Government parking lot work begins

Hunter Chase & Associates began demolition of the Government Plaza Parking Lot Sept. 23 to begin a grant-funded project to demonstrate ways of managing stormwater that reduce the amount of runoff and pollution that reach our streams.

The existing employee parking lot will be used for public parking only during the first half of construction. Construction of the parking lot will be broken up into two phases.

Phase 1 includes construction of the existing public parking lot. Phase 2 will include construction of the existing employee parking lot south of the rock building. Employee parking along Robberson is no longer available. Employees with special parking needs should contact Jonathan Peitz at 864-1994. Council members may park in the spaces south of the Busch Building near the employee entrance during construction.

Upon completion of Phase 1, the general public will be moved back to the public parking lot and then construction activities will begin on Phase 2. Public Works anticipates Phase 1 to be completed around Nov. 10 and Phase 2 to be completed around Dec. 15.

Public Works will continue to update all employees on specific dates as construction activities proceed.

To view a parking map, visit springfieldmo.gov/employees.

The new parking lot will include pervious pavement, rain gardens, and a bioswale that allow rainwater to soak into the ground and be used and naturally filtered by soil, plants and trees.

The project is a partnership of Watershed Committee of the Ozarks and the City of Springfield as part of the Springfield-Greene County Urban Watershed Stewardship Project Grant (nicknamed Big Urbie).

SPD gears up for second annual Stop the Violence conference

The Springfield area’s Family Violence Task Force (established in late 2012) had many objectives to explore upon its formation, but one central goal was to educate the community about the issues of family violence and the overall effect this issue has on the quality of life, businesses, education and civic reputation.

With that goal still at the forefront, the Family Violence Task Force is preparing for the second annual “Stop the Violence” conference, sponsored by Verizon Wireless, which will be presented on Oct. 30 at Missouri State University’s Plaster Student Union. The day will include presentations from two internationally recognized keynote speakers, Dottie Davis and Victor Rivas Rivers, and a panel of local experts guiding attendees through the victim’s tiring process from experiencing the mental and physical pain inflicted by the abuser to navigating the criminal
justice system.

The conference will also feature seven breakout sessions. Those topics include lethality assessments which Springfield police are currently using with victims, victimless prosecution, stalking, human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault screening in the ER, workplace violence and a simulation of a risky relationship.

Due to Verizon’s support of the Task Force’s mission of educating the entire community on this issue, the “Stop the Violence” conference will be free for attendees.

To register, visit www.commpartnership.org/stoptheviolence.

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Bottom Row L-R: Beth Bruner, Parks; Heather West, Health.
Second row L-R: Melissa Rogles, Health; Carmen May, WFD; Ellen Littrell, PW.
Third Row: Michael Costello, Police; Brian McLeod, E.S.; Katrina Spickard, Health.
Top Row: Kara Bills, I.S.; Kristopher Cottrell, Parks.
Not pictured: Jessica Peebles, E.S.

Hints from the Help Desk

Change the AutoRecover Save time in Excel 2007

Open Excel 2007 and left-click on the Office Button
• Left-click on the Excel Options button.
• Left-click on the Save button in the navigation pane.
• Change the AutoRecover Save time and left-click on the OK button. (The default AutoRecover time is 10 minutes.) It is recommended that you do not change the time to any sooner than 2 minutes or you may notice a performance slow down on your computer if it is trying to save a large spreadsheet every minute. (Make sure that the “Save AutoRecover information every …” box is checked.)
Congratulations to all for completing our second City-Wide Walking Challenge.

With 37 teams and 238 participants, we raised $1,190 for the United Way. Together, we walked 11,281 miles in just 12 days.

How far is 11,281 miles? Starting in Springfield, heading to Chicago and then walking Route 66 five times.

We had some great competition in all of the divisions! The winners are:

**Desk Division**
1. Busch Walkers
   - Average steps per team member: 177,587.
2. Dan Kinney
   - Average steps per team member: 152,697.

