24th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk draws 7,598

The 24th annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk drew 7,598 registered participants to downtown Springfield for the community’s Thanksgiving tradition. The total registered participants included 786 people who registered to “trot” with a dog.

The annual event is Springfield’s largest timed 5K race and the largest Thanksgiving Day 5K in Missouri, with proceeds benefiting Developmental Center of the Ozarks and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. The event also serves as one of the largest one-day food

City Council honors former Councilman Denny Whayne

City Council unanimously passed a resolution honoring former Councilman Denny Whayne for his service on Council and his decades-long commitment to justice and equal rights. The Busch Municipal Building’s fourth-floor conference room is now known as the “Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room.”

“We felt it was fitting to name this particular meeting space after former Councilman Whayne because it’s where we have our weekly council workshops and council committee meetings and frequent community-wide collaborations occur,” said Mayor Ken McClure. “In the many years I have known Denny, he has always been about bringing communities of people together.”

Whayne was the first African-American elected to City Council since the Council/Manager form of government was adopted in 1953 and served as the Zone 1 representative for two consecutive four-year terms. First elected in 2001, Whayne served until 2009 and was a member of what was then the Finance, Plans & Policies, Administration and Public Involvement committees.

“My time on council was one of the best experiences of my entire life,” Whayne has said. “My mindset on council was to try to move the City of Springfield forward.”

Whayne, who grew up in Springfield, joined the NAACP at 11, later participating in the Freedom Rides of 1961. He continued his civil rights work in Tulsa, where racial tensions were high in the late 1960s. He moved back to Springfield in 1972 and served as president of the Springfield chapter of the NAACP from 1980 until 1988. He worked for the City’s Finance department from 1975 until 1985.
Mayor’s Tree Lighting sees record attendance Nov. 17

The Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony held Nov. 17 on Park Central Square drew around 4,000 people to downtown Springfield. That’s double the number of people that attended last year.

Thanks to all of the employees and volunteers from Public Information, Public Works, Parks, Downtown Springfield Association and the Downtown Community Improvement District for making the event a success. We also want to thank Mercy Springfield for their generous co-sponsorship of the event, as well as MudLounge for helping to provide the 75 gallons of hot chocolate we gave away this year. We also want to thank the Amberg family in the Ravenwood South subdivision for donating this year’s tree. It’s a 30-foot blue spruce that had outgrown its spot near the family’s driveway.

The show included performances by vocalist Jessie Cowen from the Clay Cooper Theater, Matthew Huchteman, Princesses of the 417 and local singers and dancers from Studio VIE and Springfield Little Theatre. The young at heart were excited to see appearances by Springfield Batman, Buddy the Elf and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. The finale and official tree lighting occurred just before 7:30 p.m. Plans are already under way for next year’s event.
Holiday Crossroads album available for purchase, download

“Holiday Crossroads,” a collection of holiday music from local artists to benefit the City’s Festival of Lights celebration, is now available for $20 at the Coffee Ethic on Park Central Square, the Route 66 Visitors Center at 815 E. St. Louis Street, the Springfield Art Museum and the PIO office (Busch Building 4th Floor, see Sharon Spain). The album, which was co-produced by the City of Springfield’s Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement and Mozark Studios, can be downloaded at mozarksound.com/holidaycrossroads.

City of Springfield Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Cora Scott came up with the idea as a way to create awareness about Springfield’s rich musical scene and expand the downtown Festival of Lights. Proceeds benefit the continued creation of holiday lighting and holiday events and activities in downtown Springfield. The album officially launched at the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony Nov. 17.

“What an extraordinary Christmas gift the Springfield music industry has given to the many holiday-loving visitors to Springfield’s downtown,” Scott said. “Our warm thanks to these great artists, producers and distributors for their generosity.”

Shawn Matthews, with Mozark Studios, executive-produced the album and wrote two of its songs. National Audio in Springfield provided replication services at cost and donated a limited supply of the music on cassette tapes. National Audio is the country’s largest manufacturer of professional quality audio cassettes.

