2018 United Way Campaign reaches 105.76% of goal

By Fire Chief David Pennington, for The Scene

Thank you to everyone who participated in the City of Springfield Campaign for the United Way of the Ozarks for 2018. Through your support of our giving campaign and participating in special events, the City of Springfield raised $105,582.55, which is 105.76 percent of our goal for this campaign.

You did this. A sincere thank you from me to all who support the United Way of the Ozarks. This has been an exceptional year, and I am thankful for how your generosity will have an impact on our partner agencies and throughout our community.

But it doesn’t have to stop here. The United Way Day of Caring is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for June 20, and watch for the project lists to be released to select the area where you can have an impact. Hope to see everyone out there (wear your sunscreen!)

Great work by everyone!

Cherry Blossom Kite and Piñata Festival:
April 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Springfield Botanical Gardens

Bark in the Park:
April 27: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Phelps Grove Park
A fun and relaxing day in Phelps Grove Park with your family and your beloved dog. Enjoy demos and other activities at the Canine Vendor Village. All ages welcome! Vendors must register by April 19. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Free Admission

Officer Mark Priebe participates in Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Summer World Games

By Officer Mark Priebe, for The Scene

I was asked to represent the Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for the Final Leg runs of the 2019 Special Olympics Summer World Games in Abu Dhabi, UAE. There were 10 LETR Teams made up of law enforcement personnel from around the world, and I was on Team 3. It was an honor to be asked to represent the Missouri LETR and Springfield Police Department on this journey, which was amazing. I have never traveled overseas like this and the travel alone was an experience. We completed four runs each day starting on March 3 and ending on March 13 as we traveled through all the Emirates of the UAE. After each run we had a ceremony and celebrated the reason we were there, which was to promote inclusion of our Special Olympics athletes. UAE referred to the athletes as the “determined” and helped us spread the message of inclusion throughout their country. The LETR personnel also were involved in the Opening Ceremony on March 14, prior to the start of the Games.

This was truly a once in a lifetime experience for me and is honestly hard to put into words. The days were long, 12 to 16 hours with a lot of travel between events and regions, but I am so thankful I had the support of Chief Williams, my command staff and most importantly my family! The experience of being part of this Final Leg was amazing, tiring and an experience I will never forget.

The Springfield Police Department continues to be part of the LETR and support Special Olympics Missouri through fundraising events we host and participate in. I am proud to be part of the SPD and coordinate those efforts here in Springfield. It has been a highlight of my law enforcement career.
**Police Captain Tad Peters is awarded Big of the Year by BBBSO**

Springfield Police Captain Tad Peters was awarded “Big of the Year” by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks.

Tad joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks board of directors in 2011. It was at that time, he decided to become a Lunch Buddy where he could spend one lunch break per week mentoring a then fifth-grader named Nick.

Tad said that he was told from the beginning their match may not be an easy one, as Nick frequented in-school suspension and had grown up without a positive male influence. Captain Peters didn’t shy away from the opportunity to be in Nick’s life.

Now, nearly 10 years later, Nick has enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves with hopes to one day follow in Tad’s footsteps in law enforcement.

“We are proud and appreciative that Tad is finally getting recognition for his leadership at the organization and at the department,” said Police Chief Paul Williams. “I couldn’t think of someone more deserving of this award than Tad. He is humble, hardworking, a great role model and willing to put in the effort to make a difference in a young man’s life.”

Tad’s involvement in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks has also helped to expand the Bigs in Blue program to SPD.

Bigs in Blue is a national campaign for Big Brothers Big Sisters to connect youth with police in communities throughout our nation to build strong, trusting, lasting relationships.

“The children we’re serving likely have had negative interactions with law enforcement already — maybe a parent was arrested in front of them or a sibling has been in juvenile court,” said Ashley French, BBBSO’s chief executive officer. “That viewpoint may only worsen over time and can even result in a contentious and potentially dangerous situation later. If we can match that child with a police officer now, we could truly build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve.”

SPD currently has six officers participating in the program.