**Field Division**
1. The Clean Team
   - Average steps per team member: 162,985
2. Clean Water Team 3
   - Average steps per team member: 137,738

**Running Division**
1. We Got the Runs
   - Average steps per team member: 142,470
2. Running Totals
   - Average steps per team member: 131,545

Each member of the winning teams will receive an inBalance hoodie. The winning team in each division has also earned the privilege to hold the traveling trophy until Spring, where they will defend their title!

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
33% of everyone averaged 10,000 steps a day! See below for a list of your co-workers that met this goal!

**10,000 Step Club:**
Abbott, James
Dunn, Rinda
Jaurez, Margaret
Pulles, Tana
Adams, Rhiza
Edwards, Christi
Karnes, Deborah
Rains, Sara
Baird, Nancy
Ellison, Kemon
Kerringer, Mary Jo
Raredon, Spain
Batson, Kimberly
Fickett, Brian
Kidwell, Leah
Reynolds, Kari
Boschen, Erin
Friedman, Ellen
Kirkby, Jordan
Schupbach, Audra
Buhr, Sarah
Funkhouser, Robin
Knox, Tyra
Sharp, Roxanne
Buscher, William
Gaw, Catherine
Layton, Virginia
Smith, Tammie
Chura, Brian
Gillis, Derek
Lucas, Nancy
Stanley, Daniel
Cotter, Anita
Gouty, Wendy
McDowell, Margaret
Stubben, Lori
Cox, Pamela
Halloway, Patrick
Medina, Joseph
Swearingen, Andrea
Crisp, Nikki
Harris, Colten
Melendez, Luz
Thornton, Quienton
Davis, Audrey
Henderson, Laura
Merritt, Angelia
Watson, Stacey
Davis, Jack
Hilton, Justin
Miller, Daniel
Wells, Randy
Davis, Sarah
Hinkston, Bruce
Mooney, Jonathan
White, Judy
Dement, Justin
Holmes, Peggy
Morison, Darla
Williams, Melanie
Denney, Jason
Huntley, Michele
Petit, Machelle
Wood, Jefferson
Dickens, Jana
Johnson, Cathy
Pierce, Kevin
Woods, Monica
Duncan, Elizabeth
Jones, Barbara
Pilgrim, Lavena
Woolsey, Deena
Duncan, Kristine
Jones, Kimberly
Pinkley, Michael
Young, Diana

*For the rest of the team standings and more on the individual results, visit springfieldmo.gov/UnitedWay.*

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**SCHEDULE OF BIG EVENTS THIS MONTH:**

- **Support Your Team Sticker Sales**
  - Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
  - Purchase stickers in Environmental Services

- **IS Split-the-Pot Raffle**
  - Sept. 29 - Oct. 24
  - See IS employees for tickets

- **Tailgate Party/Support Your Team**
  - Oct. 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Busch Building Loading Dock

- **Health Dept. Parfait Thursday**
  - Oct. 9, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  - Cart coming around to facilities

- **BDS Bake Sale**
  - Oct. 13, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  - Busch Building Lobby

- **Silent Auction**
  - Oct. 20 - 24
  - Donated items accepted in the Department of Public Information. See Sharepoint to view & bid on items.

*For details, see the Monday Morning Announcements or visit springfieldmo.gov/UnitedWay.*
FOR SALE

2-1953 Ford Crown Victoria’s – 1 is a parts car and the other is to rebuild. This comes with a re-built motor, transmission, manuals, etc. All for $2000 or best offer.

1998 Lexus ES – $3000 comes with LED lights – 2 sets of tires & wheels & wings has a radiator leak and has overheated a couple of times so that will need to be fixed as well. This is to be sold AS IS and has a PREVIOUS SALVAGE TITLE. It was previously wrecked and completely repaired by Thompson Pontiac Cadillac.

2 3 three seater sea-dos with trailer—very very low hours $4,000. All in very good condition and garaged! CALL 417-872-7636 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Full length black fox coat and also a hip length black fox coat purchased at McDaniels. Asking $200 for the full length and $150 for the hip length. All coats kept in air-conditioning, in excellent condition. Call Kathy at 619-5511.

