Daddy Daughter Dance

Girls, bring your favorite man (dad, grandpa, uncle or special guy) out for a night you’ll always remember at the 5th annual Daddy Daughter Dance, 6-9 p.m., Friday Feb. 18. The dance will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom, 301 E. Talmage St.

Purchase tickets by Feb. 15 at Doling Family Center or Chesterfield Family Center. $30 per couple; $15 each additional child. Call 837-5900.

Eagle Days

See the bald eagles at Lake Springfield Jan. 22-23. The Boathouse will be open and available to the public during the event. The weekend includes programs from Dickerson Park Zoo and Springfield Conservation Nature Center staff and spotting assistance from Park Board staff. The programs are free and are scheduled throughout both days at the Nature Center and Lake Springfield Park. Admission is free for all ages. For more information, visit ParkBoard.org or call 888-4237 (Nature Center) or 891-1550 (Lake Springfield Boathouse).

SPD tackles cold case, repeat offenders

The Springfield Police Department has shared some positive crime-related news with the community lately. The news included a new lead on an old case, as well as a new way of dealing with recurring violent crime issues.

Baskin Cold Case

The SPD routinely conducts reviews of “cold cases” and will actively pursue any case where detectives feel there is a chance to solve the crime through follow-up investigations and interviews. SPD recently had success in one such case — the 1982 homicide of Angela Baskin.

On July 29 of that year, Springfield officers were called to the scene of a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, contact was made with a subject who initially ran from police and was later detained and taken to the police department for questioning. The victim, Angela Baskin, was transported by ambulance to the hospital, but succumbed to her injuries. The suspect, Richard L. Walker, was arrested for the crime but never charged. He has remained the number one suspect in the homicide.

SPD Detectives Kevin Shipley and Todd King recently traveled to Colorado to re-interview the main suspect, who was incarcerated in the State of Colorado prison system for an unrelated crime. The end result of these interviews was that upon returning to Springfield, the detectives were able to present charges to the Greene County Prosecutor’s Office, which has filed a charge of Second Degree Murder against Richard L. Walker in the death of Angela Baskin.

“Operation Gunplay”

During the past six months the SPD — in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, the Greene County Prosecutor’s Office and the U. S. Attorney’s Office — has focused enforcement and investigative efforts toward suspects involved in numerous violent crimes in the city. Operation Gunplay identified 68 individuals involved in crimes such as robbery, felony assaults and possession/distribution of controlled substances. The operation began when investigators noticed a developing trend of violent crimes in July involving persistent repeat offenders.

To date, 41 of the 68 suspects (60 percent) targeted during the operation have been arrested, have charges pending, or their cases have been presented to prosecutors. Twenty of the 68 (nearly 30 percent) are currently in jail or in federal custody.

Operation Gunplay is ongoing. The SPD will evaluate criminal activity every six months and update the target list as needed to continually ensure the safety of the public.

Community strategic plan taking shape

The community strategic plan is beginning to truly take shape, after many months of work by citizen-led planning committees and, more recently, the Strategic Plan Coordinating Committee.

The Coordinating Committee held the first of two longer, workshop-style meetings in mid-January and will hold the second in early February. In the meantime, the group’s regular bi-weekly meeting schedule continues.

The Coordinating Committee is charged with taking a “big picture” view of the plan, and weaving together various aspects of the chapters created by the 13 planning committees that have tackled 18 topics

Character Education word of the month:

**Courtesy**

To be polite and considerate, to act with manners, and to be generous and helpful with others.

Fringe benefits

Employee discounts for computers and phone plans.

Let’s get physical

Be sure to include annual physical exam in your 2011 health planning.

Do You Know?

Meet Casey Jo Kellner of Public Works.

See PLAN on page 3.
The following is a message sent to all City employees from City Manager Greg Burris on Dec. 30:

I want to wish each of you and your families a very happy New Year, and I want to thank each of you for your hard work and diligence through these challenging economic times. I continue to believe we have endured this phase as well as anyone. As I’ve said many times publicly, we’ve continued to live within our means and we’ve balanced our budget without borrowing money, without using one-time funds, and without raiding our reserves.

