City employees honored at 18th Choose Environmental Excellence Awards

Representatives of 13 organizations presented a total of 17 awards celebrating the efforts, dedication and accomplishments of a wide variety of recipients at the 18th Choose Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon held April 26. Each presenting organization at the awards luncheon determines their own specific award criteria and selection process as well as their own physical symbol of their recognition—often presenting creative and unique works of art in addition to being meaningful keepsakes for the recipients. Choose Environmental Excellence provides a venue for bringing these local environmental/conservation agencies and organizations together to celebrate those who have made special contributions toward their respective missions.

Erick Roberts, superintendent of the Solid Waste Management Division of the City’s Department of Environmental Services was honored by the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board for having gone beyond normal practices to promote and support sustainable environmentally responsible activities.

Erick Roberts recognized by the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory Board.

Abe McGull sworn in as new Zone 2 City Council representative

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure and Councilmen Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Richard Ollis, Mike Schilling and Matthew Simpson began new terms Thursday, April 18. All took their oaths of office at a special City Council meeting in Historic City Hall Council Chambers.

McGull was elected as Zone 2 Councilman April 2, following Dr. Tom Prater’s decision not to run for office again. Zone 3 Councilman Schilling was re-elected. Previously appointed Councilmen Lear, Ollis and Simpson were elected as General Seat C, Zone 4 and General Seat D council members respectively.

SPD staff and citizens honored for extraordinary actions

Record attendance at third annual Build My Future event

Lots of fun at City’s Night at the Springfield Cardinals
SPD staff and citizens honored for extraordinary actions

The Springfield Police Department handed out awards to several deserving men and women during this year’s Springfield Police Department Leadership Council Awards Ceremony April 22. Each of these individuals (citizens and officers) have displayed significant acts to fight crime and keep us safe in 2018.

Citizen Service Commendation

Patrick Murphy – On Jan. 29, 2017, Murphy was brave in his willingness to interrupt a burglary in progress at a neighbor’s house. After engaging with the suspects, he called 911 and provided descriptions. Thanks to Mr. Murphy’s actions, officers were able to locate and arrest the suspects.

Jerry Pendergrass (also honored by the Sons of the American Revolution) – On June 4, 2018, a suspect, who had fired a weapon at officers, was being pursued near Pendergrass’ home. The pursuit continued into Pendergrass’ backyard where he was able to assist our officer while armed with his personal handgun.

Citizen Service Medal

Ingrid Lickteig, Jason Devall and Kameeka Gerald – On Nov. 20, 2018, these three citizens were vitally instrumental in helping officers arrest a suspect who used her vehicle to intentionally run over a female victim in the roadway near the intersection of Campbell Avenue and University Street. They each used their vehicle to effectively contain and hold the fleeing suspect’s vehicle at a traffic light until officers arrived. During this time, the suspect rammed the back of their vehicles at least twice in an effort to escape. The suspect was later charged with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action.

Logan Stapp, Ryan Armstrong and Scott Kohler – During the late hours of July 2, 2015 these three citizens were on a Greenway Trail when they heard a woman screaming. They used the lights of their cell phones to follow the screams and found a woman in a secluded area off the trail. There was a male suspect on top of her wearing only his boxer shorts and pinning her arms down while she was crying. Without regard for their own safety, Kohler, Armstrong and Stapp rushed to action, detaining the suspect and helping the victim by keeping her calm and conscious until officers arrived.

They cooperated throughout the investigation and prosecution of this case, including participating in the trial. On April 6, 2018, the suspect was convicted of attempted statutory rape in the second degree.

Command Commendation

Sgt. Heather Anderson – On Nov.18, 2018, Sgt. Anderson saved a child’s life after she responded to a call at Incredible Pizza on South Campbell where that child’s neck was caught in the harness of an amusement ride. Upon arrival, Sgt. Anderson was able to free the child from the harness before she lost consciousness and carried the child to the front of the business to meet EMS personnel. The child survived the incident without lingering effects.

Officer Wesley Harbin – Officer Harbin has been an asset to SPD’s vehicle theft unit. In 2017 he recovered 51 stolen vehicles, with 13 of those vehicles being reported as stolen by other law enforcement agencies. His hard work lead to multiple arrests and prosecutions through the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

Officer Bradley Southard – Officer Southard has been an asset to SPD’s vehicle theft unit. In 2017 he recovered 27 stolen vehicles, with 4

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Springfield-Greene Co. African-American Heritage Trail Committee announces new round of markers

The Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail Committee announced plans for additional trail markers commemorating four churches historically interconnected to form the core of the African-American religious community in Springfield and markers commemorating Alberta’s Hotel and Lincoln School. The markers will be installed in early summer.

