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At its June 18 meeting, City Council unanimously approved an emergency bill to authorize Assistant City Manager Collin Quigley to perform the duties of the city manager on an interim basis between July 1 and Aug. 1. Retired City Manager Greg Burris’ last day was June 30. Jason Gage will begin his duties as Springfield’s next city manager on Aug. 1.

Quigley is a Springfield native with a bachelor’s degree in public administration from Evangel University and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Kansas. He is a Credentialled City Manager (ICMA-CM) with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), and a prior board member of the Missouri City Management Association (MCMA).

Quigley joined the City of Springfield as the assistant city manager in August 2007. Prior to joining the City of Springfield, he served as the city administrator for the cities of Ozark and Kimberling City.

“We look forward to your leadership during this period and appreciate your willingness to serve,” said Mayor Ken McClure, at the meeting.

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More from the Employee Picnic

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It’s not just what you’ve done, but how you’ve done it. You truly care about our customers, our guests and this community. You do your work with precision and grace.

Just like we discuss with new employees during their orientation, I encourage you to . . .

• Continue our goal of offering the best customer service of any organization in the city. We shock people when we do; they don’t see it coming.
• Remember that we work in a fish bowl. We are watched every day, as it should be.
• Continue to build trust with our citizens and with each other, even when “trust in government” is becoming an oxymoron at other levels. Treat each other with respect.
• Our citizens connect the dots. What any City department does reflects on our other departments. Make your brothers and sisters proud.

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Fire Department
Promotion Ceremony July 3

Please join us July 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Busch Building first floor lobby for a promotion ceremony honoring:

- Mark Phillips, promoted to Captain
- Jason Wells, promoted to Lieutenant
- Devin Keeney, promoted to Equipment Operator

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These three officers have received seven weeks (280 hours) of training to acclimate them to Springfield and the Springfield Police Department. Upon graduation, they were assigned to an experienced field-training officer (FTO) for six weeks of on-the-job training. Once they complete the FTO program, these officers will be assigned to the SPD’s Uniform Operations Bureau.

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Free admission Wed., July 18, for employees +4

The Springfield Lasers professional tennis team brings rising international stars and familiar faces to Cooper Tennis Complex this month for the 23rd season of World TeamTennis.

City and county employees are invited to see the action for free on the Lasers’ opening night, Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m. Employees may present their ID at the ticket window for free grandstand tickets for themselves and up to four guests.


Also returning to Springfield: American Abi Spears, who made a brief but memorable appearance as a substitute with the Lasers in 2017, and American Vania King, who helped bring the Lasers to the WTT Championship Final in 2013.

New to the team are Canadian doubles specialist and former No. 1 Daniel Nestor, who has 12 Grand Slam titles, and Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic, an up-and-coming 18-year-old who just turned pro last year.

All team members are top-200 internationally ranked professional tennis players. Crowd favorite Coach JL de Jager returns to Springfield for his 12th consecutive season with the Lasers.

Don’t miss your chance to see hard-hitting world-class tennis, right here in Springfield.

Tickets at SpringfieldLasers.com or Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian, 417-837-5800.

HOME SEASON DATES:

- Wed., July 18, 7 p.m., vs. San Diego Aviators
- Thurs., July 19, 7 p.m., vs. New York Empire
- Fri., July 20 with Jack Sock, 7 p.m., vs. Orange County Breakers
- Sun., July 22, 6 p.m., vs. Philadelphia Freedoms
- Sat., July 28, 7 p.m., vs. New York Empire
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L-R: Officer Ronnie Rust, Officer Ben Wilson, Chief Paul Williams, Officer Dustin Sweet

CITY & COUNTY EMPLOYEE NIGHT

ATTEND FREE JULY 18

Match 7 p.m., gates open 5:30 p.m.

All City of Springfield and Greene County Employees and retirees, plus up to four guests, are invited to the Springfield Lasers World TeamTennis opening match. Present valid City or County I.D., paycheck stub or benefits statement at ticket window.

This offer good for July 18 home opener only. No cash value.
Public Works announces plans to apply for BUILD Transportation Grant

During a regular update of completed and pending Public Works projects, Assistant Director Martin Gugel proposed that the City apply for a highly-competitive BUILD Transportation Grant. BUILD stands for “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants.”

