Movies at Founder’s Park, Fridays and Saturdays July 10 - Aug. 29

A contemporary version of the drive-in theater at Springfield’s founding site. Enjoy new release and classic movies in an outdoor setting. Fridays are Family Night; Saturdays are Date Night. All movies are G, PG, or PG-13.

Springfield Lasers
20th Pro Tennis Season

Enjoy the 20th season of world-class tennis with the Springfield Lasers. Home matches are 7 p.m. July 12, 14, 15, 17, 22, 24 and 25 at Mediacom Tennis Stadium at Cooper Tennis Complex. Tickets 837-5800 or springfieldlasers.com.

7th Annual Butterfly Festival

Friends of the Garden presents a celebration of butterflies centered around the Dr. Roston Butterfly House. Includes workshops, hands-on activities, a caterpillar petting zoo, artists and butterfly plant vendors. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, July 11 at the Dr. Roston Butterfly House at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Gardens.

CityGear to debut at Employee Picnic

The department of Public Information will debut its line of “CityGear” items at the Employee Picnic July 2. CityGear is a line of exclusive polo shirts, coffee mugs, padfolios, thumb drives, travel cups and other items featuring the City of Springfield logo. Included is the 2015 Spirit Shirt with the “We are the City” design. These limited edition tees will be sold for $5 each. Some CityGear items will be given away as door prizes at the picnic. Please bring cash if you are interested in purchasing CityGear items at the picnic.

After the picnic, CityGear will be for sale in PIO (fourth floor, Busch Building) Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Parks staff hustles to reopen Rivercut after flood

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Parks

Staff members at Rivercut Golf Course have learned to keep an eye on the James River during heavy rain. So when the river began to rise June 19, they started moving mowers and other equipment from the low-laying maintenance building to higher ground.

By early evening, two buildings and 12 holes at Rivercut Golf Course were under water.

The record-breaking James River flood dumped water, silt and debris on holes No. 1-12. It took out a golf cart bridge, brought eight inches of water inside the Connie Morris Golf Learning Center, and rose two feet inside the maintenance building.

The course was closed for the weekend. Thanks to hustle and determination from Parks Golf and Operations staff, the course’s back nine holes reopened after two days, and the entire course is set to reopen July 1 — less than two weeks after the flood.

“We’re fortunate to have a phenomenal crew, and I commend each and every one of them for their dedication,” Assistant Parks Director Miles Park said of the staff. “They’ve been working long days as hard as they can, because we all want to open back up to the public as quickly as possible. Everybody’s tired, but we’re keeping each other encouraged.”

Route 66 Festival

Mark your calendar to celebrate all things Route 66 Aug. 14-16.

Gift of Time

24th annual awards luncheon honors 37, awards 10.

Do You Know?

Get to know Jeanie Priebe at SPD.

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

SPRINGFIELD CITY EMPLOYEE NEWS EXTRA

July 2015

See RIVERCUT on page 5
Fifth annual Route 66 festival activities to include two nights of concerts, cars and motorcycles, parade and more

Please mark your calendar to celebrate all things Route 66 Aug. 14-16 at the fifth annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival in downtown Springfield!

Events will include a Route 66 parade, a two-day car and motorcycle show, two nights of concerts at the Gillioz Theatre, a cruise-in, a drive-in movie, a vendor village, a 6.6 mile run and a confab of Route 66 authors, artists, collectors and associations at The Old Glass Place (501 E. St. Louis St.) where Route 66 aficionados from all over the country will have displays and products for sale.

Susan Croce Kelly, a participant in the confab, is the author of “Father of Route 66: The Story of Cy Avery” and “Route 66: The Highway and Its People.” Catch Susan 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 at the Library Station for “The Road That Runs Through Everyone’s Life: An Evening with Route 66 Author Susan Croce Kelly.”

