SFD rolls out new red Fire Engines

For the first time in more than 35 years, red fire trucks are rolling through the streets of Springfield. 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.

The engines also display the Fire Department’s new logo/brandmark, which is an update on the classic vintage symbol used by the department since the 1930s. This same brandmark will be used to represent Springfield Fire Department in all communication efforts. Watch for a new City of Springfield core brandmark and service line logos in the coming months.

The engines each took a year to build and cost roughly $400,000 a piece. They were paid for with monies set aside for the regular replacement of aging fire apparatus. The engines being replaced are all past their typical life span of 15 years.

In addition to donning the much-anticipated red color, the new engines 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.

Following training with fire service personnel, the engines will be put into service sometime in March.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Farm

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board presents Easter at the Farm, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., March 23 at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Family-oriented activities include arts and crafts, inflatables, pony rides, yard games and the Easter Bunny. Controlled Easter Egg Hunts held throughout the day, while supplies last.

Coming Soon! CODE 3 Bootcamp

The inBalance employee wellness program invites you to take part in the much anticipated second installment of CODE 3 Bootcamp. This 8 week training is designed for employees of all fitness levels to challenge themselves and meet their fitness goals.

The successful pilot class, sponsored by the Springfield Police Department, was completed in the Fall. Many class members enjoyed the format of these classes and continue to meet for open lunchtime workouts.

Watch for further details and application information coming to your inbox soon.

Park Board opens Doling Pool Addition

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board celebrated the Grand Opening of the Doling Aquatics Addition Saturday, Feb. 23, at Doling Family Center.

The 13,778-square-foot addition features three pools: a 25-meter three-lane lap pool; a zero depth entry recreation/therapeutic pool with a water slide, aqua arch sprays, pools and falls play feature, water umbrella, basketball goal, a whirlpool spa and changing rooms. Construction began in fall of 2011.

The Doling Aquatics Addition will offer swim classes and private swim lessons for all ages, as well as water aerobics, water yoga and other therapeutic classes. Some pool hours will be dedicated to classes, lap swimming and adults-only swimming.

The $3.358 million project was funded through the 2006 County-Wide Parks Sales Tax. Architects were Hood-Rich Architecture, with mechanical and

TeamHealth

inBalance recognizes the wellness initiatives of the Health Dept.

Urban Gardening

Special offer on garden plots for City employees.

Do you know?

Get to know Carol Daniel-Covey in the Health Dept.
Chipper Crew says ‘Thanks’ by scraping employee windshields Feb. 21

Zim Schwartze, Director of Emergency Communications, David Pennington, Assistant Fire Chief (above) and Mary Mannix-Decker, Director of Finance, (right) volunteered to help clean off employee cars on February 21.

Fire Chief David Hall (above) and City Manager Greg Burris (right), put their backs into it to assist staff who braved the weather to be at work during icy conditions.

Hints from the Help Desk

How to find property information using GISViewer 12

1. Zoom to known location OR use Street Address Tool OR House Top Address tool to find location.
2. Go to Table of Contents
3. Expand GIS Layers
4. Expand LandBase
5. Check box next to Parcels
6. Click cursor on any property
7. Balloon with ownership info will popup
electrical engineering by Smith-Goth Engineers, Inc. General contractor was Dock Brothers Construction Company. It is an energy-efficient building, designed to meet LEED-Silver Certification.

The Doling Aquatics Addition is built on the site of the former Doling Pool, an outdoor pool dating to 1965. The aquatics addition adjoins the Doling Family Center, which opened in 2003.

Doling Park, which surrounds the facility, is one of the Park Board’s ten historic parks highlighted this year during the Park Board’s 100th anniversary. Doling has been part of the Parks system since 1929, and has been a popular destination for generations of Springfieldians who remember roller skating, picnicking in the park, and swimming in Doling Lake. Before it became a public park, Doling was privately operated as an amusement park with a dance hall, bandstand, ball fields, penny arcade, boat rentals and Shoot-the-Chutes, a multi-story outdoor slide with flat-bottomed boats, which people rode down into Doling Lake. Doling has functioned as a park as far back as 1882, when the Doling family purchased the land.