MILESTONES

35 years
Lyle Smith
Team Leader
Public Works – 10/25/1979

25 years
Kyle Williams
Public Health
Investigator
Building Development – 10/25/1989
William Blevins
911 Shift Supervisor
Emergency
Communications – 10/23/1989

20 years
Jerry Wilson
Airport Maintenance
Supervisor
Airport – 10/17/1994
John Lumb
Investigative Services
Specialist
Police – 10/24/1994
Terry Hadden
911 Shift Supervisor
Emergency
Communications – 10/24/1994
John Peine
Workforce Development
Supervisor
Workforce Development – 10/24/1994
Kristopher Inman
Telecommunications
Supervisor
Emergency
Communications – 10/24/1994
Christopher Sharp
911 Telecommunicator
Emergency
Communications – 10/24/1994
Carl Shaw
Maintenance Supervisor
Environmental Services – 10/30/1994

15 years
John Rippe
Senior Street & Sewer
Construction Inspector
Environmental Services – 10/9/1999
David Byron
Maintenance Worker
Public Works – 10/9/1999
Myron Walton
Laborer
Public Works – 10/23/1999

10 years
Karâ Daniel
Buyer
Jordan Tate
Aircraft Services
Specialist
Airport – 10/5/2004
Lori Stubbsman
License Inspector
Finance – 10/18/2004
Virginia Layton
Permitting Services
Representative
Building Development – 10/25/2004
Dwight Cook
Wastewater Plant
Maintenance Supervisor
Environmental Services – 10/25/2004
Chad Davis
Truck Company
Captain
Fire – 10/25/2004

5 years
Jeff Ruth
Building Maintenance Worker
Airport – 10/11/2009
Celia King
Receptionist
Workforce Development – 10/12/2009

Promotions

Drew Gateley
Land Use Inspector – Building Development
Casey Perryman
Firefighter – Fire
Stacia Portis
Accounting Technician – Finance
Doug Simmons
Parks Maintenance Supervisor – Parks
Nathan Tiller
Maintenance Worker – Public Works

Retirements

Richard Dekker
Team Leader
Public Works – 28 years
Donnie Garrison
Arborist
Public Works – 14 years
John Hickman
Aircraft Services
Specialist
Airport – 21 years
Paula Leggett
Police Services
Representative
Police – 14 years
Frank Long
Equipment Operator II
Public Works – 16 years
Jeffrey Schwerdt

Welcome

Tim Smith
Deputy City Manager – City Manager
Melissa Rogers
Financial – Analyst
Health
Amy Torcasso
Community Sports Coordinator – Parks
Carmen May
Workforce Development Supervisor – Workforce Development
Tammie Smith
Maintenance Engineering Technician – Environmental Services
Tyler Moore

Police Corporal
Police – 21 years
Bennie Smith
Senior Signal Technician
Public Works – 24 years
Charles Smith
Principal Engineer
Public Works – 15 years
Kevin Swarengin
Collection System
Supervisor
Environmental Services – 29 years

GSM Specialist – Information Systems
Michael Costello
Computer Forensic
Analyst – Police
Christopher Gower
Senior Signal Technician – Public Works
Joshua Bravestone
Britney Day
Zachary Enokido
Tony Fields
Dustin Hall
Michael Keim
Garet Olson
Frank Oswald
Firefighters – Fire
Katrina Spickard
Accounting Clerk I – Health
Kelli Carcione
Police Services Representative – Police
Marsha Harry
Staff Assistant – Law
Bethany Hirsch
Staff Assistant – Health
Kimberly Jones
Custodian – Airport
Trey Brown
Maintenance Worker – Parks
Keith Sanchez
Parks Caretaker – Parks
Ryan Van Fosson
Arborist – Parks

