



## NEWS RELEASE

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**SPRINGFIELD, OH (May 6, 2020)**

#### **Parking Garage Drive-Thru Ribbon Cutting Scheduled Friday**

A drive-thru ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of Springfield's downtown parking garage and retail center will be held Friday, May 8.

The event will feature a ceremonial ribbon cutting by Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland as well as brief remarks by state and local officials.

Safe social distancing recommended by the Ohio Department of Health will be observed, with attendees entering the garage in their vehicles and parking them six feet apart. Attendees will be permitted to exit their vehicles and will maintain safe social distancing for the duration of the ceremony.

"This is a project more than 10 years in the making, and we couldn't be more excited to see it come to fruition," said Springfield City Manager Bryan Heck. "The parking garage is just one facet of the overall progress and growth in our downtown as we continue to make our city an even better place to work, live and play."

The \$7 million project was a collaborative effort between the City of Springfield, Clark County, State of Ohio, Clark State Community College, and Community Improvement Corporation.

Construction on the structure began in July 2019. The facility includes 305 parking spaces and more than 3,000 square feet of first-floor retail space that faces existing storefronts on Fountain Avenue. Dugan and Meyers, based in Columbus, built the structure.

In addition to Copeland and Heck, invited guests include:

- Bob Hackett, Senator for the 10th district of the Ohio Senate
- Kyle Koehler, Representative for 79th District of Ohio
- Melanie Wilt, Clark County Commissioner
- City Commissioners Joyce Chilton, Rob Rue, Dave Estrop, and Kevin O’Neill
- Dr. Jo Blondin, President, Clark State Community College
- Mike McDorman, President, Chamber of Greater Springfield

The garage will be open to the public immediately following the ceremony on Friday.

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