“They are an amazing community asset,” Scott said. Recognizing the ongoing demand for audio cassettes for teaching materials, religious programs, high quality music, and books on tape, National Audio has continued to expand its duplication services to fill the needs of the industry. They have purchased the country’s largest duplicators and continues to increase its customer base.

TRACK LIST

- Hark The Herald Angels Sing – Teresa Coyan
- Go Tell It On The Mountain – Honkytonk Renovators
- Hey, Hey It’s Christmas Time – Pall Masters Sensation
- Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem – Matthew Huchteman
- Up On The Housetop – Emalee Flatness
- Wanna Come Home for Christmas – Johnny Velkr
- Silent Night – Abbey Waterworth
- O Holy Night – Reed Academy Ensemble (feat. Stephen Hall)
- The First Noel – Jessie Cowen
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – Laura Whisler
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – Allie & Grace
- Jingle Bell Jazz – Lukas Cooksey
- Jingle Bells (Introducing Ye Merry Gentlemen) – Alan Charles Orchestra
- Silent Night Medley – Uke 66
- The First Christmas Gift – Mike McAdoo
- Away in a Manger – Bluegrass Girls & Co.
- What Child Is This? – Brother Ray
- O Little Town Of Bethlehem – Brentwood Christian Church Band
- Auld Lang Syne – Wassailing Weasels

OVERALL RACE WINNERS WERE:

- Best Overall Female: Claire McCune, age 20, at 17:47.
- Best Masters (over 40) Male: Mike Feldt, age 49, at 18:15.
- Best Masters (over 40) Female: Amy Pinegar, 43, at 19:35.

Race results, including age division winners, are posted at ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot. Age divisions are 9 and under, then staggered in five-year increments up to 89 and older.

Photos from the event are posted at facebook.com/TurkeyTrotSGF/.

The largest Turkey Trot 5K took place in 2012, with 9,007 participants.

For more Turkey Trot information, visit ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot or call the Park Board office.
Springfield Fire Department holds cooking safety demonstration Nov. 14

Cooking-related fires are the No. 1 cause of house fires and fire-related injuries in Springfield. Often, injuries are caused and damage worsened by the occupant’s inappropriate response to these types of fires. The Springfield Fire Department held a safety demonstration on Nov. 14 to show how to properly extinguish a cooking-related fire. A video of the demonstration can be viewed at vimeo.com/300856341.

Fire Marshal Ben Basham demonstrates how NOT to extinguish a grease fire.

Springfield Police Department celebrates seven promotions

On Nov. 19, the Springfield Police Department held a promotion ceremony at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center. During the ceremony, SPD recognized the promotions of seven individuals.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
• Officer Kevin Benedict promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Kaylee Friend promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Thomas Kelley promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Patrick Lightwine promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Justin Lloyd promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Jacob Miller promoted to Corporal.
• Officer Daniel Simmons promoted to Corporal.

EPIC (Empowering People Impacting Citizens) CAmP Class 2016

We collected over 400 shelf items for their food market and some cash for bus passes we delivered Nov. 8!

Special thanks to:
• Bryan Lundquist
• Sarah Limb
• Casey Jo Kellner
• Nikki Jo Crisp
• Zim Schwartze
... and all CAmPers who helped!!

Thanks to everyone who donated ... you are truly helping those in our community!

United Way Campaign Update: 94.71%

The City United Way campaign overall is at 94.71 percent of its goal following the employee contributions and several special events. We continue to have special events scheduled to help us reach our overall goal for the 2018 United Way Campaign. Information about upcoming events is located on pages 8 and 10. The campaign ends March 31.
Galloway Village becomes Springfield’s 20th registered neighborhood

The City of Springfield welcomes Galloway Village Neighborhood Association as its 20th 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.

Registered neighborhoods receive the following from the City’s Planning & Neighborhoods Office:

- Mailing labels with a master copy of all local addresses (and property owners addresses) that fall within the boundaries of the neighborhood.
- Service request data: a report is issued monthly and contains all citizens’ code complaints targeting areas within the neighborhood boundaries.
- Area zoning notices: registered neighborhoods are notified of any zoning requests and updates within the area. This information is provided by the Development Review Office of the City’s Planning Department.

