2nd Annual Springfield Jazz Festival

The City is a sponsor of the 2nd Annual Springfield Jazz Festival to be held downtown on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24. Performances by local and regional artists will be held at multiple downtown venues and are all free to attend.

The event will be capped with a special event — the Carmine Caruso International Trumpet Solo Competition featuring guest artists Randy Brecker, Conrad Herwig and Dick Oatts, plus contestant finalists from around the world.

For more information, visit www.springfieldjazzfestival.com

Elect your LAGERS representative this month

City of Springfield LAGERS members will select one delegate to represent City employees in the election of members to the LAGERS Board of Trustees at a meeting to be held in Springfield on Oct. 27-28, 2011. The selected delegate is given the opportunity to express concerns about the system and offer suggestions for changes to the legislative committee or LAGERS staff. The delegate is also expected to report back to LAGERS members about the annual meeting and keep them informed of pending legislation or other pertinent activities involving the LAGERS system.

Nominations by the City of Springfield members will be accepted from 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 through noon Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011. Nominating ballots will be distributed via interoffice mail to each LAGERS member on Sept. 7, 2011. Each member employee should enter the name of his or her candidate on the provided nominating ballot and place it in any of the ballot boxes at the locations listed at right.

Fall Festivities

Celebrate the season with a Halloween-themed Fall Fun Fest and Hayride at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Make holiday crafts, play games and wear your costume. Take a hayride. Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze are open for an additional fee.

The event is 5-7 p.m., Oct. 22 for children ages 12 and under. Cost is $1 per child or a bag of candy donation. For more information call the Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park at 864-1049.

From scorekeeper to Director: Jodie Adams calls it a career

Springfield-Greene County Director of Parks Jodie Adams has announced her intention to retire effective Nov. 10, 2011 after 37 years with the Park Board.

Adams, 54, has served as Director of Parks since January 2006, where she was responsible for supervising more than 100 parks and facilities; 100 miles of trails; more than 2,000 programs; 225 full-time employees and more than 700 part-time/seasonal employees; and a $34 million annual operating budget. She is retiring to spend more time with family and travel after three decades of a self-described “24/7 schedule.”

She began her career with the Parks Department in 1974 as a part-time employee filling roles such as day camp counselor, tennis instructor and scorekeeper while still a student at Parkview High School. She began duties as a full-time employee as a scorekeeper while still a student at Parkview High School. She began duties as a full-time employee and in 1986 was named Manager of Development, where she managed all Development Department activities.

In 1990 Adams was promoted to Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, where she was responsible for overseeing daily operations of the department, and the operation of all parks programs and recreation centers.

In 1998 Adams was named Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, and in 2000 she was named Director of Parks and Recreation. In 2003 she was named Director of Parks.

In 2004 Adams oversaw the implementation of the Springfield Parks Centennial Plan, a $20 million improvement plan for the City Parks system.

Adams was named Director of Parks after a national search process. She was a finalist in the search for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation in both Austin, Texas, and Oklahoma City. Adams was a finalist in the search for the position of Director of Parks in Oklahoma City in 2004.

Adams is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, where she majored in psychology.

In recognition of her service to the City of Springfield, Adams has been awarded the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Business Leader Award, the Springfield Business Journal Business Leader Award, the Missouri Park and Recreation Association’s Excellence in Service award, the Missouri Park and Recreation Association’s President’s Award, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Heart Award, the Springfield Partnership Leadership Award and the Missouri Directors Association President’s Award.

In 2009 Adams was awarded the United States Tennis Association’s President’s Award for her service to tennis in the public interest.

Adams will remain with the City until the completion of the search for her replacement.

For more information visit www.cityofspringfield.org.

