City of Springfield participates in United Way of the Ozarks’ Day of Caring, kicks off annual drive

City of Springfield departments once again came out in force to participate in United Way of the Ozarks’ 24th annual Day of Caring Aug. 18. Projects completed by City staff ranged from serving a meal at the Ronald McDonald House to installing and painting shelving at Newborns in Need to assisting a senior veteran who needed help with home maintenance tasks.

Day of Caring offers a great kick-off for the City’s annual United Way fundraising drive. Last year, the City raised nearly $100,000 for the United Way, with employee pledges comprising about $87,000 and fund-raising events comprising about $10,000.

The 2016 campaign kicked off Sept. 1 and will officially run through Oct. 31, however, departments can schedule special fund-raising events until March 1, 2017. Additional funds raised after Oct. 31 will count toward the 2016 campaign total, according to Public Works’ Jennifer Swan, who is coordinating the 2016 campaign.

14th Annual DogFest & Dachshund Dash
Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Chesterfield Park (2511 W. Republic Road).

Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for free fun and activities. DogFest features canine-related vendors and non-profits and the highly entertaining Dachshund Dash. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Register for Dachshund Dash or vendor booth by Sept. 16. Fee information at ParkBoard.org.

2016 Route 66 Festival draws nearly 40,000 to downtown

Thanks to SPD, OEM, Public Works, and all of the festival volunteers, without whose help we could not make this festival happen each year. About 38,000 people participated in the 6th annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, presented by KY3/KSPR; City of Springfield and Aaron Sachs & Associates.

Despite Friday’s soggy start, 250 classic cars and a couple dozen motorcycles paraded down the historic Mother Road from the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park to the corner of St. Louis and National. The parade and live musical acts at the Park Central Square, Motorcycle Village, the Gillioz Theatre and numerous other venues, drew about 4,000 spectators into downtown on Friday.

Many supporters on board for Route 66 revitalization
French Fry Facelift at the Springfield Art Museum
21st annual Japanese Fall Festival
September 9-11
On Saturday, the festival broke attendance records, drawing in about 28,000 people to view 375 classic cars and enjoy live music.

Approximately 1,000 motorcyclists attended the festival, which also included a motorcycle stunt show, Globe of Steel Show and Harley-Davidson motorcycle demos, according to organizer Aaron Sachs.

About 750 motorcyclists raised about $8,000 in the annual Gypsy Tour Poker Run, benefiting the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Here’s how the attendance numbers break down:
- Friday evening’s parade and concerts: 5,000
- Saturday’s Classic Car Show, Motorcycle Village and concerts on four stages: 28,000
- Sunday’s continuation: 5,000.

Larry Woods Named Interim Emergency Management Director

The Greene County Commission has named Larry Woods to serve as interim emergency management director while the search begins for a permanent director replacement.

Woods temporarily replaces Chet Hunter, who announced his resignation earlier this month. Hunter’s last day with the office was August 26.

Woods, who has been with the Office of Emergency Management for the last 16 years, and has served as the deputy director for the last 13 years, is a certified emergency manager through the International Emergency Managers Association and a licensed Emergency Medical Technician through the state of Missouri.

As deputy director, Woods’ responsibilities include the management of operations for the office, supervising planning and training personnel and maintaining the capability to activate and support the emergency operations center as operations section chief during times of disaster.

Woods has more than 30 years of public safety experience, having previously served as the 911 and emergency management director for Laclede County for five years and as an emergency medical technician for American Medical Response in Kansas City. He has also served in the fire service and law enforcement.

“I have the highest confidence in Larry’s ability to lead this office skillfully and continue to advance our vision to become the most disaster resilient community in America,” Hunter said. “His extensive experience in emergency management best practices and his knowledge of our local office will serve Greene County well.”

The Office of Emergency Management director position is posted on Greene County’s Web site. Applications will be accepted until Sept. 8 at GreeneCountyMo.org.
Many Route 66 supporters on board for revitalization ahead

By Cora Scott

With the curtain closed on the 2016 Birthplace of Route 66 festival, I am more optimistic than ever that we are doing the right thing. It’s rewarding to see so many people enjoying our downtown and West Central area – packing our restaurants, filling our streets, learning about our history.

As the local government, we are conveners, supporters and yes, even cheerleaders. We help rally the community to work together to solve difficult challenges and realize opportunities.

We’re not going to let the fact that it is hard, or that money is tight, or that it is a challenging delicate balance to determine how much a city invests, (both money and heart) or deter us from helping revitalize an under-resourced area with enormous potential.