The trail project which is now in its second year recognizes the history and contributions of the African-American community to area history with trail markers commemorating local history, culture and points of interest.

The new markers will be recognizing the following historical sites:

**CHURCH SQUARE NORTH**

During slavery, some slaves met in secrecy to worship in the woods along Jordan Creek (formerly Wilson’s Creek).

In the north area bounded by Central, Benton, Washington Avenue and Brower Street (currently Bob Barker Boulevard), the Benton Avenue African Methodist Episcopalian Church (AME) was organized in 1872. In 1926, the current two-story brick building was completed.

Washington Avenue Baptist Church, organized in 1867 as a mission by members of the white congregation of the First Baptist Church, was called Second Baptist Church (Colored). The church was renamed Washington Avenue Baptist Church to remove two stigmas: the use of the term “colored,” and eliminating Second Baptist Churches as inferior “offshoots” of First Baptist Churches. The church was later moved 300 feet north on Washington Avenue so that Drury University could build a new science center. The church is now the Drury University Diversity Center.

**CHURCH SQUARE SOUTH**

The southern area of the historic Church Quadrangle includes Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church, built in 1865 after an arsonist torched the log cabin church along Jordan Creek.

The other church is Gibson Chapel at Tampa and Washington Avenue, which was formed as the First Negro Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1865 by a former slave, the Rev. Peter Lair.

**ALBERTA’S HOTEL**

The community hospital for the black community was remodeled by Ms. Alberta Ellis to include rooms for paying guests; a large dining room, a rumpus room, beauty salon, barbershop and snack bar. The hotel, staffed by family members, was located three blocks north of historic Route 66.

Alberta’s Hotel was listed in The Negro Travelers’ Green Book beginning in 1954. Over the years, Route 66 travelers from across the United States and other countries stayed at Alberta’s Hotel.

**LINCOLN SCHOOL**

The Rosenwald Foundation in 1930 issued a grant to pay for a new school for Springfield’s Negro students and a two-story redbrick school was dedicated on May 21, 1931. When it opened, teachers led students in a parade on Central Street to the New Lincoln School. Once there, students sang “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

The new school had 15 rooms, including a gymnasium, mechanical arts shop, domestic science room and a library. Lincoln School, described in the local newspaper as “one of the best equipped Negro schools in the state,” was a community school. Teachers, administrators and parents sponsored scout troops; a community library and child care center; as well as held dances, plays, concerts, talent contests and fashion shows. When Springfield public schools integrated, Lincoln School became a junior high school and is now Lincoln Hall on the Ozarks Technical Community College campus.

Funding support for the African-American Heritage Trail has been received from the City of Springfield and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Donations are welcome and encouraged, and can be sent to the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail c/o of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Phyllis Ferguson named Mayor Pro Tem

City Council unanimously selected Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson as the Mayor Pro Tempore at a regular meeting on April 22. The Mayor Pro Tem assumes mayoral duties in the event of the mayor’s absence, including leading meetings and representing City Council as an ambassador at a variety of community functions.

Mayor Ken McClure commended Ferguson for her dedication and thanked her for her willingness to serve.”I congratulate Phyllis and appreciate her dedication to the City,” said Mayor McClure. “I look forward to working closely with her in this new role. And I thank Councilwoman Fisk for her service these past two years. She fulfilled the role very well, giving of her time and energy.”

Councilwoman Jan Fisk nominated Ferguson. “Councilwoman Ferguson has worked tirelessly serving her four years on Council, and I know she will give 100 percent plus,” said Fisk.
Environmental Services presents movie screening and community panel discussion May 16

The Department of Environmental Services has partnered with Ozark Greenways and the Let’s Go Smart: Transportation Collaborative to present an Enviro Flick movie screening event. The documentary film “Bikes vs. Cars” will be screened 6:30–9 p.m., Thursday, May 16 at the Springfield Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.) as part of Bike, Walk & Wheel Week.

“Bikes vs. Cars” is an award-winning documentary that was hand selected by ES staff as a vehicle for community discussion and education centered around the bicycle. Following the screening, viewers are invited to participate in a community panel discussion. The event is free, but seating is limited. To learn more about the film, please visit bagitmovie.com.

