Planning and Development kicks off Comprehensive Planning process

The City of Springfield’s Planning and Development department officially kicked off its comprehensive planning process following Mayor Ken McClure’s annual State of the City Address in June, where he outlined City Council’s priorities and urged citizens to get involved in the community and engage in bottom-up community development.

Representatives from Houseal Lavigne Associates, the firm hired to spearhead the process, were in Springfield June 21 to meet with City leadership staff and conduct a planning workshop with City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

“At its core, a comprehensive plan is a guide for future land use, but it is also an opportunity to really dream about what we want our community to become,” said Mary Lilly Smith, Planning and Development director. “A community-wide comprehensive planning process should create a vision for what kind of city and community we want Springfield to be and establishing a path to make that vision a reality. In addition to guiding public infrastructure and investment, the comprehensive plan answers questions such as, ‘how do we focus our growth?’ and ‘what public policies will help us get there?’”

The 18-to-24-month process will establish a vision moving forward in a broad range of topics, covering a long-term time span. There will be numerous opportunities for citizens to participate.

The firm will be reaching out to various City departments to obtain data and information as they work to create the plan. Principal Planner Randall

2019 Employee Picnic a success!

Thank you to everyone who attended the City Employee Picnic at Jordan Valley Park June 27. We had great weather, delicious food, along with fun games and activities that we hope you all enjoyed. As most of you know, these type of events do not just happen … so thank you to the more than 75 City employees who volunteered to make the picnic a success.

Special thanks to Karen Mellinger, Parks, for chairing the picnic committee.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our special golf game! Proceeds from the golf game will benefit PGA Hope, Helping Our Patriots Everywhere and the United Way of the Ozarks.
Mayor Ken McClure presents 2019 State of the City Address June 6

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure noted the strong economy in Springfield, recognized public servants and announced plans for community-wide planning and land use at the annual State of the City Address held June 6 during the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce’s Good Morning Springfield! program at Evangel University.

The City of Springfield produces the broadcast of the 30-minute speech, which can be watched live every year in the following ways:
- CityView.Springfieldmo.gov
- City of SGF Facebook Live Watch Party
- AT&T U-Verse channel 99
- Mediacom channels 15.1 and 80.

Citizens can also follow along on Twitter (CityofSGF) and the City’s Instagram page. The full transcript is available at springfieldmo.gov.

Key themes of this year’s address include:
- Quality of Place
- Economic Vitality
- Legislative Engagement
- Fiscal Sustainability & Accountability
- Public Safety.

The goal of the annual address is to update the community on the mayor’s current viewpoint on the local economy, workforce, culture and more. Mayor McClure also takes this opportunity to recognize the people, organizations and agencies that have helped lift Springfield up, as well as acknowledge and address community challenges.

“We must cultivate and feel a sense of pride in this place we call home – building on our assets, like the beauty of our outdoors here and our higher education and health care partners. We must invest in the community and improve it,” McClure said toward the end of the address.

He concluded the address with a quote from Herb Caen, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist who wrote daily columns of local goings-on, social and political happenings, painful puns and offbeat anecdotes that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle for almost 60 years:

“A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the height of its dreams.”

Kathy Higbee retires after 40 years with SPD

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The mission of the City of Springfield is to work with the community to provide ethical and responsible local government so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of living and working in Springfield.

The full transcript is available at springfieldmo.gov.

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SCENE Deadline
July 25, 2019

Please direct your submissions to the Department of Public Information. Submissions and ads via e-mail are preferred: thescene@springfieldmo.gov

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Meet the CAmP class of 2020

Congratulations to those selected! Learn more about the City Ambassador Program at springfieldmo.gov/camp.

- Danielle Allen – E911
- Anna Mallard – Finance
- Andrew Bick – E911
- Robert McGinnis – Art Museum
- Grant Bledsoe – Information Systems
- Stacey Parton – Police
- Lucas Bollinger – Fire
- Kelly Pearman – E911
- Jamian Borders – Public Works
- Miles Pearson – Environmental Services
- Joy Boyer – Environmental Services
- Tera Riddle – Airport
- Mandy Buettgen – Public Works
- Sheila Samek – Parks
- Tina Burns – Public Works
- Brian Smithson – Fire
- Jennifer Charleston – Police
- David Trent – Parks
- Laurie Duncan – Environmental Services
- Mark Foos – Police
- Brooke Tyson – Human Resources
- Chris Jackson – Airport
- Benjamin Wahl – Fire
- Dwight Lewis – Environmental Services
- Donna Wilson – Law
- Jordan Louderbaugh – Police
- Stephanie Woehl – Health

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Whitman is serving as the City’s project coordinator with Houseal Lavigne.

