City’s United Way Campaign Underway

The United Way is gearing up for its annual campaign. Last year, our community was able to raise nearly $3,483,000 to help the 23 local partner agencies address the most critical issues in the Ozarks. As tough economic conditions continue, this makes the success of this year’s campaign even more critical because the demand for many of these programs and services increases when the economy falters. Our community’s incredible response to Joplin was appropriate and timely, but has left our local agencies short on resources to assist our brothers and sisters in need.

The City’s 2011 goal is $102,000. With your help, we hope to meet or even exceed this year’s goal! This campaign is critical to our community as it helps to fund numerous health and human service agencies that are dedicated to strengthening families, nurturing children, fostering independence for seniors, promoting health and wellness, and increasing self sufficiency for individuals and families.

Parks breaks ground on two projects

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board broke ground on two projects in August — one for the future health of citizens and one for the good of some old four-legged friends at the zoo.

Ground was broken on the Dan Kinney Family Center at Dan Kinney Park on Aug. 2.

The two-story facility will feature: a community room; gymnasium with walking/jogging track, cardio/weight training, game room, child care room, aerobics room, café area, and locker rooms.

The approximately 35,279-square foot facility will be the third family center in the park system, serving the more than 275,000 citizens of Greene County. The building is being designed to meet LEED Silver Certification and also is designed for future gymnasium and aquatics additions. The architects for the project are Hood-Rich, Inc.; mechanical/electrical engineers are Smith-Goth Engineers, Inc.; LEED consultants are Architectural Energy Corporation; general contractor is Branco Enterprises, Inc.

Partners developing the 18.3-acre Dan Kinney Park are City Utilities, Greene County and the City of Springfield. The park also features a universal design playground, a walking trail and a Miracle League.
Field, which is currently under construction with an expected opening in mid-October. The field will have a special playing surface allowing easy access for wheelchairs, individuals using walkers and anyone who finds it difficult to walk due to health issues and/or blindness.

The other groundbreaking was for a Tortoise Exhibit Building at Dickerson Park Zoo. The approximately 1,070-square foot building will house the four Aldabra tortoises and allow visitor viewing of the animals through glass windows while the tortoises are housed inside the facility during winter months.

The exhibit rooms will have water pools and a sand pit for potential egg-laying by the females. The building will connect to the tortoise exhibit yard.

The project is a part of Dickerson Park Zoo’s newest master plan. The approximately $300,000 project is part of the 2006 voter-approved 1/4-cent Countywide Parks Sales Tax.

Aldabra tortoises, along with the different types of Galapagos Tortoises, are the world’s largest land turtles. The Zoo’s two larger tortoises are males and weigh more than 500 pounds each.

### Upcoming Computer class schedule

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**Hints from the Help Desk**

**Are you taking a business trip soon? Are you going out of town on City business? Taking that departmental laptop with you?**

Well, don’t wait to pull this laptop off the shelf until you are leaving for the airport.

Things need to be done to get this unit ready if you want to log into the City network while you are gone.

You don’t go to the airport without making travel arrangements ahead of time. You want that seat on the plane available for your timeslot. The same goes for adding in that laptop maintenance before you leave (with plenty of time for the techs to work on it). You see, while it has been on that shelf, powered off, it has missed all the upgrade opportunities that the network sends out for security and the latest application updates.

This all happens to make it work better for you and if the updates are not current, you can not log into our City network.

And calling us from your hotel room is too late!

We want this to be a pleasant and successful trip for you, so save yourself some grief and call the Help Desk to schedule maintenance for your laptop ahead of time.

**For those interested in the CU/CIS Web Inquiry…..**

Due to new regulations from the federal government, City Utilities was forced to make changes in the number of accounts and associated rights to those accounts. To make the changeover, CU disabled all the existing accounts and is starting fresh. If you are in need of access, the process is as follows: Send your request to your department head, who will forward this request to the City Law offices, who will forward the request to the CU Law office. Upon approval from CU law office, your account will be created along with assigning permissions to information and a password to your account.

**If you need to sharpen your MS Office skills…..**

Lynda.com has Outlook’s Top 10 tips and Miscellaneous Tips and Tricks as well as assistance in organizing your E-mail. There are also Top Ten Shortcuts in Excel that might just save you some time later on when the clock is ticking on a deadline. Acobat 9 Pro also lists Tips and Tricks that could be some big time savers. Those using One-Note will find some more great examples for using this great tool.

Fit your training to your needs and to your availability by calling or e-mailing the Help Desk at 864-1111 or helpdesk@springfieldmo.gov
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Many of you work directly with these agencies on a regular basis. Examples of such agencies include: the Child Advocacy Center, the Community Partnership of the Ozarks, American Red Cross, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Ozarks Counseling Center, and the Salvation Army. A list of all of the agencies can be found on the United Way’s website at www.uwozarks.com. By taking a look at the list of organizations, we would realize that someone we know has probably been aided by one of these organizations. It is truly amazing what these organizations accomplish with the funds generated by this campaign, we are asking everyone to at least pledge one dollar per paycheck to help our fellow Springfieldians.

