City Investing in Neighborhood Streets

Particularly towards the end of the 2000–2009 decade, many local jurisdictions experienced major declines in their revenues. By no means was the City of Springdale spared from this unfortunate condition. As a result and since that time, Springdale was forced to postpone many needed purchases, replacements, and repairs throughout the organization and the City. Many of the postponed expenditures were capital investments. One such capital investment centered around repairs and proper maintenance to the City’s neighborhood streets. Over these trying years, City streets continued to deteriorate at a rapid pace. Unfortunately with a lack of City revenues, not much could be done to repair the streets all at once. The organization was able to make repairs to sections of the community as the availability of resources presented themselves.

In the spring of 2016, the Springdale elected officials made the decision to implement a comprehensive capital improvement program that would focus on repairing neighborhood streets. The program could involve the City potentially borrowing over $7 million. To reduce the amount of debt this would create, the City also plans to apply for State grants. The program includes major repairs and rehabilitation work in some neighborhoods and general maintenance work in others. The repair and rehab work is intended to address those streets which have already experienced major deterioration. The general maintenance work is intended to slow the deterioration process of City streets from occurring at a more rapid pace. Eventually all streets will experience some level of deterioration; however, the goal is to preserve the quality and life of the streets for as long as possible. Proper maintenance work is shown to accomplish that feat.

The first project under the program is the 2016 Street Program. It will include rehab work on W. Kemper Road between Springfield Pike (SR 4) and Kenn Road as well as on the small service road adjacent to Springfield Pike between Cloverdale Avenue and Glensprings Drive. The project will also include general maintenance work on a variety of streets in the Oxford Hills Subdivision and Ashmore and Woodvale Courts. The original plan was to begin this project later this summer. Unfortunately, when bids were opened this past June, only one bid was received and it was almost 35% higher than the project’s estimated budget. As a result, that bid was rejected by the City. At this time, the plan is to rebid the project late this fall or early spring 2017. The second project under the program is the 2017 Street Program. It is scheduled for construction during the spring of 2017. The project will include rehab work in the Cameron Road area, Springdale Crossings area, and on Grandin Avenue from Rose Lane to Vanarsdale Lane. In addition to the rehab work, the 2017 Program will also include maintenance work on Sharon Road and on Grandin Avenue, west of Rose Lane as well as in the following subdivisions: Glenview, Heritage Hill, and Springdale Terrace. To pay for these first two (2) projects, the City is scheduled to borrow almost $3 million.

Before you become concerned that your street is not identified above for repairs, there are other projects planned under the program. In an effort to suppress the amount of debt the organization will incur through borrowing, the City plans to submit applications for State grants to help with the cost of improving other streets under the program. If the City is unsuccessful in securing the grants, the plan is to borrow the funds to make the necessary repairs. The estimated costs for the streets for which the City will seek grants total approximately $4.5 million. Like the previous streets, these streets will be grouped as individual projects. These projects are anticipated to include the following areas: the Beacon Hills Subdivision, Glensprings Drive and extension, and Jake Sweeney Place. If the City is successful with receiving the grants, unfortunately the funding would not be available until July 2017; therefore, the projects may not begin construction until early 2018. A complete listing of the projects and the anticipated repairs can be found on the City’s website.

Orange Barrel Projects Planned

The State Route 4 improvements which will add an additional lane to the Eastbound / Westbound I-275 ramp are scheduled to begin later this summer. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project is a partnership between ODOT and the City of Springdale. In an effort to minimize disruptions to the daily traffic, the contractor, Barrett Paving, is planning to perform their work during the evenings.

Demolition of the former Sheraton hotel continues and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016. O’Rourke Wrecking Company is the primary contractor on the project. Following the demolition of the structure, O’Rourke will properly grade and seed the site. The City plans to sell the property to the developer whose plans best match the City’s vision for this location.

