9th annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival set to shatter records

With more than 500 vehicles registered for the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival car show and parade, this year’s festival is shaping up to be the biggest in the event’s history. The festival drew 56,000 to downtown last year. This year, the festival will be held Friday, Aug. 9-Saturday, Aug. 10.

The Birthplace of Route 66 Parade, which is coordinated by the City’s Department of Public Information and civic engagement, will kick off at 6 p.m. at College Street (Route 66) and Grant Avenue and will travel east to National Avenue. Volunteers are still needed to assist with parade assembly. Contact Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott at 417-864-1009 or cscott@springfieldmo.gov if you are interested in volunteering.

A pre-parade party, co-hosted by the City and the West Central Neighborhood Alliance and held at the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park, will start at 4:30 p.m. Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe will be on hand to kick off the festivities, which include free food and drinks and music.

Free grandstand seating to view the parade will be available at the Expo Center lot; no registration required. Springfield Little Theatre will perform at the grandstand starting at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, around 7 p.m., KY3 will host a free ice cream social in Park Central Square.

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. Visit Route66FestivalSGF.com to enter to win. The final drawing will take place in the square during the ice cream social.

In addition to the car and motorcycle show, the

Comp plan kick-off event planned for Aug. 20

Planning and Development, with the help of comprehensive planning consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates, is spearheading the creation of Comprehensive Plan that will help to guide the community for the next decade and beyond. Once complete, the plan will present a collective vision for the future of Springfield.

Similar to Vision 20/20, the City’s previous comprehensive plan created in the late 1990s, the next Comprehensive Plan will have an advisory team comprised of community members who will work to provide feedback on topics such as:

• What are the top priorities for Springfield?
• What kind of neighborhoods do we want?
• What type of housing do we need?
• What should our commercial areas look like?
• How should the Center City grow?
• How can we attract and retain a talented workforce and new families?
• How can we improve community health and pride?

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan serves as a foundation for decision making. It will help guide and inform elected and appointed officials, City staff and departments, developers and business owners, residents and neighborhood groups, and other community stakeholders. The plan will establish policies and recommendations related to land use and development, neighborhood livability and housing, transportation and mobility, economic
City’s completed Grand Street Bridge Replacement Project receives regional award for safety

The City of Springfield Public Works Department received the 2019 Transportation Achievement Award for Safety from the Midwestern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (MWITE) for work completed on the Grand Street Bridge Replacement Project over Jordan Creek Project. The award was presented at the MWITE annual meeting in June.

Identified by citizens as their No. 1 priority in need of improvement in the 2015 city-wide transportation survey, the Grand Street Bridge Replacement Project involved the widening of Grand Street to three lanes from Kansas Expressway to Park Avenue, improving both traffic and pedestrian safety.

The project included the addition of a center turn lane, an improved railroad crossing and the construction of a new bridge over Jordan Creek. The area, widely used by pedestrians, also gained a new sidewalk on the south side of Grand Street and a multi-use path on the north side that ties into the existing Ozark Greenways trail system. Upgraded stormwater infrastructure and stream restoration help to increase the functionality of the creek.

MWITE considers projects across an 11-state area with projects scored based on four criteria: application of innovative ideas, commitment to the advancement of the transportation engineering profession, strong applicability to the industry, and well-balanced scope and format.

“The new Grand Street bridge has increased the safety of our Westside neighbors,” says Westside Neighborhood Alliance President Joe Roberds. “Many people walk, or ride bicycles or wheelchairs to the businesses east of the bridge. The new sidewalk approach, railroad crossing and the wider bridge makes pedestrian travel much safer. We feel pride that such a great project has been completed in our neighborhood.”

The improvement project was completed in March at a cost of $2.9 million. It was funded through the voter-approved 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

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festival features an all-free musical lineup at two stages.