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**Chamber offers City employees free registration for Springfield Prayer Breakfast May 2**

Visit springfieldchamber.com/prayerbreakfast and enter promotional code “government.”
2019 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival entertainment announced

Birthplace of Route 66 Festival organizers Aaron Sachs & Associates, Ozarks on Two Wheels, KY3/KSPR and the City of Springfield announced the lineup for the Aug. 9-10, 2019 festival at a press conference held at the Discovery Center March 7. Car show registration is now open online at route66festivalsgf.com.

The festival, which drew 56,000 last year, features an all-free musical lineup that includes favorite Branson acts on the KY3/KSPR stage in Park Central Square.

Regional favorites
• Lyal Strickland
• Mark Chapman
• Makenna & Brock
• Laura Ashley
• Rosy Hips
• The Midterms
• Dirty Saints
• Papa Green Shoes
• Machine Gun Symphony.

... will appear on the Aaron Sachs Stage just south of Jefferson Avenue and Park Central East. The headliner of the festival is Members Only.

Returning to the festival this year is the Mother Roadster raffle of a 1929 Ford Model A benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. Tickets can be purchased online at MotherRoadsterFoundation.com. The winner will be drawn at 5:35 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 after the car show awards on the Sachs stage.

At the 2018 festival, Heather Booth of Springfield won a 1932 Ford roadster. Last year’s drawing made it possible for the foundation to donate $40,000 to Shriners Hospital. Mother Roadster Foundation board members include Rick Hughlett, Rick’s Automotive; Jack Stinson, Stinson Building Company; Bill Hobbs, Kwik Kar Tire Pros; Kirk Wheeler, Wheeler Work Trucks; Larry Krauck, KOLR-TV/KOZL-TV; Tarry Parrish, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; and Dennis Hobbs.

Two iconic brands turn 66 years old this year, the Chevy Corvette and KY3. In honor of these milestones, Chevy Dealers of the Ozarks and KY3 are giving away a brand-new 2019 Chevy Corvette at the festival this year. Enter to win at KY3.com or in person at any Chevy Dealers of the Ozarks location.

Returning to the festival this year is the Authors, Artists, Collectors & Associations expo at The Old Glass Place, Vendor Village, the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Parade and the 6.6K Run/3.3K Walk. Motorcycle Village on the east side of the festival footprint will again be in full swing with live music, demos, stunt shows, the Gypsy Tour Poker Run and other motorcycle-geared entertainment and vendors.

“There is a lot of energy in downtown Springfield surrounding hospitality and welcoming folks to our city to celebrate our Route 66 heritage,” said Rusty Worley, Downtown Springfield Association executive director. Worley cited several new hotels coming online soon, along with restaurants and breweries along the route.

For details visit route66festivalsgf.com or call the hotline at 417-864-1642.

Pearson blood drive collects 192 donations

On March 15, the City cohosted the second annual blood drive in honor of retired Officer Aaron Pearson at two locations, the Busch Municipal Building and the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks Thomson Donor Center. Our goal was to help Community Blood Center of the Ozarks collect a combined 140 units of blood. 192 donations were ultimately made to help save lives across the Ozarks! We, along with the Pearson family, thank all of our participants for their selfless gift.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is a week-long celebration to thank all our public safety telecommunicators for all they do for our community. This event is held April 14-20. The Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Department will be celebrating this event with fun festivities to thank our telecommunicators who serve as a vital link between the community and law enforcement, fire and medical. Thank you to our telecommunicators for all their hard and dedicated work!
The Springfield Fire Department was reaccredited March 12 by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International/Center for Public Safety Excellence for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI’s voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program.

The department was first accredited in 2009 and achieved reaccreditation in 2014.

“Fewer than 1 percent of fire agencies worldwide are accredited,” said Fire Chief David Pennington. “Ten percent of the U.S. population is protected by an accredited fire service agency, and I am proud the citizens of Springfield are among those who are.”

Accredited agencies are often described as being community-focused, data-driven, outcome-focused, strategic-minded, well organized, properly equipped, and properly staffed and trained. The CFAI accreditation is a holistic model that assessed the department against 252 individual performance indicators, to include 85 core competencies, within 10 broad categories, which include: governance and administration, assessment and planning, goals and objectives, financial resources, programs, physical resources, human resources, training and competency, essential resources, and external systems relationship.

While an on-going process, the preparation for reaccreditation began in September 2017 with the development of a new five-year community-focused Strategic Plan and was followed by an evaluation of community risk and how the department responds in development of the Community Risk Assessment/Standard of Cover.