Springdale was recently notified by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) that they have plans to replace a large volume of their water mains in the Cloverdale and Smiley neighborhoods of the City. The GCWW water main project will take place on Allen Avenue, Cloverdale Avenue, Dimmick Avenue, Greenlawn Avenue, Valleyview Avenue, Smiley Avenue, and a portion of Harmony. The upgrade is expected to begin this fall and continue over the winter months of 2016. As a result of this project, the City will partner with GCWW to properly repave the impacted streets to City standards and incorporate the remaining streets, consisting of: Park Avenue, Rose Lane, and the rest of Harmony Avenue. The repaving project is planned to take place in the spring of 2017.
Engaging Your Police Department

A nine week program that begins in September will provide residents with a glimpse of what it takes to be a police officer. The Springdale Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is comprised of a series of weekly classes and discussions. The classes meet on Monday nights from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m (excluding October 31st Halloween). The class size is limited to approximately 15 students. There is no cost to enroll. The next class will start September 12, leading to graduation on November 14. The program provides citizens first hand experience of how the Springdale Police Department functions and operates. Many previous graduates have found the CPA to be a valuable experience with a number of them continuing to assist the department on a variety of projects. The classes are taught by Springdale Police Officers, a Hamilton County Judge and a Hamilton County Prosecutor. Students will be instructed in the areas of:

- Overview of the Police Department and Municipal Government
- Domestic Violence, Current Issues, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure
- Patrol Tactics/Speed Measuring Devices/Traffic Enforcement
- OVI/Crash Report and Investigation
- Use of Force/Less Lethal
- Use of Force Practical Scenarios
- Criminal and Narcotics Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigation

All students considered for the Springdale Citizens Police Academy must sign a waiver of liability prior to attending the academy. Applications to join the program are available at the Springdale Police Department.

Springdale Garden Club Happenings

The Springdale Garden Club (SGC) recently held its 3rd Annual Plant & Yard Sale at the home of Kim & Tony Roopnarine. Several club members donated perennial plants from their own gardens for this year’s event. In addition, others purchased herbs, vegetables, and annuals for hanging baskets and for resale. Club members were on hand to help shoppers make selections suitable for their garden needs.

Proceeds from this year’s sale will help fund the many contributions SGC makes throughout the Springdale community. Over the years, SGC has helped to create, maintain, and foster wonderful herb, butterfly, & vegetable gardens at both Springdale Elementary & Heritage Hill Elementary Schools. Annually, their touch of class can be seen during the holiday season with wreaths used to decorate Springdale City buildings as well as several neighborhood signs and the gardens at the Community Center.

SGC does a great job of working to educate and share their knowledge and expertise with the community. Continuing with this tradition, they plan to host workshops on “Composting” and “How to put your garden to bed for the winter.” Finally, in the month of July, winners of the “Springdale Amateur Garden Award Contest” were chosen. The successful recipients had the award signs placed in their yards at the end of July. Photos and a list of winners will be displayed at the SGC Booth at the Springdale ComeUnity Bash in September.

The Springdale Garden Club is a community not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to assist with providing beautification and education programs and projects throughout Springdale. Persons interested in joining the club or assisting with a number of the club’s projects, can contact Mrs. Joan Knox 674-7735 or email to joanknox99@fuse.net. The club’s monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at Springdale Community Center at 6:00 pm. Visitors are welcome but please call for reservations.

Springdale Economic Development News

Springdale businesses Sheakley and Design Build Solutions were named as finalists for the Cincinnati Business Courier’s Fast 55 Award. This annual award is given to the 55 fastest-growing companies in the region.

Full Throttle Indoor Karting has been awarded Trip Advisor’s Certificate of Excellence for the third year in a row.

Macy’s Corporate Services has moved several hundred employees into part of the former Avon Building (now called Progress Park). Additional employees are expected to join them in the fall to fill up almost 160,000 square feet of space.

Ultimus Fund Solutions, a mutual fund service provider in the Pictoria Tower, is expanding their office and will be hiring 100 new employees over the next few years. Ultimus was founded in 1999 and was ranked the No. 1 mutual fund service provider in the nation in 2015.

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio is remodeling their office at 175 Tri-County Parkway and will be adding 30 new employees. Council on Aging delivers a full range of services to the elderly of our region, including home visits, meals, and referrals to other support services.