I know 2010 has been a difficult year. We started 2010 by continuing our quarterly budget cuts that were part of Fiscal Year 2010, and it’s been nice not to have to continue those quarterly cuts thus far in Fiscal Year 2011. Despite those challenges, our entire team has pressed forward.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the United Way. The City’s increased response this year continues to be heralded at various community events. You should all be extremely proud of the way our folks responded to the call.

As you know, the demand for the community services that the United Way supports increase during difficult economic times, just like the demand for many of the services we provide. Your support of the United Way has made a difference in our community, and I just wanted to tell you how proud I am of all of you.

Here’s hoping that 2011 will be even better.

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Employee discounts for computers and phones:

CDW: All City employees are eligible to purchase products from CDW with the same discounts available to the City. CDW is one of the world’s largest computer equipment reseller and offers a wide array of hardware and software. The website is www.cdw.com. The prices that are posted on the website are not the discounted City price. For more information regarding this program, contact Amanda Fischer with CDW-G at 877-213-7831. Please indicate you are a City employee. (No shipping / handling and no tax on top of the discounted prices.)

HP: All City employees are eligible to purchase computer equipment from HP at the discounted prices. For more information about this program, contact Pam Cummings at 864-2020.

Verizon: City Employees get a 20 percent discount on plans and accessories. Visit any authorized store and advise them that you are a City of Springfield employee. Bring your employee I.D. You may be required to call a number or fill out a form on-line in order to get the discount.

AT&T: Present your City ID as proof of employment at an AT&T retail store for a 15 percent discount on approved monthly service charges.

All this information resides on Sharepoint Homepage under “Lists” on the left side. Click on “Employee Discounts.”

Upcoming Computer Class Schedule

Classes are one day & begin at 8:15 a.m. in L46, Busch Building.

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Contact Judy Stangl at jstangl@springfieldmo.gov with your requested date. You will receive an e-mail acknowledgement. (Limit of nine per class.)
First flu cases reported, prevention urged

In early January, the first cases of flu were reported in Greene County. As of Jan. 11, 2011, 10 confirmed cases of flu were reported between the dates January 2-8, 2011.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is urging the community to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu this year. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. It is not too late to get vaccinated. There are a variety of retail locations and health care providers throughout Springfield that have flu vaccine available.

For a list of retail locations, visit www.springfieldmo.gov/health. This year the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccine will offer protection from the three most common flu viruses that will circulate this flu season, one of which will be the 2009 H1N1 flu virus. It is important to make time to get a seasonal flu shot this year even if you were vaccinated last year. Flu viruses change every year and can make people very sick even if they have had the flu previously.

Practicing proper health hygiene is also important in protecting yourself against the flu. Wash your hands often; cover your cough and sneeze, and stay home if you are sick.

These hygiene habits will prevent the spread of flu and other illnesses while keeping you, your loved ones and our community healthy and active throughout this flu season.

For more information on flu, visit www.FightTheFluMO.com for resources that you can use to protect yourself and your family.

**Plan from page 1.**

such as economic development, housing, the natural environment, transportation, early childhood development, global perspectives and diversity, public safety and more.

Over the past few weeks, the individual planning committees have been working on second drafts of their chapters following feedback, suggestions and insight from the Coordinating Committee. (The Coordinating Committee is comprised of chairs or co-chairs from each planning committee, plus several more citizens-at-large.)

At the January workshop, the Coordinating Committee began to discuss which objectives outlined by the planning committees are doable within the next five years. Many of these objectives are those requiring minimal funding or are very high priority. Many, if not most, of the goals and objectives found in the plan are truly community-based and are not just a list of tasks for the City government to complete.

The work is being conducted in open meetings and the minutes from each meeting are available at www.springfieldmo.gov/strategicplan. However, the Coordinating Committee has not “rolled out” the plan’s goals and objectives just yet, as it hopes to get final drafts of all of the 13 chapters before doing so. When that happens, the next phase of public discourse will begin. The Coordinating Committee will seek input from the public, and will likely be especially interested in feedback from employees at public institutions such as the City and Greene County, as many of us will be affected in some way by the plans.

