New Police Chief to begin July 1

Paul F. Williams will begin his duties as the next Chief of the Springfield Police Department on July 1.

Williams is currently wrapping up a career as a Major with the Tulsa Police Department, where he worked for nearly 30 years. He has more than 20 years of supervisory experience and has served throughout the ranks of the Tulsa Police Department in patrol, investigative, and administrative assignments.

"Paul is a good fit for Springfield, and I'm convinced he will be a great Police Chief. His focus on public safety, planning, customer service, and leadership development are on target," said City Manager Greg Burris, who selected Williams after interviewing four finalists in May.

Williams holds a master’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Northeastern (Oklahoma) State University, and a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University. He graduated from the Senior Management Institute for Police in 2009 and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Williams, 49, is married with three children.

The Police Chief selection process began in December with an eight-month nationwide search.

Survey says ... here’s what you told us

For the past several months, a group of employees has listened to what their fellow co-workers have to say about the City — good, bad and ugly. The latest Employee Survey is now complete, and a summary of what you said is available online.

This of course is not the first time the City of Springfield has undertaken an employee survey. But it is the first time that such a survey has been conducted by employees themselves, and done with this kind of depth. That made a difference when it came to getting honest feedback, said Bruce Murrell, graphic artist in the Public Information Department, and one of five employees who spent hundreds of hours compiling and analyzing the feedback.

Murrell was joined in this effort by Buffee Smith, Print Shop Coordinator; Bob Hosmer, Senior City Planner; Rebecca Ray, Health Educator; and Darla Morrison, Human Resources Consultant. They are a subcommittee of a larger group — the Progressive Management Planning Committee — one of 13 planning groups in the City’s current long-range strategic planning process.

It’s all just a formal way of saying that examining internal processes and procedures is a key part of the strategic planning process. It’s the first time that internal processes at the City itself have been part of a strategic plan.

The employee survey group met with more than 200 of their co-workers in every department across the City in 25 face-to-face town hall meetings, and also conducted surveys to get measureable feedback. A total of 484 employees (or 25 percent of our workforce) filled out the 15-question survey.

The group recently presented all of the information to the Leadership Team, and all of the materials from that presentation are available online.

Smith says there were several common threads, and, despite the tough time the City is currently going through, it wasn’t all negative.

See SURVEY on page 6.
Fair entry, concert tickets available

Employees may purchase admission and concert tickets for the Ozark Empire Fair in the Public Information Department, as in years past. New for this year are advance ticket prices and concert ticket availability.

This year, the Fair is allowing the City to sell tickets for the lower advance price to employees throughout the duration of the Fair, which is a change from past years. Tickets are available from Sharon Spain, administrative assistant in the Public Information Department, from 8-11 a.m. and noon-4 p.m., June 28 through Aug. 8. Please note that tickets will only be available during these hours due to staffing levels. Sharon can be reached by phone at 864-1105.

The Ozark Empire Fair is July 30 through Aug. 8 this year. Tickets are $4 for adults and $1 for children ages 6-12 (kids 5 and under are free). The tickets are good for a single day’s admission. A $20 Super Pass is also available, which covers admission, plus wristbands for rides on Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8. Note: Wristbands for the shows. The concerts for which tickets are available are:

- Molly Hatchet, Marshall Tucker Band & Atlanta Rhythm – 7 p.m., Fri., July 30
- KC and the Sunshine Band – 8 p.m., Sat., July 31
- Rodney Atkins and Gloriana – 7 p.m., Sun., Aug. 1
- Kellie Pickler – 8 p.m., Tues., Aug. 3
- Joan Jett & the Blackhearts – 8 p.m., Wed., Aug. 4
- Finger Eleven – 8 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 5

Payment must be cash or check only. No credit or debit cards.

Concert tickets are sold separately and require daily admission tickets as well. For more information about the Ozark Empire Fair, go to www.ozarkempirefair.com.

Hints from the Help Desk

“Rebooting” vs. “Logging off”

There are times when, as you are going through a Windows Update on your PC, you will be asked to reboot your machine to make all the changes take effect. Please make sure you choose Restart or Shut down. This will gracefully close all programs in logical order and get your system to start from the beginning by bringing up your operating system.