The Park Board now includes eight pool locations: indoor aquatics centers at Doling and Chesterfield, outdoor pools (open seasonally) at Fassnight, Grant Beach, Meador, Silver Springs and Westport parks, and the McGee-McGregor wading pool at Phelps Grove Park. The Park Board’s outdoor pool attendance set a new record of 98,331 in 2012, up 10.4 percent over 2011, despite unavailability of the former Doling Pool.

Members of Chesterfield and Doling Family Centers may use the Doling Aquatics Addition for no charge as part of their membership. Dan Kinney Family Center members pay $2 entrance fee. Non-member daily rates are $7/adults, $5/senior and youth.

For more information, visit parkboard.org/aquatics or call the Doling Family Center at 837-5900.

inBalance recognizes: Springfield-Greene County Health Department

The Health Department not only strives to make the community a healthier place, it also prides itself in creating a healthy environment for its employees.

In 2010, Team-Health, the Health Department’s employee wellness program, was created to improve the health and well-being of its employees through education and programming that promotes all dimensions of wellness.

“About three years ago, I was talking to my boss Kevin Gipson over a cup of coffee,” explains Assistant Director of Health Clay Goddard. “He looked at me and said, ‘You’re not looking so good.’ At that moment we both decided to take better care of ourselves. We knew we needed to lead the department by example and everything has mushroomed since.”

In three short years, great gains have been made. The wellness committee worked hard to bring a variety of wellness opportunities to intrigue all interests. Program/activity offerings include walking challenges, departmental HRAs, distribution of fresh fruit as a healthy snack, and various after-hour activities including roller skating, hiking, pottery, painting and more.

“We have members of our staff that work out daily, take walks on their breaks and focus on healthier dietary habits,” said Goddard. “When we have food days, healthy options are the rule rather than the exception.”

Since the creation of this program, major cultural changes have taken place. It is not uncommon to see employees walking through the hall during their lunch break sporting workout gear as they make their way to their afternoon workout session. Employees have even banded together through common interests such as knitting and taking their 15-minute breaks to walk as they discuss the last episode of their favorite TV show.

“The only regret I have is that we didn’t start this initiative sooner. I’m proud to say that we are now, more than ever, practicing what we preach at the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.”

City Employees AED/CPR Training currently at 50%

The Springfield Fire Department is leading an initiative to train City of Springfield employees on CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

So far, we have met our 2012 goal of having 50% of City employees trained. Watch our growing progress here as we strive for 100% in 2013 and launch a community-wide program encouraging this life-saving training throughout the city.

Members of the Health Dept. taking walks on their breaks.
**Lloyd Wilson**  
Parks Caretaker  
Parks – 3/31/2003

**Joey Addison**  
Aircraft Services Specialist  
Airport – 3/31/2003

**Kendrick Campbell**  
Aircraft Line Services Technician  
Airport – 3/9/2003

**Fred McConkey**  
Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
Parks – 3/26/1973

**Mary Ellison**  
WIC Coordinator  

**David Pennington**  
Assistant Fire Chief  

**David Meyer**  
Police Sergeant  

**Michael Peskar, Timothy Gomas, James Andela, Jason Rust**  
Police Officers  

**Jeffrey Nygaard**  
Plant Operator III  
Environmental Services – 3/31/2003

**Bradley Jones**  
Firefighter  
Fire – 3/31/2003

**Erica Lipanovich**  
Veterinarian  
Parks – 3/2/2008

**Julie Nelson**  
Lisa Brenneman  
Public Health Investigators  
Health – 3/24/2008

**Robert McVay**  
Plant Operator II  
Environmental Services – 3/24/2008

**Brian Lamkin**  
Zoo Keeper  

**Derrick Wong**  
Clinton Coyer  
Matthew Lilly  
Christopher Laughlin  
Jonathan Conklin  
Victor Raby  
Ethan Ramsey  
Sean Kennedy  
Shawn McClure  
Eric Rogers  
Parker Officers  
Parks – 3/3/2008

**Tanner Westerfield**  
Firefighter  
Fire – 3/2/2008

**Don McCullough**  
Building Maintenance Team Leader  

**Edward Turley**  
Golf Course Worker  
Parks – 3/3/2008

**William Holder**  
Donald Travers  
Golf Course Workers  
Parks – 3/17/2008

Welcome

Zim Schwartzz  
Director of Emergency Communications  
– Emergency Communications

