Butterfly Festival with Young Sprouts in the Garden:
June 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Springfield Botanical Gardens
Celebrate gardening, nature and butterflies. Visit the Dr. Bill Roston Native Butterfly House and caterpillar petting zoo, enter the pollinator costume contest, “pollinate” flowers, see the Fishin' Magicians, observe ladybugs and more. Gray-Campbell Farmstead and Liberty School open for tours. Free

Summer SnowFest:
June 23, Noon-4 p.m., Jordan Valley Park
Who says summer can’t have snow? SnowFest features a mountain of snow from Mediacom Ice Park, as well as entertainment, interactive games, snowman building contests and bounce house. The Springfield Regional Arts Council partners to present Free Art Day, with interactive art projects. Bring the whole family and your mittens, and play in the snow. Free

Join us!
City of Springfield Employee Picnic
June 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at Jordan Valley Park

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May 30

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Jason Gage named Springfield City Manager

Springfield City Council announced Friday that Jason Gage will be Springfield’s next City Manager. His planned start date is Aug. 1.

“Jason emerged from a very strong pool of candidates,” said Mayor Ken McClure. “He was the best fit for Springfield with his experience in public safety and economic development, which are two of City Council’s main priorities. In addition, he has experience working in a community that has a strong educational background, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Like Springfield, there is a strong town-gown relationship there. We are pleased to welcome him to our community.”

Gage has served as Salina, Kansas City Manager for 13 years, having previously served as the City Manager of Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was graduated from Missouri Southern State College in Joplin with a B.A. in political science and completed a masters’ degree in Public Administration at the University of Missouri – Columbia. He served as City Manager of De Soto, Missouri from 1994 to 1999 and was Salina’s Assistant City Manager from 1999 to 2003.

“I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve in my home state as Springfield’s City Manager. I have always considered Springfield to be the finest community in the state. It is full of wonderful people and has a distinctive, progressive quality. In addition, this area of the state is absolutely beautiful! I truly look forward to meeting the people of Springfield and working with the City Council, fellow employees and community leaders,” Gage said.

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As Salina City Manager, Gage provided leadership for a $155 million redevelopment project to renew Salina’s downtown. The project includes a partnership with key members of Salina’s business community to develop a downtown athletic tournament fieldhouse, a premier hotel and conference facility, a vintage automotive museum, a family entertainment venue, downtown loft and apartment housing, an enhanced streetscape, and niche retail/restaurant development. He is currently providing direct management support for design of a $30 million “Smoky Hill River” renewal project, including: full stream-bed restoration, ecosystem upgrades, downtown river walk improvements, complementary hiking/biking, sidewalk and trail network, related bridge replacements, and recreational opportunities.

In 2012, Gage established a Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) Program. This program implements Lean Six Sigma (LSS) tools throughout the organization to reduce non-value operational time and improve organizational efficiency. Over the last four years, this approach to efficiency has resulted in approximately 900 total improvements and $2.9 million in net efficiency/cost reductions (which is projected to be $3.3 million through 2018).

Gage was offered a one-year contract with a base salary of $220,000.

An interim City Manager will be named to serve between July 1 and Aug. 1.

About Salina, Kansas

The City of Salina has 480 employees and an annual budget of $137 million, serving a city of 49,000 residents.
Citizen Resource Center Coordinator Claudia Crighton retires June 1

By Cara Burch, for the Scene

Tall weeds, grimy grocery carts and urban beavers—these are just a few examples of the many citizen service requests answered by Resource Coordinator Claudia Crighton over the last 17 and a half years.

The Citizen Resource Center, located on the first floor of the Busch Municipal Building, receives approximately 60,000 to 70,000 calls per year, routing more than 15,000 service requests to City departments.

With that large of a call load, one can imagine the wide variety of interactions Claudia has with her customers.

“Every day is a new day,” says Claudia. “We have so many interesting calls. It is very fulfilling to know you are helping people with issues they can’t fix themselves.”

Claudia has always loved working with the public. So much so, that in 2013, she presented her vision for a stand-alone center for citizen service requests and questions to Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott, who loved the idea.

