Employee Picnic
July 2
Join us for an employee appreciation picnic in the parking lot between the Busch Building and Historic City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, July 2.

Gift of Time
11:30 a.m., June 16 at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center.
Join us as we award 10 volunteers who give their time to make Springfield a better place. Tickets are $20 each. Call the Council of Churches of the Ozarks at 417-862-3586 to make reservations.

34th annual Kids Fishing Fun Day
Saturday, June 6 at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park.
Four morning sessions available, but you must register at parkboard.org by June 4. Free for kids ages 3-13. Preregister by June 4 at parkboard.org.

3rd annual Dirt Day
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 6 at Lafayette Park, 202 E. Atlantic. Enjoy music, a plant exchange, birdhouse painting, a dinosaur dig and demonstrations.

City mobile app GoSpringfieldMO now available for download

The City of Springfield has launched its first mobile app, GoSpringfieldMO. The app is available for free download via iTunes (for Apple devices) and the Google Play store (for Android devices) by searching “GoSpringfieldMO.”

App users can report concerns to the Citizen Resource Center, view City job openings, view and bid on the City’s Division of Purchases’ bid postings for products and services, catch up on City news, share ideas, and view the mobile versions of City Web sites, which include the Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield-Greene County Park Board and coming soon, the Springfield Greene-County Health Department and Springfield Art Museum.

The app was designed by Manhattan, Kansas-based CivicPlus, a government Web site developer. The app launch follows the August 2014 launch of a new springfieldmo.gov, which was redesigned to increase community engagement and transparency.

“The City understands that our citizens need real-time information,” says Cora Scott, director of Public Information and Civic Engagement. “Our new mobile app is an innovative tool that will offer easier and faster access to important City information and services.”

City, partners conclude ‘listening’ meetings in Zone 1 neighborhoods

The City of Springfield and many community partners May 21 concluded a series of “listening” meetings in the Bissett, Doling, Westside, Tom Watkins, West Central, Woodland Heights, Midtown, Grant Beach and Heart of the Westside neighborhoods.

At each meeting, residents were asked to share what they like best about their neighborhoods, and what they would most like to change about their neighborhoods.

Many residents shared that they love the mature trees, variety of houses, history, small-town feel and community of their neighborhoods.

Several expressed how much they appreciate that their neighbors look out for each other and often come together to help another neighbor in need, whether that need is food, mowing a lawn, doing property repairs or watching out for neighborhood children.

Not surprisingly to City Manager Greg Burris, a concern of Springfield staff, a concern that made the top five in every neighborhood meeting was violence. Springfield Police Chief Ken Eddington reported that the number of injuries and deaths due to violence has declined sharply since City Manager Greg Burris took office.

BeCivilBeHeard.com
Speak out with courage
Express yourself with honor and conviction.

Healthy Living
Pick up your Passport to Healthy Living at any Parks location or library.

HonorWalk
The deadline for the upcoming round of bricks is June 5.

Do You Know?
Get to know Carson Cash in BDS.

▶ See LISTEN on page 3.
Pick up a Passport to Healthy Living for summer surprises and prizes

Sample Springfield’s many free activities promoting physical and mental health this summer with the Passport to Healthy Living, and be entered into an Aug. 22 drawing for great prizes including a Real Pad digital tablet, provided by AARP of Springfield.

All ages are invited to pick up their own Passport to Healthy Living at a variety of sites throughout Springfield beginning May 26. Use the clues in the passport as your guide for discovering parks, libraries and other resources for healthy living.

Here’s how it works: Follow the clues on each page to answer the questions as you explore all the local, healthy-living resources.

“It’s really like a treasure hunt, designed to help people discover new things they may not have known about their community,” said Jenny Fillmer Edwards, public administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, which collaborated on the passport. “Most of the questions in the passport can’t be answered with a Google search, so participants have to get out and do some exploration to find the answers.”