Several of the planning committees include City staff, though not all are official committee members. One notable exception would be the Progressive Management planning committee, which is focused on long-range planning for the City’s internal operations and culture.
MILESTONES

Service Anniversaries
40 years
Kenneth Barstead
Survey Chief
Public Works – 02/16/71

20 years
Andrew Barksdale
James Closser
Police Corporals
Police – 02/18/91
William Miller
Aircraft Services Trainer
Airport – 02/15/91
Allen Neal
Todd Revell
Carl Schwartz
Police Sergeants
Police – 02/18/91
Wayne Woods
Police Officer
Police – 02/18/91

15 years
Jeffrey Volkmer
Permitting Coordinator
Building Development Services – 02/20/96

Vance Holland
Police Lieutenant
Police – 02/19/96
Michael Lucas
Police Sergeant
Police – 02/19/96
James Colson
Senior Signal Technician
Public Works – 02/20/96
Jeffrey Ferneau
Jason King
Richard Mansel
Donald Mitchell
Police Officers
Police – 02/19/96
Brian Crum
Chad McIntyre
Police Corporals
Police – 02/19/96
Stephen Osborn
Service Technician
Public Works – 02/20/96

Michael Bell
Buyer
Finance – 02/05/01

Alana Owen
Senior City Planner
Planning and Development – 02/20/01

5 years
Steven Bintz
Plant Maintenance
Mechanic II
Public Works – 02/06/06
Eric Marcel
Public Health Investigator
Health – 02/21/06
Christopher Marsh
Equipment Operator II
Public Works – 02/18/06
William Mullings
Parks Caretaker
Parks – 02/18/06

Welcome
Dorothy Conroy
Licia Horton
Jodi Reed
Heather Strange
Workforce Development Specialists
Workforce Development
Casey Kellner
Urban Forester – Public Works

Jamie Scott
911 Telecommunicator – Emergency Communications

Promotions
Judy Cano
Workforce Development Specialist – Workforce Development

Thomas Dyer
GIS Analyst – Information Systems

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Important Dates

Feb. 8 - City Council primary election
Feb. 21 - Presidents Day (City offices closed)
Feb. 15 - Police/Fire retirees meeting; 6:30 p.m., Heritage Cafeteria, 1364 E. Battlefield Road

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The City MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

English Equitation saddle by Thornhill, 21”, twotone brown leather, with stirrups, good condition, also 42” leather girth and 2 black Professionals Choice Showpads, saddle was new $25, will sell all for $250. 2 horse stable blankets, quilted, with matching hoods, sz.72 burgundy, sz. 74 teal, very good condition, $50 each. Call 699-2766.

Sega Dreamcast, one controller, all necessary cables, everything works, $25 OBO. Pedi Paws Nail trimmer still in box, used once, incl. 4 emery bands, $10 OBO. Call 883-5961.

Boys black Tuxedo, white shirt, bow tie, for average size 12-yearold, worn once. $35 OBO. Call 883-5961.


2004 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Pickup. 69,000 miles, all hwy. Matching camper and new Michelin tires. $12,900. Call Bill at 880-1457.

Alana Owen
Senior City Planner
Planning and Development – 02/20/01

5 years
Steven Bintz
Plant Maintenance
Mechanic II
Public Works – 02/06/06
Eric Marcel
Public Health Investigator
Health – 02/21/06
Christopher Marsh
Equipment Operator II
Public Works – 02/18/06
William Mullings
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Casey Kellner
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Online Computers can handle viruses; data backup; consultation and installation of new hardware and software; and Wi-Fi for your personal computer. Call Jason Hicks at 860-9008.

Professional powerwashing, gutter cleaning, yard cleanup. Free estimates. Call John at 742-2347 or 766-1754.

Quilting Services. Long arm quilting, very reasonable rates. Would you like to have a baby quilt made? How about a t-shirt quilt for a special grad? Call Carolyn at 830-6801, or e-mail lfrsortr@netscape.net for quotes.

