24th Annual Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk:

Nov. 22, 8 a.m.
Downtown Springfield

Join us for Springfield’s Thanksgiving tradition and the largest Thanksgiving Day 5K in Missouri! The Turkey Trot takes place in downtown Springfield Thanksgiving morning with four race categories: Elite, Runner, Walker/Family and Pet. Trophies for overall winners and medals for each age group. Build up your Thanksgiving appetite while benefiting the Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund and the Developmental Center of the Ozarks. Bring five items or five pounds of food to donate to Ozarks Food Harvest. Registration required.

Register online at ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot.

Fee: Early-bird registration by Fri., Nov. 16 (postmarked by Mon., Nov. 12): $20/adult, $15/child. Registration Nov. 21-22, in person only at Springfield Expo Center: $30/adult, $25/child.

City at 61% of United Way goal with four months left in campaign

The City’s 2018 goal for the United Way fundraising campaign is $104,612. According to the City’s United Way chair, Fire Chief David Pennington, we are at 61.44% of our goal with pledge forms, cash and check donations. The employee giving campaign ended Oct. 31. Special events will continue through February, with the campaign ending March 15.

Thank you for your continued participation in upcoming fundraisers. Be looking for info on the Silent Auction soon.

Please see page 2 for more special events benefiting the United Way campaign.

Andrew Lear appointed to City Council General Seat C

Andrew Lear has been named City Council’s newest member, appointed to fill General Seat C. He will hold this seat until the April 2, 2019 election.

City Council interviewed seven finalists Oct. 25 and selected Lear with five votes in one round of voting. Finalist AJ Exner received two votes and finalist Theresa Martin received one vote. Lear is a retired partner of BKD, CPAs & Advisors. He is a certified public accountant.

Lear is a product of Springfield Public Schools, having attended Wilder, Pershing and Glendale and received a bachelor of science in business majoring in accounting and business administration from the University of Kansas.

He has served in various board service capacities, included the Springfield Family Y, the Developmental Center of the Ozarks, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Business and Development Corporation. He served as the initial chairman of the Civility Project and is active in various arts organizations.

“I’m really grateful to have the opportunity to work in whatever way I can to help the City reach its potential. This is my lifelong home and I would like to see it continue to thrive for the next generation,” Lear said.

The seven finalists submitted answers to the following list of questions, prior to the interview session:

1. What is your short-term and long-term vision for the City of Springfield?
2. What are the City’s strengths, and how would you build upon them?
3. Among the challenges faced by the City is the need for adequate revenue to deal with issues such as public infrastructure, sidewalks, nuisance properties, etc. What are your specific suggestions and approaches regarding those and other challenges?
4. What would you like to see accomplished by the time you leave Council?

The other finalists were Amy Champlin, Kevin Evans, AJ Exner, Theresa Martin, Natalie McGuire and Charles Pettijohn. Their written responses along
United Way fundraisers continue

Planning’s Ice Cream Fundraiser

Need a pick-me-up? Planning is selling Drumsticks and Snickers ice cream bars for $1 to benefit United Way. See Judy White to purchase.

Finance’s Annual United Way Coffee fundraiser

What better way to start your day than with some freshly roasted, freshly ground and freshly brewed coffee? Cream and sugar will be provided. **Stop by the Print Shop (lower level of the Busch building) on Nov. 7 and 14.** We will be featuring Singularity Coffee for $1.50. All proceeds go towards the United Way of the Ozarks.

IS’s Split-the-Pot Raffle Extended until Nov. 16

You could win half of the pot and the other half will go to the United Way. Tickets are $1 each, 6 for $5 or 13 for $10. They can be purchased from the Help Desk.

Public Works United Way BBQ Fundraiser

Public Works will be smoking pulled pork and serving BBQ Sandwiches on Thursday Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Busch Building loading dock. Lunch will be served with baked beans, chips, pickle, cookie and a bottle of water for $5 per plate. All proceeds go toward the United Way. In the event of rain we will move to the Busch Building lobby.

Finance’s “Flocks of Fortune” Lottery Ticket fundraiser

Over $200 in lottery tickets. $1 for 1 ticket • $5 for 6 tickets • $10 for 13 tickets. ** Tickets will be sold through Monday Dec. 3 at noon.** Contact Debi Strong at the cashier window or Christian Burris, Jessica Hawk or Nikki Crisp in Finance to purchase your winning ticket! All proceeds benefit the United Way of the Ozarks.