Answer at least half of the 26 questions in your passport, then turn it in to one of the pickup locations by Aug. 8. You’ll receive a small gift from AARP and be entered into a drawing for prizes. Your returned passport is your entry for the drawings. Prize winners will be announced at the Passport to Healthy Living ice skating party Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, at Mediacom Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway.

The Passport to Healthy Living is sponsored by AARP in Springfield, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Springfield-Greene County Library District, Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the City of Springfield.

Pick up your passport beginning May 26, and drop it off by Aug. 8, at any of these locations:

- The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave.
- The Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St.
- The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway
- Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 Brentwood Blvd.
- Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Road
- Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Road
- Doling Family Center, 310 E. Talmage St.
- Mediacom Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway
- Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave.
- WIC Clinic, 440 E. Tampa St.

Join us!

City of Springfield
Employee Picnic

July 2, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

in the Parking Lot between the Busch Building and Old City Hall
The City of Springfield CAmP Class of 2014 proudly presents its class legacy project: The City of Springfield Employee Honor Walk. The Honor Walk is a commemorative walkway which will soon be installed at the main entrance to the Busch Municipal Building in City Government Plaza. It is established to honor City Employees for their dedication and service to the City.

"When it came time to brainstorm an idea for our Legacy Project, our CAmP Class looked back on 2014 and remembered those we’d lost," said class member Kristen Milam. "Several high-profile leaders within the City had passed away. Others retired or moved on to other jobs. We chose to find a way to remember these employees forever and honor them for their dedication and service to the City."

Customized engraved brick pavers are available to City employees, retirees, and their family members for a $100 donation. Engraved bricks are great for retirement gifts, honoring a departing employee, or memorializing the life of a current or past employee. Proceeds will be used to give back to employees through the Employee Crisis Fund.

The deadline for submitting forms for the 2015 installation of bricks is Friday, June 5. Bricks will be installed in time for the Employee Picnic near the end of June.

How to honor someone with a brick in the Honor Walk:

• Download an Honor Walk Brick Dedication Form found on Sharepoint. Fill out all necessary contact info and specify what information should be engraved on the brick.

• Submit the Dedication Form and $100 donation to the Public Information Office on the 4th floor of the Busch Municipal Building. Donations will be accepted in the form of cash or check, either in-person or via U.S. Mail. All donations must be private funds and cannot be from departmental accounts.

• Forms and donations will be collected year-round, with a single yearly on-site bulk engraving occurring each year in time for the Employee Picnic.

Need something to give your honoree now? Certificates of Induction into the Honor Walk are available for your honoree showing a mock-up of what their brick will look like. Certificates are available within 2 weeks of order submission.

For more information, contact Kristen Milam at kmilam@springfieldmo.gov or 864-1402.

Neighbors vote on which improvements they believe would make the largest impact in their specific neighborhood.
The Springfield-Greene County Park Board’s six outdoor pools opened for the season Saturday, May 23.
Throughout the season, each pool is open six days a week, 1-6:30 p.m., through Sunday, Aug. 9 (some pools reopen for weekends only after the school year begins.) Maintenance days are staggered Monday through Wednesday, and all outdoor pools with the exception of Meador, are open Thursday through Sunday. Meador will be closed May 28-June 4 to repair a major water leak. A schedule is posted at parkboard.org/aquatics.

“We have at least five pools open every day of the week, including indoor facilities at Chesterfield and Doling Family Centers,” said Marc Baker, Aquatics Coordinator for the Park Board. “All eight pools are open Thursdays through Sundays, so there are plenty of options to choose from.”

McGee/McGregor Wading Pool, for children 6 and under, operates on a slightly different schedule: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

The Park Board completely renovated Fassnight (2009), Silver Springs (2010), Grant Beach (2011) and Westport (2012) with funds from the voter-approved 2006 Parks Sales Tax, adding splash features, slides and other amenities. The former outdoor Doling Pool was replaced by the Doling Indoor Aquatics Facility in 2013. Attendance at each pool has more than doubled since renovations were completed.

