Text-to-9-1-1 now available as option in emergencies

Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department has formally implemented ‘text-to-9-1-1’ capabilities for rare cases when people are unable to communicate audibly via telephone.

“It was important to prepare and bring this capability to our area to add another way to contact 9-1-1, especially for the speech and hearing-impaired community,” said Zim Schwarte, director. “When a response is needed from police, fire, or emergency medical ambulance personnel, you can now text ‘911’ and your message will be delivered into our phone system. We will be able to text a response and determine what assistance you need.”

Greene County is only one of approximately 16 counties in the state that has the ability to receive ‘text-to-911’ messages.

However, Schwartz says that voice 9-1-1 calls are still the preferred method of receiving emergency calls so the telecommunicator can talk with the person. The slogan ‘call if you can, text if you can’t’ is exactly what Schwartz wants the community to remember. Other tips include knowing your location, being brief, using plain language, and avoid abbreviations so the telecommunicator clearly understands what is occurring.

Nearly 22,000 9-1-1 calls come into the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department.

Park Board inducted into Missouri Sports Hall of Fame

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Jan. 28, representing the first municipal parks department in the state to receive this honor.

Park Board staff and nearly 30 current and former board members, serving from 1967 to present, marked the induction at a ceremony at University Plaza Convention Center.

The 20-member 2018 Hall of Fame class is a strong one, featuring St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs All-Star reliever Lee Smith, Kansas City Chiefs football legend and Super Bowl winner Mike Garrett, and longtime St. Louis Football Cardinals running back Jim Otis.
Build My Future Collaborative receives national award

The National Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) has awarded Springfield’s Build My Future Collaborative with the 2018 W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award.

The collaborative, comprised of the Local Laborers Council, the Home Builders Association, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and various employers, supports the Ozark Workforce Development Board through financial and in-kind contributions which fund Pre-Apprenticeship Academies – a valuable pre-apprenticeship model – to prepare individuals for jobs in the trades.

The collaborative also led to the establishment of the Build My Future expo, which hosted over 1,000 students, 200 business volunteers, area school districts, and universities to highlight good jobs in the construction trades and create strong ties with businesses in the region. The second annual Build My Future expo will take place at the E-Plex on March 28.

While attending the exposition, students and teachers participate in a variety of hands-on activities, such as brick laying, a welding simulation, nail driving, and more, while also learning the vast variety of careers connected to the construction industry. To learn more, visit springfieldmo.gov/buildmyfuture.

MAWB advocates for more than 550 workforce development boards (WDBs) nationwide and their network of American Job Centers.

Craig Fishel resigns from City Council

Craig Fishel resigned from City Council effective Feb. 2. “Serving on council has been an honor and life-changing experience for me,” said Fishel during the Jan. 29 City Council meeting. “We have had many challenges and successes in the last five years, and I feel like we’ve made Springfield a better place to live. As a citizen of Springfield, I look forward to Springfield continuing to grow and prosper.”

Fishel announced on Feb. 3 that he will run for Kevin Austin’s state representative seat representing south Springfield in District 136. Austin announced in July 2017 that he would be stepping down at the end of his term.

Fishel was first elected to City Council to serve as the Zone 4 councilmember in April 2013. He was reelected in 2017 and served on the Plans and Policies Committee and the Public Involvement Committee.
Communications department each month, with 82 percent originating from mobile devices. Across the country, the number of wireless devices being used has increased dramatically. In turn, the percentage of wireless 9-1-1 calls has increased steadily, up from 58 percent a decade ago in the Greene County area. Recognizing this increasing number of wireless calls led the department to implement ‘text-to-911’ capabilities for our area.

In 2017, the 9-1-1 telecommunicators in the Operations Center fielded 501,692 total phone calls (emergency and non-emergency) with just over half as 9-1-1 emergency calls.