The Motorcycle Village stage at Jefferson Avenue and McDaniel Street, sponsored by Aaron Sachs & Associates and will feature regional favorites such as Blue Plate Special, Papa Green Shoes, Dirty Saints, Machine Gun Symphony and headline Members Only. Visit Route66FestivalSGF.com to view the lineup. Motorcycle Village will again be in full swing with demos, stunt shows, the Gypsy Tour Poker Run and other motorcycle-themed entertainment and vendors.

The Branson Experience Stage at Park Central Square, sponsored by KY3/KSPR, will feature Branson favorites.

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 Route66FestivalSGF.com or at MotherRoadsterFoundation.com. The winner will be drawn at 4:35 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 after the car show awards at the Motorcycle Village 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. Thanks to Mother Roadster Foundation board members Rick Hughlett, Rick’s Automotive; festival car show organizer Jack Stinson, Stinson Building Company; Bill Hobbis, Kwik Kar Tire Pros; Kirk Wheeler, Wheeler Work Trucks; Larry Krauck, KOLR-TV/KOZL-TV; Terry Parrish, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; and Dennis Hobbs.

Also returning to the festival this year are the Authors, Artists, Collectors & Associations expo at The Old Glass Place, Vendor Village and the 6.6K Run/Walk. Visit Route66FestivalSGF.com for more information and/or to register.
Voting for the LAGERS annual meeting delegate begins Aug. 2

Each year City employees who are members of the LAGERS retirement system have the opportunity to elect a delegate to attend the LAGERS annual meeting. The 2019 annual meeting will be held Oct. 24 and 25 in Springfield.

Beginning Aug. 2, nominations will be accepted for the position of employee delegate. After the nomination period closes on Aug. 8, the ballots will be counted and the three employees receiving the highest number of nominations will be considered for the final ballot.

Final candidates will be asked to provide a brief statement explaining the reasons why he or she wants to represent City employees at the LAGERS annual meeting. The final ballot will include the statement and a brief biographical summary about each of the top three candidates for employees to review prior to casting their vote.

Voting for final candidates will be held Aug. 23-29. The person receiving the greatest number of votes in the election will be the employees’ representative at the 2019 annual meeting of the LAGERS retirement system. The two employees receiving the second and third-highest number of votes will be the first and second alternates, respectively.

The selected delegate is given the opportunity to express concerns about the system and offer suggestions for changes to the legislative committee or LAGERS staff. The delegate is also expected to report back to LAGERS members about the annual meeting and keep them informed of pending legislation or other pertinent activities involving the LAGERS system.

Nominating ballots will be distributed via interoffice mail to each LAGERS member on Aug. 1. Each member employee should enter the name of his or her candidate on the provided nominating ballot and place it in any of the ballot boxes at the listed locations:

- Airport – Airport Director’s Office
- Art Museum – 1111 E. Brookside Dr.
- Busch Building Lobby – First Floor, Reception Area
- Old City Hall – First Floor, Rm. 105
- Emergency Communications – 330 W. Scott
- Health Department – First Floor, Director’s Office
- Municipal Court – 625 N. Benton
- Parks Department – 1923 N. Weller
- Dickerson Park Zoo – 5043 N. Fort
- Human Resources Dept. – Third Floor, Busch Building
- Police Department – 321 E. Chestnut Expressway
- Police Department (South) – 2620 S. Battlefield
- Public Works, Operations – 1010 W. Chestnut Street
- Public Works, Streets – 1111 W. Chestnut Expressway
- Environmental Services, Clean Water – Southwest Clean Water Plant, Administration
- Workforce Development – WFD Director’s Office.
If you have questions regarding the LAGERS annual meeting or the delegate election, please contact Gail Church at 864-1598 or gchurch@springfieldmo.gov.

71st Police Academy Graduation to take place Saturday Aug. 10

The graduation ceremony for the 71st Police Academy will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday Aug. 10 at Park Crest Baptist Church (816 W. Republic Rd.)

The 71st Academy class was welcomed to the training center back in February and at the time was the largest in SPD history.
Cora Scott appointed to Route 66 Centennial Commission

Missouri’s Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe appointed two leaders from the Ozarks to the state’s Route 66 Centennial Commission.