Need work done around the house? Small projects to major remodels, no job too big or small. 10 years experience, references available. Contact Patrick at 268-5633.

Grizzley Mountain Saw Works – handcrafted wood art, custom stump carving. Send e-mail to: favorite848@hotmail.com, or call 742-1888.


Professional Handyman. All types of home repair or remodel, inside or out. No job too large or small. Craftsman extraordinaire. Can build anything you have a picture of. Licensed and insured. Call Caleb at 540-0070.
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dan Dudley LAW
Ken Henry FN
Sheila High POL
J. B. Lilley FR
Monica Meador PDV
Robert Monier FR

2 Jimmy Bench FR
Melissa Boles PRK
Tommy Booth PW
Clayton Breashears PW
Ryan Howard FR
Peggy Mahan PRK
David Stretch POL
James Williams PW

3 Dwight Ernsberger PRK
Jeffrey Ferneau POL
Jody Galloway AIR
Clay Goddard HL
Amanda Keltner 911
Jay Lisenby FR
Christopher Marsh PW
Donald Nix PW
Beverly Schmitz AIR
Greg Shaufer PRK
Dale Sokolik POL

4 James Brown AIR
Vicky Brown POL
Beth Creech PRK
Jason Denney AIR
Randall McDowell POL
Paul Mitchell PW

5 Ben King POL
Brian Reeves POL
Logan Killingsworth PRK
Charles Alexander POL
Stasia Casselman PRK
Aaron Jeffreys PRK
Kimberly Mahan HL
Jessica Martin HL
Anita Powers POL
Mark Sears POL

6 Lawrence Bess FR
Valerie Effland PRK
Mark Nelson PRK
Jerry Reese PRK
Shawn Williams POL

8 Charles Arnold PRK
James Cox PW
Scott Hill POL
Francene Marchant PRK
William Blevins PW
Allyson Reno PW
Jason Strong PW
Mark Duncan PW
Joshua Mhire PW
John Waitman PW
Melissa Done PW
Dwight Fast PW
Timothy Griese PW
Janice Hill PW
David Musgrave PW
Emily Owen PW
Chad Ray PW
Kyle Tjelmeland PW

11 Jerrod Atnip PW
Brad Eddy PW
Katherine Dunnegan PW
Jamie Hicks PW
Charles Kelley PW
Nancy Mills PW
Andrea Pace PW
Kent Shipley PW
Corine Stewart PW

12 Jesse Blanton PW
Marjorie Brown PW
Claudia Crighton PW
Jason Gabathuler PW
Stephen Gaddy PW
Jason Kitta PW
Terrence Moore PW
Harry Owen PW
Christopher Rasmussen PW
Donnie Rice PW
Brian Schafer PW
Wayne Taylor PW

13 Mark Doty PW
Ashleigh Lewis PW
Mark Miller PW
Sheila Samek PW
Linda Westerman PW

15 Dustin Bush AIR
Jeffrey Martin FR
Christopher Coffman 911
John Matthews POL
Stacey Blair 911
Wesley Freibe POL
David Kenyon POL
Jonathan Blankenship PW
Paula Brookshire PW
Clinton Ryan PW
Timothy Gomas POL
Eric Jones FR

18 Tyler Stucke PRK
Karen Callender HL
Adam Rieker PRK
Kevin Trogdon FR
Ryan Zinter FR

20 Kayla Crouch PRK
Eric Hawkins POL
Dorothy Brunskill PRK
Nelson Kibby POL
Vern Morgan PDV
Dennis Mork PRK
Sally Pennington PRK
De Ann Reynolds PW
Debra Suter FN
Todd Williams FR

21 Earl McReynolds PW
Octavia White MC
Gonzalo Medrano PW

22 Ric Buchanan DPI
Grant Dorrell POL
Daniel Gangloff PRK
Jubal Hicks FR
Katherine Miller PRK
Rena Rippe PW
Susan Urbina Rohrer PRK

23 Ryan Acosta AIR
Pamela Bryant HL
Justine Chastain PRK
Taylor Jordan PRK
Robert Pitts POL
Karen Powell WD
Melody Spradling PW

