

CITY OF SPRINGDALE NEWSLETTER

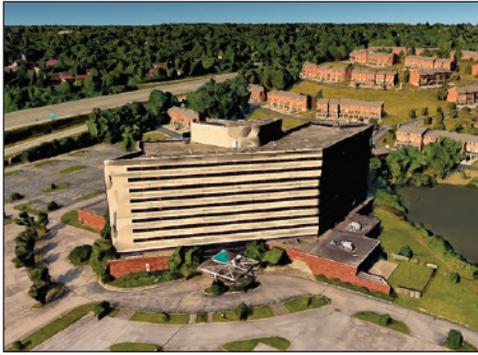
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City Purchases Property to Eliminate Front Door Blight!

A Brighter Future for the Old Sheraton Hotel Site

Since 2008, the old Sheraton Hotel located at 11911 Sheraton Lane has sat as a large vacant structure, creating a

miserable eyesore for the Springdale community. Over the years, so many have expressed frustrations with the negative impression this 10-story unoccupied building has left on the City of Springdale.



In recent years, everyone from City leaders, residents, and members of the business community have demanded that something be done to eliminate this large blighted structure sitting in the City's front door. Unfortunately, the two most recent owners, both who resided out-of-state, did not share the same frustration as members of the community. As a result, they invested very little to no resources in improving the building or property-at-large. Contrary to most opinions with few exceptions, the recent owner did maintain the property in compliance with City codes at the bare minimum. Needless to say, no one in the community found this level of upkeep to be acceptable.

In order for the City to bring about change at this location, it was necessary to gain control of the building by buying it from the owners. Earlier this January, the City entered into an agreement to purchase the property and on January 28, 2016, the acquisition process was completed and the City became the new owner of the hotel property. Owning the property now provides the City with the opportunity to eliminate the blight by removing the building. Once the structure is removed, steps will be taken to transform this site back into something much more productive and pleasing to the overall community.

The ten-story hotel was originally constructed in 1981 as a part of the Crossings of Springdale Subdivision.

The hotel itself sits on approximately eight (8) acres at the end of Sheraton Lane. For many years, it operated as a successful, upscale, full-service Sheraton Hotel with over 250 rooms. Over the years, it has flown the banner for at least four different hotel flags (Sheraton, Best Western, Ramada, and Cincinnati North). Of course, the last hotel flag was the Cincinnati North Hotel. Some would suggest that the decline of the hotel most likely started during the early 2000s, when the building began what is believed to be its first battle with mold on the upper-level floors. Soon after, it appeared to begin experiencing changes in flags as well as ownership of the property, while the mold issue was never really resolved.

Following the hotel's 2008 closure and several years of delinquent property taxes, the property went into tax foreclosure and was subsequently purchased by the most recent ownership at a Hamilton County Sheriff's

auktion sale in 2013. Once the new owners took possession of the property, very little change occurred in the status of the property and/or building. At some point in 2015, the owners made the decision to place the property up for sale.

It has always been the City's hope that the private sector would purchase the property and redevelop it into some productive and attractive use for the community. When it became clear this would not happen, the City had very little choice other than to acquire the property in order to bring about the desired change.

In early March, the City solicited bids from demolition contractors to tear down the building. The results from this bid solicitation are expected to be received in early April. The goal is to have the structure demolished by no later than late fall of 2016. In the meantime, steps are underway to

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Spring Cleaning

Basements, garages, sheds, cabinets and closets - who knows what lurks behind those closed doors and in those dark corners. As you launch into that seasonal ritual called spring cleaning, you may find materials that you know shouldn't end up in the landfill, yet you're not sure how to dispose of them properly.

Here are examples of common materials that accumulate in basements, garages, and even junk drawers, and where you as residents of Hamilton County can recycle or dispose of them safely and in an environmentally friendly manner.

Batteries: Canter Battery Co., Inc. and most of the Oil Express locations in Greater Cincinnati will accept regular household batteries at no charge. Because they can be a potential fire hazard, do not keep used batteries around the home.

Compact Florescent Light Bulbs: Batteries Plus Bulbs and Lowe's accept used CFLs at no charge.

Fire extinguishers: Cintas Warehouse and Silco Fire Protection both accept these at no charge.

Gasoline & Kerosene: Springdale Public Works will accept these fuels, as well as other automotive fluids.

Latex paint: Once it's solid, latex paint can be thrown out with the regular trash. A video to guide you through the easy process of drying out latex paint can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YYYgNsYQjg>.

Motor oil: In Springdale you may drop off your used motor oil in a container with a lid at the Public Works Department located at 335 Northland Blvd. The City has a storage box located near the recycling dumpsters where residents can place the containers so that they are out of the weather. Please do not leave containers that do not fit inside the metal storage box due to the possibility of spilling oils in the environment. Also most businesses that sell oil will accept your used motor oil,

including Auto Zone, NAPA Auto Parts, Oil Express, and Walmart Tire & Lube locations.

Propane Tanks: Auzier Gas, Inc. will accept them at no charge. There are several other companies that will accept propane tanks for a fee.

It is recommended that you call the companies listed to be sure they still accept the materials. For a complete list of items that have special recycling outlets or reuse opportunities, visit the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste Department's web site at www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org/index.php?page=recycling-outlets. When in doubt, call the County's Recycling Hotline with questions on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle at (513) 946-7766.

Happy spring cleaning and thank you for recycling.

Springdale Garden Club

This spring, the Springdale Garden Club plans to implement a new program called the Springdale Amateur Garden Awards contest. The program is anticipated to honor and recognize fellow Springdale residents who have dedicated their time and efforts to improving the community through their gardening contributions. Gardens are judged on design, plant materials and yards/gardens that are well maintained. Bonus points are given for water features, ponds, fairy gardens, butterfly gardens, shade and native plants, patio gardens, children's gardens and vegetable gardens. Forms are available at the Springdale Community Center and must be returned to the Community Center or a club member by Wednesday, June 1st. Gardens may be nominated by the owner, a friend/neighbor or garden club member. Nominees will be contacted by Springdale Garden Club to pick a date and time that is convenient for them to view the gardens for judging. Winners will be announced by the Springdale Garden Club on August 8, 2016.

