Pearson blood drive collects 126 donations

On March 16, the City cohosted blood drives at two locations in honor of Officer Aaron Pearson. Our goal was to help Community Blood Center of the Ozarks collect a combined 100 units of blood. 126 donations were ultimately made to help save lives across the Ozarks! We, along with the Pearson family, thank all of our participants for their selfless gift.

Springfield Art Museum earns accreditation from American Alliance of Museums

In 90th anniversary year, the museum is in the top 3 percent of all museums nationwide

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce that it has earned accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums at the February 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission. Of the nation’s estimated 33,000 museums, only 1,070 are accredited. The Springfield Art Museum is one of only 19 accredited museums in the state of Missouri and is the only accredited museum in all of southern Missouri.

Museum Director Nick Nelson notes, “Moving through the process of accreditation has been a challenge and reward in and of itself. We found board meeting notes going back to the 1980s that reference a desire to achieve AAM accreditation. It is extremely gratifying to be able to bring this long-held intention to fruition. It is particularly meaningful for staff and board to gain this milestone during our 90th anniversary year, in the midst of planning for our next 90 years of excellence in service to our community.”

As the ultimate mark of distinction in the museum field, accreditation signifies excellence and credibility to the entire museum community, to governments and outside agencies, and to the museum-going public. Developed and sustained by museum professionals for over 45 years, the museum accreditation program is the field’s primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation, and public

Bark in the Park: April 28 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Phelps Grove Park.
A fun and exciting day in Phelps Grove Park with your family and beloved canine. We’ll kick off the day with demonstrations and other activities at the Canine Vendor Village. There will also be a Guided Dog Walk, Paw Print Art and Doggy Yoga. All ages welcome! Vendors must register by April 20. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Free
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accountability. Accreditation helps to ensure the integrity and accessibility of museum collections, reinforce the educational and public service roles of museums, and promote good governance practices and ethical behavior.

“Accredited museums are a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence,” says Laura Lott, Alliance president and CEO. “Accreditation is clearly a significant achievement, of which both the institutions and the communities they serve can be extremely proud.”

Accredited institutions enjoy not only national recognition for their commitment to excellence and the highest professional standards of museum operation and public service, they also receive increased credibility with funding agencies and donors, improved relationships with other museums resulting in more loans and traveling exhibitions, attract support for capital improvements, and are viewed as a better risk by the fine arts insurance industry.

Matthew Simpson selected to fill Zone 4 City Council seat

Matthew Simpson was sworn in March 12 as the Zone 4 council representative. Simpson will serve until the next council election, which will be in 2019.

Simpson is employed by Ozarks Technical Community College as its director of research, strategic planning and grant development. He has lived in Zone 4 for seven years.

Simpson received his undergraduate degree in political science with a minor in economics from Missouri State University and his master of arts degree in political science from Vanderbilt University. He attended the Association of Institutional Research Data & Decisions Academy in 2012.

Councilwoman Jan Fisk honored with Athena Award

Councilwoman Jan Fisk was honored March 8 with an Athena Award presented by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Named for Athena, the Greek goddess of intelligence and wisdom, arts and sciences, the award honors a person “who has achieved the highest level of professional excellence, devoted time and energy to the community, and, especially, opened the doors of leadership opportunity to women.”

The award was created by the Lansing, Michigan Chamber of Commerce in 1982. Today, the program includes more than 375 U.S. cities and has recognized more than 8,500 women and men for their accomplishments, community service, and opening pathways for others. Congratulations, Councilwoman Fisk!
Park Rangers recognized for excellence

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board Park Ranger Division has earned the Park Law Enforcement Association’s Platinum Excellence Award. The award was announced in March at the association’s annual conference in San Marcos, Texas. Ranger Dave Moore attended the conference and accepted the award on behalf of the department.

The association’s board of directors gives the award to a park enforcement agency that demonstrates a commitment to excellence in park law enforcement/safety and education, sustainability, crime reduction, inter-agency collaboration and accountability to the taxpayer. The recipient should have a track record of implementing innovative management strategies that increase effectiveness or efficiencies in the delivery of park safety or security protocols.

“Over the past year, our Park Ranger staff have successfully implemented two new weapons platforms, completed all POST training and provided assistance to our user groups at numerous sports tournaments and special events,” Jim Fisher, Assistant Director of Parks – Parks Administration, said in his nomination letter. “They are often the first contact that park patrons may have with Park Board staff, and they consistently represent the agency in a positive fashion.”