- Neighborhood programs information: notices of neighborhood programs that the City or participating organizations offer.

    Neighborhoods Office staff can provide residents with many resources to make neighborhood associations successful.

Galloway Village’s boundaries are Battlefield on the north, U.S. 65 on the east, Glenstone Avenue on the west and James River Freeway on the south. The association meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15, 2019 at Galloway Baptist Church.

Brentwood became the City’s 19th registered neighborhood in October.

Extensive private collection of Cuban prints to be shown at Springfield Art Museum

El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking, an exhibition of over 70 prints by 33 Cuban artists pulled entirely from the private collection of Doctors Antonio and Luz Racela, opens Friday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. and will run through March 17, 2019.

The 33 featured artists have all worked, at one time or another, at the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Habana – the oldest, continuously running print workshop in Cuba. The Taller was established in 1962 by muralist Orlando Suarez with the help of Che Guevara, who was then Cuba’s Minister of Industry. From its inception, the workshop has focused on connecting artists with traditional printmaking techniques and fostering a dynamic artistic community based on the sharing and exchange of ideas, experimentation and art criticism. This supportive community has allowed Cuban artists a relative freedom of expression, even amid the country’s larger political and cultural issues. It continues to be one of the most important workshops in Cuba.

The Racelas built their collection, with the assistance of Northwest Missouri State University’s Philip Laber, during humanitarian trips to Havana with the Racela Educational and Charitable Foundation. The collection has been exhibited in whole, and in part, at Northwest Missouri State University, Columbia College, the Kansas City Art Institute, and the United Community Center, Latino Arts Inc. in Milwaukee.

Museum Director Nick Nelson noted, “We are extremely grateful to the Racelas for providing us the opportunity to showcase a sampling of the incredible artistic heritage of Cuba, while promoting understanding and appreciation for the rich and innovative cultural production taking place there. We are also pleased to announce that this will be our first entirely bilingual exhibition in recent memory thanks to assistance from Yolanda Lorge, President of Grupo Latinoamericano. English-Spanish translations on all exhibition text help make this exhibit accessible to an even wider audience.”

The Springfield Art Museum is located at 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Financial assistance for this project was provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

ES celebrates America Recycles Day Nov. 15

On Nov. 15 Environmental Services hosted America Recycles Day events at all three Springfield recycling centers. Employees offered free doughnuts, coffee, tea and cookies, as well as T-shirts, stickers and recycling bins to customers who stopped by. All three recycling facilities – Lone Pine, Franklin Ave. and the Yardwaste Recycling Center – saw boosts in attendance during the Nov. 15 event.

America Recycles Day is a nation wide initiative to encourage community involvement, environmental stewardship and green thinking.
Andrew Lear sworn in as General Seat C Councilman Nov. 5

City and Ozark Greenways host ceremonial groundbreaking for West Meadows Trail Project

The City of Springfield and Ozark Greenways, Inc. hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking Nov. 7 for the construction of a new trail along the Jordan Creek in Springfield’s West Meadows.

The City received a $250,000 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to fund the 2,900 feet of hard-surface greenway trail, spanning from just west of Grant Avenue to Fort Avenue. A 20 percent required match will be provided through the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax-Alternative Transportation Program.

The trail will be a part of the vast Ozarks Greenways network of 73 miles of greenways, and 81 miles of on-street bike routes.

“Trail networks connect and enhance communities and are a way to spur economic development, create a robust transportation network, and improve our quality of life,” says Ozark Greenways, Inc. Executive Director Mary Kromrey. “This project is a key next step in closing the gaps in the Jordan Creek Greenway trail. This trail will one day be over seven miles long and will provide connections to downtown, neighborhoods, parks, and countless other destinations.”

The West Meadows is a brownfields redevelopment area located roughly between Main Avenue and Fort Avenue, just north of College Street (Historic Route 66) in downtown Springfield. The area is ripe with history. Historic Fulbright Spring, the location of one of Springfield’s earliest settlements, was discovered on the site during extensive environmental cleanup. The area was also the location of a Union soldier encampment during the Civil War, and lies adjacent to historic Route 66.

