New Deputy City Manager Maurice Jones sworn in Jan. 28

Maurice Scott Jones joined the City Jan. 28 as deputy city manager, working alongside Deputy City Manager Collin Quigley. Jones came to Springfield from Dubuque, Iowa, where he served as the economic development director for the City of Dubuque. He has 20 years of experience working to revitalize diverse urban cities, addressing growth obstacles facing rural communities and a track record of leveraging private and public partnerships to support vital projects. While in Dubuque, he led a $20 million economic development budget and provided significant coordination and interaction with community groups, private not-for-profit organizations, other City departments, businesses and citizens.

Jones will oversee seven departments, including the Springfield Art Museum, Building Development Services, Environmental Services, Parks, Planning & Development, Public Works and Workforce Development. He completed his bachelor of science degree in political science and coursework toward a master of public administration degree at the University of Louisville.

“I am very excited about the opportunity of joining such a dynamic leadership team in such a vibrant city,” Jones said. “As our community evolves and grows, I want to be an integral part of creating an environment where the citizens of Springfield can thrive. I’m looking forward to engaging with the community and contributing to a synergy that propels us forward.”

Level Property Tax to fund 4 fire station projects

City seeking architect for two new stations and two replacements

Two of Springfield’s most underserved areas are getting brand-new fire stations while two of its oldest stations will be demolished and rebuilt, thanks to the renewal of the Level Property Tax in November 2017.

“"We are keeping our promise to Springfield voters," said Fire Chief David Pennington.

The City is soliciting letters of interest and qualification statements until 3 p.m. March 1 from firms interested in providing architectural services for four fire station projects across the city. Firms have until 3 p.m. Feb. 15 to email questions to PWRFQ@springfieldmo.gov before submitting their statements of qualifications.

Two of the projects – Fire Station 13 in the 1900 block of West College in the West Central neighborhood and Fire Station 14 at the northeast corner of West Chestnut Expressway and North Duke Avenue – are brand-new stations, while two will replace Fire Station 4 at 2423 N. Delaware and Fire Station 7 at 2129 E. Sunshine.

“I am very excited about building two new fire stations,” Pennington said. "See LEVEL PROPERTY TAX on page 3
SPD Officer chosen for Special Olympics Torch Run

Springfield Police Officer Mark Priebe has been chosen to travel to Abu Dhabi for the 2019 Special Olympics World Games to represent the Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR). Officer Priebe is one of just 88 law enforcement representatives from around the world chosen for this honor. Law enforcement torch runners from around the world were chosen for their dedication and commitment to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. During his trip, Officer Priebe will be part of a team running in the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, preceding the Summer World Games.

Officer Priebe has been with SPD since 1999 and currently serves as a crime prevention officer. He has been actively working with Special Olympics Missouri since 2007 and serves as the department coordinator for SPD/Special Olympics Missouri events. In 2016 he was honored with the Gift of Time Award and the Unsung Hero Award for his work with Special Olympics Missouri.

Officer Priebe will travel to Abu Dhabi at the end of February. He will begin the Law Enforcement Torch Run on March 3 and the 2019 Summer World Games will begin on March 14.
LEVEL PROPERTY TAX from page 1 stations in underserved areas of Springfield, both of which have high fire risk,” said Pennington. “These new stations will reduce the amount of travel time for our fire crews to reach emergencies in these areas.”

Pennington said that Fire Stations 4 and 7, which were built in the 1950s and ’60s, have long exceeded their usefulness.

“We look forward to replacing 4 and 7 with modern facilities and equipment,” he said.

The City recently purchased the lots for Fire Station 13 and is working to complete a lot combination and demolition of on-site residential structures.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

In addition to addressing fire risk with new stations, the Fire Department’s Community Risk Reduction efforts include Project RED Zone, (Reduce, Educate, Deliver) – a multifaceted campaign to reduce fires and fire deaths in Springfield.

“Community Risk Reduction is about prioritizing our fire risks as a community and working together to invest the time and resources necessary to reduce them,” Pennington said.

Data shows that 42 percent of Springfield homes in which a fire occurred in 2016 had no working smoke alarms and two-thirds of all Springfield homes don’t have enough smoke alarms to adequately protect the occupants. The Fire Department recommends smoke alarms be installed on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.