Logging off is simply allowing the current user to log off the network and another user or the same user to log back into the network, never doing a thing to the operating system.

- The Help Desk now offers another service to the employees. For your convenience, City Link passwords can now be changed or reset by the Help Desk staff.
- Due to the end of budget year, no more purchases can be made through the Help Desk until July 1. They have some items in-stock that a fund/org can obtain. Call 864-1111 to find out.

Upcoming Computer Class Schedule

Classes are in L46, Busch Municipal Building. All classes are one day.

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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.)

City of Springfield

Mission

We are committed to Working with the Community to provide ethical and responsible local government so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of living and working in Springfield.

SCENE Deadline

July 9, 2010

Please direct your submissions to Mike Brothers in the Department of Public Information. Submissions and ads via e-mail are preferred: thescene@springfieldmo.gov.
The Public Works Solid Waste Management Division has secured a new market for the glass collected at the City’s Recycling Centers. Ripple Glass, LLC, of Kansas City will begin processing the City’s glass for use in fiberglass insulation products.

Because of the relatively small number of glass end-users in the United States, and because of the weight of glass, transporting collected glass to be processed and recycled is expensive and has resulted in many municipalities across the country abandoning the area of Urban Search and Rescue strategy.

A new market for the glass collected at the City’s Recycling Centers.

The glass does not have to be separated by color. Labels do not have to be removed. Rinsing the containers is preferable but not required. Glass accepted includes food and beverage containers.

Container glass is 100 percent recyclable and can be recycled endlessly. Using recycled glass produces 20 percent less air pollution and 80 percent less water pollution than creating new glass (or fiberglass) from raw materials. Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough electricity to power a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. A sixpack of recycled beer bottles produces enough fiberglass insulation to fill a standard wall cavity. Every ton of virgin glass produces 250 tons of mining waste and contributes to the environmental impacts associated with mining.

Two public safety employees were recently honored by the Rotary Club of Springfield as Police Officer of the Year and Fire Officer of the Year. The Police Officer of the Year is Dennis Shook, and the Firefighter of the Year is Capt. Eric Latimer.

Latimer was selected by his peers to receive the Springfield Fire Firefighter of the Year Award. Captain Latimer’s positive attitude, high degree of dedication, and willingness to do whatever it takes to assist his fellow firefighters and the Department, were cited in his nomination.

Capt. Latimer has worked countless hours on various aspects of the Department’s Urban Search and Rescue program including researching and obtaining tools and equipment, making improvements to the USAR trailer, and building upon this specialized training in order to ensure that the Springfield Fire Department is ready to tackle any disaster that comes along at a moment’s notice.

Not only does he train our personnel in the area of Urban Search and Rescue strategy and tactics, He maintains his status as a USAR instructor for Louisiana State University, which in turn, allows Captain Latimer to stay on top of the latest techniques and training used throughout the world.

Captain Latimer contributed numerous hours of his own free time going door-to-door educating the public and civic organizations about the Police / Fire Pension sales tax. He is the Missouri State Council of Firefighters 4th District Vice President. Latimer has been nominated by Gov. Jay Nixon to serve on the state’s Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. He is awaiting confirmation by the state Senate.

Officer Dennis Shook has been with the SPD for 22 years. His peers say his biggest strengths are his work ethic and drive. When not on a dispatched call, he is actively looking for criminal activity and constantly checking for wanted subjects, checking drug information he gathers from citizens and other information provided by crime analysis. Shook had 605 officer-initiated events during the last year, of which 374 were vehicle stops, 97 warrant arrests, 26 drug arrests. Shook targets career criminals who significantly impact the crime rates in Springfield. He also responded to 648 dispatched events.

According to his peers, Shook is also knowledgeable and approaches the job with a team mentality, putting his best foot forward each day regardless of the situation. “Not only does he outwork officers half his age, he is willing to assist them with training and provides advice to help them become better officers,” reads a line from his nomination.

An example of Shook’s work cited on that form: He was proactively patrolling a motel parking lot when he checked a license plate number and discovered the vehicle was stolen. He located the room and contacted suspect in the room. When he stepped in the room, he noticed a loaded syringe full of drugs on a chair. He placed the suspect under arrest and gained permission to search the room.