Houseal Lavigne, based in Chicago, is a nationally known, award-winning urban planning and design firm that prides itself on creativity, collaboration and the delivery of quality.

The firm has assembled a multidisciplinary team of experts, including Toole Design, TetraTech and CJW Transportation.

“Together, this team provides the expertise and experience necessary to produce a responsive, visionary, effective and viable comprehensive plan for Springfield,” Smith said.

Springfield’s most recent comprehensive plan was 1998’s Vision 20/20 Creating the Future, which can be viewed at springfieldmo.gov/vision2020. Vision 20/20 laid out plans for many of the downtown amenities Springfieldians enjoy today and spurred economic growth across the city. Vision 20/20 Creating the Future was then followed by Vision 20/20 The Future is Now, a five-year action plan.

Over the course of the next 18-24 months, Houseal Lavigne will work closely with City staff to undertake a detailed community engagement program and analysis of existing conditions. The intense input and study period will reveal the community’s vision for the future of the City and help to formulate policy and plan initiatives that guide future development and decision making.

The City’s goal is to make the planning process highly interactive, engaging and fun; targeting residents and business leaders through traditional workshop events, as well as social media and web-based mapping programs. The foundation of the plan must represent the views of a wide-range of citizens with diverse backgrounds in the community.

City employees are encouraged to participate and share recommendations and comments directly with the City’s Planning Department. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, please contact Whitman at rwhitman@springfieldmo.gov or 417-864-2027.

EMPLOYEE PICNIC PICTURES from page 1
### SPD Officer Awarded Rotary Club “Officer of the Year”

The Springfield Police Department is proud to announce that on June 6, Officer Anthony Cendejas was awarded “Officer of the Year” by Rotary Club of Springfield–Southeast for his outstanding community service.

Officer Cendejas has been with SPD since 2017. In his short time with the department, he has displayed an exceptional work ethic, demonstrated his commitment to the law enforcement profession and has been proactive in his efforts to combat crime in our community.

“He is very deserving of this award and the Springfield Police Department is proud to call him one of our own,” said Major Greg Higdon.

### Jan Millington named deputy City attorney

Assistant City Attorney V Jan Millington has been promoted to the role of Deputy City Attorney. Millington has worked for the City since 2007, focusing primarily on environmental issues with the departments of Public Works and Environmental Services. She will continue to serve Environmental Services in her new role. Millington received her law degree from the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Prior to joining the City, she was a partner with the law firm of Hall, Ansley, Rodgers and Condry, an associate with two other law firms in Springfield and a law clerk at two law firms and the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals in Oklahoma City. She received her bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy and served as a registered occupational therapist at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Oklahoma City for two years. Millington is a graduate of Glendale High School and has served on the advisory board for The Salvation Army since 2010 and as board chairman since 2017.

“I am honored to be appointed Deputy City Attorney and to support City Attorney Rhonda Lewsader, in her role of providing quality legal support to the City Council,” Millington said.

### Travis Stokes named City’s new Urban Forester

Please join us in welcoming Travis Stokes as the City’s new Urban Forester.

Travis joined the City of Springfield as an arborist earlier this year. He served previously as director of the Missouri Arboretum and landscape sustainability manager at Northwest Missouri State University. He holds a bachelor’s degree in horticulture and a master’s degree in agriculture and is an International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborist.

“Our Urban Forester is responsible for the care of the City’s public trees that are primarily located along streets and other rights-of-way,” said Operations Supervisor Joe Payne, who works in the Public Grounds division of Public Works. “Public trees are valuable community asset providing many benefits such as energy savings, air and water quality improvements, stormwater and pollution mitigation and traffic calming. Travis brings with him a skill set and passion that can take the City’s tree programs to the next level.”