John Waldo  
Financial Analyst – Parks

Greta Russell  
Registrar – Art Museum

Patrice Hanes  
Thomas Ragland  
Isaac Weber  
Workforce Development Specialists – Workforce Development

Thomas Gross  
Trenton Herr  
Police Officers (Lateral)  
– Police

James Garrett  
Stacey Watson  
911 Telecommunicators  
– Emergency Communications

Jason Booher  
Utility Worker – Parks

Jason Shaw  
Gardener – Parks

Kevin Rhoten  
Airfield Maintenance Worker – Airport

Promotions

Errin Kemper  
Assistant Director of Environmental Services – Environmental Services

Ruth Gill  
Workforce Development Supervisor – Workforce Development

Karyn Highfill  
Control Systems Specialist – Environmental Services

Dennis Posey  
Plant Shift Supervisor – Environmental Services

Marc Thompson  
Print Shop Supervisor – Finance

Jason Denney  
Senior Computer Technician – Information Systems

Erin Elliott  
Senior Signal Technician – Public Works

Jennifer Lewis  
Accounting Services Representative – Finance

Matthew Robinson  
Police Services Shift Leader – Police

Jason Halbert  
Equipment Operator II – Public Works

Retirements

Andrew Barksdale  
Police Sergeant  
Police – 21 years

David Barton  
Parks Caretaker  
Parks – 28 years

Janice Greenwalt  
Workforce Development Specialist  
Workforce Development – 15 years

Gonzalo Medrano  
Equipment Operator II  
Public Works – 25 years

Teresa Newton  
Firefighter  
Fire – 8 years

Mark Roy  
Assistant Director of Aviation - Administration  
Airport – 29 years

Judy Stangl  
Senior Computer Programmer/Analyst  
Information Systems – 13 years

Robert Willett  
Police Officer  
Police – 23 years
**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1. Dennis Budd  MC
   Libby Harris  POL
   Richard Mansel  POL
   David Pennington  FR
   Matthew Shackelford  PW
   Lyle Smith  ES
   Eric Werbitzky

2. Brendan Griesemer  PDV
   Richard Tracy  AIR

3. Jacquelyn Adams  WD
   Stephen Miller  PW
   Karen Stewart  ES
   Clifford Stutz

4. Allison Carson  WD
   Daniel Jones  PRK
   Alana Owen  PDV
   Travis Scudder  AIR
   Patricia Tursi

5. Andrew Bath  PDV
   Jason Copley  WD
   Jennie Smith  PRK
   James Thomas  PRK
   Diana Young

6. Benjamin Gaddy  PDV
   Frank Long  PW
   Helen Wilson

7. Jeffery Eagleburger  WD
   Barbara Lacks  ES
   Jose Martinez  PDV
   Brian Powers  PW
   Kevin Swarengin  FR

8. Colton Barber  PDV
   Cathie Lehman  PW
   Joshua Steele

9. Karen Chandler  PDV
   Randy Dunlap  PW
   Mayci Hicks  PW
   Mavis Jackson  PDV
   Michael Karnes

10. Randy Greer  MC
    Carol Halford  ES
    Janet Hicks  FR
    David Park  POL
    John Swanson  POL
    Philip Yarnell

11. Brandon Bowling  HR
    Jeramee Cooper  PRK
    Katelyn Haymes  PW
    Keisha Peters  ES

12. Mark Bennett  POL
    David Minnehan  ES
    Angel Obert  PW

13. Howard Curtis  ES
    Annelise Dixon  ES
    Raymond Jones  AIR
    Steven King  ES
    Olan Morelan  ES
    Nicholas Smith

14. Heath Aldridge  ES
    James Andela  ES
    Drew Coffman  PRK
    Tanner Counts  PW
    Amanda Bielik  ES

15. Allen Criger  FR
    Donald Hampton  PW
    Sherlyn Hume  PRK
    Roger McCormack  PRK
    Jessica McCutcheon  PRK
    Darin Miller

