Economic Development News

4 Wheel Parts Grand Opening
Mayor Doyle Webster helped with the ribbon-cutting at 4 Wheel Parts at 11350 Princeton Pike in Cassinelli Square. 4 Wheel Parts is a national company that sells and installs truck, Jeep, SUV, and off-road performance products. 4 Wheel Parts was started in 1961 in Los Angeles with one person and now has 84 stores in the US and Canada.

Macy’s Corporate Services Building Dedication Ceremony
Mayor Webster was honored to help Macy’s dedicate their new office at Progress Park (the former Avon Building) on September 22nd. The ceremony included presentations from Macy’s executives, the recognition of three long-time employees of the company, and a group ribbon-cutting. The crowd of employees and guests was then entertained by the “Macy’s in Harmony” choir with Springdale-centric versions of old TV theme songs!

Chick-fil-A Anniversary
Chick-fil-A of Springdale recently celebrated their 10th anniversary. We are thankful for their commitment to the City and their active involvement in our community. Next time you’re there, be sure to say congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

2017 Springdale Health Fair Provided Screenings
The Springdale Health Department held the Annual Health Fair on October 10, 2017 at the Springdale Community Center. Health fair attendees received influenza vaccinations, blood pressure checks, hearing screenings, vision screenings, body mass index (BMI) screenings, and diabetes screenings.

Welcome New Employees!

Please welcome Susan Brovey as a new full-time police clerk. Susan was born in Baltimore, MD as the oldest of six siblings. She graduated from Thomas More College with a Bachelor Degree in Business Management. Susan loves the outdoors and volunteers over 1000 hours a year at Hamilton County Parks. In her spare time she loves to hike, kayak, and ride horses.

Debra Huber has joined the City of Springdale Finance Department as an Account Clerk. She graduated in 1987 from Cincinnati State Technical College with an Associate’s degree in Accounting. From 1988 to 2003, she worked for AT&T as a Customer Service Clerk and Communications Technician. Debra has also gained valuable accounting experience while working for the Hill-Rom Company. From January of 2014, she has worked part-time as a school classroom aide, as well as a student aide working with special needs students.

Debra lives in the City of Harrison and her interests include playing pickleball, reading, and spending time with her family.
City Tax Housekeeping

Please keep the following in mind regarding the 2017 Springdale tax returns:

- The next quarterly estimated payment is due December 15, 2017.
- 90% of the 2017 tax liability must be paid by December 15, 2017 or penalties could be applicable.
- If you will receive a Federal filing extension for tax year 2017, you will automatically receive a filing extension for your Springdale tax return. If you do not receive a Federal filing extension, a written extension request must be received by the filing due date of April 15, 2018. Remember, extensions are applicable only for tax return filings. There is no extension for tax balances owed.

Maintenance Makes Good Cents (and dollars)!!

It seems there is never enough money to go around, so why spend it maintaining my home?

There are many reasons, but the best reason of all is your home is an INVESTMENT that pays off! Home maintenance is not an expense. It is truly an investment. A properly maintained home has an essentially limitless lifespan! When you properly maintain your home, it actually increases the value of your home.

Other acquisitions, such as cars and trucks consistently decrease in value with age, regardless of their condition. Proper care and maintenance of your vehicle can slow its rate of depreciation; however, it will still lose its value. Your home, on the other hand, is just the opposite! A well maintained home grows in value!

The winter is a great time to tackle interior projects around your home.

- Tax return 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.
- Late tax return filings will incur a penalty of $25 per month, up to a maximum of $150 (six months late). For late tax balances owed, a 15% penalty will also be charged.

Tax Department Hours

The Tax Department regular hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the tax office at 346-5715 or, in person, at the tax office located in the Springdale Municipal Building.

These can be as simple and inexpensive as changing your furnace filter, adding smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, or painting. If you wanted to invest more money, time and effort, you could remodel your kitchen or bathroom. The retail home centers also feature a wide variety of DIY projects that can be accomplished on a budget.

The winter is also a great time to plan for outdoor projects that can be undertaken in the spring and summer! Spring cleaning can extend to the outside of your home, doesn’t cost much money, and pays big dividends! Landscaping always is an enhancement to your home, and can be accomplished without spending a lot of money! Plus it can be great exercise! Most realtors will tell you that “curb appeal” plays a major role in determining the value of your home.

Proper individual home maintenance

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2017 Home Improvement Repair Program

There is time to take advantage of this program. The City has funds available for the 2017 program year.

If you would like a copy of the application, you can print one from our web site at Springdale.org, go to the Building Department page and click on Home Improvement Repair Program. If you prefer a paper copy, you are welcome to pick one up in the Building Department between 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday.