### 59 pints collected at June employee blood drive

Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers at the June 3 City of Springfield Employee Blood Drive. We had 63 registered to donate, one first-time donor and 59 pints collected. Our numbers keep growing. As of June 5, we hosted the fourth largest summer blood drive in Greene County!

Mark your calendar for our next blood drive – the Aaron Goddard Blood Drive on Thursday Aug. 22. More details to come.

### CAmP 2019 class visits SPD

By Kamille Barker

June’s fieldtrip was all about the Springfield Police Department. We started our day with a briefing by Lt. Chris Wells followed up by exploring the various police vehicles. We were then given a tour of police headquarters and learned about the many different careers the police department has for both civilians and sworn officers. We stopped along the way and enjoyed a fingerprinting demonstration. After lunch, we went to the shooting range where we took turns shooting police weapons, learned about the amazing work done by our K9 unit and watched a demonstration from our Special Response Team.

So many people helped to make this day special for everyone. Many thanks to Lt. Chris Wells, PAO Jasmine Bailey, Capt. Tad Peters, Sgt. Jason Friend, Ofc. Matt Lilly, the K9 team, and the Special Response Team for making the day so special.
City’s Information System Director to become Missouri State University CIO

Jeff Coiner will leave his position as the City of Springfield’s director of information services to become the Chief Information Officer at Missouri State University. Coiner’s appointment as CIO is effective July 8.

He has served in his current role since 2007, where he oversaw major projects and initiatives that provided technology solutions for strategic direction and daily operations.

• Co-chaired the Progressive Management Planning Committee to outline the 20-year vision for the City of Springfield and a set of 5-year goals to achieve the vision of being the premier employer in the region through commitment to the community and investment in our employees.
• Member of the Strategic Plan Coordinating Committee whose goal was to coordinate the development of the 20-year vision for the City of Springfield.
• Served as the technical consultant for the Director of Emergency Management in the design and planning team for the Public Safety Center which houses the Emergency Communications/911 and Emergency Management Offices.
• Structured IS department and budget to support software upgrades, training, leasing program and city operations.
• Partnered with all City departments including Police, Fire, Parks, Public Works, Environmental Services, Health, Public Information Office, Finance, Workforce Development, and Springfield-Branson National Airport to determine computer system requirements and implement technology solutions.
• Implemented Police data sharing system, MODEX, with Missouri State Highway Patrol.
• Developed disaster recovery procedures and emergency response team structure for City Information Systems Department.

‘Jeff’s work has left an indelible mark on not only the City of Springfield departments, but also provided incredible service to the citizens of Springfield. So much of public service depends upon technology and the ability to integrate service functions with the use of such technology. Jeff has done an incredible job as part of our leadership team,” said City Manager Jason Gage. “We will miss him.”

Before working for the City of Springfield, Coiner was the director of information technology at Northrop Grumman Litton Interconnect in Springfield for two years. He has also held several other information technology positions in Monett; Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and Guayama, Puerto Rico.

In his new role, Coiner will lead and manage the units of the Information Services division at MSU. He will oversee system-wide planning, management, security and coordination of technology resources, as well as support the university’s ongoing digital transformation efforts.

SPD honors and welcomes lateral academy graduate

On June 4, Officer Timur Dzhhabarov, of the Springfield Police Department’s 17th Lateral Police Academy, was honored with a graduation ceremony at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield.

Officer Dzhhabarov comes to SPD from the Moherly Police Department where he served for nearly three years. Before coming to Missouri, he lived in Saint Petersburg, Russia, where he was born and raised.

Officer Dzhhabarov received six weeks (240 hours) of training to become acclimated to Springfield and the Springfield Police Department. Now that he has graduated from the academy, he will be assigned to an experienced field-training officer (FTO) for six weeks of on-the-job training. Once he completes the FTO program, he will be assigned to SPD’s Uniform Operations Bureau.

Park Board receives Commission Award

A huge thank you to the Springfield Missouri Sports Commission for the Commission Award, presented to the Park Board at the SSC annual banquet on June 17. Also congratulations to all the high school athletes – and their parents – honored at the event!

