State of the City stronger than last year

Mayor Bob Stephens shared his views about the state of Springfield during the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce’s Good Morning Springfield! program at 7:30 a.m., June 6 at the Police/Fire Training Center on West Battlefield.

Mayor Stephens said that the state of the City is stronger than it was last year.

“Last year, I delivered this State of the City address and indicated that, in spite of several years of recession, the condition of Springfield, Missouri was strong. It is truly a high point for me to stand here as your mayor and tell you that today the State of the City is even better,” he said.

The mayor said that he does not believe that problems exist that we can’t solve together.

“One of the things that makes Springfield great is its ability to collaborate on projects—whether our partner be the county, CU, the state, or the federal government,” Mayor Stephens said.

He referenced the City partnering with CU regularly to replace infrastructure at the same time that the City is repaving or enhancing streetscapes.

“New water mains and new gas lines all enhance not only the commercial aspects of downtown, but also does a far better job of protecting our environment from unwanted leaks and stormwater runoff,” he said.

Springfield takes a leadership role on the environmental front, he said, discussing how he and other City representatives met with the Environmental Protection Agency and Missouri Department of Natural Resources to pitch alternate ideas for an integrated stormwater plan that could be used as a model across the U.S.

June 17 tournament benefits families of fallen officers

Code 3 Sertoma will host the second annual 911 Golf Tournament Monday, June 17 at Millwood. Proceeds will benefit the Greene County 100 Club, which is a charitable organization that exists to help surviving families of firefighters and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

To register, visit 911golftourney.org or call 417-818-5961.

Police heroes receive commendations

The Police Department held an awards ceremony for eight officers, two City employees and four citizens May 9 at the Police/Fire Training Center.

These officers, employees and citizens were commended for their service, bravery and extraordinary actions. Many of these acts of bravery occurred during life-threatening situations.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented in recognition of a career distinguished service to the Police Department and the community.

The award is given to department personnel with no less than 20 years of service and is intended to recognize a career of excellence above the normal duties that are expected of department personnel.

The award recognizes excellence, dedication and initiative displayed by department personnel that demonstrates as much commitment and enthusiasm for the job in their final years as they did in their first. The recipients of the award should be role models greatly respected by other department personnel and a credit to the agency.

Fire Department to host open houses to show off new engines.

City Health Plan

Good news – no premium increase!

Do you know?

Get to know Kristine Duncan in IS.
Fire Department hosts open houses to celebrate new engines

After months of anticipation, the Fire Department’s four new red fire engines have hit the streets.

To celebrate, the department will host four open houses in June – one on every Friday evening of the month. The open houses will take place at each of the fire stations where the new engines will be stationed. We encourage all citizens to come out, see the new engines on display, meet Springfield firefighters and tour the station – all while enjoying Andy’s Frozen Custard!

All open houses will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m.

The schedule of locations is as follows:

Friday, June 14
Springfield Fire Station 9
450 W. Walnut Lawn

Friday, June 21
Springfield Fire Station 2
608 W. Commercial St.

Friday, June 28
Springfield Fire Station 4
2423 N. Delaware

The arrival of engines 1, 2, 4 and 9 marks the beginning of a gradual process to replace the yellow fire apparatus currently used by the Springfield Fire Department. Red fire engines are highly anticipated by Springfield Fire Department personnel and the community. In addition to fulfilling the desire for a classic design, they will also have a higher resale value than the yellow engines they are replacing.

In addition to donning the red, the new engines will also have additional features to aid in fighting fires. Each engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) that is four times more effective at extinguishing a fire than standard water nozzles.

The engines also have green star technology to decrease emissions.

Hints from the Help Desk

Lynda.com Lab Days available

The Department of Information Systems has offered Lynda.com computer software training since April 2011 and has had a very positive response. The cost of this training is funded by IS and is available to all City employees on a first come, first served basis. There are seven premium membership licenses available to sign up for each week.

The calendar to sign up for a weekly license is available on the Help Desk web page on CityShare at: http://sharepoint/supportservices/default.aspx.

Lab Days

In addition to the regular way of signing up for a “weekly” license, IS is now conducting a pilot program for Lynda.com lab days.