Daily outdoor pool admission is $2.50/youth and seniors, $3/adults. Admission drops to $1, or free with a canned food item donation, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Discount coupon books and season passes are available. Outdoor pool admission prices apply at the indoor aquatics facilities at Chesterfield and Doling Family Centers, 1-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Outside of these hours, indoor aquatics facilities admission is $6/youth and seniors, $8/adults, or $22/family.

Splash & Sizzle events return to select pools on Independence Day and Labor Day, plus Friday and Saturday evenings in July, with all-day $1 admission, or free with a canned food item. In 2014, Splash & Sizzle and after-5:30 admissions generated 10,023 lbs. of canned food items for Ozarks Food Harvest.

Detailed information about each pool, swimming lessons, pool rules, swim team and more is available at parkboard.org/aquatics. For more information, call the Aquatics Hotline at 417-864-2099.

City pools open for the season Memorial Day weekend

I am presenting the Golden Goose to Gail because he helped us snake and rooter a sewer lateral. He really helped us find the problem and got it figured out. P.S. This was not the cleanest job.
Brian McLeod
ES - Cleanwater Services

I have chosen Mr. Mark Seery with the Service Center to present this award too for his professionalism and his willingness to assist. Mark brings forth a new outlook in things that can be overlooked when providing a Public Service. Mark greets everyone with a smile and is a pleasure to speak with. Very punctual in keeping those informed!
Brian McLeod
ES - Cleanwater Services

I have chosen Lyle Smith with the Streets department for this award due to his commitment for getting the job done and his willingness to work as part of a team. He has been a pleasure to work with to schedule vehicles and equipment maintenance while also covering for another employee during his absence.
Lyle Smith
Public Works

I have chosen Jenny Turner and Jenn Gage for the Golden Goose. They go far and beyond their duties to get their jobs done.
Jenny Turner
Public Works

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.
Jenny Turner
Public Works
Looking for old barns to tear down for the lumber to build furniture. We will clear everything from the site as a benefit to the property owner. Please contact Olivia at 417-849-0865.

Farm fresh eggs for sale at $3.00 per 18. Please call Bonnie at 402-650-7614 or email at redplaidgirl@hotmail.com.

Queen Bedroom Suite-Mission style bed (headboard, footboard, side rails) with box spring ($150.00); 5 drawer chest ($150.00); Dresser and mirror ($200.00); night stand ($50.00) or $400 for the entire set. Contact Joe at 343-3117. Photos available upon request!

Matching cloth sofa ($200.00) and loveseat $150.00) or $250.00 for both. Beautiful bone white French style loveseat with matching pillows ($200.00). Large L-shaped simulated cherry office desk with beautiful matching hutch from office depot (250.00). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

Solid oak entertainment center with pull-out swivel television holder and lots of cabinet space and built to last a life time (250.00). Nice stylish light pink chair w dark hardwood legs ($50.00). Full sized mattress with cover, box spring and metal frame ($50.00). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

Piano - needs tuning and some work ($50). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

2004 Mercury Grand Marquis, 4.6L V8, motor is strong, transmission is smooth. Rides like a cloud. Had collision with very large buck deer – has damage to front of car. Could be repaired for a solid driver. Asking $1,500. Call Nancy @ 417-425-6557.

3 chandeliers for sale that have never been out of box. 6 light specialty bronze finish chandelier orig. over $300, selling for $150 OBO. 9-light chandelier, brushed nickel finish, white marbleized glass. Orig. $289+, selling for $100 OBO. 5-light chandelier, brushed nickel finish, 24 in x 23.63 in., selling for $50 417-551-2924 after 5; 417-841-1897.

Never been opened - Full Motion TV Wall Mount for 32”-65” LED LCD Plasma TVs up to 165 lbs; adjustable tilt & swivel side-to-side; Dual Arm pulls out up to 25”, with Leveling Adj., Bonus 10 ft. List price: $299.95 Call 417-551-2924 after 5; 417-841-1897.