24 Holly Bingham PRK
Nicole Dame PRK
Joshua Ludwig POL
Erin Palicki PW
Kim Reser PRK
Michael Stewart WD

25 Carolyn Heavin PRK
Kathy Higbee POL
Randall Ragar POL
Amanda Smith PRK

26 Amanda Bennett HL
Loring Bullard PDV
Dean Westermeyer 911

27 Brian Olson AIR
Brent Dunning POL
Gary Cartwright POL
Benjamin Huelskamp PRK
Lennie Peterie PW
Benjamin Rauch POL
Linda Williams HR
Racheal Wilmes PRK

28 Darrel Coney POL
Andrew Rues FR
David Snider POL
Randall Stevens PW
Jerry Wagner HL

29 Jason Hicks IS
Teresa Newton FR
Ryan Swearingin PW

Abbreviations
911 Emergency Comm.
AIR Airport
ART Art Museum
BDS Building Dev.
CC City Clerk
CM City Manager
EM Emergency Mgt.
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.
Take advantage of annual physical exam benefit

January is a time of year when many people think about improving their health and fitness. One way to do this is to make sure you have periodic health exams with your primary care physician. Having an annual physical exam gives you regular benchmarks for monitoring your health, and it also strengthens the relationship between you and your primary care physician before problems happen. It also provides an opportunity to ask questions and to learn about good health practices.

Employees who are covered by the City of Springfield Health Plan have an annual physical exam benefit that pays 100 percent of the first $400 of eligible expenses. This benefit is available each calendar year. Eligible expenses typically include office visit charges, screening lab work, annual gynecological exam, mammogram, bone density, prostate cancer screening, urinalysis, other cancer screenings and immunizations. Taking advantage of this benefit is even more important since the Health Risk Assessments (known as an HRA) are no longer offered through the City due to budget constraints.

Here are a few tips to get the best benefit from your annual physical exam:

• Be sure that the appointment is scheduled as a routine annual physical exam. At the appointment, you should also remind your doctor’s office to file the claim as a routine annual exam so that Med-Pay has the documentation to process the claim appropriately.
• Prior to your appointment, make a list of current health issues or concerns that you wish to discuss with your physician. Any new symptoms or changes in your health that are of particular concern?
• Write down the questions that you want answered by your physician.
• Take a list of all prescription and over-the-counter medications and supplements you are taking. Do you need new prescriptions for the next 12 months?
• Know your family medical history and share that information with your physician.

Seeing your doctor on a regular basis for checkups (rather than waiting until you are already sick) can help you focus on preventing health problems and staying in optimum health.

For more details about the City of Springfield Health Plan, you may access the Plan Summary and Plan Document on the CityShare (internal website) and on the City’s website at www.springfieldmo.gov. You may also contact Med-Pay at 886-6886 to ask questions about your health plan coverage.

Reimbursement offsets some retiree health costs

The City of Springfield’s Retiree Health Plan (non-Medicare) recently received $206,375 from the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP). The ERRP is a Federal program that was established under the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Healthcare Reform. Under this act, employers such as the City of Springfield, who sponsor an early retiree health plan may apply for and receive reimbursement for some of the costs of health care benefits paid on behalf of early retirees and their qualifying family members.

To be eligible for the reimbursement funds under the ERRP, the City of Springfield committed in the application to use the funds to reduce or offset increases in Retiree Health Plan participants’ premium contributions, co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance, or other out-of-pocket costs. The influx of temporary funds from this federal program will help offset some of the increasing costs that the Retiree Plan and its members are experiencing.

While the ERRP is currently scheduled to be in effect through 2013, funding is limited and is on a first claimed, first reimbursed basis.

The above mentioned reimbursement amount is the first request submitted by the City of Springfield. If funding is still appropriated and available in 2011, the City will make additional reimbursement requests.

Fire Department recruits train underground

The Springfield Underground recently came to the rescue of the Springfield Fire Department by providing a location for the department’s recruits to learn to operate the engines and aerial ladders in spite of the below-freezing temperatures of the past two weeks.