On designated days of the year, there will be nine computers available in the computer training lab for Lynda.com training. You can sign up to train for as little as 30 minutes or as many hourly time slots that are available each lab day. Lab days start at 8:30 a.m. (closed during lunch from noon to 1 p.m.) and end at 4:30 p.m.

Lab day advantages are:
• Train at your own pace using a City computer in a quiet learning environment.
• A computer technician from IS is available in the computer lab each day to assist users.
• Schedule training time that fits your schedule.
• Choose from any of the FREE 1,864 courses (97,000 video tutorials) currently available.

View the calendar schedule for an upcoming Lynda.com Computer Training Lab day here: http://sharepoint/supportservices/kb/Lists/Lynda-com%20Lab%20Day%20Schedule/AllItems.aspx.

To sign up, please send an e-mail to helpdesk@springfieldmo.gov with your requested date and time slot(s) that you would like to attend. Make sure to put “Lynda.com Lab Day Request” in the subject line of your e-mail.

To see what Lynda.com has to offer, visit their website: www.lynda.com

The new engines were custom built for SFD and have additional features to aid in fighting fires.
Police from page 1.

- Kathy Higbee received a Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 34 years of distinguished service.
- Off. Dennis Shook received a Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 24 years of distinguished service.
- Maj. Bob Brown and Off. Tom Savard each received a Lifetime Achievement Award for more than 23 years of distinguished service.

Meritorious Service Award

This award is presented in recognition of acts by department personnel who, in the protection of life or furtherance of justice, exhibit exceptional conduct.

- Jan. 30, 2013: Off. John Brewer was responsible for saving a woman from trying to commit suicide by locking herself in a running car, in the garage of a home. The officer gained entry into the house and locked car, rescuing the woman.

Life Saving Award

Three officers received the Life Saving Award, which is issued to department personnel who personally saved a life. The life-saving effort normally involves one of the learned life-supporting processes. Actions meriting this award are significant actions by department personnel and are not routine measures, unless such efforts are performed under difficult or dangerous conditions.

- Oct. 18, 2011: Off. Robert Reeves responded to an injury accident on I-44. When they arrived on scene, an RV involved in the crash erupted in flames with the driver and passenger trapped inside. While trying to extinguish the fire of the vehicle, he was able to free the driver and control the fire until fire crews could free the passenger.

- April 10, 2012: Cpl. Heather Anderson had contact with a male subject on the north lot of the Police Department. The man collapsed and was not breathing. As an officer quickly grabbed an Ambu-bag from a patrol car and Cpl. Anderson gave the subject two rescue breaths. The man began breathing on his own. Assistant Fire Chief David Pennington explained, “Without the actions of your personnel, this condition may not have been recoverable.”

Command Commendation

This award is presented to department personnel who distinguish themselves by a single act or series of actions that impact the community in a positive manner, or significantly improve the ability of this department to fulfill its mission.

- May 5, 2012: Off. Jason Bohannon, while on bicycle patrol in the MSU area, heard shots fired in a nearby residential area. He responded and made a traffic stop on a car fleeing the scene of a homicide. Through his stop, key evidence and witnesses were identified from the homicide.

Citizen Service Citation

This award is presented to citizens who distinguish themselves in the community by their commitment to law enforcement and have demonstrated this commitment through active involvement in law enforcement related activities.

- Cora Scott, director of Public Information & Civic Engagement, volunteered to take on the duties of the Springfield Police Department public affairs officer from fall 2012 until May. She provided great assistance in the department’s strategic communications efforts and the daily media inquiries.

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City staff also traveled to Washington, D.C., this year to meet with senators and representatives to search for a grant to help finish a project at the landfill.

In May, the City hosted a public meeting at the Springfield Botanical Center to discuss using waste heat generated by the landfill to power a community greenhouse project.

“Just think: the heat that is being dissipated into the atmosphere now can be captured and used to grow local food year-round … the opportunities for public/private partnerships in this field are tremendous,” he said.

Completed projects Mayor Stephens called attention to are the compressed natural gas fueling station located at the Public Works center on West Chestnut Expressway and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study regarding the City’s plans to “daylight” Jordan Creek in center city.

“By opening up Jordan Creek, we will also be able to reduce the size of the flood plain in our downtown area. This will make several buildings more desirable commercially and also serve to reduce flood insurance premiums for some of our downtown businesses,” he said.