The development of West Meadows is part of the community’s Jordan Valley Concept Master Plan to redevelop the Jordan Valley through downtown Springfield. Work has been completed in Jordan Valley since the early 2000s, with $2 million in EPA-funded environmental brownfields cleanups and the development of downtown amenities like Jordan Valley Park, Jordan Valley Commons, Mediacom Ice Park, Hammons field and greenway trail connections.

“What people know as Jordan Valley Park now is actually recognized as ‘East Meadows’ in the original concept plan,” explains City of Springfield Senior Planner and Brownfields Program Coordinator Olivia Hough. “West Meadows is an even larger block of open green space that carries the envisioned ‘central park’ concept through downtown.”

Previous improvements in West Meadows include the restoration of Jordan Creek to a natural wetland corridor, with stormwater, flood control and water quality improvements, native vegetation and trees. The area comprises 18 acres of open urban green space with greenway trails planned for transportation and recreation.

“With currently no street access or parking available for West Meadows, this trail is the first step in opening this site up for public use,” says Hough.

The groundbreaking ceremony was the culmination of a day-long visit by EPA Region 7 Director Jim Gulliford and other EPA officials to visit brownfields cleanup sites and environmental projects in Springfield.

“This celebration highlights exactly how local solutions and partnerships can lead to big changes through brownfield redevelopment and land revitalization,” said Gulliford. “Years of continued efforts and contributions are transforming what was once a rail yard vulnerable to flooding into an urban greenway in the heart of Springfield. The whole team should be proud of what they’ve accomplished in Jordan Valley.”

City sales tax revenue rebounds with November payment

The City of Springfield’s November sales tax check from the Missouri Department of Revenue is up 15 percent, or $490,570, compared to the amount budgeted. The sales tax check was $3,238,111 compared to the budgeted amount of $2,807,541. On both a year-to-date basis and the rolling 12-month average, revenues are 3 percent above budget.

“The City was pleased to see the November rebound, after October’s revenues were 10 percent short of what we had budgeted for the month,” says Finance Director David Holtmann.

The check reflects sales processed by the state in October from transactions made primarily in September. Compared to November 2017, revenues are up 22 percent, or $587,847, from November 2017’s revenue check in the amount of $2,650,264.

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.
SPD honors graduates of 2018 Citizens Police Academy

On Nov. 8 the Springfield Police Department held a ceremony to honor 25 graduates of the 2018 Citizens Police Academy. In order to graduate, participants were required to complete 30 hours of instruction over 11 weeks. The course covered a variety of topics including police policies, crime scene processing, defensive tactics, use of firearms and organizational structure within the department.

The goal of the academy is to give citizens a better understanding of how the police department functions and what challenges officers face when working to serve the community.

Applications for the 2019 class will be accepted in the spring.

Congratulations to the 2018 graduates (listed in alphabetical order):


Springfield Art Museum announces over 90 new acquisitions in 90th anniversary year

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce the acquisition of 98 works of art to our permanent collection. These works range in media from original illustrations, to large-scale watermedia, to photography, linocuts, cartoons and mixed media. Artists range from Pablo Picasso to local notables Rose O’Neill, Bob Palmer and Bruce West, to contemporary diverse voices, Romero Britto and Jordan Eagles.

Fifty-nine of the works are by Rose O’Neill and were gifted to the museum from the Rose O’Neill Foundation. Fifteen of the 59 gifted works were recently on view in the retrospective exhibition, Frolic of the Mind: The Illustrious Life of Rose O’Neill. The Rose O’Neill Foundation’s generous gift substantially enriches the museum’s small extant collection of O’Neill’s work and will allow the Museum to continue to mount focused exhibitions about O’Neill in the future, while also serving as a resource for researchers.

Thirty-one of the works are original cartoons by Robert “Bob” Palmer, Pulitzer Prize nominee and Springfield’s longest working political cartoonist. These works were the generous gift of David Snider. Two works are by former museum director (1951-1977) and Watercolor USA co-founder Kenneth Shuck, gifted by Jerry-Mac Johnston. Two additional works by photographer and retired Missouri State University professor Bruce West were gifted by the artist.

