Chili weekend!

The Springfield Police Officers Association won the Grand Champion Award and several other awards at the Sertoma Chili Cook-off Saturday Feb. 23, qualifying the SPOA to compete at the 2019 World Food Championship Chili Competition (October 2019) with a chance of winning $300,000! In addition to the Grand Champ Award, the team also won:

- 2nd Place People’s Choice
- 1st Place Best Booth
- 2nd Place Fundraising (in division)
- 2nd Place Best Chili in Group Division.

The Law and Planning departments on Friday Feb. 22 hosted a chili lunch fundraiser to benefit the United Way. Thanks to all of those who attended and contributed. The lunch raised more than $350 for the United Way.

PIO’s Mark Montgomery wins two ADDY awards from American Advertising Federation

The American Advertising Federation’s local chapter (AAF Heartland) held its local 2019 ADDY Awards Saturday, Feb. 23 at Downstream Casino Resort. The City of Springfield won a Silver ADDY for the 2018 Jazz Festival poster illustration by Mark Montgomery, Department of Public Information. Montgomery also won a Silver ADDY for his illustrated portrait of Neil Young. AAF Heartland represents advertising professionals in the Southwest Missouri area including Joplin, Branson, Springfield as well as Pittsburg, Kansas.
City’s ¼-cent capital improvement sales tax renewal to come forward April 2

Citizens are starting to notice a familiar sign that the City’s ¼-cent capital improvement sales tax is up for renewal. Signs reading “Completed as Promised,” “Coming Soon” and “Proposed” are educating the public about the role the tax plays in funding road, bridge, stormwater and sidewalk improvement projects city-wide.

On April 2, Springfield voters will be asked to decide whether or not to renew the 30-year-old tax. The ballot proposal is a continuation with no additional cost to taxpayers.

In place since 1989, this tax has generated nearly $250 million to help maintain and improve Springfield’s transportation and stormwater infrastructure systems. When possible, funding is leveraged with other partners, including county, state, federal governments and developers.

Recent projects include the widening of Republic Road and intersection improvements throughout the city. Proposed projects include additional sidewalks, roadway improvements and intersection upgrades. For a complete list, visit Springfieldmo.gov/election.

In October 2018, Springfield City Council evaluated the possibility of a longer-term cycle option for the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. They indicated support for maintaining a sunset of the tax, but extending it to 20 years.

“A longer term would change the way the city is able to use these funds,” explains Public Works Director Dan Smith. “The City currently splits up project phases – design and construction. We do this because, especially with larger and more complicated projects, we can’t fully commit to completing all phases of a project during the current three-year cycle.”

To maintain accountability, public input and project prioritization processes will continue to be conducted on a regular basis to collect feedback to be used in the selection of future projects and programs over the 20-year term.

The City’s continuous long-term Capital Improvement Project planning and Citizen Tax Oversight Committee processes will also continue to guide accountability.

For more information, visit springfieldmo.gov/election.

ES Stormwater Professionals attend International Erosion Control Association conference

A few stormwater professionals from the City’s Environmental Services Department attended the International Erosion Control Association Annual Conference in Denver in February. It was a tremendous honor to not only be in attendance, but they also had the opportunity to host a roundtable discussion with new and seasoned inspectors from across the nation.
City offers new down-payment assistance loan program

The City of Springfield’s Planning and Development department is encouraging first-time home buyers to purchase homes in certain portions of Zone 1 and Zone 2 with a new down-payment assistance loan program, which provides income-qualified home buyers with a loan up to $5,000 for closing costs. The purchase price of the home may not exceed $130,000.

The program is also open to non-first-time home buyers who are single parents or qualify as displaced homemakers under the federal income guidelines.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND INCOME LIMITS

- 1-person = $33,600
- 2-person = $38,400
- 3-person = $43,200
- 4-person = $48,000
- 5-person = $51,850
- 6-person = $55,700
- 7-person = $59,550
- 8-person = $63,400.

The program, financed with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, is a 10-year zero-interest rate loan that is non-amortizing, which means there are no monthly payments required unless the house is no longer the buyer’s primary residence. After five years, 50 percent of the loan obligation will be eliminated on the anniversary date. For the next five years, the amount owed is reduced monthly. After 10 years, the applicant has no obligation to pay the loan back.