Mayor Bob Stephens proclaimed May 17-23 as National Public Works Week in Springfield at a ceremony at 11 a.m. The ceremony was attended by top representatives from the Public Works and Environmental Services departments.

“Community Begins Here” is a fitting theme for the 2015 National Public Works Week, emphasizing the vital role public works services play in supporting the quality of life in our community. From daily travel to household chores to the air we breathe, citizens’ lives are touched every day by the services Public Works and Environmental Services employees provide.

“Public Works Week is a time to celebrate a special group of people who dedicate their lives to making all of our lives better,” said Public Works Director Dan Smith. “At the City of Springfield, we are blessed to have some of the best in the business working to make sure our community has the infrastructure necessary to greatly enhance our quality of life.”

May 17-23 was Public Works and Environmental Services Week

FOR SALE

The City MARKETPLACE

WANTED

Looking for old barns to tear down for the lumber to build furniture. We will clear everything from the site as a benefit to the property owner. Please contact Olivia at 417-849-0865.

FOR SALE

Farm fresh eggs for sale at $3.00 per 18. Please call Bonnie at 402-650-7614 or email at redplaidgirl@hotmail.com.

Queen Bedroom Suite-Mission style bed (headboard, footboard, side rails) with box spring ($150.00); 5 drawer chest ($150.00); Dresser and mirror ($200.00); night stand ($50.00) or $400 for the entire set. Contact Joe at 343-3117. Photos available upon request!

Matching cloth sofa ($200.00) and loveseat $150.00) or $250.00 for both. Beautiful bone white French style loveseat with matching pillows ($200.00). Large L-shaped simulated cherry office desk with beautiful matching hutch from office depot (250.00). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

Solid oak entertainment center with pull-out swivel television holder and lots of cabinet space and built to last a life time (250.00). Nice stylish light pink chair w dark hardwood legs ($50.00). Full sized mattress with cover, box spring and metal frame ($50.00). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

Piano - needs tuning and some work ($50). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

2004 Mercury Grand Marquis, 4.6L V8, motor is strong, transmission is smooth. Rides like a cloud. Had collision with very large buck deer – has damage to front of car. Could be repaired for a solid driver. Asking $1,500. Call Nancy @ 417-425-6557.

3 chandeliers for sale that have never been out of box. 6 light specialty bronze finish chandelier orig. over $300, selling for $150 OBO. 9-light chandelier, brushed nickel finish, white marbleized glass. Orig. $289+, selling for $100 OBO. 5-light chandelier, brushed nickel finish, 24 in x 23.63 in., selling for $50 417-551-2924 after 5; 417-841-1897.

Never been opened - Full Motion TV Wall Mount for 32”-65” LED LCD Plasma TVs up to 165 lbs; adjustable tilt & swivel side-to-side; Dual Arm pulls out up to 25”, with Leveling Adj., Bonus 10 ft. List price: $299.95 Call 417-551-2924 after 5; 417-841-1897.
Art Museum’s Watercolor USA opens June 5
Organized in 1962 by the Springfield Art Museum, Watercolor USA attracts thousands of visitors annually to the Springfield Art Museum and to Springfield to view the work of exhibitors. This is the 54th exhibition of the nationally known, annual juried exhibition recognizing aqueous media painting.

The event is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Approximately $40,000 in cash prizes are awarded by the Museum and the Watercolor U.S.A. Honor Society including top prizes in the amount of $3,000, $2,000, and $1,500.

This year’s exhibit is judged by Patricia Watts, curator and founder of ecoartspace, a nonprofit platform for artists addressing environmental issues in the visual arts since 1999.

Fire Department trains with patient simulators at OTC
Springfield Fire Department crews recently trained at Ozarks Technical College’s Simulation Center using patient simulators to review obstetrical and newborn emergencies.