Park Rangers:
• Kevin Holle, Chief
• Dave Moore, Supervisor
• Justin Wilson
• Paul Byer
• Jennifer Holt
• Tim Carpenter
• Kevin Sweckard.

Springfield Lasers draft 2018 team

The Springfield Lasers are pleased to introduce their 2018 team, drafted March 13 at the World TeamTennis (WTT) pro league draft in Indian Wells, California.

The Lasers have named Jack Sock as the team’s 2018 marquee player for the second season straight. Sock has been the top American male tennis player since January 2017, when he ousted John Isner from a spot he’d held for five years. Sock, 25, is currently ranked the No. 10 male singles spot he’d held for five years. Sock, 25, is currently ranked the No. 10 male singles

Rounding out the team are first round pick American Vania King, 29, who helped bring the Lasers to the WTT Championship Final in 2013; second round pick Canadian doubles specialist Daniel Nestor, 45, who has earned 12 Grand Slam titles; and third round pick Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic, an up-and-coming 18-year-old who just turned pro last year.

The Springfield Lasers home season dates were also announced, including:
• Wednesday, July 18, Springfield vs. San Diego
• Thursday, July 19, Springfield vs. New York
• Friday, July 20, Springfield vs. Orange County
• Sunday, July 22, Springfield vs. Philadelphia
• Saturday, July 28, Springfield vs. New York

Missouri Job Center to host networking event for those with autism

In an effort to help more people on the autism spectrum connect with jobs and employment resources, the Missouri Job Center-Ozark Region and several local employers are hosting a networking event specifically for those on the spectrum.

The event will be held 1-4 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Job Center, 2900 E. Sunshine. Participating companies will have representatives on hand to answer questions and discuss potential skill sets desired for the IT industry. The Job Center is hosting three “lunch and learn” events to educate participating employers about employing those on the autism spectrum

“We want to create an opportunity for those on the spectrum to show us what they’re capable of, and for local companies to dial into this largely untapped talent pool.”

Springfield vs. Orange County

• Monday, July 30, Springfield vs. Washington D.C.
• Tuesday, July 31, Springfield vs. Philadelphia

New this year, WTT has partnered with Universal Tennis to utilize the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) as a tool in the player draft. Nahon said the UTR provides a comprehensive picture of a player’s record and potential, and is more precise than player’s ranking. Player activity during the WTT season will also be tracked by the UTR: wtt.com/news/2018-wtt-partnership-universal-tennis.

VIP ticket packages are available now at www.springfieldlasers.com. Individual tickets go on sale in May.
Steve Meyer, director of the City’s Department of Environmental Services, officially announced his retirement on March 2.

Meyer, a professional engineer, returned to his hometown of Springfield in 1987 to join the City. Over the course of his more than 30 years with the City, Meyer held the titles of associate engineer, sanitary engineer, superintendent of solid waste, superintendent of street maintenance, assistant director of Public Works and finally, director of Environmental Services. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) in Rolla.

“I have had the honor of helping my hometown become known for its environmental stewardship,” Meyer said. “I am extremely proud to have worked with the most talented and dedicated people I have ever known at the City of Springfield. I can safely say that every member of the Department of Environmental Services loves their job – protecting the environment for current and future generations.”

“Steve is one of the most humble, yet effective, leaders I know,” said City Manager Greg Burris. “He and his team manage many of the resources and services we all typically take for granted—the landfill, the sewer system, recycling centers and more. In some ways, Steve’s impact is better known outside of Springfield due to his state and national leadership in environmental stewardship and the cutting-edge, innovative approaches that come from his team. We all owe Steve Meyer a debt of gratitude for his work.”

**Notable achievements**

In 2011, Meyer was deeply involved in the negotiation of the City’s amended consent decree with state and federal regulators to outline a plan to meet the requirements of the 1972 federal Clean Water Act.

The decree contained Springfield’s Overflow Control Plan (OCP), which outlines the required $200 million in investments over the next 10 years to make much-needed improvements to the sewer system. Springfield’s plan was approved by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in May of 2015 and is based upon Springfield’s environmental priorities as established in a first-of-its-kind Integrated Plan for the Environment.