We are playing all of these roles mentioned above, to help revitalize Historic Route 66 (starting with our most blighted area of the route: College from Kansas to Grant).

The following things have already been accomplished:

1. Collectively, we have revealed a point of pride that differentiates our community, while bringing people together (there’s only one Birthplace of Route 66).
2. We have inspired others in the community and beyond to find ways they can be a part of bigger vision for Springfield, potentially dramatically increasing tourism to our great city.
3. We continue to work alongside the energetic residents of the neighborhood to help improve things aesthetically and economically.
4. We have turned formerly polluted properties into future amenities.
5. Maximizing the impact that economic recovery has on job creation, along with cultivating partnerships with organizations, like the EPA, we have created new jobs.

We hope to share more of this vision, which also highlights the nearby historical sites, in upcoming months.

I’m lifted up by the support of partners, such as KY3/KSPR’s general manager Brian McDonough, who is not just a festival sponsor, but is a revitalization crusader. He supports not only the festival, but also the ongoing quest to raise funds to keep projects moving forward. You may have seen “Preservation Partners” buttons for sale at the festival. That was Brian’s idea. Proceeds from those buttons will help us reach a $55,000 fundraising goal for a clock tower to place in Broadway Plaza that will be constructed, beginning immediately following this week’s festival.

The generosity is staggering.

Along with Aaron Sachs & Associates and the Gillioz Theatre, these three organizations have provided about a half-million dollars worth of private investment to the festival and revitalization support.

Businessman Guy Mace is also a believer. He has made several substantial donations to revitalization, including the most recent donation to sponsor Friday night’s parade. He also opened his private car college to the public as a “Route 66 Car Museum” to further support the efforts.

The West Central neighborhood is one of 15 neighborhoods selected to receive job training for green jobs, thanks to the successful efforts of the City’s Workforce Development Department to receive a $200,000 grant to start an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) program. Overall, EPA’s grant is expected to provide funding to enroll at least 56 trainees in the program, with a goal of placing at least 55 graduates into the local job market in specialized green job positions, such as Superfund site cleanup and ecological restoration. And this is just one small example.

This vision is even bigger than Route 66 nostalgia, however. Literally behind College Street, sits another potential dream for our city: the further development of West Meadows, where so much history has been made.

It is there, that the original spring from which Springfield was named, was found. It is there, that the City continues to invest funds and effort in a multiple-decade journey to continue to clean up brownfields property, work with the railroad and fulfill part of Vision 2020’s goal of completing Jordan Valley Park.

Just to the South of this stretch of College Street is the location of Historic Civil War Fort #2, that was key in defending the city of Springfield from Confederate attacks from the second Battle of Springfield.

Architect Tim Rosenbury has contributed his time and talent to help sketch out a potential vision for a history plaza to be considered as another addition to the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park.

I can’t thank everyone enough for all they have done and are continuing to do, to support this effort. I appreciate the members of the Route 66 Festival committee, including long-time advocates David Eslick, Tommy and Glenda Pike and Jack Stinson. I also appreciate the hard work by my staff, here in the Public Information Department and employees from many City departments, including Springfield Police Department, Public Works, City Clerk’s Office, Environmental Services and the joint City-County Departments of the Office of Emergency Management and the Park Board.
The City of Springfield and the West Central Neighborhood Alliance ceremoniously broke ground for the Route 66 Plaza Streetscape at College Street and Broadway Avenue Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The groundbreaking was the prelude to a full weekend of celebrating Springfield’s claim to fame as the Birthplace of Route 66, with the 2016 festival Aug. 12-14.

This project, expected to begin October 2016, will stretch along College Street from the intersection of Broadway Avenue west to the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park. Planned improvements include a new pedestrian plaza at the northwest corner of the intersection, crosswalks, ADA-compliant sidewalks, landscaping and street trees, decorative street lighting, utility improvements and on-street parking. It is funded through a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant and the voter-approved 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax.

During the 2015 festival, the City of Springfield’s Public Works and Planning departments, along with West Central Neighborhood Alliance residents, created a physical mock-up of what a streetscape and plaza might look like, including a clock tower, at College Street and Broadway Avenue east of the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park.

During the annual Give Ozarks campaign in May, the West Central Neighborhood Alliance donated $8,000 toward the clock tower project, which has an estimated cost of $55,000.

