Eleven teams battle it out at CoSFit Games

Eleven City of Springfield teams came to Drury’s track and field on Sept. 13 anxious to compete for the title of 2017 CoSFit Games Champions. After three team fitness battles—including a fun, but challenging obstacle course—the team known during the Games as “The Futures” pulled off the big win! This team included Jeff Putman, Jordan Kirby, Waylon Cavinder and Lexi Hughes. Along with the grand traveling trophy, the winning CoSFit Games team members won four hours of paid leave.

Also bringing their A-game was the team earning second place, “Pollos Locos” (Julie Viele, Heather Parker, Hugo Aparicio and Jordan Coiner). The third place team, the “Super Springfield Squad” (Jason Gabathuler, Jonathan Peitz,=

Employee Flu Shot Clinic

Flu season is upon us and the Health Department will be offering flu vaccines at no cost to all city employees. Spouses and retirees are also welcome to attend and will be charged $18 for the vaccine.

- **Date:** Thursday, November 9th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Location:** The Mill Building, 216 W. Central St. Springfield, Mo 65802

The Vaccine Administration Record of Recipient Signature form must be completed prior to vaccine administration. The form can be downloaded on CityShare.

If this date does not work for you, appointments are also available. Please call 417-864-1658 and select option 3 to schedule an appointment.
Deputy Tim Smith announces he will retire at the end of the year

City of Springfield Deputy City Manager Tim Smith announced he will retire in December.

Smith’s key duties have included completion of an integrated plan proposal for meeting environmental standards and providing direction to the building development services, public works, planning and development, environmental services, parks, and information services departments.

Smith played an important role in helping the City through the continued economic recovery. City Manager Greg Burris said, “From the first day that Tim joined our team, he has been a vital part of the culture of leadership we’ve been developing at the City. He exemplifies professionalism, empathy and leadership. And, as if that wasn’t enough, Tim is the model public servant – he works hard, does quality work, and truly cares about people. Tim should feel proud of the work he’s accomplished at both the County and the City; he’s made a difference in many peoples’ lives.”

Burris said that after a short hiatus, Smith will return to the City to help complete some key projects. “I’m extremely thankful for Tim’s willingness to return next year as a part-time employee to move a number of his projects forward. The City will be better for it.”

Smith came to the City from Greene County, where he served since 1992. He became Greene County Administrator in 2008. At the end of 2013, he scaled back to part-time hours and half pay in an effort to help the County deal with a budget shortfall.

A native of Indiana, Smith received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute in 1975. His experience includes design and construction, plan review, regulation and administration and stormwater management.

He currently serves as chairman of the Solid Waste District “O” board of directors and is a member of the State Solid Waste Advisory Board. He is a past Ozark Greenway board member and past president of the Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers’ Association.

“The City of Springfield has been the beneficiary of Tim Smith’s talents during the three years he has served as deputy city manager. Tim’s leadership has been extremely effective and his contributions numerous,” said Mayor Ken McClure. “Tim is the epitome of a respected, dedicated and committed public servant, having served Greene County for 22 years. City Council is most grateful for his service and wishes for him every success.”

Burris said a search for a new deputy city manager will begin soon. Details about a public reception for Smith will be shared at a later date.

Mayor thanks city for POTUS visit

I would like to thank the Loren Cook Company for hosting President Donald Trump on August 30, 2017. It is truly an honor to be asked to host the President of the United States.

I am so very proud of every City employee that supported this event, on very short notice I might add, and made the President’s visit a success. An event of this magnitude requires numerous professionals, from many different agencies, working around the clock. Your City employees were part of this team of professionals and I am pleased to report you can be proud of every one of them!

The recent visit by President Trump proved to me once again what a special place Springfield is. I have not seen news coverage from anywhere else around the country where supporters, protesters, and counter-protesters assembled together this peacefully. Although not without arguments or tension, Springfield’s event was, for the most part, civil, respectful, and without negative consequences. I am proud of the fact that not one arrest had to be made in relation to the Presidential visit and protests. I read at least one account of a supporter and protester “hugging it out” after hearing each other’s side. That’s the way we do things in Springfield.