We are pleased to serve as the City’s 2011 Campaign Co-coordinators, and we look forward to working with each of you toward meeting our campaign goal. Watch for further information regarding the full menu of activities planned for the Week of Living United, August 22-26, from the United Way Campaign Coordinator in your department. With your help, we can continue to make a positive difference in our community!

- Steve Meyer and Barbara Lucks
City United Way Co-Chairs

Week of Living United: good fun, good cause

Mark your calendar for a special week full of fundraising events to benefit the United Way of the Ozarks – “A Week of Living United” – August 22-26.

Following the success of the first “Week of Living United” held last year, this year’s activities promise fun, food and chances to help the City exceed its 2011 campaign goal. Each day, a different event will be featured.

Several of the events are dependent on employee contributions for their success, including the very popular Bake Sale and Silent Auction. If you are interested in helping out with any of the events, please contact the department or employee listed beside each event below.

Events during the week of August 22-26 include:

Monday: Bake Sale – Will take place in the Busch Building lobby. Merleene Knapton in BDS will head the effort, but she will welcome help of any kind, especially by bakers!

Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day – Vote with your dollars for the employee that has created the Craziest Hat! Contact: Lisa Harley, City Clerk’s Office. An Ice Cream Social, complete with root-beer floats, coordinated by Public Works will add to the fun. Contact: Shirley Johnson or Kim Talbot.

Wednesday: Brats/Hot Dog Cook-Out – Enjoy a cook-out at lunch and contribute to the United Way Campaign. $5 buys you a brat or hot dog, chips, drink and a cookie plus the satisfaction of helping others. Contact: Sharon Pitts, IS. Coordinated by the Police Department, Fire Department, and Information Systems.

Thursday: Support Your Team Day – Buy a special sticker for $3 and you can wear hats, jerseys, etc. Show your team colors and support the United Way! Each department coordinator has stickers available for purchase. Participants are encouraged to wear their sticker along with the team gear – especially if you will be dealing with the public – to explain why you’re dressing in team gear and to spread the word about the campaign. Each participant’s name will be entered into a drawing for 4 hours of paid leave. You may support more than one team by purchasing more than one sticker and thus, have your name entered into the drawing one time per each sticker purchased. Drawing will be held at 4 p.m. in the Busch Building lobby. It is not necessary to be present to win. Fresh-popped popcorn will add to the “team atmosphere” – provided by the Parks Department and 4th Floor. Coordinated by Environmental Services – Contact: Rose Watson.

Friday: Chili Cook-Off Day – Coordinated by BDS and Planning. Anyone wanting to contribute chili or sides or help in any other way, please contact Merleene Knapton in BDS. Also, yummy desserts will be provided by the Finance Department. Contact: Nancy Prine.

All Week: Silent Auction – Sharon Spain, Department of Public Information, will coordinate the auction. All items will be available to view in the display case of the Busch Building lobby and on SharePoint. Bids will be accepted via SharePoint and in person in the lobby next to the display case. The highest current bids will be updated on Silent Auction SharePoint site daily. The bidding will open at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 22 and all bids will close by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 26. Donated items and services are welcomed!

There’s more in the works, including money jar raffles and a city-wide 50/50 raffle, plus other opportunities… stay tuned for the details!

- Barbara Lucks,
City United Way Co-Chair

Airport closure, runway project complete

The Springfield-Branson National Airport flew smoothly through a full three-day closure of the airport for runway resurfacing. In fact, the airport re-opened one hour ahead of schedule on Monday morning Aug. 15.

Any amount time ahead of the deadline is big when you’re talking about a tight, 72-hour period in which to put down 6,000 cubic yards of concrete. The closure was part of a larger project to pour an entirely new surface for one of the airport’s two runways. The closure was necessary when the work reached the point where the runways meet.

“I want to thank the contractor and all involved for their hard work in meeting the aggressive construction schedule,” says Brian Weiler, the airport’s new director of aviation.

About 90 construction workers, in alternating shifts, worked around-the-clock during the project. The area was at the intersection of the two runways and could not have been done with the airport open.

“It’s never a good time to close the airport and we are sorry for any inconvenience this caused. Safety is our first priority and we are glad to have this phase of the runway resurfacing project successfully behind us,” says Weiler.

When the full project is complete this fall, all runways and taxiways at the airport will be in excellent condition and no future shutdowns are planned.