Health BINGO fundraiser underway

- Two BINGO balls are drawn each day and emailed to all participants at 8 a.m., starting Oct. 29 until there is a winner
- The winning card must complete one of the following patterns: Diagonal, Vertical, or Horizontal.
- The “Free” space may be used.
- If you get “BINGO”, email a picture of your card to jviele@springfieldmo.gov (email will be time stamped)
- Winner will receive 50% of proceeds.
- If multiple winners, the jackpot will be split evenly between them.
- To have multiple winners, we must receive BINGO photo submission within 15 minutes after the first BINGO photo submission, to receive a portion of the jackpot.

Open Enrollment continues until Nov. 19

Open Enrollment allows eligible employees the opportunity to enroll and/or make certain changes to current Cafeteria, Health, Aflac, Dental and Life plan elections. Any changes made during open enrollment will take effect Jan. 1, 2019. Open Enrollment must be complete and received by the Human Resources Department by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19. More information including plan information and enrollment forms can be found on City Share. The last Cateria Plan meeting will be Nov. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Busch 1st Floor Conference Room.

If you have questions please email benefits@springfieldmo.gov or call Human Resources at 864-1607. You may also contact the AFLAC representative, Mr. Torrey Amstutz, directly at 417-459-9921.

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SCENE Deadline November 26, 2018

Please direct your submissions to the Department of Public Information. Submissions and ads via e-mail are preferred: thescene@springfieldmo.gov

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The Springfield Art Museum unveiled a new 30-year Master Plan at a City of Springfield City Council luncheon held at the museum Oct. 9. The master plan is the culmination of an almost nine-month process by BNIM, a nationally recognized architecture firm with offices in Kansas City, Des Moines and San Diego. The Museum announced that it had hired BNIM in January 2018 to develop a master plan for the museum’s building and grounds.

The museum’s master plan focuses on the creation of a new Family Learning Center, new educational spaces, expansion and improvement to the facility including public and community spaces, improved circulation throughout the building, parking improvements, and a renewed purpose for the museum’s grounds and greenspace. The museum’s grounds will undergo a dramatic transformation including greater pedestrian and bicycle access through trails, expanded and improved greenspace, and needed storm water improvements including the naturalization of sections of Fassnight Creek.

Naturalization alleviates flood risk while creating an outdoor amenity on the museum grounds. In addition to flood mitigation, changes to the grounds will improve connections between the museum site and its surrounding environs including Phelps Grove Park and the Water Wise Garden.

Proposed in three phases, the master plan creates a museum campus similar to those encountered at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City or the St. Louis Art Museum located in Forest Park. Conceptual drawings shared with City Council emphasize the incorporation of mid-Century Modern design elements present in the original 1958 Museum structure, the residential scale of the surrounding Phelps Grove and University Heights neighborhoods, and the connection of the Museum building to outdoor experiences including its WPA-era Amphitheater, outdoor sculptures and trails.

Museum Director Nick Nelson notes “90 years ago, our founders established the Springfield Art Museum with about 20 works of art in a borrowed space. Their vision and courage inspire us today as we consider the long-term future of this wonderful institution and present a plan for the next 30 years that is no less visionary.”

The timeline for completion of the three building phases is contingent upon fundraising. The Springfield Art Museum is located at 1111 East Brookside Drive. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The Springfield Art Museum is Springfield, Missouri’s oldest cultural institution, founded in 1928. A department of the City of Springfield, the museum invites you to connect with the world, your community and yourself through active engagement with art objects. For more information, please visit sgfmuseum.org.

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with Andrew Lear’s can be viewed online on the City’s website, springfieldmo.gov.

In the interview session, available online at CityView.Springfieldmo.gov, finalists were asked:

1. Please provide a brief summary of your background and why you are interested in this position.

2. Our community is facing several opportunities and challenges, which we as a Council must address. Transportation, infrastructure, low wages, workforce training, economic vitality, public safety, and legislative engagement are just a few examples of these issues. What are your thoughts on City Council’s role and responsibilities in solving these problems?

3. Please discuss your abilities and desires to work collegially with other Council members as a team – respecting the differences in approach and philosophies which occur among Council members, while at the same time, working together to achieve our shared goal of a strong and prosperous Springfield.