The final four works by Pablo Picasso, former Watercolor USA Juror Rob Erdle, contemporary Brazilian artist Romero Britto, and LGBTQ+ artist and advocate Jordan Eagles were the gifts of Maureen Sando, John Cooper, and Robert Bohlen and Lillian Montalto, respectively.

These 98 works fulfill several of the museum’s established collecting priorities including Art of the Midwest, Contemporary American Watermedia, and Contextual Acquisitions allowing for expanded interpretation opportunities for the existing collection and adding diverse voices and underrepresented communities to the permanent collection.

Curator of Art Sarah Buhr notes, “These incredible gifts allow us to build deeper and more nuanced connections within the collection. The new Palmer acquisitions will be featured in a large-scale exhibition coming in 2020. The addition of Jordan Eagles’ work allows us to draw attention to fair and equitable blood donation policy issues faced by our LGBTQ+ community. Eagles’ work will be on view in the upcoming re-installation of the museum’s permanent collection exhibition, Creating an American Identity, opening in January 2019.”

Police Chief Paul Williams receives Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Police Chief Paul Williams was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by The Sons of the American Revolution on Nov. 28.

The medal recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement.
HR Soup Lunch fundraiser Dec. 6

Enjoy soup, drinks and treats while supporting the United Way. HR will host a Soup Lunch fundraiser Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Busch Building 3rd Floor Conference Room.

There will be a limited supply so first come, first served! A bowl of soup and bottle of water is $3, dessert is $1 and a warm beverage is also $1. All proceeds benefit the United Way of the Ozarks.

December 6, 2018
Busch Building - 3rd Floor Conference Room
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM
$3.00 - Bowl & bottle of water
$1.00 - Dessert
$1.00 - Warm Beverage

Airport T-Shirt fundraiser

The airport is selling SGF shirts again this year with proceeds benefiting United Way of the Ozarks. The shop is only open until Dec. 5, so check out our new designs and place your order today!

Available at https://stores.inksoft.com/sgf_airport/shop/home

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

2018 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Friday, December 14, 12:30 pm
Midtown Library

Wednesday, December 19, Noon
Historic Greene County Courthouse

Wednesday, December 19, 12:45 pm
Busch Municipal Bldg Lobby
workshop has focused on connecting artists with traditional printmaking techniques and fostering a dynamic artistic community based on the sharing and exchange of ideas, experimentation and art criticism. This supportive community has allowed Cuban artists a relative freedom of expression, even amid the country’s larger political and cultural issues.

- Opening Reception: Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, Dec. 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, Dec. 5, 12, 19: 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?”

Springfield-Greene County Park Board
ParkBoard.org

PGA Golf Sale: Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Save up to 75 percent on new and used golf products, as several area golf courses (including three Park Board courses) collaborate for their annual holiday PGA sale. Sale located at 228 W. Sunshine St., check ParkBoard.org for more information.

Festival of Lights Free Ice Skating:
- Sat., Dec. 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 25, 5-6 p.m.
Enjoy free ice skating at Mediacom Ice Park and holiday lighting at Jordan Valley Park. Admission is free; $3 skate rental. Full open skate schedule at ParkBoard.org/IcePark.

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

Handmade Wreath Workshop:
Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-Noon
Create your own wreath at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center with fresh greenery and dried natural ornaments from the garden. Classes limited to 12, registration required. Call the Botanical Center at 417-891-1515 by Dec. 14 to register. Private decorating parties are also available to book anytime through the holidays!

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.

Holiday Lights at Jordan Valley Park:
Daily, 5-11 p.m.
Enjoy a free walk-through holiday music light show at Jordan Valley Park, 635 E. Trafficway St.

Holiday Train Garden Display: Dec. 1-31, Mon.-Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
The magic of miniature landscapes and moving model trains transforms the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center atrium into a holiday wonderland. Presented by the Ozarks Garden Railway Society. Donations accepted.
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.

Planning’s Ice Cream fundraiser

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

Brian Powers wins IS’ Split-the-Pot Raffle

Brian Powers with Environmental Services won Information Systems’ Split-the-Pot Raffle.