“We believe that if it weren’t for our unique integrated planning approach, our plan would be considerably more expensive — up to $600 million more than we are required to spend now,” Burris said.

Meyer led the creation and implementation of the City’s Integrated Solid Waste Management System in the early 1990s. The purpose of the program, which requires local trash haulers to provide curbside recycling, is to manage solid waste in an environmentally sound manner. The system comprises the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, the Household Chemical Collection Center, the Yardwaste Recycling Center, three public recycling centers, a market development program, an education program and a full-service environmental laboratory that analyzes 70,000 samples a year.

In 2012, Meyer was responsible for the creation of the Department of Environmental Services, separate from Public Works. Both departments are accredited by the American Public Works Association.

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**Errin Kemper named City’s next Director of Environmental Services**

Errin Kemper has been named the City’s Director of Environmental Services, effective April 1. Kemper succeeds Steve Meyer, who is retiring.

Kemper has been assistant director of Environmental Services at the City of Springfield since January 2013. He previously worked for the City as a professional engineer for more than 10 years, serving in the stormwater engineering division of Public Works.

The Department of Environmental Services is one of the City’s largest departments, overseeing the sanitary sewer system, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste management and recycling, air quality, sustainability efforts and integrated planning for the environment. Environmental services also works in partnership with the Public Works Department to provide programs, projects, and services to meet the stormwater management needs of the community and protect the quality of our streams, rivers, and lakes.

Kemper has been recognized nationally as an expert in integrated planning for the environment and has shared the first-of-its-kind Springfield-Greene County plan with communities from coast to coast. City Manager Greg Burris said Kemper will be a strong leader navigating increasingly challenging waters ahead.

Like many other communities across the nation, Springfield is addressing the challenge of increasingly stringent environmental regulations from every front. Our community is required to devote an increasing amount of money and resources to comply with these regulations. In the midst of these increasing environmental obligations and the economic importance of protecting our environmental resources, however, Springfield is facing growing levels of poverty and an increasing demand for public spending.

In response to this, leaders from the City of Springfield, Greene County and City Utilities developed a holistic approach (integrated plan for the environment) proposing to use local knowledge to examine our environmental resources related to air, water and land resources.

“Quality environmental resources are especially important to the Ozarks since much of our economic development, tourism and overall quality of life are directly tied to the quality of our air and water,” Burris said. “Errin has a unique set of skills and understands the technical details, but also sees the bigger picture, while being an approachable leader. He’s an emerging rock star in this industry.”

Kemper is a licensed professional engineer as well as a board certified water resources engineer. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology and a master’s in civil engineering with emphasis in water resources, also from Missouri S&T.
Grand Street Bridge reconstruction moved up; bridge to now close April 9 until fall

The Grand Street Bridge, located west of the intersection of Grand Street and Kansas Expressway, will close for approximately five months beginning Monday, April 9 for the removal and replacement of the bridge.

The Reconstruction of the bridge is part of the larger Grand Street Bridge over Jordan Creek improvement project, identified by citizens as their No. 1 priority in need of improvement in the 2015 citywide transportation survey.

The project will involve the widening of Grand Street to three lanes from Kansas Expressway to Park Avenue, improving both traffic and pedestrian safety. It will include the addition of a center turn lane, upgraded stormwater infrastructure, stream restoration, an improved railroad crossing and the construction of a new bridge over Jordan Creek.

The area, widely used by pedestrians, will also include a new sidewalk on the south side of Grand Street and a multi-use path on the north side that will tie into the existing Ozark Greenways trail system.

A traffic detour will be marked guiding motorists around construction by way of Kansas Expressway, Bennett Street, Scenic Avenue and Mount Vernon Street.

All businesses within construction limits will remain open and access will be maintained for the duration. Access to Wabash Avenue, including the Cruse Dog Park, will also be maintained, however, nighttime closures of the Grand Street and Wabash Avenue intersection may be required.

Completion of the project is anticipated for fall. The current estimated cost of the project is $2.9 million and will be funded by the voter-approved 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

The City will release notifications of additional traffic impacts as the project continues. Follow the City on social media or sign up to receive notifications through the “Notify Me” tab at springfieldmo.gov.

City offers mattress recycling as of March 23

Two City of Springfield recycling facilities began accepting mattresses and box springs March 23.