To date, Missouri is the only state that does not collect any fees or tax money from wireless usage to help fund 9-1-1 dispatch centers. Several state 9-1-1 organizations continue to work towards a goal of passing statewide legislation regarding wireless funding. This legislation hopes to help many dispatch centers who struggle with appropriate funding for 9-1-1 services and assist the 16 counties that do not have any 9-1-1 call-taking equipment in place.

“We are so fortunate in our area to have had forward-thinking City and Greene County leaders in the mid-2000s that worked together and were ahead of many Missouri counties when a 9-1-1 sales tax was passed by voters in April 2007,” says Schwartze.

The 9-1-1 department employs 77 full-time employees who provide dispatch services for 13 fire districts and nine law enforcement agencies countywide. Medical calls are immediately transferred to the appropriate local hospital for assistance. This marks the largest number of full-time employees since the department was consolidated in 2002.

“Our 9-1-1 telecommunicators must be ready to handle any type of situation that callers give them on a daily basis, including the new ‘text-to-911’ calls. Those that need help are often having their worst day and our telecommunicators are able to get the relevant information from them as quickly as possible, try to calm the caller, and dispatch the appropriate public safety personnel,” Schwartze said. “I continue to be very proud of the work they do every day serving our community and public safety personnel.”

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**Zone 4 Applicants to be interviewed by City Council March 6**

Six citizens have applied for the City Council Zone 4 seat recently vacated by Craig Fishel. The deadline for submitting applications was Friday, Feb. 16.

City Council is expected to conduct interviews with all six applicants at a special City Council meeting on March 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Busch Municipal Building 4th floor conference room. The meeting will be live streamed on the City’s Facebook page @CityofSGF and at CityView.Springfieldmo.gov. It will also be broadcast live on CityView channels Mediacom: 15.1 and AT&T U-Verse: seek program guide at channel 99. For those unable to tune in live, the proceedings will be archived at CityView.Springfieldmo.gov immediately following the meeting.

The applicants include:
- Jennifer Colwell
- Edward Griesbaum
- Andrew Lear
- Derek Lee
- Matthew Simpson
- Stephanie D. Smith.

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**FEBRUARY sales tax up 19 percent compared to budget**

The City of Springfield’s February sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue is up 19 percent, or $592,566, compared to the amount budgeted. The sales tax check was $3,717,693 compared to the budgeted amount of $3,125,127.

The check reflects sales processed by the state in January from transactions made primarily in December. On a year to date basis, with February being the eighth month in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, revenues are up 1 percent compared to budget.

![Image of Springfield's 911 Communications Center]

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**General Fund 1% Sales Tax Revenue FT 2018**

The City heavily relies on sales tax revenues as its main source of revenue to fund vital services, such as police and fire operations. In Springfield, approximately 60% of revenue in the General Fund comes from sales tax and use tax.
C-Street designated 2018 Great Street in Missouri by American Planning Association

While Springfield already knew that Historic C-Street is a great place, the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association has made it official. APA has announced the designation of four Great Places in Missouri in 2018, and Commercial Street is the Great Street on the list.

“On behalf of the Commercial Street CID board, I want to try to express just how grateful and excited we are to be named a Great Place. Truth be told, we already knew we were great, but it is nice to have it made official,” said CID board chair Gregg Johnson. “So many people have worked, sacrificed, and taken chances in order to make the C-Street area THE destination to eat, shop, drink, and see your friends. If you haven’t been to C-Street lately, come on over and see what all the hubbub is about.”

“What a great honor it is to receive this award,” said Leslie-Ann Padilla, manager, Chabom Teas + Spices. “Our mighty little historic district, and the businesses within it have been working hard to bring this part of Springfield back to life. This award helps remind all of Springfield, the surrounding areas, and beyond, that there’s more to Springfield shopping and dining than downtown and the south side.”

“This is a great honor for Commercial Street and our community, signaling the emergence of Historic C-Street as one of Springfield’s favorite tourist destinations,” said Commercial Club President Mary Collette.

APA Missouri recognized the 2018 Great Places in Missouri designees at a ceremony Jan. 31 in the State Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City.