Enviro Flick screenings are hosted by the Solid Waste Management division of Environmental Services. The next Enviro Flick screenings will feature “Wall•E” on Aug. 2 at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park.

Record attendance at third annual Build My Future

This year’s Build My Future Construction Showcase saw record attendance April 17 as nearly 2,700 students from across southwest Missouri descended on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds EPLEX to learn more about construction and skilled trades. The nationally recognized event is organized by the Build My Future Collaborative, spearheaded by the Ozark Region Workforce Development Board in partnership with the Home Builders Association, MODOT, Springfield Contractors Association and the City of Springfield.

“This year’s event was one of the largest, if not the largest, in the nation,” said Mary Ann Rojas, Workforce Development director for the City of Springfield. We had around 70 exhibitors who provided fun, hands-on activities for students to learn a new skill, and open their eyes to a potential new career once they graduate,” she said.

Since its inception in 2017, Springfield’s Build My Future event has become a model for a nationwide movement that now includes events in eight states as well as other parts of Missouri. “This event’s success is largely due to the great collaborative partners as well as the many school districts who send students each year,” Rojas said.

In 2018, the National Association of Workforce Boards awarded Springfield’s Build My Future Collaborative with the W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award. This prestigious award is given annually to a single workforce board in the United States.

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City launches Yard Ethic certification program to connect residents with yard care resources

When to fertilize? How much to water? What should I plant and where? These are all questions yard owners grapple with on an annual basis, often making choices that are unnecessary, costly and sometimes even harmful to the environment.

The City of Springfield and the James River Basin Partnership (JRBP) hope to answer these questions and more with Yard Ethic, a free certification program to encourage and reward environmentally friendly yard care.

“Each yard is a part of the greater ecosystem,” says Tiffany Frey, executive director of JRBP. “Having a healthy management approach to your yard strengthens the health of our environment as a whole.”

The program encourages residents, businesses and commercial landscapers to implement practices that save money, beautify yards, conserve water, reduce stormwater pollution and create habitat.

“The Yard Ethic program centers around proper practices and connecting our community to a collection of resources and available assistance opportunities,” says Water Quality Compliance Officer Carrie Lamb. “Implementing these practices can be beneficial not just to the resident, but to the entire community.”

Residents can join the Yard Ethic community by visiting YardEthic.com and completing three to five practices to become certified Silver or Gold through the program. Once certified, residents can show off their commitment to the environment and spread the word about the program in their neighborhood by displaying a free Yard Ethic plaque.

Checklist items include such practices as testing the soil in your yard, planting native plants, installing a rain garden, planting a tree, composting organic waste or installing a rain barrel. Various rebates and assistance opportunities are available to help make many of these practices easier and more cost effective.

“For now we’re offering certification for residential yards within Springfield city limits only, but the program may be expanded in the future to include commercial properties and residents in outlying areas,” explains Lamb. “We’re also looking at ways to engage landscape professionals through trainings and other educational opportunities.”

To learn more about yard maintenance resources offered through Yard Ethic and apply for certification, visit YardEthic.com.

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the hostages and conduct the rescue. Officer Cooney was tasked to remain at the top of the ladder and escort each hostage down to safety on the ground. Once the plan was initiated, the two hostages were rescued quickly and safely.

Life Saving Award

Cpl. Albert Estrada – On Nov. 2, 2018, Cpl. Estrada responded to a call regarding an unconscious woman. Upon arrival, he noted the woman was not breathing and had no pulse. He immediately began CPR and continued with chest compressions even after Fire and EMS personnel arrived and began attaching monitors and an AED to the patient. The patient survived the initial incident.

Officer Mark Riggin

– On July 25, 2018, Officer Riggin responded to a call for service concerning a man who was not breathing and had no pulse. Upon arrival, an AED was available and Officer Riggin used the AED to provide a shock to the man’s heart then began performing CPR. The man began breathing on his own before the ambulance and Springfield Fire Department personnel arrived.