Previously unavailable at Springfield recycling sites, mattress recycling services are now offered at the City’s Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center (3020 S. Lone Pine Avenue) and the Springfield Sanitary Landfill for a $15 fee per piece, regardless of size.

According to Cascade Alliance, a national leader in mattress recycling, Americans dispose of an estimated 20 million mattresses and box springs every year, and the vast majority end up in landfills or incinerators. Bulky mattresses are problematic for landfills: they take up a lot of space and create flammable air pockets, and the box springs get tangled in bulldozers, often damaging them. Mattresses contain nonbiodegradable synthetic foam and fibers, plus flame retardant chemicals.

“Mattresses are difficult to dispose of and often dumped,” explains Superintendent of Solid Waste Erick Roberts. “They are hard to handle in the landfills because they don’t compact well and they’re hard on machinery. We think offering a local mattress recycling option will be a great addition to our menu of public services and will help free up space in the landfill.”

Collection and processing will be provided via a new contract with BedHead Mattress Recycling. Mattresses will be transported to BedHead’s facility in Billings, then deconstructed. Components are processed, shipped and ultimately become raw materials utilized by a number of manufacturers in products such as construction materials, wood chip mulch and more.

About Springfield’s Integrated Solid Waste Management System

The Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center and the Springfield Sanitary Landfill are part of the City’s voter-approved Integrated Solid Waste Management System, which manages and reduces Springfield’s waste stream. The system is funded primarily by landfill fees and the sale of mulch and compost products at the Yardwaste Recycling Center. The system includes the Franklin Avenue Recycling Center, Yardwaste Recycling Center, Household Chemical Collection Center, Public Education and Market Development Programs. Curbside recycling is offered by private solid waste service providers.

Directions to the Springfield Sanitary Landfill:

From the intersection of Highway 13 and U.S. Highway I-44, travel nine miles north, turn left/west onto Farm Road 34, following the signs to the Landfill.

Directions to the Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center (3020 S. Lone Pine Ave.):

Just a few feet south of the Lone Pine Avenue/Battlefield Road intersection in southeast Springfield. From U.S. 65, take the Battlefield exit west to Lone Pine Avenue.

For more information on recycling services in Springfield, call the City’s Recycling Hotline at 417-864-1904 or visit springfieldmo.gov/recycling.
Join Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations for coffee April 11

The Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations works to promote and foster mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious and ethnic groups of the City. The commission investigates housing discrimination complaints based on a person’s race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex, or familial status, which is forbidden by law.

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The commission meets at 5:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of each month at the Busch Municipal Building, unless otherwise specified. The public is welcome to attend and may submit public comments or request to have an item on the commission’s agenda through the City Clerk’s office, if submitted within 24 hours of an upcoming meeting.

The commission investigates alleged violations of City ordinances and tries to mediate settlements between affected parties and make referrals to appropriate agencies. The commission acts as a clearinghouse for information regarding human rights and offers its services to help educate interested citizens and community groups.

Members of the Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council and serve without compensation. The commission is currently comprised of eight individuals from the following Springfield zones:

- **Heather Hardinger**  
  – Vice Chairperson, Zone 2
- **Pamela Hernandez**, Zone 3
- **Steve Largent**, Zone 1
- **Brittany O’Brien**, Zone 1
- **Bob Roberts**, Zone 4
- **Todd Thomas** – Chairperson, Zone 1
- **Carlye Wannenmacher**  
  – Secretary, Zone 4
- **Francie Wolff**, Zone 2.

Members of the commission must have resided within the Springfield city limits for at least two years. Information on how to apply for volunteer positions on the Commission, or for information on how to submit a complaint, can be found at springfieldmo.gov.

In 2018, the commissioners plan to attend several community events to increase awareness of the commission and help the public understand what the commission does, how it serves the community, and how individuals can make a complaint or ask questions. Information about upcoming events can be found on its Facebook page at facebook.com/SGFMCCHRRC.

Commissioners will host a Coffee with the Commissioners event 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 11 at Big Momma’s Coffee & Espresso Bar, 217 E. Commercial St. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meet-and-greet event to ask questions, provide feedback and learn more about the commission’s goals and objectives.

