

## **SUBURBAN BRIEFS**

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### **HILLIARD**

#### **Orthopedic practice to build 24,000- square - foot center**

A central Ohio medical firm is planning to construct a new treatment center in Hilliard.

The city has worked out an incentive agreement with Cardinal Orthopaedic Institute, which plans to build a 24,000-square-foot facility along Trueman Boulevard across from Home Depot. It will include doctors' offices, rehabilitation rooms and an urgent-care center.

Hilliard would return to the company 12 percent of the payroll taxes it collects from its employees for nine years. Over the nine years, the city projects it will collect roughly \$378,000 in payroll taxes; the incentive would total about \$45,000.

David Meeks, the city's economic development director, said the medical practice will bring 20 high-paying jobs to Hilliard with an annual projected payroll of \$1.9 million, or an average of \$95,000 per employee.

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