While the recruits went through their initial training last summer and fall, each is sent to the stations to develop basic firefighting skills before returning for four more weeks of training to learn how to drive and operate the apparatus. Normally, this type of training occurs during warmer months, but due to timing issues, the Department needed to do it in the middle of winter. Unfortunately, sub-freezing temperatures did not allow for this type of training to occur for long periods of time.

When contacted by the Fire Department, Springfield Underground quickly agreed to allow the Department to use its extensive underground facility, which has both fire hydrants and static water sources at a constant 68 degrees.

According to Training Captain Richard O’Connor, this training could not have occurred without using Springfield Underground.

“With their assistance, we have the ability to provide the level of training necessary to get our personnel ready for their state certification as Pumping Apparatus Operators and as Aerial Apparatus Operators,” O’Connor said. “We are very fortunate to have this resource available in Springfield.”

The Department requires all new recruits to go through this intensive driver/operator academy to develop the necessary skills to perform to the highest expectations on the fire ground, as well as while driving to the emergencies.
Deferred Comp meetings open

Sign up now for Deferred Compensation Plan individual meetings with Paula Schnoebelen from ICMA. Appointments are available on Feb, 7, 8, 9 & 10. Call 864-1607 to schedule an appointment. Appointment times are filled on first call, first scheduled basis.

The beginning of the calendar year is a good time to review your deferred compensation plan account with Paula and make sure your retirement savings plan is on target.

Paula is also available to assist employees with the initial enrollment process to evaluate your investment fund choices or to change your investment allocation.

Remember the City contributes $10 per pay period when the employee contributes $10 per pay period. Everyone who is eligible to participate should take advantage of this opportunity.

GIS training available

Graphical Information Systems staff are offering two training sessions on GIS Viewer 2.0 in the morning of February 2 in the Busch Building room L-45. There will be two 1 ½ hour sessions from 8:30-10 a.m. and 10 a.m. to noon.

Please e-mail Mike Fonner at mfonner@springfieldmo.gov if you plan to attend one of the sessions or if you have any questions.

Sales tax update

The City of Springfield's January 2011 one percent sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue is down 8 percent compared to January 2010. Revenue collected totaled $8,108,001 compared to $8,378,557 in January 2010.

Year-to-date, sales tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2011 is 1.63 percent above the previous year. Year-to-date collections total $21,137,542 compared to $20,798,983 in 2009 — a difference of $338,557.

Although sales tax revenues have not revealed any significant trend lines so far this fiscal year, use taxes continue to see strong growth. Use taxes are sales taxes on items purchased from out of state, and are generally paid by businesses. This category of tax is up 42 percent year-to-date — an increase of about $860,000. The use tax revenue is divided equally into the General Fund and the Transportation Fund.

Year-end pension report posted

City Councilmember Cindy Rushefsky is the Council’s liaison to the Police/Fire Pension Board. Though the Council liaison is not a voting member of the board, Rushefsky is active in the board’s work as it charts the direction for the Pension Fund.

As part of her liaison role, Rushefsky writes an annual year-end report for the rest of Council (and, by extension, the public) about the overall health of the Fund. That report is available on the City’s homepage at www.springfieldmo.gov. The 2010 report details the financial health of the fund in each quarter of the year, personnel changes and disability issues.

33 years of excellence

Finance Department staff has attained the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence In Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 33rd consecutive year.

When the annual financial report was presented to City Council in December by independent auditing firm KPMG, the auditors — who work with many, many public agencies — said Springfield’s streak is the longest of any of the agencies with whom they work.

Council lunch live

CityView is now airing City Council lunches live. The lunches can be seen on CityView’s cable channels or streamed live via the City’s website. Council lunches occur most Tuesdays at noon. Go to www.springfieldmo.gov/cityview and click on “Tuesdays With Council” in the lefthand menu.

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.

Casey Jo Kellner
Urban Forester,
Public Works
Casey has worked for the City for 3 weeks (and counting).

What is your earliest memory?
Using our pony’s tail and hind legs as a swing and then the look on my mom’s face when she found me. I think I was two or three years old.

What was the happiest day of your life?