City of Springfield Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott and city of Waynesville Mayor Lula Mae “Luge” Hardman will serve terms on the commission.

“Historic Route 66 is part of the American culture and captures our independent character,” Kehoe said. “Given the significance of Route 66 to both Missouri and American history, it is right that we commemorate the centennial anniversary of this roadway. Scott and Hardman understand its significance and historic value. I am grateful for their willingness to serve on this commission and look forward to their efforts to highlight the highway and draw visitors to Missouri.”

The Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission is composed of 18 members who reflect the interests, history and importance of the communities along Route 66 in Missouri. The duties of the commission are to plan and sponsor official Route 66 centennial events, programs and activities, to encourage the development of programs designs to involve citizens in commemorative activities and events, and to make available public information about commemorative events happening throughout the state.

2019 CAmP class graduates July 10

CAmp 2019 Class:
Heith Aldridge – Fire
Keith Bachman – E911
Al Berry – Airport
Stacey Blair – E911
Jonathan Blodgett – ES
Audrey Cova – Health
Megan Cunningham – E911
Joe Curless – BDS
Becca Fleming – Parks
Sarah Flippo – Airport
Merleene Knapton – Public Works
Ashley Krug – ES
Mike Lucas – Police
Greg McGuire – ES
Bryan Newberry – Fire
Summer Onyeukwu – E911
Brandy Osborn – Police
McKensie Phillips – Police
Jeff Rook – ES
Marcia Smith – Workforce Development
Mark Stiles – Public Works
Steve Sweaney – Fire
Jamey Thomas – Police
Jenny Turner – Public Works
Judy White – Planning and Development
Paul Williams – Police
Curtis Winger – Public Works
Alice Wood – Human Resources
Terry Woods – BDS

Class learns about Finance, Job Center before graduating

By Kamille Barker

July’s CAmP day started at the Missouri Job Center where we met with the Finance Department, played CAmPopoly, and learned how difficult it is to balance department needs when putting a City budget together.

Next, we heard several presentations from various staff members at the Missouri Job Center about all the many programs they have there and how they help those in our community who are looking for a job or to increase their skills. We also took time to tour the Mobile Career Center, the Job Search Floor, and the Career Closet.

Finally, it was time for CAmP Class of 2019 to graduate from the program. City Manager Jason Gage and Mayor Ken McClure were there to congratulate the CAmPers and hand out their awards.

Many thanks to our Finance Department: David Holtmann, Tammy Beeman and Nikki Crisp; our Workforce Development team: Dennis Wiggins, Katherine Trombetta, Bill Smillie, Daniel Snyder, Sally Payne, Cindy Bennett, Jenny Lourwood, Steven Butts, Jamie Moss, Wendy Graves, and Cody Naeger; and special thanks to Julie Greer, Cara Burch, Dale Dalton and Public Works, and Chris Akins for helping with the reception.

It takes so many people to make this program a success and we genuinely appreciate every one of you and the help you give.
Springfield Art Museum boasts third year of record-breaking attendance

The Springfield Art Museum had a third straight year of record-breaking attendance, welcoming 63,379 visitors since last July. Continuing a trend begun in 2017, the museum is routinely serving 10,000 more patrons annually than the previous record set in 2004 when the museum hosted a touring exhibition of Ansel Adams photographs.

Museum Director Nick Nelson notes, “These attendance figures demonstrate consistent, day-to-day use of the museum as a valuable educational resource. These figures aren’t tied to some outside ‘blockbuster show’ or event. We are proud that our visitors are making real connections with our collection, in addition to all the exciting traveling exhibitions and community events happening at the museum.”

The continued growth in activity-based attendance helps demonstrate the need for the museum’s new 30-Year Master Plan which was announced in October of 2018 during the museum’s 90th anniversary year. The museum’s master plan includes reconfiguration of existing structures, as well as improvements to the grounds intended to accommodate the increased volume of use, mitigate flood risk, and create connections between the surrounding environs including Phelps Grove Park, the Water Wise Garden and the Fassnight Creek Greenway Trail.