Buyers must be pre-qualified for a qualified first mortgage from a lender and must complete a HUD-approved homeowner or homebuyer education class with a class completion certificate prior to final loan closing.

“We encourage any first-time homebuyer looking to buy a home in the qualified area to apply,” said Community Development Loan Officer Bob Jones. “We expect to fund about 20 loans at $5,000 each. Borrowers will be placed in a pool of income-qualified applicants. When the buyer has a signed purchase contract, funding will be reserved until the remaining underwriting for their home loan is complete.”

Visit springfieldmo.gov/downpaymentassistance for more information about the program, including a loan application, buyer’s guide and lender’s guide.

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

Largest Police Academy class in SPD history starts in February

Thirty-three new recruits were welcomed to the training center on Feb. 4 as members of the 71st Academy, the largest class in SPD history. The academy lasts for six months.
Health Department creates online food access database

Food insecurity is a major issue, both nationally and locally. Fourteen percent of U.S. households, and nearly 17 percent of households in Greene County are food insecure. Access to healthy food is also a concern.

There are varying negative health effects that are being heavily influenced by poor diets, in particular cardiovascular disease and obesity.

In 2018, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department provided an updated look at food access in Springfield. The report assessed supermarket locations as well as “safety net food providers,” which provide additional food access opportunities at no charge to low-income residents, to identify areas of our community that are food insecure. The assessment determined that while improvements have been made, more should be done to reduce food insecurity in our community. View the assessment at health.sprinfieldmo.gov/foodaccess.

Following the completion of the Food Insecurity Assessment, the Springfield-Greene County Health Department created an interactive food access database, allowing social service providers, case workers and those looking for food the ability to learn about food access opportunities in the community. Users may view opportunities in the entire city, or enter an address for a more focused search of grocery stores and safety net food providers in the community. Users may then click on the icons to learn more information about how to access the services. View the database at maps.sprinfieldmo.gov/foodaccess.

Flu is on the rise: there’s still time to get vaccinated

In light of recent increasing flu numbers the Springfield-Greene County Health Department is reminding residents of the best ways to prevent flu.

For the week of Feb. 22, 622 lab-confirmed flu cases were reported in Greene County, that's down slightly from the previous week's high of 744 cases.

The flu vaccine is our best protection against the flu virus, and it’s not too late to get your flu shot. The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has the vaccine available for children and uninsured and underinsured adults. The vaccine is still available from local pharmacies as well.

For those who aren’t feeling well, contacting your primary care physician can be an option. If you can’t get in to see your doctor, or don’t have one, Greene County has several options for care.

Telemedicine is a great option to stay home and avoid potentially exposing others. This allows patients to check in with their care provider virtually, rather than having to travel or sit in a waiting room.

Convenient Care, Urgent Care and Retail Clinic locations are good options for people experiencing the beginning stages of flu or other respiratory illnesses with symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches or tiredness.

Links to resources and weekly case count numbers in our area are available at health.sprinfieldmo.gov/flu

If you are sick, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, without using fever-reducing medicine. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and try to avoid contact with others.

For those who are feeling well and want to prevent getting sick:

Take time to get a flu vaccine—early data shows that the vaccine this year is a good match for adults and children.

A few reminders about getting vaccinated:

• Everyone over the age of 6 months is recommended to be vaccinated
• Even if you were vaccinated last year, it is important to get vaccinated again this year to protect against changing flu viruses
• The flu vaccine is safe. Every year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration work closely with vaccine manufacturers to ensure the highest level of safety standards for flu vaccines.

In addition to getting vaccinated, you can also help prevent the spread of many viruses by practicing proven disease prevention methods. This includes:

• Washing your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and then wash your hands with soap as soon as you are able.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. This is how germs are spread.
• Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
Nearly 1,000 have downloaded lifesaving PulsePoint app since September

PulsePoint empowers CPR-trained citizens to provide critical response to cardiac arrests

Gretchen Cliburn, a director at BKD Wealth Advisors and runner from Springfield, says she got a second chance at life in 2014, thanks to CPR-trained bystanders willing to help when she collapsed during a race.

“It was a gorgeous day,” she remembers. “My friend and running partner Kathryn and I were well-ahead of schedule and enjoying the run. There was nothing out of the ordinary.”

Cliburn says the last thing she remembers from that April morning is crossing mile marker 9 of the half-marathon and remarking to her friend that she thought they’d have a strong finish in the race.