As part of Project RED Zone, fire crews go door to door on Saturdays canvassing neighborhoods and offering to test smoke alarms, replacing batteries and installing new alarms when needed.

As of Project RED Zone’s launch in April 2017, fire crews have:

- visited more than 14,000 homes in Grant Beach, West Central, Heart of the Westside, Woodland Heights, Westside Community Betterment, Tom Watkins, Robberson and Doling Park neighborhoods;
- tested nearly 4,200 smoke alarms;
- installed 2,246 new smoke alarms and;
- replaced 642 batteries.

“What we will continue these efforts by moving more into Zone 2 during 2019,” Pennington said. “Our community risk reduction efforts would not be possible without the support of our citizens and grants from the American Red Cross, Springfield Public Schools and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

Meet Jamie Orlando, the Health Department’s newest Community Health Advocate

What is a Community Health Advocate? A Community Health Advocate (CHA) is an individual who works with community partners and community members in order to promote wellbeing for those she serves. As a CHA for the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, I deliver personalized assistance to people who are facing barriers to being healthy and happy. I navigate Springfield’s web of social services and community resources, assisting my clients with things such as healthcare referrals, housing and transportation assistance, employment information, childhood referrals, hygiene needs, and so much more!

What made you decide to apply for the role of Community Health Advocate?

I moved to Springfield in 2010 and very quickly fell in love with the Springfield community. The community is active, the people are friendly, and everyone seems to have a desire to help out their neighbors. I’m so thankful that I now get to work with people who are actively improving the community! I love exploring the web of resources in Springfield and helping people find the services they need in order to thrive.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My favorite part about my job is that I get to spend time talking with and helping people in our community!

How can neighbors request a referral or more information? You can reach a Community Health Advocate at SpringfieldMo.gov/CHAreferral, by calling 417-864-2477, or e-mailing Advocate@SpringfieldMo.gov.

Artwork by PIO’s Mark Montgomery featured in 200 Best Illustrators Worldwide Book

Mark Montgomery, multimedia coordinator, Public Information, made it into Lurzer’s Archive’s 200 Best Illustrations 2018/2019 book. The work featured in the book was culled by an international jury of 10 from more than 4,000 submissions from 55 countries. The work features three of Mark’s illustrated portraits of musician Neil Young, Bernie Sanders and President Trump. In addition, his Neil Young portrait was accepted into the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles Show: 57th Annual Illustration West.

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Springfield Police: Crime down 18%  
The Springfield Police Department’s 2018 crime reporting through the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) has been completed. The year-end data shows very positive results, with an overall decrease for Part 1 crime in Springfield of 18.28 percent. Reported crimes against persons (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) dropped by 1.8 percent, with 40 fewer incidents than in 2017. SPD saw the total number of property crimes (stolen vehicles, burglary, larceny/theft) drop by 20.8 percent in 2018, with each category noting a decrease in reported crimes from 2017.

The total number of homicides in Springfield went up slightly in 2018 from 14 to 16, but only two deaths were related to domestic violence, a significant decrease from years past.

Aggravated assaults increased by 4 percent and recent analysis shows much of the increase occurred in December when there was a significant increase in incidents involving multiple (two or more) victims. That number jumped from nine such reports in December of 2017 to 27 in December of 2018.

“Unfortunately as 2018 came to a close we experienced a spike in aggravated assaults being reported,” said Police Chief Paul Williams. “However, in the past, a large portion of those crimes were related to domestic violence, but that was only the case with 27 percent of aggravated assaults last year.”

On a positive note, robberies dropped by nearly 23 percent in 2018, and there was a drop in reported sexual assaults (rape) of 5 percent.

As for property crimes, the most significant decrease was in stolen vehicles, which dropped by more than 25 percent. There were 499 fewer vehicles stolen in 2018 compared to 2017. There was a 21.8 percent decrease in theft and an 11.67 percent drop in burglaries in 2018. “In addition to targeted enforcement, our community-wide education efforts are bearing fruit. We are seeing the results of people being more vigilant about crime prevention. Citizens are active in neighborhood watch and are taking steps to secure their vehicles by removing their keys, locking the doors, and stowing property out of sight,” said Chief Williams. “We are happy to see this change and we hope it is something that continues.”