Medal of Valor-Silver

Officer Eric Morgan

– On Jan. 5, 2018, Officer Morgan responded to a residential burglary in progress. Upon arrival, Officer Morgan confronted a suspect who was armed with a knife and ordered him to drop the knife. He did so before fleeing on foot. Officer Morgan caught the suspect away, drew his own firearm and threatened to kill him if Officer Morgan did not let him go. Officer Morgan pushed the suspect away, drew his own firearm and gave the suspect commands to drop his weapon. The suspect then pulled out a gun and aimed it at Officer Morgan’s abdomen and threatened to kill him if Officer Morgan did not let him go. Officer Morgan pushed the suspect away, drew his own firearm and gave the suspect commands to drop his weapon. The suspect fired his weapon at Officer Morgan but did not hit him. Officer Morgan returned fire and effectively ended the threat.

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management and excellent track record of the Springfield Sanitary Landfill reflects positively on both Erick’s abilities and on the City’s commitment to the responsible management of the community’s solid waste stream, waste reduction, recycling and re-use and proper disposal.”

Laurie Duncan, education outreach coordinator with the Sustainability Division of Environmental Services was honored by The Tree City USA Citizen Advisory Committee for her efforts toward protecting and enhancing Springfield’s community forest.

Mindy Spitz, chair of Tree City USA, said that Duncan’s “endless energy and spunk is admirable and can turn a topic like earthworms or decomposition into something electrifying. Laurie personifies the positive energy that draws people to learning opportunities and energizes them to both change their habits and to spread the word to others.”

Finally, Director of Environmental Services Errin Kemper was honored by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks for his accomplishments that further the protection of Springfield’s drinking water resources. “Kemper has been a leading voice in the importance of finding a dedicated source of stormwater funding, in maintaining the City’s award-winning sewage treatment plants, and a thoughtful sponsor representative to the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks. He has been and remains a true leader towards clean water in our community,” said Watershed Committee Board Chair Jason Hainline.

Learn more about the Choose Environmental Excellence Awards at chooseenvironmentalexcellence.com
Watercolor USA 2019 juried by watercolorist Dean Mitchell

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce that Watercolor USA 2019 will feature 90 works from 80 artists working in aqueous media, representing 34 states. At 90 works, Watercolor USA 2019 is the largest Watercolor USA in recent memory, continuing a recent trend among jurors to give audiences what they want: watercolor—and more of it.

The 58th exhibition of Watercolor USA was juried 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.

Two hundred and eighty-one artists from 47 states entered 485 works for consideration. Mitchell had the unenviable task of narrowing those entries down into a sampling of the very best in contemporary American watermedia. Unique among the many juried watercolor exhibitions across the country, Watercolor USA is exhibited in a museum setting and the Springfield Art Museum frequently acquires and continues to exhibit work from the show. The museum purchased work for its permanent collection from Arkansas artist Emily Wood from Watercolor USA 2018.

A number of cash prizes, merchandise, and possible purchase awards from both the museum and the Watercolor USA Honor Society totaling approximately $20,000 will be announced prior to the opening reception on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. This reception has a long history of generous support from the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates.

Watercolor USA will be on display June 8–Sept. 1 at the Springfield Art Museum. A color catalog, a complete record of the exhibition, will be available for purchase in Avant Art, the museum’s social gallery. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Park Board still hiring for seasonal positions

The Park Board is still hiring for the summer season! Available positions include lifeguards and swim instructors (training available), concessions clerks and drivers, custodians, umpires, ball complex site directors, turf and ball field maintenance, youth summer day camp counselors and the special events division. Some positions hire as young as age 15. Apply today at ParkBoard.org/Jobs.

WORK AT PARKS! Now Hiring – Summer Employment Opportunities

Apply now!

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI SENIOR GAMES

May 29–June 1, 2019 at Northview Center

$10/Athlete (some events have additional facility fees)

Olympic-style events for athletes age 50 years & up.

EVENTS:

- 8-ball
- Archery
- Baggo
- Basketball skill events
- Bocce
- Bowling
- Electronic Darts
- Golf
- Horseshoes
- Kubb
- Pickleball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Track and Field
- Washers

Pre-register by May 15 at Northview Center

301 E. Talmage St., Springfield, MO 65803

Registration may be accepted day of event, if space allows.

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Mariachi Flor de Missouri Dance Troupe. Also enjoy live music performed by Grupo Latinoamericano Mexican food, and cultural exhibits.

**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta: May 4, 5-8:30 p.m.** Can’t go to Mexico? Grupo Latinoamericano will bring Mexico to you! Live Mexican music, folkloric dances, authentic Mexican food, and cultural exhibits. There will be an authentic presentation of Mexican regional folkloric dances performed by Grupo Latinoamericano Dance Troupe. Also enjoy live music by Mariachi Flor de Missouri.