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**Upcoming MLK 50 Commemoration Events**

**The Golden Gathering**
6 p.m., Wednesday, April 4
Springfield Art Museum  
(1111 E. Brookside Dr.)

The Golden Gathering will bring together social justice leaders, activists, practitioners and community members for an intimate look at the civil rights movement from past foundations to current mobility and grassroots organizing; explore how past activism laid the groundwork for current action; and how new civil rights movements are working through justice and peace to achieve positive social change.

The Golden Gathering will include moderated discourse and storytelling; performance arts of original spoken word, music, plays, and liturgical dance; and, a visual art exhibit of creative pieces from community artists of all ages.

**Let Freedom Ring Community Bell-ringing**
6:01 p.m., Wednesday, April 4

To commemorate the five decades since Dr. King’s passing, the community is invited to ring bells five times with one second between each at Dr. King’s time of death, 6:01 p.m.
New book details Doling Park’s colorful history

Did you know Doling Park once was home to Springfield’s most popular roller skating rink? That it was developed as a private amusement park? And that the reason it’s a park at all is because of Giboney Cave?

These and other surprises are revealed in a new book detailing the Doling Park’s history, compiled by museum volunteer Gail Mitchell. Museum curator Peggy Mahan and volunteer Betty Maples helped compile the research. All three have ties to Doling Park spanning decades.

The book is available for sale, but Mitchell says she’s not finished yet: she’s still looking for memories and other details local residents can add to Doling’s story.

What’s now a park was homesteaded by the Giboney family in the 1850s. The Giboney family lived there for three decades before Springfield businessman James Marshall Doling purchased the property in 1883. Legend has it that Mr. Doling’s milk cow wandered off from his north Springfield home, and he discovered Giboney Cave and its scenic surroundings while searching for her.

Mr. Doling created the lake and developed Giboney Cave as a tourist attraction. He and other investors later added a roller skating rink, dance hall, bandstand, ball fields, penny arcade, boat rentals and Shoot-the-Chutes—a multi-story outdoor slide on which people rode flat-bottomed boats into Doling Lake.

The Park Board purchased Doling Park in 1929, and several attractions lasted into the 1950’s and 1960’s. Generations of Springfieldians fondly recall bumper cars, Skee-Ball, the Wild Mouse, the Whip and Giggling Gertie. The roller rink, a central attraction at the park, operated until 1976.

Today, the 56-acre Doling Park is home to Doling Family Center, Northview Center and the Doling History Museum, dedicated to the park’s colorful past. The museum, built in the footprint of the roller rink, is full of photos, artifacts, skating costumes and even pieces of the old amusement park. It’s open April-October: Tuesdays 1-5 p.m., Fridays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Mitchell, who volunteers at the Doling History Museum, spent the last two years compiling “The History of Doling Park (1850-2013).” Copies are $25 and may be viewed and ordered at the Northview Center, 417-837-5808.

Mitchell is always seeking new stories and photos to add to the collection. Do you or your family have fond memories of Doling Park? Share them with Doling Museum! Get in touch with museum staff through Northview Center at 417-837-5808, or email NVC@springfieldmo.gov.

Airport soliciting large art pieces for its Sky Gallery

Time to THINK BIG! The Springfield Regional Arts Council and Sky Gallery at the Springfield-Branson National Airport are now accepting submissions for THE BIG SHOW, opening May 14 and running until Aug. 20. Artists are asked to submit up to five two-dimensional pieces that measure at least 48 inches on one side. The theme is as open and large as your imagination!

The fine print: Submitted pieces must measure at least 48 inches on one side. Each piece must be wired for a hanging system. Wires should be placed no further down that ten inches from the top of the piece (D-rings are preferred). All participating artists must be current members of the SRAC. To submit your work for consideration, please send no more than five jpegs of your pieces, as well as medium, title, and dimension, to skygallery.sgf@gmail.com. Please only submit pieces you intend for the show.

Submission deadline is end of day on Tuesday, May 1. Artists will be selected by an anonymous jurying process. All submissions will be notified of acceptance or rejection by Tuesday, May 8. The show will be hung Monday, May 14, at 9 a.m. All participating artists are expected to drop off their work at this time and assist in the hanging process if available. Artists will be informed of pickup date and procedure upon acceptance to show. For more information on the SkyGallery, please visit flyspringfield.com/art or call Rachel Johnson at (417) 862-2787.
ZONE 1
Town Hall
with Phyllis Ferguson

Meet with Springfield Public Schools to share ideas and consider plans for our kids and our schools.