“Claudia has done an amazing job building the CRC into what it is today,” Scott said. “She is truly dedicated to helping citizens, no matter what the issue. She maintains a positive attitude, and people appreciate her and the work done in the center. We will miss her very much.”

Crighton is nicknamed “The Claudiapedia” by the other staff in the CRC, McKensie Phillips and Regina Crumrine.

“Whether it’s City information you’re looking for, a phone number that Google couldn’t provide, or maybe you can’t remember where that one girl lives who had that one complaint last month, Claudia has your answer,” Phillips says.

In addition to supervising the CRC, Claudia manages the Busch building’s front desk and its security guard, John Dowdy.

Because of her extensive knowledge and willingness to help, Claudia has built a relationship of trust among many of Springfield’s citizens.

“People know us in the CRC; a lot of callers know our names which makes them feel more connected to us. They call us knowing we will listen to their issue and help them if we can,” Claudia says.

Because the CRC has an excellent reputation for helping people, City staff often contact the CRC looking for information.

Claudia is also known for going the extra mile for citizens.

“Sometimes it takes research. Several times a day we need to call different departments to ask about a project or something that the City is working on. Offering to find an answer and call them back instead of transferring the call around always pleases them. Citizens are always so happy when they get a ‘real person’ to answer the phone.”

While Claudia finds her job very rewarding, she does admit there are some customer service challenges.

“We have callers that have made up their mind before they call that we cannot, or will not, help them. In most cases, listening to their problems and telling them ‘we will do our best to help,’ makes them happy.”

When she’s faced with an angry customer, Claudia does her best to diffuse the situation by simply listening.

“Most of the time you let them talk. They will typically calm down after a little while. People just want to know someone is listening and cares about their problems,” she said.

Claudia always keeps in mind that the customer isn’t angry at her personally, they are upset with a situation.

“One of the things I admire most about Claudia, is her ability to remain calm,” Phillips says. “No matter how busy it gets, no matter how upset the caller may be, her calm demeanor never changes.”
Assistant City Attorney IV Pat Sullivan honored by Missouri Lawyers Weekly at 20th annual Women’s Justice Awards

The cases Patricia Sullivan prosecutes might not grab headlines, but their outcomes are vital to her community.

For 21 years, Sullivan has been the assistant prosecuting attorney for Springfield, where her cases focus on violations including traffic infractions, DWIs, peace disturbances, nuisance properties or simple assaults.

“What I really like about it is that we're trying to resolve problems and basically have a good quality of life for people in our community,” Sullivan said. “It’s nice to go to work and feel like you’re doing something where there’s a purpose and giving back to the place you grew up in.”

Sullivan began considering a legal career because she was interested in public service. She enrolled in law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City after completing her undergraduate studies in English at Indiana University. Before she earned her law degree in 1995, she clerked for a solo practitioner who advised her that serving as a prosecutor or public defender could be a good fit for her skills.

Even though she had been interested in working as a prosecutor, Sullivan's first job out of law school was as a public defender. Learning defendants’ stories and the challenges they were dealing with, such as substance abuse, helped to inform her work as a prosecutor.

“It gave me a chance to get to know defendants from that side of things and see some of the issues that they deal with, and I think that’s good as a prosecutor,” Sullivan said. “I think I’ve been able to look at what some of the underlying issues are, and rather than look strictly at punishment, try to resolve problems.”

In municipal court, prosecutors are “not dealing with murders or really high-profile crimes,” but they’re no less satisfying to resolve, Sullivan said.

“We’re dealing with trying to find solutions to improve our community,” she said. “I like to think that by handling what we’re handling, we’re discouraging bigger crimes and also helping people to address their issues.”

Sullivan suggests that prospective attorneys network with as many people in the field as possible in order to find the right path for their career. Visiting with mentors on the job and doing internships can help a law student to determine which aspect of the law offers the right fit, Sullivan said. She also advises students to hone public-speaking skills, which she did by teaching an American Government class.

“I found that very difficult when I was in school,” Sullivan said. “My mentor suggested teaching at a community college to get used to public speaking, and that was some of the best advice I’ve ever been given professionally.”

She now lives outside of Springfield in the town of Willard, with her husband, Jeff Grantham, a nurse. Although they travel extensively — Ireland, Italy and Turkey have been recent destinations — Sullivan said she plans to stay rooted in the Springfield area.