“Apparently I then told Kathryn that we needed to slow down a little,” Cliburn said. “The next thing she heard was the sound of my body hitting the pavement.”

Cliburn, who had no history of heart disease, had suffered a cardiac arrest and did not have a pulse. Two other runners, to whom she refers as “angels,” began performing CPR and called 911. They continued until paramedics arrived, defibrillated her heart into beating again and transported her to a Springfield hospital, where she was placed in a medically induced coma and underwent advanced cardiac procedures. Her prognosis ranged anywhere from never waking up from the coma to making a full recovery.

“I was extremely fortunate that day because of the people who were there with me who performed CPR and kept going until EMS got there,” Cliburn said.

The Springfield Fire Department hopes that Cliburn’s story and the many others like it will encourage anyone with a smartphone to get trained in CPR and download the PulsePoint app.

Last fall, the fire department and local emergency services personnel partnered to launch PulsePoint in the 17-county region served by Mercy and CoxHealth.

The app alerts CPR-trained citizens of cardiac events in their vicinity so they may administer aid. The app also notifies users of the closest available automated external defibrillator (AED).

Since the technology became available in the Ozarks last September, nearly 1,000 people trained in CPR have downloaded the app.

PulsePoint is another component of the Springfield LifeSave initiative started by the Fire Department to improve survival rates of those experiencing cardiac arrest.

Funding and operational partners include:
- CoxHealth
- Mercy
- City of Springfield
- Missouri State University
- Ozarks Technical Community College
- Drury University
- Evangel University
- City Utilities and
- Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

Early application of bystander CPR and rapid defibrillation with an AED have proven to be crucial in improving a person’s chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. PulsePoint is not limited to emergency responders or those with official CPR certification, as it can be used by anyone who has been trained in CPR.

“When a patient is in cardiac distress, the quicker they receive help, the greater chance they have for a complete recovery,” says Dr. Stephen Kuehn, interventional cardiologist with CoxHealth. “This technology is a wonderful tool to have in place, and I’m excited for what it means for patients throughout southwest Missouri.”

HOW IT WORKS

After downloading the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play by searching for “PulsePoint,” those trained in CPR and wishing to assist in case of an emergency can be notified of a cardiac emergency nearby that may require CPR. If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the location-aware application will alert trained citizens in the vicinity of the need for bystander CPR at the same time first responders are dispatched. The application also directs these citizen rescuers to the exact location of the closest publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED). Note: User notification only occurs after the 9-1-1 system has been activated.

“PulsePoint is a powerful tool to increase survival rates of cardiac arrest in our community,” said Fire Chief David Pennington. “In addition to the lifesaving CPR notifications, the application provides a complete virtual window into the emergency communication center.”

For professional responders, Pennington says PulsePoint can improve situational awareness, increase incident and resource visibility, and enhance overall interoperability with neighboring jurisdictions.

Nearly five years after her cardiac arrest, Cliburn says she still encourages everyone she knows to get trained in CPR, and now that it’s available in the Ozarks, to download the PulsePoint app.

“You could be that person who gives someone in our community a second chance at life,” she said.
Scenes from the 2019 Momentum State of the Workforce Luncheon Feb. 20

To read the results from this year’s Momentum State of the Workforce Survey visit springfieldmo.gov/momentum.

Park Board now hiring for 400 summer seasonal jobs

Know someone looking for a summer job? The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is now hiring for 50 different temporary and seasonal jobs, about 400 positions in all. Applicants may also apply online at ParkBoard.org/Jobs.

Summer jobs range from entry-level cashiers to skilled drivers and maintenance staff. Hours vary, ranging from a 10 to 40 hours a week. Seasonal employees typically work April-September, and schedules may be flexible around school, perfect for students who have the summer off.

The Park Board is one of few employers that will hire workers as young as age 14, as cashiers and concessions clerks. Lifeguards may be age 15 or older, with lifeguard training and certification, offered this spring through the Park Board.

Missouri Withholding Tax and MO W-4 Changes

The Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) instituted a new MO W-4 Employee’s Tax Withholding Form as well as new tax tables for 2019. These changes will be effective beginning with the March 3 pay period and will be seen on employees’ March 21 paycheck. If you are satisfied with your current state withholdings based on your filing status you will not need to make a change or complete a new W-4 Employee’s Tax Withholding Form. Taking action to adjust your state withholding is completely optional. This message is to provide guidance for those who do want to make a change.