For Cinco de Mayo, the Enquirer’s food critic, Polly Campbell, raved about the traditional tamales from Tortilleria Garcia at 11774 Springfield Pike. Tamales are made from a corn-based dough that is stuffed with meat, sauce, and vegetables. They are wrapped in corn husks to hold the dough together while it is steamed.

11th Annual Business Expo/Chili Cook-Off to be October 18

The annual Business/Community Expo & Chili Cook-Off is planned for Tuesday, October 18, at the Community Center from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, the expo is open to all businesses as well as the public. The Expo is a free public event, complete with door prizes and free chili samples. If your business is interested in having a booth or in donating door prizes, contact Julie Matheny at 346-5712 or julie@kemperpondofficepark.com.
Fire Safety for Older Adults and Their Caregivers

People over the age of 65 face the greatest risk of dying in a fire – more than 2½ times that of the general population. The U.S. Fire Administration wants older adults, their caregivers and all Americans to know that there are special precautions you can take to protect yourself and your home from fire.

Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms
- The chance of surviving a home fire doubles with the initial warning from a smoke alarm.
- Install smoke alarms on each level of your home both inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace alkaline batteries twice a year.
- Caregivers are encouraged to check the smoke alarms of those who are unable to do it themselves.

Plan Your Escape
- Developing a fire escape plan around one’s capabilities is a key element to fire safety!
- Have at least two exits from every room.
- If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure that you can go through the doorways.
- Unless instructed by the Fire Department, never use an elevator during a fire.
- If you live in a multi-story home, arrange to sleep on the ground floor near an exit.
- Speak to your family members, building manager or neighbors about your fire escape plan and practice it with them.

Be Safe Around Medical Oxygen
- There is a higher risk of both fires and burns because it is easier for a fire to start and spread when medical oxygen is used in the home.
- Never smoke in a home where medical oxygen is used.
- Never use a candle, match, lighter or other open flame.

Maintaining Property Values in Springdale

There are many factors that are considered when establishing the value of your property. They include such things as the housing market, the school district, comparable sales in your area, the condition of your home and the condition of properties in your neighborhood. The City of Springdale has taken measures to affect the latter two factors in the equation. Not only do well-maintained properties help to stabilize and improve property values, they also foster a sense of community and pride in the neighborhood.

The City continues to emphasize the importance of maintaining properties through ongoing property maintenance code enforcement, the community pride program, and the Property Maintenance and Zoning Hotline (346-5734).

Occupancy Limits
A residence is constructed to serve the needs of a specific number of occupants. Overcrowding can lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Overcrowding can also have an adverse effect on the community by compounding traffic and vehicle parking space problems and taxing city services. City Council has adopted occupancy limits for residential dwelling units based on the finished floor area and bedroom sizes. For example, a typical 1300 square foot residence would be limited to no more than 5 adult occupants. The regulations were adopted in response to a growing trend toward communal housing of numerous adults in a single residence.

Community Pride Campaign
For 20 years the Springdale Building Department has conducted the Community Pride Campaign. The program reviews each residential property in Springdale every 4-5 years for Property Maintenance and Zoning Code compliance. An inspection of each residence is performed from the public street. If violations are observed, the owner is asked to correct the violation; thereby doing their part to promote pride in the community and to keep property values intact. For more information on Springdale’s property maintenance programs, contact the Springdale Building Department at 513-346-5730 or visit our website at www.sprindale.org and click on the Building Department link.

Garbage Collection Note – Thanksgiving Day
Rumpke collects trash on Thanksgiving Day. The Rumpke schedule for that week remains unchanged.

Annual Health Fair
Springdale Health Department's annual Health Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at the Springdale Community Center (11999 Lawnview Avenue).
- Adult Flu vaccinations available for $25
- Some Medicare plans can be billed
- Bring all of your insurance cards
- Free vaccinations if no insurance
- Free vaccinations for children
- Free blood pressure checks
- Free BMI (body mass index) screening

Call Sprindale Health Department for an appointment at 346-5725.

