



Fall neighborhood clean-up schedule announced

By Melissa Haase, SGFNN Managing Editor

The City of Springfield and Community Partnership of the Ozarks will again be contracting with Republic Services to offer neighborhood clean-ups for fall of 2017 through spring of 2018. Grant Beach and Heart of the Westside's clean-ups were in September; the six other neighborhood cleanups in this round start Oct. 7 and continue through Nov. 18.

CPO coordinates with the City of Springfield's Neighborhoods and Planning Office to coordinate and administer the clean-up activities which take place in registered neighborhoods in Springfield. The clean-ups give Springfield residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items, such as mattresses, furniture, appliances, and yard waste, free of cost.

Bissett is participating in curbside-only pickups this fall as a pilot project. Residents of this neighborhood are asked to place bagged and large items at the curb for removal by 7 a.m. Scheduling is not required for pickup, but if you have any questions, please call Republic Services at 417-865-1717. Republic Services **will** pick up bagged small items, furniture, carpet (4-foot tied rolls), small household items, bicycles and grills (no propane tanks). They **will not** pick up yardwaste, appliances, remodeling/construction debris, tires, motors, large vehicle parts, bulk liquids or hazardous waste.

If you have questions about your neighborhood's clean-up, or if you need to arrange a curbside pickup and do not live in Bissett, please contact your neighborhood clean-up coordinator.

ROUNTREE + DELAWARE Oct. 7, 2017

8 a.m.-12 p.m. University Heights Church, 1010 S. National Ave. Accepted items: trash, brush, metal, leaves. Curbside pickup available. Coordinators: Peggy Wise, 860-8990 and Nancy Williams, 496-2187.

TOM WATKINS Oct. 7, 2017 • 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Williams Elementary, 2205 W. Kearney St. Accepted items: trash, brush, metal. Curbside pickup available. Coordinator: Marti Mowery, 864-7239.

GREATER PARKCREST Oct. 14, 2017 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave. Accepted items: trash, brush, metal, leaves. Curbside pickup available. Coordinator: Carol McCarthy, 877-9446.

BISSETT Oct. 21, 2017 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Curbside only. Coordinator: Pete Radecki, 988-1257.

WEST CENTRAL Nov. 4, 2017 • 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Campbell Elementary, 506 S. Grant Ave. Accepted items: trash, brush, metal, leaves. Curbside pickup available. Coordinator: Rusty Worley, 569-8866.

OAK GROVE Nov. 18, 2017 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

East Grand Church of Christ, 2220 E. Grand St. Accepted items: trash, brush, metal, leaves. Curbside pickup available. Coordinator: Powell McHaney, 887-7452.

**Fees may apply. Call coordinator for details.*



Stephanie Steen Martinez volunteered with the spring neighborhood clean-ups.

Sign up to volunteer at GivePulse.com

Now is a great time to get involved in your city

By Craig Fishel, Zone 4 Councilman, for SGFNN



I've never lived anywhere in Springfield but in Zone 4 — the southeast quadrant of the city. I moved to Springfield with my family in 1959, and the first neighborhood I lived in was Southern Hills. It wasn't even in the city at that time. We rode horses in the field where

Glendale High School sits now. When Glendale was being built, I rode my skateboard through the empty halls. I've seen Springfield grow up around me, and I like to be involved.

Before first running for City Council in 2013, I served on various boards and commissions. When I decided to run for Council, it was because I had some concerns. I was one of those citizens who liked to complain.

So, I spoke up, and I don't regret it. I've enjoyed every minute I've spent serving on City Council — so much so that I ran for and was elected to another four-year term in April. I've gotten to meet some incredible people, and it's been a joy to see how this city is run. It's awesome!

We're always looking for qualified people to serve on City boards and commissions. Visit springfieldmo.gov/boards for a full list of open boards and commission seats.

I'd like to encourage you to get civically involved by applying to serve on a board or commission, forming or joining a Neighborhood Watch group, or by simply volunteering at a nonprofit. It might get you outside your comfort zone, but it will expand your worldview. It will make your city better, and it will make you better.

Welcome to the Fall 2017 edition of SGF Neighborhood News!

Keep up with what's going on in Springfield neighborhoods and get to know your neighbors with this quarterly newspaper and Web site.

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Meet Francine Pratt, director of Prosper Springfield

By Jacque Harness, CPO, for SGFNN



Prosper Springfield is a collective impact model initiative knitting together the community's efforts to lift people out of poverty. The initiative connects all the work currently being done and capitalizes on the momentum of successful programs such as the City's Zone Blitz and The Northwest Project. Prosper

Springfield's goal is to achieve a 5 percent reduction in poverty in Springfield by 2025.

This important initiative is led by Francine Pratt with Community Partnership of the Ozarks and United Way of the Ozarks. She is described by fellow colleagues as having a "strategic mind and a compassionate heart," and has more than 25 years of experience in leading government, private, public and non-profit organizations with a focus on developing community client sustainability, customer service and family support work in the public and private sectors.

Through Prosper Springfield, Pratt is working with more than 300 partner organizations to develop a strategic alignment of efforts to create an environment in which people can measurably improve their education, health and housing while becoming better employed and financially secure.

"I am excited to be a part of this collaborative opportunity to make a true positive impact for the community," Pratt said. "Bringing together all of those who are moving toward the same goal of helping lift people out of poverty is going to create significant change in many lives."

Comprehensive efforts to address poverty began when Community Partnership of the Ozarks convened the 30-plus member, multidisciplinary Impacting Poverty Commission. From the

beginning, the commission was trained on the aspects of collective impact. Every sector of the community was represented around the meeting table, and with the City's Community Listen tour through nine northwest Springfield neighborhoods, the community was well represented in sharing what they wanted and what they needed, Pratt said.

The commission issued a Report and Call to Action in 2015 and provided an update in early 2017. From there, Prosper Springfield was launched to put the commission's Call to Action to work. Pratt became director of Prosper Springfield in early 2017 and continues to develop new partnerships with those working to reduce poverty in Springfield. If your group or organization would like to learn how to be involved in the Prosper Springfield collective impact model, contact Pratt at fp Pratt@cpozarks.org to schedule a time to meet with her.

IN HER OWN WORDS...

- **What do you hope to personally accomplish through your work with Prosper Springfield?** "To reach the goal of reducing poverty by 5 percent by the year 2025 in our city, county, and ethnic groups."
- **What benefits have you seen from using the collective impact model to approach poverty reduction?** "The collective impact model is beneficial because the people who benefit from the initiative are the ones at the table, designing it. In other words, the creators of the project are directly impacted by its outcomes and therefore invested in its success. In addition, the collective impact model provides an opportunity for different entities in our community to learn more about one another. This serves to reduce overlap and allows our community partners to leverage resources more efficiently."
- **How has your past work prepared you to lead the Prosper Springfield initiative?** "All of my



Impacting Poverty Commission meeting, February 2016.

prior work has involved assisting people who need a hand up. I have worked in the health care field, child support, and consumer services. Here in Springfield, I've worked with Isabel's House, the Drury Scholars Program, and Multi-Cultural Programs at MSU. What's unique about my work experience here in Springfield is that I am now able to identify needs from newborns to college graduates, rather than just adults, at their time of need."

- **What is your dream for Prosper Springfield with regard to our community?** "My dream for Prosper Springfield is for employers (who can/are able) to provide more opportunities for entry-level, low-income employees to earn just a few more dollars. This would not only fill vacant positions and benefit businesses, but it allows these individuals to improve their skills and prove their capabilities. When entry-level, low-income individuals are given the opportunity to prosper, their families will prosper too."


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Trail of Tears greenway offers unique walkabout

By Juliana Goodwin, for SGFNN



On Springfield's southwest side, at Marcella Street and Golden Avenue, just behind the Walmart Neighborhood Market, is a small

trail that, at first glance, looks like a gravel path.

But the corridor is carved in history.