On behalf of City Council please accept my most sincere thank you for showing, not just your fellow Americans, but people the world over how civil and respectful of one another we are in the Ozarks!

Sincerely,
Ken McClure, Mayor
Zoo Director Mike Crocker Recognized by American Association of Zoo Keepers

Dickerson Park Zoo Director Mike Crocker was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Zoo Keeper Education Award by the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) on Aug. 29, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

The award, received at the annual AAZK national conference, recognized Crocker’s commitment to keeper staff training and animal care through professional development opportunities.

Crocker was nominated by Dickerson Park Zoo Tropical Asia Zoookeeper Lee Hart, who was recently appointed to the national board of the American Association of Zoo Keepers. Hart’s oversight will be on education, and he will serve a four-year term. Hart has been on the Ozarks Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers executive board for seven years: three years as president, two years as vice president, one year as secretary and one year as chapter liaison.

Dickerson Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA). Look for the AZA logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation and your link to helping animals in their native habitats. For more information, visit aza.org.

City to commemorate Hazelwood Cemetery Sesquicentennial Anniversary Saturday, Oct. 14

The City of Springfield invites the community to celebrate 150 years of history and service to the community at the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Hazelwood Cemetery (1642 E. Seminole St.) 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

At the time Hazelwood was officially dedicated, on Oct. 26, 1867, the cemetery was a long horse and buggy ride miles outside city limits. Today, the Springfield has grown up around the cemetery.

Hazelwood Cemetery is maintained by Springfield Public Works and is one of the largest municipally operated cemeteries in Missouri, with 60 developed acres and over 44,000 grave spaces. The cemetery is still actively selling grave spaces.

Hazelwood is the final resting place of many notable Springfieldians including Springfield founder John Polk Campbell; Mayor, Congressman and Judge Sempronius (Pony) Boyd; and Route 66 visionary John T. Woodruff, among others.

The commemoration ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., including mayoral and congressional proclamations and the unveiling of plans for a sesquicentennial monument. A Revolutionary War re-enactment by the Sons of the American Revolution and guided history walk through cemetery grounds will follow.

For full event details, visit springfieldmo.gov/hazelwood.

Volunteers needed for annual Treasures of the City event Oct. 12

The 28th annual Partners in Education event, Treasures of the City, is Thursday, Oct. 12. This event is a partnership between the City of Springfield and Springfield Public Schools. Second-grade students and their families will tour the City’s Government Plaza learning about municipal government. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. and should be done by 8:30 p.m. As in past years, we are looking for volunteers to help us with this event. We anticipate about 700-750 people to attend. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt. A pizza dinner for all volunteers begins at 4:30 in the Lower Level. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Regina Crumrine or Claudia Crighton in the Citizen Resource Center at 864-1010.

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Stephanie Pearce and Amanda Callaway) gave a tremendous effort in all the events.

Many thanks to all the competitors who came out for a fun and friendly competition: Sewer Rats (Bob Leazer, Thomas Pindris, Raymond Ellis and Joy Boyer), E-LEMON-aters (Leree Reese, Alexis Walker, Julie Hawkins and Mandy Buettgen-Quinn), Park It Likes It’s Hot (Diana Tyndall, Kennon Ellison, Susan Buettgen-Quinn), Cool Name Pending (Amie Davis, Brooke Tyler, Steve Boehmer and Matt Brown), Can’t Flush This (Kim Brown, Kortney Huffman, Jonathan Blodgett and John Waitman), 8:1 (Dan Harrell, Rinda Dunn, Randall Whitman and Eric Claussens), and AARRGGHH I Think I Pulled A Hammy (Paul F. Williams, Frank Romin, Brian Weiler and Sarah Kerner).