Fire Department Promotion Ceremony July 9

Please join us July 9 at 4 p.m. in the Busch Building first floor lobby to celebrate the following promotions:
• Chris Gardner, promoted to captain
• Ben Wahl, promoted to captain
• Josh Johnson, promoted to lieutenant
• Luke Proffitt, promoted to lieutenant
• Jason Wells, promoted to lieutenant
• Scott Guccione, promoted to equipment operator
• Tony Fields, promoted to rescue specialist
• Joel Grieshaber, promoted to rescue specialist
• Adam Mariage, promoted to rescue specialist.
Downtown Springfield Association partners with City to promote walking downtown

Downtown Springfield Association (DSA) has been chosen to receive one of the over 20 Community Change Micro Grants awarded by America Walks for use in 2019. DSA is using the funding to partner with the City of Springfield and the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to promote walking downtown. Throughout downtown, street signs will encourage visitors to explore downtown by foot. The signs will include an estimate of how long it will take them to walk to their favorite destinations.

“The authentic character of our historic buildings and the concentration of 60 restaurants, 20 pubs and clubs, two dozen retailers, 16 movie screens and 5 live theatre venues have created a very walkable and enjoyable experience for our residents, workers and guests,” said Rusty Worley, executive director of the DSA. “We are excited to partner with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, Public Works and City of Springfield Public Information Office on this new program to encourage everyone to explore our great public spaces and local businesses. DSA is grateful for America Walks’ recognition of Center City’s progress and its support for enhancing walkability.”

According to the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, walking is a simple way to improve your health. Just 30 minutes of walking 3 times a week has been shown to burn calories, lower your blood sugar, improve immunity and increase lifespan.

The Community Change grant program supports local efforts to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active for all community members. Since its beginning in 2015, this grant program has provided funds for a variety of projects demonstrating the creativity and passion of walking champions across the US.

Downtown Springfield Association was selected from over 600 applications for projects that demonstrate the passion, creativity, and commitment of local walking champions. With support from partners, including the Juliet Ashby Hillman Foundation, Lyft, the Missouri Health Foundation, the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD), and WalkBoston, 20 projects will be supported in 2019. Awardees will work with America Walks and other members of the Every Body Walk! Collaborative to successfully complete their projects and share their lessons with other community change agents. While the projects and programs work to improve walkability, the results of each grant will have a positive change on many areas of that community.

About America Walks: America Walks is a 20-year-old national non-profit organization dedicated to empowering communities and advocates to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and be physically active for all. The organization provides its diverse network of over 30,000 advocates and hundreds of local, state and national organizations, with the tools, resources and experts needed to build capacity, gain experiences and successfully promote walking and walkability. Learn more at www.americawalks.org

9-1-1 Systems Administrator Joseph Gatiba becomes U.S. citizen

By Zim Schwartz

As the United States of America celebrates the Fourth of July, we proudly congratulate one of our newest naturalized U.S. citizens! 9-1-1 Systems Administrator Joseph Gatiba was born in Nairobi, Kenya and became a naturalized U.S. citizen on April 18 at a ceremony at the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in Republic after a lot of hard work and perseverance to become a U.S. citizen! The ceremony is rarely held in our area, and we celebrated over 50 new citizens who took the oath and were recognized along with Joseph.

Gatiba started with the City of Springfield in the Information Services department in 2012 and has been with Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 for the past three years. Congrats, Joseph … we applaud you and are very proud of you!
Springfield Fire Department reminds citizens that fireworks are illegal in the city limits

The Springfield Fire Department wants to issue a friendly reminder that it’s illegal to possess, manufacture, store, sell, handle or discharge fireworks in the city limits of Springfield. Fireworks safety is the message of the department’s most recent public service announcement, which features a straight-talking firefighter urging citizens to “don’t be a dummy,” about fire safety.

An exception is granted for the use of the fireworks for a public display with a valid permit. Novelty items, described as snappers, party poppers, toy smoke devices or glowworms, and some sparklers are allowed, but fire officials recommend using extreme caution when handling them.

“Sparklers burn at temperatures up to 2,000 degrees and are the leading cause of injuries around July 4,” says Fire Chief David Pennington. “Children should be educated on how to avoid injury when using sparklers and should use them only when supervised by adults.”

In addition to causing injuries, data from the National Fire Protection Agency indicates fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires in the U.S. including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, 16,900 outside and other fires. More fires are reported on Independence Day than any other day of the year, Pennington says.

