9th annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival shatters records

The numbers are in from the 2019 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, and the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement wants to sincerely thank all of the staff and departments who contributed to its success. The City, along with KY3 and Aaron Sachs and Associates, is a partner in the festival.

Sixty-five thousand people attended the festival over its two days this year, up from 56,000 in 2018. Thanks to all of those who assisted with the parade, road closures, trash collection, shuttling, public safety and food vendor inspections, as well as those who worked the merchandise and information tents and in other capacities.

The 2019 festival by the numbers:
• 642 car show registrants

2019 Aaron Goddard Memorial Blood Drive: 52 registered to donate, 46 units collected, next blood drive set for Dec. 20

2019 Aaron Goddard Memorial Blood Drive:
• 699 cars/trucks/floats in the parade
• 22,000 parade spectators
• 2,500 attendees at the new Women’s World event at the Shrine Mosque
• 5,500 concert goers at the Aaron Sachs stage in Motorcycle Village.

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SGF CultureFest:
Sat., Sept. 14: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Commercial Street

SGF CultureFest is an event that showcases ethnic talents, foods and businesses by celebrating rich ethnic diversity and heritage, collaborating with global-minded Springfield residents, and cultivating a welcoming city for every nation, tribe and tongue. Don’t miss this very first city-wide CultureFest where you can see, taste and experience the world right here in our neighborhood.

Springfield Lasers win back-to-back World TeamTennis championships

Police Academy graduates 26 Aug. 10

Traveling exhibition of South African beadwork opens at Art Museum

BeCivilBeHeard.com
Respect Other Views: Respond to different opinions with a fair and open mind.
Forward SGF Community Kick Off Ice Cream Social held Aug. 20

Wanda Young, former Planning staff member Jeremy Snow, Lisa Gateley.

Nick Nelson, Mary Lilly Smith, Advisory Team member Leslie Forrester.

Advisory Team Chair Dr. Tom Prater, Katie Towns, Advisory Team member Danny Perches.

An attendee visits with Councilman Abe McGull.

Brendan Griesemer visits with an attendee.

Advisory Team member Becky Volz learns about the ForwardSGF.com interactive mapping tool.

Two attendees chat about Forward SGF.

Jason Gage, Councilwoman Phylis Ferguson and Councilman Abe McGull.

Attendees left their suggestions about what they’d like to see for Springfield’s future.
The King Trophy remains in Springfield another year as the Springfield Lasers celebrate their reign as back-to-back World TeamTennis champions.

The Lasers defeated the New York Empire, 20-19, in the 44th WTT championship Saturday, Aug. 3, in Las Vegas. The audience included World TeamTennis co-founder and International Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King, who helped present her namesake trophy to the Lasers.

This is the Lasers’ second consecutive championship win. Springfield won its first King Trophy in 2018, after 23 years in the league and four previous trips to the championship final.

The Lasers entered the final set of the championship match, men’s doubles, down by two points. Springfield’s Robert Lindstedt and Evan Song, drafted just the day before to replace injured Enrique Lopez Perez, rallied to beat New York’s Neal Skupski and Ulises Blanch, 5-2.

Song, a Las Vegas native who spent the WTT season with the Vegas Rollers, clinched the title on his serve, in front of his family, friends and the Rollers’ home audience, who all cheered loudly for the Lasers at the playoff and the final.

“Being from Vegas and winning in an event like this, it’s just a dream for me,” said Song. “It was an incredible atmosphere. I think I turned some of them (the fans) into Springfield fans.”

The Lasers won just two sets in the finals match, and Lindstedt was at the heart of Springfield’s success, dominating in men’s doubles and mixed doubles (5-2) with the Lasers’ Abigail Spears, at both the playoff the night before and the final. Lindstedt was named the 2019 World TeamTennis Finals Most Valuable Player presented by Forevermark. He received a one-carat Forevermark diamond.

“It means I did something right. Proof that I achieved something,” Lindstedt said lightheartedly of the award. “We maybe took our foot off the gas a little bit (in the last game). Evan came up with a big point. It was great.”

