Health Department and health systems administer 2,522 hepatitis A vaccines

More than 2,000 hepatitis A vaccinations were administered May 22-27 as a result of efforts by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, Mercy Springfield and CoxHealth.

After the Health Department was notified May 20 that a local restaurant employee had tested positive for hepatitis A, the department alerted the public.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver that can result in sickness, ranging from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to severe symptoms lasting several months. It is easily transmitted from person to person in a food service environment.

Health partners Mercy Springfield and CoxHealth immediately stepped up to the plate to assist, and hosted vaccination clinics over the long Memorial Day weekend.

The health systems gave 488 shots over three days. Staff at the Westside Public Health Center gave 23 shots May 27, in addition to the 2,011 given May 22 - 23.

Together, 2,522 vaccines were administered from Thursday, May 22 through Tuesday, May 27.

“I am extremely blessed to work with a group of public health professionals who truly have a heart for public service. Most of the work they do during the year gets unnoticed, but it is just as important as how they respond during an emergency such as this one,” says Director of Public Health Kevin Gipson. “I could not be prouder.”

Park Board rededicates Westport School-Park

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with Springfield Public Schools, rededicated Westport School-Park Wednesday, May 28.

The rededication includes ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Betty and Bobby Allison Westport School-Park Playground, adjacent to Westport School, and the new Hailey’s Playground, celebrating the life of Hailey Owens. Hailey was a fourth-grader at Westport Elementary School.

The idea of Hailey’s Playground originated with Springfield businessman and philanthropist Bobby Allison, whose family has generously supported numerous Park Board facilities and programs for many years.

“Bobby is a donor with a very big heart, and he approached both

See WESTPORT on page 3
City breaks ground for Route 66 Roadside Park

Nearly 90 years after “U.S. 66” was proposed as the name for the new Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway at Springfield’s Colonial Hotel, City officials broke ground for a roadside park celebrating Springfield as the birthplace of the Mother Road. The groundbreaking took place at 10 a.m., May 22 at the park’s future site on West College Street, between Fort and Broadway avenues.

Route 66 meandered across Springfield from Kearney to Glenstone to St. Louis Street, through Park Central Square to College Street, then headed west along what is now Chestnut Expressway.

Plans for the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park include incorporating memories of local Route 66 landmarks, sculptures, a filling station replica, a motor court sign replica and a history plaza.

“The first phase of the park will be complete by August and will include the replica of the Red’s Giant Hamburg sign; park driveway and parallel parking; and landscaping and sidewalk improvements along College Street.

The estimated cost for the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park is about $1 million, according to Director of Planning Ralph Rognstad.

While the City will provide funding to implement certain infrastructure improvements along the College Street stretch of Historic Route 66 between Grant Avenue and Kansas Expressway, it must leverage its investment in the project with private donations and other sources of funding. A larger plan to revitalize Historic Route 66 through other parts of Springfield could roll out in phases, as the City gauges interest and potential funding. The City raised more than $15,000 to build a replica of the Red’s Giant Hamburg sign through local crowdfunding company Crowdit.com.

“We hope to make Springfield THE stop along the famed, historic byway,” says City Manager Greg Burris.

CITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 18 - 24

Mayor Bob Stephens signs a proclamation for Public Works week with representatives from each of the divisions. Pictured from left to right, back row: Ron Bailey, Streets; Kevin Stephens, Operations; Rodney Colson, Stormwater Engineering; Ken Barstead, Transportation Engineering; John Ackerman, Transportation Management. Front row: Kevin Turner, Solid Waste Management; Kenny Hufford, Construction Inspection; Carrie Lamb, Water Quality; Ashley Fears, Sustainability; Sara Rains, Environmental Compliance.
the Park Board and Hailey’s family. All of us felt this would be very meaningful and appropriate,” said Bob Belote, Parks director. “Parks are where our community goes to play, to relax, to reflect, and in some cases, to heal. We feel this playground is a good fit, as Hailey’s family has shared with us how she loved going to Westport and loved playing at the park.”

After the ceremony, the Park Board hosted a community picnic at the new Westport Picnic Pavilion, as well as free games in the park and free swimming at Westport Pool.

Westport School-Park has undergone a two-year transformation, starting with the 2012 renovation of Westport Pool, a $608,000 project funded by the voter-approved 2006 Parks Sales Tax. Springfield Public Schools has since expanded Westport Elementary School. The school expansion displaced the school’s former playground, but through a partnership with the School-Park (SPARC) program, the playground was relocated onto Parks property.