On the financial front, Mayor Stephens discussed the renewal of the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Tax by Springfield voters, City Council’s approval of the 2014 City budget and an increase in reserve funds. “… in the past three years of our Capital Improvement Tax, over 50 miles of new sidewalks were laid, more than 100 miles of sidewalks were repaired, 25 miles of bike lanes were created, and over 2,000 new trees were planted to enhance our urban canopy,” he said.

He also referenced the fact that Springfield/Greene County’s unemployment rate is well below the national average, thanks to City Council and the Chamber for working to bring better and more stable jobs to the region.

Looking ahead, Mayor Stephens said the following issues will soon land in City Council’s lap: the fall-out from the referendum petition regarding our zoning ordinances; any recommendations from the Sexual Orientation/Gender ID Task Force; development of the integrated stormwater plan; recommendations from the Animal Issues Task Force; and the renewal of the Police-Fire Pension Tax.

“These are not easy issues. These are not easy times. However, one of the great things about Springfield is that you have had a Council that is willing to deal with the tough issues,” he said. “We on Council will get these issues dealt with and we will do it while keeping in mind the best interests of the citizens of Springfield.”

To view the full video of Mayor Stephens’ speech, please visit www.springfieldmo.gov.
MILESTONES

40 years
Alma Price
Administrative Assistant to the Director
Workforce Development – 6/11/1973

25 years
Robert Davidson
Rescue & Salvage Specialist
Fire – 6/20/1988
Bill Knuckles
Professional Engineer
Environmental Services – 6/20/1988

20 years
David Renkoski
Public Health Investigator
Health – 6/28/1993

15 years
Eric Latimer
John Albert
Kelly Ash
Fire Captains

5 years
Dwight Lewis
Maintenance Worker
Environmental Services – 6/8/2008

Welcome
Paul Byer
Park Ranger – Parks
Lisa Cox
Public Affairs Officer – Public Information

Promotions
William Blevins
Terry Hedden
911 Shift Supervisors – Emergency Communications
Larry Ford
Plant Operator III – Environmental Services
Teresa Mills
Investigative Services Supervisor – Police

Retirements
Jo Johnston
Telecom Coordinator
Information Systems – 14 years
Michael MacPherson
Principal City Planner
Planning and Development – 9 years
Mike Stafford
Public Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works – 33 years
Larry Teel
Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works – 36 years
Robert Turan
Police Services Representative
Police – 18 years

FOR SALE
4 tickets to the KC Royals game vs Chicago White Sox for $100 (retail for $49 each)
Section 232, Row PP, Seats 5-8, Saturday, June 22, 1:10 PM. Call Steve at 413-6907

REAL ESTATE
House For Sale by Owner: 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 car attached garage, near hospitals. Wood floors and carpet. New roof, siding, gutters, furnace, and water heater. Large fenced yard with deck, large Kit., Lg. Living Rm. with brick fireplace, office. Good area for kids! Asking $125,900….Let’s talk! Call Karla 350-0991

The City MARKETPLACE

Have something to buy, sell or offer as a service to your fellow City employees? Get the word out and list it in the SCENE Marketplace! Email exact wording and contact information to thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

PLACE YOUR AD IN THE SCENE!
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Erin Dowdy  Kristine Heinrichs
   Lauren McLarry  Julie Williams
2 Marc Becker  Cheryl Blevis
   Rick Bookout  John Brewer
   Thomas Cordova  Larry Decker
   Justin Foss  Larry Haugness
   Monique Hyden  Matthew Lyon
3 Heather Anderson  Colette Long
4 Nichole Burke  Linda Charles
   Virgil Dale  Betty Dowdy
   Melissa Dudley  Everett Kelley
   Randy Milnes  Alexandra Ozley
   Ethan Pinkley  Quincy Running
5 Tammy Beeman  Daniel Grant
   Susan Matney  Andrew Meyer
   Melanie Williams  Kathryn Steinhoff
   Deena Woolsey
6 David Burrell  Lisa Cox
   Pamela Cox  Joshua Henson
   Jennifer Penning  Kevin Pierce
   Jody Smith  Brenda Toler
7 Paul Byer  James Sandbothe
   Dianna Schuman
8 Anne-Mary McGrath  Philip Noah
   Jill Petersen  Jessica Sullivan
   Richard Tetenhorst
9 Kenneth Barstead  Kristi Bolli
   Timothy Gunn  Sherryl Lewellen
10 John Brewer  POL
   Rick Bookout  AIR
   Thomas Cordova  PW
   Daniel Rowles  POL
   Matthew Lyon  FR
   Larry Haugness  PRK
   Justin Foss  PW
   Larry Decker  ES
11 Kelsey Williams  ES
   Dianna Schuman  PRK
12 Betty Dowdy  POL
   Virgil Dake  PW
   Everett Kelley  FR
13 James Blair  POL
14 John Wilson  PRK

