in mid-summer also. For those who prefer organic gardening try putting some chopped up leaves left over from the Fall as mulch. On a rainy day(s) plan what you will be planting this year.

Consider attending garden club activities this Spring. Their highly regarded “High Tea” will be held at the Community Center on April 7th. This year’s theme is “Tea on the Wild Side”. There are a few seats available so, if you haven’t signed up yet, please do so. This is an opportunity for both young and old to dress up and enjoy a gracious afternoon with friends and family.

The planting season at Springdale Elementary and Heritage Hill Elementary will be when the weather allows. Club members and first graders will be planting vegetable seeds to be harvested before the end of the school year. The Springdale Garden Club, the Parks Department and the Public Works Department will also be at the schools for the Arbor Day ceremony on April 26. The children put on a highly enjoyable program for all to see so plan on attending.

Next on the club’s schedule is the May 13 meeting at a member’s home. They will be making garden troughs. If you are interested please contact a garden club member for information.

At the June 16 meeting Ed and Sue Soldo will be giving a power point presentation about Ohio’s wild flowers. They will be saying when and where it is best to see these flowers. Meetings are free to the public but you need to call to reserve a space in the meeting room.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND is the Springdale amateur garden contest. Your friends or neighbors can enter you or you can enter yourself! Awards are presented in five areas of the city. Pick up a form from a garden club member or from the Community Center. Previous winners are eligible to be entered every three years. All entries must be in by June 10th.

For more information contact Joan Knox at 674-7755 or by email at joanknox99@fuse.net.

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### Springdale Home Improvement Repair Program

We are happy to announce that funds are once again available for this program! The program provides reimbursement for costs associated with exterior repairs to owner-occupied dwellings. The program is made available through Community Development Block Grant funding from the US Department of Housing And Urban Development. The program helps households below a certain income level to make necessary repairs or improvements to their homes. Past experience has shown that the extra funding has been just enough to allow a repair or improvement project to become a reality. The program is a win-win for Springdale and the homeowner. Maintaining and improving your property not only increases your property values, it enhances the values of the entire community.

The maximum reimbursement is $1000 and applicants must meet income guidelines. An example of income eligibility in 2018 for a household of 4 is a maximum income of $62,650. Repairs/improvements may not include pools, spas, landscaping, play equipment or new detached accessory structures. Applications are currently being accepted. Applications will continue to be processed on a first come, first served basis, until all funding is exhausted.

For more information on the program, please visit our website at www.springdale.org and click on the Building Department link or call the Building Department at 513-346-5730.

### Spring and Summer Projects

The advent of warm weather brings with it the desire to spend more time outdoors. It’s time to put those long winter hours of watching home improvement shows to the test by turning your backyard into a playground or showplace. Good planning includes acquiring a permit for those improvements where one is required. Securing a permit not only assures improvements meet zoning and building codes, but more importantly that those improvements are safe, functional, and protect you and the community at-large. Permits are not required for all improvements. Here is a list of improvements that require permits.

- Basement Finishes
- Building Additions
- Central Air Conditioning
- Covered Porches
- Patio Enclosures
- Decks
- Detached Garages
- Driveway Aprons
- Fences
- Fireplaces and Woodstoves
- Furnaces
- Gas Piping Installations
- Interior Remodeling
- Re-roofing
- Structural Repairs
- Swimming Pools (including inflatable ring type pools)
- Hot Tubs, Spas
- Utility Buildings, Sheds
- Accessory Structures
- Water Heater Replacement

Most permits for residential work are FREE of charge if you obtain the permit before starting the work. If your project is not found on the above list or you have questions feel free to contact the Building Department at 513-346-5730 or the City’s website at www.springdale.org.
City tax returns due April 15th

Springdale’s 2018 tax returns are due to the tax office (or postmarked) by Monday, April 15, 2019. The items required to be included with the City tax return are W-2 form(s), page 1 and 2 of the Federal form 1040, Federal Schedule 1 (and any other applicable Federal forms), form 1099 Misc., and any other schedule to support the local tax return activity.

Who must file a City return?

All residents 19 years and older are required to file a tax return, whether or not tax is due. Retired residents will need to file a zero taxable income return, then the account can be established in a retired status and subsequent Springdale tax filings will not be applicable (assuming the retired resident has no further taxable income). In addition, all businesses located in Springdale and businesses which earn income as a result of work performed in Springdale are required to file a tax return, whether or not tax is due.