Vehicles participating in the car and motorcycle show are $20 if pre-registered by Aug. 1, and $30 anytime thereafter. Cars, trucks and motorcycles must be ready for judging by 11 a.m. Aug. 15. The first 300 participants will receive a T-shirt and dash plaques. Vendors, food and live music will be available on and around Park Central Square Aug. 15-16. Vendors interested in participating in the festival are asked to contact Tom Mast at KY3 at mast@ky3.com.

Tickets for the Friday, Aug. 14 concert featuring the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Pure Prairie League have sold out, but the City of Springfield plans a special surprise at Park Central Square. The Saturday, Aug. 15 concert at the Gillioz will feature Mark Bilyeu and Cindy Woolf jamming with members of Big Smith and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

The $20 tickets will go on sale soon at gillioz.org. “We’re excited about adding another full day of festivities to the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival,” says Cora Scott, director of Public Information and Civic Engagement. “With the variety of activities and events, there will be something for everyone.”

The festival’s 2015 presenting sponsors are KY3 and Aaron Sachs & Associates. Various groups have partnered with the City to make this festival possible, including Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven, West Central Neighborhood Association and Downtown Springfield Association. Some proceeds of the festival’s various activities will benefit the City of Springfield’s Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park Fund.

For more information about the 2015 festival and to register for the car and motorcycle show or the 6.6 mile run, please visit the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Web site at Route66FestivalSGF.com or contact Cora Scott at 417-864-1009 or 417-380-3352 or cscott@springfieldmo.gov.

If you are a band leader and are interested in participating in the first-ever Birthplace of Route 66 Parade, please contact Cora directly.
Ten local citizens were honored by the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and City of Springfield as the Volunteers of the Year at the annual Gift of Time Awards Luncheon June 16 at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center.

Nominated by various nonprofit, public, and service organizations, these 10 recipients were selected from a pool of nominations based on their unique volunteer efforts and time donated. One Volunteer of the Year was selected from the 21 and under youth category. All nominations were judged by an impartial team of business and civic leaders.

Since 1991, the City of Springfield has recognized exemplary volunteer efforts in the area. This year’s luncheon was held at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center. All the nominees were invited to attend, with the winners being announced for the first time at the ceremony.

In addition to being recognized, the winners were awarded with beautiful trophies from Springfield Hot Glass and will have their portraits on display in the Rosanna Bradshaw Memorial Wall of Fame at the Busch Municipal Building – a wall specifically created for Gift of Time Award recipients.

This year’s recipients and their nominating organizations are:

- Karrolyn Booher, nominated by CASA of Southwest Missouri, for her work as a CASA volunteer and at the Greene County Jail.
- Ed Buehlig, nominated by the Council of Churches RSVP Reading Buddy Program for his work as a reading buddy to children in kindergarten through third grade.
- Neal and Juanita Cannon, nominated by Crosslines for their 25 years of service as Crosslines advocates and volunteers.
- Michelle “Shelly” Collier, nominated by Isabel’s House crisis nursery, for volunteering weekly at Isabel’s House for over six years. Her work there includes cooking, cleaning, playing with children staying at the house and doing everything she can to make them feel comfortable there.
- Marc Copeland, nominated by CoxHealth, for his volunteer work for three different CoxHealth departments.
- Arlene Eichler, nominated by Westminster Presbyterian Church, for her volunteer work for the church, Ozark Food Harvest, Center City Christian Outreach’s Well of Life Food Pantry, Crimson House as well as serving as a caregiver for a long-time friend.
- Janelle Reed, nominated by Amy Temple for founding SingleMomzRock, a support ministry for single moms.
- Sharron Stevens, nominated by Center for the Blind of the Assemblies of God, for her volunteer work for the organization, including data entry and office work and driving those with disabilities to food programs or to support groups.
- Youth category: Mackenzie Dalton, nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield, for her volunteer work in the kitchen at Boys & Girls Clubs’ Musgrave Unit. Mackenzie was also the lucky recipient of $500 to be donated to the charity of her choice.