The Great Places in Missouri program was started in 2014 to recognize neighborhoods, streets, and public spaces throughout Missouri that demonstrate exceptional character, quality and planning-attributes that enrich communities, facilitate economic growth, and inspire residents and visitors alike. The Great Places in Missouri program was modeled after APA’s Great Places in America program that has recognized 275 neighborhoods, streets, and public spaces around the country since 2007.

“The 2018 Great Places in Missouri awardees reveal the critical role of planning in our communities,” said Hilary Perkins, AICP, president of APA Missouri. “These are vibrant places that carry rich stories and lessons on ways to bring people together, build a sense of community, and form strong relationships between citizens and their city, while driving economic growth and support for local business. We see these places as great examples of what good planning can create. We congratulate the awardees on the fine distinction of being a Great Street in Missouri.”

According to its nomination, which was submitted by City of Springfield Public Works Transportation Planner Dawne Gardner, “the six-block local and National Register Historic District corridor is located in the oldest part of Springfield. It has always enjoyed the grassroots support of local businesses and property owners advocating for its preservation and pursuing resources and incentives for continued investment.”

The Commercial Club was established in the early 1900s and is comprised of merchants, residents and property owners. The club actively promotes and advocates for the district through activities like purchasing and displaying public art throughout the district, some underfoot in the form of beautiful mosaics. The street boasts storefronts offering a diverse range of international and regional dining, antique and flea market shopping, creative and maker spaces, exciting event spaces, hair salons, tattoo storefronts, yoga studios, offices, boutique hotel and lofts, and more.

Accepting the Great Place Award are, left to right: Connie Rhoades Hinds (Pets and Pumpkins organizer); Olivia Hough, City of Springfield; Sen. Bob Dixon; Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield; Eric Clausen, City of Springfield; Jay Wynn, CJW Transportation Consultants; Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield; Dane Seiler, CJW Transportation Consultants; Gregg Johnson, CID board chair.

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An iconic site on C-Street is the Historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, constructed in 1902, which spans 13 tracks of the BNSF railyard. A Saturday open-air market from April through October provides access to healthy foods and local wares, while a variety of annual street festivals throughout the year such as Pets and Pumpkins, Heroes and Holidays and Summer Solstice Art Fair bring residents of all ages together. In 2009, the Commercial Street Community Improvement District was established and assists in maintenance and development of the corridor while residents and businesses have incorporated sustainable design and green development.

C-Street is a target area for the City’s Brownfields Program, helping to characterize and assess over 20 redevelopment properties. Historic C-Street truly epitomizes a great street as it brings people together to both preserve important historic assets but also plan for the future.

C-Street is also home to Springfield’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Thriller on Commercial Street and White River Brewing Company’s Street Fest. Learn more about C-Street at historiccstreet.com.
The Springfield Fire Department is shifting its focus to community risk reduction. Community risk reduction (CRR) involves identifying and prioritizing risks, selecting and implementing strategies, monitoring and evaluating activities, and involving community partners, all in an effort to better protect residents and firefighters. It focuses on not only prevention, but also preparedness and mitigation. To support this shift, the Springfield Fire Department Prevention Division has been formally renamed the Community Risk Reduction Division. The CRR division is led by Division Chief Kevin Trogdon and is comprised of five fire marshals, a fire and life safety educator and an administrative assistant.

“Community risk reduction is more than prevention,” said Fire Chief David Pennington. “It focuses on the five E’s to reduce risks in our community: engineering, enforcement, education, economic incentives and emergency response.”

Through the development of a city-wide CRR plan, the Springfield Fire Department will act proactively as a risk-reduction entity for the Springfield community and will partner with other community organizations as needed to accomplish risk reduction objectives.

“Ultimately, what CRR does is build community collaboration,” says Pennington. “It’s about working with other city departments, non-profits and the private sector to build programs and strategies that attack problems beginning with their root cause.”