The new Betty and Bobby Allison Westport School-Park Playground now serves Westport students when school is in session, as well as the public when school is out. A significant donation by Betty and Bobby Allison covered both the cost of this playground and new equipment in Hailey’s Playground. Playground manufacturer GameTime also contributed, as part of an ongoing school playground demonstration project with Springfield Public Schools and the Park Board. Additional donations by the Allison family funded new signage in the park and allowed the Westport school track, also on Parks property, to be resurfaced with asphalt.

The Park Board has also built the new Westport Park Pavilion, as well as resurfaced and repainted the park’s basketball and tennis courts. These improvements, totaling $210,000, were funded by the 2006 Parks Sales Tax.

Discount theme park tickets, season passes available

Discount tickets and season passes are now available for Missouri theme parks through the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association.

Discount tickets and passes include:

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| **Whitewater (Branson)** | | |
| Whitiwater Adult two-day | $40.00 | $44.64 |
| Whitiwater Child two-day | $34.00 | $37.94 |

| **Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun (Kansas City)** | | |
| One-day pass | $42.00 | $56.20 |

| **Schlitterbahn (Kansas City)** | | |
| General Admission | $32.50 | $46.50 |
| Child/Senior | $27.50 | $33.22 |

| **Six Flags (St. Louis)** | | |
| One-day | Call for details |
| Two-day tickets to Silver Dollar City and Whitewater are only available through special offers — not at the gate. Second day must be used within two operating days of first use. Two-day tickets include one unfilled souvenir mug, to be picked up at any food location. |

Discount theme park tickets may be purchased, while supplies last, at:

- Mediacom Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway, 417-866-7444
- Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Road, 417-891-1616
- Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Road, 417-891-1500
- Doling Family Center, 301 E. Talmage St., 417-837-5900
- Park Board Main Office, 1923 N. Weller Ave., 417-864-1049

Tickets are available during normal facility hours of operation. For more information, contact the Springfield-Greene County Park Board at 417-864-1049.
25 years
Lesleigh Horton
Accounting Clerk II
Environmental Services – 6/12/1989
Janet Hicks
Senior Public Health Investigator
Health – 6/12/1989
Nancy Yendes
Assistant City Attorney V
Law – 6/21/1989

20 years
Tim McCrea
Community Recreation Coordinator
Ronnie Box
Plant Operations Supervisor
Environmental Services – 6/27/1994

15 years
Jason Haynes
Traffic Engineer
Public Works – 6/5/1999
Terry Wyatt
Aircraft Services Specialist
Airport – 6/28/1999

10 years
Brian Smith
David Hatch
Danny Simmons
David Haines
Thomas Spence
Cody Williams
David Walker
Joshua Ludwig
Thomas Hicks
Police Officers

5 years
Kimberly Moore
Deputy Clerk of Municipal Court
Municipal Court – 6/1/2009
Thomas Brashears
Equipment Operator II
Public Works – 6/20/2009

Promotions
Nikki Crisp
Executive Secretary – Building Development
Charles Cullen
Craftsworker – Public Works
Matthew Dwyer
Team Leader – Public Works

Daron Evans
Truck Company Captain – Fire
Will Kelb
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire
Anne-Mary McGrath
Superintendent of Recreation – Parks
Joseph Myers
Rescue & Salvage Specialist – Fire

Retirements
Phyllis Dye
Community Health Nurse
Health – 19 years
Steven Licis
Police Sergeant
Police – 25 years
Fred McConkey
Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Parks – 41 years
Charles Parrott
Northwest Treatment Plant Supervisor
Environmental Services – 42 years
Philip Yarnell
Police Officer
Police – 20 years

FOR SALE
Moving soon and selling the following items:
L-shaped sectional couch, seats 6, fabric/olive shades - $350.00; Outdoor Fireplace, forged metal – Chiminea style - $75.00; Twin Captain’s Bed, tons of storage, includes bolsters and pillows - $150.00; Oil-rubbed Oak Entertainment Center, includes TV, perfect for an extra TV and stereo components - $150.00. Click on the following link to see pictures: http://1drv.ms/RSPPO4 Call June, 864-5034 for more info.

FOR SALE
For Sale 1993 Lexus ES-Good Condition 65,751 original miles-second owner-garaged $3,500. There is an additional set of tires & wheels and a wing for the trunk available at an additional cost. 2004 Buick Rendezvous Good condition, 98,600 $6,600. Great vehicles for anyone! For more information, call 417-872-7636.