The other 27 nominees for the 2015 Gift of Time Awards were:

- Paula Austin, nominated by Crosslines.
- Brooke Bigham, nominated by Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Ozarks.
- Amy Blansit, nominated by Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks.
- Doug Burlison, nominated by the City of Springfield.
- Carolyn Cochran, nominated by Springfield Fire Department.
- Jerry Compton, nominated by the City of Springfield.
- Heather Elliott, nominated by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.
- Mary Lou Foss, nominated by Junior League of Springfield.
- Stuart Grieb, nominated by CoxHealth.
- Dan Hoy, nominated by the City of Springfield’s Environmental Services department.
- Nancy Lewis, nominated by Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
- Shirley and Ted Madden, nominated by Ambassadors for Children.
- Glenna Meyers, nominated by the Council of Churches’ Safe to Sleep organization.
- Corki Nelson, nominated by the Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.
- Fred Palmerton, nominated by City of Springfield’s Environmental Services department.
- Paige Payne, nominated by Harmony House.
- Leslie Evans, nominated by Shelley Evans.
- Lisa Powell, nominated by Ambassadors for Children.
- David Rendall, nominated by Springfield Police Department.
- Cindy Rushesky, nominated by the City of Springfield.
- Missy Sanford, nominated by Greene County Extension Council.
- Gary Schafer, nominated by Greene County Extension Council.
- Brian Shipman, nominated by University Heights Baptist Church.
- Don Snyder, nominated by Springfield-Greene County Park Board.
- John Wall, nominated by Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management.
- Dan Wichmer, nominated by the City of Springfield.

All the nominees, Volunteer of the Year recipients or not, are true examples of what it means to be a citizen that selflessly gives their time and energy to help those around them.
Discount tickets are now available for Missouri theme parks through the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with the Missouri Park and Recreation Association. Discount tickets include:

Silver Dollar City (Branson)
- Adult one-day Park Board price $53.00, Gate price $64.49
- Child one-day (4-11 years) Park Board price: $43.00, Gate price $52.66

Whitewater (Branson)
- Whitewater Adult one-day Park Board price $35.00, Gate price $44.64
- Whitewater Child one-day (4-11 years) Park Board price $23.00, Gate price $22.32 (Park Board Child price is slightly higher than gate price)

Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun (Kansas City)
- One-day pass (3 years and up) Park Board price $44.00, Gate price $56.20

Schlitterbahn (Kansas City)
- General Admission Park Board price $34.50, Gate price $46.51
- Child/Senior (3-11 years and 55 and up) Park Board price $29.50, Gate price $33.22

Six Flags (St. Louis)
- Adult or child one-day (48” or taller) Park Board price $41.00, Gate price $65.08
- Adult or child Season Pass (48” or taller) Park Board price $57.00, Gate price $78.01

Discount theme park tickets may be purchased, while supplies last, at:
- Mediacom Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway
- Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Road
- Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Road
- Doling Family Center, 301 E. Talmage St.
- Park Board Main Office, 1923 N. Weller Ave.

Tickets are available during normal facility hours of operation. For more information, contact the individual theme park directly, or the Springfield-Greene County Park Board at 417-864-1049.

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

Matt Taylor has always made himself available to us for ANY questions that we may have. His kindness, willingness to help, and patience has made a world of difference in this fast paced environment. He is truly an asset to the Clean Water Services Division and the City of Springfield and we would like to thank him by presenting him with the Golden Goose.

Jenny Turner & Jenn Gage

As much as I enjoyed being goosed, it took me just a second to think of someone most deserving, Shirley Johnson. When she was gone last year, we tried covering for her and it didn’t take. Long for us to reach the end of our rope. When she was finally able to come back, she got things up and running in no time. Shirley is an integral part of Public Works and will stop at nothing to help people out. I am honored to present her with the Golden Goose.

Matt Taylor

Rose Watson truly deserves the “Golden Goose” award. She’s a diamond in disguise as a City worker, very humble, sweet and an especially smart individual who does not mind helping in many ways. One important event in which it takes a unique person in handling the hard work during the United Way campaign every year. Rose, we thank you so much!