Spears and Olga Govortsova fell short in women’s doubles (5-4) and Govortsova in women’s singles (5-3). But it was thanks, in part, to Govortsova that the Lasers even appeared in the final match. Her 5-4 fifth set women’s singles win in the WTT playoff match sealed the Lasers’ 21-19 victory over San Diego, sending the Lasers to the championship.

The Lasers completed the regular WTT season 11-5, entering the playoffs as the No. 2 seed behind No. 1 Philadelphia Freedoms, which New York beat in the playoffs (24-18). The Lasers had a perfect 7-0 undefeated season at home.

Springfield City Council recognized the Lasers’ back-to-back championship win during the Aug. 26 council meeting.

The Springfield Lasers held a hometown championship celebration Aug. 29 at Cooper Tennis Complex. The celebration included a rededication of the newly-renovated Courts 1-6 at Cooper, followed by a party, music, cake, photo ops with the King Trophy, door prizes and merchandise.

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The Mother Roadster Foundation, which raffles off an antique car each year at the festival starting in 2018, donated more than $40,000 to Shriners Hospital this year and awarded the 2019 Mother Roadster to Greg Fuller of Rolla.

Steve Davenport of Yellville, Arkansas won the 2019 Chevy Corvette, valued at $66,000 and donated by Chevy Dealers of the Ozarks.

This year’s recipients of the John T. Woodruff Award, presented to individuals who have shown outstanding support and interest in historic Route 66, were Guy Mace, owner of the Route 66 Car Museum, and Kirk Wheeler, owner of Mother Road Motorcycles.

“We were thrilled with the turnout at the festival this year and are already planning for how to make the 10th annual festival next year even better,” said Public Information and Civic Engagement Director Cora Scott.

The 10th annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival is set for Aug. 7-8, 2020.
Lisa Bakerink named Executive Director of Springfield Sister Cities Association

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in cooperation with the Springfield Sister Cities Association, has named Lisa Bakerink as the nonprofit organization’s executive director.

Bakerink previously served as the first executive director of Friends of the Garden, 2015 to present. Both organizations are long-term Park Board partners which support the Park Board’s mission as well as provide extensive programs and volunteers for the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. The two organizations also share staff and office space at the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center.

With Friends of the Garden, Bakerink worked cooperatively with parks staff and 24 partner organizations to support the 112-acre Springfield Botanical Garden, including development, volunteer coordination, strategic planning, administration and communication. Prior to that, Bakerink earned extensive leadership experience in Springfield and in her home state of Iowa in the hotel industry, human resources, bookkeeping and nonprofit management. She has been involved in the Master Gardeners of Greene County, the Roston Native Butterfly House, Court Appointed Special Advocates (Des Moines) and the Iowa Child Advocacy Board.

“The interest we had in this position was overwhelming and really speaks to our community’s positive response to the Sister Cities program,” said Bob Belote, Director of Parks with the Springfield-Sister Cities program, “The Springfield Sister Cities Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people of the City of Springfield and people of similar cities in foreign nations acquire a consciousness of each other and to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, and as part of our global community. The annual Japanese Fall Festival, one of the Springfield Sister Cities Association’s signature events, returns to Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden Sept. 6-8. The cultural festival features music, dancing, kendama, martial arts, vendors, food, kimonos, cosplay performances, crafts and more, highlighting Springfield’s 33-year relationship with its sister city, Isesaki, Japan.

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For more information, visit peacethroughpeople.org.

Strong Passenger Growth Continues at Springfield Airport

June was the busiest month in the Springfield airport’s history with 118,477 total passengers. It continues a growth streak that began eight years ago. The unprecedented growth resulted in the airport reaching the one million annual passenger mark last year for the first time ever. The growth shows no signs of slowing down — so far this year passenger growth is up 8.7% over last year.

Passenger numbers have grown 47% since 2011 driven by the airlines use of larger planes, more flights, and the addition of four non-stop destinations: Charlotte, Los Angeles, Houston and Destin.

“None of this would have happened without support from the community,” says Brian Weiler, airport director. “Thank you for choosing our local airport and making this growth possible.”