Former USTA Chairman of the Board Lucy Garvin (left) and USTA Board of Directors member Carolyn Riley (right) with Director of Parks Jodie Adams in New York, where Adams was awarded the 2009 United States Tennis Association’s President’s Award for her service to the sport of tennis in the public interest.
Week of Living United results

City employees participated in the “Week of Living United” in late August, and the results topped last year’s successful event. The Week of Living United is a week’s worth of fundraisers designed to build up excitement among employees for the community-wide United Way campaign.

Employees held 11 different fundraisers over five days and raised $6,681 for United Way. This is on top of traditional payroll deduction program that will roll out later this fall.

The amount raised by each event is as follows:
- **Bake Sale** - $375
- **Crazy Hat Day** - $166
- **Ice Cream Social** - $484
- **Brat/Hot Dog Lunch** - $579
- **“Support Your Team” Day** - $393
- **Popcorn Sales** - $109
- **Chili Lunch** - $298
- **Desserts at Chili Lunch** - $155
- **Silent Auction** - $3,434
- **50/50 Raffle** - $233
- **Piggy Bank Raffle** - $457

**The Biosolids Section of Clean Water Services Division (Dept. of Environmental Services) recently**

staffed their newly created informational display at both the Ozark Empire Fair here in Springfield and, later, at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The display included educational boards, banners, hand-out materials, promotional give-aways, a PowerPoint presentation and the specialized biosolids application vehicles bearing the Clean Water Services Division new logos. Clean Water Services employees staffing the new displays were: **Scott Foley, Karyn Highfill, Kelly Green, Megan Schnuriger, Amy Shelburn, Stephanie Gott and Jim Burks.**

Hints from the Help Desk

Many of you are attempting to send shortcuts inside of Outlook. When you do, you get an error message back and when you reply Yes, you get a message from McAfee Group Shield to let you know Outlook will not allow such extensions to be sent.

The following examples of shortcuts all have the curved upward arrow signifying a shortcut and have an extension of link. These cannot be “dragged and dropped” into an e-mail message.

To attach a link into Outlook, right click on the file/go to Properties. Select the location of the file. Copy and paste into the e-mail message. This is the same as the URL address found in the top portion of the window. Either place can be copied and pasted into the e-mail message. This is now a link to the file.
The Springfield Fire Department has maintained its Class 2 rating from ISO (Insurance Services Office). This is a key indicator of the Department’s and the City’s preparedness level, and it was not easy to maintain given the fiscal challenges of the last few years.

In 2009, the City was advised by ISO that it would not be able to maintain its current ISO classification unless a plan was developed and implemented to address certain needs. At that time, there were several issues impacting the level of fire protection in the City, including the need for rotational closures of fire stations.

Fortunately, Springfield voters approved the dedicated sales tax for the Police-Fire Pension Fund and the Department received a federal SAFER grant, which allowed the Department to hire more fire fighters and return to normal staffing levels. The Department made other changes, such as restoring the existing “burn building” back to a useable state so firefighters could once again conduct live fire training (made possible through a funding gift from the community’s private sector).

These, and other steps, were instrumental in the community maintaining its current level of fire protection and ISO classification.

ISO rates fire departments on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the best possible fire protection and 10 equating to almost no fire protection. The evaluation consists of three areas. An evaluation of the fire department itself accounts for 50 percent of the rating. Water supply accounts for 40 percent and the department’s communication and 911 system accounts for the final 10 percent.

Out of 100 possible points, Springfield received 81.06 points. A Class 2 rating falls between 80 points and 89.99 points. Anything less than 80 would have resulted in a 3 rating, and anything over 89.99 would result in a 1 rating.

While most insurance companies use ISO in some way to establish their fire insurance rates, a drop in classification would have primarily affected the rates of commercial properties rather than residential.

Fire Departments that are rated 1 or 2 are now evaluated on a three-year basis rather than every 10 years, and Springfield will be re-evaluated in 2014.