The Springdale Garden Club has a variety of other events and activities planned for the 2016 Spring and Summer months

including a Biblical Gardens in the Bible Program on April 11, and on May 9, Juli Cook of the Ohio State University and Hamilton County extension Office, will speak on Vegetable Gardening in Small Places.



For further details on the Amateur Awards contest or any of the other upcoming Springdale Garden Club events, feel free to contact to Mrs. Joan Knox at (513) 674-7755 or joanknox99@fuse.net.

The Springdale Garden Club is a community not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to assist with providing beautification and educational programs and projects throughout Springdale. Persons interested in joining the club or assisting with a number of the club's projects, can either contact Mrs. Knox or attend the Club's monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month starting at 6 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

A Brighter Future...

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market the property for sale and ultimately have it redeveloped by the private sector into something consistent with the City's vision for the site. A new hotel is at the top of the City's wish list for development at this location. With eight (8) acres of land available, there would be room for other buildings in addition to a hotel. The City has developed three conceptual plans of what could be constructed on the site. These will be provided to interested developers so they have an idea of what types of developments will be acceptable to the City. At the same time, the City welcomes other ideas/proposals from the development community.

The date and time of when the re-development will take place is not known at this time. Typically, the marketplace and in this case, when an acceptable development plan has been presented to the City, will ultimately determine the time frame for the new development. In any event, the City will do whatever it can to expedite the overall re-development of the former Sheraton Hotel property.

Springdale Home Improvement Repair Program

For the eighth year in a row, Springdale will again offer its Home Improvement and Repair Program. This program provides a limited 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. It 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. Over the past seven years, the \$145,000 that has been made available resulted in home repairs and improvements totaling \$249,174. The program is a win-win for both the homeowner and Springdale. Maintaining and improving your property not only increases your property values, but it also enhances the values of the entire community.

The maximum reimbursement is \$1000 per household per year. Applicants must meet income guidelines and provide all documentation as stated on the application. An example of income eligibility in 2015 for a household of 4 was a maximum combined income of \$56,950. Repairs/improvements that are not eligible include: swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, landscaping, plant materials, gardens, underground utilities, storm lines, play equipment or new detached accessory structures.

Applications will be available from the City's website (www.springdale.org) or at the Building Department starting on Monday, May 16, 2016. We will be accepting completed applications on a first come first serve basis starting Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

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.

Springdale Parks & Recreation Receives State Award

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association recently announced the top finishers of the 2015 Annual Awards of Excellence. Throughout the state, 130 programs and projects were nominated in 14 different categories. The prestigious OPRA awards are judged by a panel of parks and recreation professionals from around Ohio. In all, 24 different agencies have been recognized with 1st, 2nd or 3rd place awards. Springdale's City Service & U program was awarded a third place finish in the Recreation category.



Recreation Department employees, Charlie Wilson, Recreation Programmer and Sharon Brooks, Teen Advisor, created and conducted City Service & U a week long program held during the summer. The program provides Springdale youth in grades 5th – 8th a unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities and a behind the scenes look at day-to-day duties of every City Department. Graduates of the program gained a better understanding of City operations and possible career opportunities that exist within their community and other municipalities.

City Tax Returns Due April 18

Springdale's 2015 tax returns are due to the tax office (or postmarked) by Monday, April 18, 2016. The items required to be included with the City tax return are W-2 form(s), page 1 of the Federal form 1040 (and 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 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 also required to file a tax return, whether or not tax is due.

Tax Department Hours

The Tax Department regular hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Tax Department will have extended hours until 7 p.m. on April 14 and 15. The Tax Department will also be open on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Extension Requests

If you have received a Federal filing extension, you will receive an automatic extension for the Springdale tax return. If you have not received a Federal filing extension, a written extension request must be received in writing by the filing due date. Upon receipt, the Tax Commissioner may extend the filing requirement for a period not to exceed seven and one-half months.

Questions

Questions can be directed to the Tax office at 346-5715 or, in person, at the Tax office in the Springdale Municipal Building. Residents waiting until April 18 to file could experience a long line.

The Springdale Health Department wishes to recognize the many generous residents and businesses who donated to the Springdale



Offering Support (SOS) 2015 Holiday Program. Together, we were able to provide food, clothing, and gifts to 67 local families and 221 local children in need.

One of the Most Important Selection Processes...

In the past few years, law enforcement has been in the news in both positive and not-so-positive situations. Fortunately, the Springdale Police Department has been absent from the not-so-positive news. The City of Springdale believes the most important aspect to employing police officers or any City employee is the selection process.

Although the process is rather time consuming, it is one of the most important hires any municipal government can make. To date, this practice has proven to be successful. The hiring philosophy for the City is to employ persons of good character and good moral fiber. Springdale focuses on hiring people who will serve the community well and is one of few cities that hires persons who do not currently possess a police certification. For years, the City has hired persons and sent them to school for certification. This provides a greater opportunity for the City to identify good candidates. It is easier to teach a good person the technical skills to be a police officer, than to teach a not-so-good officer how to be a good person. Hence the hiring process is crucial. Below is the process Springdale employs in an effort to hire the brightest and right person for the community to "protect and serve."

The initial phase of the process is to recruit and accept applications from persons interested in becoming a police officer. This step typically lasts several weeks. Outside of simply advertising in the local newspaper, the City of Springdale takes a number of other steps for recruitment. The City distributes information on its hiring notice to many different organizations, groups, and advertising outlets. Examples include contacting local colleges and universities with criminal justice or law enforcement programs and police academies throughout southwest Ohio. The City purchases airtime and advertising space on local radio stations and in local newspapers which target minority communities.