Several improvements have been made to keep up with demand. Construction is underway on a new parking lot. When finished it will provide more than 700 additional parking places. The project includes a new covered pedestrian walkway.

Recent improvements include an expanded restaurant, and new charging stations for phones and computers.

Passenger numbers aren’t the only thing on the rise …

• During the first six months of the year cargo airlines carried 15,756,743 pounds of freight delivered to the airport. That’s up 8.8% over last year.

• June set an all-time monthly record for the amount of fuel delivered to the airlines at the airport: 869,306 gallons. That’s up 21.1% over 2018.

• Take offs and landings are up 6.7% so far in 2019.

Four airlines serve Springfield: Allegiant, American, Delta and United. They provide service to 13 non-stop destinations: Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denver, Dallas, Charlotte, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Orlando, Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers and Destin/Ft. Walton Beach.

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Bakerink fills a vacancy left by Cindy Jobe, who retired Aug. 1 after 34 years with the Park Board, including 17 years as the Springfield’s official liaison to sister city, Isesaki, Japan (a key partner in the development of Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden), followed by 12 years as executive director of the organization. The executive director is a Park Board-funded position.

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Police Academy graduates 26 Aug. 10

The graduation ceremony for the officers of the 71st Police Academy was held Aug. 10 at Park Crest Baptist Church. These 26 graduates have undergone 1,099 hours (27 weeks) of intense law enforcement training. Upon graduation, they were each assigned to an experienced field-training officer (FTO) for approximately 520 hours (13 weeks) of on-the-job training. Once they complete the FTO program, these new officers will be assigned to the Uniform Operations Bureau.

The breakdown of recruits is as follows:
- 23 males
- 3 females

Their education and experience include:
- 6 bachelor’s degrees
- 7 associate’s degrees
- 10 prior or current military

The new officers are:
- Jacob Adams
- Brandon Anderson
- Brown Boucher
- Benjamin Chronister
- Dustin Davis
- Jaygan Lancaster
- Tanner McIntyre
- Jesse Mough
- Trent Schertz
- Andrew Agnew
- Brett Barnes
- Katherine Caswell
- Stevie Cisneros
- Joel Ewald
- James Lutterli
- Trevor Mercelking
- Danielle Pochoof
- Benjamin Young
- Tanner Allen
- Matthew Belk
- Shelby Chaney
- Joshua Cyr
- Joel Henry
- Joseph McGuire
- Ethan Millican
- Jeffery Schatz.

“Our goal is to collect items that will help comfort them and make their lives easier… it’s overwhelming the amount of dispatchers in our center who are willing to help other dispatchers through these difficult times.”

– Elisha Lurvey-Smith

9-1-1 Telecommunicators Elisha Lurvey-Smith and Abbie Shouse initiated collections that were sent off to Emergency Communications teams in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio.

Birdies For Badges Golf Tournament benefits Springfield Police Foundation

Join the Springfield Police Foundation for the second annual Birdies for Badges Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 13 at Rivercut Municipal Golf Course (2850 W. Farm Rd 190).

The event is a four-person scramble and everyone is welcome to participate. Lunch will be provided at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at noon. There will also be prizes and raffles throughout the day.

The cost is $400 per team and all proceeds will go to benefit the Springfield Police Foundation. Please register ahead of time via a link available on the Facebook event page (facebook.com/events/2352021211512087/).

If you’d like to get involved with Birdies for Badges Golf Tournament but can’t make the time to join us on the course, we have lots of sponsorship opportunities!

Call Julia Henson at 417-631-2920 with any questions.

A huge thank you to Corwin Ford of Springfield being the presenting sponsor!
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!

SGF Yields program installs “Student Walker” statue at Pittman Elementary

The City of Springfield’s SGF Yields pedestrian safety program installed the first of five “Student Walker” statues Aug. 15 at Pittman Elementary School.

The new installation includes the recognizable Mr. Walker statue along with a new child-sized silhouette. The pair is meant to encourage school children to identify with the message of pedestrian safety and highlight the important role adults play in keeping children safe.