Free Diabetes Workshop
Thursday • 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
October 13 - November 17
Springdale Community Center
11999 Lawnview Avenue

Springdale Health Department will begin the HEALTHY U! DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM on October 13. This program has been shown to improve quality of life and save money for participants. The workshop will be held once a week to address problems common to persons with diabetes.

To register, call the Springdale Health Department at 346-5725.
Parks & Recreation Programs

Community Center

Stay Connected to Fun & Fitness
Visit our website www.springdale.org/goplay, or sign up for our email list on that site to stay up to date on our programs, projects and activities.

DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday - Friday .................. 9 AM - 9 PM
Fitness Center & Indoor Track Open at 8 AM
Saturday .................. 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday .................. 9 AM - 9 PM

Holiday Schedule
Labor Day .................. Closed
Thanksgiving .................. Closed
Christmas .................. Closed

Parks & Recreation brings the community together!
Parks and Recreation is so much more than playgrounds, fields, and a Community Center. We introduce kids to youth sports in a fun, safe environment. We encourage seniors to build friendships through activities. We help you achieve your fitness goals and maintain a healthy lifestyle. We provide well-maintained places to picnic and play. We provide family programs you will remember for a lifetime. So, stop by often and try something new - there's always something going on!

Aquatic Programs

Goldfish Swim
Saturday, August 13 • 12:00pm
Pool Gate opens at 11:45am
Spring and Dale along with 1,000 of their fishy friends are back swimming in the water 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. Everyone that enters the pool area must have a pool membership or pay the regular gate fee of $3.00.

End of Season Pool Hours
August 8-10, 12 • 12:00 - 6:00 pm • Open Swim
August 11 • 5:45 - 8:00 pm • Adult Night
August 13 • 12:00 pm • Goldfish Swim
August 14 • 1:00 - 6:00 pm • Open Swim

The last day of the swim season is August 14, 2016.

YOUTH SPORTS

Winter Sports
Springdale Community Center Members (SCC) may register beginning September 1. Participants must possess a current membership at the time of sign-ups. SCC Activity membership requirement waived for first time youth sport participants. 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. (Non-resident fee is an additional $25 per child if space is available.)

Basketball
Participate in Cincinnati Premier Youth Basketball and learn basketball skills, meet new people, and most importantly, have FUN! Children must be at least 5 years old as of September 30 and enrolled in school. Instructional Basketball: $20 ($35 beginning 10/1). Basketball: $40 ($55 beginning 10/1)

Cheerleading
Children 1st through 5th Grade will learn the basics of cheerleading and display their talents at the youth basketball games in Springdale. $20 ($35 beginning 10/1)

Youth Volleyball
Learn the basic fundamentals of volleyball in a fun environment! The co-ed league emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development, fun and participation. This program is open to youth ages 9-11 as of September 30. $20 ($35 beginning 10/1)

Teen Volleyball
This co-ed league is for teens to enhance their skills while emphasizing teamwork, sportsmanship, fun and participation. This program is open to youth ages 12-15 as of September 30. $20 ($35 beginning 10/1)

Teens' Adult leagues

Springdale Youth Booster
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.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Women's Volleyball
Wednesday Evenings (Beginning in January)
Get a group of friends or coworkers together for an evening of fun and competition in this women's recreational volleyball league at the Springdale Community Center. Registrations for Resident teams will begin on November 15 and may include up to five non-residents. Registration for Non-resident teams will begin on December 15 (nonresident fees will apply). League entry is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. Players must be 16 or older.
Barre Fit
Wednesday • 7:05 - 8:05 pm
Do you need a fitness class that provides real results? Then this is the class for you. Improve posture, add muscle, lose weight, increase flexibility and reduce stress. Get addicted to this fun fitness class with inspired workouts set to great music. Bring a mat and a 3lb. hand weight if possible. Call Kristi at 907-8556 for more info.