The Springfield Police Department and the Springfield Fire Department will enforce the city’s fireworks ordinance (Section 5601.1.3 of the City Fire Code) around the July 4 holiday. Fireworks will be confiscated and you may receive a ticket, which could cost $100-$500.

Fireworks injury statistics
(Data from the Consumer Product Safety Commission’s 2017 Fireworks Annual Report)

• U.S. hospital emergency rooms saw an estimated 12,900 people for fireworks-related injuries.
• Fireworks related injuries sustained, 70% male, 30% female.
• Children 10-14 years of age had the highest estimated rate of emergency department-treated, fireworks related injuries.
• Body parts most often injured: hands/fingers (31%), head/face/ears (22%), legs (17%), eyes (14%), and arms (6%).
• 53% of emergency department-treated injuries were burns most common to hands, fingers and arms.
• Sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room fireworks injuries.
• About two in five fires started by fireworks each year are reported on Independence Day.

Environmental Services presents movie screening and activities Aug. 1

The Department of Environmental Services will present an Enviro Flick movie screening event Thursday Aug. 1. The family-friendly movie “Wall•E” will be screened 7-10 p.m., at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park (2400 S. Scenic Ave.)

“Wall•E” was selected by ES staff as an opportunity to briefly discuss the topic of recycling and our landfill while enjoying a movie with friends and family in the park. The film will begin at sundown, but education, activities and popcorn will all be available prior to the screening.

Enviro Flick screenings are hosted by the Solid Waste Management division of Environmental Services.

CAmP Class 2016 thanks everyone for their donations at the Employee Picnic

The CAmP class of 2016 thanks everyone who donated canned goods, items and money to support the Northwest Project and Drew Lewis Foundation at the Fairbanks! Special thanks to City Manager Jason Gage and Parks for providing the prizes.

We collected and donated 932 items ($508 and 424 items). Thank you!
FREE CITY & COUNTY EMPLOYEE NIGHT

Sun., JULY 14

Match starts 7 p.m. Pre-match live music social hour 5:30 p.m.

All City of Springfield and Greene County employees and retirees, plus up to four guests, are invited to the Springfield Lasers World TeamTennis opening match for FREE, Sunday, July 14, at Cooper Tennis Complex.

Present valid City or County I.D., paycheck stub or benefits statement at ticket window.

HOME MATCHES
Sun., JULY 14
Tues., JULY 16
Wed., JULY 17
Thurs., JULY 18
Wed., JULY 24
Tues., JULY 30
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Matches: 7 p.m.
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For more information, call 417-837-5800 or SPRINGFIELDLASERS.COM

This offer valid for July 14 home opener only. No cash value.
Art in our City Zone 4: Through Oct. 20
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, July 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 at the Springfield Art Museum.

1 Million Cups Springfield: Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 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?”

Family Fridays in the Garden: Fridays, July 5 and Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m. Bring the whole family to the Springfield Botanical Gardens for a free evening tour of discovering plants, animals and the history of the garden. Meet in the Botanical Center.

Moonlight Madness: July 12: 5-9 p.m., Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. While the night sky is full of wonders, few celestial bodies have held our gaze and fueled our imagination quite like the moon. Join us for an evening of lunar crafts, a moon-themed storytelling for children and more! Get a close-up view of the moon with telescopes provided by the Springfield Astronomical Society and strike a pose in our crescent moon photo booth. Don’t forget your camera! We’ll cap off our celestial evening with the potential to observe a twilight bat flight, hosted by the Park Board’s Outdoor Initiatives. Presented by the Springfield-Greene County Library, 417-882-0714.

SACRAMENTO 2019: Through Sept. 1
This is the 58th exhibition of Watercolor USA, a national, annual juried exhibition recognizing aqueous media painting. The event is open to artists from all 50 states and U.S. territories and judged for a variety of prizes and possible purchase by the museum.

FOSAM & Studio 55 ArtTalk: Danielle Hartzler: July 25, 6:30 p.m.
Please join the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum (FOSAM) and the Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild as they present “The Power of Repetition and Finding My Process,” featuring Danielle Hartzler. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For reservations contact Sandra Graves Letson at 417-496-1838 or sandragraves@mchsi.com

Movies at Founders Park: Friday and Saturday nights through July 27. Movies begin at dusk. A contemporary version of the drive-in theater in Springfield’s founding site. Enjoy new release and classic movies in an outdoor setting. All movies are PG or PG-13. Concessions available, bring your own lawn chair or blankets. Free. Read more about movie titles and details at ParkBoard.org/Movies.