**Nick Cave: Through July 28**

Nick Cave is a multi-disciplinary 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 own body.

**RESPONSIVE DANCE PERFORMANCES:**

- **May 2: 7:30 p.m.** Featuring the Springfield Ballet, Springfield Dance Alliance and Missouri State University’s Dance Company.
- **Guided Tours:** May 4: 11 a.m. and May 30: 6 p.m.

**Art in our City Zone 4:**

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 fourth and final rotation features works by 10 artists from seven neighborhoods in City Council Zone 4.

**Tai Chi With Dee Ogilvy:** Fridays, May 5, 10, 17, 24, 31: 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 at the Springfield Art Museum.

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**Gigs in the Garden Concert Series: Sundays, 2 p.m.**


- **May 5: Barack Hill, singer/songwriter**
- **May 12: Layton Hollow Gals, Americana trio**
- **May 19: Betsy Mace & Jeremy Chesman, classical harp**

**Wednesday Concerts at Noon at Founders Park: May 8-June 26, 12:15-12:45 p.m.**

Free half-hour lunchtime concerts in the park, in partnership with Downtown Springfield CID. Bring your lunch or buy one onsite, and enjoy area performers on stage on the site where Springfield was founded.

**Bike, Walk & Wheel Week: May 12-17**

Presented by Hy-Vee. Use Springfield’s active transportation options at least once this week to get around town. Any active trip counts: bike, walk, carpool, skate—anywhere, in any combination! Everyone who registers receives a prize! Find activities and register as an individual or team at OzarkGreenways.org.

**Dirt Day at Lafayette Park: May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Get your hands dirty at the 7th Annual Dirt Day in historic Lafayette Park. The Woodland Heights Neighborhood presents this garden-themed event with activities and demonstrations from garden professionals and clubs, plant exchange, green living, interactive garden art, kids’ dinosaur dig and birdhouse painting. Free

**Outdoor Pools Open: Open daily, May 25-Aug. 11, 1-6:30 p.m.**

Fassnight, Grant Beach, Silver Springs, Meador and Westport outdoor pools and McGee/ McGregor Wading Pool are open Memorial Day weekend through mid-August. Enjoy discount Splash & Sizzle admission daily after 5:30 p.m., and all day on holidays and special weekends (select locations.) Pool maintenance (closed) days are staggered throughout the week. Check ParkBoard.org/Aquatics for schedule. Summer schedule also includes Chesterfield and Doling indoor aquatics admission for outdoor pool prices, Mon.-Thurs. only. Fee: $2.50/ages 3-17 and seniors, $3/adults. Outdoor pool admission is $1, or free with a canned food donation, every day after 5:30 p.m.

**Southwest Missouri Senior Games:**

May 29-June 1, times vary, call 417-875-5808 for details.

Competitive events for athletes ages 50 years and up, including track and field, bowling, golf, swimming, Pickleball, basketball skills, table tennis, washers, baggo, horseshoes, bocce, Kubb, archery, 8-ball and more. May serve as preparation for Missouri State Senior Games. Some games may allow onsite registration. Register by May 15 at ParkBoard.org/SeniorGames. Located at the Northview Center. Fee: $10/Athlete (some events have additional facility fee).

**38th Annual Kids Fishing Fun Day:**

June 1: 8, 9:15, 10:30 or 11:45 a.m. A morning of learning and fishing in our stocked pond at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Kids may catch and keep up to three fish. Kids weigh their fish and learn how to clean them with the Mo. Dept. of Conservation. Bring your own bait and gear. Space is limited. No event day registration. Register by May 31 at ParkBoard.org/KidsFishingFunDay. Free

**Memorial Day Splash and Sizzle Swimming:**

May 27, 1-6:30 p.m. at Fassnight, Grant Beach and Meador pools. Select locations offer Splash and Sizzle extended hours on holidays. Food donations go to Ozarks Food Harvest. Fee: $1, or free with a canned food donation. Free admission with military ID or VFW card.
The year 2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. In honor of this milestone, a group of seasoned local environmental supporters used this year’s 49th year as a platform to build renewed awareness around the holiday and its mission. The group hosted a ceremonial “passing of the torch” to a younger generation of community environmental stewards on April 22 in Springfield’s Park Central Square.

