

# SPRING NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2025

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Happy Spring to all—green grass and spring flowers are popping. We are very pleased to report that the annual meeting of the HOA was a success. A draft copy of the annual meeting minutes is attached to the email, and a vote for approval will take place at the 2026 HOA Annual Meeting. We welcome Kathy Hatton as the new board secretary. Current board members are listed in the left panel. Thank you to Phillip Puglisi for his service as secretary for the HOA! The board very much appreciates those who attended the annual meeting, as well as those who submitted a proxy!



We are also in the season of home and yard improvements. Please be sure to read the HOA's [Declarations and Restrictions documents](#) so that you are informed of any restrictions/requirements that may apply, and, if needed, the requirement for HOA board approval. If so, please email the board. Please pay attention to when you place and remove trash cans at

your curb—too early or too long at the curb is an infraction of HOA rules. Also, be sure to clean up grass clippings from curbs to avoid draining into our retention ponds.

## Local Happenings

**CiviReady Emergency Notification System:** Click [here to register](#).

**Hyper-Reach Notification System:** In mid-November, the Township will move our emergency telephone notifications over to the Hyper-Reach system to automatically allow direct weather notifications from the National Weather Service. Go to the [Hyper-Reach website](#) to sign up today.

## Sugar Maple Festival

Don't forget the Sugar Maple Festival is the weekend of April 25 - 27. [Find the schedule](#).

**Fireside Chats for Fire Levy:** Wed, 4/23 6:30-8PM at Winans (Feedwire); Wed 4/30 from 6:30-8PM at Bellbrook Brewery (Franklin St)

**Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Garage Sale:** May 1 – 3. HOA members can [register](#) now.

**Sugarcreek Veterans Memorial** will soon be a reality for our community. It is planned as a memorial to honor all veterans. June 6 is the dedication. [Read more](#).

## Numbers of Interest

Township: 937.848.8426    **Police:** 937.848.3479    **Fire:** 937.848.7344  
Non-emergency Fire & Police 937.848.6161    Zoning: 937.848.8426



**Happy Mother's Day!**





## Safe Haven Baby Box Updates Provided By: Carolyn Destefani 4/7/2025



- There are No Baby Boxes in the Dayton or Greene County Region. We are **actively pursuing the placement of a Baby Box at the Sugarcreek Township Safety Building** (Fire & Police), located at 4398 Clyo Road, Sugarcreek Township, OH 45459. Our site features a centralized location between the current Troy and Lebanon Baby Box locations off of the I-675 Interchange, convenient access for both Greene County and Montgomery County residents, is situated .6 miles from the Miami Valley South Hospital, has walkable access to the RTA Bus Route 16 Public Transit, Community, County and State Leadership support for the project, is staffed 24/7 with both Fire and Police personnel onsite with mutual aid agreements with surrounding Fire Departments including Bellbrook, Beavercreek, and Washington Township.



### 2. Dates

<b>12/2/24</b>	The first Baby Box surrender to ever occur in Ohio, in Lebanon
<b>1/6/25</b>	The Baby Box idea was presented at a <b>Sugarcreek Board of Trustees Meeting</b> with later unanimous buy-in for the project from all three Trustees
<b>2/10/25</b>	The idea was presented to the <b>Greene Co. Right to Life</b>
<b>2/12/25</b>	<b>Greene Co. Prosecutor's Office Review</b> confirmed our plans comply with all Ohio Revised Code (ORC) regulations
<b>2/13/25</b>	Sugarcreek Leadership to <b>Lebanon Fire Station 41 Visit</b> (601 N. Broadway St., Lebanon, OH) to meet Fire Chief Ryan Dipzinski. Chief Doug Buffenbarger, Township Administrator Barry Tiffany, and Trustee Carolyn Destefani saw many positive reasons to continue pursuing this project.
<b>2/20/25</b>	Project received Ohio House, Rep. Brian Lampton (Dist. 10), Rep. Adam Mathews (Dist. 56), Rep. Levi Dean (Dist. 71), and Greene County Commissioner <b>approval</b> .
<b>2/22/25</b>	Trustee Destefani briefed at the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek <b>Lion's Club Shark Tank Event</b>
<b>3/25/25</b>	The Lions Club committed <b>\$10K to our Baby Box</b> . They ask that we place a plaque on/near the Baby Box featuring the Lion's Club as a major donor.
<b>3/28/25</b>	Have interest from a local Knight of Columbus Chapter and an individual donor wanting to donate her IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to support our Baby Box
<b>4/7/25</b>	An update on the project will be presented to both the Sugarcreek Trustees & G.C. Right to Life. We spoke with SHBB to finalize the contract wording.

### 3. Fees (Total Cost ~\$23,500)

- Monica Kelsey, the founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, said the costs include:
- **Initial Fee: \$16K (\$6K remaining after the Lion's Club Donation)**
  - \$15K for Box, Required Signage, and Training
  - \$1K for the Ohio Health Department
- **Installation & Alarm Fee: \$5K-\$7K**
  - Electrical & Alarm Hook Up
  - Transport of Box to Ohio
- **Annual Maintenance Fee: \$500**
  - Recertification, Inspection, and Maintenance
- Sugarcreek Township will work directly with Safe Havens Baby Boxes for all donations
- Checks should be made to "**Safe Haven Baby Boxes**"
  - Donations can be paid online at [www.shbb.org](http://www.shbb.org)
  - Or we may get a designated link for our campaign
  - Any proceeds will benefit Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc.
  - The Safe Haven Baby Box, Inc. (SHBB) is committed to securely and ethically processing all donated funds for this project!



### 4. Next Steps

- Finalize the **Contract** with Sugarcreek Township, Greene County Prosecutors Office, and SHBB
- Continue to Fund Raise
- See if we can get this completed by July 2025
- All donations are needed and welcome!
- We are willing to include the names of other Major Contributors on the Donated By Plaque
- We could be the first in our Region to provide this Valuable Resource!
- Questions/Comments: Call Carolyn (937) 776-6954
- Thank you!