16. Patricia Cooper  MC
    Elizabeth Langley  ES
    Rick Miller  FR
    Justin Ray

17. Nathan Billings  HR
    Bryan DiSylvestre  POL
    Clay Farrell  FR
    Joel Grieshaber  PRK
    Lauren Henderson  FN
    Nicholas Masterson  POL
    Steven McMurray  FR
    Sue Schofield  POL
    Michael Walker  BGS
    Kyle Williams

18. Dorrell Duquette  BGS
    Ralph Rognstad  BGS
    Brian Weiler

19. Meredith Hazelrigg  Pol
    Brian Lankin  PRK
    Joseph Medina  PW
    Ronald Moskalski  PW
    Coy Spurlock  PW
    Lee Walker  PW
    Diana Wilkeson

20. Dean Bogart  PRK
    Michael Foster  PRK
    Colten Harris  PW
    Emily Hegg  PW
    Sarah Kern  PW
    Colton Kunding  PW
    Hannah Larino  PW
    Michael Liebig  PW
    Duke McDonald  PW
    Collin Quigley  PW
    Jonn Strahl

21. Julie Bermudez  PRK
    Lee Grover  PW
    Celia King  PW
    Jason Shuck

22. Sandra Fanning  PW
    Julie Randolph  PW
    Kristen Linsenbardt  PW
    Bruce Scheiderer  PW
    Pat Sullivan  PW

23. David Hall  PW
    John Marion  PW

24. Belinda Gonzalez  PW
    Robert Johnson  PW
    Benjamin Leeper  PW
    Benjamin Norman  PW

25. Dennis Bright  PW
    Kevin Cantrell  PDV
    Shawn Schroeder  AIR

26. Matthew Conaway  PRK
    Vicki Dekker  PRK
    Kristian Doucette  PRK
    David Raine  PRK
    David Shanoltzer  PRK

27. Dakota Bennett  IS
    Kristy Bork  IS
    Isaac Elliott  PRK
    Tri Nguyen  911
    Jordan Tate  AIR
    Caleb Taylor  AIR
    Stacey Watson  911

28. Amanda Becker  PRK
    Michelle Burland  PRK
    Clinton Cryan  PRK
    Sophia Parmenter  PRK

29. Stephen Bohmer  PRK
    Emily Browning  PRK
    Jeff Comer  IS
    Chad Eutsler  POL
    Bradley Jones  FR
    Jason McCormick  FR
    Brad O’Neal  ES
    Daniel Romine  AIR
    Barry Rowell  AIR
    John West

30. Ida Buske  AIR
    Mike MacPherson  PDV
    Cale Murphy  FR
    Stephen Osborn  PW
    Jarid Spoon  PW

31. Ronald Collins  PRK
    Matthew Dally  PW
    David Essay  AIR

**SCENE** 5
**March is Women's History Month**

The honoring of women in this month began on March 8, 1857, when garment workers in New York City staged one of the first organized protests by working women. Since that event, women’s groups have designated times to mark this day. As a result, Women’s History Week was initiated in 1978 and by 1981, the week had become a national event. In 1987, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to include all of March as a celebration of women.

This year’s national theme for Women’s History Month is “Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics”. British and American polls say few people can name even one famous woman scientist. There are actually many who deserve to be highlighted:

**Science:** The famous chemist and physicist, Marie Curie (1867 – 1934) was the first person in history to be awarded with two Nobel Prizes in diverse fields of science (chemistry and physics). She is notable for her theory of radioactivity, techniques for isolating radioactive isotopes, and the discovery of two new elements, polonium and radium.

**Technology:** Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906 – January 1, 1992) was an American computer scientist and United States Navy officer. A pioneer in the field, she was one of the first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer, and developed the first compiler for a computer programming language.

**Engineering:** Ellen Swallow Richards – pioneer in the field of environmental engineering, conducted first water quality studies of Massachusetts waters in 1870, and developed methods still being used today. She is known as the “mother of environmental engineering”.

**Mathematics:** In 1953 (more than 100 years after her death) Ada Lovelace’s notes on the “Analytical Engine,” conceptualized by her mathematician mentor and further detailed by her, found an interested audience. The “Analytical Engine” as she penned it, is now recognized as a model for what we call a computer. Ada Lovelace’s notes are now understood as a description of a computer and software. In 1980, the U.S. Department of Defense settled on the name “Ada” for a new standardized computer language, named in honor of Ada Lovelace.