6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10
York Elementary School
(2100 W. Nichols)
Free childcare will be provided.

ZONE 4
Town Hall
with Matthew Simpson

Meet Springfield City Council’s newest member, Zone 4 Councilman Matthew Simpson.

6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Kickapoo High School Theater
(3710 S. Jefferson)

Virtual Town Hall Event

Watch and ask questions live on Facebook @CityofSGF
This one-woman show details the final Written by and starring Marcia Haseltine, 7:30 p.m. curtain; April 15: 2 p.m. curtain.

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1 Million Cups Springfield: April 4, 11, 18, 25: 8:30-10 a.m.
The third 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?”

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 5–12 and seniors, Free/children 2 and under, and FOZ members.

Party for the Planet: April 22: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Day at Dickerson Park Zoo with hands-on conservation learning stations and zookeeper chats. Activities free with paid zoo admission.

Master Gardener and Garden Society Plant Sale: April 28: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Presented by the Master Gardeners of Greene County and other garden societies. Sale includes annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, bulbs, grasses, vines, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Master Gardeners accept credit cards. Other societies accept cash or check only. (Botanical Center)
Fire Chief David Pennington appointed to CPO board

Fire Chief David Pennington has been appointed to the board of directors for Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Congratulations, Chief!

Police Officer Applicant Information Seminar April 16

The Springfield Police Department would like to invite anyone who is interested in becoming a Springfield police officer to attend an upcoming informational seminar. The seminar will be held at 6 p.m. on April 16, at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield Road.

Applicants will learn about the entire testing process including the physical agility test, written examination, oral interview, background investigation and post offer exam. It is not mandatory that an applicant attend, but information given during the seminar may prove helpful to them during the testing process.

Hiring information and an application link can be found online at goSPD.com. Additional dates for testing will be added to the SPD’s website throughout the year. For more information, contact Officer Brandon Keene at 417-864-1796 or BKeene@springfieldmo.gov.

Jon Mooney named Health Dept. assistant director

Jon Mooney has been named assistant director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

Mooney began his career with SGCHD in May 2013 as the administrator for Chronic Disease Prevention. In his nearly five-year tenure here, Mooney has been a key leader in collaborative partnerships in the community and advocating for the health of our area. Prior to SGCHD, Mooney served for eight years at Jordan Valley Community Health Center.

"Collaboration is such a key in public health. I believe in building strong relationships, both within our department as well as throughout the community," Mooney said. "Two collaborative projects I am most proud to have been a part of are the Regional Health Assessment and the rebirth of our community’s Healthy Living Alliance. Both have included remarkable partnerships that helped the community strategically align efforts to better improve health."

Mooney received his bachelor’s degree in exercise science from Truman State University, and his master’s degree in health promotion and wellness management from Missouri State University.

Mooney joins Katie Towns as dual assistant directors. SGCHD’s top leadership has included two assistant director roles since 2015.

"Jon has proven himself to be an innovative and creative member of our leadership team. I look forward to working with him in his new role as we continue to evolve as a public health department," said Clay Goddard, director of Health.

Mooney’s new role is effective April 1. Moving forward, Mooney will focus on spearheading the 2019 Regional Health Assessment, guiding departmental quality improvement, and working with partners to develop community actions to address priority health issues.

Mooney is a member of Leadership Springfield Class 32 and was named to the Springfield Business Journal’s 40 under 40 in 2016. Mooney is also an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, and keeps busy coaching his kids’ soccer and basketball teams. Mooney and his wife of 14 years, Becky, have three kids.

SPRIT DAYS

Thanks for all of the great Spirit Day selfies! Ben Kellner with Parks was March’s winner! He won an Andy’s gift card and a new City spirit shirt. Don’t forget to snap a pic wearing your City spirit shirts Friday April 6 and send it to TheScene@Springfieldmo.gov!
National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is April 8-14

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community are honored. This week-long event, initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office in California, is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.

We encourage all of you to celebrate and honor yourselves, your co-workers, your bosses and your employees.

Thank you, again, for all the sacrifices you make to create a better and safer world for the public. Your commitment to your profession is appreciated by the public safety communications community, and the citizens you serve.