The City MARKETPLACE

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Back row, L-R: Zachary Enokido, Tony Fields, Brittnie Day.
Front row, L-R: Casey Perryman, Christopher Powell, Frank Oswald, Garrett Olson, Michael Keim, Dustin Hall, Joshua Bravestone, Bradley Womington.
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jason Dean  FR
Joe Hamp  PW
Joel Holdman  911
Kimberly Jones  AIR
Keith Kenyeri  FR
Cole Ryan  PRK
Gary Smith  IS
2 Brian Athen  POL
Kevin Brown  PRK
Ashley Elliott  PW
Marla Harman  PRK
Preston Ingram  FR
Scott Owens  PRK
Patricia Steiner  IS
Mark Stiles  PW
Tanner Stokes  PRK
Theresa Townsend  PRK
3 Charley Geiser  AIR
Vickie Harris  WD
Eric Latimer  FR
Aaron Ramsey  POL
Will Kelb  FR
Russell Nakishi  PRK
4 Joey Addison  AIR
Anita Baker Climer  CC
Brandi Curl  HL
Joseph Lane  PRK
Carson Latham  PRK
Daniel Mork  PW
Lisa Powell  MC
Marcia Robinson-O'Connor  FR
Gregory Anderson  POL
Virginia Essary  PRK
Blanche Jones  PRK
Lawrence Ray  PRK
Daniel Speights  FR
Morgan White  PRK
Bradyle Wormington  FR
5 Jack Davis  ES
Rickey Helton  HL
Janet Howard  WD
Jennifer Rice  HL
Gregory Roeder  POL
Greta Russell  ART
Casandra Smith  POL
Michael Sparlin  PDV
Olivia Tinkler  PRK
Lane Walden  FR
Dan Wichmer  LAW
Luke Green  ART
Michele Huntley  AIR
Elizabeth Nelson  MC
Daniel Dale  PRK
Shane Kern  AIR
Benjamin Lord  POL
Wilma May  WD
Jack Phillips  PRK
Ethan Ramsey  POL
Marc Stevens  POL
Teresa Stevens  HR
Kimberly Batson  BDS
Mackenzie Laney  PRK
Linda Maddux  HL
Timothy Moore  ES
Ronald Powell  FR
Neva Wooliver  AIR
Carol Alumbaugh  ES
Alyse Christensen  PRK
Kristopher Cottrell  PRK
Chuck Cowan  AIR
Bethany Hirsch  HL
Sean Jackson  PRK
Christy Wilkins  PRK
Jennifer Cole  PRK
Justin Dement  PRK
Norma Ehhardt  POL
Merritt Giles  ART
John Grier  FR
Neal McAmis  POL
Sara Meier  911
Rod Noble  AIR
Spain Raredon  PRK
Darrel Baldwin  PRK
Steve Dunagan  PRK
Kara-Aretha Gaither  PRK
Valerie Haigh  PW
Julie Holman  PRK
Thomas Kirby  WD
Pam Long  PRK
Leigha May  FR
Tyler Nevins  911
Zim Schwartz  911
Donald Travers  PRK
Marilyn Booker  PRK
Jerry Brymer  PRK
Tommy Ganzers  PRK
Joe Payne  ES
Daniel Stanley  PLK
Courtinie Willis  PLK
Jason Harper  ART
Kathleen Ruffell  ART
Tom Rykowski  POL
Audra Schupbach  PDV
Tina Stob  PRK
Virginia Wood  PRK
Shirley Beasley  ART
Heather Huff  PRK
Robert Mallow  AIR
Kelly Page  POL
John Parker  POL
Gregory Rhodes  POL
Nicole Smith  POL
Don Underwood  PRK
Dustin Burgess  PW
Kelli Carcione  POL
Joshua Gage  PW
Dustin Hall  FR
Steven Harter  POL
Ellen Herrmann  911
Carrie Lamb  ES
Ebony McCrimmons  PRK
Brian McLeod  ES
Erick Roberts  ES
Carrie Wallen  PRK
Scott Foley  ES
Christopher Johns  ES
Errin Kemper  ES
Timothy Whitman  ES
Orenthal Marshall  PW
Anthony McElven  PRK
Phyllicia Poelma  PRK
Denise Ruble  911
Jes Simpson  PRK
Douglas Thomas  PW
Doug Thrasher  AIR
Warren Wentler  AIR
Samantha Williams  AIR
Robert Baker  PW
Becky Borthwick  MC
Bonnie Phillips  PRK
James Rawe  HR
Shirley Ehrenfeld  POL
Tony Leckrone  AIR
Stephen Lombardo  PRK
Amanda Upshaw  PRK
Brandon Vanderpool  PRK
Robert Alcorn  POL
Kevin Clark  POL
Nikki Crisp  BDS
Raymond Hyncik  PRK
Ashley Mayabb  PRK
Sharon Smith  CM
Jason Bohannon  POL
John Choate  ES
Nicholas Breithaupt  PRK
Trenton Herr  POL
Cynthia Koenekeer  WD
Carolyn McNeal  POL
Katherine Nixon  POL
Joy Stassel  HL
24 Katrina Baltz  PRK
Richard Dunn  PRK
Steven Gusa  PRK
Michael Howard  PRK
Jacob Nanney  PRK
25 Kent Clayton  POL
Cheri Hagler  PDV
Suzanne Seely  HL
26 Daniel Beuchamp  PRK
Kelly Castaneda  POL
Audrey Davis  PW
Deanna Farley  MC
Grant Gregory  PRK
Heidi Hamilton  PRK
William Holder  PRK
Kayel Oaks  PRK
Megan Taylor  PRK
Lynn Vandenbergh  PRK
Kristina Witt  PRK
27 Clifton Anderson  PW
Victoria Gladback  PRK
Heather Kendrick  PRK
Thomas Savard  POL
28 Vernon Armstrong  PW
David Byron  AIR
Tammy Jacobs  ES
Tammie Smith  ES
Cody Williams  POL
29 James Carr  PRK
David Felton  PW
Christopher Gower  PW
David Stone  POL
Miranda Webber  PRK
30 Brandon Braun  PW
Andrew Davis  PRK
Tony Fields  FR
Nicholas Hartman  FR
Bob Jones  PDV
Carol Knight  CM
Cindy Mayshark  PRK
Cynthia Shumock  PRK
31 Greg Burris  CM
Ryan Hunt  PRK
Zachary Sindelar  PW
Matt Taylor  ES
New additions for Springfield Jazz Festival 5th anniversary