From 1837 to 1839, Cherokee Indians trudged through Springfield on the Trail of Tears.

In 1830, President Andrew Jackson created the Native American Removal Act, which paved the way for Congress to uproot 60,000 Native Americans in the southeast and relocate them in Oklahoma. The vast majority made the grueling journey on foot; they crossed swamplands and faced harsh winters. Thousands of men, women and children died along the way.

The forced march became known as the Trail of Tears, now a national historic designation.

The Trail of Tears traces 2,200 miles of land and water routes, covers nine states, and traverses the Queen City.

According to a marker on the trail, by the time they reached Springfield, the Cherokee had walked 647 miles and had 133 miles left to go.

Jackie Warfel, chair of the Greene County Historic Sights Board, has ambled across this path many times, giving tours to Native Americans and others interested in the history.

"I have never walked this path with Native people where they didn't shed tears," said Warfel.

Today, the land is owned by Ozark Greenways, a nonprofit working to preserve the Ozarks' natural heritage for public use by developing a greenway trail network.

The nonprofit gained the property by happenstance. In 2000, a developer didn't want to deal with removing the trees on a plot of land so he offered it to Ozark Greenways, said Terry Whaley, executive director of Ozark Greenways. At that point, none of the parties involved realized it was part of the Trail of Tears.

"We thought someday it might make a nice trail if we put the pieces together," Whaley said, noting that it lays over an old railroad bed.

Then one day, Warfel strolled into Whaley's office and explained that the land was part of the Trail of Tears and she wanted permission to put up a Greene County Historic Site marker.

"I said 'Sure, knock yourself out.' From there it evolved into a project. The more I visited with Jackie, the more I thought we might have something special here," Whaley said.

The 1,200-foot trail section at Marcella and Golden has received National Historic Trail designation from the National Park Service.

In 2014, Ozark Greenways was granted permission from the superintendent of National Park Service Intermountain Region, for local artist Christine Schilling to place a mosaic of the National Historic Trail of Tears logo in a section of sidewalk which would connect a segment of the original trail from Walnut Lawn west of Scenic Avenue to the James River Freeway (the trail connection is on Golden, where Golden goes under the freeway).

The sidewalk opens up to a trail lined with mulch that meanders up a small incline under a canopy of trees and snakes down into wild foliage (beware of poison ivy at that spot). The portion of the trail from the mosaic to the hill was an Eagle Scout project — they put down the wood chips and planted trees and shrubs.

While the Trail of Tears greenway is short, it's been embraced. People use it and it attracts history buffs, said Whaley. The grass is mowed by nearby residents.

"It is the pride of the neighborhood. They just take care of it," Warfel said.

Cherokee descendants have visited it, too.

Since the trail at Marcella opened, three individuals and one team have made the entire journey of the Trail of Tears on foot, bike, horseback and even in a wagon pulled by mules.

"Ron Cooper in 2012 and his resulting book, 'It's My Trail, Too' was the first, and was accompanied by his wife, Krystal, who drove their motor home and hauled Ron back and forth each day. I walked across Greene County with Ron and was at Tahlequah to see him finish at the Heritage Center," said Warfel, who is deeply passionate about the history.



The Cherokee Youth Riders make the trip each June. Warfel followed them on two separate occasions from Springfield to Pea Ridge National Military Park in Arkansas.

There are gaps in the trail, but the goal is to knit this historical footpath together to make a more continuous route.

Three additional phases are slowly coming together with the vision of connecting the Trail of Tears to Springfield's South Creek Greenway to the north and to the city of Battlefield's Trail of Tears City Park to the south.

Whaley has worked to secure easements to open additional segments but additional hurdles exist, such as interrupting some questionable land ownership, purchase of a railroad property, installation of a road underpass, installation of two trail bridges, drainage issues, public access, development of the actual trail surface, and funding the project.

"It is a project and we are chipping away at it. We don't have a budget for this thing, so we do it on a shoestring. If people like it and want to maintain it, money always helps. They can make a donation to Ozark Greenways and designate it for Trail of Tears so they can be sure it will be spent on the project," he said.

Want to know more?

To learn more about the Trail of Tears:
nps.gov/trte/index.htm

To learn more about Ozark Greenways
or make a tax-deductible donation:
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Adopt-A-Street program offers service opportunity for all ages

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Picking up litter: it's certainly not glamorous, but it's a simple task that has the power to transform our roadways, help protect the environment and bring volunteers together.

The City of Springfield's Adopt-A-Street Program recognizes the commitment of volunteers to keep Springfield rights-of-way clean. Established in 1989, Adopt-A-Street has been successful in providing opportunities for community service, educating the public about the impact of littering, reducing roadway and water pollution and improving the quality of life in Springfield.

Facilitated by the City of Springfield Department of Public Works, Adopt-A-Street has grown to include 247 organizations volunteering to keep more than 138 miles of roadway free of litter and debris. More than 2,000 bags of litter are collected annually as a result of the program.

"Adopt-A-Street volunteers provide a vital service to the Springfield community," says Public Works Senior Project Designer and Adopt-A-Street Program Coordinator Tina Stob. "But volunteers benefit directly by enjoying cleaner local streets and getting to know their neighbors and coworkers during cleanups."

Individuals, community groups, neighborhood organizations, business owners, schools, churches and service clubs are invited to participate. Adopt-A-Street requires a relatively small, flexible time commitment

and the activity is simple and easy for people of many ages and abilities to take part.

"I think Adopt-A-Street is a great program for every neighborhood association to participate in," says Woodland Heights Neighborhood and Moon City Creative District volunteer Steve Miller. "It is really a low-maintenance, high pay-off activity."

It's a great way to build community together and to get to know those who live in and around the neighborhood."

In return for an organization's service, the program offers a unique recognition opportunity and point-of-pride. Volunteers who adopt a minimum of 0.5 miles of arterial or collector streets and conduct litter pick up at least three times per year receive recognition on two Adopt-A-Street signs posted on each end of the adopted street segment. These signs remain installed as long as the organization participates in the program. Volunteers are also recognized for their service on the Adopt-A-Street page on the City's website.

Organizations are required to participate for one year and adoption is renewable annually, given that program requirements are met. The City provides bags to collect trash and debris and will pick up filled bags. Volunteers are encouraged to collect recyclable materials and redeem them at the City's nearest recycling center.

"Picking up trash seems kind of insignificant, but it feels good and the outcome is undeniable," Miller adds. "It all comes down to exhibiting a sense of pride and a sense of ownership in your community. Wherever we can help out we want to make a difference."



David Harrison Elementary Adopt-A-Street volunteers.

HOW TO ADOPT A STREET

To volunteer to adopt a street, complete a program application form at springfieldmo.gov/traffic. The application can be submitted via email to adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov or mail to:

Adopt-A-Street Program
Traffic Engineering Division
P.O. Box 8368, Springfield, MO 65801

Applicants can choose from a list of locations open for adoption, or request a specific roadway segment be considered. The program focuses primarily on arterial and collector streets that see more traffic.

Once Public Works approves your application, you will be notified with further instructions on how to begin the program.

Please notify Public Works each time you complete a cleanup to report the date of your cleanup and the number of filled bags that need to be picked up.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Adopt-A-Street volunteers.

Contact Adopt-A-Street

For more information,
visit springfieldmo.gov/traffic
Email: adoptastreet@springfieldmo.gov
Call: 417-864-1984

VITA training starts in December

By Jacque Harness, CPO, for SGFNN

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is an important program in our community. VITA provides free tax preparation through IRS-certified volunteers. Last year, 52 volunteers prepared over 2,000 tax returns and saved taxpayers \$500,000 in tax preparation fees. Nearly \$1 million in federal tax refunds were returned to our community.

The VITA program, in cooperation with Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Across the Lifespan Coalition, is currently offering free assistance to taxpayers for past-year tax returns going back to 2015, amended returns, property tax credit and rent rebate. IRS-certified volunteers are available by appointment to file federal 1040 returns, and find credits you may not know you're eligible to receive.