The department’s first community risk reduction initiative is Project RED Zone, a program aimed at reducing home fires in our community. This program began last April with an aggressive smoke alarm campaign. On Saturday afternoons, firefighters visit homes in Springfield neighborhoods with a higher than average rate of home fires. During these visits, they talk with occupants about home safety, test smoke alarms, and install smoke alarms if needed. This program has been supported by the entire community, especially partners such as the American Red Cross and SafeKids Springfield, whom have donated smoke alarms to the campaign.
Flu season update and reminders

For the week of Feb. 23, 365 lab-confirmed flu cases were reported in Greene County. That's down from a peak of 551 cases at the first of February. There have been a total of 4,236 cases in Greene County this season.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 3 steps to fighting flu:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine—even if it proves to be less effective this year, some protection is better than none.
2. Take everyday preventive actions like covering coughs and sneezes, avoid touching your eyes or mouth, staying away from sick people and washing your hands often to help stop the spread of respiratory viruses including flu.
3. If you do get the flu, or just don’t feel well, stay home to avoid making others sick. This is especially important for populations most at risk for getting the flu: the very young and the elderly.

A few reminders about getting vaccinated:

1. Everyone over the age of 6 months is recommended to be vaccinated.
2. Even if you got vaccinated last year, it is important to get vaccinated again this year to protect from changing flu viruses.
3. Talk to your doctor about getting your vaccine if you have any health concerns.
4. It’s easier than ever to get vaccinated. Flu.gov has an interactive map showing the various locations where vaccine is available. Many locations in Springfield don’t require an appointment.

Links to resources in our area are available at health.springfieldmo.gov/flu
First Give 5 class graduates

The first Give 5 class graduated on Feb. 7 at Missouri State University’s Kentwood Hall. The class 1 graduates committed to volunteering with multiple agencies after visiting 23 as part of the Give 5 program.

Give 5 is a newly created social program that matches innovative volunteer opportunities with retired (or almost retired) baby boomers. Each class meets 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., once a week for five weeks, visiting nearly two dozen nonprofits over the course of the program. Participants can expect to have fun, make new friends and learn about volunteer opportunities that match their talents, passions and personality. Class 2 starts on March 1.

March is Procurement Month

As designated by the National Institute for Public Procurement, March is Procurement Month. Procurement professionals, such as those in the City’s division of Purchases (Purchasing) in the Finance Department, are an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness. Procurement Month provides the opportunity to help educate elected officials, administrators, taxpayers and vendors about the procurement process and the admirable work they perform every day.

Purchasing is committed to supporting the operations of City government in a manner which assures the community that all procurements are conducted with integrity, openness and with fair and equal opportunity. Purchasing staff adhere to the code of ethics as established by the National Institute of Governmental Purchases, Incorporated (NIGP).

Purchasing is responsible for the procurement of over $50 million of goods, services, and construction each year. Products and services range from audit services and automobiles, to police duty gear, mowing services and fitness equipment. The department’s customers include all City departments, boards and agencies including the Fire and Police departments, the Springfield-Branson National Airport, Public Works department and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Employees helping employees.

City employees are often the first to step forward to help their fellow co-workers in times of crisis. The Employee Crisis Fund provides an avenue for employees to give to other employees in need, and for those in need to seek assistance.

HOW TO GIVE

Donate Directly: Donations may be sent to the Finance Department, Attn: Nikki Crisp. The Finance Department is located in the lower level of the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville. Make checks payable to: City of Springfield Employee Crisis Fund. Donations are not tax deductible.

Payroll Deductions: A voluntary donation can be set up directly from your paycheck. Visit the Employee Crisis Fund tab on CityShare to complete the payroll deduction form.

APPLY

An eligible employee or his/her designee must complete an Employee Crisis Fund Program Application and submit it to the Crisis Fund Administrator.

For more information or to obtain an application, email: employeecrisis@springfieldmo.gov

Connect with the City
#MyCitySGF

Make sure you are connected to catch news, photos, job opportunities and more.