The accreditation cycle is a five-year period, with annual compliance reports submitted to the CFAI.

The CFAI process is voluntary, and provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance internally and then works with a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate their completed self-assessment.
Springfield Lasers bring Miomir Kecmanovic, Abi Spears back to team

The Springfield Lasers pro tennis team, along with the rest of the World TeamTennis (WTT) league, drafted its team roster March 12, at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif.

The Lasers, defending champions for the WTT’s King Trophy, assembled a mix of returning stars and WTT newcomers for the 2019 team. General Manager Paul Nahon, Coach John-Laffnie “JL” de Jager and Ownership Representative Bob Belote were on hand to announce the draft picks in a live broadcast on the league’s WTT.TV outlet.

The Lasers entered the draft with 2018 team star Miomir “Misha” Kecmanovic included as a franchise player. Kecmanovic, 19, clinched the winning point in the Lasers' 2018 championship match against Philadelphia, later named WTT Championship MVP. A rising young Serbian player, he made it to the quarter-finals in Newport Beach in January. He has a current ATP rank of No. 150. As a franchise player, Miomir may play a maximum of 5 matches with the team. He is scheduled to play the first four home matches in Springfield, July 14, 16, 17 and 18.

Coach de Jager said with Kecmanovic’s career just starting out, he couldn’t take a break from the international tour long enough to play a full season of WTT. After the first week with Springfield, he’ll be playing in Atlanta.

“It’s good to keep him in the league,” said de Jager. “He’s going to be top 100. He was a major player in helping us win. Hopefully next year he can play more matches.”

The draft also began with returning doubles specialist Abigail Spears protected by the Lasers. Spears, 37, from Colorado Springs, helped take the team to the championship match with solid doubles play and unwavering team support, buoyed by members of her family, cheering in the stands at home matches. She is currently ranked No. 31 in doubles by the WTA, with 21 career doubles titles, including Nottingham in 2018 and the Australian Open in 2017 (playing mixed.) She also made it to the semifinals at Wimbledon last year.

The Lasers first round pick was doubles specialist Joe Salisbury, considered the league’s top pick in men’s doubles. Salisbury, 26, from London, England, just reached his career high rank of No. 21 in doubles, following a title win at Dubai earlier this month (with Rajeev Ram.) He has three doubles titles.

The Lasers had no second round pick, due to a late 2018 season trade, but the team had two picks in Round 3. The first was Enrique “Kiki” Lopez Perez, 27, from Madrid, Spain. Perez currently has an ATP rank of No. 138 in doubles (his career high), and No. 252 in singles. He made it to the final round in doubles at the Bangkok Open in February. Nahon said the team selected Perez because they needed a tour veteran with a blend of singles and doubles ability.

The Lasers’ second Round 3 pick went to Anna Blinkova, a 20-year-old from Russia, currently ranked No. 84 in doubles and No. 104 in singles. She turned pro in 2015, and since then has earned three ITF and one WTA singles titles as well as six ITF doubles titles.

Coach de Jager said he focused on doubles for this year’s Lasers draft.

“I’ve been part of this league for 20 years, and over the years, the teams that win have had strong doubles,” he said. “We picked up the top men’s doubles player, and with Abi and Anna, we’ll be very strong on the women’s side. The women play a massive role in WTT, and we’re very happy with the team we’ve selected.”

De Jager returns to Springfield this summer for his 13th season coaching the Lasers, and his 20th year with WTT.

“I’m looking forward to being back,” he said. “Springfield is a great place, and last year was a big year for us, so hopefully we’ll get more people to come out and support us.”

THE 2019 SEASON

The Lasers open the WTT season in Springfield Sunday, July 14, facing the Philadelphia Freedoms, the same line-up for the Aug. 5, 2018, WTT Finals, where the Lasers captured their first Championship Trophy in the team’s 23-year history, beating Philadelphia 19-18.

This summer, the WTT league adds two new teams: the Orlando Storm, in Lake Nona, Florida; and the Vegas Rollers, in Las Vegas, Nevada. This expansion brings the total to eight teams in the league, including the New York Empire, Washington Kastles, Orange County Breakers, San Diego Aviators, Philadelphia Freedoms and Springfield Lasers.