After last year's “packed house” downtown, organizers are providing two new offers for jazz lovers at this year’s 5th annual Springfield Jazz Festival.

The festival is free to the public and combines a variety of grooves that jazz music has to offer, kicking off at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3. The lineup, performing on two stages, includes the Missouri State University jazz studies ensemble, the Arthur Duncan trio and longtime weekly performers such as The Linda Sala Project and The Richard Bruton Quartet. It culminates with a concert by Bob Lark. Bob Lark is recognized regionally, nationally and internationally as a contemporary jazz educator and a trumpet and flugelhorn player.

For those interested in getting a little more into the action, two new options put you stageside.

GOLD Level Seating
For just $10, patrons receive a reserved floor seat in front of the main stage at Park Central Square. Purchase of GOLD Level tickets per person are provided.

Jazz Club Package
Park Central Square’s inner courtyard will turn into an open-air jazz club as event organizers offer a “Jazz Club” package for four. The $100 package includes a table for four in a high-energy hot spot right in front of the main stage in the Square. “Jazz Club” lanyards are also your ticket to scrumptious appetizers by downtown restaurants served right at your table and special “surprises” commemorating the Jazz Festival. Two drink

Early Bird registration available for 20th annual Turkey Trot

Early Bird Registration is now open for the 20th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, held at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday Nov. 27, in downtown Springfield.