Please contact the Building Department with any questions at 346-5730.
The Springdale Health Department wishes to express our gratitude to the community members and community partners who formed the Springdale Community Health Improvement Committee (CHIC). The CHIC Committee met on a weekly basis from July to September 2017 to discuss priority health issues in Springdale. Their input formed the basis for the 2017 Springdale Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The Springdale Health Department will implement the CHIP plan to address the top health concerns in Springdale, specifically, addiction, access to healthcare, and health literacy. If you are interested in participating on a Springdale Community Health Improvement Plan Implementation Committee in 2018, please call the Springdale Health Department at 346-5725 or email health@springdale.org. Please specify which priority health issue (addiction, health literacy, or access to healthcare) you would like to address. Thanks for your willingness to serve!

Springdale Garden Club News

The Springdale Garden Club has had a tradition of service to the Springdale community for many years. Club members have taken pride in helping to add beauty to the City through their hard work, dedication, and many talents. Earlier this year, their efforts were recognized as they were honored with the Victor H. Ries Outstanding Garden Club Award for the State of Ohio for 2015 - 2017. Each year, the Club is in the forefront of volunteering to assure various locations in the City are well landscaped, very presentable, and are areas of which the public can be proud. The Club’s continuous efforts in working with the Brownies, both the Springdale and Heritage Hill Elementary schools, contributing to the Arbor Day festivities with tree donations, and many other events in the community have helped them to achieve this distinguished award.

The group would like to thank their community partners, in particular the City of Springdale Parks Department and Public Works Department, for helping them to achieve their goals. The Club funds many of their activities by having an Annual High Tea event each spring. The upcoming High Tea event for next year will be held on March 11, 2018 at the Springdale Community Center. The Club would be delighted to have you attend.

Currently, the Club is harvesting fall vegetables with the first graders at Heritage Hill and Springdale Elementary Schools and putting the various gardens to bed for the winter. In March, they will start planting vegetable seeds with the school children in hopes of being able to harvest some spring salad vegetables with the children before the school year ends.

The Springdale Garden Club meets at the Community Center the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm. Guests are always welcome. Please call before attending a meeting since the meeting agenda varies. Advance notice helps the group to know how many to plan for during the meeting. Call Joan Knox at 674-7755 or e-mail joanknox99@fuse.net for more information.
Cold Weather Health and Safety Tips

The City of Springdale Health Department reminds residents to use caution while outdoors during colder weather to promote health and safety.

During extremely cold winter weather, please stay safe and healthy by following these simple suggestions:

- If you suspect a problem with frostbite or hypothermia, seek medical care. If body temperature is below 95°F, it is an emergency.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Limit skin exposure to the extreme cold and avoid extended periods of exposure.
- Wear proper clothing such as a hat, scarf, sleeves that are snug at the wrist, mittens and several layers of dry clothing.
- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.

The elderly, young children, adults under the influence of alcohol and the mentally ill are at a higher risk for hypothermia and frostbite. Warning signs of hypothermia include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, memory loss, slurred speech and drowsiness. Frostbite results in a loss of feeling and color in affected areas such as the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers or toes.

For more information about promoting winter weather safety and health, please visit the CDC’s website: http://www.cdc.gov/features/winterweather/index.html

A working smoke detector doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home. Be sure to check the batteries in your smoke detectors every month. Fire officials recommend you change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year when you change your clocks. Most smoke detectors have a life expectancy of ten years.

The number of residential fires caused by candles has increased significantly. Always burn candles in holders that will catch any dripping wax and never leave a candle burning unattended.

In case of fire, your window may be your only means of escape. Keep obstructions (furniture, etc.) from blocking windows to make sure they can easily be opened.

Clutter, such as piles of clothes or paper, can feed fires as well as hinder your escape route if there is a fire. Keep all escape routes clear of clutter.

Careless smoking is the number one cause of fatal fires. Stay alert while smoking. Realize, it is not a good idea to lie down or recline when smoking, and don’t smoke if you have had alcohol or medications that might make you drowsy.

Children as young as two years old can light matches. Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

Plugging multiple cords into an outlet can cause an electrical fire. Outlets are designed to provide electricity to only two appliances at a time.

Pot handles can easily be bumped while cooking or pulled over by a small child. Always turn handles to the back or side of the stove to avoid serious burns.

Reaching over the stove can cause a clothing fire. Only wear close fitting clothes with short or rolled up sleeves when cooking. If your clothes catch fire, smother the fire by stopping immediately, dropping to the floor and rolling to smother the fire.

Toasters produce a great deal of heat. Always move them forward on the counter to avoid combustibles such as cabinets or paper towels. Always unplug your toaster when not in use.

Cleaning supplies are a serious poison hazard for young children. Keep supplies on high shelves outside the kitchen or in locked cabinets.

If you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen, place it near the doorway where it will be accessible in an emergency. This eliminates the possibility of the fire being between you and your extinguisher.