**Antique Oak Dining Table and chairs**  
Table measures 48” x 48” with rope design carving on legs. Chairs have upholstered seats. $300. Call Marvin 742-3214.

Franklin Electric 4” Submersible Well Pump 3 Hp / 2.2 Kw / 230 Volt / 900 lb. thrust (New and still in the box.) $500. Call Marvin 742-3214.


FOR SALE: Lighted entertainment center from Oak Express. Overall dimensions are 36” wide x 68” tall x 17” deep. The inside dimensions of the TV space are 33” wide x 26” high x 17” deep. Has casters for easy movement. $60. Call 858-0334 and leave a message.


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Ryan Nicholls selected as Director of State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

Ryan Nicholls, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been named Director of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), a division in the Department of Public Safety in Jefferson City. He will begin his new duties on March 25, 2013.

Nicholls has been at OEM for the past seven years. During that time, he directed response efforts for several major incidents, including the crippling 2007 ice storm that struck Springfield and Greene County. He also served as part of the management team responding to the catastrophic May, 2011 Joplin tornado. Most recently, Nicholls spearheaded the Region D Incident Support Team on a 12-day deployment in response to Hurricane Sandy.

In August, 2012, several federal, state, and local officials joined Nicholls cutting the ribbon at the new $19.6 million dollar Greene County Public Safety Center. At that event, OEM received full accreditation from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, achieving 100% compliance with all standards on the first field assessment.

“This is truly a bittersweet moment for me and my family. I am very humbled and honored to have been selected for this important position and, at the same time, sad to be leaving behind so many friends and especially my colleagues at OEM. This is a tremendous opportunity for me both personally and professionally – I am eager to begin this new journey,” Nicholls said.

EPA to work with City to revise mandates

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to work with the City of Springfield on redeveloping Clean Water Act mandates, after agreeing to reconsider the mandates challenged by the City.

The City of Springfield filed a lawsuit in September 2011, asserting that the EPA went beyond its authority under the Clean Water Act, when it established rules governing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits of pollutants into Wilson’s, Jordan and Pearson Creeks. TMDL rules are designed to limit the amount of pollutants that flow into a stream. EPA is charged with identifying the pollutant to be controlled.

“The rules would have required the City to spend millions of dollars to reduce the flow of ‘runoff’ in Springfield and restrict development, without sound and scientific evidence of water quality improvement,” said City Manager Greg Burris. Also, the rules could have actually worsened a pollutant problem.

Burris hopes City experts can work together with the EPA to redevelop new TMDLs. Because of that, the City did not oppose the EPA’s court motion, and asked the agency to consider four steps during the TMDL redevelopment process.

From the SCENE archives

10 years ago – March 2003
City’s Fire Station No. 8 Responds to Southwestern Expansion

A recent dedication was held to mark the completion of the new Fire Station No. 8, located at 1405 S Scenic Ave. The Jan. 29, 2003, ribbon-cutting and open house allowed an opportunity to show off the facility’s amenities, which include: four engine bays; the City’s only breathing air refilling machine; a community room; and 1/8 mile walking track. Located in both a floodplain and floodway area, the Scenic View land will be used by the Springfield-Greene County Parks Department for open park space and soccer fields and by Ozark Greenways for connecting Greenways trails.

20 years ago – March 1993
Substation Opens at Battlefield Mall

The opening of the new Springfield Police Department Battlefield Mall Substation was made official with grand opening festivities on Monday, Feb. 1, 1993. The substation houses representatives from D.A.R.E. and Crime Prevention, a Community-Oriented Policing (COP) Officer, and a Police Clerk from the Police Records Section.

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.

Carol Daniel-Covey
Executive Secretary
Health Department
Carol has worked for the City for 3 months.

One thing about you most people don’t know:
When I was 19 and first married, my husband was in the Army and got stationed in Asmara, Ethiopia. When wegot the news, I had no idea where Ethiopia was, but accompanied him there and lived there for 2½ years. Our first child was born there in the little Army hospital.