Turkey Trot is Springfield’s largest timed 5K walk/run of the year and the largest Thanksgiving Day 5K in Missouri, attracting 8,034 participants in 2013. Proceeds from the event benefit the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Scholarship Fund and the Developmental Center of the Ozarks. Turkey Trot also serves as the largest one-day food drive for Ozarks Food Harvest. The event is held rain, snow or shine.

Participants may register for one of four race categories, each with staggered start times:

Elite- Participants have completed a sanctioned 5K in the last 18 months within at least 24 minutes for females, 21 minutes for males. For safety concerns, no dogs or strollers are allowed.

Runner- Participants will run or jog a 5K at a consistent pace without walking breaks. For safety concerns, no dogs or strollers are allowed.

Walker/Family- Ideal for groups, families with strollers or small children, or anyone wishing to walk all or part of the route. For safety concerns, no dogs are allowed.

Pet- Participants running, jogging or walking with dogs. Strollers and groups are also allowed in this category. Please pick up after your dog. Pet Category starts last.

Early Bird registration, available now until Friday, Nov. 21, is $20 for adults, $15 for kids 12 and under. Registration includes a long-sleeve T-shirt and a race bib with timing device.

Register online or print a registration form at parkboard.org A $3.25 service charge will be added to each online registration. Printed and mailed or hand-delivered registrations have no service charge. Must be postmarked by Nov. 19. Early Bird registration closes at 5 p.m. Nov. 21, and will remain closed until the day before the race.

For those who have never run a 5K, the Park Board offers an eight-week “Training for the Trot” class, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Chesterfield Park. The class is designed for beginning runners, and includes running techniques and local running trails. Registration for Training for the Trot is $45 and includes a class T-shirt as well as registration for the 20th annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk. For details, call Chesterfield Family Center at 891-1616.

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 would like to pass the Golden Goose to Bubba. Bubba has provided the Solid Waste Dept. with countless man hours. He made my job of keeping track of the glass bunker effortless. Due to his due diligence and overseeing the loading/unloading of semi’s, as well as keeping the compound running. Thank you for a great job well done!

I would like to pass the “Golden Goose” to Bryon Scott. For all his hard work he provides each department. He puts in countless hours finding/locating parts, keeping snow plows, sweepers, and other equipment in operation. Thank you for all that you do.

David “Bubba” Messenger, Public Works

David “Bubba” Messenger, Public Works presents the Golden Goose to Bryon Scott in PW Garage.
City to receive federal grant for 10 additional police officers

The City of Springfield was notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that the City will receive funds to assist with the hiring of 10 additional officer positions under the 2014 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The estimated total amount of federal funds to be awarded to the jurisdiction over the three-year grant period is just over $1 million.

The City must make a local cash match of 25% over the three-year grant period. After the three-year grant, the City will assume 100% of the ongoing costs for the additional officers.

The Springfield Police Department is currently recruiting and testing for current vacancies. According to Police Chief Paul Williams, an academy for the grant-funded officers will take place in June 2015. That would put new officers on the street in March 2016.

The grant is contingent upon formal City Council approval.

In Brief

Borthwick, Scott among 2014 Most Influential Women honorees

Municipal Court Judge Becky Borthwick and Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott were selected as honorees for the Springfield Business Journal’s 2014 Most Influential Women. Each year, 20 women are honored for improving the southwest Missouri business, civic and philanthropic communities. Borthwick and Scott were featured in an accompanying special publication and will be honored at an Oct. 10 awards luncheon at University Plaza.

Sign up now to ring bells for Salvation Army’s holiday campaign

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to ring bells at one of The Salvation Army’s iconic red kettles Nov. 7-Dec. 24 at locations throughout the Ozarks. If you’d like to volunteer this year, please visit www.registertoring.com. If you can’t ring a bell, but would still like to help, please send your donation to The Salvation Army, PO Box 9685 in Springfield MO, call 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit donate.salvationarmyusa.org. Did you know that 82¢ of every dollar goes directly toward programs & services that help local Ozarks residents in need?