The total cost of the project: $8,400,000. The Federal Aviation Administration contributed $7.4 million, while the airport will pay the remainder of $1 million.
MILESTONES: AUGUST

Service Anniversaries
20 years
Jerry Johnson
Crime Research Analyst
Police – 08/26/91

15 years
Barbara Jones
Clerical Assistant
Building Development – 08/18/96
Melody Spradling
Traffic Data Collector
Public Works – 08/18/96
Alva Arnold
Crime Research Analyst
Police – 08/19/96
Brendan Griesemer
Planning & Development Manager
Planning and Development – 08/29/96

10 years
Marcus Winstead
Firefighter
Fire – 08/12/01

5 years
Brandon Penrose
Police Officer
Police – 08/01/06
Judy Bell
Administrative Assistant
Police – 08/07/06
Stacey Blair
911 Telecommunicator
Emergency Communications – 08/07/06
Nancy Hoeman
Nurse Coordinator
Health – 08/07/06
Stanley Horton
Airport Police Officer
Airport – 08/06/06
Daniel Neal
Senior City Planner
Planning and Development – 08/07/06
Jessica Nash
Administrative Assistant
Police – 08/20/06

Welcome
Amanda Callaway
Assistant City Attorney I – Law
Jason Denney
Computer Technician – Information Systems
Lucas Bollinger
Ryan Davis
Timothy Fleener
Daniel Sexton
Nathan Waltz
Firefighters – Fire

Promotions
Nicholas Breithaupt
Community Recreation Coordinator – Parks

Nicole Fowler
Senior Animal Control Officer – Health
Mikael Irvine
Golf Course Superintendent – Parks
Benjamin Wahl
Firefighter – Fire

Retirements
Mark Deeds
Police Sergeant
Police – 22 years

Important Dates
Sept. 5 Labor Day,
City offices closed
Sept. 6 City Council meeting,
moved due to Labor Day holiday
Sept. 20 Police/Fire retirees meeting,
6:30 p.m., Heritage Cafeteria,
1364 E. Battlefield Rd.
Sept. 23 Autumn begins

FOR SALE
Mobile Home for sale: 14' x 80', 2 bed, 2 bath, plus large sunroom addition. Large fenced-in yard with raised garden area. Located just west of Springfield (2 miles) in Briarwood MHP. Optional: 12' x 16' work shop/studio available for an additional fee. Contact Sharon at 833-1460.

Thornhill English deep seat saddle, 21", two-tone brown leather; w. stirrups, good condition, also 42" leather girth w. elastics, and black Professionals Choice show pad. Was new over $600, would like to get $275. Call 417-699-2786.

Assorted Aquarium lights and accessories, see and make offer; Terrarium with screen front and hinged top, 30 x 22 x 12, $30 OBO. Call 833-6361.

Spode Christmas tree ornament, white porcelain w. 2 doves: Our first Christmas 2008 $5,
Heirloom ornament collection ornament, looks like $4/ier wedding cake: 2008 Mr. and Mrs. has such a nice ring to it $5, both new still in boxes. Call Susanne at 833-6361.

Glass perfume bottle collection; mostly small bottles, have some older Avon bottles, too. Buy all as a group (approximately 52 to 55 bottles) or individually. Reasonably priced at $3 each or buy the complete collection for $100. Call Kathy at 619-5511 or leave a call back message at 881-2591.

Coffee – the world’s favorite beverage! Julia’s Java Gourmet Coffee offers a large variety of fresh roasted coffees. Visit www.julliasjava.com or call 882-6944 for a brochure.

2008 Nissan Armada LE 4x4, seats eight, loaded, 24,000 mi., factory warr. till 10/2012. $33,500. For details call Kevin at 872-7394.


Visioneer flatbed scanner, model 9420, USB Driver and Software disk included, $25.


Bach student trombone in good shape with extra mouthpiece, cleaning kit, slide tube, hard case, etc. $225 OBO (paid $750). Call David at 229-6140.

Admiral upright freezer, 15.2, used but looks and works well, $125. Call Bill at 880-1467 for photos and info.


Ruger, 12 gauge over and under shotgun, 28 barrel, less than 1 box of shells fired in it. Call Jerry at (816) 229-1496.
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Christa King
Trey Metzeltin
Steven Sweaney
Lori Vandersnick
Michael Wester
Robert Willett
Jake Williams
Beverly Nageotte
PW

2 Dorian Bernet
Clayton Collier
Cynthia Collins
Christopher Connell
Kevin Cross
Rhonda Jeffery
Allison Kline
Philip Krebs
Dennis Shook
Christopher Smith
Scott Steek
Kathy Vilas
Alyssandra Wilkey
Jerry Wilson
Russell Wright

3 Dennis Alday
Kenneth Carlisle
Matthew Featheringill
Ronna Haxby
James Hinkle
Mark Riggin
William Turpin
Brandy Attnip
Lane Corya
Robert Graham
Annie Routh
Catherine Smith

4 Anthony Barber
Mikayla Brown
Wilma Eubanks
Corey Fitzpatrick
Klynt Geiger
Jonathan Gugel
Carolyn Hurt
Tim McCrea
Angela Mengwasser
Brent Moore
Gregory Sly
Bennie Smith
Lonnie Stockdale
Kristopher Tate