The Birthplace of Route 66 Festival began in 2010 as a West Central Neighborhood car show to fund-raise for improvements to the College Avenue portion of Springfield’s stretch of Route 66. In 2015, the festival had grown into a two-day car show and drew 23,000 people to downtown Springfield.

“Springfield has really come together to try to make our downtown great again. Embracing our Route 66 history is an important part of spotlighting authentic places and experiences in Springfield,” says Rusty Worley, former president of WCNA and executive director of the Downtown Springfield Association.

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“This year’s campaign is called ‘Just One More Dollar.’ Our goal this year is to raise $104,000. We hope that you can give ‘Just One More Dollar’ per paycheck to provide the necessary services to help our fellow citizens during their time of need,” Swan said.

The City is handling this year’s special fund-raising events a little differently than in years past, she said.

“There will be one major City-sponsored fundraiser this year. The online silent auction will be held Oct. 17-28. Along with donated items as in years past, the silent auction will also offer themed baskets provided by City departments. The sale price of each basket will be credited to the department that donated that particular basket. Similar to last year, this will be an online auction, and of course individual donations are also welcomed as auction items,” Swan said.

Employees may bring donated items for the silent auction Sept. 12-Oct. 10. The location to which to bring donated items will be communicated via the Monday Morning Announcements, as it has not been determined yet.

Last year’s silent auction raised about $4,000 for the United Way.

Fund-raising events hosted by individual departments will again be an integral and welcomed component of the City’s campaign. Please let Jennifer know about your department’s events as soon as possible so she can assist with coordination and communication.

The City of Springfield is United Way of the Ozarks’ third-largest annual donor, according to United Way of the Ozarks Director of Resource Development Shelli Jones.

Visit uwozarks.com to learn more about the work of United Way of the Ozarks.

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Top: Andrew Flippin, Public Works. Middle: Park Board. Bottom: Planning Department
Why do you do what you do?
“Coming from a formal education background only deepens my love of teaching. This position allows me to see the excitement of both children and adults when presenting live animals.”

What issue is impacting/affecting your area right now? How are you dealing with it?
“Extinction is forever. Scientists estimate that every 24 hours, 150 – 200 species of mammals, birds, insects and plants become extinct. What I believe to be a huge part of the problem is the virtual world in which we live. Children are losing opportunities for direct contact with nature. One of my favorite books is ‘Last Child in the Woods,’ by Richard Louv. This book inspires me, as conservation education director at Dickerson Park Zoo, to provide engaging opportunities for children to make connections with nature. How will children protect nature if they do not know and understand it? ”

In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught.’ (Baba Dioum, a Senegalese environmentalist, derived from a speech made in New Delhi, India, in 1968.)

What’s the best part of your job?
“The best part of my job is when I have the opportunity to work with children. I love watching their facial expressions when they learn something new, cool or touch an animal they have never seen before.”

What do you admire about this organization?
“The City consistently works to make Springfield a ‘green’ community.”

Pam Price
Conservation Education Director
Pam has worked for Friends of the Zoo at Dickerson Park Zoo for 9 years.

WIC nutritionist Hannah Cook assists family with flat tire
Hannah Cook is a nutritionist with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department WIC office. We share office space with the Jordan Valley Community Health Care Center as we serve the same population. On Friday evening, July 1, our office had just closed and several of our staff were leaving the building to start a holiday weekend. A young couple were leaving a Jordan Valley appointment and found that they had a flat tire. They did not have a jack to raise the car and did not know how to change the tire. Hannah not only helped this young couple change the tire, but took the tire to be repaired and paid for the repairs. One of Hannah’s co-workers took a picture of her down on the hot concrete of the parking lot changing the tire and sent it to me. When I asked Hannah about the encounter she simply responded, “Oh, that was no big deal; it was just the right thing to do.” I, too, think it was the right thing to do, but it also exemplifies the kind of customer service that Hannah provides to our young families at WIC. She is awesome and so appreciated and we are happy to share her story with all of our City co-workers.

- Julie Randolph, WIC Supervisor

Send us your customer service stories!
Do you have a great story about how you’ve provided excellent customer service? What about a time where you helped an upset customer and turned his or her attitude around about the City? We want to hear them all. If you have a great City customer service story, please e-mail it to mhaase@springfieldmo.gov or call 864-1003.