While searching, he located a second suspect, who was a parole absconder; hiding behind some furniture, and took him into custody as well. The key to the vehicle was found, and inside the car were several pieces of equipment that linked the two suspects to a recent rash of air conditioner thefts.
Service Anniversaries
25 years
Sandra Pratt
Community Recreation Services Admin.
Parks – 07/15/85
Kevin Swarengin
Collection System Supervisor
Public Works – 07/01/85
Eric Werbitzky
Plant Maintenance Mechanic I
Public Works – 07/01/85

15 years
Tony Kelley
Truck Company Captain
Fire – 07/01/95
Elizabeth Langley
Office Administrator
Police – 07/24/95

10 years
Phil Broyles
Interim Co-Director of Public Works
Public Works – 07/03/00

Travis Scudder
Systems Coordinator
Airport – 07/02/00
Robert Friend
Steven Harter
Nelson Kibby
Jason Kitta
James Revey
Eric Schroeder
Kyle Tjelmeland

Police Officers
Police – 07/17/00

Matthew Brown
Police Corporal
Police – 07/17/00

John Erwin
Craftsworker
Public Works – 07/10/00

Judy Woods
Custodian
Health – 07/03/00

5 years
Jeremy Davis
Kip Mc Cubbin
Firefighters
Fire – 07/11/05
Doug Simmons
Utility Worker
Parks – 07/25/05

Lana Woolsey
Assistant City Attorney V
Parks – 07/20/05

Welcome
Isaac Tilden
Service Technician – Public Works

promotions
Jeremy Anderson
James Calhoon
Kevin Sweekard
Police Corporals – Police
Kimberly Moore
Senior Court Services Rep. – Municipal Court
Darren Schuman
Utility Worker – Airport

Retirements
Donna Euliss
Administrative Assistant
Public Works – 30 years
Thomas Holst
Plant Superintendent
Public Works – 34 years
Charles Young
Control Systems Engineer
Public Works – 34 years

MILESTONES

FOR SALE
Two 27” analog televisions with remote controls, $50 each. Two overstuffed Ethan Allen chairs with 1 ottoman-$100. Three matching Ethan Allen chests with bookcases, $200 each or $500 for all three. 4 Maple dining chairs, $100. Broyhill computer desk w/large hutch and wired illuminate cabinet for computer, $500. Solid oak entertainment center (holds 27” analog TV) with cabinets and slide-out component trays, $400. Two 32” ceiling fans with light kits, $50 each. White pedestal and sink, $25. Contact Joe at 545-9117.

2002 Chevrolet Silverado, 271, 4X4, 4.8L, V8, long bed, regular cab, new tires, 63,000 miles, asking $13,000. Call Jeff (417) 872-7838 or Pete (417) 224-5308.

1994 Chevrolet Silverado, 350, V8, 4X4, 156,000 miles, long bed, regular cab, asking $3,500. Call Jeff (417) 872-7838 or Pete (417) 224-5308.


14 ft 1959 aluminum V bottom boat with 20 hp 1989 Johnson outboard motor and homemade trailer, asking $1,100. Call Jeff (417) 872-7838 or Pete (417) 224-5308.


SERVICES
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 880-6501, e-mail ltrsortr@netscape.net for quotes.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

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.

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 569-3884.

Grizzly 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.
JULY BIRTHDAYS

1  Julie Greer  CM  911
2  Abigail Hawkins  PRK
3  Ralph Hurley  POL
4  Jerry Johnson  PK
5  Ken Shaw  PRK
6  Michael Vasso  PW
7  John Copelin  RL
8  Jan Harmon  PRK
9  Clint Hunt  PRK
10 Dustin Bowling  PRK
11 Beau Fore  POL
12 Toby Morris  PW
13 Allen Neal  PRK
14 Julie White  PRK
15 John Albert  PW
16 Peter Longley  PRK
17 Christina Bumgarner  PRK
18 Gary Lumley  PW
19 Leah Marquart  PRK
20 Gilda Reed  PW
21 Ruth Brown  POL
22 Roger Chaffin  PRK
23 Marilyn Day  POL
24 Catherine Harper  PRK
25 Robert Parks  PRK
26 Robert Turan  PRK
27 Matthew Dwyer  PRK
28 Kelly Green  PW
29 Randy Woods  RW
30 Michael Dlouhy  RW
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Important Dates