5 Meranda Mayshawk
Robert Mcdaniel
Beverly Nageotte
Melissa Ruiz
Jerome Coonis
Sharon Felton
Joshua Flynn
Alina Krishchenko
Dewayne Manier
David Mills
David Moore
Thomas Moore
Dane Raxter
Zachary Schmidt
Tori Vaughan

6 Jordan Fielding
Benjamin Houston
Mark Brann
Bill Knuckles
Jason McCulley
Amanda Pickard
Diana Rosdahl
David Schederer
Jourdon Springton
Mary White

7 Carolyn Hurt
Tim McCrea
Angela Mengwasser
Brent Moore
Gregory Sly
Bennie Smith
Lonnie Stockdale
Kristopher Tate

8 Michael Wade
Jill Carr
Bradley Dutoit
Larry Ferguson
Frederic Hall
Vance Holland
Megan Hustig
Susan Martin
Jane Pike
Daniel Tscherny

9 Derrick Anderson
David Carter
Jeff Coovert
Karen James
James Noblitt
Trudy Powell

10 April Berry
Jeffrey Elliott
Cindy Jone
Katrina Kay Otagan
Keith Thompson

11 Teresa Allen
Shelby Harris
Daniel Jessen
Kathy Marlar
William Mullings
Ora Phillips
Adam Rowles
Bradley Stulce
Rose Watson

12 Brandie Cutler
Sean Dronick
Ricky Dunaway
Becky Jungmann
Roger Lile
Daniel Jenson
Kathy Marlar
William Mullings
Ora Phillips

13 Brooke Lawley
Gabriel McLaughlin
Andrew Wilson
Carol Dunn
Jordan Fielding

14 Mark Brann
Bill Knuckles
Jason McCulley
Amanda Pickard
Diana Rosdahl
David Schederer
Jourdon Springton
Mary White

15 Evan Bell
Lauren Burton
Brian Chura
Anthony Davis
Jacob French
James Hatten
Timothy Manuel

16 Ricky Swarengin
Lawrence Teel
Jeremy Davis
Sheri Davis
Geoffrey Hammer
Gregory Higdon
Stanley Sides
Naaman White

17 Iris Hardison
Dee Hawkins
Jan Millington
Rainford
Charles Reid
William Spence

18 Shauna Mitchell
Jeffrey Nygaard
Jeffrey Prior
Marc Thompson
Jacin Warren
Ragan Wright

19 Benjamin Armstrong
Juliana Boswell
Adam Carter
William Ingemi
Cassandra Jennings
Jason Marcum
Richard O'Connor
Diana Powell
Marilyn Saab

20 Orel Bader
Susanne Bray
Amber Jones
Spencer Tilley
Tammy Casey
Tanya Collins
Daniel Conlee
Brittany Gill
Steven Hartman
Paula Leggett
Craig Schmucker
Vicor Shelton
Cameron Wolf

21 Brittany Braucher
Brian Dodson
Bruce Gorman
Robin Goss
Kevin Holle
Sybil Bruder
Melissa Dickson
Jack Dill
Andy Furedy
Karissa Gingell
Willis King

22 Taylor Dill
Alicia Jones
Andrew Kennedy
Phyllis Kinkead
David Lundy
Vicki Lusby
Robert McCauley
Michael McClanahan
Connie Mitchell

23 Taylor Rutledge
Jennifer Roberts
Katherine Roberts
Kenneth Smith
Tessa Smiley

24 Timothy Smith
Kathy Vilas
Alyssandra Wilkey
Jerry Wilson
Russell Wright

1911 Emergency Comm.
AIR Airport
ART Art Museum
BDS Building Dev.
CC City Clerk
CM City Manager
EM Emergency Mgt.
ES Environmental Ser.
FN Finance
FR Fire
HL Health
HR Human Resources
IS Info. Systems
LAW Law
MC Municipal Court
OG Ozark Greenways
PRK Parks
PDV Planning & Dev.
DPI Public Information
POL Police
PW Public Works
WD Workforce Dev.
Service Anniversaries

20 years
Charles Blackwell
Building Maintenance
Craftsworker
Public Works - 09/30/91

15 years
Marilyn Day
Contract Administrator
Finance - 09/03/96
Julietta Villines
Litigation Paralegal
Law - 09/26/96

10 years
Jeff Hilton
Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector
Building Development - 09/04/01