Amy Champlin presented her responses in writing. Those can also be viewed online on the City’s website.
Health Department earns National Accreditation

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department is proud to announce that it has been nationally accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

The years-long process was rigorous and thorough in its peer review of SGCHD through 12 domains of public health excellence, which included such topics as effectiveness in public health preparedness, enforcement of public health laws and ordinances, and community engagement to address public health issues.

“We are pleased and excited to be recognized for what we’ve always felt to be true—that we have a public health system that is second-to-none,” said Director of Health Clay Goddard. “The accreditation process helps to ensure that the programs and services we provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of our community. With accreditation, we are demonstrating increased accountability and credibility to the public, elected officials and partners with which we work.”

SGCHD is one of just over 200 health departments that have thus far achieved accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) since the organization launched in 2011. However, hundreds of health departments across the country are preparing to seek accreditation through PHAB, the non-profit organization that administers the national public health accreditation program.

PHAB, jointly supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, sets standards against which the nation’s nearly 3,000 governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

“Springfield-Greene County Health Department joins the growing ranks of accredited health departments in a strong commitment to their public health mission,” said PHAB President and CEO Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN. “The peer-review process provides valuable feedback to inform health departments of their strengths and areas for improvement, so that they can better protect and promote the health of the people they serve in their communities. Residents of a community served by a nationally accredited health department can be assured that their health department has demonstrated the capacity to protect and promote the health of that community.”

The accreditation process resulted in several key efforts that seek to further improve the health of our community, including the Regional Health Assessment and the ongoing Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment.

“The accreditation process gave us an opportunity to step back from our day-to-day operations and look intently at what we do, how we do it, and why,” Goddard said. “This process has confirmed that we are leading the way in public health performance, but also challenged us to continue to improve.”

Public health departments play a critical role in protecting and improving the health of people and communities. In cities, towns and states across the nation, health departments provide a range of services aimed at promoting healthy behaviors; preventing diseases and injuries; ensuring access to safe food and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

Brentwood Neighborhood becomes Springfield’s 19th registered neighborhood

The City of Springfield welcomes Brentwood Neighborhood Association as its 19th registered neighborhood. This designation means that a neighborhood association has provided the City with proof that the organization is active; and, that it has made efforts to involve residents and property owners from throughout the neighborhood in activities. Brentwood’s boundaries are Sunshine to the north, Battlefield to the south, Glenstone to the west and Lone Pine to the east.
29th annual Treasures of the City Oct. 18

One hundred fifty second-grade students and their families toured the City’s Government Plaza the evening of Oct. 18 while they participated in a treasure hunt for knowledge of municipal government at the 29th annual “Treasures of the City” event, hosted by the City and Springfield Public Schools. Designed to complement the students’ social studies curriculum, Treasures of the City brings concepts discussed in the classroom to life as students interact with elected officials and government employees.

ES United Way Pumpkin Carving Contest Results

In the carving competition Mollie Jessen took first place, Keisha Woodside placed second and Gary Bullock, third. The decoration competition was won by Merleene Knapton. Second place went to Kim Brown and third to Mike DeLong.

We were able to raise a total of $431 from a combination of lunch purchases, voting tickets and the 50/50 raffle. Let’s also congratulate Kirk Jurana, the winner of $56 from the 50/50 raffle. We had eight participants in the carving division and five participants in the decoration division.

We would like to say thank you to all those who volunteered, from building the photo stands all the way to cleaning up, this would not have been possible without everyone. A huge thank you to Errin Kemper for approving the four hours of leave for both first place winners, as well as Parks Director Bob Belote for approving recreational passes for second place! We also need to thank the ES Happiness Committee for providing the corn hole game.

Mollie Jessen, Carving 1st Place
Merleene Knapton, Decoration 1st Place
Keisha Woodside, Carving 2nd Place
Kim Brown, Decoration 2nd Place
Gary Bullock, Carving 3rd Place
Mike DeLong, Decoration 3rd Place

Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS KICK-OFF EVENT

Park Central Square
SATURDAY
NOV. 17

Show starts at 6:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting at 7:30 p.m.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY SPRINGFIELD LITTLE THEATRE & STUDIO VIE

FREE CARRIAGE RIDES
6-9 p.m.

ICE SKATING 6:45-8:45 p.m.
AT MEDIACOM ICE PARK
(Free admission. Skate rental $3)
Greene County Family Justice Center
Opens Oct. 1

The grand opening of the Greene County Family Justice Center was held Oct. 1 to coincide with the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson, Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams, Major Phil Corcoran of the Greene County Sheriff’s Office and a survivor of domestic violence all spoke at the event.