The Springfield Fire Department is already taking steps that will bolster not only its ISO rating but, more important, its level of preparedness and service to the community. These include breaking ground on the new Springfield Regional Police-Fire Training Center, developing a lifecycle plan for equipment replacements via existing Level Property Tax revenue (no tax increase), and outlining plans for a Station No. 15 in northwest Springfield, including all necessary equipment and staffing.

Focus on the Springfield Fire Department's Class 2 ISO rating, the financial strategies to maintain the rating, and the steps being taken to ensure future preparedness and service.
**MILESTONES**

**Important Dates**

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**Service Anniversaries**

**35 years**

James White  
Equipment Operator II  
Public Works – 10/25/76

**25 years**

Bart Andrews  
Fire Training Captain  
Fire – 10/20/86

Ron Hartman  
Police Major  
Police – 10/06/86

Scott Leven  
Police Lieutenant  
Police – 10/06/86

Randell McDowell  
Police Officer  
Police – 10/06/86

**20 years**

Kathy Hart  
Executive Assistant  
City Manager – 10/21/91

Luz Melendez  
Administrative Assistant  
Art Museum – 10/07/91

**15 years**

Teresa Allen  
Financial Analyst  
Finance – 10/28/96

Brian Cook  
Parts & Inventory Supervisor  
Public Works – 10/14/96

**10 years**

Doug Durrington  
Environmental Technician  
Environmental Services – 10/15/01

Jason Marcum  
Police Officer  
Police – 10/14/01

Orenthal Marshall  
Equipment Operator II  
Public Works – 10/07/01

James Mosier  
Utility Worker  
Airport – 10/29/01

**5 years**

Margaret Quinn  
Workforce Develop Specialist  
Workforce Development – 10/02/06

Britt Davis  
Kenneth Hall  
Jason Holland  
Justin Lloyd  
John Loe  
Joshua Steele  
Justin Thorn  
Police Officers  
Police – 10/16/06

David Snider  
Police Officer  
Police – 10/24/06

Angela Gurley Turpin  
Accounting Clerk II  
Airport – 10/16/06

Karen Callender  
Staff Assistant  
Health – 10/28/06

Anthony Coble  
Maintenance Worker  
Public Works – 10/30/06

Nathan Tiller  
Maintenance Worker  
Public Works – 10/28/06

Welcome

Brian Weller  
Director of Aviation – Airport

Lisa Addington  
Human Resources Coordinator – Human Resources

Tyler Follis  
Heather Kellogg  
Animal Control Officers – Health

Brittany Davenport  
Wendy Loehr  
Misty Stiles  
Ashley Woods  
911 Telecommunicators – Emergency Communications

Craig Bright  
Laborer – Environmental Services  
Shane Lumley  
Maintenance Worker – Parks

**Promotions**

Kimberly Moore  
Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court – Municipal Court

Robert Woody  
Assistant Fire Chief – Fire

**Retirements**

Douglas Bostwick  
Plant Operator III

Environmental Services – 23 years

Harold Brandwein  
Public Health Program Rep.  
Health – 16 years

Andy Furedy  
Senior City Planner  
Planning and Development – 22 years

Melody Spradling  
Traffic Data Collector  
Public Works – 26 years

John Stalker  
Police Officer  
Police – 10 years

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**CITY of SPRINGFIELD**

**FOR SALE**

Mobile Home for sale: 14’ x 80’, 2 bed, 2 bath, plus sunroom addition. Large fenced in yard with raised garden area. Located just west of Springfield (2 miles) in Briarwood MHP. Optional 12’ x 16’ work shop/studio available for an additional fee. Contact Sharon Spain at 880-1460.

Photoshop Elements 8, Mac – like new, in retail box. $35. Call Chris at 862-7716 or email cjkins@netscape.net

Thornhill English deep seat saddle, 21”, two-tone brown leather, w. stirrups, good condition, also 14” leather girth w. elastics, and black Professionals Choice show pad. Was new over $600, would like to get $250. OBO. Call 695-2976

Heirloom ornament collection ornament, looks like 3-tier wedding cake: 2008 “Mr. & Mrs. Has such a nice ring to it” $5. New and still in the box. Call Suzanne at 833-5961.