The Missouri DOR is following federal law and, as a result, there are now no longer allowances permitted and the annual standard deduction amounts were increased as of 2018.

Employees can no longer increase or decrease the amount withheld from their paychecks by claiming allowances that are not consistent with their specific filing situation. If the employee needs additional amounts withheld, they should add the additional amount on line 2 of the W-4.

This change may result in a small increase to the amount withheld from employee’s paychecks.

To make changes to your current W-4 withholdings, please complete and return the form to Human Resources. Forms can be submitted throughout the year and pay period, but forms received by the Friday before payday in the payroll cycle, will be effective for that pay period. The form is available via CityShare. At this time, you must complete the paper version of the MO W-4 as self-service is temporarily unavailable.

Employees DO NOT need to complete a new W-4 form unless they are making a change such as having an additional amount withheld beyond the standard tax rate or wanting to have a pre-set amount withheld. Otherwise, the withholding amount will be updated with the implementation of the new tax tables which is based on the employee’s filing status with respective standard deductions.

To read the results from this year’s Momentum State of the Workforce Survey visit springfieldmo.gov/momentum.
Art in our City – Zone 3: Closes March 17, Zone 4: Opens March 22
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.

All School Exhibition: March 2-April 28
The Springfield Art Museum invites student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through 12th grades, to exhibit outstanding artwork. This highly anticipated show has been a staple of our exhibition schedule for well over forty years. By showcasing students’ work in one of its primary gallery spaces, the museum seeks to highlight the importance of arts education and honor the accomplishments of young artists.

• Opening Reception: Middle/High Schools: March 1: 5:30-7 p.m.
• Opening Reception: Elementary Schools: March 2-4 p.m.

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.

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 rotates every six months; the third exhibit features works by seven artists from four neighborhoods in City Council Zone 3, and the fourth exhibit features work by 11 artists from six neighborhoods in City Council Zone 4.

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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, March 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?”

Try Archery Program: Fri., March 15, 5-6 p.m. Visit the Springfield Archery Complex at the Davis Property to learn how to shoot. Under the supervision of a certified instructor, beginners of any age can shoot a limited number of arrows at a target. Equipment is provided. ParkBoard.org/Archery. Fee is $5/one-hour class.

Deadline for Adult Spring/Summer Softball Leagues: Fri., March 15

Orchid Show and Sale: March 16-17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Springfield Orchid Society brings a juried display of beautiful, rare and exotic orchids to the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center. Orchids available for purchase. ParkBoard.org/Botanical. Free admission, prices vary per plant.

Dog Obedience: Tuesdays, March 19-April 23.
Beginner class 6-7 p.m., Advanced 7-8 p.m.
A great start for you and your dog. Dogs and owners are welcome to beginning and advanced classes, held at Oak Grove Community Center. Proof of vaccination required. ParkBoard.org/OakGrove. Fee: $99/6-week session Beginning; $110/6-week session Advanced.

Petit Jean Camp & Hike: Sat., March 30, 8 a.m.-Sun., March 31, 8 p.m. Camp and hike in the rugged beauty of Arkansas’ first state park. Physical fitness is required for this trip. Transportation and group camping provided. Camping gear available for rent. Gear lists and meal planning help available. Register by March 27. For ages 13 yrs. & up (13-17 yrs. with an adult). ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. Fee: $30/person.

Springfield-Greene County Park Board, ParkBoard.org
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 Soddies. 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.

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/.

Salute to Greene County

Supporting families of fallen law enforcement and fire

Keynote Speaker
John Ashcroft
Former U.S. Attorney General

Speaker
Kim Roberts
100 Club Award Recipient

March 8, 2019
Doubletree Springfield
Reception 6:00 PM || Dinner 7:00 PM

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks
Thomson Donor Center
220 W Plainview Rd

Friday, March 15, 2019
7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Busch Municipal Building
L45 - Lower Level

Friday, March 15, 2019
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Schedule your appointment online at www.cbco.org!

Photo identification required.
Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to the blood drive.

City employees may contact Nikki Crisp at 417-874-2203 or ncrisp@springfieldmo.gov to setup an appointment.
Saki Urushidani  
**Engineer I, Environmental Services**  
Saki has worked for the City for two years.