The Greene County Family Justice Center provides one location for victims of domestic violence to receive the services they need. The goal is to offer services from multiple public and private organizations, such as The Victim Center, Harmony House, Legal Services of Southern Missouri, the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, Springfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff’s Office and Children’s Division.

In 2017 the Greene County Sheriff’s Office and Springfield Police Department responded to a combined 3,217 domestic violence reports. Legal Services of Southern Missouri completed 629 applications for services. Harmony House had 2,902 hotline calls. The Victim Center assisted with 872 protection orders, and the Greene County Children’s Division had 225 child abuse/neglect reports with an observed family characteristic of domestic violence.

The center accepts walk-ins or referrals and is currently located on the second floor of the Greene County Courthouse, in space formerly occupied by the prosecutor’s office. The hope is to move it to a more permanent location in about one to three years.

SPD participates in iCare, domestic violence awareness event, Oct. 26

On Oct. 26, the Springfield Police Department took the iCare pledge by wearing a symbolic black eye to raise awareness of the domestic violence problem in our community while also raising funds for Harmony House to help save lives.

According to Harmony House, Greene County has one of the highest rates of domestic violence per capita than anywhere else in the state. In 2017, Springfield had 2,902 domestic violence aggravated assault incidents.

Harmony House held their domestic violence public awareness event called iCare on Friday Oct. 26. People throughout the community took the iCare pledge by wearing symbolic black eyes.

To learn more about iCare and Harmony House visit myharmonyhouse.org.

16th Lateral Police Academy Graduation Oct. 12

The Springfield Police Department’s 16th Lateral Police Academy was honored with a graduation on Oct. 12 at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center.

Graduates were Charles Faith, formerly of the Moberly Police Department, and Anthony Peterson, formerly of the Pasco County Sheriff’s Department in Florida.

These two officers have received seven weeks of training to acclimate them to Springfield and the Springfield Police Department. Upon graduation, they were assigned to an experienced field-training officer 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Saturday, Dec. 22 is the last day of the calendar year to use floating holidays and exempt leave.
PulsePoint

NOW AVAILABLE IN SPRINGFIELD
and the surrounding area

PulsePoint Respond is a mobile app that alerts CPR-trained citizens to someone nearby having a sudden cardiac arrest.

For more information visit Springfield.LifeSaver.org

Kids and parents brave the rain for Truck or Treat Oct. 25

SFD Promotion and Swearing-In Ceremony Oct. 30

The Springfield Fire Department held a promotion ceremony in the Busch Building on Tuesday Oct. 30.

- Brian Smithson was promoted to Captain
- David Park was promoted to Lieutenant
- Thomas McCoy was promoted to Equipment Operator.

Firefighter Garrett Maggard was sworn in and received his badge. He was hired by the Springfield Fire Department this year. Because Maggard had already attended the academy, he was officially sworn in by City Clerk Anita Cotter and received his badge during this promotion ceremony.
Environmental Services presents “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste” on Nov. 13

A third of the food grown annually for human consumption is never eaten. That’s 1.3 billion tons, or $218 billion worth, of food that ends up in the garbage.

The documentary “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste,” will be shown at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 13 at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. The screening of “Wasted!” is the first in a series called “EnviroFlick,” hosted by the City’s Environmental Services department that is aimed at spurring discussion about food waste and other environmental topics.

“Movies are a great way to get people to think,” explains Sustainability and Market Development Coordinator Ashley Krug.

Released in 2017, “Wasted!” sheds light on the global issue of food waste and approaches possible solutions through the eyes of various celebrity chefs who make the most of every kind of food.

“We chose ‘Wasted!’ as our first film because it portrays a very positive perspective on the topic of food waste across the globe,” says Krug. “It’s presented in order to stimulate discussion in our community, create awareness about what’s going on and get people to dream about strategies we could use in our own households and throughout the community to be sustainable.”

“Unfortunately, due to some crude language usage in the film, it is not recommended for younger audience members,” explains Krug. “But we do plan to show family-friendly and even kid-focused movies as part of the series in the future.”

A panel discussion will follow the screening, featuring representatives from Springfield Community Gardens, Ozarks Food Collaborative and Ozarks Food Harvest.