Butts 'n Guts
Wednesday • 5:30 - 6:15 pm
Join the Fitness Team for this high energy, tightening, and toning workout. We'll focus on your abs, obliques, glutes, while hitting everything else as well. All exercises have varying levels so everyone will have a challenging and effective workout. If you don't pay attention to your butt 'n gut, nobody will! Bring a mat or towel and water bottle. Classes resume August 3.

Cardio Kickboxing
Tuesday & Thursday • 5:55 - 6:55 pm
A high-intensity class that combines a cardio workout with kickboxing moves that will leave you burning calories all day long. Using balls, scooters, punching bag, and you name it; this class will keep you wanting to come back for more. Ask Elaine M. at 446-1839 about the class.

Hip Hop Fitness
Monday • 7:05 - 8:05 pm
A high energy class that is all about burning up calories on the dance floor. This is the hottest and hippest fitness class in the area. We'll give you a full-body workout that is open to all fitness levels. No experience necessary. Let us redefine what a fitness class should be. Call Markesha B. at 885-6065 for more information.

Jazzercise/Body Sculpting
Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Body Sculpting) • 5:55 - 6:55 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday • 9:30-10:30 am
This class gets you moving by combining upbeat music and highly energetic exercise. Throw in some hand weights and this is the perfect total body workout. Call Elaine S. at 575-1620 to get all the details.

Bootcamp
Monday • 5:30 - 6:15pm
Bored with your workout? Looking for a new challenge? Then it's time to join BootCamp! The Fitness Team will train anyone at any level from beginner to expert. Soon you'll be re-enlisting when you're burning up to 450 calories per class. We want YOU… to lose weight, tone up and have fun! Just bring a towel or mat and water bottle – crew cut is not required. Classes resume September 12.

Slimnastics
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15-10:15am
Slimnastics is a fun fitness class for women. This class is a great workout for those not ready to put their aerobic shoes away. Get out and meet some new friends! For more information contact Sue S. at 738-0361.

Zumba
Tuesday & Thursday • 7:05 - 8:05 pm
Zumba combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations. If you're looking to tone up then you'll be pumped to take Strength 'n Dance. Both classes are based on the theory that a workout should be fun and easy to do, allowing participants to stick with the program. Give Deb a call at 205-5064 for more information.

Neighborhood Yard Sales
Saturday, August 13 • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Clean out the garage, attic and basement while earning some cash during this year's Neighborhood Yard Sales. The best part of all, the sale is right at YOUR house. The City of Springdale will widely publicize the community-wide event with suggested hours from 9am to 2pm. Take advantage of the extra traffic of buyers who will cruise Springdale looking for your bargains! (Note that this event replaces the annual program formerly held at the Community Center.)

Shred Sensitive Documents
Free of Charge
Saturday, August 20 • 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
A mobile shredding unit will be on site at the Community Center on Saturday, August 20 from 10am - 1pm so that residents may safely destroy their unwanted sensitive documents and records. This is an opportunity to dispose of those old financial and medical records, past bank statements and other documents which you would not feel comfortable throwing away in the trash. All material will be shredded on site and recycled.

Junior Olympics
Saturday, August 27 • 10:00 - 11:30 am
The Springdale Parks and Recreation Department will host the Junior Olympics at the Springdale Community Center. The event is comprised of 8 competitive events for boys and girls ages 4 and under through 10. Registration begins at 10 am. and ends at 11 am. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m. with awards to follow. Each participating child will be automatically registered to win door prizes that will be drawn during the awards ceremony. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration begins August 1st at the Community Center.

Father - Daughter Dance
Saturday, October 15 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Calling all dads, uncles, grandfathers, or adult role models! Put on your Sunday best and accompany your “Princess” to a night of wonder. The Springdale Youth Boosters will be hosting a Father - Daughter Dance. The evening will include a DJ with dancing, pizza, ice cream floats and more! Best of all you'll create a memory your little princess will never forget.

Cost for ticket(s) is $20.00 per couple and $5.00 per additional daughter. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance at the Springdale Community Center. Tickets go on sale Oct 1st. All proceeds go to Springdale youth sports.