University Heights becomes Springfield’s 21st registered neighborhood  
In January, the City of Springfield welcomed University Heights Neighborhood Association as its 21st 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. Is your neighborhood interested in registering with the City? Contact Senior Planner Alana Owen with any questions at 417-864-1831 or aowen@springfieldmo.gov.

University Heights’ boundaries are Bennett Street/Brookside Street on the north, National Avenue on the east, Campbell Avenue on the west and Sunshine Street on the south. The association meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive.

January sales tax revenue up nearly 6 percent compared to budget  
The City of Springfield’s sales tax revenues from the Missouri Department of Revenue are up 5.68 percent, or about $295,600, compared to budget with the January sales tax check. The check was $4,387,170 compared to the budgeted amount of $4,151,564. On a year-to-date basis, revenues are up compared to budget just over 2 percent. On a rolling 12-month average, revenues are 2.79 percent above budget.

“We were pleased to see revenues rebound after a below-budget December,” says Finance Director David Holtmann.

The check reflects sales processed by the state in December from transactions made primarily in November. Compared to December 2017, revenues are up about 3.6 percent, or $153,697, compared to December 2017’s revenue check in the amount of $4,233,473.

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.
City pedestrian safety program partners with Springfield Public Schools on new education initiatives

The City’s SGF Yields pedestrian safety program has partnered with Springfield Public Schools to offer a variety of education opportunities in the new year.

Launched in 2017, the SGF Yields program is an effort to combat a growing trend in pedestrian-involved crashes on Springfield roadways. The program is aimed at encouraging motorists to actively watch for pedestrians and yield to them in crosswalks while also urging pedestrians to do their part to travel responsibly.

Made possible through a Blueprint for Safer Roadways grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation, SGF Yields has expanded from outreach to the general public to a focus on educating kids – making safety education resources available to Springfield schools and adding Mr. Walker statue installations near school crosswalk locations.

“From the beginning, the goal of SGF Yields has been to change the culture in Springfield to be more pedestrian-friendly,” says Traffic Safety Professional Mandy Buettgen-Quinn. “The best way to encourage that cultural shift is through reaching kids. They represent a vulnerable pedestrian population and will soon be behind the driver seat themselves.”

The partnership will launch three separate opportunities in early 2019 – a classroom presentation opportunity, an art project social media challenge and, first up, a public service announcement (PSA) video competition.

“The safety and well-being of our 25,000 students is always the number-one priority of Springfield Public Schools,” said Marty Moore, executive director of learning support and partnerships. “We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the City of Springfield to address the important issue of pedestrian safety. We appreciate the creativity of our teachers in suggesting student-produced public service announcements as a unique and engaging way to ensure this effort is memorable for a larger audience.”

The PSA video competition, which launched Jan. 8, is open to middle and high school classes throughout the district. Classes are asked to write, film and produce their own PSAs promoting pedestrian safety. Submitted PSAs in separate middle school and high school categories will be judged by Public Works traffic professionals, Public Information Department video producers and other City officials. PSA teams from each school will be invited to “pitch” their videos to the judges at an event to be held at the end of March. Winning PSAs will be featured on CityView public access channel, social media and provided to local television stations for possible airtime.

All PSAs must be submitted by Friday, March 1. Please contact Mandy Buettgen-Quinn at mbuettgen@springfieldmo.gov for submission details, questions and resources.

For more details on SGF Yields education opportunities, visit springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields.
Springfield Art Museum’s 2019 exhibition line-up includes Nick Cave and International Traveling Show

The Springfield Art Museum celebrates its 91st year of service to our community with a special exhibition calendar packed with local, regional and international interest.

NEW IN 2019

Creating an American Identity Reinstallation (re-opened Jan. 18, now ongoing) – The rotating exhibition of the Museum’s permanent collection focused on the ways in which artists respond to and reveal our cultural identity as Americans re-opened in 2019 with a new look and multiple new points of view. The re-installation will include changes to gallery colors, physical layout, text panels, exhibition labels, as well as the selection of 75 works from as wide an array of artistic voices as possible with our current collection including even more works by women, people of color, Native Americans and LGBTQ+ communities.