SPD employee earns certification

Veronica Zeigler recently earned certification as a Crime and Intelligence Analyst through the Alpha Group. The program is currently the only Crime and Intelligence Analysis certification program in the world that is regulated by state government with law enforcement oversight, and it is sponsored by California State University in Sacramento, Calif. and the California Department of Justice. The certification represents 160 hours of classroom training in addition to time spent completing assignments.

Donate items for United Way silent auction to PIO

The United Way silent auction will be held Oct. 20-24. All bidding will take place online through SharePoint in an “eBay” style of bidding. Donations of new, used, and “white elephant” items are being accepted in the Department of Public Information. Auction items will be available for view in the weeks leading up to the event in the Busch Municipal Building lobby, and can also be viewed on-line, with new items being added as they come in. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to the United Way. For more information, contact: Sharon Spain 864-1105 or sspain@springfieldmo.gov.

Animal Shelter offering new ‘Take a Dog to Lunch’ program

Want to play with a shelter dog over your lunch break? You supply the lunch and the Animal Shelter will supply the dog, toys, treats and clothing protection. Please e-mail hferrer@springfieldmo.gov to reserve your spot. Openings are 12:30-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The shelter is located at 4002 N. Farmer Road.

IS/PIO to host monthly Web site workshops

IS and PIO will host monthly CivicPlus Web site contribution workshops 1-5 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Busch L-46 computer lab. If you are not yet set up as a Web contributor, please contact Nichole Plowman so she can give you access prior to attending a workshop.
Summer pool attendance, food donations and World’s Largest Swimming Lesson numbers finalized

Cooler May and June temperatures contributed to a small overall decrease in swimmers at Springfield-Greene County Park Board pools this summer.

Still, swimmers donated 10,023 lbs. of food to Ozarks Food Harvest through the summer-long Splash & Sizzle program, which offers discount pool admission with a canned food item. Ozarks Food Harvest estimates the Splash & Sizzle donation to equal 8,352 meals.

The Park Board’s largest pool, Fassnight Pool, contributed to a new world record, when 152 local swimmers and 25 instructors took part in the World’s Largest Swim Lesson, held June 20. Around the globe, 36,564 participants held a concurrent 30-minute swimming lesson, breaking the 2013 Guinness World Record of 32,450.

When it’s hot and sunny, we’re busy, and when it’s cool and rainy, we’re not,” said Marc Baker, Aquatics Coordinator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. “Whenever there is a Heat Advisory, or temperatures reach upper 90’s, we see a surge in attendance. Last year, we had Heat Advisories in June and July, but this year, the hottest weather came late in the season, and our numbers reflect that.”

The busiest summer on record is 2012, when sustained high temperatures and heat advisories throughout the season contributed to 97,801 swimmers at public pools. Attendance at all outdoor pools has seen an overall increase following renovations funded by the 2006 voter-approved ¼-cent Parks Sales Tax, including Fassnight (2009), Silver Springs (2010), Meador (2011) and Westport (2012.) The sales tax, which expired in 2012, also funded the conversion of the former outdoor Doling Pool into the indoor Doling Aquatics Center.

Aquatics programs, including swim lessons, water aerobics and open swimming, continue year-round at indoor Chesterfield and Doling Aquatics Centers.

For more information visit parkboard.org/1129/Aquatics or call the Park Board’s Aquatics Program at 891-1616.
To: Greg Burris, City Manager

As you may be aware, we lost two wonderful trees in the recent Sept. 1 morning wind storm. One, a beautiful hard maple and the other a 215-year-old red oak. We have lived at our 921 W. Turner home for nearly 53 years. That old oak tree was essentially a member of the family that had given shade for a place for playing to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Measurements taken on the tree estimated it to be 200 years old. An actual counting of the growth ring shows it to be 215 years old. This means it predated the arrival of the first white settlers of this area. In any case, it was a magnificent sentinal of this part of Springfield.