More than ever, we are using social media to bring information to you.
The Springfield Art Museum is currently seeking entries for Watercolor USA 2018

This year’s exhibit will run from June 2 through Aug. 26. For full information on entry rules, entry fees, and how to submit artwork, please visit sgfmuseum.org.

The deadline to apply is March 6.

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Easter at the Farm

Sat., March 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FREE

Easter egg hunts throughout the event for kids ages 3-9. (While supplies last, limit 15 eggs) Bring your own basket and camera!

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St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Saturday, March 17
2 – 4 p.m.

Featuring:
City Manager Greg Burris as the Parade Grand Marshal.

- 12:30 p.m.
  Irish Pet Contest at the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge
  (Pet registration closes at noon.)

- 2:00 p.m.
  Parade begins at Benton Ave. and Commerical St.

- 4:00 p.m.
  Parade disbands at South Ave. and Elm St.

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  Celebration continues with Awards Ceremony at Patton Alley Pub, 313 S. Patton Ave.

More information and a map of the full parade route can be found at springfieldstpatsparade.com.

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The Easter at the Farm is Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and includes Easter egg hunts throughout the event for kids ages 3-9. (While supplies last, limit 15 eggs) Bring your own basket and camera!

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Scene
All School Exhibition:  March 3–April 29
This annual show features work by student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through 12th grades. This exhibit celebrates Youth Art Month and has been a staple of our exhibition schedule for decades.

All School Exhibition Opening Receptions:
• Middle/High School: March 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
• Elementary School: March 4, 2–4 p.m.

Art in our City:
• Zone 1: Closes March 18
• Zone 2: March 24–Oct. 14
Springfield, Missouri is home to a vibrant artistic community. This exhibition highlights and celebrates the creativity of our community focusing on artists living and working in the many neighborhoods that make up our city. This exhibition not only concentrates on the artists on display but also their neighborhoods and what it means to live and work creatively in Springfield. The exhibit will rotate every six months; the first exhibition features work by nine artists from five neighborhoods located in City Council Zone 1. The second exhibition will feature work by nine artists from five neighborhoods in City Council Zone 2.

The Structured Landscape:  Closes March 25.
Buildings of all shapes, sizes, and styles are ever-present in our environment. A simple landscape becomes more interesting when dwellings or other architectural structures are included as part of the scene. This exhibition is the sixth in a series, focusing on various artists, styles and trends, pulled exclusively from the Museum’s outstanding collection of contemporary American aquamaedia.

Richard Tuttle has spent the majority of his career working within a very limited set of formal constraints – line, color, and form – to explore deeper issues of abstraction. His practice has encompassed a wide variety of materials from etchings, aquatints, and woodcuts to more ordinary materials such as cardboard, Styrofoam, wire, wood, cloth and rope.

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 : 9–10 a.m.
Great for adults of any age and physical fitness level. Requires no special equipment. Relaxed, composed flowing movements that combine strength with gentleness. Beginners are welcome! Free and open to the public.

1 Million Cups Springfield: March 7, 14, 21, 28: 8:30–10 a.m.
The 3rd largest 1 Million Cups Community out of nearly 100 national and international communities. The program was created based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and network over a cup of coffee. Each community uses the same format; two presenters, one hour, lots of free coffee, and asking of the generous question of “What can we as a community do to help your business?”

Golf Customer Appreciation and Masters Kick-Off Party: April 4: 4–6:30 p.m.
Join the Park Board and kick off the 2018 Masters Tournament at Rivercut Golf Course with themed appetizers, demos, contests and other surprises. Free event.