“We have the best of both worlds,” she said. “We have city-type things such as cultural events, we have good restaurants, and we have shopping but at the same time, Springfield really has a small-town feel to it… it’s just a really friendly, good place to live.”
A Note From Greg: FY2018-2019 Proposed Budget

My proposed fiscal year 2019 (FY19) balanced budget was provided to City Council on April 27, and I want to share the same information with all employees. A balanced budget is, in essence, a “zero sum game.” Once the balanced budget has been submitted by the City Manager, anything City Council wants to add to the budget must be matched by an accompanying budget reduction or increase in projected revenues.

Since we are currently in collective bargaining discussions with unions, I am unable to provide specific details on pay plan improvements at this time. I can say, however, that I have set aside a placeholder of available ongoing funds totaling $1,552,000 in the budget for pay plan improvements for all city employees. For non-union employees, this would be equivalent to funding merit steps and adding a new step of 2.5 percent that will benefit employees currently at the top step of the salary range, but will also benefit any other employee that reaches that step in the future.

We must prioritize employee pay as much as possible to ensure we remain competitive in the market. To the extent possible, employee compensation has been addressed to ensure that employee pay is comparable to the middle third of the City’s benchmark cities and organizations. Some of our positions are now within the target, “middle third,” but many remain in the lower third and need continued attention. Springfield competes in a global economy. Our employees are what differentiate us from other communities; we must invest in our team.

I am also proposing to fund all approved career ladder advancements throughout the City. Employees work hard to improve their skills and knowledge in their positions and I feel we should reward those employees that are going to the next step in their career path.

The City is entering the sixth year of no premium increases for the employee healthcare plan and much of this credit goes to the work of the Health Insurance Committee and the inBalance employee wellness team. The self-insured workers’ compensation program and health insurance fund continue to perform well and are financially stable. The strength of these funds today is the result of several years of increasing payments into these funds during the years they were under-funded. I am very proud of our progress in each of these areas.

The development of the FY19 budget has been very similar to last year, in that there is little revenue growth and significant prior-year commitments. I have used one-time funds to balance the budget again, but less one-time funds than we needed to balance the FY18 (current fiscal year) budget. The total projected revenue growth for the General Fund is projected at $995,000, or 1.3 percent. Projected sales and use tax growth and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) is countered by an expected 7 percent drop in gross receipts revenues, which are taxes from telecommunication and cable providers.

Revenue Outlook FY2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

As stated above, the projected increase in overall revenue for the General Fund for FY2019 is approximately $995,000, or 1.3 percent. The increase is projected by the following changes in revenue sources:

- Sales and Use Tax increase of $970,000
- PILOT increase of $371,000
- Gross receipts decrease of $700,000
- The net all other revenue changes result in an increase of $554,000

A bright spot in the overall budget has been the renewal of the Level Property Tax. This will, for the first time, provide a dedicated revenue source for life-cycle vehicle and equipment replacements for Police, Fire, Public Works and Information Systems; additional police, fire, and public works personnel; an annual Jail contribution to Greene County (for 10 years); and funding to support increasing economic vitality in our community, as well as funding to begin development of the Comprehensive Plan.

Without the renewal of the Level Property Tax (LPT), none of these activities would have been possible. The majority of new funding from LPT is, for the most part, being used for new programs and projects. While this is a significant improvement from last year, the financial demands on the General Fund have not lessened in the FY19 Budget.

The development of the budget has been a collaborative process with input from every department and our Leadership Team. The City is a complex and functionally diverse organization. This budget addresses many, but not all, of the City’s most pressing operational needs.

As much as possible, the budget attempts to address funding needs within all areas of the organization. A total of $11.5 million in budget requests were submitted by the City departments, including a total of $7.4 million for personnel and ongoing costs. In all, I have only been able to fund approximately $2 million to fund ongoing costs and $2.5 million to fund one-time requests. The one-time funds available for allocation in the FY19 budget are actually carryover funds from the FY17 fiscal year, available in large part due to City departments keeping expenses on budget or below budget.

Thank you for your conscientiousness.