When the oak tree fell, it blocked all of Turner Street in front of our house. Shortly after sunrise, a Public Works employee was there putting out traffic cones to divert traffic, and he informed us that a crew would be there shortly to start removal of the tree from the street right-of-way. He was correct, for in a very short time, Mr. Jeff Coover, arborist, and his crew of workers; Dustin Holmes, Tommy Ganzer, Richard Hogan, Greg Braden, along with Matt Dwyer, Southeast Quadrant Team Leader, were there and fully explained what, why and how they would be doing their job.

We want you to know how professional they all went about their work and how well they exercised their attention to safety. The massive size of this tree presented many dangerous opportunities for a serious mishap. Mr. Coover was very helpful in providing excellent information about other trees in our yard and their needed care.

In short, what we observed was a team effort that in every way made the City proud. Monday may have been a holiday for most, but it sure wasn’t for these fellows, and there was never a word of complaint overheard. What was heard was necessary communications between members of a professional team that knew what they were doing and doing it well.

Sincerely,
Harold and Darlene Bengsch

To: Tracy Whipple and Jillian Wokurka, 911 Telecommunicators

On Aug. 17, 911 received a complimentary message from Greene County Deputy Randy Foster after working an 8-hour shift with dispatchers Tracy Whipple and Jillian Wokurka. Deputy Foster stated “with as busy as we have been, you guys are doing a fantastic job of ‘taking care of us, thank you.’”

Deputy Randy Foster
Greene County Sheriff’s Office

To: J. R. Webb, Assistant Director

On Aug. 20, J. R. Webb assisted Mercy with an investigation regarding a possible incident on their property by providing the details of the call history and transfers made during a specific time period. Sonny Saxton, Manager of Mercy Emergency Services Communication Center, emailed J. R. Webb stating he appreciated 911 ECD's assistance in working through the reports and was very helpful in providing information for Mercy’s investigation. The event fortunately turned out to be a non-issue.

Sonny Saxton, EMT-P, Manager
Mercy Emergency Services Communication Center

To: Dean Westermeyer, R. J. Woolard, Sara Meier, Danielle Allen, Melissa Jennings, Summer Wildhaber and Kayla Smith, 911 Telecommunicators

On Sept. 6 at approximately 3:35 a.m., a non-custodial Amber Alert was issued by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for Springfield PD. The suspect had made verbal threats to harm the child. Within a few hours, the suspect was arrested and the child was located unharmed. SPD Lieutenant Scott Kamykowski called and wanted to thank everyone mentioned above for their hard work and emphasized they all did a great job during this incident.

Lieutenant Scott Kamykowski
Springfield Police Department

To: Tina Saunders, 911 Emergency Communications Telecommunicator

On the morning of September 13th at approximately 7:30 a.m., Republic Police Officer Jennifer Stephens conducted a traffic stop. During the stop, Officer Stephens grew suspicious and started investigating two scooters in the back of the suspect vehicle. She ran the VIN from the bill of sale through the Admin Dispatcher, Tina Saunders. Tina discovered the bill of sale was one letter off from the actual VIN and the scooter was confirmed stolen out of Springfield PD.

Sgt Brian Sells wrote that Officer Stephens was appreciative of Tina’s attention to detail. ‘As a result of her actions, we were able to recover the stolen scooter and make an arrest. Further investigation is ongoing which may also lead to additional charges against another person of interest.’

Sgt. Brian Sells
Republic Police Department

To: Dean Westermeyer, 911 Emergency Communications Telecommunicator

Kristina Scott, 911 Shift Supervisor

On Aug. 30, 911 Emergency Communications Department received numerous armed robbery calls, including an assault with a weapon, along with the typical summer Saturday night number of calls during the evening hours. SPD Officer Brandon Gonzales sent a message to the 911 Shift Supervisor thanking the dispatchers for the good job they did that night as he realized some of the radio traffic was loud and unclear at times during the hectic night and early morning hours.

Officer Brandon Gonzales
Springfield Police Department

Sincerely,
Officer Brandon Gonzales
Springfield Police Department