Monster Mania 4
The Ghoul Awakens
Saturday, October, 29 • 2:30 - 4:30 pm
This is the fourth year for our monster mashing Halloween event. We will have plenty of activities, games and treats for kids age 2 through fourth grade! You must wear a costume to participate. Be sure to pre-register for free at the Community Center beginning October 1.

Veterans Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11
Springdale Veteran’s Memorial
In honor of those who have defended freedom, many paying the supreme sacrifice, Springdale will present a special ceremony in commemoration of Veteran's Day. Parking is available at the Municipal Complex. Groups interested in participating in this year's tribute should contact Matt Beaty at mbeaty@springdale.org. Time and details to be announced.

Skills & Drills Basketball Clinic
Saturday, November 12 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
This FREE fun filled clinic will have players run through various fundamental drills to improve their technique and skills. Participants must be 7-12 years of age. Registration begins October 21 and ends November 9. Pre-Registration is required, space is limited.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Monday, November 28 • 7:00 pm
The tree at Springdale’s Municipal Building will be illuminated, officially beginning the holiday season in Springdale. Springdale Elementary students will sing carols with a visit from Santa, with refreshments to follow. The public is invited to this free event.
**ADULT & SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

**Electric/Bass Guitar Lessons**  
**Adults** – Tuesday • 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
**Thursday** • 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
**Youth** – Tuesday • 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
This popular program is open to students’ ages 10 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 more information.

**What’s Your Favorite Board Game?**  
**Tuesday, August 30 • 1:00 pm**  
What a way to spend an afternoon, playing board games from our youth such as Sorry, Clue, Scrabble, Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders, Yahtzee, or Chinese Checkers. What a fun time! Let us know your favorite board game when you sign up. Bring a small snack - maybe something you had as a kid to share. Register by August 26 at the front desk or call 346-3910.

**Pickleball**  
**Mondays • 1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
A racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net.

**Prime Time Dinners**  
**Wednesday, August 17 • Symmes Tavern  
Wednesday, September 21 • Houston Inn**  
Most people don’t like to eat alone or cook for themselves so why not have dinner with us once a month? Prime Time diners meet at area restaurants and enjoy good food and being social with others. Grab your next door neighbor and join us for dinner! Meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Please register by the Monday prior to the date.

**Thursday’s This & That**  
**Redeiscover Your Library**  
**Thursday, August 18 • 2:00 pm**  
Shaun Davidson, Branch Manager at the Forest Park Library will be here with a bundle of information on what’s happening at your local library. Grandparent programs, book clubs, and downloading to your electronic devices are just a few topics he will discuss. Shaun will help you rediscover your local modern library. Register by August 17 at the front desk or call 346-3910.  
*This & That programs are open to the public.*

**End of Summer Luncheon**  
**Thursday, August 25 • 12:00 pm**  
As the summer comes to a close, join us for a scrumptious luncheon with a menu of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and dessert. The Golden Eagles will be entertaining. They are a group of retired gentlemen who came together over the love of singing and performing. Their soulful voices can take you back to the age of doo wop and delight you with the strains of country, rock and popular favorites. Register with payment of $7.50 for members and $10.00 for guests by August 21 at the front desk or by calling 346-3910.

**Family Mud Quest**  
**A”Muddy Good Time”**  
**Saturday, September 10**  
Get down and get dirty in the ‘Dale with your family and friends. Springdale will host the fourth annual Family MudQuest before the start of the Springdale ComeUnity Bash. Participants will slop their way through an obstacle course designed to be muddy and a whole lot of fun. Through a mud pit, over hay bales and down the slippery slope are just a few of the challenges in this fun family event. The Family Mud Quest will be held on Field #5 at the Community Center and will begin at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration will be required to get a FREE event t-shirt. Space is limited. Watch for more information at the Community Center.