Once the application process expires, the Civil Service Examination is administered by the Springdale Civil Service Commission to ultimately establish an eligibility list from

which the City Administration will select the chosen candidate(s). The Springdale Civil Service Commission is comprised of three Springdale residents appointed by the City Council who essentially volunteer their time and efforts to establish the eligibility list for hiring employees of the City. It is important to understand, the Civil Service examination process is not that of the City Administration or the Springdale Police Department. It is under the authority of the Civil Service Commission. Members of the City Administration and Police Department provide assistance to the Commission throughout the process, but the final outcome and determination of candidates on an eligibility list is generated by the Civil Service Commission and its process.

The steps that make up the Civil Service Examination process include: 1) a written examination; 2) a physical fitness test; and 3) a Certified Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA) or lie-detector process. Once the applicant successfully completes these three (3) crucial steps, if they rank in the top ten (10) of the eligible applicants, their name is then certified by the Civil Service Commission to the City Administration for consideration of interviews and possibly for hire.

Here is a brief description of the steps of the Civil Service Examination process:

The written examination is similar to a basic standardized test which measures reading comprehension, math skills, English skills, etc. A passing score on the Civil Service written test is usually a score of seventy (70) or better out of one hundred (100).

The physical fitness test is comprised of a mile and a half run in a certain time period, a certain number of push-ups in a minute, and a certain number of sit-ups in a minute. The minimum time to run and the minimum number of push-ups and sit-ups required to pass are based upon the applicant's age and gender. This is the same fitness test an applicant will be required to pass in order to receive their Ohio Police Certification.

The CVSA is the final step in the

examination. From those applicants who have successfully passed the physical fitness test, the City will choose a select number of those to go through the CVSA process, which is primarily administered by the Investigators of the Springdale Police Department or, on rare occasions, officers from other local area Police Departments. Under this step, the candidate is requested to fill out an extensive personal history questionnaire and then is interviewed by a specially trained officer who administers the lie-detector test. The CVSA is also a pass or fail step. If the applicant passes the CVSA, they are then eligible for an interview before the City's interview team; however, initially only the top ten (10) applicants who passed all three steps are certified (their names are officially sent) to the Administration for interviews.

Once names are certified to the City Administration, interviews are scheduled with the City's interview team. The interview team makes a recommendation as to who they believe is the best fit for hire to the City Administrator and the Mayor. The Mayor is the final hiring/appointing authority of the City. Once the Mayor approves of the selection, the candidate is offered a conditional employment based upon passing a psychological evaluation, a very extensive background investigation, and a medical examination. The candidate is fingerprinted and is also run through the police computer systems.

Once the background check is passed, the candidate is hired and sworn-in as a probationary police officer. The probationary period is for one year. If the officer is already trained and certified through the State of Ohio, they go to the Police Department's field training program. If not certified, they are sent to the police academy which lasts approximately 16 weeks. Once they successfully pass the police academy, the officer then goes to field training. The program lasts approximately 12-14 weeks. If the probationary officer passes the field training program, they are finally allowed to patrol our city streets on their own.

Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is a very common occurrence in our daily lives. How often have you thought about cleaning your clothes dryer? The leading cause of dryer fires in the home is simply a failure to clean them. Here are a few tips on dryer safety that you should consider when it comes to practicing fire safety around your home:

- ☑ Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- ☑ Do not use your dryer without a lint filter
- ☑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry regardless of how little amount of lint may be accumulated. Remove any lint that may be around the drum
- ☑ Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time
- ☑ Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean the lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you
- ☑ Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connections are intact and free of leaks
- ☑ Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and the machine is connected properly
- ☑ Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer
- ☑ Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed

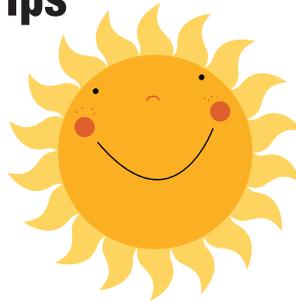
Warm Weather Health and Safety Tips

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

During the warm weather months, please stay safe and healthy by following these simple suggestions:

-  Wear mosquito repellent. If weather permits, wear long sleeves and long pants to limit the potential for mosquito bites, especially at dusk.
-  Remove sources of standing water to prevent mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes are a potential source of numerous serious health concerns.
-  Apply insect repellent before hiking. Also, wear long sleeves and long pants tucked into your socks. Check clothing after the hike for ticks.
-  Limit the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. Reapply often during extended periods of exposure.
-  Drink plenty of fluids while outdoors to avoid the risk of dehydration. Take breaks as needed in air conditioning to prevent heat exhaustion.
-  Provide an adult swimmer (preferably one who knows how to perform CPR) within arm's length of a child under age 6 ("touch supervision").

The elderly, young children, and adults under the influence of alcohol are at a higher risk for dehydration and heat exhaustion. Warning signs of heat exhaustion include fatigue, nausea, headache, excessive thirst, muscle aches, cramps, weakness, confusion, anxiety, drenching sweats, slowed heartbeat, dizziness, agitation, and fainting.



For more information about promoting warm weather health and safety, please visit the CDC's website: www.cdc.gov.

Free Diabetes Workshop

Thursdays • 9:30am – 12pm
May 12 – June 16
Springdale Community Center

Springdale Health Department will begin the HEALTHY U! DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM on May 12th. This program has been proven to improve quality of life and save money for participants.

We will meet once a week for six weeks to solve problems common to persons with diabetes.

Your Opinion Counts!

The Springdale Community Center staff is seeking your feedback and opinions on how sports programs and other activities can be made better for our residents and those we serve.