Cherry Blossom Kite and Piñata Festival: April 7: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
Celebrate spring with the Springfield Sister Cities Association. Bring a kite to fly or build one with us on the Great Lawn. Whack a piñata nearby. Enjoy Japanese and Mexican children’s crafts at the Botanical Center, and free admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden as it reopens for the season. Free Admission, $5/kite kits

National Zoo Lovers Day & Enrichment EGGstravaganza: April 8: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Celebrate zoos, and watch the zoo’s animals “hunt” when zookeepers hide papier-mâché eggs filled with treats or use other egg-themed enrichment items at Dickerson Park Zoo. Fee: $12/adults and teens, $8/children ages 3–12 and seniors. Free/children 2 and under, and FOZ members.
SFD Promotions

On Feb. 13 the following individuals were honored during a promotion ceremony at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center.

- **Kristopher Tate** was promoted to Captain.
- **Chris Gardner** was promoted to Lieutenant.
- **JB Lilley** was promoted to Lieutenant.
- **Benjamin Wahl** was promoted to Lieutenant.
- **Brandon Graff** was promoted to Rescue & Salvage Specialist.
- **David Alday** was promoted to Equipment Operator.
- **Zackery Russell** was promoted to Equipment Operator.
- **Thomas Shaw** was promoted to Equipment Operator.

17 Springfield firefighters graduate from fire academy

Seventeen members of the Springfield Fire Department Academy Class 8-17 graduated Feb. 15 during a ceremony held at the Springfield Art Museum. The new firefighters were sworn in after completing 24 weeks of training at the academy. Several awards were also distributed, including recognition of members of the academy class who are military veterans. Following the graduation the new firefighters began service to the City in one of Springfield’s 12 fire stations.

SFD-installed smoke alarm saves life

The night of Feb. 11 firefighters responded to a fire at the home of a hearing-impaired occupant. She was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm SFD installed in April 2015. This smoke alarm is specially designed with a strobe light to notify hearing-impaired occupants.

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

To: Don Underwood, PW Sign Shop
Don has helped me on many occasions when I needed to build something big. My job in PIO has me designing parade floats, large festival kiosks, Fire station signs, display booths, backdrops, and even a downtown cityscape! Don has always done his best to make sure the materials are ready and the print work is up to par with City branding. He is easy-going and a hard worker. I know if I give him a project, it will meet or exceed my expectations. I am extremely grateful to count Don as a strong ally in my field. He makes me and the City look good!

Mark Montgomery, PIO

Airport staff recognized for results of annual FAA certification inspection

Springfield-Branson National Airport team members were recognized at the Feb. 15 Airport Board meeting for the results of the annual FAA Airport Certification Inspection that occurred in late January. The airport must pass this inspection to conduct commercial airport operations, so it is a pretty big deal! MUCH effort goes into the preparation from many airport departments; including Airfield Maintenance, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, General Aviation, and Operations. The FAA completed a detailed inspection of airfield pavements, lighting, markings, equipment, signage, emergency response, training records, and fuel storage/dispensing to name a few. The Airport Board heard that for the fourteenth straight year, SGF received no noted discrepancies, which is a remarkable accomplishment and level of excellence reached by few commercial airports! Congratulations to the airport team and thanks for your hard work!

SPRINT DAYS

Thanks for all of the great Spirit Day selfies! Fire’s Amanda Jones was February’s winner! She won a City coffee tumbler and a $5 Starbucks gift card. Don’t forget to snap a pic wearing your City spirit shirts Friday April 6 and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!
Why do you do what you do? Being an admin assistant allows me to put my detail-oriented, slightly obsessive personality to good use without drawing too much attention to my behavior.

What's the best part of your job? The best part of my job is working with lots of different people and topics; I'm never bored. Also, the staff in the City Managers' offices is pretty special. When you truly enjoy being with your co-workers, it makes for pleasant days...as long as there's a cold can of Dr Pepper available for Sharon.

What's the hardest part of your job? I would say the hardest part of my job is constantly re-prioritizing tasks throughout each day. Juggling my usual responsibilities with those surprises of the day often makes it difficult to stay caught up.

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? I want to be The Giraffe Lady at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Is that a job? I want that job.