Sean McGruder
Health Data Analyst
Health - 09/04/01

Pamela Gianopulos
Police Officer
Police - 09/10/01

Jeffrey Prior
Truck Company Captain
Fire - 09/10/01

Kurt Priebe
Marcia Robinson-O’Connor
Firefighters
Fire - 09/10/01

Joe Hamp
Street & Sewer Const Inspector
Public Works - 09/25/01

Jonathan Shuck
Police Corporal
Police - 09/24/01

5 years
Kathleen Ruffell
Office Administrator
Health - 09/05/06

Matthew Sipe
Airport Police Officer
Airport - 09/11/06

Brian Stranghoener
Accounting Technician
Finance - 09/18/06

Scott Menzer
Buyer
Finance - 09/25/06

Scott Owens
Firefighter
Fire - 09/25/06

Welcome
Angela Owings
Community Health Nurse - Health

Cassi Hilton
Nutritionist - Health

Ellen Friedman
Jennifer Loehr
Krystal Ray
Human Resources
Specialists - Human Resources

Josh Carnes
Computer Technician - Information Systems

Lauren Rawson
Community Recreation Specialist - Parks

Chasity King
Accounting Clerk I - Health

Betty Dowdy
Anna Gilboy
Wendy Gouty
Leann Phares
Police Services
Representatives - Police

Jessica Bricker
Julia Buchli
Health Program Assistants - Health

Joy Hensley
Court Services
Representative - Municipal Court

Vernon Armstrong
Golf Course Worker - Parks

Caleb Campbell
Service Technician - Public Works

Promotions
Phil Broyles
Director of Public Works - Public Works

John Drury
Superintendent of Streets - Public Works

Jonathan Gano
Assistant Director of Public Works - Public Works

Kelly Green
Plant Superintendent - Environmental Services

Martin Gugel
Jason Haynes
Traffic Engineers - Public Works

Jerry Johnson
Network Technician - Information Systems

Cynthia Koenneker
Program Compliance Coordinator - Workforce Development

Darla Morrison
Human Resources Coordinator - Human Resources

Charles Smith
Principal Engineer - Public Works

Christopher Straw
Director of Building Development Services - Building Development Services

Retirements
Willard Myers
Craftsworker
Parks - 16 years

Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, and Zumba Fitness. 417-496-5038 or online at nextlevelsportkarate.com

Need someone to watch your furry family members or house-sit while you’re on vacation? Responsible, 3.8 GPA college student will take care of them for you! Call Alan at 615-613-6184.

Custom Wood Working: Cedar chests, shelves, gun cabinets, & book shelves. Contact: Roger Chaffin at 872-9705 or 889-9804.

Professional power washing: Free estimates. Call John at 766-1754.

Guitar lessons: Electric bass guitar or acoustic upright. Electric: Country rock swing; Upright: bluegrass swing or rockabilly slap. I have two uprights so you don’t have to haul yours. Former Branson player. Call 858-3084.

Homemade Goats Milk Soap. Made with essential oils especially for moisturizing and skin care. Contact Steve Brawn at 299-0956 AFTER 5pm daily, or visit www.stegsfarm.com to view and order.

Do you have something to sell or a service to offer? Advertise it for free in the SCENE. Call Mike Brothers at 864-1119 or send an e-mail to thescene@springfieldmo.gov.
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Rick Garner
2 Charles Cullen
3 Andrew Bolin
4 Sterling Jones
5 Heathier Ash
6 Brian Adams
7 Andrew Barton
8 Melissa Barton
9 Sandra Pratt
10 John Saunders
11 Zachary Schup
12 Jessica Tidwell
13 Misty Trent
14 Lee Venning
15 Christopher Vogel
16 Wayne Woods
17 Tyler Cole
18 Mark Cunningham
19 Phyllis Dye
20 Brian Thompson
21 Sandra Wilson
22 Nancy Laursen
23 Jennifer Meloy
24 Tony D’Andrea
25 Judy Woods
26 Thomas Beckenholdt
27 Amanda Bickham
28 Mike McCubbin
29 Robert McVay
30 Tari Redd

Abbreations
 Citizens take advantage of transportation survey

More than 1,100 Springfield-area citizens completed the Public Works Transportation Survey during June and July. Citizens were asked to vote for their top choices among some 70 transportation improvement projects identified by City engineers, and write in their own ideas.

The non-scientific survey was open from June 22 to July 29 and garnered 1,138 completed responses. The results will help guide the Department of Public Works as it sets priorities for projects funded by the 1/4-Cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements and the 1/8-Cent Sales Tax for Transportation in coming years.

Every project on the list received votes. More than 400 respondents also wrote in their ideas for projects that weren't on the City’s initial list. The ideas ranged from more highly reflective paint markings and new sidewalk locations to adjusted signal timing and additional turn lanes. Improved infrastructure for bicycles was a common request.

This is the first time Public Works has asked for this level of citizen input on future transportation projects. In each 1/4-cent and 1/8-cent renewal election, the City has presented voters with a list of projects that the taxes would pay for during the next cycle, if renewed. The City will continue to do that, but this survey offered a chance for citizens to have more input earlier in the process.