Nelson says, “We are excited to bring some of this record-breaking attention and energy to our surrounding amenities, not only to make our building and grounds more user-friendly, but to create a museum campus destination experience.”

The timeline for completion of the museum’s master plan is contingent upon funding. The Springfield Art Museum is located at 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

SPD CALEA Accreditation Review

The Springfield Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to maintain accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), the accreditation program requires the Springfield Police Department to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, Springfield Police Department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Community Room at Fire Station #8, located at 1405 S. Scenic.

Springfield Police Department employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 417-874-2988 on Monday, Aug. 12 between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of the standards can be requested from the Springfield Police Department, 321 E. Chestnut Expressway. Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Springfield Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155-6660 or www.calea.org.
You’re Invited to Family-Friendly National Night Out Aug. 6

Join the Springfield Police Department on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. for National Night Out at Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont. The family-friendly event is a free, city-wide event that brings together law enforcement, health and safety organizations, and neighborhood groups for a night of safety education and fun activities for the whole family.

Enjoy music, free food, tennis and other family fun games along with tours of police, fire and safety vehicles. This year will also feature professional eater Randy Santel who will compete against an SPD officer and one volunteer in a hotdog eating contest.

At the end of the event, there will be a softball game from 7 to 8 p.m. between Springfield Firefighters and Springfield Police Officers.

This free event is a result of a collaboration between Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Springfield-Greene County Park Board and the City of Springfield.

National Night Out celebrates the culmination of crime prevention activity in all Springfield neighborhoods: people working together in associations and other groups to prevent and address crime and other neighborhood problems. It also promotes healthy neighborhoods and encourages people to get out and get to know one another.

“It is an occasion to celebrate past successes, discuss current challenges or issues, and re-dedicate collaborative efforts with neighbors, police, businesses and others to improve the quality of life in our city,” said Chief Williams.

Past National Night Out campaigns involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

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CoSFit Games are back again

Plans for the 2019 CoSFit Games are well under way! Mark your calendar for Sept. 18 from noon-1 p.m. at Drury’s track and field (at Summit/Central). Teams are forming – start building your winning team now!

What can you expect? Both spectators and competitors will find fun and creative fitness challenges, great food and the opportunity to win many prizes (and bragging rights) – all of that in just one lunch hour!

How to get involved (as a competitor)

There are no minimum qualifications, and you don’t have to look like The Rock to compete! Get your work buddies together to form a team of four City employees (at least one female per team), and email your roster and team captain to Machelle Petit at mpetit@springfieldmo.gov by Sept. 6. If you would like to compete but do not have a team, contact Machelle to be placed on a team. Further instructions for all the teams will come from Machelle as we get closer to the event!

How to get involved (as a spectator)

Walk or drive to the stadium with cash on hand for a picnic lunch – pulled pork sandwiches, chips, fruit and water (just $3 buys your lunch – can’t beat it)! Don’t forget your City spirit shirt and great attitude! Giant foam fingers will not be discouraged! There will also be several opportunities for spectators to participate in fun activities and win AWESOME prizes!

If you think you can beat last year’s winner, now is the time to get signed up!

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Employees helping employees.

City employees are often the first to step forward to help their fellow co-workers during 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
The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to announce an expansive outdoor sculpture installation with Kansas City artist Shawn Bitters, in collaboration with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Burn Out, which was recently featured in Open Spaces Kansas City, was installed on the museum’s grounds and throughout nearby Phelps Grove Park on July 17 and will remain on view for one year. Bitters was a featured artist in the Museum’s 2018 4x4: Midwest Invitational Exhibition.

The 23 screen-printed aluminum “stones” in Burn Out form a narrative; each rock is encoded, representing a letter, that when joined together, tell a story. The stones can be “read” by moving through the landscape. The title of the work references the “necessary destruction” of fire in certain landscapes such as the prairies of the Midwest. The shape of the stones is based on volcanic bombs – masses of molten rock that form when a volcano erupts.