The Lasers regular season includes seven home matches at Cooper Tennis Complex (in bold) and seven away matches:

- **Sun., July 14** Season opener Philadelphia at Springfield
- **Tues., July 16** Orlando at Springfield
- **Wed., July 17** New York at Springfield
- **Thurs., July 18** Washington at Springfield
- **Sat., July 20** Springfield at Las Vegas
- **Sun., July 21** Springfield at San Diego
- **Mon., July 22** Springfield at Orange County
- **Wed., July 24** San Diego at Springfield
- **Fri., July 26** Springfield at Orlando
- **Sat., July 27** Springfield at Washington
- **Sun., July 28** Springfield at Philadelphia
- **Mon., July 29** Springfield at New York
- **Tues., July 30** Orange County at Springfield
- **Wed., July 31** Las Vegas at Springfield

WTT semifinals will take place Friday, Aug. 2 and the championship match is Saturday, Aug. 3. Locations to be announced.

Lasers VIP and season ticket packages are available now. Contact Paul Nahon at 417-837-5800. Individual tickets will be available in May.

For more information on Springfield Lasers, visit SpringfieldLasers.com, or look for Springfield Lasers on Facebook or @SGFLasers on Twitter.
The Springfield Art Museum is proud to present a focused exhibition of work by preeminent multi-disciplinary artist Nick Cave, a Missouri native. Cave is an immensely important contemporary artist working between the visual and performing arts through a wide range of mediums including sculpture, installation, video, sound and performance.

He is well known for the Soundsuits series, sculptural forms based on the scale of his body. Visually, the Soundsuits—so named for the noise they make when worn—are alive with color and texture; they are covered in yarn, buttons, vintage toys, and ceramic birds. But on another level, they examine issues of identity and social justice including race, gun violence and civic responsibility. Cave made his first Soundsuit as a response and reaction to the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles in March 1991 with sewn sticks gathered in Millennium Park in Chicago.

Stitched together, the sticks became an armor for his body, allowing for anonymity and protection. The suits are intended to camouflage the body, masking and creating a second skin that conceals race, gender, and class, forcing the viewer to look without judgment. Cave has continued to investigate the power of these sculptural garments since that initial work and continues to create new Soundsuits, even as he has moved on to other larger, more immersive installation projects.

This exhibition features a 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 work 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.

**FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS**
- **Opening Reception:** April 5, 5:30–7 p.m.
- **Family Day:** April 13, 10 a.m.–Noon
- **Responsive Dance Performances:** May 2, 7:30 p.m. featuring performances by the Springfield Ballet, the Springfield Dance Alliance, and the Missouri State University Dance Company.

Nick Cave runs through July 28.

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The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Racela Collection of Contemporary Cuban Prints containing 76 unique prints made by 32 Cuban artists and one Chilean artist, each of whom have worked at one time or another at the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Habana in Havana, Cuba. The collection includes work by former directors of the Taller including multiple prints by José Omar Torres Lopez, as well as master printers such as Carlos del Toro Orihuela.

The collection includes a full complement of printmaking processes including examples of lithography, collagraphy, intaglio, woodcut, and monoprinting. All of the prints were made between 1964 and 2003. The collection was most recently on view in the special exhibition El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking (December 8, 2018 – March 17). It has also 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.

The Racela Collection of Contemporary Cuban Prints was a generous donation by Jeremy Smith and Maria Racela-Smith.
EVENTS
Springfield Art Museum
Enjoy Learn Create.
Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr., sgfmuseum.org

All School Exhibition: Through April 28
The Springfield Art Museum invites student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through 12th grades, to exhibit outstanding artwork. This 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.

Nick Cave: April 6-July 28
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• Opening Reception: April 5: 5:30-7 p.m.

Art in Bloom: Public viewing hours: April 27: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and April 28: 1-5 p.m. This four day festival celebrates fine art and fantastic floral displays, inviting floral designers from throughout the region to imaginatively interpret works of art on view in the museum’s galleries and present them alongside those works for your view in the museum's galleries and present throughout the region to

Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, 26: 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, April 3, 10, 17, 24: 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?”