Shirley Johnson
Public Works
Stormwater project part of green initiatives at Fire Station No. 1

What started as a simple request for landscaping, blossomed into an opportunity for stormwater improvements at Fire Station No. 1, located at Grand Street and Holland Avenue near the Missouri State University campus.

The project, which replaced a portion of the parking lot with pervious concrete, added a rain garden and improved the detention basin for water quality, began with an inquiry by Battalion Chief Julie Williams.

The improvements made to the site allow rainwater to soak into the ground and be used and filtered by plants, reducing stormwater runoff into nearby Fassnight Creek. 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).

The project was designed in-house by the Public Works and Environmental Services departments, and was constructed by Public Works. This is one of many projects funded by the Big Urbie grant, a $1.1 million federal grant awarded to Watershed Committee of the Ozarks in 2011 by U.S. EPA Region 7 through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under section 319 of the Clean Water Act, with match provided through in-kind staff time and City matching funds from the 2006 Parks/Waterways Sales Tax dedicated for lake, waterway, and stream improvements.

A newly installed rain garden at Fire Station No. 1 allows rainwater to soak into the ground and reduces stormwater runoff into Fassnight Creek. For more information about other Big Urbie projects, please visit bigurbie.org.

RIVERCUT from page 1

It’s just amazing to see the team pull together.”

Park said staff have been busy removing trees, limbs and other debris the flood deposited on the course. They’ve been shoveling silt, hosing mud off greens and patching ruts in the grass — including those left when the owner of a cow and calf stranded on the course brought a trailer to rescue his animals. At least 26 sandtraps were washed out. Each had to be refilled with new sand.

The bridge at hole No. 6 was completely destroyed, with a portion washing away.

Park said the bridge will be rebuilt in-house. Until then, a temporary cart path allows golfers to access the area.

Steve King, Head PGA Professional at Rivercut Golf Course, said staff has set markers on the bank of the James River, and when floodwaters meet them, staff springs into action.

The June 19 flood left an estimated $130,000 in damage to Rivercut golf courses and facilities.

“Unfortunately, several of us have been through this multiple times. We just have a great team of folks that jump to react when we see what’s about to happen,” said King.

“I greatly appreciate the Park Ops crew, our Parks Admin staff, the Rivercut maintenance crew, as well as my own pro shop staff, that all pulled together to assist. We are so fortunate to have such an awesome Parks team that rallies behind events like this to get the job done.”

The June 19 flood left an estimated $130,000 in damage at Rivercut, including contract services needed to clear out the Connie Morris Golf Learning Center, where carpets, baseboards and drywall were soaked and muddy.

Outside of the golf course, several greenway trails also flooded June 19. Parks Operations staff had cleared debris from all greenways within five days of the flood.

No damage was reported at Lake Springfield Boathouse, where floodwaters rose to within a foot of the building’s foundation.

To book your next tee time at Rivercut Golf Course, call 417-891-1645.

Reminder: Parking lot animal sales no longer permitted

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department would like to remind the public that parking lot or roadside sales of domestic animals by private citizens inside the City of Springfield are no longer permitted.

In November, Springfield's City Council voted to ban the sale of dogs, cats or other domestic animals from parking lots inside the city limits.

This move was urged by the City's Animal Issues Task Force.

“This approach would be utilized to reduce pet sales in parking lots. This, in turn, will reduce impulse pet ownership, preventing these animals from later ending up at Animal Control after the puppy cuteness wears off,” according to the recommendations report from the Animal Issues Task Force.

This ordinance does not apply to rescue organizations’ public adoption events or licensed pet stores.

Unwanted pets should be surrendered to a local shelter. Springfield residents can surrender animals to the Springfield Animal Shelter for a fee. Proof of city residency is required.

The public is also encouraged to prevent future unwanted pets by spaying or neutering current household animals. There are a variety of local low-cost options, including SAAF House in Springfield.

4 RIVERCUT from page 1

The June 19 flood left an estimated $130,000 in damage to Rivercut golf courses and facilities.