In the next few weeks, every household in the City will receive a short survey in the mail that with your responses could potentially help determine what activities and programs are most important to citizens in the community. It could ultimately help us to also determine which programs are not so popular in the community. The results of this information can help the Center staff focus on providing residents with the best possible programs and activities offered.

All completed surveys that are returned in the pre-paid postage envelope by May 2nd will be entered into a drawing to win a 2016 Springdale Community Center Family Pool membership (a \$95 value)!

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Mr. Greg Karle, Parks and Recreation Director at 513-346-3910. Your feedback is critical in helping us to provide all of our residents with the highest quality services.

Services offered by the Health Department:

Immunization Clinics*

1st & 3rd Wednesday • 9 am - noon
Health Department Office

**Immunization clinics for uninsured and children with Medicaid*

TB Testing

By Appointment (\$15)
Health Department Office

Cholesterol/Glucose Screening

By Appointment (\$15)
3rd Thursday • 8 - 11 am
Health Department Office

Blood Pressures Checks

3rd Tuesday • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Community Center

Home Wellness Checks

By Appointment (Free)
Public Health Nurse

Communicable Disease Investigation & Reporting

For more information, call 346-5725

House Bill 5 causes changes to Local Earnings Tax

Ohio House Bill 5 (HB5) was adopted by the State Legislature in February 2015. HB5 is a State of Ohio mandated tax ordinance, which local jurisdictions who have the ability to administer a local income tax were required to adopt. If a jurisdiction chose not to adopt HB5, they would lose their ability to administer a local income tax. In other words, you could no longer collect local income taxes. For municipalities like the City of Springdale, that would essentially shut down our City operations and put us out of business. In Springdale, local income tax collections are approximately 82% of the City's revenue sources, so you can see why Springdale and other communities reluctantly adopted the new State tax ordinance. The new ordinance became effective for the tax year beginning January 1, 2016. According to the State, HB5 was adopted in an effort to add uniformity on how local earnings tax procedures (with certain exceptions) would be administered. This new tax ordinance caused many changes from the previous Springdale tax ordinance. Some of the major changes that will affect taxpayers are as follows:

Quarterly Declaration Payments:

These are now due on April 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Also, 90% of the tax liability must be

received by December 15. Under the prior rules, 70% of the tax liability had to be received by January 31 of the subsequent year.

Lottery and Sports Winnings: These are now taxable. Under the prior rules, they were not taxable.

Filing Extensions: If a taxpayer receives a Federal filing extension, they will automatically receive an extension for their Springdale tax return. If they do not receive a Federal filing extension, a written extension request to the Springdale Tax Office must be received in writing by the filing due date. Under the prior rules there was no allowance for an automatic Federal extension.

Net Operating Loss Carry-Forward: A business loss can be carried forward for 5 years to offset profits (effective with the 2017 filings). Under the prior rules, a loss could be carried forward for 3 years.

Do Not Collect/Do Not Refund: This means that any original amount owed in taxes of \$10 or less will not be collected nor will that amount be refunded. Under the prior rules, this amount was \$3 or less.

Interest Rate on Balances Owed: Under HB5, interest is now calculated based

on the Federal short-term rate plus 5%. Since the rounded Federal short-term rate is 0%, the annual interest rate for 2016 is 5%. This rate is subject to change annually. Under the prior rules interest was calculated at 1% per month or an annual rate of 12%.

Penalty Charges: For late tax return filing, a penalty of \$25 per month is charged up to a maximum of \$150. Under the prior rules, the maximum charge was \$25. For late tax balances owed, a 15% penalty is charged. This is applicable if a) 90% of the tax liability is not received by December 15 and, b) if an additional amount is owed and not paid by the due date. Under the prior rules, 70% of the tax liability had to be paid by January 31 or a penalty of \$25 was charged.

Remember these changes take effect for the tax year beginning January 1, 2016. The current 2015 tax returns which are due by April 18, 2016 are not affected by the changes.

If you have any questions regarding the new Springdale Tax Ordinance, please call the Tax Department at 346-5715 or visit the Tax Department web site at www.springdale.org.

Children's Health Fair

On May 13, 2016, the Springdale Health Department, the Springdale Parks and Recreation Department, the Princeton School District and the Sharonville Parks and Recreation Department will present the 23rd annual Children's



Health Fair at the Springdale Community Center. This year, the theme of the health fair will be "Giant Steps to a Healthier Me." The fair will provide over 500 third-grade students from the Princeton area local public and private schools a chance to observe and interact with over 20 learning centers. Each learning center will have an educational message, encouraging children to make responsible decisions for healthy lifestyles.

Federal Court Orders Duke Refund

January 2016 Eagle's View Newsletter Eagle Energy

A United States District Court has approved a proposed settlement of \$80 million as a result of a lawsuit that alleged Duke Energy Ohio violated two Federal statutes in reaching a settlement in a rate case that was approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Duke made several cash payments to its large industrial and commercial customers in exchange for support of a rate case.

A class action lawsuit was filed by certain customers of Duke alleging the violation of the statutes among other things. The settlement creates three funds: (1) \$25 million for the residential

class; (2) \$25 million for the non-residential customers; and, (3) \$8 million to fund energy related programs. The balance has been set aside for attorney's fees and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

The refund period is from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008. Customers should receive a postcard that must be returned by April 13, 2016 in order to be included in the settlement. Claim forms are also available at www.dukeclassaction.com. The refund will be based on account not customer so *it is important to file a claim for each account that a customer has a responsibility for or if a customer moved from one location to another, a separate claim should be submitted.*



Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs

Parks & Recreation Programs

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

WWW.SPRINGDALE.ORG/GOPLAY

Community Center 2016 Memberships

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

	Individual	Family
ACTIVITY MEMBERSHIP <i>includes use of gymnasium, game room, track, tennis courts, computer lab and eligibility for youth & adult sports programs</i>	\$20	\$30
FITNESS MEMBERSHIP <i>includes above, plus use of Fitness Center must be 16+ to use Fitness Center independently (13-15 when with a parent unless they've passed the Teen Fit Class)</i>	\$50	\$70
POOL MEMBERSHIP <i>includes all of above, plus pool</i>	\$75	\$95
RACQUETBALL MEMBERSHIP <i>requires activity, fitness or pool membership</i>	\$15	\$25
SENIOR RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP <i>Residents 62 and older can receive an individual Pool Membership, access to racquetball courts, and access to senior lounge</i>	\$20	
SENIOR NON-RESIDENT ACTIVITY MEMBERSHIP <i>Non-resident seniors 62 and older may join the community center and enjoy the same benefits as an activity membership (Does not include fitness room or pool)</i>	\$20	
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP <i>includes all facilities. Participation in youth or adult sports programs on availability basis only. League regulations may apply.</i>	\$300	\$400
6-Month Option	\$160	\$225
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP <i>includes all facilities. Participation in youth or adult sports programs on availability basis only. League regulations may apply.</i>	\$150	\$200
6-Month Option	\$85	\$125

FREE MEMBERSHIPS TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

A COMPLIMENTARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS PROVIDED TO ANY SPRINGDALE RESIDENT (AND THEIR SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN) SERVING FULL-TIME ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY. MEMBERSHIP WILL BE GRANTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITH VERIFICATION OF "ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS" AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY.



REGULAR HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 9 PM
FITNESS CENTER & INDOOR TRACK OPEN AT 6 AM

SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY 1 - 9 PM

HOLIDAY HOURS

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27 **CLOSED**

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 30 **CLOSED**
POOL OPEN 1 - 6 PM

EASTER MONDAY, JULY 4 **CLOSED**
POOL OPEN 1 - 6 PM

All times subject to change and will be posted at the Community Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ohio's One-Mile Fitness Walk

Wednesday, May 18 • 11am – 1pm

We Challenge YOU to "Walk the Talk!"

We would like to encourage you to get active. For the ninth year in a row, help us reach our goal of over 100 Springdale Residents walking one mile by participating Wednesday, May 18 any time from 11am – 1pm. Let's do our part as a community and participate in a 20-minute, one-mile walk, to help reach this goal! Each participant will receive light refreshments.

Burt-Manis Springdale Men's Softball Tournament

June 11 – June 12

This tournament is a double elimination WSL sanctioned qualifier. Cost is \$175 per team. Proceeds support Springdale Youth Boosters efforts in making youth sports affordable in Springdale. Please contact Charlie Wilson for more information 346-3910.

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.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Guitar Lessons

Tuesday & Thursday • 6:30 – 7:30pm

Want to learn a new skill or find an old one? Join us for electric guitar and bass guitar lessons! Class is offered on Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30-7:30p.m. 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. Call instructor Ed Riley at 671-1760 with questions.



JUST FOR YOUTH

City Service & U

June 20 – 24th • 9am – 12pm

This award winning program is back for its third year. Join us in exploring the possible career paths as a firefighter, police officer or city administrator, experiencing first hand the daily tasks of the City's workforce. The week-long program is for those entering 5-8th grade. Now accepting registrations through June 10. Space is limited. Is City Service in You?



Youth Fall Soccer Sign-Ups

Fall sports sign-ups begin May 1. Springdale Community Center Activity membership requirement waived for first time youth sport participants.

Instructional Soccer

Introduce your child to soccer in this league! Instructional soccer teams play in a positive, relaxed setting. Children ages 4 - 6 by July 31, 2016 are eligible to participate. Registration is \$20 through May 31. Beginning June 1, registration is \$35.

SAY Soccer

Springdale Parks & Recreation is a part of the Soccer Association for Youth - a recreational league that encourages participation and good sportsmanship. Children must be at least 6 years old by July 31, 2016 to participate on a soccer team. Registration is \$40 through May 31. Beginning June 1, registration is \$55.

Hot Summer Jobs that are Cool!

Parks Maintenance Workers

Seasonal staff is needed to cut grass, trim and help maintain the facilities. You must be 16 years old or older to apply for these positions. Apply at the Community Center.

Lifeguards

Minimum requirement is Red Cross Lifeguard certification or equivalent. Apply at the Community Center.

For more information about these jobs, contact the Community Center at 346-3910.

Club Rec is open to all Springdale Community Center members in 5th-8th grades. The cost is \$10 which includes an official Club Rec t-Shirt. Contact Sharon Brooks if you are interested in joining at sbrooks@springdale.org.



Superstitious Party

Friday, May 13 • 8 – 10pm

Do black cats freak you out? Are you afraid of the 13th floor? Learn more about superstitions and participate in activities to change your luck. Participants may bring one guest. Register by May 11. Lucky and unlucky snacks will be provided.

Pool Party

Friday, July 1 • 8 – 10pm

It's your party and you can swim if you want to! We will have music and snacks to enjoy while you swim under the lights. Participants may bring one guest.

FITNESS PROGRAMS FOR 55+

Balanced For Life

Wednesday • 10:30 – 11:30am

(April 6 – May 25)

Balance is a vital part of daily living, fall prevention and maintaining independence. This free class is designed to increase balance and reduce the risk of falls. The class will teach balance exercise, strength and endurance exercises, posture exercises and stretching.

L.I.F.E.

Tuesday, Thursday • 11:00am – 12:00pm

The Low Impact Fun(ctional) Exercise class will help you live a better LIFE. This class will focus on improving your strength to help you safely perform the activities of daily living with improved balance and stability. Whether lifting a bag of groceries or standing up from a chair, every task depends on functional strength.