About “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste”

“Wasted! The Story of Food Waste” aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food. Through the eyes of chef-heroes like Anthony Bourdain, Dan Barber, Mario Batali, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, audiences will see how the world’s most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system.

Wasted! Exposes the criminality of food waste and how it’s directly contributing to climate change and shows us how each of us can make small changes—all of them delicious—to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21st century.

According to TV Parental Guidelines, this film is rated: TV-MA - Mature Audiences Only. This program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17. To learn more about the film, please visit: http://www.wastedfilm.com/
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.

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

1 Million Cups Springfield: Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 28: 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 the generous question of “What can we as a community do to help your business?”

Candy Cane Lane: Fri.-Sun.
Nov. 30-Dec. 16, 5-8 p.m.
Drive through Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park and enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 10,000 lights. Hot cocoa available for purchase. Friday-Sunday nights only, 5-8 p.m. Fee: $5/vehicle.

Christmas at the Farmstead:
Dec. 1, 1-3 p.m.

Evening Strolls through the Garden:
Friday & Saturday nights,
Nov. 30-Dec. 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Walk through the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden highlighted with festive lights at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Fee: $4/adult; Free/12-under with paid adult; FOG and SSCA members free.
**Employee Flu Shot Clinic Nov. 7**

The Health Department will be offering flu vaccines at no cost to all City employees.

- **Time:** Wed., Nov. 7 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Location:** Busch Building, L45

Retirees are also welcome to attend, but there will be a $18 charge for the vaccine. You must complete the “Vaccine Administration Record of Recipient Signature” form prior to getting the vaccine. The form can be found on CityShare in the documents folder under inBalance.

If this date does not work for you, appointments can be made by dialing 417-864-1658, select option #3.

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**Environmental Services’ Jody Bailey completes 2018 Wildcat Duathlon**

Jody Bailey from Environmental Services placed first in the 60-65 age group in the 2018 Wildcat Duathlon in Rogersville on Oct. 13. He won the overall master division, which consisted of all age groups 40 and above. About 75 participants showed up for the race in chilly 41 degree weather. The duathlon consisted of a two-mile run followed by a 12-mile bike ride and finished with another mile run. All proceeds from the event benefited the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Team Allison.

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**Park Board Golf Professionals earn honors Oct. 21**

Congratulations to Springfield-Greene County Park Board golf professionals who earned honors Oct. 21 from the PGA Midwest Section, including (L-R):

- Rick Grayson, with Rivercut Golf Course, winning the Patriot Award, for outstanding contributions toward military/veteran participation in golf.
- Shawn Freeman, with Bill & Payne Steward Golf Course, winning the Merchandiser of the Year (Public).
- Steve King, with Rivercut Golf Course, winning the Jon E. Jacobson Award for outstanding service and leadership.

Well done, gentlemen! You make us proud.

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**SPD Promotion and Retirement**

On Oct. 24 Administrative Assistant Carolyn Milne retired after nearly 12 years with the department.

Also on Oct. 24, Corporal Ken Browning was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to you both!

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**SIRIUS DAYS**

Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies!

Bill Smillie from Workforce Development was October’s winner!

He won an Andy’s gift card and an extra City Spirit T-shirt.

Don’t forget to snap a pic wearing your City Spirit shirts **Friday Dec. 7** and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!
Tommy Irvine celebrates 25 years of service

Tommy Irvine was recognized for 25 years of service at the Oct. 24 Public Works Leadership Team. He began his career at the City working at a Parks golf course and then made the transition to the Public Works Streets department. Congratulations Tommy!

Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

To: Ryan Hunt, GIS
I would like to pass the Golden Goose along to Ryan Hunt in GIS. Ryan regularly assists the fire department with mapping requests, and over the past year, he has also worked closely with us in completing our various reaccreditation documents. He has been an invaluable asset to this process. He is always friendly, professional and accommodating, regardless of how extensive the request or how short the time frame. Thank you, Ryan, for your excellent work! – Amanda Jones, Fire

To: Cara Erwin, Health
I would like to present the Golden Goose to Cara Erwin with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. Cara has been one of my primary “clients” since I started with the City of Springfield and has consistently been a cooperative partner on projects as well as pushing the use of GIS within the departments she serves. Her understanding of how GIS ties into projects, and what project partners need to do their best work is truly an example for all others who work collaboratively in any capacity. Thank you Cara for being someone wonderful to work with! – Ryan Hunt, GIS

To: Melanie Williams, HR
I am pleased to present the Golden Goose to Melanie Williams with Human Resources. I have been impressed with Melanie since she first facilitated my Welcome to the City orientation in 2012. In the last few months, Melanie has been a great help to me as I have transitioned to a supervisor position. She is always professional and composed and “keeps it real.” She made Supervisor Training an excellent and very worthwhile experience, and I’m excited to continue to work with her! – Cara Erwin, Health

Do You Know...?