“Unfortunately, several of us have been through this multiple times. We just have a great team of folks that jump to react when
MILESTONES

Promotions

Bobby Berry
Equipment Operator II – Public Works

Larry Decker
Environmental Technician – Environmental Services

Kevin Turner
Yardwaste Recycle Center Working Leader – Environmental Services

McKinley Hedrick
Equipment Operator II – Environmental Services

Angela Turpin
Accounting Services Representative – Finance

Joseph Gatiba
Senior Computer Technician – Information Systems

Martin Gugel
Assistant Director of Public Works – Public Works

Joseph Foster
President – Public Works

Sharon Smith
Executive Assistant – City Manager

Stacey Blair
911 Shift Supervisor – Emergency Communications

Lisa Dement
Accounting Clerk II – Airport

Doug Stone
Director of Risk Management – Risk Management

Robert Byrne
Police Lieutenant – Police

Ulrich Gulje
Fire Lieutenant – Fire

Andrew Hoover
911 Shift Supervisor – Emergency Communications

Rhonda Lewsader
Assistant City Attorney – Law

Daniel Speights
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire

Jacob Wells
Utility Worker – Parks

Anita Cotter
City Clerk – City Clerk

David Hogan
Equipment Operator II – Public Works

Michael Mills
Team Leader – Public Works

Travis Worden
Parks Maintenance Working Leader – Parks

Paula Brookman
Principal Engineer – Public Works

Eric Claussen
Traffic Engineer – Public Works

Jerome Schiman
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire

Retirements

Dennis Mork
Parks Maintenance Working Leader – Parks – 16 years

William Blevins
911 Shift Supervisor Emergency Comm. – 26 years

Daniel Mork
Equipment Maintenance Supervisor

Public Works – 20 years

Philip Noah
Fire Marshal

Fire – 24 years

Kathy Hardt
Executive Assistant City Manager – 23 years

Carl Schwartz
Police Sergeant

Police – 24 years

Kenneth Scott
Fire Captain

Fire – 22 years

Dianne Wolf
Clerical Assistant Municipal Court – 14 years

Randy Lyman
Environmental Compliance Officer Environmental Services – 43 years

Shirley Hilton
Workforce Development Specialist

Workforce Development – 12 years

Kenneth Hufford
Senior Street & Sewer Construction Inspector

Public Works – 43 years

Cale Murphy
Fire Equipment Operator

Fire – 22 years

Kenneth Barstead
Survey Chief

Public Works – 44 years

Neva Wooliver
Terminal Services Assistant

Airport – 15 years

FOR SALE

Golf Clubs, 3-PW, SW/UW, bag and driver. $75, call 484-8450, ask for Phil

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

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 343-9117.

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 343-9117.

Piano - needs tuning and some work ($50). Contact Joe at 343-9117.

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 at 417-425-6557.

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.

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.

WANTED

FOR SALE

Golf Clubs, 3-PW, SW/UW, bag and driver. $75, call 484-8450, ask for Phil

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

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 343-9117.

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 343-9117.

Piano - needs tuning and some work ($50). Contact Joe at 343-9117.

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.

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.

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.
In Brief

Welcome, new Parks Assistant Director Jim Fisher

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board has named Jim Fisher as the new Assistant Director of Parks, over Administration. Fisher began Monday, June 1. Fisher has spent more than 30 years in public parks administration, mostly in the Kansas City area, including park departments in Clay County; Independence; Smithville; Canton, Illinois; and Johnson County, Kansas. Most recently, he served as the Director for the Clay County Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites. Other job titles held during his career including Superintendent of Parks, Parks and Grounds Manager, Senior Park Manager, and Park Ranger. Fisher is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional and has been involved with both the National Recreation and Park Association and the Missouri Park and Recreation Association throughout his career.

Learn to bike confidently July 11

“Confident City Cycling” workshop, Saturday, July 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 290 E. Central.