If you're interested in more information about this program or in volunteering, please contact Hannah Sheehan at hshsheehan@cpozarks.org or 417-888-2020.

In order to be eligible for assistance through the VITA program, in 2018, households must have made \$55,000 or less in 2017. The 2018 VITA clinics cannot file for foreign exchange students, taxpayers who own rental property, previous year or amended returns, or taxpayers who have filed for bankruptcy in the past year.

For taxpayers age 60 and over, free assistance is available by appointment from Tax Counseling for the Elderly at 417-862-0762.

Free training begins in December

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Help us end panhandling in SGF

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor



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in Springfield. Thus far, our efforts center around addressing two daunting challenges: getting to the root cause of why people panhandle, and staying within the confines of the law when it comes to regulation.

Cities across the U.S. are abandoning efforts to regulate panhandling as courts have ruled those efforts unconstitutional.

In 2015, Springfield City Council passed a measure that built upon a previous aggressive panhandling ordinance. Later that year, a 61-year-old disabled man and the ACLU filed a federal lawsuit against the City, alleging his First Amendment rights were violated when a Springfield Police Department officer warned him that his behavior while soliciting money at the corner of Grant and Kearney violated a City ordinance.

Courts around the country have struck down panhandling laws because it is argued that they single out one topic of speech to regulate: panhandling. In 2015, a Supreme Court decision by Justice Clarence Thomas took the view that most panhandling laws were targeting the message, further strengthening pro-panhandling support. Since this ruling, the lower courts have relabeled panhandling restrictions as content-based speech and put them to the harshest legal test — one that few laws pass.

City Council repealed the local ordinance addressing panhandling in February 2016.

The City has concurrently engaged the Springfield community to see if we can address the other side of the equation: the causes of panhandling. We turned to One Door, the community's central point of intake for homeless services; the Council of Churches of the Ozarks; Burrell Behavioral Health; and The Gathering Friends homeless advocacy group, for help in creating a pilot project to address the root causes of panhandling in our city.

Additional partners PeopleReady and the Missouri Job Center are part of the effort, and while we have not been able to place any individuals into full-time employment yet, we are learning a lot about the problem.

The result is a volunteer-driven program called Wheels To Work. The goal of the project, which relies

heavily on volunteers, is helping those who panhandle find dignity-constructing work and address the barriers they face to sustainable employment. City of Springfield officials continue to work with community partners to address the challenges associated with panhandling

heavily on volunteers, is helping those who panhandle find dignity-constructing work and address the barriers they face to sustainable employment.

Wheels to Work is designed to work specifically for homeless and other individuals found panhandling at 12 of Springfield's major intersections identified by the Springfield Police Department as consistently frequented by panhandlers. This is not an easy thing to do, but Springfield has a full complement of social service agencies, faith-based institutions and passionate advocacy groups willing to work with local government to try new things in an ongoing effort to get people employed and off the streets.

We believe from our initial research that the marked increase in panhandling activity in Springfield is due to four causes: increasing levels of poverty, the recent federal court rulings, milder-than-normal weather across all seasons and the "giving" nature of Springfieldians.

Here is where we need your help. As much as you may feel like you are helping by handing cash out the window of your car, we are respectfully asking you to stop.

Instead of handing cash out the window, we ask that you send that same "donation" to United Way of the Ozarks, which supports the organizations that provide caring and compassionate assistance to individuals in need. You can do this by texting WHEELS to 40403 or by visiting uwozarks.com. If panhandling concerns you, we invite you to be part of the solution.

We acknowledge that Wheels to Work has been marginally successful to this point. We need more volunteer drivers for the buses so we can send the buses out to intersections more often. And we have yet to place one panhandler into employment, but we are working with 15 percent of the 207 we have encountered so far. It is our hope that we can keep them on the path to self sustainment.

We will continue to approach this issue with compassion and grace. It's an emotional issue for people on all sides of it.

Please visit Wheels to Work on Facebook [facebook.com/wheelstoworkSGF](https://www.facebook.com/wheelstoworkSGF).

PRELIMINARY STATISTICS FOR WHEELS TO WORK

- Total engagements: 207 panhandlers, 15 percent of whom got on the bus and took advantage of services.
- About 70 percent are homeless.
- About 80 percent have some form of mental or physical disability.
- Almost all lacked reliable transportation.

View the videos at sgfneighborhoodnews.com to hear why these folks support the Wheels to Work program.



Coming 'round: Navigating roundabouts and flashing yellow arrows

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

While Springfield is known as the “diverging diamond intersection capital of the U.S.,” it’s also becoming home to a dizzying number of roundabout intersections – five, in fact: Airport Boulevard and Division Street, Oak Grove Avenue and Catalpa Street, Maryland Avenue and Walnut Lawn Street, Central Street and Sherman Avenue, and Riverbluff Boulevard and Southwood Street.

Springfield’s first roundabout opened in 2000 at Central and Sherman near Ozarks Technical Community College. The most recent opened at Oak Grove and Catalpa in December 2015 after multiple angle crashes at the former two-way stop. Without traffic signals to maintain, roundabout intersections are cost-effective in addition to being safer. The one at Oak Grove and Catalpa opened at a cost of about \$350,000, funded by the 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax, along with funding from Public Works’ Streets division and Stormwater division budgets.

“There were 17 crashes at this intersection in 2013 and 2014, including one fatality and one disabling injury,” said Public Works Assistant Director Martin Gugel. “Oak Grove is used by about 8,000 vehicles per day and functions as an arterial street, even though it’s in a residential area. The speed limit in the area is 30 mph, yet traffic moves much faster through the intersection.”

Roundabouts take some getting used to, Gugel acknowledged.

“Once they open, we rarely receive complaints. Drivers see the benefits that roundabouts can

provide,” he said. “They are a good intermediate design solution for an intersection with traffic that’s a little too much for an all-way stop to handle, but not quite enough traffic to be signalized.”

Roundabouts simplify intersections, giving the driver a smoother transition to entrances and exits. The one-lane roundabout requires drivers to yield to one-way traffic before entering, then round the loop to the appropriate exit.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, roundabouts reduce traffic fatalities at intersections by 90 percent. In addition, there is a 76 percent reduction in injuries and a 35 percent drop in accidents.

FLASHING YELLOW ARROWS

Springfield currently has 22 intersections with flashing yellow arrows. Seven of those are operated by MoDOT while the City operates 15.

MoDOT installed the first yellow left-turn arrow in Springfield at Kearney Street and Broadway Avenue in 2015. The signal at Campbell and Primrose will be the first installed by Springfield Public Works.

“We have another one under construction now with one more planned for later this year. MoDOT just let a contract to install 22 more locations along Glenstone, Chestnut, and Kansas Expressway

over the next couple of years,” said Traffic Engineer Tom Dancy.

Traffic engineers consider flashing yellow left-turn arrows safer because they provide a more direct message to drivers to yield to oncoming traffic than solid green circular signals. Flashing yellow arrows decrease traffic delays and are especially effective at intersections with high volumes of traffic.

These types of yield signals are becoming more common in Springfield after a change in federal traffic regulations making the flashing yellow arrow an optional improvement at certain intersections.

HOW THEY WORK

A green left-turn arrow remains in place to allow drivers to make protected left turns. When the yellow left-turn arrow begins flashing, drivers must yield to oncoming vehicles and pedestrians. When the yellow arrow stops flashing, drivers should prepare to stop. A solid red arrow means “stop.”

Signs marked “Left Turn Yield on Flashing Arrow” are displayed next to the left-turn signal to clearly explain its meaning.



Firefighters to visit every elementary classroom during October

By Cara Erwin, Fire Department, for SGFNN

Because Springfield’s fire death rate is three times the national average, Springfield firefighters are delivering safety messages early and as often as possible to the community. The Springfield Fire Department will once again use October’s Fire Prevention Month as an opportunity to educate Springfield citizens about fire safety. In cooperation with Springfield Public Schools and several private schools, firefighters will visit every kindergarten through fifth-grade classroom in Springfield, providing age-appropriate fire safety lessons throughout the month.