Utilize Delve to search employee job responsibilities and skills

In June 2017, over 400 City staff participated in a customer service survey sponsored by the MyCity Committee. A large number of employees indicated that they could offer better customer service, both internally and externally, if they had more access to information about departments other than their own.

Enter Microsoft Delve, an app within Office 365 already available to City staff. Delve is used for searching job responsibilities and skills of City employees, somewhat like an internal LinkedIn. Use profile pages to discover who to speak with regarding specific City topics. Simply enter key words into the search (e.g. garage sale permits) and the staff member(s) who are responsible for those topics will be displayed. Each department has a designated Delve coordinator to help staff enter their responsibilities and skills into their Delve profile.

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

To: John Erwin, PW Street Department

In choosing John Erwin for the next Golden Goose recipient I have selected someone who is always willing to assist and offer his expertise without hesitation and with a good outlook. There have been many times we have called on John to help us fulfill jobs we have been unable to because we didn’t have the necessary equipment. Two examples being removing a large sign from the right of way on south Campbell and more recently lifting a bulky propane tank to install in one of our striping trucks. Thank you John for all you do and congratulations.

Don Underwood, PW Sign Shop

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? The City is a very energetic and a healthy organization because of the employees we have working here! I simply don’t see some of the problems and issues that other cities have and are experiencing these days here in Springfield! We are very fortunate to have positive folks working with each other and the community.

Why do you do what you do? I’ve been in public service all of my life, first law enforcement for over 20 years and now 9-1-1, and am compelled that this is the right thing to do! I serve the best I can and help those who need help.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Trying to juggle all of the stuff I’m involved in along with being at 9-1-1. Like many other City employees, we don’t just do our daily assigned jobs but are involved in various community groups, organizations, charities and fundraisers. It’s hard to fit that all in some days.

What’s the best part of your job? My employees. They are the BEST! They handle all of the emergency 9-1-1 calls that many folks could not, including me. I can do a lot of things … but I admire those who can do what I cannot.

What are you passionate about? For those that know me … I would say definitely running (or trying to run) and being healthy. I’m also very passionate about Special Olympics and the athletes that are near and dear to my heart. They always know how to bring a smile to my face.

Zim Schwartze
Director,
Emergency Communications
Zim has worked for the City for 5 years.

A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.
CAMP Class 2016 hosting Springiving Drive for The Northwest Project April 9-20

Immediate Needs:
- Soups (Ready to Eat Chunky Soups are favorites!)
- Cream of chicken/celery/mushroom soups for cooking
- Mac N Cheese
- Pasta (whole wheat noodles would be awesome)
- Pasta sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Fruit cups
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Canned and dried beans
- Rice
- Juice
- Microwave cups (shelf-stable soups/pastas)
- Reusable grocery bags
- Grocery Gift cards ($10-$20) from Aldi or Price Cutter

Other Items they are always accepting:
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Coffee
- Tea
- Men’s deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Old or new towels, wash clothes
- Dish towels
- Dish soap
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Craft supplies of all kinds
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.

Epson Workforce 845 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 (5 HDMI, 2 Optical/Component), iPod/iPhone playback with included dock, Remote Control, 2 HDMI cables included. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.


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 417-818-5353.


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 life time ($250). Contact Joe at 345-3117.

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 417-461-4132.

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

FOR SALE

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 417-988-2075 or mimosaqun@gmail.com for more information if you are interested.

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 417-882-7327 or email itsallgood@stevesscuba.com.

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-343-7772, 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.
To: Officer Lauren Henderson, SPD, & Kayla Smith, 911

I wanted to let you know about a personal experience I had with a SPD officer Tuesday night. My husband and I had to check on my elderly uncle who had been sick. We have a key to his apartment and when a friend called to say my uncle hadn’t arrived at a meeting place, we went over to check. Sadly, when we entered we discovered my uncle deceased.

I called 9-1-1 and dispatch was so kind and helpful, very gentle with me. The female officer who arrived was the same and I’m embarrassed that I didn’t get her name. I was hoping the report would include her name so you could say something nice to her supervisor.

She was professional and caring about our state of shock. She asked her necessary questions and explained why she was doing it the entire time. She would work with the EMT’s and then come relay information to us succinctly and with so much compassion. Of course, she was trying to make sure it was a natural death and nothing criminal had happened to him ... understandable.

I appreciate it.