REAL ESTATE
It’s often more expensive to rent, than to make a mortgage payment. Here’s your chance to own an affordable, super cute 2 bedroom house! 1638 S Broadway; borders Portland Elementary School. Hardwood floors, stucco walls and ceilings, central AC and heat, wood burning stove, lots of upgrades and improvements. Pre-inspection is done, and it’s now move in ready! $83,000. Click on link to see pictures http://1drv.ms/1kRT2G1 To tour it, call Ken at 417-849-0649

House for rent, 1909 S. Pickwick, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, fenced backyard, attached 1 car garage, 2nd living space off the kitchen, hardwood floors throughout house. $550 per month includes lawn care. Call 379-2978 for more information.

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The City MARKETPLACE
FREE sand to give away to anyone who wants to pick it up. I recently have turned my son’s old LARGE sandbox into a garden. There is at least one ton of sand available. Call 880-1139.

WELCOME TO THE CITY
Welcome
Donald Cox
Denise Neuleib
Buyers – Finance
Nicole Keyes
Animal Control Officer
Health
Heather Ferrier
Animal Shelter Coordinator – Health
Deborah Knight
Animal Shelter Assistant – Health
Kayla Smith
911 Telecommunicator – Emergency Communications

Brittany Stockwell
Police Services
Representative – Police
Julie Crouse
Staff Assistant – Health
Jonathan Woodside
Assistant Equipment Technician – Airport
Jacob Wells
Parks Caretaker – Parks
Christopher Holms
Arborist Crew Leader – Public Works
Michael Hutchison
Aircraft Services Specialist – Airport

Front Row: Nancy Elms, Public Works; Jill Simmons. Second Row: Angie Patterson, Police; Bambi Rosa, Health; Audrey Davis, Public Works. Third Row: Brittany Stockwell, Police; Danny Daily, Parks. Back Row: Heather Ferrier, Health; Mike Hutchison, Airport; Carson McKlemurry, Parks; Chad Skouby, Parks; Josh Gage, Public Works.

AC and heat, wood burning stove, lots of floors, stucco walls and ceilings, central bedroom house! 1638 S Broadway; borders make a mortgage payment. Here’s your It’s often more expensive to rent, than to make a mortgage payment. Here’s your chance to own an affordable, super cute 2 bedroom house! 1638 S Broadway; borders Portland Elementary School. Hardwood floors, stucco walls and ceilings, central AC and heat, wood burning stove, lots of upgrades and improvements. Pre-inspection is done, and it’s now move in ready! $83,000. Click on link to see pictures http://1drv.ms/1kRT2G1 To tour it, call Ken at 417-849-0649

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Erin Dowdy
   Lori Everett
   Kris Heinrichs
   Lauren McLarry
   Julie Williams

2 Marc Becker
   Cheryl Blevins
   Rick Bookout
   John Brewer
   Thomas Cordova
   Larry Decker
   Justin Foss
   Larry Haugness
   Christopher Hertzler
   Monique Hyden
   Matthew Lyon
   Daniel Rowles
   Kelsey Williams

3 Heather Anderson
   Colette Long

4 Nichole Burke
   Linda Charles
   Betty Dowdy
   Melissa Dudley
   Everett Kelley
   Randy Milnes
   Dale Moore
   Quincy Running

5 Tammy Beeman
   Daniel Grant
   Susan Mathey
   Andrew Meyer
   Kathryn Steinhoff
   Melanie Williams
   Deena Woolsey

6 David Burrell
   Lisa Cox
   Pamela Cox
   Joshua Henson
   Benjamin Hunt
   Jennifer Penning
   Kevin Pierce
   Jody Smith
   Brenda Toler

7 Paul Byer
   James Sandbothe
   Dianna Schuman

8 Nick Daas
   Anne-Mary McGrath
   Philip Noah
   Jill Petersen
   Nicholas Peterson
   Jessica Sullivan
   Richard Tettenhorst

9 Kenneth Barstead
   Kristi Bolli

10 Timothy Gunn
    Kiri Mack-Hansen
    Dennis Matthews
    Karla Parker
    Zackery Russell

11 Sarah Buhr
   Mark Craft
   Courtney Davenport
   Adam Mariage
   John Vangorkom

12 Kevin Benedict
   Denise Bredfeldt
   Steven Langguth
   Caryn McAdoo
   Cynthia Myers
   Daron Wilkins

13 Sarah Clark
   Ryan Davis
   Kenneth Hall
   Ann Razer
   Janice Smith

14 Grant Bledsoe
   Kevin Fox
   Emily Gold
   Trenton Krueger
   Kody Rein
   Jennifer Sandage
   Teresa Stanley

15 James Dryer
   Roger Hall
   Christopher Hollan
   Caitlin Jones
   Todd King
   Eric Marcel
   Laurie Orr
   Steven Pratt
   Jessica Ramsey
   Glenda Troop