In addition to the elementary school visits, firefighters will also visit numerous preschools throughout Springfield in October.

By the end of October, SFD will have provided more than 10,000 children with life-saving information they will carry with them for a lifetime.

During school visits, firefighters provide information to children on how to prepare for, prevent and respond to a fire. The lessons include hands-on activities to make the visits educational and fun. The lessons are taught by select Springfield firefighters who have been specially trained and have shown an interest in educating children.

To encourage the use of smoke alarms, following the school visits, each child will be given a smoke alarm survey for parents to fill out. Every child who turns the form back in will be entered into



a drawing to win a ride to school in a fire engine. Families who indicate they are in need of a smoke alarm or battery for their existing smoke alarm will be contacted by the Springfield Fire Department with details about its free smoke alarm program.

The Fire Prevention Month school program is part of the department’s comprehensive Community Risk Reduction campaign. Firefighters will also continue Project RED Zone, a program to ensure every Springfield home has working smoke alarms. Every Saturday, firefighters go door to door in Springfield neighborhoods, testing smoke alarms and installing new ones if needed.



20 elementary schools receive Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grants for upcoming school year

By Springfield Public Schools staff, for SGFNN

Thanks to the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service, 20 Springfield Public Schools elementary schools received Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grants for the 2017-2018 school year. The recipients of the grants are:

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| • Bingham | • Fremont | • Watkins |
| • Bissett | • Holland | • Weaver |
| • Bowerman | • McGregor | • Weller |
| • Boyd | • Pittman | • Westport |
| • Campbell | • Portland | • Williams |
| • Cowden | • Robberson | • York |
| • Delaware | • Twain | |

As recipients of this grant, students at these schools will receive an additional fresh fruit or fresh vegetable as a snack usually twice a week outside of regular meal times.

“We will send out a monthly calendar the week prior to the actual month along with educational information and fun facts about the items the kiddos are trying,” said Kim Keller, assistant director of Nutrition Services for SPS. “We will also send activity sheets to the secretaries to forward so that teachers can use them to talk about the fruit or vegetable being offered.”

SPS is offering this program at more sites than ever before, Keller said.



Neighborhood Works projects moving forward in eight parks

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

Improvements are under way at eight public parks in Springfield, as the City's Neighborhood Works Program projects move from the drawing board to the construction phase.

The work is funded by the City of Springfield's 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax, which includes a new annual allocation of \$500,000 for Neighborhood Works. The program, created by City Manager Greg Burris, is intended to fund small-scale capital improvements within neighborhoods nominated by officially registered neighborhood organizations. Projects were limited to \$100,000 or less, and must take place on city-owned property or right-of-way.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council approved this year's list of projects in May. Since then, the Park Board has been working with the City's Purchasing Department to design, bid and begin construction.

Assistant Parks Director Miles Park is heading up the list of projects. He said this funding is key to moving forward on parks improvements requested by neighborhoods.

"Many of these projects address infrastructure improvements that allow neighborhood associations to hold special events at parks sites," said Park. "For example, providing electrical service adjacent to Doling Park's Giboney Cave will help make the Concert at the Cave events possible, and electrical improvements at Woodland Heights' Lafayette Park will help us hold Dirt Day and tennis programs."

Some projects have been on the Park Board's wish list for several years, he said.

"We've had no means for funding capital improvements since our last (2006) Parks Sales Tax sunset, so without this program, these projects couldn't be considered," said Park.

The planned improvements and their current progress include:



TOM WATKINS PARK IMPROVEMENTS **Tom Watkins Neighborhood: \$77,930**

The project consists of improvements to increase functionality of the park, including the installation of four new lights placed in the central area of the park, the installation of a new disc golf course, including new tee pads and tee signs, and drainage improvements west of the Tom Watkins Community Center.

Plans are now complete for the new 18-hole disc golf course and the bidding process for construction has begun. Disc golf improvements are expected to be complete by the end of the year. Electrical work in the park is linked to a separate grant-funded project to install restrooms at the park's shelter. Construction on this is expected over the winter, with opening planned for spring 2018.



LAFAYETTE PARK IMPROVEMENTS **Woodland Heights Neighborhood: \$36,500**

Improvements include the addition of lighting for the tennis court and the installation of electrical outlets on the east side of the Charlie Norr Community Center, adjacent to the promenade, and additional electrical service for the pavilion.

This project is packaged with lighting and electrical work at Grant Beach and Doling Park's Giboney Cave. Materials have been ordered, and the permitting process is under way. Work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.



L.A. WISE PARK IMPROVEMENTS **Bissett Neighborhood: \$95,880**

The project includes the installation of a 30'x40' pavilion with picnic tables and the installation of lighting and electrical service at the pavilion.

Preliminary plans are complete, with project bidding planned for this fall and construction over the winter.



WASHINGTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS **Midtown Neighborhood: \$47,936**

This project includes maintenance to the existing basketball and tennis courts. Improvements to the basketball court include the sealing of cracks, a new asphalt overlay, new striping and the installation of a new basketball goal and backboard. The tennis court will receive a new asphalt overlay with new surface and striping and new posts and net will be installed. Permanent bench seating will also be installed on the sides of both courts.

Because asphalt work cannot be done in cold temperatures, work at Washington Park is expected to begin in spring 2018.



BIRTHPLACE OF ROUTE 66 ROADSIDE PARK ENHANCEMENTS **West Central Neighborhood: \$9,600**

This project consists of the installation of picnic tables and park benches within the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park.

The bidding process is under way, with completion expected by the end of the year.

GRANT BEACH PARK IMPROVEMENTS **Grant Beach Neighborhood: \$59,800**

This project includes new electrical service and lighting installed at the park pavilion. In addition, new wood poles with sports lights will be installed and two existing sport light fixtures will be replaced on the sports field.

This project is packaged with lighting and electrical work at Lafayette Park and Doling Park's Giboney Cave. Materials have been ordered, and the permitting process is underway. Work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

PHELPS GROVE PARK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS **Phelps Grove Neighborhood: \$54,210**

This project includes improvements to and expansion of parking on the east side of Phelps Grove Park to improve traffic flow for safety of drivers and pedestrians. Cracks on the existing asphalt will be repaired and a new asphalt overlay will be provided. Improvements will include new striping and handicap parking symbols and signs. In addition, an island will be installed to separate the parking lot from Virginia Avenue.

Preliminary design work is now complete. The Park Board is collaborating with Springfield Public Works on specifications for bids. Because asphalt work cannot take place during cold temperatures, completion is expected in spring 2018.



GIBONEY CAVE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES **Doling Neighborhood: \$18,500**

This project includes improvements within Doling Park with electrical upgrades near the Giboney Cave entrance, to accommodate a sound system and lighting for events such as Concert at the Cave.

This project is packaged with lighting and electrical work at Lafayette and Grant Beach parks. Materials have been ordered, and the construction permitting process is under way. Work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Two additional projects were recommended as alternates if costs for the base projects are completed under budget, including the West Avenue Sidewalk Addition – Westside Neighborhood, and Pavilion Upgrades at Doling Park – Doling Neighborhood.

Springfield's Convention Hall: A sweet dream that turned sour

By Kaitlyn McConnell, OzarksAlive.com, for SGFNN
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When Springfield's Convention Hall was proposed in 1910, city leaders were convinced it was going to make the city a much larger spot on the map. After all, they surmised, a center would bring conventions, exhibitions and events to town — and tourists, their open pocketbooks at the ready.

"The building of a convention hall for the city will be worth to Springfield many times what the building would cost," predicted the Springfield Republican newspaper in April 1910. "It is in demand almost constantly by some big undertakings, and would be the means of drawing many great attractions to the city which otherwise will go to other cities fortunate enough to possess a convention hall."