What do you like most about your job?
Mostly the people I work with. Everyone has been really helpful, friendly, and professional. I also like the fact that, in a small way, I am contributing to our mission of “Helping people live longer, healthier, happier lives.”

What won’t you eat?
Anchovies and guacamole.

The SCENIC Route

(AWARD-WINNING)

Springfield

Call it a “mid-life crisis” if you want, but Fire Chief David Hall has secretly always wanted a red hot rod.

See page 9.
Each week, The Golden Goose is presented from one City employee to another as a way to say “thank you” for extra efforts and to recognize fellow employees for a job well done.

Here are the Rules:
1. Present the Golden Goose to a fellow City employee in a different department.
2. You can only keep the Goose for one week.
3. It is highly encouraged that you present the Goose in a way that recognizes them publicly.
4. The Goose must be displayed in your work area for everyone to see. Accompanying the Goose will be a pin that you can wear all week.
5. A log book will document the travels of the Goose. As the Goose moves on, you must list WHO you are presenting it to and WHY. When you give the Goose trophy, please send an e-mail to GooseShepherd@springfieldmo.gov stating to whom you are presenting the Goose and why.

Where has it been this month?

Dear Goose Shepherd:

My choice for the next Golden Goose recipient is Pam Cummings. From the moment I started with the City, Pam has always provided excellent customer service. She always listens to my request, asks the appropriate questions, and provides the information I need it. Her willingness to help me beyond any request I have made, has made her my go to person. If I have an IS question and do not know what to do or where to start, I call Pam. I can say with confidence, she will help me find the answer I need. She is knowledgeable, considerate, and always willing to help. She is a great part of the City’s Team.

~ Julie Vaughan, Law

Kathy Higbee was presented the Golden Goose Award by Information Supervisor Pam Cummings. The Gold Goose Award was created by CAMP Springfield to recognize individuals who go above and beyond their daily duties. After possessing the award for one week, Kathy will recognize an individual within the City, outside of the PD, she feels should be recognized for their efforts.

Today I will pass the Golden Goose on to Jenni Lewis in the Finance Department. Jenni is my “go to” person when I (and numerous others in the Police Department) have payroll questions or issues. When Jenni assists me, I know she is performing her “job,” but it is more than that. I notice her positive attitude and her willingness to go the extra mile. Jenni consistently gives excellent customer service, and I appreciate her!

~ Kathy Higbee, Police

Joseph Gatiba is my choice for the Golden Goose. I didn’t know Joseph until he installed our department’s new computers. Once I met him I knew he was a genuine good person. Joseph went above and beyond his expected duties. He was very friendly and outgoing. No question was a stupid question to Joseph! I’m not only speaking for myself, but on behalf of my whole department. Everyone still talks about how friendly and helpful that Joseph guy is!

~ Jenni Lewis, Finance

CAMPers act as Deputy Food Inspectors; taking note of unsanitary, critical and non-critical violations they learned just how important food inspections are. Health Department staff role-played the fake scenario.

CAMP Visits the Health Dept.

Keeping health and wellness in mind was not a difficult task for CAMP members during CAMP Health Day held on Wednesday, Feb. 13. CAMPers arrived at the Health Department to a healthy breakfast with yogurt, fresh fruit, bagels, juice, and coffee to jump start their busy day.

After a short introduction of the Health Department by Director Kevin Gipson, the Assistant Director of Health, Clay Goddard, toured the group throughout the day. The group got a quick tutorial on a few “desk exercises,” and were then educated on how this department plays a key role in helping to control diseases and illnesses within our community. Next, it was to the lab for a quick tour and test some well water samples.

The group then headed to the Jordan Valley Community Health Center to learn a little more about our community’s WIC program and other health services. CAMPers were served a nutritious lunch prepared by the “chefs” in the WIC staff. During the lunch hour, staff hosted a panel discussion explaining how they have combined their resources to create a “one stop shop” for those most in need of medical and dental care, as well as education and support for mothers and young children within our community.

CAMPers also visited the Animal Control Center and learned how staff there maintains a 100% adoption rate for “adoptable” pets, and struggles with cramped quarters.

After being deputized as Deputy Food Inspectors, each CAMPer was provided with a clipboard and form to complete as they walked around the different food prep areas taking notes of the unsanitary, critical and non-critical violations that they observed.