16 Connor Buck
   Larry Clark
   Jason Halbert
   Brenda Miller
   Kristen Riffle
   James White
   Brady Yates

17 Lennis Marcotte
   Cindy Quayle
   Taylor Rife

18 Debra Balthzell
   Chris Gardner
   Angela Huggins
   Shirley Johnson
   Gerry Koeneman
   Andrew Love
   Sean McGruer
   Larry Morgan
   Seth Raney
   Randell Riley
   Denise Vaughan
   Casey Wilson

19 Jesse Furrow
   Martin Rosmanitz
   Michael Ruzicka
   Micah Tannery
   Craig Turner
   James Webb
   Tracy Whipple
   Andy Woody

20 Jon Chamberlin
   Amanda Smith

21 Holly Garrison
   Kevin Godfrey
   Kolby Helms
   Meagan Munhollon

22 Gregory Brostoski
   Mike Evans
   Charles Fales
   Jeffrey Hilton
   James Nixdorf
   Justin Thorn

23 James Blair
   Mandy Buettgen
   Derek Gillis
   Eric Glasson
   Dustin Martin
   Andrew Montgomery
   Tana Pulles
   Charles Rupe
   John Wilson

24 David Dees
   John Ervin
   Patsy Gardner
   Jacob Grubs
   Jana MacLachlan
   Mark Montgomery

25 Kennon Ellison
   Kaitlan Foland
   Kenneth Hillen
   Rachel Kleemann
   Lawrence Lovig
   Austin Money
   Anna Obermesik
   Peter Prewitt
   William Ramage
   Lanae Shockley
   Alice Wood

26 Christina Allison
   Brenda Cirtin
   Jenny Deppe
   Andrew Essary
   Phillip Featherstone
   Marti Fewell
   Mark Garner
   Victoria Kramer
   Jeffrey McClelland
   Thomas McCoy

27 Matthew Brown
   Carson Cash
   Matthew Hawkins
   Bradley Nicholson
   Sakel Peak
   Marvin Ringgold
   Cora Scott
   Justin Shaffer
   James Stater
   Natalie Vaughan

28 Charles Akins
   Erik Brown
   George Dye
   Timothy Pryor
   Takao Sears
   Morgan Sherwood
   Brennan Wingert

29 Chris Akins
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   Morgan Sherwood
   Brennan Wingert

30 Danielle Allen
   Jeffrey Carroll
   James Collins
   Hannah Eskina
   Joseph Harpine
   Andy Iorg
   Christi Norris
   Jonna Welch
How to connect to a network printer:

1. Go to the printer that you want to print to and find the PRINT-ER NAME on the yellow or white label located on the front of the printer. If there is no label, please find the IS sticker and use the last 5 digits to reference the printer name on the network.

2. Double-click the “Install A Networked Printer” icon on your desktop.

3. Now find the corresponding printer name in the list of printers that pops up in the open window and double-click on it to install it.

4. Now Windows will search for the printer and install it.

5. Once the printer has been installed you should see this window:

6. Go to the file menu and click on Printer and then select “Set As Default Printer.”

7. You can verify that the printer is installed and set to the default printer by going to your printer menu and you should now see the printer listed with a green checkmark next to it.

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Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

The Golden Goose is presented from one City employee to another as a way to say “thank you” and recognize fellow employees for a job well done.

I am pleased to pass the Golden Goose award to Rick Garner in BDS, because of his pursuit for perfection in ProjectDox. When an issue arises in ProjectDox, he always has thorough information to help resolve the problem. He always has a great attitude and is instrumental in the continuing success of ProjectDox.

Adam Turner, IS

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Rules of the Goose:

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. 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.

I would like to pass the Golden Goose award to Joe Harpine in the Planning Department. Joe’s institutional knowledge and easiness to work with are invaluable to us in BDS. His knowledge of the subdivision regulations and familiarity with how the processes have evolved through the years has helped many customers get their development goals accomplished. He is a good resource to go to when you have situations that aren’t by the book and offers solutions on how they might be solved.