City Council is expected to vote on the FY2019 budget at the June 4 Council meeting.
Floating wetlands launch May 2 to reduce algae at Sequiota Park

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with the City of Springfield’s Department of Environmental Services, is participating in a pilot project designed to help reduce algae at Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave.

Environmental Services installed new floating wetlands in the park’s lake May 2.

A floating wetland is a man-made aquatic plant habitat, created to mimic a natural wetland ecosystem by providing shade and wildlife cover, and by absorbing excess nutrients in waterways.

The lake at Sequiota Park has experienced noticeable algae blooms in recent summers, caused by a combination of warm temperatures, sunlight and excess nutrients washed into the lake. Stormwater runoff from as far north as Sunshine Street flows downhill into Sequiota Park and Galloway Creek, bringing with it fertilizers, animal waste and other pollutants. Geese droppings at the park also contribute to the algae growth. Parks staff regularly treats the water with environmentally friendly algaecide, but the algae is persistent in summer months.

“Sequiota is a very popular park, enjoyed by a large number of our patrons, so the lake is very visible,” said Miles Park, Assistant Parks Director. “It has been a challenge to manage the algae at that lake, so it seemed like that would be a good place to try the floating wetlands.”

Aquatic plants in a floating wetland help absorb excess nutrients in the water, reducing algae growth and providing dissolved oxygen, which benefits fish. Fish also find habitat in the root mass, which provides shade, shelter and a place to feed on smaller organisms.

The floating wetlands at Sequiota are made of 4’x8’ cedar frames, holding together a sandwich of recycled plastic bottles with caps on, for floatation; recycled burlap cocoa bean bags, containing the bottles; two layers of coconut fiber, surrounding the bags and providing plant medium; and recycled plastic mesh, holding the fiber layers in place. The corners of each frame are stabilized by metal corner plates, made from recycled street signs and stainless bolts. Recycled materials were used to make the project as sustainable as possible, with bottles collected by city employees, and cocoa bean bags donated by Askinosie Chocolate in Springfield.

Employees of Springfield Public Works – Street Maintenance and the Department of Environmental Services constructed 30 frames for the project.

Staff populated each frame with native Missouri aquatic plants, fenced them with wire to keep geese from eating the plants, and launched them into the lake, tethered to one another and to anchors.

The floating wetlands are designed to last several years, enough time to allow aquatic plants to establish themselves in the lake without the need for additional structures. But organizers emphasized that results may not immediately be visible.

“Our goal with this pilot project is to see if floating wetlands are an effective tool to add to our toolbox for managing algae growth,” said Carrie Lamb, water quality compliance officer. “We do not expect to eliminate the algae completely and we may not see a reduction in the first year, because the plants need time to grow. We hope to see a noticeable reduction in algae growth over time.”

To learn more about ways to reduce stormwater pollution and protect water quality, visit springfieldmo.gov/stormwater.

Ribbon cutting for College Street improvements May 10

The City of Springfield cut the ribbon on improvements to College Street between Grant and Market avenues May 10. The project included new federal Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks, stormwater and roadway improvements, tree wells, lighting enhancements and utility upgrades.

This project is one of several in Springfield funded by 2017 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds, which were required to be complete by the end of May.

The City and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board will celebrate the completion of 2017 CDBG-funded projects at Tom Watkins, Nichols, Meador and Cooper parks this summer.
City staff bids farewell to Environmental Services director Steve Meyers May 3

BDS bids farewell to Public Health Investigator Kyle Williams

911 bids farewell to Terry Hedden after 26 years with the City

Cop on a Rooftop collects $2,100 for Special Olympics

Thank you to all who came by Cop on a Rooftop - Benefiting Special Olympics Missouri on May 18 at Dunkin’ Donuts. SPD officers and troopers from Missouri State Highway Patrol collected $2,100 for Special Olympics!

Phishing testing announcement

Information Systems’ SAFE Committee thanks everyone for your hard work with keeping our network safe.

Everyone who passes the phishing tests will be added to a quarterly drawing!

We will be drawing three names out of our pool of people whom pass the phishing tests on a quarterly basis. If you pass more than one test in a quarter you’ll have multiple entries!