Bass Pro Shops Pre-1840s Outdoor Days: April 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Visit the Primitive Skills Village Program Decennial at Lake Springfield Park; interactive activities and demonstrations will include Dutch oven cooking, blacksmithing, soap making, woodcarving and more. Free admission

Golf Customer Appreciation and Masters Kick-Off Party: April 10, 4-6:30 p.m. Join the Park Board and kick off the 2019 Masters Tournament at the Bill & Payne Stewart Golf Course with themed appetizers, demos, contests and other surprises. Free admission

Easter at the Farm: April 13: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., A day of family-oriented activities celebrating spring, including arts and crafts, inflatables, games and the Easter Bunny at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. We’ll have more than 20,000 eggs filled with candy and prizes, with Egg Hunts throughout the day for ages 3-9. Kids are limited to 15 eggs each, while supplies last. Bring your basket and your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Fee: Free admission (some activities have a small fee.)

Party for the Planet: April 20: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day at Dickerson Park Zoo with hands-on conservation learning stations and zookeeper chats. Activities free with paid zoo admission. Zoo Admission: $15/adults and teens, $10/3-12 yrs., $12/60 yrs. and up, Free/2 yrs. and under and FOZ members.


Master Gardener and Garden Society Plant Sale: April 27: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Presented by the Master Gardeners of Greene County and other garden societies at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Sale includes annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, bulbs, grasses, vines, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Master Gardeners accept credit cards. Other societies accept cash or check only. Free admission, prices vary per plant.

Community-Wide Play Day: April 27: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fun-filled day with free activities for families with children 12 and under at Fassnight Park. Rain or shine. Free book for every child. Food trucks will be on-site. Sponsored by Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.
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. Gates open at 6:10 p.m. City employees will receive a complimentary ticket if attending. Additional tickets for family and friends can be purchased for $8. All City employees that attend the game wearing a Springfield Cardinals shirt or a City Spirit shirt will be entered into a drawing for four hours of paid leave. Let’s show our City Spirit!

Tickets, including complimentary tickets, are available to pick up/purchase in the City Manager’s Officer (4th floor of the Busch Building). Please contact Sharon Smith if special arrangements need to be made to get your tickets. Cash and checks payable to City of Springfield accepted. Children three and under are free if sitting on a parent’s lap.

All seats are assigned in Section M. You can pick your seats when you pay. All tickets include a voucher for the free cap. The City of Springfield will have a table just outside the main entrance gate to pick up your foam fingers as well as enter the drawing for four hours paid leave if you’re wearing a Cardinals or City Spirit shirt.
A Q&A of City of Springfield employees.
To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

**Julie Hawkins**
Professional Engineer, Public Works
Julie has worked for the City for two years.

**What are three words to describe the City?**
Bustling, lively and vivacious.

**What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City?**
There’s a lot more work that goes on behind the scenes than people realize.

**Why do you do what you do?**
I want to be challenged every day, I want to never stop learning, and I want to feel like I’m helping someone whether that be an engineer, architect, or citizen needing more information.

**What’s the best part of your job?**
Meeting tons of different people and learning something new every day.

**What are you passionate about?**
I’m always trying to learn something new and strive to be better at work and at life.

**Do you work to live or live to work? Why?**
Both—I really like that my work enables me to see the inner working of the City so I get excited to go to work each day. But I also love all my hobbies, friends, and activities outside of work.

**What do you admire about this organization?**
That everyone is honest and reliable, even when no one is watching.

**What's something that Springfield as a city should strive for?**
Improve community morale by highlighting the work we have done and the exciting City projects we have coming up that will help Springfield become a better place to live.

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**Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE**

To: Kristen Milam, PIO
I choose to pass along the Golden Goose to Kristen Milam in PIO. She serves on the inBalance Committee with me and even though inBalance is not her main job, she has done a great job to assist with communication and development of various promotional items. She genuinely cares about her work and the departments she represents. I think much of what her job entails doesn’t always get the credit she deserves, so I thought this would be a great way to show her that what she does is amazing! It has been a pleasure to work with Kristen, and she is very deserving of this award!
– Audrey Cova, Health

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**Spirit Days**

Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies!

**Casey Kellner**
from Public Works
was March’s winner! She 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 **Fridays, April 5 & May 3** and send it to **TheScene@springfieldmo.gov**!

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**Connect with the City #MyCitySGF**
PWER Up committee announces February nominations

The PWER committee is happy to announce our February PWER UP recipients.