**Active Aging Week**  
**September 26 - 30**  
Active Aging is a relatively new term that has sprung up in the last decade or so. The National Seniors Council breaks it down into its simplest terms: it is a strategy to maximize the quality of life and well-being of seniors. Springdale Parks and Recreation has been a huge advocate of active aging. We offer numerous older adult programs, classes, luncheons and even have a Senior Lounge dedicated to those who are 62 and older. This year will be our third annual Active Aging Week. There are five days of scheduled programs including Brain Fitness and Walking Bingo. To round out the week, on Friday we host a social gathering for all participants with tasty treats and some interactive activities. Mark your calendars for this year’s Active Aging Week at the Springdale Community Center, September 26 - 30. Let Springdale Parks and Recreation Department and Active Aging Week help you “Explore the Possibilities”.

**Annual Holiday Luncheon**  
**Tis the season to celebrate with Friends!**  
The Parks & Recreation department will host the annual Holiday Luncheon for Seniors in December. Along with a delicious meal, festive entertainment will be provided. Watch for more information on this very special luncheon, or call the Community Center 346-3910.

**Springdale ComeUnity Bash**  
Join your neighbors and friends in the community for a full day of wholesome family fun and entertainment at the Springdale ComeUnity Bash on Saturday, September 10th. As the name would imply, the event is offered to provide an opportunity for people of all ages in the community to come together, socialize and enjoy life in Springdale.

There will be a series of three local bands performing on stage on field #4 with music to appeal to a wide range of taste. One of the areas most popular country bands, The Dan Varner Band will perform 3 – 4:30pm. They have had the pleasure of serving as the opening act for many of today’s top country superstars. The Dan Varner Band characterizes their music as traditional country, meets newer country, mixed with a little bit of rock and roll. At 5:00pm the classic rock & roll band Bad Habit will perform. Bad Habit has been entertaining Cincinnati for over 20 years, playing the best of classic rock from the 70’s & 80’s such as Styx, Kansas, Deep Purple, Boston and more. Returning after their exciting performances the past two years, 2nd Wind will be on stage 7:30 – 9pm. 2nd Wind is one of the most sought after show bands, providing a concert level performance. They offer Smooth Jazz, R & B, Pop, classic Rock and Funk. This amazing group has opened for many national acts and has been a featured local act at the Macy’s Music Festival.

The Cincinnati Circus will present their amazing Big Show with performances at 4:30pm and 6:30pm on field #3. The act includes aerial acrobatics, a flying trapeze, magic tricks and more. There will be an abundance of other family friendly activities throughout the afternoon including a climbing wall, petting zoo and games for all ages, all free of charge. As dusk falls on the Community Center complex, sit back and enjoy the dazzling hot air balloon glow display. Local service groups and organizations will have food and refreshments available for purchase.
Commemorative Tree Program

Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one, highlight a special occasion or recognize your business organization? You can donate a commemorative tree to the City of Springdale. It is the perfect solution as it provides a meaningful and living remembrance and gives back to the community in a way no other gift can.

The City of Springdale is offering individuals, businesses and organizations the opportunity to participate in the Commemorative Tree Program. These commemorations grow in importance, visibility and value as the years pass, while improving our quality of life in countless ways. It is truly an investment in the future as a valuable economic, environmental and social resource.

Commemorative Tree orders are taken any time of year but will only be planted during the appropriate season. The cost is $400 and includes a 4” x 6” solid bronze commemorative plaque mounted in concrete at the base of the tree. After one year, if the tree dies or becomes damaged, it may be replaced at the donor’s expense or the plaque relocated to an existing tree in the park at the donor’s request. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Donors may select one of three varieties of tree - Autumn Blaze Maple, American Elm and Cherrybark Oak (2” – 2.5” caliper) - for placement in a Springdale park. You may request a specific park and location of the tree, but the exact placement is at the discretion of the Parks Department. Placement is based on the area best suited for the tree to thrive and to enhance the quality of the park.

For more information or to obtain a Commemorative Tree application form, stop by the Springdale Community Center.

Fall Leaf Collection Program Continues

The Public Works Department is once again gearing up for the annual leaf collection program which begins as soon as the leaves begin 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 City’s east side.