“We ... symbolically passed the baton from one generation of Earth fighters to the next,” explains Loring Bullard of the Earth Day 2019 organizing committee. “We will ask young advocates to plan next year’s Earth Day Celebration. We will support them, and resolve to be there, whatever they plan to do.”

Involving representatives from numerous community environmental organizations, the event served as the kickoff to Earth Day cleanups and volunteer opportunities across the city.

“We hope that through this event and connecting the community to volunteering opportunities, it will ignite a resurgence in awareness and passion in making every day Earth Day – not just April 22nd,” says Bullard.

Earth Day 2019 Committee Includes:
- Todd Parnell, Linda Chorice, Barbara Lucks, Tim Smith, Beth Siegfried, Joe Pitts, Kane Sheek, Terry Whaley and Loring Bullard.
A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

**Derrick Estell**
Engineer I, Public Works
Derrick has worked for the City for two years.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Family, progressive, resilient.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? There is great communication across all departments within the City of Springfield.

Why do you do what you do? To increase the safety, efficiency and livability of all modes of travel within Springfield.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Remembering what every acronym for every group, organization, document, etc. stands for (there’s a lot).

What’s the best part of your job? Connecting Springfield and its visitors with a network that accommodates all modes of travel— for people of all abilities. 

What are you passionate about? Walking and biking in Springfield.

Do you work to live or live to work? Why? I have found that civil engineering is my true vocation. I love what I do, so my life and work coincide.

What do you admire about this organization? I feel a sense of belonging. Everyone at the City is very welcoming and inclusive— like one big family.

What’s something that Springfield as a city should strive for? Springfield should strive to continue its acceptance of diversity.

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**Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE**

To: Jonathan Peitz, PW
I am passing along the Golden Goose to Jonathan Peitz in Public Works Engineering. I can honestly say that Jonathan makes my job easier. He truly understands the value and importance of communicating and engaging with the public surrounding his projects and is always open to suggestions from PIO. I appreciate how responsive he is anytime public concerns arise. I can personally always depend on Jonathan to answer the phone whenever I have a dumb question, need a source for an interview, or need a project map. He is always happy and quick to help. Thank you Jonathan for always going above and beyond!

– Kristen Milam, PIO

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**SPIRIT DAYS**

Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies!

Suzanne Blackburn, Municipal Court
was April’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, May 3 & June 6**
and send it to theScene@springfieldmo.gov!

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Connect with the City #MyCitySGF
Lots of fun at City’s Night at the Springfield Cardinals!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the City’s Night at the Springfield Cardinals April 25. Deputy City Manager Collin Quigley drew GIS Specialist Casey Kellner’s name for four hours of paid leave. Congrats to Casey!

Denim Day raises almost $400 for CPO

The Springfield Police Department is proud of both sworn and non-sworn employees who helped raise $130 for Community Partnership of the Ozarks’ 2019 Denim Day. Throughout the City almost $400 was raised.

The money will benefit the Violence Free Families Coalition, which offers prevention efforts of sexual assault in Greene County. The coalition has existed for over 20 years. Various projects have been possible through Denim Day funds, including the creation of safety kits for survivors and Violence Free Families Day.

Sign-Up for Your HRA, Get a FREE Hoodie!

Events Run April 4 - May 31

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 Park 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 Coval
417-864-1685 or acova@springfieldmo.gov

Other inBalance Programs

- Bike-A-Thon
  When: Thursday, May 9
  Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
  Location: Outside, front of Busch
  840 N Boonville

- Cooking Class
  When: Tuesday, May 21
  Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
  Location: Hy-Vee Kitchen

- Cooking Demonstration
  When: Tuesday, June 4
  Time: 12 - 1 pm
  Location: Jordan Valley Classroom (WIC)

Register Today!

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

MAY IS 2 MENTAL 0 HEALTH 1 MONTH 9 #4MIND4BODY

What is one thing you will do this month to stay well?

What can you do to improve work-life balance? How can you find humor in every day? Are there inspirational quotes that will help you throughout the week? Will you spend time with your pet? What are ideas to get connected socially and enjoy some recreation?

Please email inBalance@springfieldmo.gov with your response to be placed in a drawing to win a $100.00 Gift Card. Your answer must be submitted to inBalance by the last day of the month.