- Tina Stob
- Randy Woods
- Curtis Winger

All 2019 recipients will be put in a drawing for a prize at the end of the year.

Do you know a Public Works employee who does great work? Then maybe they are due for a Public Works Employee Recognition Award. PWER UP Awards are employee driven and do not have to be approved by upper administration. This is your opportunity to let a fellow Public Works member know you appreciate them and why. Nominate someone today by emailing kwoodside@springfieldmo.gov

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The Springfield Police Department’s Polar Plunge Team was awarded second place in the Golden Plunger Group category at this year’s Polar Plunge event on March 2.

This year’s plunge boasted 151 plungers and raised $53,686.31 and counting for Special Olympics Missouri.

Have You Registered for Your FREE HRA Yet?

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 chap stick, 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

Other inBalance Programs

- **Cooking Demo: Nutrition on the Go**
  - When: Wednesday, April 4
  - Time: 12 - 1 p.m.
  - Location: Jordan Valley - WIC Classroom
  - 440 E Tampa St.

- **Adult Mental Health First Aid**
  - When: Wednesday, April 17
  - Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (lunch & snacks included)
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Register Today!

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2019 Southwest Missouri Heart Walk

Saturday, April 6th
9 am - 12 pm

Click Here for More Details
facebook.com/events/756340251395642/

How are you going to move more this month? Check out the great opportunities above for ideas!

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2nd Place Winner

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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
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 #564.93019750 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 417-425-2294 or Randy at 417-425-2293 (evenings Fri - Mon) or days otherwise.

Sony STR-DH590 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


MILESTONES

Promotions

Jerome Schiman
Fire Lieutenant– Fire

Everett Kelley
Sewer Operations Coordinator
– Environmental Services

Grant Bledsoe
Admin. Systems Analyst
– Information Systems

Kara Remington
Web Designer – Parks

Eric Hawkins
Police Corporal
– Police

Joel Grieshaber
Fire Equipment Operator
– Fire

Kenneth Maggard
Equipment Operator II
– Public Works

Retirements

David Bartels
Maintenance Worker
– Environmental Services, 5 years

Timothy Gerkey
Fire Captain
– Fire, 25 years

Clint Musser
Police Officer
– Police, 6 years

Robert Richardson
Senior Engineering Tech.
– Public Works, 43 years

David Strusz
Contract Utility Worker
Parks – 5 years

Ronald Taylor
Senior Street & Sewer Construction Inspector
– Public Works, 40 years

SCENE II

FOR SALE

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. 80000 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.

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.

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Back Row, L-R: Jeffery Riegle, PW; Mat Barren, BDS; Chris Whitaker, ES.

Second Row: Ali Eschman, Parks; Lisa Bakerink, Parks; Bailey Crouch, Police; Angie Pratt, WFD; Cameron Nichols, PW. Third Row: Vickie Johnson, WFD.

Bottom Row: Kassandra De Jager, Police; Amber Warren, Health; Brittany Platts, Health; Samantha Cook, PW; Brittany Wise, Health.
To: Laurie Duncan, Bruce Hinkston, Robert McVay & Emily Kijowski, Environmental Services

Thanks so much for the tour this morning. It was very informative, and an
great opportunity for our class. I sincerely appreciate the time that you all spent on
our behalf. Please share my appreciate with everyone involved.
– Danelle Maxwell

To: Mariah Blackstock, 9-1-1
Telecommunicator and Officer Tom Stilson, Springfield Police Department Officer

On March 3, an elderly citizen called to report a person on their front porch
who was trying to kick in her front door. Officers arrived and walked the property
with the citizen and found the subject gone. The citizen called in to compliment 9-1-1
Telecommunicator, Mariah Blackstock, and SPD Officer Tom Stilson for handling
her call and helping her through the scary situation. Excellent service Mariah and
Officer Stilson!

To: 9-1-1 Telecommunicators
On March 11, a citizen called in to the
Citizens Resource Center. She said she is
a lifelong listener of the police scanner
and called in to say the dispatchers and
call takers that coordinate the City of
Springfield and county are absolutely
amazing! The citizen said the work done by
the 9-1-1 Telecommunicators is appreciated
by herself and others! Thank you for all
that you do, Telecommunicators!