What do you admire about this organization? I really admire CAmP. I've watched Sharon Smith take Greg Burris' brainchild and build it into an incredibly special program. I have the privilege of being a CAmPer this year and the amount of work fed into this program each month by Sharon, Greg and all of the departments is amazing. You see the passion and pride that everyone involved has for the City and their department and it's energizing and inspiring.
The health risk assessments are a valuable way to monitor your health and enjoy great benefits! The annual inBalance HRA is confidential and FREE to full-time City of Springfield employees. Participants are eligible to receive 75% off Parks memberships PLUS 20% off select Park Board fees.

FREE GIFTS FROM INBALANCE
As a thank you for participating in the HRA, inBalance will be providing all 2018 HRA participants with a free goody bag - details to come! Plus, NEW PARTICIPANTS will have a chance to win 4 hours PTO. Returning participants will also have a chance to win 4 hours PTO. Additional inBalance items will also be available to all participants, such as inBalance chapstick, snacks, drinks, and more!

REGISTER TODAY
To get registered today, please visit: Sharepoint-inBalance or springfieldmo.gov/inbalance. If you have questions regarding the HRA process, please contact Audrey Cova at 864-1685 or acova@springfieldmo.gov

Congrats Leree Reese!
Public Works engineer Leree Reese passed her PE Exam and the Public Works Transportation and Engineering division went out to celebrate.
To: Mike Vasso, 9-1-1 Supervisor  
On Sunday Feb. 4, our area was hit with snowy and wintry weather. The Fire dispatcher, Supervisor Mike Vasso, was overloaded with fire calls for service that needed to be dispatched to our fire departments in the area. Several fire chiefs acknowledged his efforts as well as the entire 9-1-1 staff during this event. Interim Chief Dennis Reynolds - Battlefield Fire, “What an amazing job Mike Vasso did during the snow fall. All the information and addresses were accurate and given in a timely manner.” Assistant Chief Scott Moore - Battlefield Fire, “The dispatcher (Mike Vasso) did a great job trying to keep up with the drama.” Chief Erich Higgins - Fair Grove Fire, “The poor fire dispatcher today was so over loaded, I give props to Mike Vasso for handling it so calmly.” Chief Rich Stirts from Logan-Rogersville Fire, “Mike Vasso did an amazing job under some very stressful times.” Chief Duane Compton - Republic Fire, ” Your dispatcher did an excellent job and I think he should be nominated for employee of the month with the City of Springfield”. Chief Ken Scott - Willard Fire, “Mike Vasso did an excellent job for all fire departments involved”.

To: Summer Sisco, Abbie Shouse, Jessica Graham-Mitchell, Danielle Allen, Sara Meier, James Stater, Leigha Brandt, Elisha Lurvey-Smith, Crissy Postlethwait, Kelly Goff, & Jordan Lurten, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators, and Terry Hedden, 9-1-1 Supervisor  
The Feb 4 weather event on Sunday afternoon brought the surprise of a wintery mix of weather that lit up the 9-1-1 center with calls requesting assistance. The responsibilities of dispatching for all of Greene County was heavy on the shoulders of the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department. The weather caused nearly 1,000 incoming calls with an additional 500 outgoing calls in a 12-hour time frame (usually what is experienced in a 24-hour time frame). We had 144 fire calls in a 15 hour time frame and 628 radio segments (more than double the norm). This team of telecommunicators did an excellent job in working together. Several people stayed after their shift to help with the volume of calls. After the snow and weather had settled, Chief Larry McConnell - Brookline Fire keyed up on the radio to let everyone know that they had done a great job during the disaster we experienced on Sunday. Several more compliments were received: Chief Ken Scott - Willard Fire, “your team did a great job”, Assistant Chief Scott Moore - Battlefield Fire, “Hats off to your staff!! This was a true test of the capabilities of the 9-1-1 center and from our standpoint, it went great.” Chief David Pennington-Springfield Fire Dept, “Your folks did a fantastic job during all of this”. Thanks to all of the dispatchers that worked the Feb 4th weather event as well as the other events that followed that month!