A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Scott Hall
Maintenance Supervisor, Environmental Services
Scott has worked for the City for 28 years.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Fun, exciting, rewarding.

What advice do you have for prospective employees? If you come to work for the City take advantage of every opportunity to be involved.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? The impact that small improvements to the sanitary system can make to the environment.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Dealing with overflows.

What’s the best part of your job? Helping every day to improve water quality in Springfield and the surrounding area.

What are you passionate about? Helping to make sure we as a department stay on the forefront of the sewer industry and don’t fall behind.

Do you work to live, or do you live to work? Why? Live to work. I love what I do and enjoy coming to work every day. I could not work with a better group of people.

What do you admire about this organization? Its willingness to do what it takes to be a leader in the sewer industry and its commitment to the environment.

What’s something that Springfield as a city should strive for? I think the City strives to do the best job it can to improve the lives of those in and around Springfield.

Connect with the City #MyCitySGF
Art Museum’s annual 99 Times Party raises $22,000

Springfield Art Museum Director Nick Nelson said approximately 460 people attended the museum’s recent 99 Times Party on Sept. 29. A total of $22,000 was raised for the museum’s Conservation and Preservation fund.

The event began in 2014 with six initial sponsors. This year was the largest party to date with 50 sponsors and 32 local artists, illustrators and designers contributing creative works.

Sixteen local stylists and artists transformed the museum into a fantastical fairground of interactive art installations inspired by classic American circus acts and attractions to raise funds to restore works in the museum’s collection by Strafford native and important regionalist painter, Ben Messick. The museum owns 55 works by Messick.

Guests enjoyed live music from Randall Shreve, as well as sideshows performed by The Blacklist Variety Show.

Park Board Athletics Staff earn award of excellence

Congratulations in Park Board Athletics staff: Mark Nelson, pictured left, as well as Joseph Lane and Waylon Cavinder, for earning the 2018 USA Softball James Farrell Award of Excellence, for hosting the 18U B Northern National Championship. Way to go, gentlemen!

Tactical Supply Raffle to benefit Crime Stoppers

Now through Dec. 3, Crime Stoppers is raffling off a $350 gift certificate to Anchor Tactical Supply that can be used on anything in the store: body armor, boots/shoes, clothing, duty gear, eyewear, flashlights, bags, safes and much more.

The drawing will be held Dec. 5. Tickets are one for $5, five for $20 or 15 for $50 and can be purchased online at https://form.jotform.com/8280432887161. All proceeds benefit the Crime Stoppers program.

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 felony arrest or seizure of a felony amount of drugs.

November 2018

What Is Movember?
During the month of November, men all over the world grow a mustache to bring awareness and action to men’s health. inBalance and the City of Springfield will be participating in the campaign this year.

Why Is Movember Important?
• 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime.
• Men die 5.1 years sooner than women, on average.
• The highest rates of depression occur among men 40-59 years old.
• On average, 87 men in the US die by suicide. Every. Day.

Ladies & gentlemen, how can you get involved?
1. Choose “One MO Thing” you will do this month to improve men’s health, whether it’s your own or a loved one’s health.
2. Visit www.movembersgf.com to print a blank card to write down your “One MO Thing”.
3. Snap a selfie and send it into inBalance@springfieldmo.gov.
4. Selfie = FREE MOVEMBER T-SHIRT!

Monthly Drawing
What MO will you do this month to support men’s health? Need ideas? Visit movembersgf.com.

Please email inBalance@springfieldmo.gov with your response to be placed in a drawing to win a $10.00 Gift Card OR send us a selfie (see above) for a FREE MOVEMBER T-SHIRT. If you wish to be placed in the drawing, your answer must be submitted to inBalance by the last day of the month.

Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.

Seasoned oak firewood for sale. You pick up. $175 Contact Marcia Smith at 417-379-8459


PUPPY FOR SALE…11 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. 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 417-379-8459.