BUILD is a $1.5 billion dollar, multimodal, merit-based discretionary federal grant program that aims to support new partnerships and multi-jurisdictional cooperation, including public-private partnerships. Grant merit criteria focuses on transportation projects that improve safety and equitable access, enhance quality of life, environmental protection and innovation. Grants range from $5 to $25 million and require a 20 percent match.

The City’s Public Works and Planning & Development departments have convened a multi-departmental, multi-agency team to prepare a grant proposal for an attractive corridor connecting Springfield’s vibrant downtown to the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium (WOW), with various neighborhoods, parks, greenway connections and other amenities in between. The “Grant Avenue Parkway Trail Connection Project” would also provide connectivity with an existing and heavily used trail network (Ozarks Greenways, Inc.) and is coordinated with the metropolitan planning efforts of the Ozarks Transportation Organization.

WOW was voted America’s Best Aquarium and Best New Attraction by USA Today readers. Since opening in September 2017, the estimated $300 million private investment has resulted in significantly increased hotel nights and attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors. Downtown Springfield’s renaissance has been slow but steady over the past 20 years. Over a half-billion dollars of public and private investment has been made downtown since 1996. These two destinations generate a tremendous amount of economic activity and are authentic Springfield experiences for both residents and visitors. This project will also alleviate traffic congestion, improve safety and accessibility and reduce environmental concerns.

“In his State of the City address a few weeks ago, the Mayor identified a vision for a strong economic vitality corridor stretching from the new Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium to Park Central Square. From IDEA Commons to Historic Commercial Street,” Gugel said. “We have identified a grant opportunity that has the potential to move us forward on this vision.”

City ends 2017-2018 fiscal year with tax revenues 1 percent above budget

The City of Springfield’s June sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue is down 6 percent, or $231,686, compared to the amount budgeted. The sales tax check was $3,956,710 compared to the budgeted amount of $4,188,396.

The check reflects sales processed by the state in May from transactions made primarily in April. On a year to date basis, with June being the last month in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, revenues are up 1 percent, or $559,802.

“While monthly collections were below budget for the month, sales tax collections for the year have exceeded budget by 1 percent and exceeded last year’s collections by almost $2 million,” said Finance Director David Holtmann.

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 56 percent of revenue comes from sales tax and use tax.

Wilson’s Creek Greenway named National Recreation Trail

Ozark Greenways has added another national recognition to its trail system.

The US Department of the Interior has named the Wilson’s Creek Greenway as a National Recreation Trail. The greenway is one of 19 trails to receive the designation and the only trail in Missouri on the list.

The five-mile trail spans from Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park to Republic Road in southwest Springfield and unincorporated Greene County. Wilson’s Creek Greenway also connects to the six-mile South Creek Greenway, which runs east-west through the middle of Springfield.

Mary Kromrey, executive director of Ozarks Greenways, said the designation is a great honor.

“We are super thankful that we get to help folks of all ages and abilities connect to our beautiful outdoors, each other, and the places they want to go,” said Kromrey. “Our trail and park system is one of the best, and we hope you head outside to explore Wilson’s Creek Greenway!”

Wilson’s Creek Greenway is the fourth trail in the Ozark Greenways system to earn the National Recreation Trail designation. Galloway Creek Greenway, in east Springfield, became Missouri’s first National Recreation Trail in 2003. The 35-mile Frisco Highline Trail, connecting Springfield to Bolivar, earned the title in 2004. South Creek Greenway was added to the list in 2006.

The National Recreation Trails Program is jointly administered by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with a number of Federal and not-for-profit partners, notably American Trails, which hosts the National Recreation Trails website.

For trail maps and more information, visit OzarkGreenways.org or call Ozark Greenways at 417-864-2015.
**Mayor McClure presents 2018 State of the City**

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure presented the annual State of the City address June 7. The event, part of the Chamber of Commerce’s monthly Good Morning, Springfield!, was held at Evangel University’s Crusader Dining Hall. McClure’s address highlighted various City and community organizations and people who have helped Springfield achieve positive changes over the past year. The Mayor closed by saying “Our cooperative spirit, our can-do attitude, our non-stop focus on ideas and arts and entrepreneurship and innovation...we are poised on the precipice of a new destiny for our city, our people. Destiny is not a matter of change. It is a matter of choice.”

A video of the entire address as well as the transcript can be viewed at springfieldmo.gov.