Funded through a Blueprint for Safer Roadways grant through the Missouri Department of Transportation, the new statues will be installed at Horace Mann, Williams, Bingham and McGregor Elementary schools in the coming weeks.

“These five elementary schools were selected based on multiple factors,” says Traffic Safety Professional Mandy Buettgen-Quinn. “Our goal was to choose an elementary school from each high school feeder system, but we also considered the type of streets near the school, proximity of the school entrance to the road and number of students walking. We also reached out to schools to gauge their interest in bringing traffic safety to their students.”

In addition to the statues, SGF Yields is working with the selected schools to provide in-classroom presentations and curriculum to help students, teachers and parents connect with the statues and learn more about how to stay safe traveling to and from school.

For more information about SGF Yields, visit springfieldmo.gov/SGFyields.

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!
SPD wins annual Police vs. Fire Softball Game Aug. 6 at National Night Out

Congratulations to the Springfield Police Department for winning the annual Police vs. Fire Softball game during National Night Out on Aug. 6 at Meador Park. Academy Sports donated $5,000 to the Springfield Police Foundation. The final score was 22-8.

National Night Out at Meador Park Aug. 6

Officer Casandra Lightwine
Lt. Jennifer Charleston
Cadet Hannah Woodburn
Officer Chris Laughlin
Officer Kevin Grundy (left), Officer Evan Nicholson (right)

DOG SWIM
TUES., SEPT. 3, 4-7 P.M.
FASSNIGHT POOL
1300 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO

Dogs get to swim! (no humans in the pool)
Pre-register at ParkBoard.org/DogSwim

24th Annual JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL
Fri.-Sun., SEPT. 6-8
MIZUMOTO JAPANESE STROLL GARDEN at Springfield Botanical Gardens
Traveling exhibition of South African beadwork opens at Springfield Art Museum

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to welcome Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence. 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 together in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The plain black fabric that serves as a foundation for the Ubuhle women’s exquisite beadwork is reminiscent of the Xhosa headscarves and skirts that many of them wore growing up. By stretching this textile like a canvas, the artists use colored Czech glass beads to transform the flat cloth into a contemporary art form of remarkable visual depth. Using skills handed down through generations and working in their own unique style “directly from the soul” (in the words of artist Ntombephi Ntobela), the women create abstract, as well as figurative subjects for their ndwangos.

Ubuhle means “beauty” in the Xhosa and Zulu languages and well describes the shimmering quality of light on glass that for the Xhosa people has a special spiritual significance. From a distance, each panel of the ndwango seems to present a continuous surface; but as the viewer moves closer and each tiny individual bead catches the light, the meticulous skill and labor that went into each work—the sheer scale of ambition—becomes stunningly apparent. A single panel can take more than 10 months to complete.

Migration has defined the history of modern South Africa. The late-19th-century discovery of gold and diamonds—and, to a lesser extent, the cultivation of sugar cane—transfigured South African society with its demands for a large, flexible workforce of able men. As workers left their homesteads in rural areas to earn cash salaries, traditional social systems based on direct production from the land began to change. Low pay and harsh working conditions forced many cane cutters to live apart from their wives and families for up to nine months of the year, which led to a breakdown of family life and traditional values.

Ubuhle was conceived in response to this social and cultural transformation. Established in 1999 by two women—Ntombephi “Induna” Ntobela and Bev Gibson—on a former sugar plantation in KwaZulu-Natal, Ubuhle began as a way of creating employment for rural women by combining traditional skills and making them profitable. By incorporating a skill that many local women already had—beadwork, a customary form of artistic expression for generations of South African women—and teaching it to those who did not, they began to provide women with a private source of income and a route to financial independence.

Since 2006, the Ubuhle community has lost five artists to HIV/AIDS and other illnesses, nearly halving the number of active artists. Many of the ndwangos thus function as memorials to Ubuhle sisters who have lost their lives. Remembering the dead is a key motivation for the creation of many of these artworks, and it imbues them with a spiritual significance. Due to the slow, meticulous process of creating a ndwango, the act of beading itself becomes a form of therapy: a way of setting down the issues that are closest to the artists’ hearts; a way of grieving; and a place to encode feelings and memories. In a sense—through their presence in the artist’s thoughts during the act of creation—the deceased enter the very fabric of the work, and so the ndwango becomes a site of memory.

Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence was developed by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC, in cooperation with Curators Bev Gibson, Ubuhle Beads, and James Green, and is organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC. This exhibition tour stop is underwritten in part by the Edward F. Hilbruner Irrevocable Trust and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. Additional support for this exhibition was generously provided by Sally & Rob Baird.

See Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence through Nov. 10.

Ahoy 2nd grade Mateys! Join Petey in the hunt for the true TREASURE of the CITY. THURSDAY, OCT. 17 • 5-8:30 P.M.
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• Slow Viewing Night: Sept. 5, 6-7 p.m.

Art Talk/Workshop: Jerry Hatch: Sept. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please join the Friends of the Springfield Art Museum (FOSAM) and the Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild as they present “Drawing With Metal II,” featuring Jerry Hatch. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, reservations to Sandra Graves Letson, 417-496-1838 or sandragraves@mchsi.com

Randy Bacon: The Road I Call Home: Sept. 14- Feb. 23-2019 Dr. Randy Bacon is an American photographer based in Springfield. This exhibit features simple, direct, emotive, casual studio portraits of homeless individuals accompanied by personal narratives. These portraits emphasize the beauty, humanity, identity and integrity of each subject while raising public awareness of our homeless community.

• Opening Reception: Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m.
• Slow Viewing Night: Oct. 3, 6-7 p.m.

99x: Myths & Monsters: Sept. 28
• 6-7 p.m. Sponsor Hour
• 7-9:30 p.m. General Admission
Please join us for the 5th Annual 99x (Times) Party, as we transform YOUR art museum into an enchanted woodland of living art tableaux and performances—from the hottest local artists, tastemakers and trendsetters—all inspired by Rose O’Neill’s mythical and fantastical creatures called “Sweet Monsters.” Hosted on an annual basis, this event helps preserve our collection for the next 100 years. General tickets: $35; $45 at the door. Sponsorships begin at $250.

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.

T’ai Chi With Dee Ogilvy: Fridays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: 9-10 a.m.
Great for adults of any age and physical fitness level. Requires no special equipment. Relaxled, 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, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: 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?”

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.

24th annual Japanese Fall Festival: Sept. 6: 5-10 p.m.; Sept. 7: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sept. 8: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Three-day celebration of one of Springfield’s sister cities, Ise, Japan at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. Includes guests and performers from Japan, taiko drumming, Japanese top spinning and folk dancing, martial arts, origami and other hands-on crafts, tea ceremony demonstrations, a food court and tent-top market, vendors and more. Friday’s opening ceremony features student ambassadors from Springfield Public Schools. Friday and Saturday evenings end with an intimate candlelight walk. Presented by Springfield Sister Cities Association, peace4throughpeople.org. Fee: Fri. & Sun., $7/adult, $3/12 yrs. and under; Sat., $10/adult, $3/12 yrs. and under. Kids 3 years and younger free.

17th Annual DogFest: Sept. 21 (rain date: Sept. 22), 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Chesterfield Park. A canine extravaganza! Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for free fun and activities. DogFest features dog agility demonstrations, a dog fashion show, canine-related vendors and non-profits and a dog-themed bounce house for kids. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park, Springfield’s first off-leash dog park. Free admission; $1/Bounce house; $10/t-shirt. For more information visit ParkBoard.org/DogFest.
**Promotions**

**Saki Urushidani**  
Engineer II  
– Environmental Services

**Adam Kriegshauser**  
Community Recreation Coordinator  
– Parks

**Joshua Wendler**  
Community Recreation Coordinator  
– Parks

**Amie Davis**  
Senior Human Resources Specialist  
– HR

**Tracy Campbell**  
Senior Keeper  
– Parks

**Michael Costello**  
Sr. Computer Forensic Analyst – Police

**Cory Craft**  
Equipment Operator II  
– Environmental Services

**Kristopher Bowling**  
Team Leader  
– Environmental Services

**Retirements**

**Cindy Jobe**  
Community Recreation Services Admin.  
– Parks, 31 years

**Tina Saunders**  
911 Telecommunicator  
– Emergency Communications, 25 years

**Lonnie Stockdale**  
Rescue & Salvage Specialist  
– Fire, 26 years

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**MILESTONES**

**Working Parents Speaker Series**

inBalance is partnering with local organizations to bring you a series of presentations intended to support our working parents. We realize work-life balance can be difficult, so we want to help. Join us over lunch for this quarterly series and learn more about various topics. Topics will include self-care, time-management, nutrition for the families, and much more!