Roll top desk for sale. Great condition - $500 (~$900 retail price). Can send photo on phone to show. Call 417-425-2294 to talk! For more info or pictures, call or text Chris at 417-894-2067.

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 417-882-7397 or email itselfgood@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.

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FOR SALE

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

SERVICES

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

Behind the scenes of the City of Springfield’s emergency services: John Van Den Bergh, PW; Ronald Petering, ES; Wade Drossel, ES; Mike Skidmore, ES; Jon Horton, Parks; Rick Briggenshorst, Art Museum; Theresa Vandiver, Health; Ben Calia, Finance. Bottom Row: Melody Ownby, WFD; Kathaleen Shannon, Health; Kipper Gardner, PW.

MILESTONES

Promotions
Andrea Elmore
Health Program Administrator – Health
Tammy Beeman
Financial Analyst – Finance
Jordan Coiner
Health Program Coordinator – Health
Elizabeth Duncan
Community Recreation Supervisor – Parks
Christopher Gonterman
Public Health Investigator – Health
James Choates
Residential Construction/ Zoning Inspector – Building Development
Ryan Hunt
Senior GIS Specialist – Information Systems
Grant Bledsoe
Tyler Moore
GIS Analysts – Information Systems
Michael Stewart
Plant Operator II – Environmental Services

Retirements
Brian Adams
Air Quality Control Coordinator – Environmental Services, 34 years
Wendell Farrand
GIS Analyst – Information Systems, 28 years
Mike Fonner
GIS Manager – Information Systems, 30 years
Patrick Haenni
Police Sergeant – Police, 24 years
Willis King
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire, 24 years
Dennis McMan
Senior Parks Planner – Parks, 9 years
Deborah Meyer
Clerical Assistant – Airport, 18 years
Carolyn Milne
Administrative Assistant – Police, 11 years
Rob Rem
Animal Control Officer – Health, 9 years
Lane Walden
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire, 24 years
To: Officer Casey Wilson
I had my car stolen from work on the morning of Oct. 14 and would like to compliment Officer Casey Wilson. He went above and beyond with service in order to make me feel at ease during this stressful time. He was very professional and courteous to me. I’m grateful that Springfield has an officer of his caliber on the force. Just wanted to thank him and the entire force for your service.

– Rex Aiken

To: Corporal David Hatch
I wanted to let you know that I have had several opportunities to work with David over the last several months. I wanted to take a moment to send you an email to commend his work and the success he has. He is energetic, communicative, smart and very successful. He has had several cases over the last few months that are being prosecuted because of his quick and smart work to develop evidence. We are grateful to have him to work with.

– Jill Patterson

To: Lee Neil, Jason Halbert, Keith Ball, Jamian Borders, Clayton Young, Richard Anderson, John Erwin and Chap Atnip
I’ve been meaning to email you for months to let you know how pleased we are with the channel project. It looks great and the neighborhood overflow seems to be draining well. I also wanted to commend each crew that worked the project. Each group was just as nice and accommodating as they could be. They were always available to answer questions and concerns and followed through on everything. Thank you for your help with the resolution of this issue.

– Ann Bond

*This was a stormwater project near a property on Swope Street that our Bridge and Waterways crews completed to replace an old channel with a failing railroad tie retaining wall with an underground storm pipe.

To: Officer Thomas Bell
I was passing through Springfield on my way to a STEM conference in Branson when I stopped at a Walmart. After shopping in the store, I came out to find that my rental car had been hit, and no note had been left. I contacted the Springfield Police Department. They said that normally they do not respond to this type of issue, but that they would see what they could do, as I was from out of town and the car was a rental. Within 10 minutes I got a call back from the officer on duty telling me that someone would be to my location shortly. My wait was fairly long, but when Officer Bell arrived he apologized for the wait, and was patient while I contacted my husband for insurance information. I just cannot thank you and your department enough for having someone like Officer Bell as part of your family. He even contacted me later with questions regarding prosecuting the person who had hit the car. I am not certain what your department does for those officers who go above and beyond what anyone would expect, but I would much appreciate you giving him my thanks. Being from the Philadelphia area, I have never seen this kind of compassion and respect from any law enforcement personnel I have encountered. Thank you again for the kindness your officers show. I know that this type of positive behavior does not just apply to those of us from out of town. Thank you again.

– Mary Amtsberg