July 4 - Independence Day
July 5 - Independence Day observed
(City offices closed)
July 20 – Police/Fire retirees meeting;
6:30 p.m., Heritage Cafeteria, 1364 E. Battlefield Road

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
LA Law  MC Municipal Court
OG Ozark Greenways  PRK Parks
PDV Planning & Dev.  DPI Public Information
POL Police  PW Public Works
WD Workforce Dev.
The new Dan Kinney Park was dedicated on June 12. The park, located on Blackman Road, fills a need for park space on the east side of Springfield, and is the first Springfield-Greene County park facility to open east of U.S. 65. The 18.3-acre park includes the department’s first modern universal design playground, shade structures, walking trail and parking. Future improvements include a family center in Phase II. An aquatics center is planned for Phase III. The Rotary Club of Springfield North, in partnership with the Park Board and other donors, are also currently involved in a capital campaign to build an accessible “Miracle League Field,” which 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. Kinney served as Parks Director for 35 years. Under his leadership, the parks system grew from 33 parks and recreation facilities in 1971 to 88 in 2005.

Out of balance? Consider Employee Assistance Plan

Are you feeling like your life is out of balance? If so, the Employee Assistance Plan may be helpful. This benefit encompasses a full range of services to aid employees and members of their family in finding solutions, resources, and educational opportunities to overcome temporary obstacles or crises in life. The EAP is designed to provide professional assistance in dealing with personal issues that may influence your health, well being, or work effectiveness.

Here are some key highlights of the EAP:

- Strict confidentiality.
- All employees are eligible for this benefit.
- The initial assessment appointment and three counseling sessions are 100 percent paid by the City. Additional sessions may be covered through the City’s health plan.
- Counseling is available on topics such as family/marital issues, parenting/dependent care, elderly parent issues, emotional difficulties, stress related to work and personal issues, substance abuse, financial difficulties, and conflict resolution for work and personal situations.

New Directions is the provider of our EAP services. By calling them directly at 877-254-0781 you will speak with a knowledgeable, licensed professional who will assist in finding valuable community resources, educational opportunities, or help in setting up an initial counseling appointment.

Questions about or problems with the EAP should be directed to Peggy Thompson, Senior Human Resources Specialist, at 864-1608 or via the City’s e-mail.

Next, the survey group will come back around to tell departments about what they found now that the survey is over. Find the survey summary and the PowerPoint on the CityShare homepage.

- Mike Brothers, Public Information

SURVEY from page 1.

“Many people said the same things, but they thought they were the only ones,” Smith said. “I think that we’re more of a unit than we first thought.”

Murrell said one of the unifying themes was that no matter what issues people had with processes or operations, most employees care about what they do.

“Nobody’s apathetic about their job,” Murrell said. “Everybody cares. That was refreshing.”

Some of the other themes and priorities that emerged included:

- Merit steps and raises/Improved compensation schedule
- Better communication and transparency
- Better recognition and appreciation
- More training, development and advancement
- Health insurance
- Want more input on decisions
- Discounts for employees
- Accountability to each other and the community
- More camaraderie with co-workers
- More cooperation and teamwork between departments
- Better defined workflows and succession planning
- Equitable treatment
- Supportive and vision-driven leadership

- Mike Brothers, Public Information
Equestrian Center to open July 9

A dedication ceremony for the Valley Water Mill Park Equestrian Center will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 9. Throughout the weekend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 9-11, the new center will be open to the public with a full slate of events including: free giveaways, free refreshment Friday, free open riding times, National Champions Easy Riders Drill Team, demonstrations, booths, photo opportunities, and a kids corral. The Equestrian Center is located at 4007 N. Farm Road 171 and was funded by the 2001 voter-approved ¼-cent County-Wide Parks Sales Tax.