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE
I am pleased to present the Golden Goose award to Sergeant Jennifer Charleston. I have served on a number of committees and have worked numerous community events with Sergeant Charleston, who is always very helpful, positive and enthusiastic. Anytime I have reached out to Sergeant Charleston needing help, she goes the extra mile to be a team player and ensures the job gets done. Thanks for all you do to make our community events better! It was a privilege to have the award and even a greater one to pass it along to Sergeant Charleston.

Maria Johnston, Parks

It is an honor to pass along the Golden Goose Award to Senior Planner Alana Owen, for her hard work and dedication to the City of Springfield’s community members. In the meetings I’ve attended with Alana, she always maintains a professional attitude regardless of the topic and the mood of the community members. I’ve had the pleasure to work with Alana on neighborhood association problems and she never hesitates to assist in finding a resolution to the issue. Alana has been an excellent resource for the Community Services Section (CSS) by serving on the Springfield Police Academy Community Leader Panel with Police Chief Paul Williams and by providing extra insight for the Police Area Representative (P:AR) officers. Thank you for making an impact on the community.

Sgt. Jennifer Charleston, Police

Do You Know...?
A Q&A of City of Springfield employees.
To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.
French Fry Facelift at Springfield Art Museum begins in August

The iconic Springfield landmark “Sun Target II,” known around town as “The French Fries,” looks a little different these days. Prep work has begun on John Henry’s abstract cor-ten steel sculpture and two other sculptures on the Museum’s grounds by Ernest Trova. This prep work is the beginning of the public art’s restoration process, set to begin in earnest on Monday, August 29 in order to take advantage of fair weather.

The museum raised $17,100 to make improvements to the grounds, the bulk of which came through the successful #SaveTheFrenchFries Campaign for Give Ozarks Day. Among the many donations received, the campaign won the first prize for overall marketing campaign from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Over 220 nonprofit organizations participated in this year’s event.

“Sun Target II” was acquired by the museum in 1980 with assistance from the Missouri Arts Council and the Ola E. McAdoo bequest. Prior to finding its permanent home in Springfield, it was exhibited in Chicago, New York City, and Atlanta. It has since become a defining piece of Springfield’s cultural landscape and its local identity. However, 30 years of outdoor public display have taken their toll, necessitating the need for this conservation work.

In addition to “The French Fries,” Ernest Trova’s “AV/T.S.C.,” a gift to the museum in 1980 by Alvin Siteman, and “ABSTRACT VARIATION (X),” a gift to the Museum in 1981 by Trova, will be restored to their former glory. Restoration work is estimated to take a month depending on weather conditions.

“Our proper stewardship of these works of art means that they will be able to be enjoyed by future generations. I’m also very proud to say that the funding for this project came 100% from private donations. It is amazing what our generous community can do when we work together to safeguard and preserve works of public art,” said Director Nick Nelson.

Museum Educator Kate Baird often uses “Sun Target II” during her school tours.

“It provides a unique way to talk to students about shapes, point of view, spatial reasoning, relationships, and perspective. It doesn’t just have aesthetic value; it is a valuable teaching tool,” she said.

Springfield Art Museum and Drury University de-installs House of Art(S)

The popular public art experiment, prominently featured on the Museum’s lawn was disassembled as part of Drury University’s new student Service Plunge.

The outdoor exhibition gallery, made up of murals and graffiti panels, has been continuously changing since its installation in summer of 2015. The House of Art(S) is the second temporary public art collaboration between the Springfield Art Museum and Drury University’s Art of Space, with support provided by the Missouri Arts Council, the Hammons School of Architecture, and Conco.

The House of Art(S) was designed to be an interactive, participatory art installation. Over the course of the year, it has been transformed by the community through the addition (and subtraction) of paint, drawings, poems, quotes, and found objects - including a shopping cart. It has provided a constant platform of community engagement through its 24-hour accessibility and numerous appearances on various social media channels.

“The House of Art(S) has provoked and inspired a number of conversations about public space, public art, and ways that the museum can continue to provide spaces for community art-making. I have truly enjoyed collaborating with Gerard Nadeau from Art of Space, and appreciate the hundreds of artists who have left their mark on the House of Art(S),” said Curator Sarah Buhr.

Student volunteers from Drury University were on hand to assist with the de-installation.

“We are proud to be a part of Drury’s annual Service Plunge. Not only does it provide an opportunity for students to roll up their sleeves and help make a difference, but it helps us introduce the Museum and its role in the community to civic-minded new students,” Director Nick Nelson said.