Eventually, the city got its wish: The massive structure, which sat between Campbell and Market avenues at McDaniel Street, was finished in 1913.

Three stories tall, its auditorium eventually had seats for around 4,000 people. Among other things, it also housed Springfield's first farmer's market, as well as the Hippodrome vaudeville theater.

Despite its promise and grandeur, the Convention Hall didn't last long. What was to be one of the city's most memorable buildings was repurposed after 20 years and demolished less than 50 years after it was built. Today it is nearly forgotten.

THE BACK STORY

Earnest efforts to bring a convention hall to Springfield began in 1910, when Missouri's first "Land Congress" drew crowds too big for the city's existing spaces to handle. At the time, there was a threat that the event — which was held at the Landers Theatre and focused on agriculture and natural resources — wouldn't be organized in the city again unless changes were made.

Less than a month later, a committee was appointed to look into a convention hall's construction. Word quickly spread: Within less than a week, at least five different sites had been offered as suggestions to the committee.

For some reason, however, it turned into a hurry-up-and-wait situation. It wasn't until January 1912 when work seemingly began to pick up steam. That month, an article in the Republican noted that the

committee was meeting to "consider" auditorium plans. They also decided to recommend that the building be along Campbell Avenue, on a lot that the city already owned.

There were numerous reasons for that recommendation, beginning with money. Since the land was already owned by the city, leasing the location would be cheaper than buying a new space. Leaders also wanted to stay close to city center — and, in the early 1900s, the proximity to the passenger train depot was also likely a factor.

In February 1912, Springfield Mayor Robert E. Lee approved the recommendations and plans for the convention hall leapt forward. It was decided to primarily finance the project through shares of stock, which sold for \$25 each.

"The proposition to secure the entire fund by subscription rather than by bonding the company has given it additional favor in the eyes of citizens who expected to own common stock in the enterprise," noted the Republican in February 1912. "If carried out as planned, this will give an equal chance to every subscriber and all will share in the first profits of the undertaking."

The campaign's start saw extreme success: In less than a month, the committee had \$31,000 committed toward stock sales. In today's money, an online calculator estimates that figure equivalent to more than \$774,000.

"So far, the greatest number of subscriptions has been secured for business men on South Campbell street in the vicinity of the proposed structure," noted the Republican. "More than \$20,000 was subscribed by property-owners in that section of the city, residents there realizing that the convention hall project means for the advancement of their locality."

Overall, the proposition was promoted as a benefit for everyone — and it was a cause especially championed by the newspaper, which even bordered on guilt to gather donations:

"The Republican suggests, Mr. Springfieldian, that you hold a session with yourself, consider the convention hall undertaking as your undertaking, and then get behind it or under with all the energy,

enthusiasm and money you can spare without injury to your more private affairs. Do this, do it now, and the fund necessary to the completion of one of the finest assembly halls in the country will be assured ere another ten days shall have come and gone."

Within a few more weeks, it seems stock purchases nearly doubled. Work officially commenced in July 1912, marked by a flurry of activity from wagons carting in lumber.

"Rapidly unloading their burdens, the green wagons may be seen at all hours of the day increasing the variety and quantity of the building



Springfield's Convention Hall was said to be the largest venue in the region. (Courtesy of the Springfield-Greene County Library District)

material that is to go into the construction of the first modern convention hall that has been erected in this part of the state," noted the Republican.

That start, however, was a bit lumber-cart-before-horse.

When work began, the committee heading the project hadn't even officially leased the land from the city. That came on Aug. 24, 1912, when a 50-year lease was signed on the property. In an article, the Republican reported that the committee would pay the city \$1,000 annually, and conveyed the optimistic spirit flavoring the deal:

"In signing the lease yesterday Mayor Culler and City Clerk Langston remarked that they probably would never see the instrument again. Unless complications arise on account of which it will be necessary to dig up the document, the lease will be stored away for half a century. By that time, both the mayor and city clerk will be past the age usually allowed to mankind.

"The lease closed yesterday will run for a longer period of time than any legal document ever authorized by the city of Springfield, it is believed."

More money was infused into the hall a few months later, when a committee approved the purchase of \$35,000 in bonds to finance the rest of the project. Work progressed rapidly on the structure — the newspaper reported that construction would not stop for the winter — and it was ready for its grand opening on May 15, 1913.

And, as the Republican proclaimed through its pages, the event was grand:

"With bands playing inspiring airs, speakers giving messages of enthusiasm for a bigger Springfield, and a vast concourse of ten thousand appreciative people from every part of the city and from adjoining towns, the splendid Convention Hall on Campbell Street was formally opened last night.

The affair was the most magnificent gala event in which the citizens of Springfield have ever participated, and words of appreciation for the enterprise of the builders of the big structure were heard on every hand.

Nothing was left undone by the management in completing arrangements for the most brilliant public event which the city has ever seen.

"Surging through the great building, every nook and cranny of which was ablaze with light,



An artist's rendering of what the Convention Hall would look like. (Courtesy of the Springfield-Greene County Library District)

the thousands of delighted visitors made careful inspection of the magnificent building which for a year has been arising out of shapeless piles of brick, stone and mortar. It was the most modern, most complete, most practical achievement of the architectural skill and construction ability which could be offered anywhere, and as the visitors came to realize more and more what Springfield had been given through the courage and enterprise and liberality of the men responsible for the creation of the hall, they saw also that Springfield had never known a more auspicious occasion nor one which meant more to the future of the city."

The main people who were displeased with the building, it seems, were folks from Joplin (or "Zincites," as the newspaper referred to residents of Joplin, in an apparent reference to zinc mining in Jasper County). The age-old rivalry between the Queen City and its neighbor to the southwest was once again brought to light in a newspaper article a few weeks after the hall's opening:

"Contrary to statements made to Springfield people, members of the Joplin council junketing committee who visited Springfield Thursday and Friday to inspect the new Convention Hall were thoroughly displeased with Springfield's latest improvement. They are quoted in Joplin paper as follows:

"Joplin does not desire a building like the one there. There is a glass dome on the structure that would radiate sufficient heat in the winter if shone upon by the sun to warm the interior. They also remarked that the Springfield building was "poorly ventilated."

But Springfield's newspaper had its own city's back:

"With all due respect to the Joplin councilmen, it is felt here that they need not have feared mob violence had they made these statements while in Springfield. Springfield has never intimated that it was all favorable to Joplin's copying any improvement conceived for the Queen City."

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

In its early days, it would seem that the Convention Hall operated just as its dreamers had hoped.

An industrial exposition was held, featuring Rose O'Neill and her Kewpie dolls and drawing governors from three states. The Flying Squadron, a national campaign promoting Prohibition, came to town. Thousands of locals attended Fourth of July festivities. School events and graduations were held in the auditorium.

Hordes of people attended Ozarks Trails "good roads" conventions. (Random fact: During the conference, locals were asked to fill their cars with gasoline early in the day. That way, filling stations would be free to serve visitors with next-to-empty gas tanks. After all, there weren't service stations along the road like there are today!)

When World War I began, the hall served as a gathering place where hundreds of men of draft-age were drilled. Automobiles were featured there in shows, as well as the 1917 Springfield Fair and Exposition.

In addition to the visiting attractions, the Convention Hall was also home to a permanent "farmer's market" on its main level. A variety of local businesses set up shop: Fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, coffee, fresh-baked bread and pies and more were up for sale. Shortly after opening, a drug store was to be added.

"The Convention Hall market is going to be the biggest thing in Springfield," boasted the market master to the Republican in August 1913. "The central location of the building, the general knowledge of its whereabouts and the fact that it is possible to get most anything in the congested quarters will bring about this state of affairs."

ISSUES ARISE

Despite the glowing start, the hall was faced with fluctuating priorities and high debt from the beginning.