Winners will be able to collect their winnings from Nicki Woods. Some prizes are still in the works but everyone who wins will receive at least one $10 gift certificate!
Wednesday Noon Concerts

Enjoy free performances in downtown Springfield’s Founders Park Wednesdays at noon. Bring your lunch or enjoy gourmet sandwiches and treats from Maritime Gourmet Coffee and Pastries available for purchase. Presented in partnership with Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District. ParkBoard.org/Founders

- Wed., June 6 Chris & Cory Folk Blues Music
- Wed., June 13 Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble Big Band Jazz
- Wed., June 20 Charlie Rosenbury Singer/Guitar
- Wed., June 27 Sarah M. Smith Vocal and acoustic guitar

Sounds of Summer Concert Series at the Springfield Botanical Gardens


- Sun., June 3, 2 p.m. - Auntie Em & the Tornadoes
- Sun., June 10, 2 p.m. - Liz Moriondo
- Sun., June 17, 2 p.m. - CRS
- Sat., June 23, 7:30 p.m. - Izabel Crane
- Sun., June 24, 2 p.m. - Bill Haynes
Summer Art Camp: At Art Camp, kids experiment with a variety of materials and ideas to create an amazing collection of artwork! In addition, campers explore the art on view at the Museum through drawing, creative writing, movement and other innovative gallery activities. All sessions run Tuesday through Friday. Half-day and full-day options are available. Visit sgfmuseum.org for times, cost and registration information.

- **Myths and Fairy Tales: June 26-29**
  Make it up! Conjure up your favorite imaginary places, powers and creatures to help you make your very own world full of unbelievable art.

- **Artists and Muses: July 10-13**
  Artists lead extraordinary lives! You’ll discover the who, what, where, when and why of being an artist through projects inspired by the stories, works and words of dynamic artists from the past and present.

**Watercolor USA 2018:**

**June 2 - Aug. 26**
Organized in 1962 by the Springfield Art Museum, this national, annual juried exhibition aims to attract the best in contemporary American watermedia and strives to exhibit work by artists who are pushing the boundaries of the medium. This is the 57th exhibition of “Watercolor USA.”

**Chamber Music Concert:**

**June 3, 3 p.m.**
Join St. Mark’s Square string quartet as they present a colorful afternoon of music to celebrate spring. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

**Fantastic Friday: Watercolor USA June 29, 10 a.m. - Noon**
(with the Springfield-Greene County Library District) A day designed to help kids and grown-ups explore the Museum’s exhibits together.

**Frolic of the Mind: The Illustrious Life of Rose O’Neill: Through Aug. 5**
This exhibition traces the prolific career of artist, illustrator, author, poet and inventor Rose O’Neill. This exhibit will feature 150 works from a number of public and private collections. The exhibit will include illustrations, rarely seen paintings, drawings, archival documents, personal effects, and smaller sculpture. A fully illustrated catalogue will bring new research to the topic, featuring several guest essays.

**Art in our City-Zone 2: Through Oct. 14**
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 second exhibition features work by nine artists from five neighborhoods in City Council Zone 2.

**Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, June 8, 15, 22, 29: 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.

**Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Sundays, June 10, 17, 24, 31: 10 a.m.-noon**
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.

**3rd Annual Tennis Under the Lights: June 8, 7-9:30 p.m.**
Come play tennis at night at Lafayette Park! Tennis courts will be all aglow with lights everywhere. Participants shine with glow necklaces and bracelets! Grab your family and friends and get on the court with music snacks and fun. All equipment is provided. Sponsored by USTA.

**Movies at Founders Park: Friday and Saturday nights June 8 - July 28, movies begin at dusk.** A contemporary version of the drive-in theater at Springfield’s founding site. Enjoy new release and classic movies in an outdoor setting. Fridays are family night; Saturdays are date night. All movies are G, PG, or PG-13. Concessions available, bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Movie titles and details at ParkBoard.org/Movies.

**Family Concert in the Park: June 9, 3 p.m. activities, 4 p.m. performance.** The Springfield Symphony Orchestra presents a free family concert at Jordan Valley Park. Activities begin at 3 p.m., including an instrument petting zoo and kids’ art with the Springfield Regional Arts Council. Performance begins at 4 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets for an afternoon of music.