Nick Cave (April 6 – July 28) – Nick Cave is a preeminent multi-disciplinary artist working between the visual and performing arts through a wide range of mediums including sculpture, installation, video, sound and performance. This exhibition will feature a focused selection of Soundsuits, pulled from both private collections and the artist, courtesy of Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, as well as an example from the Tondo series, and the video Drive-By. Funding for this exhibition is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence (Aug. 17 – Nov. 10) – This traveling exhibition presents a spectacular overview of a new form of bead art, the ndwango (“cloth,”) developed by a community of women living and working in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence was developed by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC, in cooperation with Curators Bev Gibson, Ubuhle Beads, and James Green, and is organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.

Randy Bacon: The Road I Call Home (Sept. 14 – Feb. 23, 2020) – Randy Bacon is an American photographer based in Springfield. This exhibit features simple, direct, emotive, casual studio portraits of homeless individuals accompanied by personal narratives. These portraits emphasize the beauty, humanity, identity, and integrity of each subject while raising public awareness of our homeless community.

Anders Zorn: Etchings (Nov. 30 – March 15, 2020) – Anders Zorn (1860-1920) was a Swedish artist known for his skills as a sculptor, printmaker and portraitist including three American presidents – Grover Cleveland, William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt. This exhibition presents all 95 of Zorn’s etchings from the Museum’s permanent collection, gifted to the Museum in 1970 by the late Arthur E. Anderson.

RETURNING IN 2019

All School Exhibition (March 2 – April 28) – The Museum’s longest running exhibition initiative, the All School Exhibition invites student artists from public, private, parochial and home school cooperatives to exhibit outstanding artwork in our largest gallery space. This exhibit also reflects the work of the incredibly talented teachers in our community, many of whom are practicing artists themselves.

Missouri State University MFA Showcase (May 4 – May 26) – Features bodies of work produced by Missouri State University graduate students pursuing a master’s degree in visual arts from the Art + Design Department.

Watercolor USA 2019 (June 7 – Sept. 1) – This annual summer favorite returns with over $20,000 in cash prizes and possible Museum purchase awards available. This will be the 58th showing of the very best in contemporary American watermedia, judged by award-winning watercolor artist Dean Mitchell.

Art in Our City: Zone 4 (March 23 – Oct. 20) – This special exhibition highlights local artists and the character of Springfield’s unique neighborhoods. The final rotation in this series features work from 11 artists representing six neighborhoods in City Council Zone 4 in Avant Art, the Museum’s flexible, social gallery that combines art, retail and limited beverage and snack service.

EVERGREEN IN 2019

New works will continue to rotate into selections from our Asian Art collection on view in the Hartman Gallery. Patrons can also enjoy installation pieces like Anne Lindberg’s titled sky and Dale Chihuly’s Autumn Persian and Feather Chandelier, year-round. The Museum’s grounds also include six outdoor sculptures including works by John Henry, Richard Hunt, Ernest Trova and John Walker.

CONTINUING FROM 2018

Decades: 90 Years of Collecting (closes Feb. 17) – The Museum’s 90th Anniversary special exhibition traces the history and growth of the Museum’s permanent collection while examining the shifting trends and diversity contained within the collection. The exhibit is divided into decades, presenting 10 objects per decade, including decorative arts, paintings, prints, ceramics, sculptures, textiles and historical objects.

El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking (through March 17) – This exhibition presents over 75 prints by 33 Cuban artists who have all worked at the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Habana – the oldest, continuously running print workshop in Cuba. This exhibition is pulled entirely from the private collection of Drs. Antonio and Luz Racela.

Art In Our City: Zone 3 (through March 17) – This rotation of the Art In Our City special exhibition features work from seven artists representing four neighborhoods in City Council Zone 3 in Avant Art.