Racquet, White and Blue: July 5, 6-8 p.m. Come play tennis at Tom Watkins Park. Grab your family and friends and join the celebration on court with music, snacks and having fun playing tennis. All equipment is provided. Presented by USTA. Free.

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National Night Out: Aug. 6: 5-7 p.m., An annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, making our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Back at Meador Park this year, visit with local police officers, firefighters and park rangers, and enjoy tennis and other games and special activities. A kick-off to individual Neighborhood Nights Out. Springfield Police Officers vs. Springfield Firefighters Softball Game will be from 7-8 p.m.
Discounted theme park tickets available to City employees


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Healthy Recipe

Ingredients
- 4-6 boneless chicken breasts
- 16 oz BBQ sauce
- 8 oz of crushed pineapple in its own juice (drained)

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Place chicken breasts in crock pot, mix BBQ sauce and pineapple together and pour over chicken. Cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 6-8.

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Working with the Community

Awards & Recognition

To: Whitney Keith, Kelly Pearman, and Kelsey Eick, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators
On June 4, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Whitney Keith took a call from a bus rider. Whitney was able to help the rider determine where he was and assist him. Kelly Pearman, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator, quickly jumped in and assisted and helped notify the City Utilities Terminal. 9-1-1 telecommunicator Kelsey Eick, assisted with the calls and helped the other telecommunicators during the call. The bus driver later called in to express his appreciation for their help. Way to work as a team!

To: Kelsey Eick and Keith Bachman, 9-1-1 Telecommunicators, Officers Jacob Jones and Damiun Walker and Sergeant Ryan Russell,
On May 5, 9-1-1 received a call from a concerned citizen in northwest Springfield who had not heard from their neighbor, Ms. Jones. They went to check on her and heard possible moaning coming from inside her home. 9-1-1 telecommunicators Kelsey Eick and Keith Bachman, quickly took the info and dispatched officers to the house. Officer Jacob Jones, Officer Damiun Walker, and Sergeant Ryan Russell responded and made entry inside the home finding Ms. Jones on the floor and needing immediate medical assistance. Ms. Jones indicated Officer Jones ‘saved my life’ and said if the officers had not come into her house, she would not be alive today! She was so grateful, wanted to personally thank the officer who helped her,

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
Do You Know...?
A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.

Lindsay Bein
Administrative Assistant, Environmental Services
Lindsay has worked for the City for 18 months.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Caring, family, equality.

Why do you do what you do? I have been in government for almost 19 years total and feel it is where I was meant to be. I am a service person at heart. I want to be the person behind the scenes taking care of the people making the decisions and changes that better our city.

What’s the best part of your job? I work with some amazing, caring people, both directly and indirectly. My immediate group knows how to have that perfect balance of professionalism and fun! We participate in silly contests to bring us together, there is an employee recognition program to remind us we actually do matter, and we have lucked out to have a great supervisor who lets us know he is behind us if we want to better ourselves, whether it be through additional schooling/classes or by allowing us time to experience other divisions to see how they function.

What are you passionate about? Enjoyment. This is the life we were given, and it is completely what you make of it. I try to have a smile or a laugh for anyone who walks through our doors. You never know what a kind face or word can do for someone.
Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE

To: Bill Weaver, Planning & Development

I am passing the Golden Goose Award to Mr. Bill Weaver. There are many individuals that deserve this award, but when I was reflecting on who to pass the award to I thought back to my first few months working for the City and how helpful, kind, and gracious Bill was during that time. Bill has continued to be a friend and colleague during my time with the City, and I always appreciate his candid advice. I appreciate Bill’s focus on how to get a task accomplished and his willingness to take on whatever task or duties are required to make sure the City continues to effectively serve its Council and citizens. – Nick Woodman, Law
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and expressed appreciation to the officers and dispatch for saving her. Supervisor Kristina D’Andrea said the officers could have just “walked away, but didn’t.” This is a strong and much needed reminder of why we do what we do,” said D’Andrea. Excellent job to all involved to ensure a positive outcome on this call!