Just four months after it opened, the newspaper also announced that part of the hall would be remodeled to house the new Hippodrome theater. "Illuminations of the new house, according to Manager Wilhoit, will be quite superb," the newspaper noted in September 1913. "Every arch in the dome of the theater will carry numerous electric bulbs, while the brilliant globes will cast their mellow rays throughout a playhouse that will give joy to the lovers of all that is high class in theatrical productions."

The theater opened in October 1913. A blow came a year later, however, when President Wilson's "war" tax came to town. The Republican newspaper noted that folks should "blame Democrats," explaining that under the new tax, theaters would have to pay tax based on their seating capacity. While the Hippodrome's large size seemed like a novelty the year before, it was suddenly a liability.

"The Hippodrome specialized on a ten-cent show," noted the newspaper. "It is believed by many that with the additional money that must be spent for taxes the prices will have to be raised or the program cut down."

More debt was quickly amassed by the Convention Hall's board. In June 1913, an additional \$45,000 in bonds were purchased to help defray costs, or perhaps help remodel space for the Hippodrome.

It would also seem that perhaps the market area didn't evolve as well as planners had hoped. Less than a year after it opened, a newspaper advertised the closing of Convention Hall Grocery, one of the vendors.

The real nail in the coffin, however, came in 1920. That year, the area's growing number of Shriners helped decide a nearly 5,000-seat arena would be built just a few blocks away.

Today, that landmark is known as the Shrine Mosque. After it was completed in 1923, it quickly put the older venue in trouble.

The next year, the grand Convention Hall was sold under a deed of trust.

"While the Hall as an investment has never paid, the construction of the Shrine Mosque which was dedicated and open recently and which is of capacity to accommodate all large gatherings, took the patronage from the Hall and made it impossible to longer operate it as an auditorium, it was stated today by one of the men closely connected with the venture," noted the Springfield Democrat on Jan. 30, 1924.

LATER LIFE

Despite its sale, it seems the Convention Hall continued operating similarly for several years longer. But it wasn't enough: Around 1930, the building's guardians approached the city officials about buying the building for \$45,000 plus \$15,000 of debt. The city wasn't interested.

However, in 1934, the hall took on a new life as Springfield's Sears & Roebuck store. It would appear

Sears stayed until 1955, when a new store was built on St. Louis Street just east of the Shrine Mosque.

The next year, Heer's Department Store took over the building for both sales and storage. "Heer's, Inc., has signed a six-year lease on the old Sears building at 311 South Campbell and will open a 'budget house,' President F.W. McClerkin announced today," reported the Springfield Leader & Press on Feb. 24, 1956. "About 10,000 square feet of floor space along the Campbell Street side will be used for sale of lower priced new and used furniture and appliances, he explained."

The six-year term was intentional. Six years from when it was signed would be 1962, when the original 50-year lease was set to expire. However, it appears that Heer's didn't keep its lease that long.

In 1958, the city decided to tear down the building and use the space as a parking lot.

An auction was scheduled for March 20, 1958 to try and sell salvageable materials out of the building, as well as a nearby fire station which was also to be demolished. Things, however, didn't go quite as planned.

"Some 30 people gathered around the rear of the old Convention Hall structure, on the Market Street side, to hear Auctioneer M.R. Dugan plead for an offer of cash to the city for the salvageable materials in the two buildings," noted the Leader & Press. "Shivering in a cold wind, they waited silent until he changed his request — 'What'll you take to tear them down? This is an auction in reverse!'"

In the end, a \$15,000 bid was accepted for the demolition of the two structures. Even though most, it seems, thought the building needed to go — including a number of Campbell Avenue merchants, who supported the idea like their predecessors propelled the idea of building it in the first place — the day's flavor was bittersweet.

"Several Campbell Avenue merchants, boosters for the municipal parking lot which will replace the two old buildings, mingled with builders and wrecking contractors, reminisced about the city's pride in Convention Hall when it was new, and of the auto shows and similar events held there," printed the newspaper. "Observed one in the crowd, as he surveyed the Convention Hall which sprawls all the way from Campbell to Market on McDaniel — 'That's a lot of building to tear down!'"

A few months later, the Convention Hall was merely a memory. Today, the area around where it stood is filled with parking spaces, office buildings and loft apartments. Its presence, however, still proves a point as mentioned in the Republican back in 1912:

"The decision of the doers in this town to build a great convention hall is still another instance of how Springfield has resolutely set her face toward the accomplishing of every undertaking that means better times, better everything for Springfield."



The Convention Hall's approximate location in 2017.

City of Springfield soliciting bids for 20 surplus properties located within city limits

16 properties located in registered neighborhoods

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor



The City of Springfield's Purchasing division is soliciting sealed bids until 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1 for the sale of various parcels of City-owned property at 20 locations within Springfield.

Many of the properties were once the site of one or

more dangerous buildings that have since been demolished by the City. Some were forfeited to the City as a result of delinquent sewer liens.

When determining an asking price for a surplus property, the City considers comparable properties in the neighborhood, as well as the investment the City has made in the property, such as the cost of demolition or the payment of any liens held on the property, according to Buyer Kara Daniel.

"The City is hoping to recover the costs accrued with the acquisition and maintenance of these properties," Daniel said. "In most cases, the revenue from the sale of surplus property goes into the Police and Firefighters Retirement System fund per City Council's commitment to voters. One of the goals of this program is to encourage the development of affordable housing, which benefits our community. The surplus property program also offers the opportunity for adjacent property owners to invest in their neighborhoods and expand their properties affordably."

It is desired by the City to award and sell each property on an individual basis to qualified individuals or firms with the most favorable bid for each property.

The City reserves the right to award multiple properties to a bidder if determined in the best interest of the City. The City will convey the properties described herein to the successful bidder by special warranty deed or quit claim deed.

The City reserves the right to place any necessary covenants on the property as necessary, based on the proposed usage described on the bidder's proposal form. To be considered for these properties, bidders must be current on City taxes and have no existing liens on any property currently owned in the city of Springfield.

Please submit bids to Kara Daniel, Buyer, 218 E. Central, Springfield MO 65802. Submitted envelopes should be marked "SALE BID #034-2018SB Sale of Real Property Group 25."

For the complete Notice of Sale of Real Property, including background, site conditions, environmental issues, construction readiness and bid submission requirements, please visit springfieldmo.gov/surplusproperty25.

BISSETT NEIGHBORHOOD

- **1211 N. Fulbright:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881316111098
Legal Description: FERBRACHE ADD LOT 10
Asking Price: \$6,500

- **528 N. Homewood:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel No: 881316411007
Legal Description: All of the South Half (S ½) of Lot Three (3) Block "D" in the first Addition to Fairfield Acres
Asking Price: Make an offer
Note: No sanitary sewer, not possible to connect to the sanitary sewer, this property is not buildable. Only available to adjacent property owners

DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD

- **2430 N. Ramsey:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881206303037
Legal Description: HASELTINES BLVD ADD LOTS 39 & 40 BLK 3
Asking Price: \$9,300
- **2627 N. Broadway:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881302301072
Legal Description: 2.7 AC M/L N 40 FT BEG 200 FT N NW COR BROAD & TALMAGEN 100 FT W 234 FT S 100 FT E • TO BEG 2/29/22
Asking Price: \$5,900

GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD

- **1422 N. Concord:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881314109018
Legal Description: BRYAN PLACE N 58 FT LOT 7 BLK 2
Asking Price: \$6,900.00
- **1517 N. Irving:** Zoned: HC
Parcel Number: 881311420007
Legal Description: Linwood Park ADD Lot 62
Asking Price: Make offer
- **1036 W. Division:** Zoned: HC
Parcel Number: 881314201005
Legal Description: ENGLEWOOD ADD LOT 12 BLK 1
Asking Price: Make offer
- **1129 W. Nichols:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881314208007
Legal Description: QUEEN CITY ADD S 118 FT LOTS 86 & 87
Asking Price: Make offer
Note: Not connected to sanitary sewer. This property is only available to adjacent property owners.