**Session 1 Topic:** Positive Parenting Program

**Facilitator:** Diamond Netzer, Community Partnership of the Ozarks

**Description:** Triple P gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life. Problems like toddler tantrums or teenage rebellion. Self-esteem issues. Bedtime battles. Disobedience. Aggression. Triple P can help you deal with them all – and more! And Triple P is one of the few parenting programs in the world with evidence to show it works for most families.

**Lunch will be provided.**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 10  
**Time:** 12 - 1 pm  
**Location:** Health Department Classroom

**Email:** inbalance@springfieldmo.gov  
**Phone:** 417-864-1685

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**Professional Development Opportunities**

**Remember to check**  
CityShare / Training Calendar  
**For Internal Development Opportunities**
Thanks for the great Spirit Day selfies!

Jason Saliba from Public Works was August’s winner! He 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 Friday, Sept. 6 & Oct. 4 and send it to TheScene@springfieldmo.gov!

Donna Wilson
Senior Executive Secretary, Law Department
Donna has worked for the City for 4 years.

What are three words to describe the City of Springfield? Welcoming, evolving, multifaceted.

Why do you do what you do? I feel like, in some small way, I am making a difference in the safety and welfare of our community.

What’s the hardest part of your job? Maintaining a consistent work flow. For instance I have had as few as two council bills to process during a cycle and as many as 33. You never really know what to plan for until deadline day.

What’s the best part of your job? The people I work with. Not only in the Law Department, but all those I come into contact with on a regular basis.

What are you passionate about? Customer service to both internal (other departments/staff members) and external (citizens and businesses) customers.

What’s something you’ve learned since working for the City? Municipal government can and does touch every part of a resident’s life. From the water they drink to the availability of safe, affordable housing, attracting businesses for employment to providing safe and entertaining sources of recreation.
For Sale: 2006 Honda Civic 4dr with Manual Transmission. Never any issues except the A/C needs attention – not currently working. Car has 200,000 miles and still runs great getting 38 MPG. This would be a great car for a student. $2500. Leave message or Text Curtis at 417/766-9774.


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 AKC 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.

Black and Decker tool set, 18v battery powered, drill, reciprocating saw, 10” weed eater, hard surface blower, batteries and charger, $80. 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 $.50; “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.


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.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14

Brew at the Zoo Sept. 14

Brew at the Zoo 2 is an after-hours, 21-or-older event benefiting Friends of the Zoo. Tastings of 50 plus beers, street tacos, animal presentations, music and more. The event will be Saturday, Sept. 14 from 6-9 p.m. at Dickerson Park Zoo. Tickets at $45/each ($10/each for designated drivers). For more information and to get tickets visit dickersonparkzoo.org.
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To: Springfield Police
Thank you for allowing your Honor Guard to come help kick off the conference. As you saw, they looked sharp and crisp. They are always a professional group. And thank you for coming to speak to the group, I appreciate your support.
— Les Kerr

To: Fire Station #3
Thank you for supporting OACAC and our school fair.
— OACAC Greene County Neighborhood Center
(The OACAC Back to School Event was held on Aug. 6 at the Teamster Union Local #245)

To: Jessica Brooks, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator
On Aug. 12, a citizen called in regarding a civil dispute over property. The citizen later called back to say the telecommunicator he spoke to, Jessica Brooks, did a really good job and thanked all of the Springfield-Greene County 9-1-1 Telecommunicators for the hard job they do and that he appreciates the work they do. Great job Jessica!

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