Extension Requests

If you have received a Federal filing extension, you will receive an automatic six month extension for the Springdale tax return. If you have not received a Federal filing extension, a written extension request must be received by the filing due date and a six month extension will be granted. Remember, even if you have obtained an extension for filing your return, tax balances are still due by April 15, 2019.

Other Items

Please keep the following in mind regarding the 2018 Springdale tax returns in accordance with State mandated House Bill 5:

- A late tax return filing will incur a penalty of $25 per month, up to a maximum of $150 (six months late).
- A late payment penalty of 15% of the tax balance owed will be incurred for balances that are not paid on time.
- Gambling, lottery winnings, and prizes are taxable.
- Tax return original amounts owed of $10 or less will not be collected, and any refund request of $10 or less will not be refunded or carried forward to the subsequent year.

Tax Department Hours

The Tax Department regular hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 5:00pm. The Tax Department will have extended hours as follows: Friday, April 12th (8:00am until 7:00pm) and Saturday, April 13th (9:00am to 1:00pm).

Questions

Questions can be directed to the tax office at 346-5715 or, in person, at the tax office at the Springdale Municipal Building. Residents waiting until April 15th to file could experience a long line.

Want A Better Chance Of Surviving A House Fire?

Sleep With Your Bedroom Door Closed

Sixty percent of people sleep with their bedroom doors open.

As far as bedtime routines go, most people are creatures of habit. They have a side of the bed, top sheet or no top sheet, and a go-to sleep position. Another part of this routine that’s set in stone is whether they leave their bedroom door open or closed at night. But a recent movement meant to educate people about fire safety has a very strong opinion and want others to heed their warning — always sleep with your bedroom door closed. Closed doors can help reduce toxic smoke, improve oxygen levels, and decrease room temperatures, all factors that impact how quickly fire can spread throughout a home. So, why is this message so important now? The organization explains that because of an increased use of synthetics in furniture and home construction (aka, open floor plans), the average time to escape a fire has gone from 17 minutes to just 3 minutes.

The “Close Before You Doze” campaign aims to educate people on the dangers this can create. They recommend not only closing your bedroom door at night, but also your children’s as well for the same reasons. And as always, continue to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure all’s working properly. As with anything, this will be a hard habit to break but one that can literally save your life.

Thanks to the Calvary Church and Dillard’s Department Stores for providing this incredible clothing donation to the Princeton Closet with an estimated retail value of $221,000!
Community Center 2019 Memberships

ALL REGISTERED RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. (PLEASE CALL 346-3910 FOR INFORMATION)

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Guests and new members are welcome.

City Service & U
June 17 - 21 • 9am - 12pm
This award-winning program is back for its sixth year. City Service & U is a unique program that gives Springdale residents entering 5th-8th grades the opportunity to learn more about our city and its employees. Experience firsthand the daily tasks of the city workforce. Registration runs May 10 to June 10. Space is limited. Is City Service in You? $10 per person.

Junior Olympics
Saturday, August 24 • 10:00 - 11:30am
This event is comprised of eight competitive events for boys and girls age 10 and under. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration begins August 1 at the Community Center. If interested in volunteering, contact 346-3910.

YOUTH FALL SPORTS SIGN-UPS

Fall sports sign-ups begin May 1. Springdale Community Center Activity Membership required. SCC membership requirement waived for first time Springdale resident youth sport participants. Youth sports fees must be paid with cash or check. No credit cards accepted.

Instructional Soccer
With the instruction from dedicated coaches, your child will be introduced to the basics of soccer. Instructional soccer teams play in a fun, positive and relaxed setting. Children who were born between 2015 and 2013 are eligible to participate. Registration May 1- May 31 - $20 ($35 beginning 6/1).

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH FALL SPORTS SIGN-UPS

SAY Soccer
Have fun, gain friendships, and enhance your skills while competing against local communities. Youth who were born between 2012 and 2000 are eligible to participate. Registration May 1 – May 31 - $40 ($55 beginning 6/1).

Youth & Teen Volleyball
Participate in our Cincinnati Premier Youth Volleyball League and enhance your skills, gain friendships, and most importantly, have FUN! Youth and teens in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Registration May 1 – May 31 - $40 ($55 beginning 6/1).

What is SYB (Springdale Youth Boosters)?
About the Springdale Youth Boosters: The group is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization comprised of Springdale residents working together to secure donations that help provide more affordable youth sports programs in Springdale. To join, contact Springdaleyouthbooster@yahoo.com.