To: Officer Anna King  
I want to compliment Officer Anna King. This morning I was driving my son’s car to the shop when I noticed it was low on fuel, too low actually, I ran out while driving on U.S. 65 northbound. I was able to get to the shoulder of the road and wait. Officer King arrived shortly after and assisted me. She transported me to a store where I purchased a gas can, then took me to a gas station were I could get some gas. She even offered to use her card so I could get some gas from Sam’s Club. Then she took me back to my vehicle and made sure it would start. I truly appreciate her service. You should give her a pay raise, or at least some stripes. Thank you to all those who serve and protect!
James Opie Taylor

City celebrated National Engineers Week with Mayoral Proclamation  
Mayor McClure officially proclaimed Feb. 18-24 as “Engineers Week” in Springfield, recognizing the important role engineers play in City operations. National Engineers Week was founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers and is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers.

The proclamation recognized how engineers contribute to our community’s welfare, convenience, safety and comfort, which makes a world of difference to our citizens and the overall quality of life in Springfield.

Mayor proclaims March as National Nutrition month  
Maggie McNair & Tara Stulce with Southwest Missouri Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.

FOR SALE


Epson Workforce $45 for sale; Print/scan across wireless and wired networks, plus fax capabilities. $50… 417-864-1371, ask for Phil.

Vintage LXI Sears Series Speaker System (2 speakers), $15 for the pair. Model #564.93019750 Series. 32 1/4” H x 14” W x 12 1/2” D. Impedance 8ohm nominal. Woofer speaker 12” diameter, Mid-range speaker 4” diameter, Tweeter speaker 3” diameter. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459

Sony STR-DH830 7.1-channel Home Theater Receiver. $100. 7 HD Inputs (3 HDMI, 2 Optical/Component), iPod/iPhone playback with included dock, Remote Control, 2 HDMI cables included. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459


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

Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 5x7 that holds up to 8 photos ($35). Have a size not listed? Let’s talk! For more info or pictures, call or text Chris at 417-894-2067.

Rodan + Fields is the No. 1 skincare product in US. The product is designed for every skin type: sensitive, acne-prone, sun damaged, and even those looking to reduce or prevent the appearance of wrinkles. Contact Amanda L. at 417982075 or mimosaqun@gmail.com for more information if you are interested.

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SERVICES

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1988 Honda Goldwing, 1500cc with reverse, am, fm, 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 417-818-3353.

Roll top desk for sale. Great condition ~ $500 (~$900 retail price). Can send photo on phone to show. Call 417-425-2294

Large L-shaped simulated cherry office desk with beautiful matching hutch from office depot (~$200). Solid oak entertainment center with pull-out swivel television holder, including a 31” TV, and lots of cabinet space and built to last a lifetime (~$250). Contact Joe at 343-3117.

Reduced! 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. Ridden only on paved streets or trails a few times. Now asking ~$350 or obo. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459

Reduced! Black NuWave Oven Pro Plus with Extender Ring Kit. New in original box. Now asking ~$75. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459


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 417-461-4182.

Sonic City Dock for sale. Great condition - ~$600. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459 or 417-841-3370

Sparkling water machine $100. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459

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Promotions

David Alday
Zackery Russell
Thomas Shaw
Fire Equipment Operators
– Fire

Sarah Davis
Stormwater Specialist – Environmental Services

Justin Williams
Plant Operator III – Environmental Services

Kara Bills
Computer Technician – Information Systems

Kevin Dill
Senior Systems Administrator – Information Systems

Spain Raredon
Craftsworker – Airport

Rocky Parks
Maintenance Worker – Parks

Retirements

Kevin Clark
Police Corporal
Police – 24 years

Brad Eddy
Police Officer
Police – 24 years

James Edwards
Police Corporal
Police – 24 years

Tim Smith
Deputy City Manager
City Manager’s Office – 3 years

Chris Straw
Director of Building Development Services
Building Development – 19 years

Michael Wester
Plant Operator III
Environmental Services – 37 years