**What are three words to describe the City of Springfield?** Supportive, knowledgeable and caring.

**What advice do you have for prospective employees?** Time flies at the City, so hold on tight!

**If you could switch your job with anyone else within the City, whose job would you want?** A treatment plant biologist. The bugs they get to look at are so cool!

**What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City?** How to apply what I learned in school to real-life projects.

**Why do you do what you do?** I have always been passionate about the environment, and my job lets me help to improve the quality of our waterways here in Springfield in so many different ways.

**What’s the hardest part of your job?** There is so much to do and only so much time.

**What’s the best part of your job?** There is so much to learn, and I get to problem solve on a daily basis. I have already been given so many opportunities to grow and learn in my short time here.

**What are you passionate about?** Having a clean and safe environment for all to live in.

**What do you admire about this organization?** Everyone is always willing to lend a helping hand.

**Do you work to live or live to work? Why?** I live to work. My work gives me purpose and the opportunity to serve the community.
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.

**United Way Silent Auction raises more than $2,000**

Congratulations to all of the United Way Silent Auction bid winners. This year’s bids totaled approximately $2,700.

**Planning’s Ice Cream fundraiser**

**Meal Prep 101: Lunch & Learn**
- When: Wednesday, March 6
- Time: 12 - 1 pm
- Location: Health Department Classroom

**Fitness Classes**
- Classes offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

**Register Today!**
1. Sharepoint > inBalance
2. Click the event(s) you want to register for (left-hand side)

**inBalance Programs**

**What is ONE change you will make this month to improve your nutrition?**

Drink more water, try a new vegetable, adding a fruit with each meal? The list is endless, but we challenge you to choose just ONE and stick with it!

Please email inBalance@springfieldmo.gov with your response to be placed in a drawing to win a $10.00 Gift Card. Your answer must be submitted to inBalance by the last day of the month.

**Questions? Email us at inBalance@springfieldmo.gov**

**2019 Health Risk Assessments are Here!**

**EVENTS RUN APRIL 4th - MAY 31st**

The health risk assessments are a valuable way to monitor your health and enjoy great benefits! The annual inBalance HRA is confidential and FREE to full-time City of Springfield employees.

Participants are eligible to receive 75% off Parks memberships PLUS 20% off select Park Board fees.

**FREE GIFTS FROM inBalance**

As a thank you for participating in the HRA, inBalance will be providing all 2019 HRA participants with a free hoodie! Additional inBalance items will also be available to all participants, such as inBalance chopstick, snacks, drinks, and more!

**REGISTER TODAY**

To get registered today, please visit: SharePoint-inBalance or springfieldmo.gov/inBalance.

Questions? Contact Audrey Cova: 417-864-1685 or acova@springfieldmo.gov

**National Nutrition Month**

**March 2019**

[www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)  #NationalNutritionMonth

**PARK BOARD RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board offers scholarships for youth to participate in:
- sports, summer camp and other programs designed to build skills and confidence while maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Scholarships may be available to Springfield and Greene County residents 18 and under who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Annual limits apply. Donations to this fund are always welcome.

To donate or apply call 417-864-1049 or visit ParkBoard.org/Scholarships
MILESTONES

Promotions

Anders Kropp  
Financial Analyst – Parks

Julie Hawkins  
Professional Engineer – Public Works

Alexis Walker  
Engineer II – Public Works

Jill Allen  
Public Health Nurse – Health

Gary Kellogg  
Organic Chemist – Environmental Services

Belinda Church  
Human Resources Specialist – Human Resources

Kevin Pierce  
Code Administrator – Building Development

Ryan Davis  
Daniel Tscherny  
Fire Lieutenants – Fire

Eric Marcol  
Sr. Public Health Investigator – Health

Roger Chism  
Senior Signal Technician – Public Works

James Luttrell  
Police Recruit – Police

Daniel Sexton  
Fire Equipment Operator – Fire

Jimmy Avant  
Utility Worker – Parks

Brian Ponder  
Equipment Operator III – Environmental Services

Retirements

Jeffrey Carroll  
Fire Captain – Fire, 25 years

John Collette  
General Curator – Parks, 30 years

Steve Matthews  
Weighmaster – Environmental Services, 16 years

Robert Schroeder  
Police Corporal – Police, 25 years

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

2015 Zinger CrossRoads Camper – asking $25,500, 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 $4x4. 38,000 miles. 20” wheels, bed cover, Hunter green in color. Asking $20,500. Call Casey for information at 417-327-9897


Seasoned oak firewood for sale. You pick up. $175 Contact Marcia Smith at 417-879-8459

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 fence yard. New water heater installed in 2014. Stove, Refrigerator, Washer and dryer stay. Use it for a weekend getaway or rent it out. Not far from the 11 point river if you like to float. Asking $38,000 but will allow $1000 for inside painting. Sacrificing for $37,000. Call Mary 573-747-8705.