Bitters’ work is concerned with environmentalism, the use of language, and personifying Earth’s geologic structures. In other words, he seeks to give the Earth a voice and reveal what the Earth would say to us if it could speak. Curator of Art Sarah Buhr, who selected Bitters to represent Kansas in the 4x4 exhibition, knew she was interested in working with him again on a larger scale. “This work is important because Shawn is a regional artist engaging with our landscape and the realities of local climate change and weather extremes,” said Buhr.

Museum Director Nick Nelson notes, “We are thrilled to partner with Phelps Grove Park on this project as a way to link the Museum space with our surrounding environs through art. This is step toward the ideas laid out in our 30 Year Master plan. We want the public to start viewing the Museum and its surrounding amenities as one recreational campus with multiple experiences.”

Joining public art and outdoor recreation is also important to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. “We are thrilled to partner with the Springfield Art Museum on this exciting installation,” said Bob Belote, Director of Parks. “We look for this collaboration to be the first of many that we share with the Art Museum at Phelps Grove and possibly other locations.” The Museum and the Park Board would like to extend thanks to Shawn Bitters for his collaboration on this project.

The installation begins at the Museum’s amphitheater and moves west and north through Phelps Grove Park. Visitors with a QR reader on their mobile device can access the artist’s decryption key by scanning exhibit signage. Printed copies are available in the Museum’s lobby. Guided walking tours of the installation and an Artist Talk will be scheduled later this fall. The Springfield Art Museum is located at 1111 East Brookside Drive. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The City’s Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, according to the GFOA.

“The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR,” said GFOA Technical Services Director Michele Mark Levine. “We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.”

The Chicago-based GFOA is a professional association serving the needs of over 20,000 appointed and elected local, state and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. The City’s Finance Department has earned this designation for 42 years in a row.

“This award is about financial openness, reporting transparency and government accountability,” said City Manager Jason Gage. “The City of Springfield takes pride in achieving this designation on behalf of its citizens.”
Great turnout at SPD’s first Cookies with Rookies July 23

A big thanks to everyone who came out for the Springfield Police Department’s first Cookies with Rookies event to welcome SPD’s newest recruits on July 23 at Battlefield Mall.

The event brought police officers and the community members they serve together – over cookies – to ask questions and learn more about each other. There was a great turnout this year and SPD is excited about continuing the event next year.

Fremont Elementary first-graders visit Fire Station 5

Fire Station 5 on West Kearney Street was visited by first graders from Fremont Elementary on July 10 as part of their SPS Super Hero class. Students learned about the City’s firefighters, where they live while on duty and the equipment used in emergencies.

Connect with the City #MyCitySGF

Are you connected with the City on social media?

More than ever, we are using social media to bring information to you. Make sure you are connected to catch news, photos, job opportunities and more.
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, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28: 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?”

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Dog Swim: Sept. 3: 4-7 p.m. At Fassnight Pool dogs get to swim in a human sized pool. Fee: $8 for 1 dog and 1 human, limit 1 dog per human; $3 each additional human. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Registration and proof of vaccination required. Pre-register at ParkBoard.org/DogSwim.

Family Fridays in the Garden - Ozarks Woodpeckers: Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family for an evening tour of discovering plants, animals and the history of the park at Springfield Botanical Gardens. Meet in the Botanical Center. Free.

Facebook: SpringFIeldArT Museum
sgfmuseum.org

Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr., sgfmuseum.org

Slow Viewing Night: Creating an American Identity: Aug. 8: 6-7 p.m.
Spend one hour with one work of art once a month at our new Slow Viewing Nights. Each month we will gather in front of an art piece for an hour and build a collective understanding of the work through sharing our observations, questions and suggestions.

Input+Output (Art Critique and Discussion Group): Aug. 10 & 24: 3-5 p.m. Join museum assistant Rick Briggenhorst for a new local art critique group happening on select Saturdays. View and respond to works presented by local artists and be a part of the growth of discourse around art centered in our community.