Spectators did not get left out of all the fun! Audience members were called from the crowd during three different challenges while the teams geared up for their next competition. Scott Hall, Casey Sunderman, Brandy Attnip, Duke McDonald, Merleene Knapton, Jenn Gage, Carl Shaw, Alice Wood, Jenny Lewis and Teresa Allen were brave enough to compete in events involving mazes, tricycles and bounce hopper balls! They all were awarded City of Springfield travel mugs, and Jenny Lewis was the lucky spectator to also win four hours of paid leave!

A delicious BBQ lunch was cooked and served by Public Works for a $3 donation per plate, and we are happy to report that $271 was raised to donate to the United Way campaign! Thanks to all who came out to compete or cheer on their co-workers! We will see you next year at the 2018 CoSFit Games!
2017-2018 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

IS Split the Pot Fundraiser starts Oct. 1

The Information Systems Department will once again be having a Split the Pot fundraiser to benefit United Way. Purchase Split the Pot tickets from a member of the Information Systems team. If your ticket is chosen at the end of the fundraiser, you will receive one half of the pot, while the other half goes to the United Way! It’s a win/win situation!

Information Systems will be selling tickets Oct. 1 through noon on Oct. 31. The winning ticket will be drawn at 2 p.m. Oct. 31.

Tickets are:
• 1 ticket for $1
• 6 tickets for $5
• 13 tickets for $10.

DROP OFF YOUR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS BY OCT. 6

To drop off your silent auction items, call Kathy Marlar at 864-1797 or Lisa Cox at 864-1786.

PW PULLED PORK LUNCH

Come support United Way by giving a $5 donation for a sandwich, drink, chips and a cookie.

October 18 from 11:00am-1:00pm
Located Busch Building Loading Dock Area.

BINGO!
• Speed bingo from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
  $1 per card, winner receives 50% of proceeds per game
• Black out at 12:30 p.m.
  $5 per card
  Grand prize: 4 hours paid leave

CORNHOLE and YARD GAMES
$1 donation per person per game.
Games provided by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department

‘Duct tape Chris Straw to a wall’ fundraiser for United Way a success

Thanks to all who participated. As you can see, several employees donated $20 to place a piece of tape over Chris’ mouth. $110 was raised for the United Way, and Chris is no worse for the wear. In fact, he has not had to shave since the fundraiser!

SILENT AUCTION
OCTOBER 16-27

Where do your dollars go?

The United Way of the Ozarks raised $3,074,519. Of the contributions collected in 2016:
• 50% is focused on Educational Red Flags:
  - 11,517 children received one-to-one reading help.
  - 17,083 received services to stay in school (food, medication, dental care)
  - 260 High School students at risk received help (100% remained in school or graduated).
• 40% is focused on Poverty Red Flags:
  - 1,502 children & 2,742 adult victims of crime, abuse, and/or violence.
  - 455 families received case management.
  - 586 homeless children received services.
• 10% is focused on Health Red Flags:
  - 1,083 pre-school children with developmental disabilities received home therapy visits.
  - 279 at-risk pregnant women received prenatal and delivery care.
  - 10,884 individuals received mental health/counseling services.

The City of Springfield annual campaign continues with many opportunities to participate with your pledge form and through other special events. Thank you for your participation and support of the United Way!

CreAsian restaurant donates half of Sept. 19 gross sales to Springfield Police and Fire

CreAsian raised $1,242 on Sept. 19 for the Springfield Fire Department and Springfield Police Foundation ($621 each).
National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Please join us in recognizing NSCAM by taking a few minutes for the following cybersecurity activities throughout October:

- Each week read the articles in the Monday Morning Announcements and then put that information into practice in your daily personal and work routines
- Discuss safe cyber practices with your co-workers, friends and family
- Participate in our soon-to-be announced City-wide Cybersecurity activity
- Watch the featured Mini CyberSecurity Course each week and be entered in a prize drawing!