Parks and Recreation Programs

Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs

For program information, call the Springdale Community Center at 346-3910, or email goplay@Springdale.org.
May Walk
May 17, 2018 • 11am-1pm
Everyone can join us for a 20 minute, 1-mile fitness walk around the Community Center (indoors for inclement weather). Light refreshments provided.

Balanced for Life
Friday, April 5 - May 24 • 11am - 12pm
We combine balance and endurance exercises, along with posture and stretching work for those who wish to increase balance and reduce falls. Instructor - Fitness Center Team 346-3910

Barre Fit
Wednesday • 7:05 - 8:05pm
Improve posture, add muscle, lose weight, increase flexibility, and reduce stress in this fun fitness class. Instructor - Kristi 907-8556

H.I.I.T. Fit
Tuesday, Thursday • 5:55 - 6:55pm
This action packed high intensity interval training (H.I.I.T.) class combines the benefits of kickboxing and strength training that’s sure to challenge your body and give you the results you need. Instructor - Elaine M. 446-1839

Hip-Hop Fitness
Monday • 7:05 - 8:05pm
This high-energy, full-body workout is open to everyone who wants to burn up the dance floor and burn calories. Instructor - Markesha 885-6065

Jazzercise
Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 5:55-6:55pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday • 9:30-10:30am
A high-intensity mix of dance-based cardio and strength training for a calorie-crushing total body workout. Instructor - Elaine S. 260-3604

L.I.F.E. – Low Impact
Fun(ctional) Exercises
Tuesday, Thursday • 11am - 12pm
This class promotes stronger bones, better balance, and healthier bodies that will help with everyday tasks. Instructor - Fitness Center Team 346-3910

Line Dance
Thursday • 1 - 2pm
Open to singles and couples who want to learn to dance or expand your existing dance skills while having fun and exercising at the same time. Instructor - Judy 520-2784

Summer Strong
Saturday, June 1 - 29 • 9:30 - 10:30am
From the beginner to advance athlete this full body workout held in the park will focus on functional movements geared to get you the strength, definition, and tone you want for the summer. Class will be moved to the Aux Gym per weather conditions. Instructor - Fitness Center Team 346-3910

SilverSneakers® Classic
Wednesday • 11:30am - 12:15pm
A low-impact strength and cardio class designed to improve muscular endurance, cardio, and flexibility. Instructor - Melanie 324-6173

Slimnastics
Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 9:15-10:15am
A class for women that combines the best parts of dancing and aerobics into one to lower body fat and burn calories. Instructor - Sue 738-0361

Tai Chi for Health
Monday • 1 - 2pm
A gentle, yet powerful exercise form that combines fluid movements, breathing, and stretching to improve muscle tone, balance, flexibility, and reduce stress. Instructor - Barbara 287-0409

Zumba
Tuesday • 7:05 - 8:05pm
A fusion of Latin and International music combined with beginner to more advanced dance moves to create a dynamic and effective workout. Instructor - Melissa 969-4772

Guitar Lessons
Tuesday, Thursday • 6:30 - 7:30pm
Join us for electric guitar and bass guitar lessons! Students must provide their own guitar, small amplifier and headphones. Cost is only $96 for the session and is required when registering. Class size is limited to a maximum of 12 students. Instructor - Ed Riley 235-3766
Health Department Services

Immunizations
Uninsured & Medicaid insured children
1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings
Appointment Required

Cholesterol/Glucose Screening
3rd Thursday morning
Appointment Required - $15 fee

Blood Pressure Checks
2nd Tuesday at Senior Meeting
3rd Tuesday at Fitness Center
(10:30-12:30)
Also available in office - by appointment

Home Wellness Visits
For all services, call 346-5725 for more information.

Focus on Health and Safety this Pool Season
- Never leave children unattended.
- Discourage the use of alcohol at the swimming pool and spa.

Concerts in the Park
Location: Springdale Community Center Amphitheatre
11999 Lawnview Ave. Springdale, OH 45246
Admission: Free!
Food: SYB Concessions

Schedule
Lt. Dan’s New Legs
June 20, 2019 • 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Will pump up the crowd with popular Dance, Pop, Hip Hop, R&B/Soul and Rock

My Girl Friday
July 18, 2019 • 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Playing a variety of popular 80’s, 90’s and 2K rock favorites to what’s hot on the radio air

Derek Alan Band
August 1, 2019 • 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
High energy popular country with a modern sound and classic roots