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

• Slow Viewing Night: Sept. 5 6-7 p.m.

Watercolor USA 2019: Closes Sept. 1
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Park Day Reunion: Aug. 2-4
A decades-old community reunion held the first weekend in August at Silver Springs Park. Includes parade, picnic, sports competitions, car show, gospel singing and beauty pageant in the park, and off-site hospitality, golf, bowling and dance. More information at ParkBoard.org.

Giboney Cave Tours: Aug. 3
Explore the myths, facts, and history of Giboney Cave at Doling Park. Register by Fri., Aug. 2 at ParkBoard.org/Outdoor or 417-833-8647. For ages 6 yrs. and up. Walking tours at 1 and 2 p.m. Tunnel tour at 3 p.m. Walking Tour: $5/Person, $16/Family of 4 • Tunnel Tour: $7/Person, $24/Family of 4.

Family Fishing Night: Aug. 9, 6-9 p.m.
Bring the whole family for a relaxing evening of catch-and-release fishing, plus the Cow Train, bounce house and a campfire at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Space is limited and registration required. Call 837-5949 to register. Bring your own bait and gear. Some rods available through first-come-first-serve registration. $5/Participant.

Try Archery Program: Aug. 21, 6-7 p.m.
Allows beginners an opportunity to shoot a limited number of arrows under the supervision of an instructor at the Springfield Archery Complex at the Davis Property. Equipment is provided. More info at 874-2910 or ParkBoard.org/Arcery. For ages 6 yrs. and up. $5/One-hour class.

Springfield-Greene County Park Board
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EVENTS
Positive Self-Talk

Self-talk is the inner-voice in our head that can be positive or negative. Even though our self-talk may be working through our subconscious, it has the ability to affect our thoughts, beliefs, behaviors, and in the long run, our personality.

Self-talk has the ability to affect us each and everyday because it is not something we can easily escape from. Positive self-talk allows us to take control of our thoughts and provide us with the ability to essentially change our behaviors as well. Positive self-talk can have lasting personal and professional benefits, leading to an improved wellbeing and an overall better quality of life.

- Use positive affirmation while meditating: “I am proud of myself for...”
- Visualize yourself succeeding: while meditating visualize yourself completing the hardest task on your to-do list, or something you’ve never accomplish before.
- Practice positive self-talk through physical activity: use positive self-talk when trying to master a difficult yoga pose or when trying to beat your personal best on the mile.
- Set goals for positive self-talk: “I will practice self-talk at least 5 minutes a day”

What is one thing you will do this month to manage or reduce your stress?

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

**Beth Bruner from Parks**

was July’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, Aug. 2 & Sept. 6** and send it to **TheScene@springfieldmo.gov**!

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**Follow the GOLDEN GOOSE**

**To: Nathan Huggins, GIS**

I am honored to pass the Golden Goose Award to Nathan Huggins, GIS manager. Nathan’s approach to fellow workers embodies the very essences of the Golden Goose mission. He is a practitioner of team building and cooperation as he works with literally every department. Nathan could be described as a co-worker with his feet firmly on the ground and his head in the clouds.

– Bill Weaver, Planning & Development

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**Shane Bias**

**Plant Maintenance Mechanic, Environmental Services**

Shane has worked for the City for 2 years.

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**What are three words to describe the City of Springfield?** Three words that I would use to describe the City would be diverse, secure and rewarding.

**Why do you do what you do?** I really enjoy fixing equipment or improving processes, especially when it is benefiting the entire community.

**What’s the hardest part of your job?** The hardest part of my job would be the emergency calls during storms where we transfer high voltage in order to get the plant back online.

**What’s the best part of your job?** The best part of my job would be the lasting relationships that our small crew has developed. Everyone plays a key role in our success of a smooth operation.

**What are you passionate about?** I am very passionate about making a positive impact on every person I meet and being a helping hand in any way possible.