16 Connor Buck  Pol
   Larry Clark  PW
   Jason Halbert  LAW
   Brenda Miller  PRK
   Kristen Riffe  PRK
   Allison Schepp  PRK
   Zachary Schmitz  PRK

17 Lennis Marcotte  ART
   Cindy Quayle  ART
   Taylor Riffe  PRK
   Makenzie Smith  PRK

18 Mark Cobb  Chris Gardner
   Angela Huggins  SHY
   Shirley Johnson  PW
   Gerry Koenen  Art
   Andrew Love  PRK
   Sean McGruder  PW
   Larry Morgan  PW
   Seth Raney  PW
   Randell Riley  PW
   Casey Wilson  PW

19 Cody Blood  Martin Rosmanitz
   Michael Rzuicka  PW
   Micah Tannery  PW
   Craig Turner  PW
   James Webb  PW
   Tracy Whipple  PW
   Andy Woody  PW

20 James Blake  Amanda Smith
   Jonathan Chamberlin  PW
   Michelle Howington  PW

21 Holly Garrison  Kevin Godfrey
   Alexander Hollenback  PW
   Megan Munhall  PW

22 Mike Evans  Charles Fales
   Jacob Gideon  PW
   Ralph Hayes  PW
   Jeff Hilton  PW
   James Nixdorf  PW
   Cindy Scheuer  PW
   Justin Thorn  PW

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   Derek Gillis  PW
   Eric Glasson  PW
   Dustin Martin  PW
   Andrew Montgomery  PW
   Tana Pulles  PW
   Charles Rupe  PW

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   Patsy Gardner  PW
   Jacob Grubbs  PW
   Melinda Klopfer  PW
   Mark Montgomery  PW
   Lauren Reid  PW
   Tom Royal  PW

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   Jennifer Penning  PW
   Rachel Kleemann  PW
   Peter Prewitt  PW
   William Ramage  PW

26 Katherine Belt  Cynthia Bennett
   Ronald Braden  PW
   John Bradford  PW
   Mattie Munsey  PW

27 Matthew Brown  Brenda Curtin
   Jenny Deppe  PW
   Andrew Essary  PW
   Marti Fettl  PW
   Devon Parker  PW
   Mark Garner  PW
   Victoria Kramer  PW
   Jeffrey McClelland  PW
   Thomas McCoy  PW

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   Matthew Hawkins  PW
   Erin McNabb  PW
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   Bradley Nicholson  PW
   Danielle Pounds  PW
   Marvin Ringgold  PW
   Cora Scott  PW
   Justin Shaffer  PW
   Natalie Vaughan  PW

29 Chris Akins  Erik Brown
   George Dye  PW
   Lauren Round  PW
   Takan Searls  PW
   Matthew Wheeler-Groves  PW

30 Jeffrey Carroll  James Collins
   Hannah Eskina  PW
   Nicole Fowler  PW
   Joseph Harpino  PW
   Andy Iorg  PW
   Christi Norris  PW
No premium increase for City health plan

The good news for 2013 is that there was no premium increase for the City of Springfield employee group health plan for January 2013 and there will be no premium increase mid-year. This is a result of having an adequate plan reserve balance to cover at least six months of claims and expenses.

The City health plans have a mechanism, via ordinance, for periodic premium rate increases that allows the plan to slowly build reserve balances to a satisfactory level. This provision was implemented several years ago due to the fact that health care inflation is predicted to continue during the foreseeable future and contributions to the plan must keep pace with inflation. In addition, these planned increases provide a mechanism by which the plan can gradually, over time, reach the recommended level of six months of reserve funding.

The philosophy of implementing planned, periodic premium increases allows employees, retirees and the City to budget accordingly and on a more consistent basis. Additionally, it allows the plan to incrementally build the reserve fund balance. Premium rate increases impact the employee premium rate that is 100 percent City-funded, as well as dependent coverage and COBRA rates.