Rick Garner, BDS

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Joe Harpine, Planning, accepts the Golden Goose from Rick Garner, BDS.
In Brief

interested in providing feedback about new Springfieldmo.gov?

PIO and IS will host two focus groups in July at the Midtown Library’s The Edge room to solicit user feedback about the new Springfieldmo.gov, which will roll out in July. We are interested in feedback from all user levels. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sharon Spain in PIO at sspain@springfieldmo.gov or 864-1105. Snacks and drinks will be provided for all participants.

City Releases 2013 Year in Review

The City of Springfield has completed a Year in Review report that highlights initiatives, projects, programs and events that defined Springfield in 2013.

Mayor Bob Stephens says in his opening message of the report, “One of the qualities that makes Springfield strong is our ability to collaborate … We owe much of what we accomplished in 2013 to collaboration.”

City Manager Greg Burris says, “The successes chronicled in this Year in Review publication highlight only some of the hard work accomplished by the City of Springfield in 2013.”

In addition to financial information, the Year in Review includes articles and photo features that highlight each of the City’s service areas. QR codes linking to videos and pdfs offer readers more in-depth information about those services. The City encourages citizens to download and review the report (15.1 mb pdf), which can also be found on the City’s homepage at www.springfieldmo.gov.

SPD lieutenants graduate from Command College

Two lieutenants from the Springfield Police Department were honored as part of the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF) Command College Class IV. Lieutenants Kevin Grizzell and Robert Pitts graduated from MPCCF’s Command College during commencement exercises held Saturday in the Capitol’s first floor rotunda.

The Command College training provides leaders in Missouri law enforcement the opportunity to receive advanced command level training, consisting of over 300 hours of Peace Officer Standards and Training continuing education, over the course of the year.

The MPCCF is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1996 to provide assistance and service to citizens and law enforcement. Their mission is two-fold: to promote the safety of Missouri’s youth through educational programs and to advance the quality and professionalism of law enforcement by supporting higher standards and offering advanced officer training. The MPCCF is recognized and licensed by the State of Missouri as an approved provider of law enforcement continuing education.

Spring Ring raises more than $10,000 for Salvation Army

City employees, along with staff from other community organizations, raised more than $10,000 for The Salvation Army with the Spring Ring campaign. “We cannot express our gratitude enough to all of you for this event,” said Mandy Long, Salvation Army development director. Thanks to those who rang bells, performed in the pop-up musical performances and especially to PIO, who organized the campaign.

Do You Know...?

A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Marcy Robinson-O’Connor
Springfield Firefighter/EMT

Marcy has worked for the City for 12 years.

What was your most memorable toy? Our family farm taught my sisters and I everything we needed to know. Play hard. Get your hands in the dirt. Be on time for supper. Respect Mom and Dad or you’ll share the dog house.

What’s the one thing about you most people don’t know? I have run 11 marathons.

What do you like most about your job? It has the potential to be a grand opportunity for adventure, or the chance to assist someone every shift. We train on skills and abilities that may make a difference for so many things. My co-workers are terrific company, mostly great cooks, and a real study in human nature!

What’s something you would never do? Two things: Eat liver and ride that giant water slide in Kansas City.

The SCENIC Route

We’re stumped! Help us caption the most recent comic by Mark Montgomery. Email your suggestions to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov. Our favorites will be printed in the July issue of the SCENE. The winner will receive a gift card to Andy’s Frozen Custard!
To: Ryan and Ron

Thank you again for participating in our Transportation Day. The kids loved “hanging” around the snow plow and learning about it. I know it’s an effort to spend the day with us, but we really appreciate it! It’s such a great way to learn about Community Helpers!

Sincerely,
Early Childhood Special Education Staff
Springfield Public Schools

To: Springfield Fire Department

We just wanted to express our deepest thanks for coming to our house this morning! The group was there within two minutes and were so thorough and kind. We felt such a relief that they were there to help us. We never did find a fire, but after they left, the electrician found that the compressor under the refrigerator was burning and melting all the wires. It was close to the return air vent and that was why we smelled the burning smell throughout the house. The firefighters did a great job of checking everywhere and we just wanted to again express our thankfulness for all they do! Keep up the great job! We appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Dr. and Mrs. Brian and Karen Adkison
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

Officer Brian Steen did an excellent job of calming my teenagers after they were involved in a minor accident. He was kind and helpful and even found a common interest, football, to share with my son.