Plan to join us for any, or all, of these exciting exhibits during 2019 at the Springfield Art Museum, located at 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Admission is always free.
Springfield Art Museum seeks entries for Watercolor USA 2019

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce a call for entries for Watercolor USA 2019, highlighting the very best in contemporary American watermedia. This year’s exhibit will run from June 8 through Sept. 1. The deadline to apply is Feb. 27.

Organized in 1962, this year marks the 58th year of Watercolor USA. The nationally known exhibition is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories, and seeks to discover what is new and what is next in the world of American watermedia. This year’s exhibit will be judged by award-winning watercolorist Dean Mitchell. Mitchell is a member of the National Watercolor Society and the American Watercolor Society (AWS). He is a recipient of the AWS Gold Medal and received a Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the Watercolor USA Honor Society in 2018.

Approximately $20,000 in cash prizes and possible museum purchase awards are available. Artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories, ages 18 and up, who are using watermedia as critical components of their work are eligible to apply. Artists whose work pushes the boundaries of traditional aqueous media are encouraged to enter. High realism, abstraction, traditional transparent watercolor, and innovative uses of the medium are all welcomed as the exhibit continues to expand and adjust with contemporary artistic practice, including the use of nontraditional supports and mounts.

Mediacom Ice Park is now Jordan Valley Ice Park

Springfield’s first and only indoor ice sports facility is now called Jordan Valley Ice Park.

Formerly known as Mediacom Ice Park, the name change reflects the completion of a 10-year naming rights agreement between the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Mediacom Communications Corporation, entered into in 2008. With the expiration of this agreement, the facility name reverts to its original name, Jordan Valley Ice Park.

The naming rights agreement also included the former Mediacom Tennis Stadium at the Park Board’s Cooper Tennis Complex. The 2,500-seat stadium was built in 1994 and is home to the Springfield Lasers World TeamTennis franchise, winners of the 2018 World TeamTennis Championship.

Combined, the naming rights agreement generated $200,000 a year for 10 years. No changes in operation, staffing or programs are planned for either facility.

Director of Parks Bob Belote said Mediacom’s funding was key to the success of both facilities.

“The Park Board would like to thank Mediacom for really stepping up with their financial support of these facilities over the past 10-year period,” said Belote. “Their sponsorship has been integral to the success of both the ice park and the tennis stadium. Mediacom also continues to professionally produce and televise a number of our parks sports activities, including Springfield Lasers matches, and that has greatly enhanced our overall level of service as well.”

Naming rights are now available for both facilities.

“We would welcome interested parties to talk with us about partnering with the Park Board,” said Diana Tyndall, marketing and sponsorship coordinator for the Park Board. “Tying your business into Parks is incredibly rewarding because we’re local and lasting, and we touch thousands of lives.”

Jordan Valley Ice Park opened in downtown Springfield in 2001, and the adjacent Jordan Valley Park followed in 2002. Both were developed under the City of Springfield’s Vision 20/20 program. The Ice Park features two NHL-sized ice rinks, skate rentals, locker rooms, concessions and a pro shop. Programs include open skating and recreational and competitive ice sports, including figure skating and hockey. It’s the home of the Missouri State Ice Bears, the Springfield Youth Hockey Association and the Jordan Valley Figure Skating Club.

Springfield Police implement new online reporting system

On Jan. 1, the Springfield Police Department implemented a new system for citizens to file online police reports. The form can be accessed directly through springfieldmo.gov/3791/File-Online-Police-Supplemental-Report. Citizens can also access the new form on SPD’s website (springfieldmo.gov/spd) via the red left-hand sidebar button labeled “Report a Concern” or through the “How do I…” drop-down menu.

Citizens can file online police reports for a number of incidents including stealing, forgery, fraud, harassment, identity theft, lost (or found) property, vandalism, graffiti as well as supplemental reports to add information to reports already filed with SPD.

Once an online police report is completed, you will be e-mailed a tracking number. This is not a police case number. An official police case report number will be assigned and e-mailed to you once the report has been reviewed and approved. Upon review, if further information is needed, you maybe contacted. An e-mail address is required to file an online report.