SilverSneakers Flex

Monday, Friday • 10:30 – 11:30am

This Strength & Cardio class is a low-impact class designed to help improve muscular endurance and cardio stamina. FREE for SilverSneakers members (non-members: \$3/per class). Call Elaine at 623-414-9170 for more information.

Ballroom Dance

Sunday • 2:30 – 3:30pm

(April 2 – May 8)

Grab your dance shoes because Ballroom Dance is coming back. This 6-week class is open to couples and singles from beginners to experts. Dance the Foxtrot and learn to Swing. Please wear comfortable clothes and non-stick shoes. Call Kristi at 907-8556 for more information.

ADULT HEALTH & FITNESS

Barre Fit

Wednesday • 7:05 – 8:05pm

If you need a 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 to learn more at 907-8556.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

4th Annual Baseball Bingo

Tuesday, April 5 • 12:00pm

Join us at our 4th annual Baseball Bingo April 5 at 12:00 p.m. The line-up for the bingo games will be a letter X for the first inning, a hot dog for the second inning, a diamond for the third inning, and we'll continue into the 9th inning where we will be doing the home run. All the baseball goodies hot dogs, peanuts, and ice cold lemonade will be served. Register with payment of \$5.00 by April 1.

Thursday's This & That The Cincinnati Story

Thursday, April 14 • 2:00 pm

The Cincinnati Museum Center presents a Cincinnati history lesson from the start of the 20th century to Cincinnati as we know it today. Cincinnati responds to two world wars, a depression, and the changing world economy. Learn about some of the events, celebrations, and the city's changing face, as it became the center of the metro area. Register by April 12 at the front desk or call 346-3910.

Putt Putt Golf Outing

Thursday, May 19 • 1:00pm

The golden putter is up for grabs, become the new Springdale Champion. Here's a chance to show off your putting skills and enjoy the great outdoors. We'll meet at Eagle Tee Golf on Cincinnati-Dayton Road for a round of putt putt. We'll play 18 holes of miniature golf and then gather under the shelter for light refreshments and present the golden putter to the new Springdale Champion. Register with payment of only \$5.00 by Monday May 16.

Sentimental Journey

Friday, May 27 • 12:30 pm

Doris Day and Rosemary Clooney began their spectacular big band singing careers in Cincinnati. With pictures, stories, and the vocal stylings of a local professional singer, we will take a sentimental journey through the lives of these two great ladies of American entertainment. Tea and cookies will be served. This is a free program presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center. Register by May 24.

Lunch & Lawn Games

Thursday, June 30 • 12:00pm

We're heading outdoors to the picnic grove behind the Community Center where we will have a summer picnic lunch. After lunch there will be games of corn hole, bocce ball, ladder toss, and croquet on the lawn and you can find a nice challenging game of dominoes at the picnic tables. We will move inside if the weather doesn't cooperate! Register with payment of \$7.50 for members and \$10 for guests by Sunday June 26.

Bootcamp

Monday • 5:30 – 6:15pm

Are you bored with your workout or looking for a new challenge? Then join Bootcamp! Gary will train anyone from beginner to expert. Soon you'll be re-enlisting when you're burning up to 450 calories per class. Bring a towel or mat and water bottle – crew cut not required!

Butts 'n Guts

Wednesday • 5:30 – 6:15pm

Join Jimmy for this high energy, tightening and toning workout that focuses on your core (abs, obliques, and lower back), glutes and more. All exercises have varying levels so all fitness levels can 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.

Cardio Kickboxing

Tuesday & Thursday • 5:55 – 6:55pm

Saturday • 11am – 12pm

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. Ask Elaine M. at 446-1839 questions about the class.

Hip Hop Redefined

Monday • 7:05 – 8:05pm

Saturday • 1:15 – 2:15pm

This class is all about burning up calories and the dance floor. A full-body workout open to all. Join the hottest and hippest fitness class. Saturday adds a bootcamp workout that torches calories. Let us redefine what a fitness class should be. Call Markesha at 885-6065 for more information.

Jazzercise/Body Sculpting

Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 5:55 – 6:55pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday • 9:30 – 10:30am

This class gets you moving by combining upbeat music and highly energetic exercise. Throw in some hand weights with Body Sculpting on Fridays, and this is the perfect total body workout. Ask Elaine S. at 575-1620 for more information.

ROCK! Solid

Saturday • 9:30 – 10:30am (June 4 – 25)

ROCK! SOLID mixes strength and cardio exercises with interval training. It's a great way to burn fat, lose weight and get fit. Don't worry if your fitness level is not Olympian; every exercise can be scaled and varied to any skill level, just come ready to work hard.

Zumba

Tuesday • 7:05-8:05pm

Zumba Toning

Thursday • 7:05-8:05pm

Zumba combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations. Strength 'n Dance combines elements of dance with strength and toning program. Classes are taught 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.

POOL OPENS MAY 28

Aquatic Director – Dave Kamerer
Assistant Aquatic Director – Tom Schmittou

Pre-Season Pool Hours

5/28.....12-5pm	5/31-6/312-6pm
5/29.....1-6pm	6/4.....12-5pm
5/30.....1-6pm	6/5.....1-6pm

Regular Season Pool Hours

Beginning Monday, June 6
12:15 – 8:00pm*

Anyone 8 years old and younger must have passed Intermediate level swim lesson or be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older.

* The pool will close at 5:00pm on Tuesdays for swim meets and 6:00pm on Thursdays for Adult Night. The pool will also close for a few special events during the summer, watch for more information or call 346-3910.

Emergency closures – Management reserves the right to close the swimming pool or deny admission when there is any condition or evidence which would jeopardize the health or safety of the general public.

Daily Pool Pass Rates

Activity or Fitness members and guests of pool members may purchase a daily pool pass for \$3.00. Children under 2 are free. The fee applies to anyone entering the pool gate and there are no refunds. Guests must remain with the member at all times.