What did you want to “be” when you grew up?
I wanted to be The Judds until I realized it was two people, then I settled on a veterinarian.

What one word would you use to describe yourself?
Resourceful.

What one word would your friends or family use to describe you?
OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder).

From the SCENE archives

20 Years Ago - February 1991

• Various departments in the City displayed yellow ribbons in honor of military personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. Eight ribbons were tied around an elm tree in front of the Police Department headquarters building.

• With “unusual steps taken for an unusual time” the Public Works Streets Maintenance crews went to great lengths to clear roads during a big ice and snow storm. City crews even went into residential streets, with help from outside contractors.

10 Years Ago - February 2001

• Emergency Communications Department Director John Brooks retired after 34 years with the City. He began his career with the Police Department in 1966.

• Continuation of the Level Property Tax was on the ballot, with revenue going toward new fire stations, stormwater improvements and Vision 20/20 recommendations.
To: Police Chief Paul Williams

Just wanted to put in a good word for one of your officers. I was in a car accident yesterday that probably totaled my car. Officer Marla Miller responded to the scene and handled herself with the utmost of professionalism. Very calm demeanor, even when the other party was trying to change her mind about the ticket. She handled herself the way you would want any employee to handle the situation. She explained the skid marks, the point of impact and the reason his car spun the way that it did.

Jeffrey Reinold

To: Police Chief Paul Williams

I would like to compliment the cold case team for their efforts in solving the Angela Baskin murder case. I was a next-door neighbor to Angela’s mother when she was murdered and knew Angela and her family well. It is very relieving to finally see someone brought to justice after all this time for this crime. I only wish her mother and son were still alive to see this all come to an end, but unfortunately they have both gone on to be with Angela over the past 28 years. I hope this man is punished to the fullest extent for this crime and find it a shame that he was able to live the past 28 years or all the years prior to 2000 free. Thank you for what you do, and please pass my “Thank you” on to your staff!

Kimberly Sipes
Carthage, Missouri

To: Barbara Lucks, Public Works - Solid Waste

I am a middle school science teacher. I recently came across your Recycling page on the City’s website while I was looking for some resources on recycling to use as part of an environmental science unit. I wanted to take a second and say thank you for helping me out with my lesson plans.

Thanks again for your help, I really appreciate it.

Marian Boyd

To: Jonathan Gano, Interim Asst. Director, Public Works

On Dec. 21, I was leaving our office in my take-home vehicle when I realized I had a low left rear tire. I made my way to the service center and got there just as the tire went completely flat. The mechanics on 2nd shift were on break and were having their Christmas dinner and had their families there to eat with them. I told them of my flat tire and that I would wait for them to finish eating but Tony Cordova and Keith Phillips both stood up from the table and told me to pull my car around back to the tire shop. They then changed my tire and sent me on my way. I was on my way home and would not have had any problem waiting for them to finish eating, but they wouldn’t do it. Just wanted to let you know about this and wanted to say thanks.

Ofc. Mark Foos
Special Response Team
Springfield Police Department

To: Fire Chief David Hall

Wanted to pass along atta-boys for Station 5C and 5A. While on an motor vehicle accident call early on Christmas Day, Captain Ken Scott met the victim of a slide-off. She had been driving non-stop from San Diego, leaving from the naval base there. She was en route to St. Louis for Christmas when she beat up both ends of her vehicle during the slide off.

Captain Scott offered to let her drive her damaged vehicle back to Station No. 5. There, Acting Captain Jim Bench, Acting Equipment Operator Jerry Witt and Firefighter Keith Kenyeri worked to pull the damaged sheet metal back away from the tires and make sure the vehicle was safe to drive. She was exhausted from the drive, so they allowed her to use a bunk and get some rest for a portion of the day before finishing the drive to St. Louis. The guys checked the oil, water, transmission and air pressure for her while she rested. When she got up, she had some Christmas sweets and some coffee. Jim made another batch of coffee for her to take on the road. She was very appreciative of the help.

I’m very proud of both crews and their willingness to help someone out on a cold Christmas morning.

Thanks
Kevin Trogdon
Battalion 1-A