Glass perfume bottle collection, mostly small bottles, have some older Avon bottles, too. Buy all as a group (approx. 52 to 55 bottles) or individually. Reasonably priced at $3 each or buy the complete collection for $100. Call Kathy at 619-591 or leave a call back message at 881-9591.

2008 Nissan Armada LE 4x4, seats eight, loaded, 24,000 mi., factory war. until 10/2012. $32,000. For details call Kevin at 873-7534.


Check CityShare for City employee discounts to area businesses. Need a great cup of coffee or a pastry to get you through the day? Visit the two coffee shops across from Government Plaza at the Hub or at Fog City Coffee. See CityShare for details.

Next Level Sport Karate – 1317 W Sunshine, Springfield. Offering classes in Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, and Zumba Fitness. 496-008 or online at nextlevelsportkarate.com.

Custom Wood Working, Cedar Chests, shelves, gun cabinets, & book shelves. Contact: Roger Chafin at 879-9705 or 888-8704.


Homemade Goats Milk Soap. Made with essential oils especially for moisturizing and skin care. Contact Steve Brawn at 299-0966 AFTER 6 p.m. daily, or visit www.stebsfarm.com to view and order.

Do you love candles? Check out www.417scents.com for Wickless Candles by Scentsy, which are a safe, wickless alternative to scented candles. Great gift ideas for holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries. Contact David or Anita Climer at 851-9190 or 888-8710 for more details.

Duplex For Rent: 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Pets. 1030B S Kansas Avenue. $500 month. 859-1218
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ken Carr PW
Jason Dean FR
Joe Hamp WD
Kimberly Jones PRK
Keith Kenyeri MC
Chase Neff IS
Tanika Nevills AIR
Gary Smith HL

2 Brian Athena PRK
Kevin Brown WD
Patrick Carey WD
Marla Harman FR
Preston Ingram POL
Scott Owens MC
Patricia Steiner PRK
Rebecca Wilson IS

3 Nathan Brooks PRK
Vickie Harris AIR
Eric Latimer PDV
Aaron Ramsey IS

4 Russell Davis PRK
William Evans FR
Becky Hollis PDV
Will Kelb AIR

5 Joey Addison AIR
Anita Baker Climer IS
Casey Cook HR
Brandi Curl ES
Daniel Mork FR
Lisa Powell WD
Marcia Robinson-O’Connor FR

6 Gregory Anderson FR
Virginia Essary PRK
John Hickman PDV
Blanche Jones MC
Mark Owens MC
Lawrence Ray PRK
Daniel Speights FR
Morgan White POL

7 Jack Davis PRK
Rickey Helton LR
Janet Howard LR
Gregory Roeder LR
Brady Stark LR
Olivia Tinkler LR
Lane Walden LR
Dan Wichmer LR

8 Jerry Berger PDV
Samantha Easterly PRK
Luke Green IS
Michele Huntley PDV
Elizabeth Nelson LR
Danie Dale PDV

9 Shane Kern PDV

Benjamin Lord FR
Wilma May POL
Cortney McAllister PRK
Karen Newman PRK
Ethan Ramsey PRK
Marc Stevens PRK
Teresa Stevens PRK

10 Kimberly Batson WD
Mackenzie Laney FR
Linda Maddux AIR
Timothy Moore PRK
Ronald Powell PRK
Neva Wooliver PRK

11 Chuck Cowan FR
Donnie Garrison PRK
Jamie Gragg PRK
Sean Jackson PRK
Kevin Marquart PRK

12 Jennifer Adams WD
Norma Ehrhardt PRK
John Grier POL
Wanda Joy POL
Neal McAmis POL
Rod Noble PRK
Spain Raredon PRK

13 Darrel Baldwin FR
Steve Dunagan PRK
Valerie Haigh PRK
Julie Holman PRK
Kalle Hoy PRK
Logan Hughes PRK
Thomas Kirby PRK