Sister Cities benefit concert

A fundraising concert to help send local music trio Kellswater to Iseaki, Japan as part of a Sister Cities Association trip will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 15, at Lindberg’s, located at 318 W. Commercial St. Kellswater is a traditional Irish music trio featuring a current City Councilman (Bob Stephens, accordion) and a former Councilman (Bob Jones, guitar). The group will travel to Iseaki in August. The concert is a non-smoking event, and all proceeds will help fund the trip. For more information, call Cindy Jobe with SSCA, 864-1341.

1/4 cent sales tax wins 8th approval

The ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements was renewed by Springfield voters on June 8 by a 70-30 margin. The historical average approval rate for this tax is 73 percent during its seven previous approvals dating back to 1989. The eighth three-year cycle for the ¼-cent tax includes projects and initiatives of various shapes and sizes including road paving and stabilization, new and rehabbed sidewalks, traffic signals, bike route signage, three major street improvement projects, stormwater improvements and several designs for future projects. About half of Public Works’ street maintenance funding comes from the ¼ cent sales tax.

Donations will aide pet rescues

The Springfield Fire Department recently received a donation of three pet resuscitator kits from the Ozarks Kennel Club and Michael J. Opsomer, DVM, of Gentle Care Animal Hospital in Nixa. Firefighters often go to great lengths to assist animals that have experienced smoke inhalation from house fires. Unfortunately, human masks do not fit properly on animals and cannot be used to effectively provide oxygen to pets in need. These cup-shaped masks seal around the muzzles of animals tighter than a mask made for humans, allowing oxygen to be administered more effectively. These devices will improve the outcome for pets removed from fires.

Sales tax report

The City’s June sales tax check was down 13.34 percent compared to June 2009. This puts final revenues for Fiscal Year 2010 at 7.6 percent below the budgeted amount. However, previous quarterly budget cuts totaling $8.88 million, plus the ongoing hiring freeze, mean further adjustments are not needed. The Finance Department projected revenues would be down about 8 percent for the year; and the projection was within range of that amount. The City has balanced its budget without loans, without one-time funding, and without dipping into reserve funds.

Tammy Burnett

Public Health Program Representative, Health.
Tammy has worked for the City for 6 and a half years.

What was your first job?
My twin brother and I had a paper route when we were 9 years old. I have worked ever since!

What is your favorite thing to make in the kitchen?
The grandkids like anything sweet!

What do you like most about your job?
The people I work with and for – couldn’t ask for more!

What didn’t you learn in school?
That your silverware drawer should be cleaned out monthly! Honestly, how does it get dirty?!

Employee picnic returns

The employee picnic returned this year after a hiatus in 2009. Employees from Health, Building Development Services, Public Works and Solid Waste, Fire, Police, Information Systems and the Art Museum helped organize the lunchtime event. It was paid for by funds donated by the Leadership Team. City Councilmen Bob Stephens and John Rush joined employee volunteers serving hot dogs. Merleene Knapton and Marilyn Day sang the National Anthem before the meal began.
At 2 a.m. on June 13, I was out for my nightly run on Grand Street near the MSU campus. There was a house party that I ran past which broke out into a brawl. Maybe 10 or so young men started to fight on the sidewalk and spilled out into the street. The fight eventually parted to avoid being hit by traffic to reveal one guy on the ground with about five others gathered around him kicking him and generally beating him.

A firetruck drove past, I assume on its way back to the station nearby. The firetruck made a U-turn at the light and drove up to the crowd. They hit their lights and got out of the truck, breaking up the fight and defusing the situation. They stayed on site until police showed up, and afterwards as well.

The reason I am telling you this story is that I want thanks passed along to whoever was in that Fire truck (Captain David Carter, Daron Evans and Darin Miller on Engine 1, C-shift). I am sure that what they did was not part of their job. They took on personal risk and stopped something very bad from happening. Please thank them for me. Thank them for doing the right thing. Admirable work.

Thank you,
James Ashford, Springfield

Ron Hardt
Springfield/Branson Airport Police Officer

We would like to say 'thanks' to any and all employees who assisted with the informational campaign for the successful June 8 renewal of the ¼ Cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements. This includes many people in Public Works, especially co-interim directors Steve Meyer and Phil Broyles, the Law Department, the City Managers Office, the Print Shop and Finance, and especially all of our employees in the Public Information Department.