View each 4-7 minute course listed below by noon on each Friday shown in parentheses to learn more about cybersecurity and a chance to win a prize

- Outwitting Spear Phishers (10-6-17)
- Ransomware: How to Defend Yourself (10-13-17)
- Protecting Mobile Devices and Data (10-20-17)
- Online & Targeted Social Engineering (10-27-17)

To access the training website:

1. Use Chrome to open the CityShare home page and click the Help Desk link on the top menu.
2. From the Help Desk page, click Links under the Cyber Security Awareness heading on the left-hand menu and then click on the SAFE Cyber Security Awareness Login Page link.
3. Click My Courses, locate the correct course in the list and click the Launch Course button.

Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. Small actions, like creating strong passwords and being cautious about free Wi-Fi networks, can make a huge difference in avoiding cyber threats. Here are 4 areas to think about:

- Set strong passwords. Make them long and complex, change them regularly, and don’t share them with anyone.
- Treat personal information like money. Information about you, such as your purchase history and location, has value, so be cautious about how your information is collected by apps and websites.
- Limit what you share. Control and limit who can see your information online by checking the privacy and security settings on your accounts and apps.
- Don’t believe everything you read. Be cautious about what you receive or read online—if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Also, see below for a way to check and see if your email address(es) have been “Pwned.”

What Pwned Means and How to Pronounce It

“Pwned is commonly used as a gloating expression like “to be dominated” or “to be controlled against your will,” or “defeated by a superior power.” Also used is the expression “pwnage,” which is the noun version.

This word is an offshoot of owned, so it’s typically pronounced as ponned. In rare cases, you might even hear it pronounced as pawned, puh-owned, or pwenned.”-Paul Gil

Check if your email has been involved in a known breach (pwned) at: haveibeenpwned.com.

If you have been pwned: Follow further readings directed on the site to find what information was gathered and the nature of the compromise. Do some research and find what additional actions may need to be taken if financial information was lost. Change the password to all active accounts linked to compromised e-mail.

Save the date!
KICK OFF MEETING OCT. 10
OCTOBER 10, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
SPRINGFIELD ART MUSEUM

CONVOY OF HOPE SPRINGFIELD
Community Event

You’re invited to the Informational Kick Off Meeting for the June 2, 2018 Springfield Community Event to be held at the Ozark Empire Fair.

This event has the power to band us together and transform our neighborhoods and our cities — not as those who need help, and those who can give it, but as friends, neighbors, brothers and sisters, working toward a common good.

For more information contact: ConvoyOfHopeSpringfield@gmail.com or call 1-833-359-9333.
The first official fundraiser for Crime Stoppers has begun!

While I know some of you aren’t into quilts, there’s got to be someone you know who is OR would appreciate this beautiful quilt as a gift. For those who don’t know, Crime Stoppers is an anonymous tip program for the Springfield and Greene County community. Tip information is funneled to law enforcement for investigation with the goal of felony fugitive arrests and/or felony drug seizures. Tipsters are eligible for a cash reward for their valuable information.

Please consider supporting Crime Stoppers as this is a very worthy non-profit that receives no local, state, or federal funds for its hard work. The program is run solely on donations.

• **Tickets:** 2 for $5, 5 for $10, 12 for $20, and so on.
• **Purchase tickets** online at: crimestoppers.raffleready.com/crimestoppers-quilt-raffle
• **Note:** The quilt will be shipped to the winner if outside of Springfield.

Check out Greater Springfield Area Crime Stoppers on Facebook, and Twitter, or on our website!

- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GSACrimeStop)
- [Springfieldmo.gov/crimestoppers](https://www.springfieldmo.gov/crimestoppers)
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GSACrimeStop)

The 69th Springfield Police Academy graduated on Sept. 1, 2017

Graduation ceremonies for the officers of the 69th Springfield Police Academy were held at Sept. 1, at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 2210 W. Republic Road. These 10 graduates underwent 1,059 hours (26 weeks) of intense law enforcement training. They are now each assigned to an experienced field-training officer (FTO) for approximately 520 hours (13 weeks) of on-the-job training. Once they complete the FTO program, these new officers will be assigned to the Uniform Operations Bureau.