14 Marilyn Booker FR
Jerry Brymer FR
Alan Du Brul FR
Connor Frazier FR
Tommy Ganzee FR
Jeanette McFadden FR
Joe Payne FR
Donald Travers FR

15 Stephen Keiser FR
Cassidy Lowe FR
Victor Raby FR
Kathleen Ruffell FR
Tom Rykowski FR
Tina Sjob FR
Virginia Wood FR

16 Shirley Beasley FR
Robert Mallow PRK
Kelly Page PRK

17 Gregory Rhodes FR
Don Underwood FR
Gregory Wiley FR
Nicholas Casertano PRK
Steven Harter PRK
Carrie Lamb PRK
Ebony McRimmmons PRK
Eric Roberts PRK
Alex Turner PRK
Carrie Wallen PRK

18 Benjamin Cooper PRK
Scott Foley PRK
Brittany Gohr PRK
Christopher Johns PRK
Errin Kemper PRK
Amy Shelburn PRK
Timothy Whitman PRK

19 Hillary Ahlfeldt PRK
Vincent Herbert PRK
Erica Lipanovich PRK
Orenthal Marshall PRK
Bill Morrow PRK
Denise Ruble PRK
Douglas Thomas PRK
Warren Wentler PRK
Jacquelyn Woods PRK

20 Robert Baker WD
Morgan Genzler PRK
James Raw PRK
Peggy Thompson PRK

21 Shirley Ehrenfeld PRK
Robert Alcorn FDV
Kevin Clark PW
Jean Hale PRK
Raymond Hynick PRK
Sharon Smith CM

22 Jason Bohannon PRK
Nicholas Breithaupt PRK
John Choate ES
Jennifer Dawson PRK
Cynthia Koennen WD
Katherine Nixon POL
Michael Pringle FR
Joy Stassel HL
Rachel Thompson PRK

23 Michael Howard PRK
Kaitlyn Schwers PRK
Kent Clayton POL
Cheryl Hagler PDV
Suzanne Seely HL

24 Daniel Beauchamp PRK
Kelly Castaneda POL

25 Clifton Anderson PRK
Courtney Carlson PRK
Larry Ford PRK
Richard Grube PRK
Alex Russell PRK
Thomas Savard POL

26 Deanna Farley MC
William Holder PRK
Lynn Vanden Berg PRK

27 Angela Acree MC
James Carr PRK
Robert Dante PRK
Elizabeth Devitt PDV
David Felton PDV
Dylan Pelletier PRK
David Stone PDV

28 Amanda Bohrer PRK
Brandon Braun PW
Andrew Davis PW
Nicholas Hartman FR
Robert Jones PDV
Carol Knight CM
Cindy Mayshark PRK
Baron Myers PRK
Timothy Tourville POL

29 Greg Burris CM
Madelyn Fuchs CM
Rosemary Hallman PRK
Jamie Isham PRK
Teresa Mitchell PDV
Rebecca Peck PRK
Brian Stachowski AIR
Matthew Taylor ES
Travis White PRK

Abbreviations

PW, 911 Emergency Comm.
AIR, Airport
ART, Art Museum
BDS, Building Dev.
CC, City Clerk
CM, City Manager
EM, Emergency Mgt.
ES, Environmental Ser.
FN, Finance
FR, Fire
HL, Health
HR, Human Resources
IS, Info. Systems
LAW, Law
MC, Municipal Court
OG, Ozark Greenways
PRK, Parks
PDV, Planning & Dev.
DPI, Public Information
POL, Police
PW, Public Works
WD, Workforce Dev.
Enrollment for cafeteria and dental plans coming

Each year during the month of November, the City of Springfield offers eligible employees the opportunity to enroll in the City of Springfield Cafeteria Plan and Dental Insurance Plan. If you are a regular status City employee that is routinely scheduled to work at least 30 hours per week, you are eligible to take advantage of enrollment in either or both of these plans. Note that Police and Fire association members (IAFF and SPOA) have dental insurance available through their respective organizations.