In addition to the de-installation, Drury students will help begin preparatory work on several outdoor sculptures at the museum, set to be conserved in early September. The museum raised $17,100 to make improvements to the Museum’s grounds, the bulk of which came through the #SaveTheFrenchFries Campaign on Give Ozarks Day in early May.

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Save the Date
12-1 p.m. September 14 @ Drury’s Track & Field
Join us for fun and creative fitness challenges (for both the competitors and the spectators), great food, the opportunity to win 4 hours of paid leave, bragging rights and many giveaway items. Bring a $5 cash donation, benefiting United Way, for your lunch!
Craftmatic adjustable Twin XL frame and mattress, $200. Twin bed with box springs, mattress and headboard, used very little. $75. Call Merrill Chastain at 417-869-4496 if interested.

1988 Honda Goldwing, 1500cc with reverse, am, fm, cassette, three helmets and mic systems. A matching trailer comes with it. 2400 miles, Bought New from dealer. Next to New condition. Has been kept in Garage. Asking $4000 or best offer. For more info or pictures contact Richard at 417-818-3353.


'95 Ford Conquest –$13,000 (Ozark, MO) ‘95 Conquest in excellent condition; well taken care of and maintained. New tires, new generator and stove. New batteries. Call Rex or Vera at (417) 818-4586.


Bedroom Furniture: Full size mattress/adjustable bed ($100), (2) 32 inch 3 drawer oak dressers ($75), (1) 48” 6 drawer cherry dresser ($125). Call Phil at 848-8450.


2Bd/2Ba Garden Level Condo in Northern Branson behind Walmart, Kohls, and Bed Bath and Beyond. All appliances stay and will leave some furniture. In the process of painting entire unit and putting down new vinyl in kitchen and baths. If I finish $73,000, if you finish (I’ll leave paint and flooring) $70,000. Call Mary at 573-747-8705.

Large L-shaped simulated cherry office desk with beautiful matching Hutch from office depot ($200.00). Solid oak entertainment center with pull-out swivel television holder, including a 31” TV, and lots of cabinet space and built to last a life time ($250.00). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

FOR SALE

Computer desk in like new-condition. Asking for $600 (New $850-$900). Contact Suzanne at 417-425-2294 or Randy at 417-425-2293 (evenings Fri - Mon) or days otherwise.

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Promotions
Curtis Cantrell Kip McCubbin
Fire Equipment Operators – Fire

Broderick Ousley
Maintenance Worker – Environmental Services

Eric Roepke
Fire Lieutenant – Fire

Teresa Woods
Licensing Representative – Finance

Retirements
Anita Fonner
Litigation Paralegal
Law – 26 years

Janet Hicks
Senior Public Health Investigator
Health – 34 years

Blanche Jones
Administrative Assistant
Parks – 44 years

Thomas Moore
Supt. of Special Facilities
Parks – 9 years

Richard O’Connor
Battalion Chief
Fire – 23 years

Peter Prewitt
Fire Equipment Operator
Fire – 24 years

Ricky Swarengin
Assistant Equipment Tech.
Environmental Services – 16 years

Alice Swyhart
Contract Workforce Development Specialist
Workforce Development – 7 years

Paul Tyler
Fire Captain
Fire – 24 years

Dennis Williams
Fire Equipment Operator
Fire – 18 years

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21st Annual Japanese Fall Festival Sept. 9-11

The Springfield Sister Cities Association, with support from the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, hosts the 21st Annual Japanese Fall Festival Friday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 11, in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield.

The annual festival celebrates Japanese culture and Springfield’s Sister City relationship with Isehaki, Japan, now marking 30 years.

This year’s festival includes a special guest appearance by Branson fiddling star, Shoji Tabuchi who makes his Japanese Fall Festival debut Saturday, Sept. 10, 5 p.m.

The festival also features:

- New York’s Samurai Sword Soul.
- Taiko drumming from St. Louis Osuwa Takio.
- A delegation of musicians and guests from Springfield’s sister city of Isehaki, Japan.
- Kizuna, Springfield’s Japan-America Friendship Club, leading participatory dances as well as tea ceremonies in the lakeside teahouse, and a tea café.
- Japanese top spinning with Mr. Hiroshi Tada.
- Martial arts from Springfield Aikido and Tracy’s Karate.
- Japanese large-scale calligraphy with Seiran Chiba, from Fukushima, Japan, an area hit by the 2011 tsunami. Serial Chiba is visiting as an ambassador on behalf of the Japan Foundation.
- Friday night opening ceremonies with hundreds of local Kindergarten-through-fifth grade students, acting as ambassadors from every Springfield public elementary school.
- Friday and Saturday night candlelight strolls through the garden, beginning at dusk.
- Hands-on kids’ activities from the Kickapoo High School Japanese Club, including chop sticks instruction, face painting, origami, and Japanese-style yo-yos.
- Local performers, Japanese food, fish painting and regional artisans and merchants.
- A large tent-top market offering Japanese souvenirs and apparel, with all proceeds benefiting the Springfield Sister Cities Association and the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden.