The high-fidelity mannequins used during the training sweat, breathe and even deliver babies much like a real human. Crews participated in both trauma and OB scenarios. During the simulated training, they cared for a critical newborn and provided life-saving measures for a trauma patient. They also learned how to deliver a baby due to an OB emergency.

The simulation education is a part of the department’s ongoing medical training. All Springfield firefighters are EMT-B, which means they are trained to provide basic medical care on emergency calls.

Missouri Career Center plans job fair for Mammoth employees in June
The department of Workforce Development is committed to providing career counseling, training options, job search assistance and employment opportunities to the more than 200 Mammoth, Inc. employees as they prepare for layoffs, pending facility closure at the end of this year.

To meet increasing employer demands in the manufacturing industry, the Missouri Career Center is planning a manufacturing hiring event 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Tuesday, June 9 at its location at 2900 E. Sunshine.

Employers from a variety of industries who are looking to fill open positions will be present at the event, providing information about open jobs and application information, as well as scheduling future job interviews.

For more information about open positions job seekers should register and conduct a job search at jobs.moga.gov.

3 City staff members pass floodplain managers’ exam
Building Development Services’ Julie Gimlin and Vicki Hilton and Rodney Colson in the Stormwater Engineering Division of Public Works all recently passed the Certified Floodplain Managers exam administered by the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

According to the ASFPM, the role of the nation’s floodplain managers is expanding due to increases in disaster losses, the emphasis on mitigation to alleviate the cycle of damage-rebuild-damage, and a recognized need for professionals to adequately address these issues.

This certification program will lay the foundation for ensuring that highly qualified individuals are available to meet the challenge of breaking the damage cycle and stopping its negative drain on the nation’s human, financial, and natural resources.

Mercy’s mammogram bus to visit Government Plaza in June
Mercy’s Digital Mammogram Bus will be visiting Government Plaza in June. Call 417-820-2790 to schedule your appointment.

• Wednesday, June 3, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Busch Building, east entrance
• Tuesday, June 9, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Busch Building, east entrance.

Parade planned for Route 66 Festival
For the first Birthplace of Route 66 Festival parade, we’re looking for the most entertaining marching bands, drum and bugle corps, military bands and community bands of all shapes and sizes to entertain festival guests on the streets of Springfield. To download an application, please visit route66festivalsg.com. The deadline to apply is June 15.

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

Carson Cash
Land Use Inspector, BDS
Carson has worked for the City for just over a year.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City?
This is the first line of employment that has caused me to embrace empathy for those who I come into contact with while performing the duties of my position. Things are not always clear and oftentimes there are other issues surrounding the lives that you come into contact with. I learned early that each inspection process requires the inspector to reset their internal empathy button.

What’s the hardest part of your job?
This position oftentimes puts an inspector in a place to witness poor living conditions and the people living in them and more so, the children living in them.

What’s the best part of your job?
My co-workers. Since graduation, I have worked as a traveling commercial project manager and for the state of Missouri performing heavy highway construction inspections. While there were decent support networks of co-workers at both, my employment within the City of Springfield network has been amazing. Had I known years ago that the City of Springfield was comprised of this level of quality human infrastructure, I would have been knocking on the door looking for employment then.

Do you work to live, or do you live to work?
I enjoy work and a job done well. Whether that is my primary job of working for BDS, working on my home or farm, or working with one of the several philanthropic groups. My hobbies are fairly expensive and they require me to work to live.
Working with the Community

Awards & Recognition

Martin Gugel named Employee of the Year by Springfield Business Journal

Assistant Public Works Director Martin Gugel was named Employee of the Year at the Springfield Business Journal’s 2015 Dynamic Dozen event over the weekend. Around 215 people attended the ceremony at DoubleTree Hotel on North Glenstone Avenue. Honorees were ranked through a numbers-based formula that awards points for both revenue and percentage growth year to year 2012-14. Congrats, Martin!