The Cafeteria Plan provides eligible employees a tax savings opportunity. Participating employees have the option to pay for certain benefit costs prior to federal and state income tax calculations on their wages. Pre-tax payment options include premiums for family medical, dental, cancer and life insurances, as well as dependent care expenses and out-of-pocket medical, dental and vision care expenses.

Dental insurance is offered through Assurant. Basic and advanced plans are available for the employee and qualified dependents. Cost and detailed plan information will be available with the enrollment packets during the month of November.

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming informational meetings as listed below.

Dental Plan
Open Enrollment Meetings

- Tuesday, Nov. 8 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18 11 a.m.

Both meetings will be Busch Building, Room L-45

Cafeteria Plan
Open Enrollment Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 5 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15 1:30 p.m.

All meetings will be in Busch Building, Room L-45

Enrollment packets for the 2012 Cafeteria Plan will be sent to employees in late October. There will also be more information in next month’s SCENE and posted on CityShare and bulletin boards in late October. Questions regarding your benefits should be directed to Peggy Thompson, Senior Human Resources Specialist, via City e-mail or by calling 864-1608.

Flu shot clinics opening in late October

Flu season is quickly approaching. The flu is more than just a bad cold and can cause high fever, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches. The seasonal flu affects between 5 and 20 percent of the U.S. population each year and spreads quickly from person to person. The best way to avoid becoming ill with the flu is to receive the flu vaccination.

In an effort to provide protection from the flu, vaccinations will be provided by the City of Springfield and Greene County at no charge to employees. Retirees, employee spouses and retiree spouses will be offered vaccine through employee clinics for the cost of the vaccine, $12 per dose. Retirees, employee spouses, and retiree spouses that fall into a high-risk category, including those who are 65 years of age or older, have a high risk medical condition or are a household contact of someone in a high-risk category will be offered the vaccine at no charge. The 2011 employee seasonal flu clinic schedule is as follows:

- Mon., Oct. 24 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Westside Public Health Center - 660 S. Scenic Ave.
- Wed., Oct. 26 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Westside Public Health Center - 660 S. Scenic Ave.

Please call 864-1112 a week before the flu clinics are scheduled to be sure there are no changes.

Police Awards recognize employees, citizens

Members of the Springfield Police Department, other employees and citizens were honored at an Aug. 25 SPD award ceremony. The honorees included:

- Senior Planner Randall Whitman and Assistant City Attorney Amanda Callaway
- Plus citizens Katie Scott and Lea Dingman were honored for their combined effort over the past year in the development and successful implementation of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) affecting the Robberson Neighborhood Association. All members of the group worked diligently with members of the SPD, the Robberson neighborhood, and city officials to affect real change in the community through drug take back programs, neighborhood watch programs, and reporting and clean up of health code violations to name a few.
- Police Officers Chris Welsh, Robert Reeves, Tom Savard, Cpl. Brady Stark and St. John’s EMS employee Joseph were honored for their selfless acts of heroism on Jan. 15, 2011 in which all parties involved entered a burning home in search of two children located inside. Through their act of bravery and disregard for their own safety, the lives of both children were saved with assistance from the Springfield Fire Department.
- Police Officers Mike Stroud and Joseph Curry were honored regarding their actions on May 2, 2011 in which both officers showed great initiative while encountering an armed felon in an apartment complex. The suspect was known for being violent with a history of felony assaults and wanted for being a parole absconder. Once identified, the suspect brandished a weapon in which Officer Stroud immediately recognized and was prepared for, challenging the suspect to drop the weapon. The suspect attempted to flee on foot and was detained by both Stroud and Curry.
- In addition, Chief Paul Williams presented awards on behalf of The Springfield Police Sergeants League. The SPSL annually recognizes three individuals from the SPD. The awards this year were presented to Cindy Leven for Civilian Employee of the Year, Officer Shawn Clawson for Officer of the Year and Cpl. Steve Schwind for Corporal of the Year.
Sales Tax Report

The City of Springfield’s September 2011 one percent sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue was up 21.48 percent compared to September of last year. Revenue collected totaled $4,759,941 compared to $3,918,371 in September 2010.

This month’s check is a larger dollar amount because of the monthly and quarterly timeframes in which various types of businesses are required to pay taxes. It is the largest single monthly dollar amount received by the City since September 2007.

Year-to-date, sales tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2011 is 11.85 percent above the previous year. Year-to-date collections total $10,562,694 compared to $9,443,452 last year — a difference of about $1.12 million.

Training on the trail

Want to train for a 5K? The Health Department would like employees to know that CoxHealth is offering a free program to train for the Ozark Greenways 5k, part of the Bass Pro Outdoor Fitness Festival on Nov. 6.

The training includes intervals of walking and running to help build up endurance to complete a 5K (or 3.1 miles). Each participant will be given a training schedule and will be led by a certified running coach. Training is appropriate for all fitness levels for anyone 12 years of age and older. And, it’s completely free.

The sessions are at 8 a.m. each Saturday, now through Oct. 29, on the Sequiota Greenways Trail. For more information, call: 269-5147.

Partners in Education

The annual Partners in Education “Treasures of the City” event will be held on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 6. The Public Information Department is looking for volunteers for this great event. PIE is designed to teach Springfield third grade students about City government by taking them on a treasure hunt through the Busch Building and City Hall.

Volunteers make PIE possible each year. If you have volunteered in the past, you will receive an email soon requesting your help again for 2011. If you are interested in volunteering but haven’t taken part in the past, please contact Claudia Crighton at ext. 1012 or via email at ccrighton@springfieldmo.gov for more information. The event will begin for volunteers at about 4:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner and some instruction. The event is typically over by 8:30 p.m.

Stress Management

Beginning in October a second round of stress management classes will be offered. The Stress Management class will be held October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 1-2 p.m. at Jordan Valley Community Health Center 440 E. Tampa (to be held in Tampa Classroom 1). This course will be different from the one held last year, but will still focus on stress management techniques and ways to deal with burnout. Contact Jon Mooney at jmooney@jvchc.com with any questions or to sign up.

From the SCENE archives

20 Years Ago - Oct. 1991

Collin Quigley, an Evangel College junior from Springfield, began his internship in May and worked until August. Collin was quoted as saying “I was surprised at how complex things are in Personnel. It was a lot more involved than I thought. I also found people at the City were very friendly. As an intern, it was nice to be treated as a regular employee.” Collin is working on a major in Public Administration, and had an opportunity to apply some of his training by computerizing the employee survey on deferred compensation and updating a computer database indexing the personnel-related ordinances.

10 Years Ago - Oct. 2001

The Missouri Career Center, Ozark Region, was officially opened with a reception and ribbon cutting to mark the occasion. The Career Center represents a merging of the City of Springfield Department of Workforce Development (widely known as the Job Council of the Ozarks) with the State Division of Workforce Development.

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.

Joshua Steele
Police Officer, Police.
Joshua has worked for the City for 5 years.

What’s the one thing about you most people don’t know?
I use to live across the street from John Elway as a child.

What do you like most about your job?
There is the potential for almost anything to happen.

What are you compulsive about?
Running, I have to run or I have withdrawals.

What didn’t you learn in school?
A lot of what I know now.

What do you say to losers?
In a competition I say “Good job” because you’ll be in their shoes soon enough.

Rhizza Adams
Lab Scientist, Health.
Rhizza has worked for the City for 4 years.