Front: Chief Paul Williams, Officer Lauren Witty, Officer Yeng Xiong, Officer Tyler Thornhill. Middle: Officer Brandon Thompson, Officer Anthony Cendejas, Officer Joseph Pyle, Officer Jason DeJager. Back: Officer Bradley Loveland, Officer Benjamin Eckels, Officer Paul Jones

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

I’m very excited to pass on the Golden Goose Award to Melanie Williams. I’ve been an employee with the City of Springfield for almost three years and over that time Melanie has always managed to make my day better whenever I’ve walked past her in the building or spoken to her regarding a Help Desk ticket. Even if things on her computer or phone aren’t working right she always has a positive attitude about it. She is genuine when she asks how you’re doing and truly cares about things going with your work life and your personal life. I’ve enjoyed working with her every month during Welcome to the City and am thankful for her friendship.

Kara Bills, IS

It is my pleasure to pass on the Golden Goose award to Nicole Hays in recognition of her outstanding customer service to HR, specifically for these past few months during the NEOGOV implementation process. I have only recently had the pleasure to get to work with Nicole, but in that short time, her exceptional project management skills and attention to detail have become abundantly clear. As a customer service provider, Nicole zeroed in on the needs, wants, and requests our HR team has made to her during this project and she has immediately followed up with problem solving responses, researched all manner of issues, and learned nearly all the pertinent Merit Rules and protocols pertaining to the City’s entire selection process! Thanks in large part to Nicole’s leadership, we launched a seamless go-live date in August. Through this project she has given a tremendous amount of energy, and except for technical skills to provide the support to the implementation team needed.

It is my personal honor to pass this recognition award on to Nicole, but the passing of this Goose is endorsed by the entire employment division of HR. We thank you for your outstanding commitment to your work and your fellow City employees, Nicole!

Melanie Williams, HR

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? “Two heads are better than one and finding the answer isn’t the hard part. Now, that’s an understatement of what I’m really trying to say but often we are trying to solve complicated problems at the City and this is usually only achieved through collaboration and teamwork. Complicated problems can have complex solutions and the hard part is explaining that solution plainly and in a way that it is simple.”

Why do you do what you do? “I work at the City because it is a practical way that I can try and make a difference in my community.”

What’s the best part of your job? “Completing construction projects is a pretty great feeling. Not just because they can be years in the making, but it’s one of the few times your hard work is tangible.”

What are you passionate about? “People. The only reason the institution of the City exists is because of people and it’s what makes our work mean something.”

What’s something that Springfield as a city should strive for? “I think Springfield should strive to be the example of how a community should live together. For a city to optimize its functions and run accordingly it needs the people in that city to be engaged. Engaged and interested in what is happening, I would say something for Springfield as a city to strive for would be that every citizen is taking part in their communal responsibility to make this city the best it can be.”
Collector's Talk Series: Join collectors as they share stories and insights about their collections currently featured in Wonder Rooms: Ozark Collections.
- Alex and Cathy Primm: Oct. 26: 5:30 p.m.
- Marian Stahl Chamberlain: Nov. 9: 5:30 p.m.
- William Brandon Bowman: Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m.

Wonder Rooms: Ozark Collections: Sept. 16-Feb. 25. Wonder Rooms examines the human desire to collect, with a specific focus on private collections in Southwest Missouri, in order to discover the underlying stories and driving impulses behind collecting. The exhibit will present representative works from ten local collections, and will feature a wide range of media arranged in cabinets or ‘rooms,’ including ceramics, photography, outsider art, local art, furniture, prints and drawings.