ROBBERSON NEIGHBORHOOD

- **2230 N. East:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881312111019
Legal Description: HOBART'S 3RD ADD LOT 42 BLK 7
Asking Price: \$6,900.00
- **2017 N. National:** Zoned: GR
Parcel Number: 881312132006
Legal Description: All of Lot Nine (9), in Block Four (4) in Hobart's Addition to North Springfield, now a part of The City of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
Asking Price: Make an offer

TOM WATKINS NEIGHBORHOOD

- **2131 N. Hoffman:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881310118004
Legal Description: HOFFMAN'S ADD LOT 3
Asking Price: \$6,500

WELLER NEIGHBORHOOD

- **1342 E. Blaine:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881207313007
Legal Description: ARRINGTONS ADD LOT 8 (EX S 50 FT)
Asking Price: \$4,900
Note: No sewer available, must extend public sewer main

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD

- **831 S. Newton:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881323328008
Legal Description: MERRY PLACE ADD LOT 1 BLK 2
Asking Price: \$4,900

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

- **2531 W. State:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881322307014
Legal Description: CROWN HGTS ADD LOT 17 BLK 2
Asking Price: Make an offer
- **535 N. Warren:** Zoned: R-TH
Parcel Number: 881315323001
Legal Description: HASELTINE'S ORCHARD ADDITION S 10 FT LOT 9 & ALL LOT 10 BLK 2
Asking Price: \$1,000
Note: There is a sanitary sewer tax bill lien on this property in the amount of \$7,852.86, this amount will be due at closing.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

- **1524 W. High:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881311216004
Legal Description: VIRGINIA PLACE E 39 FT LOT 2
Asking Price: Make offer
Note: This property is only available to adjacent property owners.

PROPERTIES NOT LOCATED IN A REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD

- **1212 S. Hillcrest:** Zoned: GM
Parcel Number: 881328110013
Legal Description: .28A M/L BEG 761.5 FT W & 130.1 FT S NE COR SW1/4 NE1/4S 73.4 FT W 168.6 FT N 73.4 FT E TO BEG 28/29/22
Asking Price: \$6,700
Note: Minimum elevation for the lowest enclosed space is 1213.
- **1716 E. Carleton:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881918408002
Legal Description: WILLIAMSBURG HILLS LOT 54
Asking Price: \$25,000
Note: Minimum elevation for the lowest enclosed space is 1244.87.
Permanent Drainage Easement: The North 30 feet and the East 40 feet of Lot 54 of Williamsburg Hills, a subdivision in the City of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, containing 12,307 square feet (0.28 acres). The property owner is responsible for maintenance of easement areas.
- **1051 S. Golden:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881328202034
Legal Description: WEST GRAND ST SUBURBS LOT 9 BLK A
Asking Price: \$1,000
Note: There is a sanitary sewer tax bill lien on this property in the amount of \$7,313.79, this amount will be due at closing.
- **1018 S. Golden:** Zoned: R-SF
Parcel Number: 881328201040
Legal Description: BEG 251 FT W & 175 FT S & 132 FT E NE COR NE1/4 NW1/4 28/29/22 E 49 FT S 60 FTW 49 FT N TO BEG 28/29/22
Asking Price: \$1,000
Note: There is a sanitary sewer tax bill lien on this property in the amount of \$6,040.17, this amount will be due at closing.

Interested in a property? Please contact
Kara Daniel at 864-1621.

Give 5: Preparing for the Great Convergence

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

Years ago, the word retirement might have evoked images of white-haired couples sitting in rocking chairs on their front porches. But with men and women living longer and enjoying better health into their later years, retirement has become an extremely active phase of life where retirees are able to channel their passions into purpose.

The first wave of "Baby boomers" turned 65 in 2011 and today, approximately 10,000 boomers turn 65 every day in America, and will continue to retire for two decades. Those retiring boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) are an army of talent with experience, expertise, passion and for the first time ever...time.

Springfield, like any other community, has a large and growing need for skilled volunteers and volunteer leadership — at non-profits and charities, at schools and learning institutions and in public service roles. In a recent community study, Drury University determined that Springfield-area non-profit organizations are in need of an additional 8,000 volunteers.

Volunteering (especially among boomers and older people) can increase energy, decrease depression, lessen isolation and even lower the mortality rate. Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy warns that the greatest public health threat for this group of Americans is not what most people might expect — it's not heart disease or cancer — it's isolation and the effects from being socially disconnected.

Less than a third of boomers, however, volunteer. A key reason that many boomers don't volunteer is they haven't found ways in which they can volunteer the way they want to, putting their talents and skills to use.

While many retiring and retired boomers aren't aware of the wide variety of volunteer opportunities

available in Springfield, many organizations needing volunteers are also not prepared for the army of skilled retirees on the horizon. City Manager Greg Burris recognized that the Springfield needs a program that connects these two needs and has created it: Give 5.

The proposed Give 5 program aims to connect boomers and other retirees with residents and organizations in most need of their assistance, addressing the need to inform, inspire and connect individuals. The Give 5 name refers to the fact that organizers hope that program graduates will pledge to volunteer at least five hours per month.

Following on the heels of the successful Missouri State University Staff Ambassador (USA) program and the City of Springfield's City Ambassador Program (CAMP) he created, Burris has launched Give 5 to allow interested retirees to:

- "Taste test" a wide variety of volunteer opportunities
- Find a role that matches their passion
- Benefit the community.

"Federal and state funding for non-profit organizations continues to recede, leaving more and more non-profits in need of volunteers and philanthropic giving to accomplish their missions of helping 'the least of these' in our community," Burris explains. Give 5 volunteer opportunities center around non-profits in Springfield that address issues identified in the City's Community Listen / Zone Blitz initiative and in the Impacting Poverty Commission's report to the community.

He hopes that the program will do more than pair up volunteers with organizations, however. It's also an opportunity to improve Springfield's "bridging social capital. Social capital refers to the networks of relationships among people who live and work in a particular society, enabling that society to function effectively.

"MSU's Social Capital Survey revealed that Springfield and Greene County have higher-than-average bonding social capital, but lower-than-average bridging social capital. We're hoping that this becomes an opportunity for people to get to know new people and have new experiences, all while helping out the community," he said. Bridging social capital refers to the ties between individuals who cross social divides or between different social groups. Bonding capital refers to the ties between individuals with like groups of people.

Baby boomers are known for having a strong



work ethic and Burris believes that retiring may be difficult for a group that largely gains their purpose in life from their jobs. Give 5 is designed to help individuals explore what next steps they can take to "rewire and refire" rather than just retire.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Our target individual participants are newly retired people from Greene County who have shown an interest in helping others, but who are relatively unaware of the variety of volunteer opportunities.

TARGET ORGANIZATIONS

Our target organizational participants are ones who are aligned with the initiatives and community needs identified in the Impacting Poverty Commission Report and/or Zone Blitz and have the capacity to effectively welcome and utilize skilled volunteers.

VISION

- Build bridging social capital in our community.
- Create an avenue for the army of retirees in our community to channel their energy and skills.
- Allow organizations who need volunteers to have access to a focused group of potential volunteers.
- Develop graduates who are more committed citizens of Springfield and who are better able to serve the community through awareness and understanding.
- Follow up on the work of the Zone Blitz and align with the goals of Prosper Springfield.

For more information about Give 5, or to sign up for the program, visit springfieldmo.gov/give5.



Spike in vehicle thefts in 2017; remember 'lock it to stop it'

By Lisa Cox, SPD

Auto theft has been an issue in Springfield for many years, but the spike in just the past year has been alarming. Nearly 1,000 vehicles were reported stolen in the city just in the first half of 2017. What is so frustrating for many victims of this type of crime is how preventable it is.

Many times, vehicle thefts are crimes of opportunity. Criminals will go after what can be taken with little effort, so if they notice a car left running unattended at a convenience store, or if they spot an iPad in the back seat of an unlocked car in a parking lot, they are probably going to take it in a matter of a few seconds.