**Dirt Day at Lafayette Park: June 2: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Get your hands dirty at the 6th Annual Dirt Day in historic Lafayette Park. The Woodland Heights Neighborhood presents this garden-themed event with activities and demonstrations from garden professionals and clubs, plant exchange, green living, interactive garden art, kids’ dinosaur dig and birdhouse painting.

**2nd Annual Summer Solstice Art Fair: June 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.** The Moon City Creative District, in partnership with the Park Board, presents this white-tent, juried art show at Lafayette Park. Features 20 regional artists: jewelers, potters, wood turners, printmakers, painters, fiber artists and more. More information at mooncitycreativedistrict.com

**Father’s Day at Dickerson Park Zoo: June 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**
Free zoo admission for dads.

**Go Skateboarding Day: June 21, 3-9 p.m. at the Springfield Skate Park**
Free admission to all skateboarders, beginners to pros (Sorry, no bikes, scooters or rollerblades during the event.) Contests throughout the day, with prizes and all-around shredding!
HR presents first employee referral program check to Lisa Gateley

HR presented their first “big check” for a successful employee referral to Planning and Development Administrative Assistant Lisa Gateley last week. Lisa brought us Lora Miller, a new nurse for the Health Department! See below for details on the employee referral program and how YOU can get the next big check!

SFD PROMOTIONS

The Springfield Fire department hosted a promotion ceremony May 16 in the Busch Building 1st floor lobby. The following employees were honored:

- Christopher Roush was promoted to Captain.
- Eric Roepke was promoted to Captain.
- Jason McCormick was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Nicholas Hartman was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Alex Hodge was promoted to Equipment Operator.
- Michael Kuss was promoted to Equipment Operator.

Scene Flashback to June 1993

During a recent office move, we discovered binders full of old copies of the Scene going back to 1989. Here’s what the first page of the Scene looked like 25 years ago.

The Greene County Courthouse Chorale invites you to attend their 2018 Patriotic Concerts:

Monday, June 25 at Noon
Historic Greene County Courthouse Rotunda

Monday, June 25 at 12:40
Busch Municipal Building Main Lobby
Jonathan Blodgett
Water Pollution Control Inspector,
Environmental Services
Jonathan has worked for the City for 2 years.

What are three words that describe the City of Springfield? Growing, friendly, eclectic.

What advice do you have for prospective employees? Have a desire to help our community and don’t be afraid to share ideas about how to make your department better.

Why do you do what you do? I do what I do for the greater good of the environment and the residents. Eliminating grease from the sewer system allows sewer crews to spend their time on repairs and improvements rather than grease blockages. These blockages can result in sewer spills that can have adverse effects on our waterways and could result in higher fees for residents. So please, don’t put fat, oil or grease down your drains.

What's the best part of your job? Knowing I am making a difference.

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, who's job would you want? There are so many people doing so many important things, but I am sure I would love working at the zoo! Seeing the day to day operations with the animals would be interesting and working outdoors has always interested me.

What do you admire about this organization? The people and their dedication to their jobs.

What's something that Springfield as a city should strive for? Inclusion and diversity. Environmental protection and sustainability. The best quality of life for all our residents.
**SPD commanders graduate from Command College**

Springfield Police Department commanders were honored as part of the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF) Command College Class VIII. Captain Chad Eutsler and Lieutenant Bob Byrne graduated from MPCCF’s Command College during commencement exercises held May 26 in the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

The Command College training provides leaders in Missouri law enforcement the opportunity to receive advanced command level training, consisting of over 300 hours of Peace Officer Standards and Training continuing education, over the course of the year.

The MPCCF is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1996 to provide assistance and service to citizens and law enforcement. Their mission is two-fold: to promote the safety of Missouri’s youth through educational programs and to advance the quality and professionalism of law enforcement by supporting higher standards and offering advanced officer training. The MPCCF is recognized and licensed by the State of Missouri as an approved provider of law enforcement continuing education.

**June 16 is City of Springfield and City Utilities Night at Springfield Raceway**

Springfield Raceway, 2110 N Farm Road 123, invites City of Springfield and City Utilities employees for a night out at the races for FREE on June 16. Just bring proof of employment (check stub, ID badge, business card) to the front gate and receive FREE general admission. Springfield Raceway is a 1/4-mile clay oval that races dirt cars every Saturday night right here in Springfield Missouri. Visit springfieldraceway.com for start times and directions or look us up on Facebook.