Director’s Talk: Oct. 5: 5:30 p.m. Join Nick Nelson, director of the Springfield Art Museum, as he shares his thoughts on the nature of art collecting.

Roadmap to Learning Adventures at the Botanical Center: Oct. 18: 4-6 p.m., 2400 S Scenic Ave
Are you a teacher? Please join us for this free session for teachers on resources in our community to assist in planning field education and hands-on learning. Learn what the City of Springfield, the Park Board, museums and other area attractions can offer for your classes.

Ozark Highlands Trail Backpacking Trip: Oct. 20-22. Register by Oct. 18 at ParkBoard.org. Rated as one of the top-ten hiking trails in the U.S., the OHT offers 165 miles of trail through beautiful Ozark hardwood and pine forests. For this excursion, we will backpack 14 miles from Haw Creek Falls Recreation area to Chancel Trailhead in the Hurricane Creek Wilderness Area. Trip runs Fri., Oct. 20 at 12 p.m.– Sun., Oct. 22 till 5 p.m. This is a moderate-to-strenuous level trip, so physical fitness is a must. Transportation included. Major gear available for rent. Gear lists and meal planning help are available. For 16 yrs., and up (16-17 yrs., with an adult). Fee $50/Person.

Garden Concert Series at Springfield Botanical Gardens: Oct. 22: 3 p.m., 2400 S Scenic Ave
Come listen to Patrick Mureithi perform at the new Peace Through People Pavilion inside Springfield Botanical Gardens. Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. Concert is free but a $10 donation is appreciated and benefits garden projects.
**MILESTONES**

**Promotions**
- Krystal Ray Asst. Dir. of Human Resources – Human Resources
- Olan Morelan Asst. Fire Chief – Fire
- Brendan Griesemer Asst. Dir. of Planning and Development – Planning and Development
- Stacia Portis Financial Analyst – Finance

**Retirements**
- Anthony Barber Police
- Jason Trusler Officer – Health
- Rachel Helwig Fire
- Lucas Bollinger Police Major – Police
- Gregory Higdon Animal Control Officer – Health
- Chad Eutsler Police Lieutenants – Police
- Tad Peters Police Corporal – Police
- Chad McIntyre Finance
- Christopher Wells, Charles Vienhage, Chad Eutsler Police Lieutenants – Police
- Stacia Portis, Nancy Hoeman, Karl Voss Fire, and Chad Eutsler Police Lieutenants – Police

**FOR SALE**

Are you ready for fall and the piles of leaves?? Leaf vacuum for sale! This easy Vac Model 46 was purchased in 1995 and only used for 3 years. It has a 2 wheel trailer and can hold 28 bushels. Comes with a 5 horsepower Briggs and Stratton engine. You attach behind your lawn mower, and away you go! Asking $400.00. Please call Sarah Davis at 417-888-7741 with any questions.

1988 Honda Goldwing, 1500cc with reverse, arm, fin, cassette, three helmets and mic systems. A matching trailer comes with it. 106k miles. Runs great and looks great. $4,000 or best offer. For more info or pictures contact Richard at 417-818-3553.

Pecan time! Shell pecan halves, chopped pecans, chocolate covered pecans, cinnamon glazed pecans and chopped black walnuts. All to benefit the Springfield Queen City Lions charitable giving. Call Phil at 417-888-8450 for details.


2Bd/2Ba Garden Level Condo in northern Branson behind Walmart, Kohl’s, 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 $70,000, if you finish (I’ll leave paint and flooring) $68,000. Call Mary at 573-747-8705.

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.

Large L-shaped simulated cherry office desk with beautiful matching hutch from office depot ($800). 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). Contact Joe at 649-8117.

20/29 Gallon Aquarium with filter, heater, black deluxe full hood with fluorescent light, and miscellaneous. 24 1⁄2” w x 12 1⁄2” D x 16 1⁄2” H. $30 OBO. Contact Marcia at 417-879-8459.