You cannot file a report online if:
• it is an emergency (Please call 911)
• the crime occurred outside the Springfield City limits
• you are reporting the theft of a gun, license plates, or a motor vehicle
• there is any physical evidence that needs to be collected
• the incident occurred on a state highway

If you are submitting a Crime Stoppers tip please visit www.P3tips.com.
City of Springfield Night at Hammons Field April 25

The City of Springfield Night at Hammons Field will be Thursday April 25 featuring the Springfield Cardinals and the Amarillo SodPoodles. Amarillo is a new team replacing the San Antonio Missions, who are joining the Triple-A Pacific Coast League this season.

The game will start at 7:10 p.m. More information about the game and tickets coming soon.

Dickerson Park Zoo welcomes two new swift foxes

Two North American swift foxes are the newest arrivals at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Turner, a 3-year-old male, came from Pueblo Zoo in Colorado, and Peggy, a 10-year-old female, came from the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka.

Swift foxes are not much larger than your average house cat and are nocturnal preferring to spend much of their time underground in their burrows.

The zoo is open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in February and March, weather permitting.

Salute to Greene County event March 8

The Greene County 100 Club has started a new event that supports families of fallen law enforcement and fire personnel. It will be March 8 at Doubletree Springfield, reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and 100 Club Award Recipient Kim Roberts. Sponsorships, tables and tickets can be purchased online at greenecounty100club.com/salute-to-greene-county/.
Art in our City – Zone 3: Through March 17
This exhibition highlights and celebrates the creativity of our community focusing on artists living and working in the many neighborhoods that make up our city. This exhibition not only concentrates on the artists on display but also their neighborhoods and what it means to live and work creatively in Springfield. The exhibit will rotate every six months; the third exhibit features works by seven artists from four neighborhoods in City Council Zone 3.

All School Exhibition: March 2-April 28
The Springfield Art Museum invites student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through 12th grades.
- Opening Reception: Middle/High Schools: March 1: 5:30-7 p.m.
- Opening Reception: Elementary Schools: March 3: 2-4 p.m.

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22: 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.

El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking Workshop: Feb. 16 and March 2, 12-3 p.m.
This workshop is an introduction to the collagraph printing technique that can be seen in our current special exhibition “El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking.” Participants will build their own collaged plates, and then ink and print the plates. You will leave with an original collagraph plate, prints and insight into the creative process seen in the current exhibition. Materials provided. Ages 16 and up. Register at sgfmuseum.org. Fee: $15

El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking: Closes March 17
Pulled entirely from the collection of the Drs. Antonio and Luz Racela, this exhibition presents over 70 prints by 33 Cuban artists who have all worked at the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Habana—the oldest, continuously running print workshop in Cuba. 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.

1 Million Cups Springfield: Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27: 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?”
- 1MC 5th Anniversary featuring Jack Stack: Feb. 13, 8:30-11 a.m.

Ultimate Springfield Cave Tour: Feb. 9, 11 a.m. (Tour 1) and 12 p.m. (Tour 2), Feb. 10, 11 a.m. (Tour 1) and 12 p.m. (Tour 2)
This exclusive tour includes a full day of caving adventure in the Springfield area, consisting of a hiking tour that highlights the caves of Ritter Springs Park, a walking tour through Giboney Cave in Doling Park, and a boat tour through Sequiota Park. Pack snacks and water. Transportation provided. Participants encouraged to bring headlamps or flashlights. Register by Feb. 8 at ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. Ages 6 yrs. and up. Fee: $15/person

Daddy Daughter Dance: Feb. 23, 6-9 p.m.
Girls, bring your dad, step-dad, grandpa, uncle or special guy out for a night you'll always remember. Enjoy a catered dinner, music, dancing and special surprises with your guest. Event held in the Northview Center Ballroom, adjacent to Doling Family Center. Dance theme is '50s Sock Hop. Tickets on sale at all Park Board Family Centers or at 417-837-5900. Space is limited. Ages 3 yrs. and up. Fee: $40/couple, $15 each additional girl.

Try Hockey for Free Day: Feb. 23, 1 p.m.
Kids interested in ice hockey? Give it a try. We provide coaches and equipment. Skating experience not required, but registration is. To register call 417-899-7444. Ages 10 yrs. and under.