Public Works will use the survey results alongside other information to determine project lists in coming years. These other sources of information include engineering, congestion and safety data, plus input from stakeholders such as MoDOT, Greene County, local educational institutions and the City’s own Police, Fire, Parks and Planning departments.

In all, there are nearly $250 million worth of improvements that could be made inside the City limits over the next 20 years.

**Top 5 projects from survey**

The Top 5 priority projects among survey respondents were:

1. East Battlefield Road and U.S. 65 interchange
2. West Republic Road, from Campbell to Kansas
3. South Campbell Avenue and Republic Road intersection
4. Expand the existing Intelligent Transportation System and signal connectivity for better traffic management.
5. South Glenstone Avenue, from U.S. 60 to Battlefield

What is a 457 deferred comp plan & how does it work?

A 457 Deferred Compensation Plan is a supplemental retirement savings program that allows you to make contributions on a pre-tax basis. Federal and state income taxes are deferred until money is withdrawn, usually during retirement when you may be in a lower tax bracket.

**What are the benefits of participating in a 457 plan?**

• Reduce your current income taxes while regularly investing for retirement.
• Earnings accumulate tax-deferred.
• The City will contribute $10 each pay period when you contribute $10.
• Dollar cost average your contributions through convenient payroll deduction.
• You may be allowed to make additional “catch-up” contributions if you are 50 (or older) or within three years of your normal retirement age and already are contributing the maximum to your plan.
• If you change jobs, you have the flexibility to transfer your account balance into your new employer’s retirement plan.
• If you retire or leave employment with the City early, there is no penalty for withdrawals. However, you will pay taxes on the amount you withdraw.

**Other advantages of the City of Springfield 457 Plan that is administered by ICMA-RC:**

• Increase, decrease, stop and restart contributions as often as you wish without fees or penalties.
• Choose a wide range of investment options. There are no restrictions or charges for reallocating your investment mix and all funds offered through ICMA-RC are no-load.
• No minimum investment requirements.
• No time period in which to vest in this plan. The money you invest and the City contributions on your behalf is your money from the date of deposit.
• Designated beneficiaries are entitled to receive all remaining funds in your account in the event of your death.
• Very flexible withdrawal payment options. You determine the payment schedule that is right for you.
• You control your account even while you are withdrawing money.

**Keep in Mind:**

• There are strict IRS code limits on the amount you may contribute each year. For 2011, the annual maximum is $16,500. The “age 50 catch-up” allows an additional $5,500 or a total of $22,000 in 2011. The 3-year catch up prior to retirement, currently allows an annual maximum contribution of $33,000.
• It’s easy to enroll. Packets are available at the HR front desk in the Busch Building.
• If you are already participating in the Deferred Compensation Plan, it’s easy to increase your contributions by completing a change form in the HR Department. You may also print the change form on CityShare (click on Human Resources at the top of the page, then on Human Resources, then Forms, then ICMA Change Form). Just complete the form and send it to Human Resources.

ICMA-RC’s website offers a wide range of detailed information at www.icmarc.org. If you are currently a 457 Plan participant, you may wish to access your account online at the ICMA website. There are planning and forecasting tools available including access to Morningstar Advisor. This is a benefit available to ICMA plan participants that others pay a fee to access.

If you have questions about this benefit, you may contact Peggy Thompson, Senior Human Resources Specialist, at 864-1608 or via the City’s e-mail. In addition, watch your e-mail or bulletin board postings for future times when Paula Schnoebelen, ICMA Retirement Plans Specialist, is available for individual consultation on site at City locations. You may also contact Paula directly at 417-885-2555.

It’s never too late to enroll or increase your retirement savings. Remember that a small amount saved from each paycheck over a long period of time can have big results!
Sales Tax Report

The City's first two sales tax checks of the year have shown mixed results, but overall the City's general revenue is up more than 5 percent year-to-date.

The July check was up 9.15 percent compared to July 2010. It was the fourth month in a row of positive sales tax returns for the City, compared to the same months in the previous year. The last such stretch was from April to July of 2007.

The August check was down 2.6 percent compared to August 2010. Year-to-date, sales tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2011 is 5.03 percent above the previous year.

Where there's smoke ...

The City and the Fire Department have declared 2011 the “Year of the Smoke Alarm” and have set a goal of installing 1,100 alarms by year’s end. As of early August, the Department had installed 874 smoke alarms throughout the community — or approximately 80 percent of the goal.

Bond rating goes up

While much has been made of the federal government’s downgraded credit rating in recent weeks, a key economic rating for the City of Springfield has improved.

The City’s bond rating (as determined by Moody’s) went up during the worst recession in 50 years. The City’s rating improved from Aa2 to Aa1. The Aa rating means the City demonstrates very strong credit worthiness relative to other tax-exempt issuers. The modifier of 1 indicates the City is at the highest end of this ranking.