New & still in original box, Black NuWave Oven Pro Plus with Extender Ring Kit. Digital power head, cool to touch base, durable shatter-resistant BPA free power dome, 12” non stick liner pan, 1”/3” reversible cooking rack, and dome holder. Extra “Pro Plus” Extender Ring Kit includes a 2” cooking rack, 10” non stick baking pan, and 3 stainless steel extender rings. $100. Call Marcia at 417-879-8459.

Genuine HUMMER Paratrooper Mountain Bike. Full size, high-performance folding bicycle. Original style designed for military use for US Marines paratroopers. Folds in a matter of seconds for the car trunk or closet. Excellent condition, like new. Ridden only on paved trails. $400 OBO. Contact Marcia at 417-879-8459.

2013 Flagstaff Classic Popup, sleeps 6 with 2 heated coil beds, AC, kitchenette with mini-fridge, indoor shower with bathroom, outdoor shower, slide out for extra room, LOTS of storage, custom LED party lights outside w/ remote. Electric lift for pop-up. Includes TONS of extras! Very Clean! Excellent condition! $11,500.00 OBO. Text or call 417-461-4132.

**SERVICES**

Steve’s Scuba: City of Springfield employees and friends receive $100 off Open Water Certification Class (regular price $450 per person, special price is $350 per person). Save 10% on continuing educational classes; try scuba for $25. For more information, call 417-882-7527 or email itsallgood@stevescuba.com.

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-349-7772, Licensed & Insured. Services Offered: Tub Refinishing, Home Remodeling, Home Repairs. Also see us on Facebook@JR’s Handyman/ Renewsurfacing.

Interested in Mary Kay products or hosting a party? Contact Maria Sanchez at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariasanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.

**WELCOME TO THE CITY**

Top Row, L-R: Terri Sue Bill, PD; Josh Wendler, Parks; Ronora Correll, PD; Jamian Borders, PW. Fourth Row: Lexi Hughes, Parks; Ben Harden, PW.

Third Row: Tara Mezzacapa, Airport; Logan Voss, 911.

Second Row: John Horne, ES; Carlie Rose, 911.

Bottom Row: Casey Sunderman, ES; Scarlett McCall, 911.
To: Officers Jim Cooney and Christopher Laughlin
Springfield resident
Thank you both for getting acquainted with West Bell Street residents at our block party 9/23/17. Hopefully residents will be encouraged to organize a block watch group in the next few weeks. With so many neighborhoods having police activity because of violent crimes; shot, stabbed or dead it’s a blessing to know the lesser issues: loud noise, trespassing, inoperable vehicles, congested traffic, etc. are still important to deal with before they escalate to violent activity; assault, vandalism, etc.
It’s so very much appreciated that with all the more pressing issues our neighborhood officer’s have to deal with you still make the effort to ensure the safety for West Bell Street. Thank you!

David Donato
To: Deserea Stevens, police services representative
I am with the Tallahasee (FL) Police Department and came in contact with a senior citizen this morning that was disoriented and believed that she was in Springfield, MO. She was not able to provide any emergency contact information and every lead I had was a dead-end. I called Springfield PD and spoke with Deserea in Central Records. She was able to quickly track down a current number for a family member that was able to greatly assist our investigation here. Thank you so much for the quick and professional response!

David Donato
To: Officer Jim Cooney
Springfield resident
We are so grateful to have Officer Cooney as our PAR officer! He has been invaluable for our Doling Neighborhood Association as well as an endless resource for our concerns regarding our area. He is personable and has a great attitude. Thanks so much for always addressing the concerns of our neighborhood! I really enjoyed seeing you interact with the children at our “Doling Night Out” party, having such positive contact with a police officer is critical for children.