He explained everything to both children and made sure they understood what the ticket was written for as well as the seriousness of wearing a seat belt and staying alert. Before he left, Officer Steen encouraged my son, the driver, to continue working hard in school and wished him luck with his upcoming football season.

This kind of contact with teenagers strengthens our community. Thanks Officer Steen!

Sincerely,
Jeannie Ratcliff
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

I wanted to send a big thank you to Officer Jason Holland who responded to my traffic accident. He was extremely helpful and courteous. He even recommended and helped me snap my bumper back on my vehicle so it was drivable, which he didn’t have to do. Thank you for going above and beyond, it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Jefferson
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

I would just like to thank Officers Mike Evans and Jeremy Ogden for their service. My two children attend Campbell Elementary School within the area these two officers patrol each morning. Both officers regularly stop motorist from speeding through the intersection where our children cross. Their ongoing presence is so appreciated that I look forward to seeing them each morning. Additionally I would like to point out that they both have a positive attitude when dealing with the people around them. They smile and wave when they go by and to my son who wants to be a police officer himself one day, this means the world. So, thank you both for being a positive role model to my children and keeping them safe.

Sincerely,
Sara Roach
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

Officer Dustin Donaldson stopped to check on me just a few minutes after my tire blew, he stayed with me and my dad helping us with the jack so we could change the tire. He stayed until the tire was changed and we were safely back on the road. His help was very much appreciated and we are thankful that he stopped to help us with our problem.

Thanks very much to this helpful young officer!

Juanita Hall
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

This is not the first time that Officer Jason Copley has gone above and beyond his expected police job. I have seen it many times and tell members of our neighborhood association, and even people in our corridors that have crime concerns, to trust him and give him and his officers time to put things together and to work to do a thorough job. We may not see the officers themselves, but realize that something is being done when we see quick response to certain areas in our association. I have noticed a considerable change in the thinking of our immediate citizens, and they are becoming a bit more bolder in reporting things that they see. Officer Copley is always respectful, professional, forthright in honesty and polite when dealing with us, and will do everything that he can to help us feel safe and stay informed in our neighborhood. I see how children look up to him. This is amazing and character building in the children. He has been a ray of hope for those who had doubts that the police even care. They are beginning to change the way they think. This hasn’t happened overnight, it has taken some time, but something is working and I like what I am seeing. My personal “thank yous” to Officer Copley do not feel to me to be enough, so I want someone in his league to recognize what you have on your force. A man who has integrity, knowledge, wisdom, and the guts to make a difference. We need more men and women like him to do that tough job of police work, and I am honored to help in whatever way I can. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,
Dolly Franka
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

Thank you again for your help and for giving us back the feeling of safety in our neighborhood. My son was involved in a minor accident on Indian Hill. I was really shocked and scared, but I knew I had to get the vehicle home. He was kind enough to help me get the vehicle home. My son was greatly comforted by him. He was a great comfort to him.

Thank you for your help. Thank you for making a difference.

Sara Roach
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

This is not the first time that Officer Jason Copley has gone above and beyond his expected police job. I have seen it many times and tell members of our neighborhood association, and even people in our corridors that have crime concerns, to trust him and give him and his officers time to put things together and to work to do a thorough job. We may not see the officers themselves, but realize that something is being done when we see quick response to certain areas in our association. I have noticed a considerable change in the thinking of our immediate citizens, and they are becoming a bit more bolder in reporting things that they see. Officer Copley is always respectful, professional, forthright in honesty and polite when dealing with us, and will do everything that he can to help us feel safe and stay informed in our neighborhood. I see how children look up to him. This is amazing and character building in the children. He has been a ray of hope for those who had doubts that the police even care. They are beginning to change the way they think. This hasn’t happened overnight, it has taken some time, but something is working and I like what I am seeing. My personal “thank yous” to Officer Copley do not feel to me to be enough, so I want someone in his league to recognize what you have on your force. A man who has integrity, knowledge, wisdom, and the guts to make a difference. We need more men and women like him to do that tough job of police work, and I am honored to help in whatever way I can. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,
Dolly Franka
Springfield, MO

To: Springfield Police Department

Thank you again for your help and for giving us back the feeling of safety in our neighborhood. My son was involved in a minor accident on Indian Hill. I was really shocked and scared, but I knew I had to get the vehicle home. He was kind enough to help me get the vehicle home. My son was greatly comforted by him. He was a great comfort to him.

Thank you for your help. Thank you for making a difference.

Sara Roach
Springfield, MO