I was just hoping you could look up which officer it was and give her supervisor the compliment for myself and my husband. My uncle also had a small dog that barked incessantly the entire time and she was completely understanding and said she was an “animal lover.”

After that experience, I don’t know how officers do what they do. And that was just a natural death. Crime scenes must be horrible.

To: Josh Gage and Brandon Osborn, Traffic Engineers

Just wanted to send you a thank you for helping arrange the Sign and Pavement Marking Shop Tour yesterday for 21 Transportation Engineering students from the MSU campus for MS&T. The traffic engineering staff at the City have been supporting the transportation engineering class with tours and field visits for the past 8 years and this support is greatly appreciated.

Josh Gage and Brandon Osborn did a great job of not only explaining how the traffic signing and markings are accomplished but engaging the students with their obvious passion and knowledge of their jobs. The City is fortunate to have employees like Josh and Brandon that care about the safety of the public, making continual improvement in the quality of their work and to do more with limited resources.

We have had several MSU-MS&T Civil Engineering students who have graduated and are now working as traffic/transportation engineers for a City (including Springfield), MoDOT and local consultants. The tour of City traffic engineering facilities in conjunction with the classroom and lab experiences makes our program in Transportation Engineering one of the best in the Midwest. Even the students attending the same course at Rolla do not get the opportunity to visit a Signing and Marking Shop, make a field trip to a major signalized intersection and to tour a working transportation management center available in the Springfield community.

Please tell Josh and Brandon how much the students enjoyed the shop tour and we look forward to the intersection and TMC tours yet to come this semester. Thank you again for your real world contributions to this program at MSU/MS&T.

– Earl E. Newman, P.E., Adjunct Professor
MSU/MS&T Cooperative Engineering Program

To: Police Chief Paul Williams
As a retiree, I want to say thank you to the Department (and the City) for sending or allowing a uniformed delegation to be in Clinton, Missouri, yesterday for the funeral. Myself and another retiree went, and seeing our officers there was a very comforting observation. Thank you.

– Robert Yeach

To: Officer Sam Gahr
On March 10 my vehicle was struck by an individual who was under the influence of narcotics. My brave 6-year-old son was on the side of impact and was trapped in his booster seat for a few minutes. I would like to thank Officer Gahr for all his help and being so understanding and patient with my son who has ADHD combined uncontrolled impulse control disorder, disruptive mood dysregulation disorder, PTSD and anxiety, among other things. He answered every question my 6-year-old son leveled at him with gusto and lots of enthusiasm. He put my son at ease and never once did he make him feel like his voice wasn’t heard. Every one of my son’s taps to the leg or arm of Officer Gahr was answered and it was the one shining spot in an otherwise heartbreaking, horrific and tragic time for our family. Kudos, Officer Gahr!

To: Tessa Peterson and Nick Day, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators
On March 12 Christian County 9-1-1 deputy director Eric Davey contacted the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 with a 9-1-1 call referencing a family member who needed assistance. Davey has been in the 9-1-1 profession for over 15 years, and this was the first time he ever had to utilize the service himself. Davey sent a note of thanks and kudos to call-taker Tessa Peterson and dispatcher Nick Day. “They were patient with me as I worked to locate an address for her (family member), and worked quickly to get her assistance. As a result of their actions she is alive today. We all know that in this line of work, we don’t often hear about the following ups, so I wanted to let them know that they made a difference. My family still has a friend, and a daughter still has a mom. Please pass my congratulations and commendations for a job well done. I’m thankful for the work your people do every day.” Director Schwartz is thankful for all they did to assist a fellow 9-1-1 professional and what they do every day for our community. In the 9-1-1 world, it really means a lot to know that we can count on each other for help when we need it as well.

To: Officer Bradley Loveland
Hello, my name is Kayla. I wanted to write in a compliment for one of your officers. Officer Loveland pulled me over tonight around 11 p.m. while I was taking some friends home from a night on the town. My driver’s license is under a different name than I go by (Brandon). I am a transitioning female. When Loveland approached my car again he knew what my license said my name was, but he took the time to ask me what name I go by, and referred to me as the name I preferred which is Kayla, through the rest of the stop. I just wanted to thank Officer Loveland for being kind and respectful of me, as a person. In this town it’s hard to come across many people like one of Springfield’s finest. So thank you, Officer Loveland! You get a gold Star from me!