Springfield resident
To: Traffic Services Officer Regina Maldonado
Springfield resident
Just a quick note to express my appreciation for the Traffic Officer that has been a presence here at the corner of Pickwick and Cherry; she has been an asset for the business in the area in helping make the two 30-minute parking spots available to patrons that need them. I know I speak for my neighbors, and hope you will recognize her efforts. I (we) have also had good response from (Sgt) Greg McKinney and everyone involved in local enforcement, and an extra shout out goes to Chris Hollan in the sign department for extra call-outs to the 30-minute signs. Even though we still have serial violators at peak times, any turnover of the spots benefits our businesses and the citizens that visit the area.

To: Tracey Whipple, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator
On Aug. 27, Tracey Whipple received a call from a local citizen concerned for a Houston, TX citizen. At this time, Houston was getting hit with extreme flooding and hurricane related tragedies. The Houston citizen had informed the caller that her and her 5-year-old daughter were trapped in their house with flooding; desperately needing a boat rescue or they might die. Tracey Whipple attempted to message Houston 9-1-1 and proceeded to send out messages to several agencies in the area. She eventually was able to get through to Houston and they advised they would be sending rescue to assist the caller’s Houston connections. Tracey really showed why we do what we do here at 9-1-1, to get help to those who need it and not just to Greene County citizens! Great job, Tracey!

To: Police Chief Paul Williams
We wanted to reach out to let you know that we continue to be thankful for your help with the Missouri Opioid Crisis Summit: Springfield Kickoff. The event was a fantastic success, due in no small part to your contribution. Your perspective and insight on the opioid crisis and its effects was such an important part of the conversation both at the event and the continuing dialog we have as a community.
This event shone a light on the Springfield area as a community that rises to a call to action, and your willingness to answer the call only further strengthens our community resolve.
We are thankful and humbled by our partners who put their trust in us on tasks big and small.
Thank you,
Kevin Gipson, Clay Goddard and Katie Towns
To: Public Works Department
Our thanks and appreciation to all involved in placing a roundabout at the intersection of Catalpa and Oak Grove - seemingly perfect solution to a previously difficult intersection. A creative solution that works well. As local drivers become more confident in the “process” of yielding to the circle, the smoother it will become.
We applaud you!

Springfield resident
To: Drew Gateley, Bryce Adams, and Scott Strouphauer

Many thanks to Drew, Bryce, and Scott for all your help on Monday, Aug. 28 in determining the source of my home’s sewer backup problem.

Scott and Bryce arrived shortly after you and I completed our phone conversation and immediately checked the main sewer connection on the southwest corner of my yard. Finding it to be functioning appropriately, they then set out in search of the home’s elusive clean-out connection pipe.

Byrce, with no reluctance whatsoever, forged ahead into the crawl space to locate pipes which might lead to the outside clean-out and Scott tirelessly probed the outside lawn area, encountering lots of false positives (rocks which may have been borders for flower gardens, etc. over the years).

They never gave up. Bryce made yet another visit to the crawl space. They measured again. Scott probed the soil, brought out the shovel and the clean-out pipe finally appeared. Throughout, they were totally professional and positive.

Although I had to miss the initial sewer system evaluations which your department conducted in my area during Sept. 2015, I am very grateful that you were able to allow these gentlemen to provide their assistance. I have learned a great deal from you and from them in regard to maintenance of the system.

We citizens of Springfield are very fortunate to have you three gentlemen involved in our government.

Thanks so much to all of you,
Springfield resident

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**SPIRIT DAYS**

Thanks for all of the great Spirit Day selfies! Robert Frost, Environmental Services-Southwest Treatment Plant was September’s winner! Don’t forget to snap a pic wearing your City spirit shirts Fridays, Oct. 6 and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!

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**SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT’S TRICK OR TREAT**

Thursday, October 26
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fire Station 8
(Parking at Ewing Park) 1405 S. Scenic
FREE for all ages

Meet your Springfield firefighters and tour the fire station!
Games, crafts, activities and candy!
Admission is FREE!
(Food available for a small charge)
See our new fire trucks!
Wear your Halloween costume!