Vintage LXI Sears Series Speaker System (2 speakers), $15 for the pair. Model #569.93019750 Series. 32 1/4” H x 14” W x 12 1/2” D. Impedance 8ohm nominal. Woofer speaker 12” diameter, Mid-range speaker 4” diameter, Tweeter speaker 3” diameter. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459

Computer desk in like new-condition. Asking $600 (New $850-$900). Contact Suzanne at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariasanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.

SERVICES

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.

Steve’s Scuba: City of Springfield employees and friends receive $100 off Open Water Certification Class (regular price $450 per person, special price is $350 per person). Save 10% on continuing educational classes; try scuba for $25. For more information, call 417-882-7327 or email itsallgood@stevesscuba.com.

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-343-7772, Licensed & Insured. Services Offered: Tub Refinishing, Home Remodeling, Home Repairs. Also see us on Facebook@JR’s Handyman/Renewsurfacing. Interested in Mary Kay products or hosting a party? Contact Maria Sanchez at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariasanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.

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Vintage LXI Sears Series Speaker System (2 speakers), $15 for the pair. Model #569.93019750 Series. 32 1/4” H x 14” W x 12 1/2” D. Impedance 8ohm nominal. Woofer speaker 12” diameter, Mid-range speaker 4” diameter, Tweeter speaker 3” diameter. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459

Computer desk in like new-condition. Asking $600 (New $850-$900). Contact Suzanne at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariasanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.
To: Melissa Jennings, 9-1-1
Telecommunicator
On Feb. 12, a Human Resources Department employee called 9-1-1 regarding a 9-year-old boy walking down National by himself in only shorts and a T-shirt during the cold weather. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Melissa Jennings quickly put the caller to ease, helped her through the situation, and got law enforcement en route. The City employee said Melissa was calm, professional, and immediately made her feel she was doing the right thing in calling. She thanked her for her skill and demeanor. Great job Melissa!

To: Jordan Lurten, 9-1-1
Telecommunicator
On Feb. 8, there was a pursuit that a Springfield Police Department officer was involved in. The Springfield Police Department Officer involved called back 9-1-1 and said 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Jordan Lurten did an excellent job repeating back what was going on and coordinating the pursuit. Way to go, Jordan!

To: Jason Burch & Cody Benson, Environmental Services
I wish to commend Jason Burch and Cody Benson on the assistance they provided to the City of Strafford Public Works Department utilizing Springfield’s vacuum truck to alleviate a problem in one of Strafford’s lift stations. The assistance was especially appreciated since it was on Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day evening.

– Steven D. Bodenhamer, P.E.
City Administrator, Stafford, MO

To: Terry Moore, IS
I wanted to take a moment to brag on Terry Moore (IS administrative systems analyst) and let you know how much he’s appreciated. Terry is one of those individuals who makes the City a great place to work; he genuinely cares about helping others and goes out of his way if there’s a need he can fill. He created a few SQL reports I use frequently, because the queries fill a function not provided by the Oracle default reports, and I can export the data to Excel to use those data analysis tools. Occasionally I’ve contacted him to request minor tweaks to the existing queries like adding an additional field to expand the use of the report, and he’s always very responsive. Even better, though, he doesn’t just do the small thing I’ve requested; he looks at it in the bigger picture and asks me questions about what I’m trying to do and gives me more than I requested! He would probably say these are easy things for him to do and it’s no big deal, but I so appreciate his initiative and dedication and they’re a big deal to me. Terry has recently created a few new reports based on some of those minor requests I spoke about; my new reports have significantly decreased the time I have to spend doing manual processes. In turn, this gives me more time for helping my Accounts Payable users, to create documentation and notes for those who fill my position after me, etc. He does well in his job, and in so doing I can be more helpful too.

– Angela Turpin, Accounting Technician