The ordinance, approved by City Council on May 15, 2006, requires the City Manager to administratively increase the monthly premium rate by 3 percent each July. This authority continues until the fund balance reserve reaches a six-month average of plan claims.

At the end of September 2012, the plan’s fund balance was $6,101,665 or equivalent to 7.3 months of reserves, resulting in no premium increase for the employee group health plan in January. When evaluated again at the end of March, the fund balance was reported at $6,880,749 or equivalent to 8.7 months of total expenses. Again, this reserve level resulted in no July premium increase for the employee group health plan. This is great news for employees who are enrolled in family coverage and for the City’s budget, since the City pays 100 percent of the premium cost for employee-only coverage.

The non-Medicare retiree health plan did experience premium increases in January. While the premium increases for this group were not as large as they should be in order for this plan to cover all costs associated with the retiree plan, the premiums were increased to the maximum allowed for the 2013 plan year in order for both the employee and non-Medicare retiree plans to remain in “grandfathered” status according to the Affordable Care Act. Remaining “grandfathered” affords both plans the flexibility in plan design for the near future. The Health Insurance Committee deemed it prudent to make decisions that allow both plans to remain “grandfathered” as long as possible through the 2013 plan year.

The bad news is that the non-Medicare retiree health plan has struggled financially during the last few years. This is of importance since the ordinance that established this plan requires that the plan be self-sustaining.

In other words, the premiums and revenues must cover all of the costs of the retiree plan. Recently, the plan has had an increasingly larger gap between revenues and costs. Therefore, the Health Insurance Committee is working with the health plan’s consultant to identify solutions for this group of plan members which includes, but is not limited to, alternative private plans such as those that will be available beginning in 2014 through the Health Care Exchanges.

The Health Insurance Committee will update all plan members in late 2013 as to the results of this analysis.

Members of both plans are reminded about the positive preventive benefit change that was effective Jan. 1. The preventive or routine annual exam benefit, that previously had a maximum of $400 annually, has been expanded to no limit as long as the preventive services meet standard criteria for your age. This no-cost-sharing preventive benefit was also implemented for enrolled spouses and children.

Comments or questions may be directed to any of the following members of the Health Insurance Committee: Kelby Dickensheet, Police; Jerry Mitchell, Parks; Kevin Gipson, Health; Bob Monier, Fire; Kenny Hufford, Public Works; Bob Schaefner, Retiree; Joe Jones, Fire; Chris Straw, Building Development Services; Randall Latch, Retiree; Peggy Thompson, HR; Sheila Maerz, Chair, HR; Dan Wichmer, Law; Mary Mannix Decker, Finance; Andrew McPherson, Police; Chris Miller, Airport.

Diversity@Work

Generational Diversity

A young, recent graduate with two to three years of experience is on the job a few weeks when he begins questioning why current practices are so out of date. He becomes frustrated when his ideas aren’t readily accepted.

Seasoned employees regularly remind their younger counterparts how easy they have it nowadays, compared to the way things used to be done.

These and countless other similar scenarios are played out in work environments all the time, and usually stem from issues related to generational diversity.

Generational conflicts may result in problems that can damage the development of good work relationships and consequently, work productivity. The primary reason for these conflicts is that different generations consciously and unconsciously operate with very different expectations – about nearly everything.

Older leaders have a hard time understanding – and therefore trusting – younger ones who are anxious to find their role in leadership. The latter often can’t understand why older leaders think and do things a certain way, and their questioning may lead to conflict.

If this is new to you, check out the grid at right to see if your personal characteristics generally line up with that of your generation. (The “born” date ranges vary slightly between researchers)

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The above graph depicts a short list on a broad topic – but at a glance, how do these characteristics square with yours personally? In the next article, we’ll look at the implications these generational expectations can have in our work environments. In the meantime, see if you can devise any strategies to bridge a gap between you and a co-worker whose generational characteristics are dissimilar to yours.
Council approves 2014 budget
In a unanimous vote at its June 3 meeting, City Council approved the City’s FY 2014 budget, allowing for 1.5 percent across-the-board salary increase in addition to merit increases. Approximately 71 percent of the 2014 budget is appropriated to City employees, City Manager Greg Burris said. In addition to raises, the budget increase will cover health plan and worker’s compensation fund increases and service credit to Police and Fire employees who migrated to LAGERS after the self-funded plan closed. To view the budget, visit www.springfieldmo.gov/budget.