Vince Crunk & Mike Brothers
Co-Interim Directors of Public Information

Brenda M. Cirtin, MMC, City Clerk, Springfield, Missouri, was elected to the office of Vice President of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), a nonprofit organization with more than 10,000 members worldwide, during the Institute's 64th Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, in May 27. Cirtin will succeed to the IIMC presidency in 2012. Her tenure with IIMC has been involved, serving on the Program Review and Certification Committee and Board liaison to the Conference Policy Committee, to name a few. This past year, Cirtin served as Chair of the Elections Committee. In 2009, she was awarded IIMC’s most prestigious Award – the Quill.

The National Park Service has selected Springfield’s South Creek Greenway to be designated as a National Recreation Trail. This makes the third designation within our community’s greenway trail system. Galloway Creek Greenway was designated in 2003, and the Frisco Highline Trail in 2006. This “ triple-crown” of national trails is a major accomplishment – giving widespread attention to the efforts of Ozark Greenways, and its partners, which include City departments such as Planning, Public Works and Parks. There are now more 1,000 National Recreation Trails in the United States.

Recently, my Council colleague John Rush and I had the privilege of preparing and serving food at the City of Springfield Employee Picnic. This was a great experience for both of us because we got to meet many of the employees that we hadn’t encountered before. We met folks from WIC, Solid Waste, Public Works, the Health Department, HR, Law, and others who all came through the line to have a hot dog (or two), chips, ice cream, and a drink. All City employees serve the local residents and visitors to Springfield every single day of the year. It was an honor for John and me to serve you on this one day. We’ll be back next year.

Bob Stephens, City Council

Jason Finke was awarded Large Entity Buyer of the Year by the Missouri Association of Public Purchasing in May. This award recognizes Public Purchasing professionals who have made significant contributions to the public purchasing profession, their entity, and the Missouri Association of Public Purchasing. A Buyer of the Year is awarded for both large and small entities.

Because Springfield is classified as a large entity, Jason competed with other purchasing professionals from entities such as St Louis, Kansas City, the State of Missouri, MoDot and others. This is a very prestigious honor; as he was selected by his peers, who are the top purchasing professionals in the state. Jason currently holds the office of Treasurer for the state purchasing association and has been very active with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Officers. As stated in his award presentation, “Jason’s accomplishments and work ethic demonstrate all the best qualities that professionals in the field of public procurement strive to attain.”
MEET THE TEAM

RIK DE VOEST
Former Springfield Laser and WTT Rookie of the Year in 2005. Also top player for Coach de Jager’s South African Davis Cup Team. Won ATP Dubai Doubles Title in 2009. Extremely versatile player in both singles (#270) and doubles (#83). 29-year-old South African native.

CHANI SCHEEPERS

MARTIN DAMM
Returning for his second Lasers season, Damm is one of the most accomplished doubles players on the Men’s ATP Tour. Has 40 career ATP doubles titles (primarily with Leander Paes) and was a doubles finalist in five Grand Slam events. Damm had a career-high ranking of #5 in men’s doubles in 2007. He is currently ranked #42 in the world. Native of the Czech Republic.

CARLY GULLICKSON
Versatile young 23-year-old American. Winner of two WTA Tour doubles titles, including the US Open Mixed Doubles title in 2009. Also has won 17 ITF doubles titles and two ITF singles titles. Gullickson is currently ranked #74 in women’s doubles and #177 in women’s singles.

JOHN-LAFFNIE (J.L.) DE JAGER
CITY AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES
Monday, July 5 – 7:05 p.m.

FREE NIGHT*

Current & Past
City & County Employees
Springfield Lasers
Home Opener

Cooper Tennis Complex
2331 E. Pythian St.

Featuring Former
World’s #1
Lindsay Davenport

All current City and County employees and retirees, plus up to three family members or guests, are invited to this year’s home opener against the St. Louis Aces for FREE!

Present valid City or County I.D., paycheck stub or benefits statement at will-call window.

Call (417) 837-5800 for more information.

*This offer good for July 5 home opener only. No cash value.

Mediacom Stadium
At Cooper Tennis Complex
2331 E. Pythian • Springfield, Missouri 65802
Laser home matches start 7:05 p.m.

Order Online at springfieldlasers.com or Call 417-837-5800 for Ticket Information.