What has been your greatest achievement?
Acquiring my MPH/MBA while holding a full-time job, volunteering in a nonprofit organization and raising two girls.

What is your earliest memory?
Stapling my thumb at my mother’s office when I was four years old.

What are you compulsive about?
Doing things my kids want – I’m too EASY.

What could you never do?
Keep my mouth shut.

Where would you like to spend tomorrow?
At home with my girls. I’m madly in love with my kids.
TO: **Sgt. Tom Luellen**, Police Department

As a citizen of this great city, I want to thank you and your officers for taking drinking and driving so seriously. I went through that checkpoint last night with my 12-year-old son in the passenger seat. Not only did you nab several violators, but it gave me another opportunity to discuss the idiocy of drinking and driving with my son. As a professor, I see college students who have their lives turned upside down because of drinking and driving. Let's continue to do all we can do to make drinking and driving taboo in our area.

Way to go Springfield Police. Thank you. Thank you.

*Sincerely, Philip and Jennifer Rothschild*

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TO: **Chief Paul Williams**, Police Department

I am writing to let you know one of your police officers went above and beyond call of duty at South Campbell Wal-Mart. We were on our way out of Wal-Mart, just as we had finished shopping when my 3 1/2 year old daughter, Mollie, got excited when she saw a police car parked outside. We walked to our vehicle and loaded our groceries, as the police officer pulled behind us and asked which of my children asked about the police car? He proceeded to ask them over to his “cool” police car and start showing them a few things, let them sit in the driver’s seat, look inside, put on handcuffs, (which they were a little skeptical), but did, and even gave each one a stuffed animal! My kids were soooo excited and felt very special, he took the time out to share part of his day with them! I can’t thank you enough, Mr. Police Officer! You are so kind and have no idea how special they felt! I want to thank you again for giving my children a special tour and explain what you do and show them.

*The Lambert Family*

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TO: **Chief Paul Williams**, Police Department

I wanted to write and let you know that I am very pleased with the exemplary performance of **Officer Chris Bersted**. On Tuesday last, there was an incident in our parking lot at approximately 10:15 a.m. Although some police agencies might think this a minor incident, Officer Bersted took the time to follow through on the matter efficiently. He called me in less than 2 hours. In that time he had talked to all the parents of the minors involved in the incident. Please thank him on my behalf.

*Thank You,*  
*Lisa Morris*

P.S. One of the parents brought their son to our office later that day to apologize, which was very much appreciated, and this would not have happened if it were not for Officer Bersted’s actions.

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TO: **Deanna Farley**, Municipal Court

I am contacting you to let you know that **Angela Huggins** is phenomenal in the fact that she was so kind, timely and helpful in making a court date easier to deal with. She was very kind with giving me options and what I could do to settle my business without disturbing my work and still take care of my responsibilities. It would be so wonderful to get through to like personalities like hers when going down any avenue of customer service. Even though I am at fault for a ticket, she made my day and it is very important that you know how much she is appreciated by even just one person today, and it happens to be me.

*Thank you for your time and hope your day is very kind,*  
*Leslie Ghys*

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TO: **Vince Crunk & the 4th Floor Staff Members** (CM, City Clerk, & PIO)

We cannot thank you enough for your generous donation of time to Ozarks Food Harvest, The Food Bank. Your participation in the 2011 United Way Day of Caring will help make a difference in the lives of 20,000 Children, Families, and Seniors this week alone.

Thank you for Transforming Hunger into Hope across 28 southwest Missouri counties.

*Jennifer Sickinger*  
*Resource Recruitment Coordinator*  
*Ozarks Food Harvest*

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TO: **Steve Meyer**, Director of Environmental Services

We were at landfill this morning and were locked out of our truck and a landfill supervisor and his crew went above and beyond to help us. They gave us coldwater, tried to pop lock with slimjim, let us borrow phone book and cell phone to call popalock. We really appreciate all they did. Those are some outstanding guys!

*Tonya Gomas*