Sequiota Cave Boat Tours: March 2-3 and March 9-10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Slowly paddle through Sequiota Cave learning its myths, facts and history. Dates subject to weather and bat activity. Space is limited. Participants encouraged to bring headlamps or flashlights. Register by March 1 and March 8 at ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. Ages 5 yrs. and up. Fee: $8/adult, $6/youth (5-15 yrs.).
Cpl. Rob Schroeder retires after 25 years of service

On Jan. 24, Corporal Rob Schroeder retired after 25 years with the Springfield Police Department. Congratulations Corporal Schroeder!

Airport officially reaches 1 million passengers in 2018

The final count is in, and it’s official: 2018 went down as the first year in history that 1 million passengers used the Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF).

“1,075,425 passengers used the airport in 2018,” says Brian Weiler, the airport’s Director of Aviation. “That’s an 8.3 percent increase over last year, and it sets a yearly passenger record for the fourth consecutive year. On behalf of everyone at the airport, I want to thank the community for pushing us past the one million passenger milestone.”

Four airlines serve Springfield: Allegiant, American, Delta and United. They provide service to 13 non-stop destinations: Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denver, Dallas, Charlotte, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Orlando, Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers, and Destin/Ft. Walton Beach.

2019 Polar Plunge Springfield March 2

The Polar Plunge offers a chance for you to come out of hibernation, grab some friends and take a dip in frigid winter waters. This year’s plunge will be Saturday, March 2 at 1 p.m. at the Ski Shack Cable Park. To register visit give.somo.org/site/TR?fr_id=1368&pg=entry

Don’t feel like making the splash this year? Register as a chicken to raise the cash and get your T-shirt. Grab your troupe and form a team or setup a sideshow all by yourself.

Using a secure system, you can create your personal fundraising page and email your friends and family – if they won’t join your team, ask them to support you by donating at www.somo.org/plunge. Also include us in your tweets using #PlungeMO.

The Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics Missouri’s year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOMO exists to provide year-round sports and training opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and our athletes need you to get involved. Become a coach, volunteer, recruit a future athlete and learn how you can make a difference.
Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

To: Jody Galloway, Airport
I am pleased to pass the Golden Goose on to Jody Galloway, Airport Heavy Equipment Technician and supervisor over all Airport equipment maintenance. Jody is a valuable asset to the Airport! He is very knowledgeable when it comes to servicing and maintaining equipment—from Oshkosh fire trucks, snow equipment and fuel trucks all the way to the lawn mowers that mow the grass. Jody is able to diagnose issues and repair all equipment in a timely manner to keep the Airport operational. Not only does he work to maintain the Airport’s equipment, he also assists with Airport field operations—snow removal, repairs to Airport lift stations and fuel farms. Thank you Jody for using your wisdom and talent to make sure the Airport functions to its highest potential! – Beverly Schmitz, Airport

To: Kim Whitman, Airport
Kimberly Whitman is my choice for the Golden Goose. Kim is always helpful to me because she prepares purchase orders for repairs and is always pleasant and gets the job done quickly. I know I can count on her, and she answers questions for me for contracts and purchase orders and never seems bothered. She has a good attitude and is helpful to me whenever I ask. – Jody Galloway, Airport

To: Pam Boyce, Airport
I am nominating Pam Boyce for the Golden Goose. Pam is a great co-worker, and she is always smiling and positive. She has always helped me if I have a question, and I know she helps others if they need something. If she doesn’t know the answer, she will find out for you. I think she is definitely an asset to the admin office at the airport. I can’t think of anyone more deserving than her. – Kim Whitman, Airport

Do You Know...?

Joe Hamp
Senior Designer, Public Works
Joe has worked for the City for 18 years.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Committed, professional and innovative.

What advice do you have for prospective employees? Be yourself and don’t be afraid to share your ideas.

If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want? I don’t think that I would switch. I enjoy what I do.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? I have learned that good communication is a vital part of having a successful project.

Why do you do what you do? I enjoy being a part of projects that make a difference in the community.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Being patient while all of the pieces needed to start a project come together.

What’s the best part of your job? Being involved in such a large variety of things, and that I am able to work with many different groups.

What are you passionate about? Family and the outdoors.