Food, skillets and dishes stored in ovens can spell disaster. Make it a habit to check the oven before turning it on.
**Road Crews Need Your Help this Winter**

It’s just a matter of time before a fluffy white covering blankets the local landscape. Springdale’s Public Works Department is prepared for winter’s worst with stockpiled road salt and plows ready for action. Short of climbing behind the wheel of a plow, there’s plenty residents can do to assist snow plow operators in their efforts to safely and efficiently clear the roadways:

- Delay non-essential travel until after the roads have been cleared.
- Park vehicles off the street. Remove items, such as basketball hoops, from the right-of-way. Driving a plow is challenging enough. Imagine having to steer around parked cars on a slippery street.
- Do not deposit snow into the street when using a snow blower or shoveling a driveway.
- Never allow children to play in snow piles along the roadway. A plow operator may not see them when approaching in less than optimal weather conditions, or if the children have burrowed into the pile.
- If possible, wait until the plow has passed before shoveling the area of a driveway near the street. Plow operators are simply doing their job by clearing the street. The snow must be pushed to the side of the road, which also, unfortunately, includes driveway entrances.
- Stack snow on the left side of the driveway entrance (when facing the house) in order to minimize the amount of snow that may be pushed into the driveway entrance by a plow. Plows typically clear snow in the direction of normal traffic, so a large snow pile on the left side of a driveway will be pushed away from the drive entrance.
- Do not try to pass a snowplow or salt truck. If you cannot see the mirrors on the truck, the driver cannot see you!
- Every truck has blind spots, so don’t assume the driver can see every area around the truck. Never pull up behind a salt truck.
- The City will not take requests for streets to be plowed. Streets are prioritized based upon traffic volume and terrain. Heaviest traveled streets get first attention so that emergency vehicles can pass. Less traveled streets — like a cul-de-sac or a dead-end street — are plowed last.
- Finally, crews are not superhuman. While they make every effort to clear the streets in an efficient and timely manner, they are limited by the severe weather conditions. Please remain patient during major storm events.

**Fight the Flu!**

An influenza vaccine is the most reliable method of avoiding several days of flu symptoms that include fever, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, and headache. Flu disease can lead to pneumonia. Every year, thousands of people in the United States die from the flu. A dose of flu vaccine is needed every year because the flu viruses are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is created based on the predicted circulating viruses. Since it takes about two weeks after the flu vaccination for protection to develop, it is best to get the flu vaccine before the flu disease is present in the community. The Springdale Health Department continues to offer flu vaccinations for free to adults and children without insurance or covered by Medicaid. There will be a charge of $25 for all others. Call 346-5725 to make an appointment.

**Response in Emergency Situations**

With recent crisis events in our nation and all over the world like the mass shootings in Las Vegas and Texas, it’s important to address a few safety issues in order to be prepared in the unlikely event that a similar situation should occur in our area. These events are extremely rare, however it’s smart to prepare for any emergency situation such as a fire drill or tornado drill. Proper preparation and mindset can make all the difference!

Should any similar event occur at your home, workplace, or any public place, it is most important to try to escape the situation as quickly as possible. It’s important to recognize the locations of the nearest exits, emergency exits, or even windows that could be used as a quick escape. Pay attention to those exits at your workplace or when you’re out in public. Emergency exits typically have bright EXIT signs that remain lit even if the power goes out. Once away from immediate danger, run to a safe location and call for help.

If you are unable to leave your immediate area, do your best to hide out in a quiet location until the danger is gone. Try to lock doors to keep out any threats and remember to silence your cell phone and stay quiet. It’s important to call 911 to let them know of your location and the situation. Did you know you can text 911 in order to remain quiet?

If all else fails, you may need to fight back against an attacker. Look around to utilize any items in the room or area that may help you thwart the attacker’s efforts. Additionally you should try to work as a team with any others who may be with you. Always have a winning mindset and never quit!

The Springdale Police Department spends considerable time training for such crisis events including several recent joint training scenarios with the Springdale Fire Department. Contact the Community Service Officer at 346-5760 if your group or business is interested in receiving a training presentation on how to respond to an active threat.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Springdale Youth Boosters
Cinema Horseraces
Saturday, February 24 • 7:00 pm
Enjoy an adult night with SYB at their annual Cinema Horse Races in the auxiliary gym. Bet on your favorite horses; play black jack, Texas hold’em, split the pot and more. Tickets go on sale at the Community Center February 2nd. Tickets are $8 each (which includes 3 beer tickets). Doors open at 7:00PM and the first race starts at 8:00PM. All profits go directly to Springdale Youth Boosters and making youth sports affordable in Springdale. Please bring I.D. Must be 21 and over.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sonic & Racing Champions
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Coach Pitch Baseball
is open to children who were born between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. The cost is $40 per child ($55 after January 31).

Knothole Baseball
is open to children who were born between May 1, 2004 and April 30, 2010. The cost is $40 per child ($55 after January 31).

Girls Softball
is open to girls who were born between August 1, 2003 and July 31, 2011. The cost is $40 per child ($55 after January 31).

SAY Spring Soccer
is offered to children born between August 1, 1999 and July 31, 2011. The cost is $40 per child ($55 after January 31).

Winter Extreme Games
Fear Factor
Friday, February 2
11:00 pm - 1:00 am
SCC members and their guests in grades 5 through 8 may join us to overcome their fears and be the last one standing. Watch for more information at the Community Center. Pre-Registration Required.

What is SYB (Springdale Youth Boosters)?
SYB is a non-profit volunteer based organization, which is comprised of Springdale residents working together and volunteering time to secure donations that help to provide more affordable youth sports programs in Springdale. Interested in joining or have questions? Contact Springdaleyouthbooster@yahoo.com.

YOUTH FITNESS

Teen Fit
Sunday, January 28 • 1:30 - 4:30 pm
This award-winning class will cover the basics of cardio, strength training and nutrition. All teens are welcome to learn the proper way to workout and eat in this hands-on class. After passing the class, those 13 and older with a SCC Fitness Membership will be able to use the Fitness Center. Registration required. Please see a Fitness Center Team Member for more information.

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Please contact the Community Center for additional activities.

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.

Cardio Kickboxing
Tuesday & Thursday • 5:55 - 6:55 pm
Saturday • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
A high-intensity class that combines cardio with kickboxing and leaves you burning calories all day long. Using mats, balls, scooters, punching bag, and you name it; this class will keep you wanting to come back for more! Give Elaine M. a call at 446-1839 to find out more.

Hip Hop Fitness
Monday • 7:05 - 8:05 pm
The hottest and hippest fitness class is at the Springdale Community Center! This class is all about burning up calories and the dance floor. A full-body workout open to all. Let us redefine what a fitness class should be. If you want to know more call Markesha at 885-6065.

Jazzercise
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:30 - 10:30am; Monday, Wednesday & Friday (BodySculpting) 5:55-6:55pm
A high intensity mix of dance-based cardio and strength training for a calorie-crushing total body workout. We rock it out, slim it down, and tone it up with fresh pulse-pounding music and body-blasting moves. Elaine S. at 260-3604 is who to talk to if you need more information.

L.I.F.E Class
Tuesday & Thursday • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
This Low Impact Fun(ctional) Exercise class will help you live a better life. We focus on improving your strength to help you safely perform the activities of daily living with improved balance, and stability. The Fitness Team teaches this class so ask them for more information.

Slimnastics
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am
Slimnastics combines the best parts of dancing and aerobics into one activity. It's a good way to lower body fat and burn calories. This class is a great workout for those women not ready to put their gym shoes away. If you need more info, call Sue at 738-0361.

Please contact the Community Center for additional activities.

Electric/Bass Guitar Lessons
Tuesday & Thursday • 6:30 - 7:30 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 235-3766 for more information.

AARP Income Tax Help
As 2017 winds down and you are organizing your affairs, remember that we offer AARP Tax Help beginning in January. Call after the first of the year to make your appointment. This free tax filing service is for those senior citizens with simple federal and state returns.

Chair Volleyball
Monday & Wednesday • 10:00 - 11:30 am
Join this fun activity along with others 55 and older. Some of the differences are that players are seated in chairs, serve rotates, but players don’t; a beach ball is used instead of a volleyball, and there are an unlimited number of hits to return the ball.

Prime Time Diners
Get together once a month and dine at some of the area’s great restaurants. The group meets at the restaurant at 6 pm. Call 346-3910 or stop by the Community Center front desk to register.

Duplicate Bridge
Monday • 12:15 - 3:30 pm
Contact Lew Chizer at 853-2778.

Party Bridge
Tuesday • 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Openings available for this group that just likes to get together and play a little bridge.

Indoor Pickleball
Monday • 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Blood Pressure Checks
Every 3rd Tuesday • 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Donna Lanter Retires
After serving over 15 years with the Springdale Parks and Recreation Department, Senior Programmer Donna Lanter has retired. She began her career with the department as a part-time customer service representative working her way to the Senior Programmer position. Through the years, she put together many fantastic programs for our senior population and was instrumental in the development of our programming team.

Donna plans to spend her retirement on the other side of the luncheon table, participating in programs, playing pickleball, and on warm weather days relaxing at the lake. We wish Donna the very best!
Community Health Services

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

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

Blood Pressure Checks
2nd Tuesday at Senior Mtg.
3rd Tuesday at Fitness Center
Also available in office - Appointment Required

Healthy U Diabetes Workshop
Date to be Determined

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

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Holiday tree collection and disposal
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