Ozark Greenways board member and traffic engineer, David Hutchison will lead a free, nine-hour fast-paced class that gives cyclists the confidence they need to ride safely and legally in traffic, or on the trail. Students learn through discussion and getting on their bike, how to conduct bicycle safety checks, fix a flat tire, and learn on-bike skills useful for operating in traffic. The class is paid for by Ozark Greenways, but students are encouraged to contribute to OG. Interested? RSVP to David at dhutchis@springfieldmo.gov.

Battle of the Boot Camps Challenge No. 4 winners announced

Congratulations to the Battle of the Boot Camps Challenge No. 4 winners, and thank you to all those who came out on June 17 to both participate and to cheer on your friends in the surprise “Dying June Bug” challenge!

Participants were paired up, and Randall Whitman (Planning) and Jason Gabathuler (Public Works) won the prize for the most combined repetitions of “dying bugs” with 265 in just one minute!

Mark your calendars for the next challenge which will be at noon on July 15.

Six City employees graduate from GOLD leadership development program June 5

Several City employees recently graduated from the Greater Ozark Leadership Development program (GOLD) on June 5:

- Jennifer Duzan, Environmental Services
- Mary Ann Rojas, Workforce Development
- Zim Schwartze, 911
- Scott Umbarger, Police
- Greg Wheelen, Police (Retired)
- Marianne Banks, Law.

GOLD is a regional leadership development program designed for public, private, nonprofit, and civic community leaders in Southwest Missouri. It is becoming increasingly important for community leaders to look beyond the boundaries of their individual home towns to the region as a whole. Effective leadership for the 21st century demands a regional understanding of, and approach to, issues. Congratulations to the graduates!

IS issues reminders before phone system upgrade go-live

IS is in the process of installing a new VoIP phone system for the City. They have a couple of reminders for you as they get closer to our “go-live” date:

1) They have deployed the Mitel MiCollab Client software that goes along with the new phone system. If you have not seen the icon on your desktop, please open a ticket with the Help Desk.

2) Once your new phone has been delivered to your desk, the software is ready for you to use.

3) Log into the software using your network username and password – remember to wait until your new phone has been delivered to your desk.

4) Keep in mind that the “chat” feature will be archived for 13 months (similar to how we archive email) so keep your “chats” professional, as always.

5) Please add a professional-looking photo of yourself, and remember that everyone in the City will be able to see this photo. There are user guides and videos on CityShare (under Help Desk – click on the phone icon) to assist you in using this software. Please take this time to become familiar with the use of your phone and its software.
To: Springfield-Greene County Animal Control

Yesterday morning our dispatcher Vickie Pulcini called to report that someone had left a box with three kittens inside by one of our campus picnic tables.

I just wanted to say that the lady officer who responded and picked them up for us was very pleasant and very nice. She showed great concern for these animals and made it easy for us to report to other staff that these kittens were in good hands.

I just wanted to say thank you so much to that officer. I did not get her name but we appreciate the kindness and compassion she showed for the cats. Please tell her Evangel University Public Safety appreciates her assistance!

Sincerely,
Shawna Jones
Assistant to the Director of Public Safety, Evangel University

To: Hon. Becky Borthwick, Springfield Municipal Court

Your Honor,

It was my great pleasure and honor to join you for the Homeless Court workshop at Drury University, and Homeless Court session at The Kitchen, Inc. on May 5. I was impressed by the large group in attendance at the workshop, their thoughtful questions and commitment to developing an effective program to assist homeless individuals, the court and community alike. I realize the community response is built as a result of your leadership. I witnessed firsthand how your example inspires others to fulfill their mission to provide the services and support to people in need, for them to reclaim their lives and achieve self-sufficiency. Your focus, commitment and dedication to the community of concerned citizens (homeless service providers, students and advocates) ensure ongoing planning and development of a Homeless Court Program (HCP) in Springfield continues on solid footing.

As Special Advisor to ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, I have worked with many communities who struggle to resolve the myriad problems the courts, homeless service agencies and people experiencing homelessness face in the criminal justice system. Your dedication and commitment ensure the Springfield HCP will be more advanced than our humble beginnings in San Diego in 1989.