Due to the occasional overwhelming volume of leaves, crews can fall behind schedule. When this occurs, crews will finish one side of the City before moving to the other side. The seasonal service ends this year on Friday, December 2nd. Starting Monday, December 5, 2016, residents are not permitted to bring any additional leaves to the curb. Leaves currently at the curb will be collected but additional leaves must be bagged and placed at the curbside for regular trash collection.

Please DO NOT place leaves in the street because stormwater structures can be blocked, causing the potential for roadway flooding. Instead, leaves should be placed behind the curb, but not blocking sidewalks or covering fire hydrants. Leaves must be free of debris, such as litter, trash, limbs and branches. These items cannot be collected with the leaves. Piles containing these items will be left until the resident removes this material. Limbs and branches which are stacked in a separate pile will continue to be collected by the City on the normal chipper schedule.

Chipper Program Continues to Operate during Fall Leaf Season

During the fall leaf collection program, the City continues to operate its Chipper Program. Residents are asked to place brush and limbs in separate piles away from the leaves with the cut ends facing the road.

My Ash Trees are Dying...What Should I Do?

Many trees in the City of Springdale have started to be affected by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The bug first arrived within the City around 2008 and the damage can be seen everywhere. The City of Springdale began treating many ash trees located on public property throughout the community. This was done in an attempt to help save the Ash tree. Not all ash trees were treated. Although some trees were left untreated, City crews annually evaluate their condition to assure they are no risk for the public. Many of those trees are now showing signs of failure. A little quick research at http://emeraldashborer.info/ and one can quickly identify an ash tree and the damage caused by these little bugs that are no bigger than a flea.

In many cases, it may be too late to treat trees that have not previously been treated. The appropriate action steps to take are best provided by a qualified ISA Arborist. If your ash tree has been shedding branches during non-wind events, the leaves have clustered near the trunk of the tree, and the branches are bare, it may be time to look at a complete removal of the tree.

When looking to replace the tree, think native. These trees were meant to be planted in Southwest Ohio; therefore they will be the healthiest and best value. Need help selecting the right tree for the right place? Visit http://cincinnatizoo.org/horticulture/trees-shrubs/ or http://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/trees for a complete list, with pictures, and a description of that tree’s habits. As always, feel free to reach out to the Springdale Public Works Department for any tree related questions.
Volunteers Needed to Help Cleanup waterways

The Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities and the City of Springdale are seeking volunteers for a late-fall creek clean-up project. Volunteers from Springdale will join with others from West Chester Township, Liberty Township, Fairfield and Hamilton on Saturday, September 24, from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. to clean various waterways within the Upper Mill Creek Watershed.

The volunteers will convene at a park within the Upper Mill Creek Watershed and proceed to various locations. This year, crews will help to clean-up a section of Beaver Run Creek within Ross Park. The clean-ups will occur in and along the stream, so participants should be prepared for walking through thick brush, mud and water.

At the conclusion of the clean-up, lunch for the volunteers will provided. To participate, contact the Mill Creek Watershed Council at 513-563-8800 or info@millcreekwatershed.org.

Springdale Residents; let’s Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle More in 2016!

When you consider that each person in Hamilton County sends approximately 690 pounds of garbage to the landfill annually, it is time for each of us to consider how we can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle more. Reducing, Reusing and Recycling more, not only benefits our environment but it provides incentive funds to your City. Visit our website at www.springdale.org/trash-recycling-services.aspx/ to find out more about what is recyclable and the easy ways to recycle. Let’s make 2016 the City of Springdale’s year to recycle!

Immunization Requirements for Fall 2016 School Attendance

The Ohio Department of Health revised the immunization requirements for school age children:

- Hepatitis A – required prior to Pre-School, Head Start, or Child Care
- Prior to Entering Kindergarten:
  - Dtap/Tdap/Td – four doses required
  - Polio – three doses or more required
  - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella – two doses required
  - Hepatitis B – three doses required
  - Chickenpox – two doses required
- Meningococcal Vaccine – one dose required prior to entering seventh grade; two doses required prior to entering twelfth grade.

The Springdale Health Department provides Vaccines For Children (VFC) for Medicaid-eligible and uninsured children. Call 346-5725 with questions or to schedule a VFC appointment.