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**IN BALANCE**

**MONTHLY UPDATE - JUNE 2018**

1. **Veggies** - Try incorporating green, red, orange, & yellow vegetables into your diet. Pair veggies with your favorite dips, such as carrots with hummus or celery with peanut butter.
2. **Nuts & butters** - These will last longer when stored in the fridge. Try walnuts, almonds, peanuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, or cashews.
3. **Fruit** - Remember that fresh, frozen, dried, & canned fruits all count. Add a tablespoon of raisins or dried apricots to your morning oatmeal.
4. **Eggs** - Use a mug to scramble eggs for a quick breakfast or snack. Toss in raw veggies and a tablespoon of cheese for added flavor!
5. **Salsa** - A fresh salsa with tomatoes, jalapenos, cilantro, & onions is a fun way to incorporate veggies into your diet.

The Mercy Mammogram Bus is coming to Government Plaza June 12 & 21, 2018! They will be located on the west side of the Church Building - 320 E Central St. The Mercy Mammogram Bus is the same as going to the Mercy Breast Center, but they come to you! The bus offers the same equipment, staff, and physicians, and will file insurance for you.

Call 417-820-2790 to schedule your appointment today!

Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Busch Municipal Building**

L45 - Lower Level

**Monday, June 4, 2018**

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Score LifePoints on Every Donation!

www.cbco.org

Photo identification required. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.


Poulan riding lawn mower. 15hp, 38” cut with bagger, with 2 sets of blades. $350 firm. 417-864-1371, ask for Phil.

PUPPY FOR SALE…6 months old, AKC registered, male, golden retriever puppy. All vaccinations and medications are current. Asking $600. I can text or email pictures upon request. Contact Doug Chadwell at (417)224-3684.

Looking to acquire rental property for little investment or perhaps a weekend getaway: I have a small (1000 sq ft) two bedroom, 1 bath house in Alton Missouri that would be perfect. It’s maintenance free on the outside with vinyl siding and a metal roof. It does need inside walls painted. All electric, central air, baseboard heat on a half basement and a partially fence yard. New water heater installed in 2014. Stove, Refrigerator, Washer and dryer stay. Use it for a weekend getaway or rent it out. Not far from the 11 point river if you like to float. Asking $38,000 but will allow $1000 for inside painting. Sacrificing for $37,000. Call Mary 575-747-8705.

Vintage LXI Sears Series Speaker System (2 speakers), $15 for the pair. Model #564.99019750 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-DH330 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.

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For more info or pictures contact Richard at 417-818-3353.


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


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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: Dustin Keyes
Tim Johnson called the Citizen Resource Center to say that he had some things fall out of the back of his pick-up. Dustin stopped and helped him pick up and load the items. Mr. Johnson said that Dustin was tremendously helpful and it reflected well on the whole City.

To: Officer Greathouse
I would like to express my sincere thanks to your department and your officers. On May 26, I went on a ride-along with Officer Brandon Greathouse. We spent a shift together and I found him to be courteous, professional and extremely competent in his work. After witnessing Officer Greathouse handle himself in various situations, I have a newfound respect for the men and women who deal with these conflicts on a daily basis. He reacted quickly and efficiently, and was polite and reasonable with everyone we encountered. This was true even when dealing with less than cooperative people. I would like to commend your entire department for your excellent training and your kindness in allowing me to ride along with one of your officers.

– Presley Parish

To: Officer Miller
Officer Miller is fabulous. He made my girls so happy. They brought him cookies and ice cream. Just wanted to let you all know how big of an impact he made on them. I lost my husband a few weeks ago, and ever since for some reason my youngest has been scared of police officers. He’s the only one I’ve see her not shy away from. She was stoked. He gave her faith in them again.

– Kellie

To: Officer Walker
Big thanks to SPD Officer Walker and the officer working the MSU bookstore! Shuttles weren’t running as planned and they assisted a grandmother and grandfather down to JQH Arena to see their grandson graduate!

– Bill

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

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