Great Neighborhoods Web site online
Great Neighborhoods is a City program designed to encourage residents and businesses to create and maintain clean, safe and friendly communities. The Neighborhoods & Planning office just launched a new Web site for this program at www.springfieldmo.gov/greatneighborhoods. If your department provides resources for keeping neighborhoods clean, safe and friendly (the tenets of the Great Neighborhoods program) that should be included in this site, please contact Chris Akins or Melissa Haase in PIO.

Council appoints Becky Borthwick as Municipal Court judge
Becky J.W. Borthwick of Springfield will join the City as a municipal court judge July 1. She replaces Judge Dennis Budd, who retired last month after 30 years of service with the City. Borthwick, a managing partner with insurance defense firm Franke, Schultz & Mullen, was appointed to the position in the June 3 City Council meeting. Her term will expire June 30, 2017.

“I’m looking forward to serving the people of Springfield and I will strive to continue the court’s commitment to provide prompt, fair and courteous treatment,” Borthwick says. “I am honored to follow in Judge Budd’s footsteps. I also would like to thank my law partners for the support they have shown as I take these next steps in my career.”

Mary Ann Rojas named director of Workforce Development
Mary Ann Rojas will join the City June 24 as director of Workforce Development, which along with agency partners, provides services to businesses and job seekers through the Missouri Career Center. Rojas has had a distinguished career in workforce development, business and economic development, system design and strategic planning. She comes to Springfield from Temple, Texas.

“We’re very excited to have Mary Ann join the City’s leadership team. I believe she will be a good fit, and will provide great leadership as we continue to support the community’s emphasis on talent recruitment and retention,” said City Manager Greg Burris.

Mary Ann Rojas
Director of Workforce Development

Kristine Duncan
Telcom Coordinator
Information Systems

Kristine has worked for the City for 2 months.

What’s the one thing about you most people don’t know?
I have an orchard. We have about 180 fruit trees. We do talk about one day selling the fruit at one of the farmers markets, but for now we share the harvest.

What do you like most about your job?
Meeting everyone, going out to all the different locations, and learning about all the interesting things the City of Springfield has to offer its citizens.

What was your first job?
It was in 8th grade at an “El Taco.”

What is your favorite film?
The Princess Bride - I’m sure I’ve seen it at least 100 times.

From the SCENE archives

10 years ago – June 2003
Tornadoes Bring Out the Best in City Employees
Although Springfield was in a threatening position and large items were found having fallen from the sky after having traveled in the tornado funnels for miles, the city remained relatively untouched by the major storms and tornados on May 4, 2003. The City of Springfield assisted Battlefield and Pierce City with cleanup and recovery from the extensive damage they suffered.

20 years ago – June 1993
Pedal Patrol: The 21-Speeds on Campus
A new era has been entered by five Springfield Police officers. They have traded in their automobiles for shiny new Canondale 21-speed mountain bikes to patrol the campus of Southwest Missouri State University.

Sergeant Don Clark and Officers Wayne Taylor, Todd Revell, Scott Bunn and Val Hewett began their bicycle beat at the SMSU Police Substation on May 5, 1993. The officers will patrol the campus during the day and evening year round.

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.

Due to late-season flooding, Art Museum Director Nick Nelson renamed his most popular exhibit Storm Watercolor U.S.A.
Centralized location where residents can access multiple agencies and organizations that offer safe, decent and affordable housing,” said Michelle Garand, deputy director of affordable housing and homeless prevention with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

“The opening of the Springfield Affordable Housing Center is the culmination of years of planning and visioning by the community. Together, we have developed a centralized location where residents can access multiple agencies and organizations that offer safe, decent and affordable housing,” said Michelle Garand, deputy director of affordable housing and homeless prevention with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

“The City’s support for the Springfield Affordable Housing Center is in keeping with our efforts to work with homeless service providers, One Door, the Springfield Community Land Trust, food pantries and others who assist those in need. Springfield is a giving community with a heart, and we want to do what we can to help those who need affordable housing, whether it’s the homeless or those just needing a hand up,” said City Manager Greg Burris.