To: SPD

For the first time I actually sat down with the Springfield Police Department, and I thought I was finally going to get answers. I thank you all for taking the time out to do things like this (Coffee with the Chief). I was nervous at first because I felt I would be ignored or looked at like I have been but that wasn’t the case. Thank you all, and I hope something comes of this.

– Daryl D

To: 9-1-1 Supervisor Kristina Scott, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Jessica Graham-Mitchell, and Officers Robert Douglas, Alexander Vu, Anthony Cendejas and Sarah Smith

I’m going through custody issues over my son. His mother moved to Springfield. I’ve had to call for two separate welfare checks. The dispatchers and officers I spoke with were all very understanding, and the officers both took time to tell me how my son is and congratulate me on what a good looking son I have. They also explained some of the procedures and steps that have to be taken. I understand that they have an extremely difficult and dangerous job and my problems are not serious crimes, but they made me feel like it was a priority to them, and I wanted to say thank you.

– Edward

To: Fire Captain Daron Evans, Nolan Parker and David Easter

Sometimes you don’t recognize or see the value in something until you see it in action. I watched, first hand, your Fire Department performing a rescue. It maybe wasn’t a big dramatic thing, but it showed so much of the kind of people they are, and how good you really are.

Here’s what happened. Late Friday afternoon, June 21, I saw two girls through my apartment window view having a fun time with a bicycle crossing the street, Locust and Washington, going east on Locust. Shortly after leaving my view, the older girl was running frantically north on Washington.

It came to me that something went wrong. Then a mini-van came hurrying past me and turned on Locust. I went out to see what was going on. The younger of the two girls was there with the bike on its side and she was laying next to it. Her ankle was lodged between the left peddle bar and the bike. It was a delicate situation.

She was maybe a second or third grader in school, fairly small and petite girl. Her dad called 911 and the Springfield Fire Department came by... Station 2, shift truck 2.

When checking out the situation, Captain Daron Evans saw he had to dismantle the bike peddle and kickstand where the ankle was wedged in. It was in there very tight, the girl was in pain.

Here’s what stood out to me. He talked to the girl and assured her she was going to be alright. He had a self-confidence that I think the girl picked up. His calm nature brought calmness to the little girl as well. He was on his hands and knees at eye level with the little girl.

His crew, including David Easter and Nolan Parker, were getting tools out of the fire truck as needed to disassemble this part of the bike.

Captain Evans was constantly having interaction with the girl keeping her calm as they very carefully removed the screw holding the kickstand on. As he took what appeared to be an anlen wrench he was slow and methodical in removing the kickstand screw.

His crew had to make several trips back to the fire truck to get the right tool. As they did this, Captain Evans continued to engage in a conversation with the girl. His goal as I saw it was to keep her calm, while he was carefully removing the kickstand screw that held on the kickstand. And he took his time removing the kickstand screw so not to jar the girl. His crew kept the bike steady as well.

When the screw was removed the other fire person, slowing and carefully removed the kickstand on the side of the bike without any trauma to the little girl.

I assumed they didn’t know how serious the injury was so they kept their movements deliberate not to jar the little girl while they slid the kickstand from the bike. They then carefully removed the ankle lodged there.

Another action by the Captain came as a surprise to me. He encouraged the girl to continue to ride her bike after she healed and to not let this make her fearful of riding the bike.

In summation, what I saw were these things. Captain Evans and his crew were very good at keeping the person they were rescuing in a calm state. Their people manner was exceptional.

They analyzed the situation and came up with the best, with the least trauma, method in removing this little girl from danger. Their skill in what we would call creative problem solving was also exceptional.

Then the encouragement the Captain gave the little girl was a remarkable and heart warming sight to see. An ambulance stayed on the scene to take it from there if necessary.

It was one of those things where you combined working as quickly as possible and as slow as needed.

I saw this character in this fire department unit that actually put me in tears as I watched them work.

Springfield, Missouri, we can be proud of these men... our unheralded heroes who do this day in and day out.

I got their names afterward from their supervisor, Tony Kelley. He made it a point of not taking any credit...It was those guys doing their job. Of which had a rich combination of people skills and technical skills.

It made me proud of our fire department, and as I write this tears still come to my eyes, as I recall the gentle and intricate way Captain Evans handled this delicate situation.

Truly grateful to see you at work,

– Dale Shumaker