The three-day festival runs from 5-10 p.m. Friday night; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Friday and Sunday admission is $7/adult; $3/kids 3-12; toddlers age 2 and younger are free. Saturday admission is $10/adults, $3/kids.

Volunteers and vendors are needed for the festival. For volunteer information, festival photos, a schedule of events and more, visit the Springfield Sister City Association at PeaceThroughPeople.org.

Dog Swim XIII Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Fassnight Pool

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board hosts Dog Swim XIII, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 4-7 p.m. at Fassnight Pool, 1300 S. Campbell, Springfield.

The annual canine aquatics event gives man’s best friend a chance to dog paddle in Fassnight Pool (dogs only, no humans in the pool)! Check-in begins at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park, Springfield’s first off-leash dog park.

This is the final event of the season at Fassnight Pool, which closes to humans after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

Pre-registration for Dog Swim is strongly recommended, allowing dogs and owners to spend less time waiting in line and filling out paperwork. Pre-registration closes Friday, Sept. 2, 5 p.m. (extended from Aug. 31).

Proof of vaccination for Parvo, Distemper, Bordetella and Rabies is required. Registration is $8 for one dog/one owner. Limit one dog per owner, please. Additional humans are $3.

A printable registration form is at: ParkBoard.org

Dog Swim XIII is presented with support from PetsWay, Tame Pet Magazine and Deerfield Veterinary Hospital.
To: Officer Becker

Thank you for calling me about my black purse being turned in. It’s such a wonderful feeling when an act of kindness from two strangers really saved me stress, time and money if my purse had been stolen.

Thank you,
Gillian G. DeLear

To: Chief Hall

I can’t thank you enough for not only allowing us to use your resources during Girls Just Wanna Run, but also for assisting us with the process. The guys from Station 2 were amazing!

The spray on the route was so very well received! Truly, we continue to hear about what fun the ladies had and how welcome the cool spot toward the end of their run was.

Your gift was such a fun, unique addition to our event and helps us stand above the rest. And in a market that is saturated with 5Ks and 10Ks, unique is the name of the game!

On behalf of the rehab and wellness patients whose lives will be enhanced and prolonged with a healthier lifestyle as well as increased independence through rehabilitation, please know that you and your team are greatly appreciated!

Most sincerely,
Laurie Soulsby, Senior Development Officer, Girls Just Wanna Run

911 Recognitions

To: 911 Communications

I really appreciate the heads up the 911 team gives me as part of the homeless camp protocol. I want to thank the 911 folks for getting me this information and going the extra step for me.

Sincerely,
Cora Scott, City PIO Director

To: Kristina James, 911 Shift Supervisor

Thank you for obtaining good solid details and broadcasting while a sensitive situation was happening.

Sincerely,
Officer Tony D’Andrea, SPD

To: 911 Telecommunicators: Kristina Scott, Melissa Jennings, Kelly Goff, Maria Sanchez, Heather Morrison, and Summer Wildhaber

SPD: D. Bernet, E. Luebbert, and S. Kelly

I’m very grateful for how my call was handled and very thankful for the fast response which took a violent criminal off the street.

Sincerely,
Thomas Benz (citizen)

To: Kelly Pearman and Stacey Blair, 911 Telecommunicators

Great job for getting the location of the caller’s friend who was in desperate need of help.

Sincerely,
SFD/E12

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To: Denise Ruble, 911 Telecommunicator

We commend you for going above and beyond the request of Sgt Frank Schreiber and providing a good address for a suspect.

Sincerely,
SPD

To: Abbie Shouse, 911 Telecommunicator

I am so thankful and grateful. My parents are in their 70s and they had just set up their 5th wheel camper in AR when my father had a stroke. We called 911 and were able to air vacate him out. As my mother was trying to drive back to Springfield Abbie Shouse was on the phone with her guiding her into the Cox South parking lot.

Sincerely,
David Mitchell, Alabama citizen

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