The City had maintained an Aa2 rating since 1998. In a recent report, Moody’s mentioned the City’s effort in 2010 to balance the budget, saying the following: “Demonstrating a responsive approach to budgeting, officials made $4.5 million of cuts in 2010, to offset the softening of sales tax revenues.” The report also made note of the City’s efforts to strengthen the City’s Police-Fire Pension Plan and relative strength of the Springfield economy.

Square update

As part of the final renovations to Park Central Square, an historic marker commemorating the famous 1865 shootout between “Wild Bill” Hickok and Dave Tutt has been installed at the southwest corner of the outer Square sidewalk, near the Park Central Branch Library.

The plaque is a 30-by-24-inch piece of engraved aluminum with custom artwork and a description of the circumstances surrounding the duel, which began over a pocketwatch used as a collateral for a gambling debt and ended in Tutt’s death. The renovation of the Square continues on schedule. The one-year project began in November 2010 and has passed the 75 percent completion mark.

Crime drops in 2Q

The Police Department’s Uniform Crime Report for the second quarter of 2011 showed a decrease in overall crime in Springfield. Crimes against persons was down 17 percent. There was a slight uptick in larceny and theft due to higher reporting of gas drive-offs now that SPD is actively going after these offenders. The complete statistics are available on the SPD’s web page on the City website.

From the SCENE archives

20 Years Ago - Sept. 1991

Battle of Wilson’s Creek

Bob Kenworthy, Southwest Treatment Plant Operator, and his trusty horse Stonewall’s Scarlett Rose participated in re-enacting the battle with 5,000 others. Their only training was to get the horse used to the sound of gunfire. Kenworthy was a member of the 8th Arkansas Confederate Calvary.

10 Years Ago - Sept. 2001

The new CityLink System reduced duplication and allowed everyone to focus on analyzing the information and not trying to find it. We hope that all employees of the City will support this change in software and be willing to adapt to our business process.

Fred Fantauzzi, Director of Finance

Do You Know…?

A Q & A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for a “Do You Know...?” profile, email thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Kim Reser
Superintendent of Recreation, Springfield-Greene County Parks Department.
Kim has worked for the City for 15 years.

What was the happiest day of your life? Discovering the taste of chocolate.
What was your favorite TV show as a child? The “Carol Burnett Show,” and of course…. “Sonny and Cher.”
What are you most proud of? My parents … after all, they raised three daughters!
What do you like most about your job? Being an active participant in providing quality services and programs for individuals in our community. I love to see folks of all ages enjoying activities!
What is your favorite cartoon? Winnie the Pooh and cast.
What is your favorite film? “A Few Good Men.”

Eric Latimer
Captain, Fire Department. Eric has worked for the City for 15 years.

What has been your greatest achievement? Graduating college finally.
What is your most memorable toy? A metal detector. It was used also as a microphone.
What did you want to “be” when you grew up? When I was little I wanted to be a truck driver. I guess it’s still an option after retirement.
What’s the one thing about you most people don’t know? I was extremely scared of heights when I first came onto the fire department.
If they made a movie about your life, who would play you? George Clooney. He can be serious and be funny all at the same time. I know, pretty cheesy.
What do you like most about your job? The guys I work with at the station.
What was your first job? Rolling straps at Springfield Special Products.
What makes you smile/cry? Watching my daughter do all her cute three year old stuff.
To: Phil Broyles, Director of Public Works

It has been about two months since the EF-5 tornado brought its devastating force down on the Joplin area. It is an understatement to say that our world has been turned inside-out, and we have experienced with our eyes and with our hearts the inexplicable nature of Mother Nature herself.

Words cannot express the gratitude the Joplin Public Works Department conveys toward your City in providing the much needed assistance in clearing our streets, right-of-way, and parkways in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

The crew you sent to our City to provide the much needed aid was invaluable. We wanted to personally express our gratitude at that time, but the chaos that surrounded the management of the clean-up effort did not provide the opportunity for us to do so.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Hertzberg
Director of Public Works

To: Police Chief Paul Williams

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Sgt. Andrew Barksdale led the team that had the house on surveillance and was actually the one who hauled the individual off in handcuffs. The performance of all the officers involved in this endeavor should be not only commended, but rewarded. We, the undersigned, send our appreciation to all involved.

Your’s gratefully, David & Jane Stewart, Michele & Eric Winner, Bruce Hively, Harold & Joan Wagner, Julie & Bill Dawson, Jim & Lucille Healey

Battle of the Badges

The second annual Battle of the Badges Law Enforcement Race was held on July 23 in Eldon, Missouri. The officers competing drove late model Ford Crown Victorias that provided a “cop car” look for the race. Almost $39,000 was raised at this event for the Special Olympics year-round sports training and competition program for more than 15,000 athletes across the state.