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**Planning & Development held an Open House Wednesday, May 23 in honor of Joe Harpine. Joe retired after 34 years with the City. Good luck and congratulations, Joe!**

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**Police service dog, Jax, retires**

Police service dog, Jax, of the Springfield Police Department has retired from his duties due to old age and long-term ailments.

Jax is a Dutch Shepherd who was born Feb. 10, 2010, in the Netherlands. He has served as a K9 officer alongside Officer Kyle Tjelmeland, Sergeant (then Officer) Chris Snipes and Officer Chris Rasmussen for six years. In his years of service, Jax has had approximately 742 deployments and was responsible for locating 48 suspects and making 113 narcotic finds. Jax also led the department to approximately 134 arrests.

The SPD appreciates the service of Jax to the department and toward the safety of officers as well as the Springfield community. Jax will enjoy retirement with Officer Chris Rasmussen and his family. Congratulations on your retirement, Jax, and thank you for your service.

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**Connect with the City #MyCitySGF**

Are you connected with the City on social media?

More than ever, we are using social media to bring information to you. Make sure you are connected to catch news, photos, job opportunities and more.

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**Congratulations, Lt. Grant Dorrell, on your retirement! We appreciate your 23 years of service to the City of Springfield!**
Zone 1 Town Hall and Ribbon Cuttings at Tom Watkins Park June 14

Neighbors from a variety of areas throughout Zone 1 came together at Tom Watkins Park for a Town Hall meeting with Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson and City staff. They enjoyed a meal and shared various issues within their neighborhoods. Afterwards, a quadruple, progressive ribbon cutting celebrated new or upgraded amenities within the park: restrooms, walking trail, playground and disc golf course.

Assemblies of God provides free doughnuts to City employees

June 2018 was the 100th Anniversary of the Assemblies of God moving the worldwide headquarters to Springfield.

To help celebrate, AG officials offered free doughnuts to all City employees on June 5.

Springfield police Major Manlove retires

After 24 successful and impactful years with the Springfield Police Department, Major Kirk Manlove retired June 22.

Manlove joined and graduated from the Springfield Police Academy in 1994, and he has served as a patrol officer, a narcotics detective, the public affairs officer, a sergeant and a commander.

As a sergeant, he supervised patrol squads and other units including narcotics, special investigations and crimes against persons. Later, he commanded patrol sections, the support services section, and eventually the Uniform Operations Bureau, making him responsible for all patrol operations in the City. Manlove is retiring as the commander of the Investigations and Support Services Bureau.

“Major Manlove has been an integral part of all the positive changes in the SPD, effectively serving as my right hand for almost five years,” said Police Chief Paul Williams. “Losing that level of expertise in all areas of policing is difficult for our department, and for me personally, but succession planning and grooming future leaders is part of our culture, and I wish him well as he moves into retirement.”

Manlove holds two degrees from Missouri State University. He has a bachelor’s degree in marketing with a minor in military science and a master’s degree in administrative studies with an emphasis in criminal justice. He is a graduate of the 246th Session of the FBI National Academy and the 55th session of PERF’s Senior Management Institute for Police.

Prior to joining the Springfield Police Department, he received an active-duty commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through Missouri State University’s ROTC program and later left the Army as a Captain.

Manlove was honored for his service with a ceremony on June 22 at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center.
Watershed Summer Gala July 14

We would love to see you on Saturday, July 14, 5-8 p.m. for the Watershed Summer Gala!

The event is always a lot of fun and is always an important source of support for our ever-expanding education programs. We will transform the Darr Agricultural Center for this purposeful party, and feature outstanding local food, beer from Mother’s Brewery, Wine from 7C’s Winery, and so much more. The silent auction will be incredible again this year. Look for lots of outdoor gear from Bass Pro, as well as unique, hand-made art and goods. The ever popular Wine Grab and Whiskey pull will be back, and we’ll have a new game or two to try.

We are very thankful for our presenting sponsor – Bass Pro Shops, along with all our sponsors, local artisans, makers, individuals and local businesses who help make the Gala possible.

Tickets are $45 and available at watershedcommittee.org

Hidden talents bloom at exhibit

Sometimes you never know what the person who works next to you can do outside of a work setting. An exhibit currently on display at the Chumley Art Center is showing off the artistic side of City employees and their families. The Springfield Regional Arts Council is sponsoring the exhibit, which is part of a larger effort called the National Arts Program. It’s designed specifically for employees of municipalities, counties and large commercial organizations.

A June opening reception and awards ceremony at the Chumley Art Center was packed with onlookers. For some employees who entered the exhibit, the gala was an eye-opening experience.

“It is insane the amount of talent that lies in the hands of the employees who work at the City,” says Jimmy Jackson, senior parks planner. “I don’t think I know enough about each other. I looked at those works of all kinds... and I just wished we could do this more often.”

Jackson entered a sculpture – actually a plaster

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SCENE Flashback 10 years to July 2008

Calaboose tours available during First Friday Art Walks

Located at 409 W. McDaniel, the Calaboose (jail), built in 1891, is the oldest existing structure owned by the City of Springfield. It was rescued from deterioration caused by age, weather, and lack of ongoing maintenance, and reopened as a police substation and museum in 1999.

Information gathered from research in the city archives was used to assure historic accuracy in the restorative design. Whenever available, original materials were used and reconstruction components were consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation Projects.

In addition, the State of Missouri Historical Preservation Program was involved throughout the entire project to ensure a high standard of restoration and quality of workmanship. Their involvement, along with great attention to detail, enabled this structure to return to prominence in the community.

The Calaboose will be open for tours 6-9 p.m. July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5.

The community is welcome at these times with no appointment necessary.

Free parking is available in the parking garage next door, courtesy of the City of Springfield.

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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.

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Watercolor USA 2018: Through 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.”

  Artist Talk: John Fitzgibbon: July 26 5:30 p.m.

Credit Union for Community Kids Day: July 21: 10 a.m.-Noon
  Join the Credit Union for Community for a FREE Family Day style drop-in event featuring fun for children and their caregivers. Please RSVP to Jason Dill at 417-851-1408 or jdill@mycucommunity.com by July 17.

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 including the Springfield Art Museum, the Huntington Library and Art Museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Bonniebrook Home and Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, among others. The exhibit will include illustrations, rarely seen paintings, drawings, archival documents, personal effects, and smaller sculptures. 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, July 6, 13, 20, 27: 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: Wednesdays, July 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?”

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World Tiger Day: July 29: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
  Educational animal presentations highlighting tigers at Dickerson Park Zoo. Wear your stripes for $2 off general admission.

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Congratulations to SPD’s Leadership Springfield graduates

Lieutenant Stacey Parton, Lieutenant Grant Dorrell (retired) and Lieutenant Jennifer Charleston all graduated from Leadership Springfield June 12.

Detective John C. Loe recognized for outstanding achievement

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recognized Detective John C. Loe for his outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order. He was rewarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Congratulations, Detective Loe!

Environmental Services celebrates World Environment Day June 5

The Sustainability Staff of Environmental Services joined in on a global game of social media tag and pledged to beat plastic pollution by giving up disposable plastic straws. They tagged James River Basin Partnership Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Springfield Community Gardens and the Sustainability staff at the City of Columbia Missouri.

Stay tuned for upcoming municipal recycling training and giveaways to help employees be more eco-friendly in the workplace.

You can still join in and check out Environmental Services’ challenge video by visiting facebook.com/SGFEnvironmentalServices.

I would like to thank all those who donated and volunteered for the City of Springfield Employee Blood Drive on June 4.

We had 46 employees registered, 4 first time donors, 39 red cell pints and 12 plasma pints.

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday Aug. 23. Please email or call me to set up your donation time.

–Nikki Crisp, Executive Secretary Finance Department

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What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Professionally challenging, supportive and fun!

What advice do you have for prospective employees? Every position in the City contributes an essential component in providing “quality of life” experiences to the citizens of Springfield. Be prepared to be part of something that positively impacts the people who live, work, and play here!

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, who’s job would you want? No one – I think I truly have the absolute BEST job in the City!

Why do you do what you do? I LOVE helping learners of all ages discover something new. Watching the “light bulb effect” when someone makes a new discovery and knowing that I helped contribute to that learning moment is something I never get tired of.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Not enough hours in a day.

What do you admire about this organization? The devotion of staff to provide quality resources and services to the citizens of Springfield. I feel honored to be a small part of the team of City of Springfield.

What’s something that Springfield as a city should strive for? Curbside recycling for every resident.
City Council hears update on Landfill Greenhouse Project

City Council received an update June 18 by the Department of Environmental Services on revised plans for a community greenhouse operation, to be powered by renewable energy generated by the Noble Hill Landfill Renewable Energy Center, adjacent to the City’s Landfill.

In 2011, a Renewable Energy/Sustainable Food Project Feasibility Study indicated that the Energy Center produces enough waste heat to potentially support a four-acre commercial greenhouse operation. It is the City’s goal to utilize the waste heat and buffer land in a smart, innovative way that creates jobs, educational opportunities, and economic growth for the community.

The Energy Center was developed in 2006 by the City and City Utilities of Springfield to convert captured methane gas into electricity. With the use of two engines, the captured methane gas is used to generate approximately 3.2 Megawatts of renewable electricity, enough to power approximately 2,100 homes.

As a byproduct of the Noble Hill Landfill Renewable Energy Center, the facility creates an estimated 14 million Btu/hr of thermal waste heat energy generated by the engines. In addition, the City owns approximately 50 acres of land adjacent to the Noble Hill Landfill Renewable Energy Center which is currently being used as a buffer to the Landfill.

Following interest from potential partners, including local growers, educational institutions, local markets, non-profits, and private businesses, the City has modified a previously-released request for proposal (RFP) soliciting proposals to lease the City property adjacent to the Renewable Energy Center and construct a facility to utilize the waste heat.

Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov

myStrength is an online tool aimed at improving individual mental health and wellness. Burrell Behavioral Health has promoted access for anyone interested by using the code BurrellSWCommunity. Visit mystrength.com or download the myStrength app.

Stressed Out?

1. Identify the sources of stress in your life
2. Practice the 4 A’s of stress management
3. Get moving
4. Connect to others
5. Make time for fun & relaxation
6. Manage your time better
7. Maintain balance with a healthy lifestyle
8. Learn to relieve stress in the moment

Link to full article: https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stress-management.htm

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- July 11 Lunch & Learn - Skilful Negotiation Strategies
- Aug 1 Lunch & Learn - City Substance Abuse Training for Supervisors
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.


PUPPY FOR SALE…7 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 fenced 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-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 417-818-3353.


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.

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.

MILESTONES

Promotions

Nicholas Hartman
Jason McCormick
Fire Lieutenants
– Fire

Alex Hodge
Michael Kuss
Fire Equipment Operators
– Fire

Christian Burris
Contract Paralegal
– Finance

Randy Reed
Building Maintenance Worker
– Environmental Services

Retirements

Terry Hedden
911 Shift Supervisor
– Emergency Communications
– 24 years

Stephen Meyer
Director of Environmental Services
– Environmental Services
– 30 years

Stan Murrell
Heavy Equipment Technician
– Environmental Services
– 33 years

Roxanne Sharp
Senior Public Health Investigator
– Health
– 31 years

Linda Voris
Administrative Assistant
– Fire
– 15 years
Working with the Community

Awards & Recognition

I live near Fort and Dale where the shooting occurred June 5, and just wanted to say I’m very sorry to the officers who were forced to take a life, but I’m very thankful to all who were involved and worked to handle the situation and keep my family and our neighbors safe. We truly appreciate all the officers at SPD and all other law enforcement. We are very thankful no officers were hurt! Thank you for all you do to keep our town safe!

– Jessie

To: Jennifer Meloy, 9-1-1 Supervisor & Jorden Lurten, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On June 3, Director Eric Clay from Cox Hospital Security shared his appreciation of Jennifer Meloy and Jorden Lurten informing them that Mercy had had vehicles broken into and to be on the lookout for the suspects’ car. The information was beneficial in allowing Cox Security to be proactive in securing their parking areas.

To: Jessica Graham-Mitchell, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On May 25, Greene County Sheriff’s Office conducted a DWI saturation. Jessica Graham-Mitchell was the dedicated 9-1-1 dispatcher for this event. Deputy Devost with the Greene County Sheriff’s Office thanked Jessica for the ‘awesome job’ she did with the 38 traffic stops made during the saturation.

To: Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department and the Office of Emergency Management

The employees with the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications and the Office of Emergency Management participated in a “Kitchen Clean Out” on June 1 at the Public Safety Center building. Several boxes of gently used items were donated to a garage sale held by Rescue One that benefited the SAAF House (Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation). The foundation provides high quality affordable spay and neuter services for dogs and cats in the Ozarks, along with reduced cost vaccine clinics that are held each month.

The departments were happy to be able to donate items and be a part of the community participation that raised over $3,300 for a fantastic organization! Thanks to 9-1-1 and OEM for the collective effort and helping the animals in our community!

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: employecrisis@springfieldmo.gov