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Professional Development Opportunities

Remember to check CityShare / Training Calendar for Internal Development Opportunities
MILESTONES

Promotions

Taelor Brayfield  
Equipment Operator II  
– Environmental Services

Jason Fielden  
Team Leader  
– Environmental Services

Derek Gillis  
Chemist  
– Environmental Services

Jennifer Packwood  
Senior Court Services Rep.  
– Municipal Court

Bryson Vanscoy  
Senior Parks Caretaker  
– Parks

Retirements

Nancy Lucas  
Custodial Team Leader  
– Public Works, 25 years

William O’Neal  
Team Leader  
– Environmental Services, 19 years

Wayne Zelenik  
Utility Worker  
– Parks, 7 years

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

For Sale: Casio 465-Sound Tone Bank CT-636 electronic keyboard. This 61-key Casio is in immaculate condition and works perfectly. Comes with power cord and detachable music stand. Can also be used cordless with 6 D batteries. Headphone jack, 20 rhythms, auto harmonize, tempo adjust, LOTS of options! $80 Call Cara B. at 864-1004 for pictures/details.

For Sale: New, never used Masterbuilt 30-inch Digital Electric Smoker w/remote control. Built-in meat probe thermometer, internal light, gloves, smoker cover, four chrome-coated smoking racks, adjustable door latch, adjustable air damper, removable water bowl (moisture/ flavor adjustments), removable drip pan, wood chip tray, front access grease tray and four-leg stand. The remote controls cooking temperature and internal light from up to 100 feet away. The side wood chip loading system allows you to add wood chips to the tray without opening smoker door. Rear handle and wheels makes moving it very easy. Retail price was $199.00, selling for $125. Call Cara B. at 864-1004.

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. 86000 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.

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. 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.


WELCOME TO THE CITY

Promotions

Taelor Brayfield  
Equipment Operator II  
– Environmental Services

Jason Fielden  
Team Leader  
– Environmental Services

Derek Gillis  
Chemist  
– Environmental Services

Jennifer Packwood  
Senior Court Services Rep.  
– Municipal Court

Bryson Vanscoy  
Senior Parks Caretaker  
– Parks

Retirements

Nancy Lucas  
Custodial Team Leader  
– Public Works, 25 years

William O’Neal  
Team Leader  
– Environmental Services, 19 years

Wayne Zelenik  
Utility Worker  
– Parks, 7 years

SERVICES

Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 8x7 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.
To: Officer David Adamson and 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Joel Holdman and Summer Onyeukwu

I called SPD to request an officer come by a residence to let the occupants know that there had been a complaint regarding excessive noise and request that they turn their music down. Apparently, when the officer came by the music was quiet and most of the occupants were in the house. Later, after the music started back up again, I called SPD again to follow-up on the request and asked to speak with the officer who initially took the dispatch. Officer Adamson promptly called me, explained the chronology of events and the usual protocol in these instances and did again, go by the dwelling and spoke with them, whereby the excessive noise stopped. I wanted to commend not only Officer Adamson, but also the two dispatchers that I spoke with. They were all patient, thorough, respectful and attentive to my needs. I appreciated their professional and concerned approach. It was nice to have a successful outcome.

Thank you.

— Kathleen

To: R.J. Woolard, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On April 6, a Fair Grove Officer called in requesting information regarding a recovered stolen vehicle. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator R.J. Woolard was quick to help and find information for the officer and were able to locate the suspects hiding in a nearby Dollar General. Thanks for all your work, R.J.!

To: R.J. Woolard, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

On April 9, there was an officer involved shooting off of Division Street. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator R.J. Woolard was quick to act and get the officer assistance. Sgt. D’Andrea contacted the on-duty Supervisor at 9-1-1 to thank R.J. for doing a great job! Thank you R.J.!

To: Police Chief Paul Williams

I am writing to commend Officer Aaron Callaway. I had an accident April 15, at the intersection of Republic and South Lone Pine, while turning around. I drove into a culvert across from the Splatter Art Studio after my art class. I was not injured, but my car could not be driven out of the culvert and was partially blocking traffic. Officer Callaway responded to the scene. He was very considerate and conscientious during the time it took to extract my car and send me on my way back home.

Officer Callaway exemplifies the best in public service and is a real asset to the Springfield Police Department and an excellent ambassador for the City of Springfield and its employees. Thanks to him, I was safe and secure during the whole process. He waited until a friend could pick me up, and thanks to him, I got home safely.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to Officer Callaway.

— Cynthia