For the SPD team: Ben Haines (#22) won one of the 3 heat races, but got knocked out early in the feature; Greg Wheelen (#55) finished 4th (started 7th), overcoming a flat tire early; and Chief Paul Williams (#01) finished 5th (started 15th), and worked at overcoming his inexperience in the feature race. (Only 20 cars made it to the feature race.) SPD raised approximately $5000 for this event.

To: City Manager Greg Burris

On July 22, 2011 I witnessed a house fire on south Roanoke. Several departments took part in fighting this fire. Battlefield, Springfield, Nixa, Logan-Rogersville were on scene. Ozark and Republic were covering the Battlefield district.

This was without a doubt one of the best examples of cooperation between Fire Departments I have seen in my 25+ years being involved with the fire service. It appeared seamless! The operations were effective and went smoothly even in the intense heat. The air of cooperation was evident from the rookie firefighters to the Chief Officers.

There is a lot of change occurring in the emergency services at all levels. When we have this kind of cooperation it will help minimize life and property loss. Most important to me is it helps to ensure all the people involved will go home after their shift.

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St. John’s Urgent Care Services

St. John’s Urgent Care is a convenient alternative when your regular clinic is closed or you can’t see your doctor as soon as you would like. Urgent care is for non-emergency problems such as sore throats, ear infections, minor burns, or cuts and bruises.

More serious injuries or illnesses are best treated at an emergency department. Contact your primary care physician for chronic problems like depression or diabetes. If possible, you should call your own doctor before seeking treatment at an urgent care clinic or elsewhere. Your doctor knows your medical history and can guide you to the most appropriate place for care and can provide follow-up care after an urgent care visit.

St. John's Urgent Care clinics are staffed with experienced physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Each urgent care is equipped with laboratory and diagnostic X-ray services. On-site pharmacy services are also available at most locations. Urgent care patients are generally treated on a first-come, first-served basis. While every attempt will be made to see you as quickly as possible, wait times will be based on the number of people seeking care as well as the seriousness of their condition.

What if I'm not sure where to go?

You can always call one of our urgent care centers for advice. Just dial any urgent care clinic phone number below. Whether we’re open or not, St. John's Nurse on Call nurses are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 417-820-3182 to answer your questions and help direct you to the appropriate place for care. They can also help you find the St. John's Urgent Care closest to you and tell the staff that you are coming.

What happens after I leave urgent care?

You will be advised about all follow-up procedures and notified about any abnormal lab work or X-rays. A complete record of your treatment may also be sent to your primary care physician, who can provide any necessary follow-up care.

When should I go to the emergency room?

Urgent care is not a substitute for emergency care. You should use a hospital's emergency department for very serious or life-threatening problems. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, don't wait! Call 911 or get to your nearest hospital emergency room:

- Chest pain;
- severe abdominal pain;
- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath;
- sudden dizziness, weakness or loss of coordination or balance;
- sudden blurred vision;
- numbness in the face, arm or leg;
- sudden, severe headache;
- deep cuts or bleeding that won't stop;
- coughing up or vomiting blood;
- severe burns;
- seizures.
St. John’s Urgent Care Locations

**Springfield**

St. John’s Urgent Care-Smith Glynn Callaway  
3231 S. National, Springfield 65807  
417-888-5666  
Hours are Monday-Friday 7 AM to 9 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 9 AM to 7 PM

St. John’s Pediatric Urgent Care-Smith Glynn Callaway  
3231 S. National, Springfield 65807  
417-885-0810  
Hours are Monday-Friday, 5 PM to 9 PM  
Saturdays and Sundays 10 AM to 7 PM  
Please call for an appointment.

St. John’s Urgent Care-W. Kearney  
2120 W. Kearney, Springfield 65803  
417-869-6191  
Hours are Monday-Friday 8 AM to 9 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM, Sunday Noon to 6 PM

**Nixa**

St. John’s Urgent Care-Nixa  
940 W. Mount Vernon, Nixa 65714  
417-724-5280  
Hours are Monday-Friday 5 PM to 8 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 9 AM to 7 PM

**Monett**

St. John’s Urgent Care-Monett  
315 Cleveland, Monett 65708  
417-235-4334  
Hours are Monday-Friday 5 PM to 9 PM  
Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM, Sunday Noon to 4 PM

**Branson**

St. John’s Urgent Care-Branson  
1065 Hwy 248, Branson 65616  
417-337-5000  
Hours are Monday-Sunday 8 AM to 6 PM

**Lebanon**

St. John’s Urgent Care-Lebanon  
(located in Lebanon Women's Center)  
120 Hospital Drive, Lebanon 65536  
417-533-6717  
Hours are Monday-Friday 5 PM to 10 PM  
Saturday & Sunday Noon to 5 PM

**Rolla**

St. John’s Clinic-Family Medicine and After Hours  
1605 Martin Springs Drive, Rolla 65401  
573-458-6350  
Hours are Monday-Friday 8 AM to 8 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 8 AM to 4 PM