“It was an experience to see just how important our food inspectors are in their roles as Health Food Inspectors for food establishments in southwest Missouri,” said Sharon Smith, CAMP Coordinator.
Working with the Community
Awards & Recognition

The Public Information Department was recognized with four, Silver Addy Awards by the Ozarks Chapter of the American Advertising Federation. Awards were presented to:
- The Good Neighbor Video PSA series.
- The City of Springfield inBalance Wellness Program communication campaign that included posters, videos, website design and other internal communication.
- SCENIC Route cartoon series in the SCENE, the City’s employee newsletter.
- Logo design for the Festival of Lights.

Lee Venning and Captain Steve Stinnett were awarded the 2012 Firefighter and Fire Officer of the Year, respectively, at the 2013 Springfield Fire Department Awards Ceremony and Retiree Reception held Feb. 27.

To: Municipal Court Probation Officer Jody Austin
You, Carol Thompson, and Dr. Melissa Ussery have gone above and beyond to help me with Church Army, the tow bill, the car storage, and bus tickets. I could not have imagined I would have help and certainly not that kind of help. Thank you so much. I really can’t say how much it has meant and helped me to have hope, sobriety and to know that there are some wonderful people in your corner if you want help and are willing to put forth an effort.
Sincerely,
Steve Ross

To: City Manager Greg Burris
One of our employees at the SPD was the recipient of the Golden Goose Award recently and I began thinking about other worthy recipients within the City.
I know there are many, many deserving people working in the shadows of everyday tasks within the City. One person that comes to my mind is Wilma Eubanks. Ms. Eubanks is 88 years old, yes 88, and she still works at the Municipal Court on a part time basis. Ms. Eubanks was a full time employee at the Municipal Court, retired and now works part-time. I met Lil’ Wilma during my days at Municipal Court and I know she can work circles around most of us every day. She is a very dedicated person, always at work, and never complains. Just does the task at hand...a task that most don’t like to do...data entry.
It is my hope that maybe she could be recognized for her years of service and dedication to the City of Springfield/Municipal Court at a court staff meeting or maybe a simple note sent to her thanking her for her dedication to the City of Springfield. She is a wonderful lady and definitely an exceptional employee.
Thank you for your time!
Francene Marchant
Executive Secretary to the Chief of Police

To: Police Chief Paul Williams
Thank you for giving of your time last night to serve on the panel on homelessness at Second Baptist. We all learned a lot from you, and your words resonated deep in the hearts and minds of those in attendance. Now that we see the reality of the situation, it is time for us to become part of the solution. You probably don’t hear often enough how much you and your department are appreciated!

Angela McCully

To: Police Chief Paul Williams
Greetings Sir. My hat off to you, your staff and your department and Officer Lockett. He is a fine officer and did an exceptional job speaking to and interacting with my students. A job well done and thank you. We need more of this sort of interaction especially in the center city area. Thank You.
Mr. Hodge
Springfield

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- Logo design for the Festival of Lights.

Parks Director Bob Belote was awarded the prestigious Fellow Award.

Parks Director Bob Belote received the Missouri Park and Recreation Association’s prestigious Fellow Award, Feb. 28 at the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA) Annual Convention Banquet. The award was a surprise to Belote. He was nominated by former parks director Jodie Adams, a previous recipient of the award. Adams and former Parks Director Dan Kinney, also a previous recipient, as well as Belote’s wife Dana, were on hand at the banquet as well as several Parks staff members.

Thirteen officers from the Springfield Police Department were recognized Feb. 27 at an awards ceremony commending them for their bravery and extraordinary actions. Officer Jason Shuck received the Meritorious Service Award for disarming a man who was attempting to commit suicide. Shuck was able to disarm the subject without putting himself or others at risk. Twelve other officers were awarded the SPD Life Saving Award for personally saving lives. These were awarded to Officers John Matthews, Andrew Bolin, Dale Sokolik, Chris Welsh, Robert Reeves, Scott Hill, Clinton Collier, Anthony Gomez, Jason Carter, Daniel Rowles, Lt. Scott Unbarger and Cpl. Heather Anderson.