What do you admire about this organization? I admire that every department is passionate about the quality of work they provide.

Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies! Police Chief Paul Williams was January’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 March 1 and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!
Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov
WELCOME TO THE CITY

Back Row, L-R: Coby Church, ES; Rodney Wurgler, BDS; Keenan Elder, Airport.
Second Row: Stephen Murkerson, 911; Barry Stephens, ES.
Third Row: Clayton Sartin, Airport; Dusten Whisnant, 911; Cheyenne Brinson, 911.
Fourth Row: Andy Haase, PW; Christine Moore, Police; Kyle McGinnis, Planning.
Bottom Row: Emily Streeter, 911; Jennifer Willaby, BDS; Mariah Blackstock, 911.

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To submit ads, call 417-864-1003 or email TheScene@springfieldmo.gov.

2015 Zinger CrossRoads Camper – asking $23,500. 30 ft bumper pull half ton towable. Large slide out rear kitchen, sleeps 6, lots of storage throughout, 2 recliners, outdoor shower, led light built into 12 volt powered awning, front jack is 12 volt. Smoke free. Contact Doug 417-860-6862

2012 Ford Fusion SEL. $6000 miles, 6 cylinders, FWD, automatic. Has tinted windows, heated leather seats, SYNC system, keyless & keypad entry, climate control for driver & passenger side. MPG avg is 26 mpg. Clean title, no accidents, no mechanical issues. $9500. Contact Jennifer @ 417-988-4137 for more info & pictures.

2017 Polaris Rzr 1000, 27 hours, 300 miles. Has roof, front and back guards, rock bars, windshield and no limit wheels and tires. Asking $18,500 OBO. Call Casey for information at 417-327-9897

2016 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 4×4. 38,000 miles. 20” wheels, bed cover, Hunter green in color. Asking $20,500. Call Casey for information at 417-988-4137


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 $35,000 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 #564.93019750 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 417-879-8459

Computer desk in like new condition. Asking $600 (New $850-$900). Contact Suzanne at 417-425-2294 or Randy at 417-425-2293 (evenings Fri - Mon) or days otherwise.

Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 5x7 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.

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– City Manager

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Fire Captain
– Fire, 21 years

Bill Knuckles
Professional Engineer
– Environmental Services, 30 years

Luz Melendez
Administrative Assistant
– Art Museum, 27 years

Sandra Werbitzky
Chemist
– Environmental Services, 26 years
To: Springfield Fire Department

Chief, I can’t thank you and your entire crew enough for making Hams for the Holidays a success in Springfield!

– Josh Fisher, Hy-Vee Communications Manager

On Dec. 15 Springfield Fire partnered with Hy-Vee to distribute 300 hams to families at the Fairbanks located in Zone 1. All 300 were distributed in 30 minutes!

To: Springfield Fire Department

Thank you so much for taking the time to help us deliver food for Christmas. We appreciate your partnership and what you do daily for the community!

– Janelle Reed, Victory Mission Outreach and Special Events Manager

On Dec. 15, Springfield Fire partnered with Victory Mission to deliver 27 holiday Christmas baskets to families in need.

To: Kayla Smith, Abbie Shouse and Macy Allison, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators

On Jan. 17, there was a subject reported to be screaming at the caller’s door with a machete in hand. When officers arrived, the subject took off running, stole a vehicle and ran. The incident quickly turned from a foot pursuit to a vehicle pursuit in which both the Springfield Police Department and Greene County Sheriff’s Department got involved in the pursuit, and the vehicle was abandoned. Kayla Smith, Abbie Shouse and Macy Allison, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators, were quick to respond to the agencies involved and assisted during the both foot and vehicle pursuit. Way to go!

To: James Stater, 9-1-1 Shift Supervisor, Jill Evert and Emily Streeter, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators

On Jan. 11, there was an incident involving multiple agencies and a felony car stop. Both the driver and passenger had several warrants. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Jill Evert quickly dispatched assistance, 9-1-1 Supervisor James Stater notified other additional agencies and Emily Streeter (9-1-1 Telecommunicator) notified the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The agencies involved appreciated the help and group effort.

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