**What’s something that Springfield as a city should strive for?** The City of Springfield should strive to be the leader in our industry where we are number one in improvements, wages, benefits and are at the leading edge of economic development.

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**Do You Know...?**

A Q&A of City of Springfield employees. To suggest a colleague for “Do You Know...?” e-mail thescene@springfieldmo.gov.
SFD provides smoke alarms for the hearing impaired during Project RED Zone

The Springfield Fire Department met Stan while visiting his neighborhood during a recent Project RED Zone canvass. Stan cannot hear traditional smoke alarms, but will now be protected by a smoke alarm for the hearing impaired. To learn more about this program call 417-874-2380 or email hparker@springfieldmo.gov.

Retirement reception for Fire’s Lonnie Stockdale
Aug. 15

FOR SALE

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


For Sale: World Class German Shepherd Puppies. Imported West German Working Lines. Perfect for Family, Companion, Service, or Working Duty. Health Guarantee, Vet Checked, and First Shots taken care of. Purchase includes A/R Paperwork. Litter was whelped on May 24th. Please contact Mike @ (417) 597-1200.

2018 MAZDA CX-5. Touring Model with “Preferred Equipment Package,” All Wheel Drive, 10,700 miles. Still under warranty. Pearl White w/Black interior. Features too numerous to list and available upon request. A sharp and fantastic vehicle. (Daughter moved to NYC) $26,500. 831-8146 Mike.

2 Media Storage Cabinets for cds/dvds/videos. Wood composite with maple finish. 2 fixed and 5 adjustable shelves. 60 1/2” H x 11 1/4” W x 6” D $10 each. 1 Bookcase. Wood composite with cherry finish. 2 fixed shelves and 3 adjustable shelves. 71 1/2” H x 29” W x 11 3/4” D $15. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.

Black and Decker tool set, 18v battery powered, drill, reciprocating saw, 10” weedeater, hard surface blower, batteries and charger, $60. A few 1# bags of shelled Georgia pecan pieces, $10/bag 417-864-1371, ask for Phil.

Ty Original Beanie Babies for Sale: “Barley” (brown horse w/beige mane) w/flat tag $3; “Love to Mom” (Happy Mother’s Day, Lavendar) w/“Play Online!” flat tag $3; “4-H” (Orange w/green 4-H emblem) w/flat tag $3; “Peace Bear” (Blue w/color peace sign on chest) w/flat tag $3; “Inch” (Rainbow colored “worm”) w/flat tag & tag protective cover $3; “Valentina” (“Red” w/white heart on chest) w/flat tag $3; “The End” Black (w/“The End” written on chest) w/flat tag $15. Contact Marcia at 417-379-8459.


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 417-860-6802.

Farmhouse Picture Frames made of real wood. You choose your color! City Employee pricing: 8x10 ($25), 11x14 ($30), and 5x7 that holds up to 8 photos ($35). Have a size not listed? Let’s talk! For more info or pictures, call or text Chris at 417-894-2067.

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

JR’S Handyman Service, 417-343-7772, Licensed & Insured. Services Offered: Tub Refinishing, Home Remodeling, Home Repairs. Also see us on Facebook@JR’s Handyman/Renewsurfacing.

Interested in Mary Kay products or hosting a party? Contact Maria Sanchez at 417-848-5357 or e-mail at mkmariasanchez@gmail.com. Also, ask how to receive a free facial.
To: Fire Station 9

Thank you for participating in our 35th Anniversary Safety Expo. We wanted to celebrate with our trusted partners and the community in which we all serve. We appreciate you being here to celebrate with us and hope that this will become an annual event! Please thank the guys from Station 9. They were wonderful!

– Mercy Life Line

To: 9-1-1 Telecommunicators

On July 18 there was a collision on I-44 which resulted in the death of three children. A City of Springfield resident called in to express her gratitude to the 9-1-1 Telecommunicators for their work during the unfortunate event and said “they were all in her thoughts over the accident.” She also thanked the telecommunicators who helped her that day as well.