The HCP relies upon the dedication and advocacy of attorneys to stand in court and speak on behalf of their clients – to promote their progress in program activities and the hardship he/she overcame to stand before the court. In these trying economic times, with government and non-profit agencies struggling to keep up with the greater demands for increasing limited resources, your leadership is critical to helping the criminal justice system and homeless service agencies address and resolve outstanding cases – for the client, court and the community.

Thank you for sharing your time and commitment and please do not hesitate to call upon me or the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty if there is anything we can do to support your efforts.

Sincerely,
Steve Binder
Deputy Public Defender, County of San Diego

To: Police Chief Paul Williams

On April 21, my sister had a fall in her home. I always call her each evening at 7 p.m., but on that night she did not answer her phone. After several tries, I reached a friend who went to check on her and discovered that she was in the bathtub with a ladder in the room. You can imagine how frightened I was! The friend had no key, so they asked if I wanted them to wait until I had arrived to unlock the door. Since I am over an hours’ drive away and had no idea how badly she might be hurt, I asked him to call the police department and an ambulance.

One of your officers immediately spoke to me before entering the house to verify my permission to enter and I was able to speak to my sister. She did not want to go to the hospital, but agreed to speak with me. It turns out she had two broken ribs and a fractured vertebrae. Your officer stayed until the friend secured the house.

Thank you for the courtesy and respect shown to my sister and how conscientious your officers were in protecting both her and her property. I am pleased to know how caring and professional your department is. Please express my thanks to all involved (Officer Jonathan Miller and Officer Trenton Herr). May God bless and protect you and all those in your command.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Betty Janney

To: Lisa Donaldson, Kelly Goff, Lucinda Hodges, Ashley House, Lisa Jump, Marleen Maupin, Drew Meyer, Cyndi Pantoja, Denise Ruble, Tina Saunders, John Saunders, Chris Sharp, Jillian Wokurka, Stacey Watson, 911 Telecommunicators, Kevin Patton and Kristina Scott, 911 Shift Supervisors, Jason Highley and Zachary Adkins, Springfield Police Department Recruits

On May 31, 911 Emergency Communications received a call for a missing 8-year old autistic child. Everyone helped answer calls, notifying the appropriate agencies, relaying information to the officers in the field and keeping track of where the officers were. Stacey Watson, 911 telecommunicator, volunteered to come in until things calmed down. Springfield Police Department went into emergency status so they could concentrate on locating the child. Recruits Jason Highley and Zachary Adkins, were at Emergency Communications that day as part of their recruit training. They could have left at noon; however they stayed until the child was found. They assisted by marking off blocks that had been checked on a printed map. The call had a great ending with the juvenile being found at his church. Sergeant Jason Bisby, SPD, called in afterwards and extended his appreciation for everyone’s involved in the missing juvenile. He stated as the situation was escalating Emergency Communications was bombarded with radio traffic and requests. They kept up very well.

Sergeant Jason Bisby
Springfield Police Department

To: Vera Clemmons, 911 Telecommunicator

On June 8, Vera Clemmons received a “check well being” (CWB) 911 call from a citizen where the caller, while on foot, was being followed by two males in a car. Vera stayed on the phone with the caller until she made it to the Family Violence Center and felt safe. The 911 caller said Vera was supportive, kind, helped her through the call until police were no longer needed.

Grateful Citizen in Odessa
CITY & COUNTY EMPLOYEE NIGHT!
Attend FREE Sunday, July 12, 7 p.m.

JOIN THE LASERS FOR THEIR 20TH SEASON OPENING MATCH
at Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian St.

All City of Springfield and Greene County Employees and retirees, plus up to three guests, are invited to the Springfield Lasers World TeamTennis opening match for FREE, Sunday, July 12. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., match begins at 7 p.m.

Enjoy live music 5:30 - 6:30. National Anthem performed by the Courthouse Chorale.

Present valid City or County I.D., paycheck stub or benefits statement at will-call window.

*This offer good for July 12 home opener only. No cash value.

For more information, call (417) 837-5800.