Family Guest Pass

Is your family planning to visit this summer? Take advantage of our cost savings family guest pass and plan a day at the pool. SCC members may bring a family (maximum of four) for \$10 per day. Each additional person is \$3.

Know Before You Go!

The pool is a fun place to be on a hot summer day but along with the fun there are a few rules to follow. Please make sure everyone in your family knows and follows all the pool rules. A small sampling of the rules is:

- Bathing suits are required. Rash Guard water wear permitted (No gym shorts, t-shirts, or underwear)
- Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a person 16 or older or have passed Intermediate level swim lessons.
- Do not swim if you have had diarrhea in the past two weeks.
- Children not toilet trained must wear “swim diapers” and tight fitting swimsuits.
- Lifeguards must be obeyed.
- Excessive horseplay is prohibited.
- Swimmers must be 4 feet tall to ride the slide.
- Flotation devices other than USCG life jackets are not permitted in the main pool. Approved life jackets are available at the pool office.

Check our website at www.springdale.org/goplay/ for a complete listing of the pool rules. A rules sign is also posted at the pool.

Springdale POOL NEWS

Cardio Splash!

Thursdays • 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Saturdays • 11:30am – 12pm
Instructor: Patricia Cox, 385-6111
Session 1: June 4, 9, 11, 16
Session 2: June 23, 25, 30, July 2

Shed those extra pounds without putting on gym shoes or breaking a sweat! Cardio Splash is a great way for adults of all fitness levels to get moving. This workout is a blend of cardio and resistance training done in the water. Our popular aquatic exercise specialist, Pat Cox will lead this invigorating class on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Students should bring a towel, noodle, water bottle and smile to class! For more information, contact Pat at 385-6111. Cost is \$20 (4 classes) for residents, \$25 (4 classes) for non-residents. Walk-ins \$7/residents and \$8/non-residents.



stiffness. Our Arthritis Foundation certified instructor, Pat Cox will gently guide you through a series of stretches, Pilates, yoga and other various fitness moves in the water. Participants will focus on improving posture, balance, and coordination, while restoring range of motion. Bring a towel, a noodle, and a water bottle. Cost is \$20 (4 classes) for residents of Springdale (walk-ins \$7.00 per class) and \$24 (4 classes) for non-residents of Springdale (walk-ins \$8.00 per class)

Family Fun Day

Sunday, June 19 2:00pm

Spend part of Father’s Day with Dad and the rest of the family at the annual Family Fun Day at the pool. We’ll be offering popular games and activities throughout the day. Watch for more information about this seasonal favorite at the Community Center. This event is free to pool members. Regular guest fees apply.



Goldfish Swim

August 13, 12:00pm

Spring and Dale (they’re the big 4 inch fish) are back in the water with 1,000 of their fish friends! Kids 12 and under must catch the fish with their bare hands, no nets, no buckets or help from Mom and Dad. Be sure to bring a plastic container to take your new pet home. This event is free to pool members. Regular guest fees apply.

We are the Sailfish!

No Timeouts. No Substitutions. Everybody Swims!



Are you looking for something this summer that will provide your kids with structure, exercise, and opportunities to make new friends? Do your kids love being in the water? Why not give the swim team a try? Our Coaches are committed to developing each swimmer by providing a positive learning environment while emphasizing safety and respect for the water. Your child will build self-confidence and experience life long memories of summers at the pool. Springdale residents may register beginning May 1st and non-residents may register June 1st. If you would like more information, please contact the Parent Board President, Sharon Brooks at 207-2672.

Meet the Coaches!

Wednesday, May 11 • 6:30pm

Prospective and current swimmers and their families are invited to attend this informative session with the coaches and Parent Board members. Topics will include fees, practice times, meet schedules, swimmer incentives, and scholarships. Light refreshments will be served.

Pre-Season Practice

May 31, June 1, 2, and 3 from • 6:00 – 7:00pm

Join Coach Amanda for some fun and pre-season practice. Bring your bathing suit, towel, shirt, shorts, and gym shoes.

Sailfish Snack Shack

Opens June 6 • 1:00 – 4:00pm

The Sailfish swim team operates the pool concession stand to help defray the costs of operating the team. Please help support the organization that serves over 80 Springdale children and purchase your snacks and soft drinks from the concession stand. Hours of operation beginning June 6 are Monday-Saturday 1-4pm. Closed Sundays.



Pool Schedule

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:15 am		Swim Team Practice 7:15 - 9:55 am					
9:55 am							
10:00 am		Swim Lessons 10:00 am - 12:00 pm					Cardio Splash 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
11:00 am							
12:00 pm		Open Swim 12:15 - 8:00 pm	Open Swim 12:15 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim 12:15 - 8:00 pm	Open Swim 12:15 - 6:00 pm	Open Swim 12:15 - 8:00 pm	Open Swim 12:00 - 5:00 pm
1:00 pm	Open Swim 1:00 - 6:00 pm						
2:00 pm							
3:00 pm							
4:00 pm							
5:00 pm							
6:00 pm			Swim Meets or Open Swim		Adult Swim		
7:00 pm							
8:00 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 1

Learn to Swim the Springdale Parks and Recreation and Red Cross Way!

The American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes provide instruction to help children ages 3 to 12 to develop their swimming and water safety skills. It is designed to give students a positive learning experience. The objective is to teach children how to swim and to be safe in, on and around the water. Instructors possess the advanced training certification of Water Safety Instructor. This summer, give your child the lifelong skill of being safe around water.



PRE-SCHOOL SWIM LESSONS LEVELS 1 & 2 (PRE-SCHOOL)

Class Dates: All sessions last 2 weeks, Monday-Friday for 30 minutes. Class times available are 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 am.

Sessions: 1A* June 6 – June 17
1B June 20 – July 1
2A* July 11 – July 22
2B July 25 – August 5

* Children enrolled in 1A or 2A classes may not enroll in 1B or 2B until last lesson of 1A or 2A class.

Class Costs:

SCC Pool Members: \$5.00 per session (*Pool Membership must be obtained for 2016 prior to swim lesson sign-up.*)

SCC Activity & Fitness Members: \$10.00

Non Members: \$20.00

Level 1 (Pre-School): Students will learn beginning water skills which they will progressively build on throughout the program. Some skills taught include: blow bubbles, submerge mouth, nose and eyes, front and back glides, back float and treading action with arms and legs. 5:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must be 3-6 years old by June 1, 2016.*

Level 2 (Pre-School): Students learn to float on their stomach, open eyes underwater and are introduced to treading water. Laying the foundation for future strokes, students explore

arm and leg actions on their stomach and back along with front and back glides. 5:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must be 4-6 years old by June 1, 2016 and passed Level 1.*

CHILDREN SWIM LESSONS LEVELS BEGINNER THROUGH ADVANCED PLUS

Class Dates: All sessions last 4 weeks Monday-Friday for 30 minutes. Class times, depending on level, are available are 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 or, 11:30 am.

Sessions: 1 June 6 – July 1
2 July 11 – August 5

Class Costs:

SCC Pool Members: \$10.00 per session (*Pool Membership must be obtained for 2016 prior to swim lesson sign-up.*)

SCC Activity & Fitness Members: \$20.00

Non Members: \$40.00

Beginner: Students are taught to coordinate arms and legs on their stomach and back, retrieve a submerged object with eyes open, and change directions while traveling on their front or back. Students will be introduced to rotary breathing. 8:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2016 and passed Level 2 OR 6 years old by June 1, 2016 with no prerequisite.*

Intermediate: Students are taught elementary backstroke and will be introduced to breast stroke, butterfly, and sidestroke along with headfirst entries. Students will jump in to deep water, tread water, and swim underwater. 8:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must have passed Beginner.*

Advanced: The objective of this level is to coordinate and refine all strokes: front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, butterfly, and sidestroke. Front and back flip turns are also taught. 8:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must have passed Intermediate.*

Advanced Plus: This class will refine all strokes even further and builds endurance so students are able to swim greater distances with proficiency. 8:1 student/instructor ratio. *Must have passed Advanced.*

Jr. Sailfish: This class will provide special attention to improving the four competitive strokes and endurance. Ideal for students who might be interested in joining the Sailfish swim team or becoming a certified lifeguard. 8:1 student/instructor ratio.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Do you have a fear of water? Not to worry! Our easy going instructors will work with you at your own ability level and at a pace comfortable to you. Already know how to swim but want to learn a new stroke? We can do that too! Whatever your ability is, if you want to improve your swimming skills or increase your comfort level in the water,

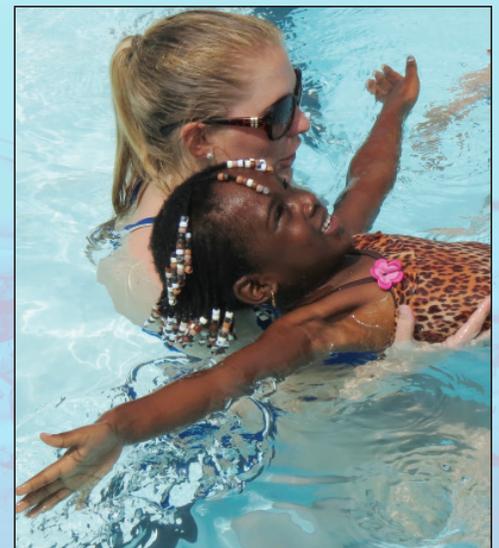
join us on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30pm beginning June 9 – July 28. This class is open to children ages 13 and up when accompanied by an adult.

Class Costs:

SCC Pool Members: \$10.00 per session (*Pool Membership must be obtained for 2016 prior to swim lesson sign-up.*)

SCC Activity & Fitness Members: \$20.00

Non Members: \$60.00





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NEWS IN BRIEF

Springdale's Farmers' Market returns Thursday June 2

Each Thursday from June through mid-October, a Farmers' Market is offered from 3 to 7 pm. The market is located in the City Parking Lot at 11494 Walnut Street, just south of the Town Center. Vendors offer a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, honey, handmade soaps and other products. Many vendors from last summer have already re-committed along with a number of new vendors for the 2016 market. The Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 346-5712.



Construction Projects

Summer Street Program

As a part of the City of Springdale's 2015 Summer Street Program, contractor J.K. Meurer was chosen for last year's program to grind and pave Cedarhill and Yorkhaven Drives in the Oxford Hills Subdivision. Unfortunately, due to the lateness of the year and cold weather, the project was delayed.

Now that Spring has arrived J.K. Meurer is anticipating beginning the project in early April and concluding the project by late spring.

In addition to the grinding and paving, this year's program will also include crack sealing and other surface treatments along Kemper Road between Northland Boulevard and Princeton Pike (SR 747), a portion of Merchant Street, Century Boulevard, and Tri-County Parkway.

Mulch Available to Residents

The annual City of Springdale free mulch giveaway is quickly approaching. Each year, the City's Public Works Department produces a fine quality of mulch. This material is a by-product of the City's class IV compost facility as a result of our Chipper and Leaf Collection Programs. The material generated is used for City landscaping projects throughout the Community. Any excess material is then made available to the residents each Spring on a first come, first served basis. The mulch can be obtained in bulk quantities of either 2 1/2, 5, 7 1/2, or 10 cubic yards. It will be delivered to the resident's home and dumped on their driveway. This year's mulch will be delivered to residents between May 2 and May 6th.

Residents can place orders from now until April 22 or until all of the material has been exhausted, by calling the Springdale Municipal Building at (513) 346-5700.