Thanks to all of those who participated. The total pot was $1,306, which was split between the United Way and Brian Powers in ES.

Terry Neill wins Health’s BINGO fundraiser

Terry Neill with Workforce Development won Health’s BINGO fundraiser.

Thanks to all of those who participated. The total pot was $208, which was split between Terry Neill and the United Way.

Finance Department presents:
United Way Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Bring in your gifts and have the gift wrapping done for you! Drop off your gifts at Finance’s front desk between:

November 26th - December 21st

- Bring your own wrapping paper and bows $1.00 per gift
- Choose from our supply of wrapping paper and bows $2.00 per gift
- "Fancy" bows $1.00 per bow

WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH!

Raffle tickets on sale from the Planning Dept.

Nov 28 thru Dec. 13

Drawing will be Fri., Dec. 14

Comes with a MarioKart Deluxe Download!

1 ticket=$1
6 tickets=$5
14 tickets=$10
Do You Know...?

Stephanie Woehl
Health Program Coordinator-Nursing,
Health Department

Stephanie has worked for the City for 3 years.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Welcoming, resourceful, vibrant.

What advice do you have for prospective employees? Take a moment to get acquainted with all the amazing City departments. It is easy to get busy and silo yourself in your own area. Try not to miss out on the experience of being part of such a dynamic and diverse team.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? The City of Springfield is so caring and compassionate. My position with the Health department has allowed me to collaborate with community partners to help provide resources and services to individuals in need. It is truly amazing to see what we can accomplish when we work together.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Not having unlimited time and resources. There is always more we would like to accomplish and more people that we want to help. It can be very challenging to see a need and not be able to immediately fix it.

What’s the best part of your job? Having the opportunity to work with my amazing team at the Health department in collaboration with community partners to help make our community a healthful place to live.

What do you admire about this organization? The City’s commitment to the employees. As soon as I joined the team I felt welcomed and valued.
Bass Pro Marathon – Pace Monkey Relay Teams ROCK

Congrats to the Pace Monkeys 1 (first place in their division) and Pace Monkeys 2 (third place in their division) relay teams that competed in the Bass Pro Marathon Relay on Nov. 4. The City was represented well by these teams and many other City employees that ran in one of the annual events in Springfield. Congrats to everyone who ran!

Several City employees competed in the grueling Dogwood Canyon trail runs held in Lampe on Nov. 10-11. Congrats to Machelle Petit (who placed third in her age division for the 25K), Zim Schwartze and Dan Harrell who took the two-day challenge and ran the 15K on Saturday and then the 25K on Sunday. Julie Hawkins and Jon Mooney competed in the 25K on Sunday as well. This course is extremely difficult, hilly, rocky, and features numerous water crossings that totally soaks your shoes! Congrats to the nearly 500 competitors that lined up in 12 degree weather to run the course!

Connect with the City
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![Image of Bass Pro Marathon – Pace Monkey Relay Teams ROCK](image)

![Image of City employees compete in Dogwood Canyon Runs](image)

![Image of Superfood Hot Chocolate](image)

![Image of December 2018](image)
To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.

Imported German Shepherd Puppies for Sale. Born Oct.14; ready to go second week of December. Sire was shipped from Germany in 2017. Both parents have incredible pedigrees and are from proven IPO bloodlines over 5 generations. These animals will do great with active families, in SAR work or Sport/Show Competition. Highly Intelligent, healthy, loyal, and trainable Shepherds. Call Mike @ 417-597-1200 for further details.

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


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 573-747-8705.

Vintage LXI Sears Series Speaker System (2 speakers), $15 for the pair. Model #564.9319750 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-DHS930 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.


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.