Steve Meyer inducted into Missouri S&T Academy of Civil Engineers

On April 16, Director of Environmental Services Steve Meyer, along with seven other professionals with ties to Missouri University of Science and Technology were inducted into the Missouri S&T Academy of Civil Engineers. The academy recognizes outstanding alumni for their professional achievement and success, and provides organized assistance to the civil engineering department at Missouri S&T.

Judge Todd Thornhill selected for Missouri Supreme Court working group

The Supreme Court of Missouri May 14 announced the formation of the Supreme Court Municipal Division Work Group, which it has charged with reviewing all matters relevant to practice in the municipal divisions throughout the state, with ensuring public input, and with recommending appropriate improvements to the system.

Springfield Municipal Court Chief Judge Todd Thornhill was selected to serve on the group.

SPD detectives receive statewide honor

Two detectives from the Springfield Police Department have been named Law Enforcement Investigators of the Year by the Missouri State Investigators Association (MSIA). Corporal Rod Noble and Detective David Hatch were recognized by the MSIA for their work on a series of home invasion robberies involving elderly victims occurring in 2013 and 2014. The awards were presented at the MSIA Annual Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

To: Jen Meloy, 911 Telecommunicator

On March 31, a traffic pursuit entered Republic where the suspect vehicle tried to hit a Republic patrol car. The suspect vehicle crashed and the driver bailed out of the car. Springfield Police Department’s K9 responded and attempted to track the suspect; however he was not found. Jen Meloy was dispatching the Municipal Radio Channel and received an “atta” from Strafford Police Officer Kevin McCown. Republic Corporal Zach Richards said Jen Meloy did a fabulous job.

Officer Kevin McCown, Strafford Police Department, Corporal Zach Richards, Republic Police Department

To: Holly Tevlin, Melissa Jennings, Jen Meloy, Tracy Whipple, Dean Westermeyer, Kayla Smith, Ashley House, Jesse Richerson, Ronnie Woolard, Ellen Herrmann and Danielle Allen, 911 Telecommunicators

On May 8, a large disturbance occurred in downtown Springfield. Holly Tevlin, contraseña dispatch, kept up with all the radio traffic and remained calm. Melissa Jennings, Jen Meloy, Tracy Whipple, and Dean Westermeyer were notifying officers. Kayla Smith, Ashley House, Jesse Richerson, Ronnie Woolard, Ellen Herrmann and Danielle Allen were answering 911 calls, and assisting in notifications to other agencies. The Springfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff’s Office, Willard, Republic, Battlefield, Strafford, Fair Grove Police Departments and Missouri State Highway Patrol responded. Everyone at Emergency Communications pulled together and worked exceptionally well as a team. SPD Acting Sergeant Millirons and Lieutenant Reece called in to say thank you to dispatch for their help.

Acting Sergeant Harold Millirons, Springfield Police Department, Lieutenant Reece, Springfield Police Department

To: Jessica McCoullough, 911 Telecommunicator

On May 17, Jessica McCoullough received a 911 call from a citizen regarding someone pacing and acting suspicious in their neighborhood. The 911 caller called back and thanked Jessica for her assistance.

To: Tari Redd, 911 Shift Supervisor

On April 8, Shea Lane, Springfield-Greene Office of Emergency Management (OEM), was a supervisory judge at a Greene County polling location. There was some cash found on the parking lot shortly after the polls opened. Shea Lane was able to track down the first group of people that had voted. Tari Redd located some phone resources to aid Shea Lane in attempting to locate the owner. Shea said Tari was a huge help and he was so proud of her for helping the staff.

To: Fire Marshal Kevin Binam

Re: a report written on a fire on Roosevelt with multiple fatalities.

I have read many fire investigation reports in my five years with the U.S. CPSC and I will say that is one of the best reports I have read to date. Kudos to Mr. Binam for an excellent examination/investigation and a job well done!

Mark Brown, federal investigator
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission