City websites get refreshed look, new permitting software to launch this fall

Director of Information Systems Jeff Coiner and Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Cora Scott presented a refreshed look for springfieldmo.gov and affiliated websites and ecity.springfieldmo.gov project update to City Council Aug. 28. Ecity is the City of Springfield’s name for the new Infor permitting software set to launch this fall.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City’s contracted website vendor is CivicPlus. Included in the contract with CivicPlus is a redesign every four years. While the organization of the sites have not changed, the new design provides a simplified, yet more colorful look, better mobile integration and faster load times. The top visited pages on springfieldmo.gov and its affiliated sites are the City jobs page, with 68,945 visits so far in 2018; municipal warrants, with 60,979 visits; and Springfield Police Department’s homepage, with 51,134 visits. The City’s websites have had 1,705,574 page views from January-July 2018. Page views in 2017 totaled 2,672,915.

If you have questions or feedback about the new look, please contact Assistant Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Melissa Haase or Administrative Systems Analyst Nichole Plowman.

City employees and community members welcome new City Manager Jason Gage

23rd Annual Japanese Fall Festival
Fri. Sept. 7: 5-10 p.m.; Sat. Sept. 8: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. Sept. 9: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park
Three days of Japanese culture celebrating Springfield’s sister city, Ise, Japan. Includes Taiko drumming, Japanese storytelling, folk dancing, martial arts, origami and much more. Presented by the Springfield Sister Cities Association, peacesthroughpeople.org
Fee: Fri. & Sun., $7/adult, $3/12 yrs. & under; Sat., $10/adult, $3/12 yrs. & under.

16th Annual DogFest
Sept. 22: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (rain date: Sept. 23)
Chesterfield Park
A canine extravaganza! Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for free fun and activities. Features dog agility demonstrations, expert seminars, local celebrities, police K-9s and much more. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park.
Free admission; $1/bounce house; $10 T-shirt.
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Springfieldmo.gov and its affiliated sites are managed jointly by the departments of IS and PIO.

INFOR LAUNCH

According to Coiner, the software the City currently uses for permitting, inspections, licensing and code enforcement processes is 25 years old and based on technology from the 1980s. Infor provides more capability and efficiency across the organization and a more interactive experience for developers and contractors. Infor software has been used by Public Works and Environmental Services for several years to manage the public infrastructure inventory (i.e. streets, sidewalks, sewer lines).

Today, City employees use Infor to view infrastructure inventory, create work orders and track/complete service requests.

Infor Community Development & Regulation (CDR) is cloud-based, modern technology that will replace the 25-year-old Tidemark software currently used for the permitting/inspection functions. Infor CDR will integrate with the City’s ProjectDox software used for electronic plan review. It will provide mobile-device access for inspectors and email notifications for developers/contractors to improve communication throughout a project.

Ecity.springfieldmo.gov will be the website for developers to start a development project, check status, make payments and receive permits. It offers integrated online payments with the cashiering module and feeds information into the Oracle financial system.

The implementation of Infor CDR Phase 1 is scheduled to go live Oct. 12. Phase 1 includes 37 different permit types necessary for developing property and buildings in the City.

City Manager gives blood during Aug. 23 blood drive

City Manager Jason Gage and many other city employees gave blood during the Aug. 23 blood drive honoring the memory of Aaron Goddard of the Springfield Fire Department.

Aaron began his career as a fire fighter with the department in 2003. He was promoted to rescue specialist in January 2010 and served in that role until his diagnosis of cancer.

Fifty-four people registered for the blood drive. Community Blood Center of the Ozarks collected 49 units for blood, and there were eight first-time donors. The next City employee blood drive will be Dec. 26 in the Busch Building basement.

New Police/Fire Softball Game traveling trophy

During the Aug. 21 Leadership Team meeting, Parks Director Bob Belote presented a traveling trophy to Fire Chief David Pennington and Police Chief Paul Williams for the annual National Night Out softball game. The game is now a tradition.

This year the Police Department won the softball game with a score of 12-11. Check out pictures from this year’s National Night Out event on page 6.
Springfield Lasers win first WTT Championship Final in 23 years

For the first time in the team’s 23-year history, the Springfield Lasers have won the World TeamTennis presented by GEICO (WTT) Championship Final, beating the top-seeded Philadelphia Freedoms 19-18 and winning the King Trophy on Aug. 5.

Springfield came back from behind in the final set, men’s singles, which rookie Miomir Kecmanovic won 5-3, securing the victory.

The Freedoms, with a 12-2 season record, had been favored to win. They took the court in their home city with the stands full of fans — including team owner and tennis legend Billie Jean King, co-founder of the WTT league and namesake (along with her former husband, Larry King) of the King Trophy.

Springfield entered the championship final with an 8-6 season record, winning six of their last seven matches. Until Aug. 2 Springfield was in the three-way tie for second place and the opportunity to advance to finals.


It was Springfield’s sixth shot at the King Trophy, having advanced to the championship final in 2014, 2013, 2009, 2001 and 1999.

South African Coach John-Laffnie “JL” de Jager, has coached the Lasers for the last 12 consecutive seasons.

“Wow! What a great feeling to be the World TeamTennis champion coach of 2018, and lifting that King Trophy. We’ve waited a long time,” de Jager said after the match.

“We won a lot of close matches. We never lost faith in our ability that we could win this, and tonight was very special.”

Kecmanovic and Marcelo Demoliner started the match off strong for the Lasers with a 5-3 win in men’s doubles. Demoliner, from Brazil, was traded to the team early Thursday to replace Canadian doubles specialist Daniel Nestor, whose personal schedule did not allow him to participate in the final.

Vania King and Abigail Spears, both American players, followed with 5-2 in women’s singles, giving Springfield a five-point lead. Philadelphia crushed the Lasers 5-2 in mixed doubles, and 5-2 again in women’s singles.

Kecmanovic, an 18-year-old Serbian player who just turned pro in 2017, started the final set with the Lasers down 15-14. He slipped behind another two points before rallying and winning the match. After the match, Kecmanovic was named by the league as Finals MVP.

With the WTT season now over, the 2018 Lasers team members returned to their respective homes around the world and will see each other again at the US Open. De Jager returned to Springfield, where he taught at Cooper Tennis Complex for two weeks.

The actual King Trophy is too precious to travel, and will remain in the care of the WTT league. However, a replica is displayed in Springfield.

The Springfield Lasers were established in 1996 by the late Harry Cooper, who gifted the team to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. The Lasers are one of the oldest teams in the WTT league. They are managed by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and play home matches at Cooper Tennis Complex.

For more information on Springfield Lasers, visit springfieldlasers.com, or look for Springfield Lasers on Facebook or @SGFLasers on Twitter.

For more information on World TeamTennis, visit WTT.com.

City sales tax revenue up in second month of fiscal year

The City of Springfield’s August sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue is up 17 percent, or $446,761, compared to the amount budgeted. The sales tax check was $3,085,106 compared to the budgeted amount of $2,638,345.

On a year-to-date basis, revenues are up 9 percent, or $671,372. Over the last 12 months, sales tax revenues are exceeding budget by 2 percent.

The check reflects sales processed by the state in July from transactions made primarily in June.

“Sales tax collections continue to exceed our budget expectations, which is a positive sign for the local economy,” said Finance Director David Holtmann.

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CoSFit Games are back again

Plans for the 2018 CoSFit Games are well under way! Mark your calendar for Sept. 19 from noon-1 p.m. at Drury’s track and field (at Summit/Central). Teams are forming – start building your winning team now!

What can you expect? Both spectators and competitors will find fun and creative fitness challenges, great food and the opportunity to win many prizes (and bragging rights) – all of that in just one lunch hour!

How to get involved (as a competitor)

There are no minimum qualifications, and you don’t have to look like The Rock to compete! Get your work buddies together to form a team of four City employees (at least one female per team), and email your roster and team captain to Machelle Petit at mpetit@springfieldmo.gov by Sept. 5. If you would like to compete but do not have a team, contact Machelle to be placed on a team. Further instructions for all of the teams will come from Machelle as we get closer to the event!

How to get involved (as a spectator)

Walk or drive to the stadium with cash on hand for a picnic lunch—pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit and water (just $3 buys your lunch—can’t beat it)! Don’t forget your City spirit and great attitude! Giant foam fingers will not be discouraged! There will also be several opportunities for spectators to participate in fun activities and win AWESOME prizes!
City seeking input on projects for next 1/4-cent sales tax cycle

In April 2019, Springfield voters will be asked whether or not to approve the renewal of the 1/4-cent capital improvements sales tax (with no tax increase) to fund capital improvement and transportation improvement projects in Springfield.

The revenue from the tax is reviewed and monitored by the Citizens’ Tax Oversight Committee.

The City is seeking feedback from citizens in the form of a survey on the proposed list of new roadway construction projects to be included in the next cycle of the 1/4-cent sales tax program.

The survey is available online at springfieldmo.gov/election. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Citizen Resource Center, which is inside the Busch Municipal Building lobby.

The survey includes short descriptions of the full list of projects. It asks citizens to prioritize the projects they think are most beneficial to the community, offer guidance on the amount that should be invested in certain city-wide programs and provide any additional comments they might have. The survey is open to anyone who lives, works or visits Springfield and frequents City roadways.

Public Works engineers identified 26 proposed projects designed to not only make streets safer, but also more user-friendly for all modes of transportation.

The list was created using the following criteria:
- Increased safety for all users
- Support of economic development
- Protection and enhancement of the environment and quality of life
- Intermodal connectivity
- Condition of the infrastructure
- Opportunity for public and private partnerships
- Efficiency & effectiveness of the system.

The results from the survey will help guide the City as it sets priorities for projects proposed to be funded by the 1/4-cent sales tax. Other factors included in the consideration are City department and partner agency assessed need, continuation project status and equitable geographic dispersion. City/agency need is determined by City departments and partner agencies who assess other variables that may impact the project’s overall benefit to the community. Total crashes, traffic capacity, infrastructure condition, economic development potential and flooding within the project area were all factors considered.

About the 1/4-cent tax


The current 1/4-cent capital improvement sales tax, renewed by Springfield voters for the ninth time in 2016, is estimated to generate approximately $30 million, which is being invested in projects such as intersection improvements, school sidewalks and traffic signals.

When possible, funding is leveraged with other partners including county, state, federal, and developer funding to increase the investment return to the citizens of Springfield.

Projects that have been completed with revenues collected from the 1/4-cent taxes include:
- Republic Road Phase 3
- College Street Route 66 Streetscape Phase 2
- Campbell & Primrose Intersection Improvements
- Mt. Vernon Street Widening (Orchard Crest to Suburban)
- Jefferson Avenue Streetscape Phase 1
- Jefferson Avenue Streetscape Phase 2
- Phelps Street Streetscape
- Main Avenue Streetscape
- Commercial Street Streetscape Phase 5
- Cost-share projects for economic development working with MoDOT, Greene County and private developers.

Crime Stoppers Kiosks

The Greater Springfield Crime Stoppers program, in partnership with the City of Springfield and the Springfield Police Department, unveiled four new informational kiosks in August. The Crime Stoppers kiosks display Amber Alerts, wanted fugitive features, arrested posters, special features, SPD recruiting information and general Crime Stoppers program information.

The kiosk units are easily transported and will be utilized at community events as well. The kiosk decals highlight where community members can go for additional information and include QR codes that can be scanned for easy access to the tip submission form and the Crime Stoppers website. Although tips cannot be submitted directly at the kiosk, tip submission is simple to complete on your cell phone or tablet after scanning the QR code or utilizing the Crime Stoppers website.

Kiosks are placed in the following locations:
- Library Station (2535 N. Kansas Expressway)
- Library Center (4658 S. Campbell)
- Wal-Mart (1923 E. Kearney)
- Wal-Mart (2021 E. Independence)

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks that encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. The program relies on cooperation between the police, the media, and citizens to provide anonymous information about crime and criminals in the Greene County area. Cash rewards of up to $1,000 are available for tips that directly lead to a felony arrest or seizure of a felony amount of drugs. Partners involved in bringing these innovative kiosks to Springfield hope to increase tip submissions, inform the community about relevant local crime information, and make Springfield a safer place.
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.

SPD Promotions

The Springfield Police Department hosted a promotion ceremony Aug. 2, at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center.

- Capt. Vance Holland was promoted to Major.
- Lt. Stacey Parton was promoted to Captain.
- Sgt. Mark Schindler was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Sgt. Curt Ringgold was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Cpl. Annesha Umbarger was promoted to Sergeant.
- Cpl. Kathy Dunnegan was promoted to Sergeant.
- Officer Eric Schroeder was promoted to Sergeant.


Scenes from National Night Out 2018

Thanks to everyone who worked the Route 66 Festival!

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This festival would not have been possible without the festival organizers in the Department of Public Information and the support of Police, Fire, OEM, Public Works and Environmental Services, and the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the festival a success!

Our best estimates for attendance are as follows:

- 5,000 people participating and watching the parade
- 20,000 participating and attending on Friday from noon until we had to call it quits, and
- 31,000 participating on Saturday. We were up about 3,000 people for a total of 56,000 attendees.

Connect with the City #MyCitySGF

Are you connected with the City on social media?

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Organizers unveil rendering of first African-American Heritage Trail marker at Park Day Reunion

The organizers of Springfield’s African American Heritage Trail project unveiled an artist’s rendering of the trail’s first marker at the annual Park Day Reunion, Aug. 3 at Silver Springs Park, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The organizers, which include business owner Lyle Foster, Missouri State University Chief Diversity Officer Wes Pratt, MSU faculty member Tim Knapp, NAACP Springfield President Cheryl Clay and City of Springfield Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Cora Scott, plan to designate as many as 20 sites on the trail with distinctive, historical markers and have partnered with the City of Springfield, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Ozark Greenways, Missouri State and Drury universities to make the project a reality. Due to the expense of the markers, both public and private funding will likely be used for the project.

The trail will follow an existing greenway that runs near several of the important sites, such as the Sherman Avenue Corridor, the former Lincoln High School, Springfield’s black high school before integration, now known as Ozarks Technical Community College’s Lincoln Hall) Jones Alley Business District and the Historic Church Quadrangle (Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Benton Avenue AME Church, Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church and Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church.)

There will also be signs directing people to other significant markers from the greenway.

Silver Springs, Springfield’s only public park open to black residents during segregation, was established in 1918 on land owned by Springfield school superintendent Jonathan Fairbanks, who had died the previous year. The night before Easter 1906, Fairbanks opened his home to black residents frightened by the lynching of three black men – Will Allen, Fred Coker and Horace Duncan – on Park Central Square. A memorial honoring the three men will be incorporated into the heritage trail.

The Park Day Reunion dates back to 1952 when Gerald Brooks, a parks supervisor and a teacher at Springfield’s former Lincoln School, and Robert Wendell Duncan, also a park supervisor, started a day of games and sports events for young African-American residents at Silver Springs.

Park Days includes a parade, beauty pageant, concerts and a picnic, and provided the backdrop for the 1998 film “Park Day,” by director Sterling Macer, Jr., who grew up here.

“One of the goals of the whole project is to promote healing and appreciation for the African-American community’s past and present,” said Mayor McClure, in his 2018 State of the City address. “...We are making great strides forward in diversity and inclusion but we have a long ways to go.”

Busy second quarter for Springfield Fire Department

The support of the Springfield community in the passage of the Level Property Tax is allowing for the purchase of property, vehicles and equipment for the Springfield Fire Department. Property purchased in the 1900 block of West College Street will be the site of Fire Station 13. The design phase will begin in January 2019.

The department took delivery of a new 100-foot aerial apparatus in June. After final training is complete, the apparatus will be assigned to Fire Station 2 located on Commercial Street. A light-duty rescue truck will be delivered in early August for assignment to Fire Station 4, located on north Delaware Avenue. An additional 100-foot aerial, and an engine company, are currently in the purchasing process for delivery in late 2019 or early 2020.

The Fire Department continues to make progress with Project RED Zone. Currently, the Fire Department is working in the Westside Community Betterment Association area of the City. In the second quarter of 2018, we have visited 1,621 residences, installed 228 alarms, replaced 58 batteries and tested 442 alarms.

The full second quarter report can be viewed at springfieldmo.gov/fire.

Springfield City Attorney to take new role in Denver, Colorado

Frank Romines has submitted his letter of resignation as the City of Springfield’s City Attorney, effective Tuesday, Sept. 4. He has taken a staff attorney role with the City/County of Denver, Colorado.

Romines joined the City in June 2016, having previously served as senior corporate counsel for Jack Henry & Associates.

“We are grateful for Frank’s service to the City of Springfield and I wish him the very best in his new endeavor, but he will certainly be missed,” said Jason Gage, City Manager.

Gage will appoint Deputy City Attorney Rhonda Lewsader to serve as the interim City Attorney and will begin a broad-based recruitment effort to fill the vacant role.
3rd annual Concert at the Cave a success

The Doling Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, hosted the 3rd Annual Concert at the Cave, Aug. 18, in front of Doling Park’s Giboney Cave.

“We had so much fun last year, we wanted to do it again,” said Christina Dicken, President of the Doling Neighborhood Association. “It’s great to invite everyone to a concert in Doling Park and show off our Northside pride.”

This year’s event featured performances by Mark Barger, Kevin & Mike, 83 Skidoo, and Shaun Munday. Bands performed in the natural amphitheater created by the cave entrance.

Park Board Outdoor Initiatives staff offered free cave tours of Giboney Cave, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops.

The nonprofit group, Play it Forward SWMO, collected musical instruments to help children in southwest Missouri have the opportunity to discover their musical talents.

Environmental Services’ Jody Bailey completes Tiger Triathlon

On Aug. 11 Jody Bailey competed in the Republic Tiger Triathlon placing third in the Male 60-64 age group and 99th out of 300 total participants.

In July he also competed in the St. Louis Ballwin Triathlon and placed second in the Male 60-65 age group and 75th overall.

Bailey recently joined the City as a recycling attendant at the Household Chemical Collection Center.

Springfield Police Foundation hosting inaugural golf tournament Sept. 14 at Rivercut

The Springfield Police Foundation is hosting its first-ever golf tournament to benefit the organization Sept. 14 at Rivercut. The tournament will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start at noon. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Teams are $400. To register and for more information, email springfieldpolicefoundation@gmail.com.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

While suicide prevention is important to address year-round, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month provides a dedicated time to come together with collective passion and strength around a difficult topic. The truth is, we can all benefit from honest conversations about mental health conditions and suicide, because just one conversation can change a life.

For more information about mental health, please visit www.nami.org.

Upcoming Programs

inBalance University Presents: Taking a Bite out of Diabetes
What will you learn? Free event. Each session will cover different information about diabetes. Who should attend? Anyone with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and those who might be caring for someone with diabetes. Participants are welcome to bring a guest, such as a spouse and/or other family member.

C.A.S.H. Basic Budgeting Series
A 4-week interactive financial education series that provides all the tools and information you need to learn how to manage your money, instead of your money managing you! Also, by completing this course, you will be eligible for a $100 Savings Match with partnering banks!

Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov
FREE Family Day at the Springfield Art Museum: Sept. 15: 10 a.m.–Noon. Family Days are drop-in events designed to help kids and grown-ups explore the museum’s exhibits together. No registration required.

Decades: 90 Years of Collecting: Opens Sept. 15
This exhibition will trace the history and growth of the museum’s permanent collection beginning with the initial acquisition, in 1928, of a landscape painting by Philadelphia artist Mary Butler. This exhibit is divided into decades, presenting 10 objects per decade and examines the shifting trends, priorities and diversity of the museum’s collection and consequently, presents a history of the Museum’s first 90 years through the lens of the permanent collection.

Opening Reception: Sept. 14: 5:30 p.m., Weisel and Kelly Galleries

99x: Cirque Americana: Sept. 29: 6-7 p.m.
Sponsors Hour; 7-9 p.m. General Admission
Please join us as we transform your art museum into a fantastical fairground of living art tableaux and magical performances—from the hottest local artists, tastemakers and trendsetters—all inspired by classic American circus acts and attractions. This year’s event raises funds to restore works in our collection by noted Regionalist Ben Messick. Creative cocktail attire encouraged. General Tickets $35; $45 at the door; Sponsorships begin at $100

Four by Four 2018: Through Nov. 18
The biennial Four by Four 2018: Midwest Invitational Exhibition recognizes and encourages artists working in all media who reside in the four-state region of Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. The exhibit features work by four artists—one from each state—who will each exhibit a body of work. This year’s artists will include Shawn Bitters (Kansas), Jason Cytacki (Oklahoma), Dawn Holder (Arkansas) and Meghan Rowswell (Missouri).

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28: 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, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26: 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?”

Grandparent’s Day at the Zoo: Sept. 9: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Free Zoo admission for grandparents at Dickerson Park Zoo.

Bat Flights at Sequiota Park: Sept. 15 at dusk
Basic information on Gray Bats, Tri-Color Bats and the potential to observe the twilight flight of Endangered Gray Bats from Sequiota Cave. Arrive 30 minutes before darkness.

Recycling Rendezoo:
Sept. 15: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Bring your recyclable plastics, such as plastic bottles or containers and receive $2 off regular zoo admission at Dickerson Park Zoo. Bring five plastic items per person or ten items per family of four. (Plastic bags will not be accepted.)

27th Annual 1860’s Lifestyle Expo at Gray-Campbell Farmstead: Sept. 15–16: Sat. 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Sun. Noon–4:30 p.m.

Giboney Cave Tours: Oct. 6: 1, 2 and 3 p.m. (tunnel)
Explore the myths, facts and history of Giboney Cave at Doling Park. Shoes will get muddy on Walking Tours. Cavers will get very muddy and wet on the in-depth Tunnel Tours. Bring your own headlamp or flashlight, if you have one. Date is subject to weather and bat activity. Register by Oct. 5. Fee: Walking tour: $4/person, $12/family of four; Tunnel tour: $6/person, $20/family of four.

A fun overnight campout at beautiful Ritter Springs Park. Includes canoeing, catch and release fishing, hiking, archery and more. Dinner provided Saturday evening, and breakfast provided Sunday morning. Some equipment available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Scholarships may be available to youth 18 years and under. Register by Oct. 5 and ParkBoard.org. Fee: $10/person

Springfield-Greene County Park Board, ParkBoard.org

Dog Swim: Sept. 4: 4-7 p.m.
Dogs get to swim at Fassnight Pool (no humans in the pool.) Fee: $8 for 1 dog and 1 person, limit 1 dog per person; $3 each additional human. All proceeds benefit Cruise Dog Park. Registration and proof of vaccination required. For more information visit ParkBoard.org.

PUPPY FOR SALE…9 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 #564.93019750 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-DHx30 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.

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


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.
Public Works hosts Friday ice cream socials through September

Public Works is hosting Friday ice cream socials for the United Way through September. The socials are 1-3 p.m. Fridays in the Busch building lobby. Sundaes are $2 without toppings and $3 with toppings. Root beer floats will be $3. Questions? Please contact Shirley Johnson in Public Works at 864-1911.

Jennifer Penning
Livestock Herdsman, Parks
Jennifer has worked for the City for 9 years.

Do You Know...

Jennifer Penning

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What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? I’ve learned that the public’s best interest is always at heart. The Park Board, and all of its employees, are here for the public. Period. I know every decision we make out at the farm, we have to weigh the pros and cons of different solutions to a problem and figure out which one benefits the public more.

Why do you do what you do? I genuinely love the job in all its facets. I love taking care of the animals, learning their personalities and their quirks, teaching people about them and sharing one of my passions with others. I am also able to put my craft and woodworking “skills” to use in this position. I’m a very hands-on person, and if I can build something that the farm is going to benefit from, I build it.

What is the hardest part of your job? Having a sick animal and knowing where the fine line is between helping them and saying good-bye. My job is to keep them as healthy and happy as possible, and I feel a lot of pressure when one falls ill.

What is the best part of your job? Working with the animals. When you go out and pet them all over to look and feel for anything concerning, they just think you’re petting them for no reason at all. They are just happy to have you around giving them attention. I also love seeing how excited they get when you have treats and come running over to you. My absolute favorite thing is when we have babies – baby goats especially!
To: Officers Ramsey & Vogt
I hope I have their names right, but these two officers were great. There’s been an ongoing situation with a house on our street after the owner passed away. Squatters, multiple buyers and foreclosures then an construction company owning it led to all sorts of issues for nearly three years. The long-time residents of our street met to discuss a solution when theft, noise, suspected drug dealing, people living in the outbuildings and high traffic became impossible to overlook. These two officers happened to drive by on patrol during our discussion and explained all of our options for resolution. They offered to talk to the offenders, gave us contact info for our PAR officer (which we didn’t know existed) and left us with all the legal information we needed to begin addressing the situation. After they took 30 minutes out of their day to help us we all shook hands and parted ways feeling content with the assistance we were given. The officers were polite, honest, understanding and helpful. We’re very lucky to have them watching out for us on the Westside.

– Charles

To: Project Manager Tina Stob, Supervisor Everett Kelley, Richard Anderson, Lee Neil, Jason Halbert, Keith Ball, Jamian Borders, Clayton Breashers
I just wanted to commend you and the project managers on the job they’re doing on Mount Vernon between Laurel and West Bypass. Everything has been tremendous. They have worked really hard keeping us informed of everything that is going on. Couldn’t be happier

– James Robertson

To: Dean Westermeyer, 911 Telecommunicator
On Aug. 9, a Willard police officer began pursuing a suspect in a car in the northwest part of Greene County near Farm Road 52. The driver bailed from the car and ran into a wooded area to elude officers. The suspect was able to hide in the area and houses as he knew the area well. Willard Officer J. Duran sent a thank you to all working, especially Telecommunicator Dean Westermeyer. He indicated Dean was a “rock star” and was able to point out all of the offshoots in the area the suspect could possibly have gone down. Officer Duran said 9-1-1 was “killing it” having officers enroute quickly to assist and keeping them informed so well that he did not know how we did it! Great job to all involved in this incident!

– Officer J. Duran, Willard Police Dept.

To: Mike Vasso, 911 Shift Supervisor
On July 10, the Springfield Police Department received a call from a father trying to get information about a recent call for service in reference to his daughter. PSR Miranda Monroe asked for assistance from 911 Shift Supervisor Mike Vasso after she had searched extensively for information. Mike could not initially find any info to help the caller but did not want to give up searching. He searched back two years trying to find anything to assist PSR Monroe and the caller. PSR Monroe said that Mike went “above and beyond to help this community in any way he could” and wanted to make sure he was recognized! Thanks for the extra effort, Mike!

– PSR Miranda Monroe, SPD

To: Tammy Beeman, Finance
I am honored to pass the Golden Goose to Tammy Beeman. I have had the privilege to know and work with Tammy for many years. She has always been very willing to help me with any questions or assistance that I needed. She is a very kind and generous person, always willing to volunteer her time, assistance, and donations to many activities. Thank you, Tammy, for your service to the City of Springfield and for always being willing and eager to help.

Terry Neill, WFD