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


MILESTONESServices

Kendra Brown
Police Sergeant - Police

Zachary Hildebrand
Parks Maintenance Working Leader - Parks

Taylor Moore
Equipment Operator III - Public Works

William Pears
Plan Review Specialist - Building Development

Promotions

Kenneth Browning
Police Sergeant - Police

Zachary Hildebrand
Parks Maintenance Working Leader - Parks

Taylor Moore
Equipment Operator III - Public Works

William Pears
Plan Review Specialist - Building Development

Retirements

Chris Ackley
Fire Captain - Fire, 25 years

Timothy Whitman
Equipment Operator III - Environmental Services, 31 years

SCENE
To: Officer Laura Kitta

Officer Kitta volunteered her Sunday morning to be a running buddy in the News-Leader 5k with one of our Girls on the Run participants from Bissett Elementary. Officer Kitta helped our participant break her record from last year. We are so grateful to Officer Kitta for taking the time to really help our participant feel truly special and reach her potential.

— Sara Potter

To: Officer Alexander Vu

I was involved in a motor vehicle accident. I live in Mountain View but travel to Springfield a lot for my daughter’s club soccer team. Officer Vu was very patient with me and all my questions, he helped explain the directions (northbound/ eastbound etc.) because I’m not from the area. He took his time with the three passengers I had in my vehicle. They were all minors. He was very patient and kind with all of them but especially my youngest (12). He made sure we were all OK and took very good care of us. He is a credit to the police force. I just wanted to thank him and brag on him a little. It seems like today all we hear is negative so I wanted to make sure his kindness and professionalism was recognized. Thank you.

— Laura Wagner

To: Kayla Smith, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On Oct. 9, a Springfield Police Department Officer had a subject who fled on foot. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Kayla Smith helped set up a difficult perimeter. With the helpful cooperation of Kayla Smith, the subject was located. Officer Greathouse later called back to thank Kayla for a job well done.

To: Amanda Davis, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On Sept. 30, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Amanda Davis received a 9-1-1 call from a cab driver who was concerned she was being followed. The driver was assisted through the helpful guidance of Amanda who helped her get in contact with officers. The driver later called back to 9-1-1 thanking Amanda for her kindness and patience during the scary ordeal.

To: Tina Saunders, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On Sept. 25, Park Ranger Paul Byer called on the radio regarding a hostile person at Meador. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Tina Saunders quickly dispatched help to Park Ranger Byer to assist with the conflict. He emailed the following: "I was out at Meador with a person sleeping under the bleachers. After I made contact, things went crazy and we ended up wrestling around. I requested a Code 2 and help got there quickly. The dispatcher was great. Just wanted to pass this along and say thank you. Thanks, Paul"

To: Denise Ruble, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On Sept. 18, Lisa Davis with the Office of Emergency Management was involved in a minor crash. Davis is not from Springfield and was unfamiliar about procedures the Springfield Police Department follows for minor vehicle accidents. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Denise Ruble provided Davis with helpful, calm and clear assistance during the call and she was very impressed with the response from Denise at 9-1-1. Great job!

To: Public Works

I’ve been driving around Zone 1 the last week and thinking about the projects that Public Works has done to improve our area. I want to sincerely thank you and your staff for all of the new sidewalks (Division always make me smile), Talmage Dip and Monarch Waystation, Grand Street bridge project (a total Cadillac!), pavement resurfacing and roadbed improvement (Nichols), Washington Avenue roundabout, Frisco Lane, everything going on with Jefferson Avenue Footbridge and all of the other upgrades. It makes me feel really proud of our city government to have made these important infrastructure upgrades for the people who live and work in northwest Springfield.

— Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson

Working with the Community

Awards & Recognition

Employees helping employees. City employees are often the first to step forward to help their fellow co-workers in times of crisis. The Employee Crisis Fund provides an avenue for employees to give to other employees in need, and for those in need to seek assistance.

How to Give

Donate Directly: Donations may be sent to the Finance Department, Attn: Nikki Crisp. The Finance Department is located in the lower level of the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville.
Make checks payable to: City of Springfield Employee Crisis Fund.
Donations are not tax deductible.

Payroll Deductions: A voluntary donation can be set up directly from your paycheck. Visit the Employee Crisis Fund tab on CityShare to complete the payroll deduction form.

Apply

An eligible employee or his/her designee must complete an Employee Crisis Fund Program Application and submit it to the Crisis Fund Administrator.

For more information or to obtain an application, email: employeecrisis@springfieldmo.gov