In the first six months of 2017, 83 vehicles were reported stolen after their owners admitted to

leaving them running while unattended. This does not even include the vehicle thefts that occurred due to keys merely being accessible. The Springfield Police Department tends to see an uptick in vehicle thefts in the winter and summer months due to drivers choosing to warm up or cool down their vehicles before getting comfortable in the driver's seat and heading to their destination. While that may be tempting, drivers are discouraged from doing this. While sometimes cost-prohibitive, one option is to use a remote start system where a key is required inside the ignition to move the vehicle from its position. If drivers still choose to leave their vehicle running to warm up or cool down, at the very least, they need to keep an eye on the vehicle to deter a thief or to obtain suspect information and call 911 immediately if it is stolen.



The most basic piece of advice that could save many drivers from a lot of unnecessary hassle is to remove keys from the vehicle and always lock the doors.

No one expects it to happen to them until it does. It often takes experiencing a bad situation such as this to become more aware of crime and the importance of prevention.

City's level property tax has history of financing large projects

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor



Like all municipalities, the City of Springfield faces many opportunities and tough challenges. New police and fire facilities must be built to keep pace with demand. Police cars

and fire trucks must be replaced, and the city's infrastructure must keep pace with rapidly changing technology.

Core services, such as police and fire, are funded by multiple sources, but chiefly from sales tax collected for the City's General Fund. Sales tax is a volatile revenue source and one that is impacted by many unpredictable factors. Historically, very few capital improvement projects have been funded through the General Fund — as the General Fund is primarily used for ongoing, operational expenses.

Revenue collected from the City's 27-cent property tax has funded major capital improvements for many years, without increasing the tax rate.

In 1995, Springfield citizens voted to maintain and "keep level" the tax levy and use the revenue collected to fund the building of new fire and police stations, stormwater management structures and to open amenities such as Jordan Valley Park and the Grandstand and E-Plex at the fairgrounds.

Voters renewed referendums to maintain what is referred to as the Level Property Tax in 1999, 2001 and 2004 and the projects have been completed as promised and with no increase in the tax rate. It still remains to be 27 cents for \$100 of assessed value (19% of appraised residential property value; 32% of appraised commercial property value).

On Nov. 7, voters will once again be asked whether or not to maintain the current property tax rate in order to build newly identified capital improvement projects and purchase public safety equipment and vehicles.

The tax generates about \$8.5 million a year and is used to primarily fund projects via issuance of debt,



Springfield's Fire Station No. 8 was funded by a 2004 renewal of the Level Property Tax.

with bonds issued and paid off over multiple years. As projects become completed and debt gets paid off, more "headroom" becomes available, allowing for new projects to be bonded and paid for. The current tax will sunset when the last bond payments are made, which is presently expected to occur in 2031.

To address the current headroom available, as well as to plan for the future, City Council voted to put the continuance of the Level Property Tax on the ballot and to identify projects to be funded by these continued revenues.

Although capital needs have historically been the focus of the Level Property Tax, the 2017 proposed continuation and new project package includes the capability to address critical ongoing needs as well — such as the lifecycle replacement of police cars and fire engines and additional police and fire staff. The City does not currently have a funding source for most of its lifecycle replacement needs. In order to ensure ongoing revenue to meet some of these replacement needs and also to support additional public safety staff, the measure does not include a sunset. City Council is anticipated to vote Oct. 2 to ask the Citizens Sales Tax Oversight Committee (CSTOC) to review the Level Property Tax collections and expenditures. The committee currently reviews and monitors the collection of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax revenues, the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax revenues, and the 3/4-cent Police and Fire Fighters Pension Fund Sales Tax revenues.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Public safety projects will be the priority.

FIRE

- A new West Central fire station (No. 13) and staffing.
- A new West Springfield fire station (No. 14) and staffing.
- The replacement of fire stations No. 7 and No. 4.
- Needed equipment for Fire Department's facilities and employees.
- Repairs and upgrades for existing fire stations.

According to data compiled by Fire Chief David Pennington, the West Central neighborhood has the highest incidence of fires and a lack of a fire station there requires the other stations throughout the city to respond to fill in the gap of service. "This negatively affects response times and the safety of firefighters and citizens across the whole community," Pennington said.

POLICE

- Lifecycle replacement of police vehicles
- Repairs and upgrades for existing police facilities
- Police equipment
- Additional police investigators
- Evidence storage facility
- Contribution to a City-County jail expansion (if a County sales tax passes)

If the Level Property Tax is renewed, the following projects will be funded, over time:

- A fully staffed Police Family Violence Unit to investigate domestic violence offenses.
- Seven additional property crimes investigators to conduct follow-up investigations on the largest number of cases/crimes; two for vehicle thefts, one for financial crimes, one pawn shop Investigator, and three to investigate juvenile crimes.
- A new vice unit to investigate crimes involving human/sex trafficking, prostitution, gambling and alcohol.

PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Funded projects are geographically dispersed throughout the city. They include, but are not limited to:

Police and Fire Facilities: Six fire stations and the Regional Police-Fire Training Center.

Stormwater and Other Infrastructure: In 2017, Public Works identified \$700 million in unfunded stormwater management needs. LPT funded: \$14 million in 1999, \$15 million in 2001 and \$13 million in 2004.



BEFORE



AFTER

The Upper Jordan Creek stormwater improvement project was funded by the 2004 renewal of the Level Property Tax.

STORMWATER AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

Level Property Tax revenues are also used for stormwater improvements and maintenance and renovation of existing equipment and buildings. Proposed projects include:

- Infrastructure improvements to minimize flooding and restore the natural environment around Jordan Creek.
- Neighborhood stormwater improvements, which will be carried out in each quadrant of the City.
- Repair and replacement of stormwater infrastructure designed to reduce flooding to streets and neighborhoods.
- Floodplain acquisition to reduce potential stormwater harm to people and structures.

The City of Springfield believes strongly in good stewardship of its own municipal facilities. These facilities are investments made by the community. The 2004 Level Property Tax funded \$5.5 million for City facilities improvements, including the City's Public Works' Service Center which extended the life of equipment and vehicles through site improvements, storage and fleet maintenance.

The new referendum proposes to fund additional maintenance and upgrades to City facilities, and the construction of a new Public Works grounds operations facility in south Springfield. It also includes:

- Needed equipment upgrades and repairs to the storm siren system.
- Renovations to Historic City Hall.

A vote to keep the Level Property Tax will not increase the current property tax paid by Springfield citizens. Keeping the tax level allows the City to plan for a consistent amount of revenue for the proposed projects.

If you would like more information about the Level Property Tax proposal or any of the proposed projects, visit springfieldmo.gov/election or follow us on Facebook at CityofSGF.

How online sales impact our city and what you can do about it

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN



Over the past several years, the Neighborhood Advisory Council has made various recommendations related to the City General Fund budget. Ever present in the discussions leading up to those recommendations

have been forecasts of sales tax revenue. Such revenue is the lifeblood of the bulk of what we look for from the City: police and fire protection, City streets and infrastructure maintenance and a great many City programs that support business development, social services and much more.

In the past, one could fairly accurately predict sales tax revenue based on how the economy is going, but now, we can see sales tax revenue fall even when the economy is doing well. A key culprit, it seems, is the growth of online sales from sellers that do not collect sales tax. In most cases, they are not required to because they do not have physical operations in Missouri. As online sales grow, so does the local sales tax revenue loss, which right now is likely in the millions and growing.

There are various legislative initiatives being talked about at the state and federal levels to combat this tax revenue erosion. They are complicated and would probably be hard to implement. This got me thinking about what we might do on our own — today, right here in

Springfield. Did you know that if you buy something online for which sales tax is not collected by the seller, you're supposed to pay it on your own?

Many of us are off the hook because you're not required to report nor pay unless you annually buy more than \$2,000 for which no tax was collected, *but that doesn't mean you can't pay even if you're below the threshold*. So why do this? Well, if I'm over the threshold, it's the law. If I'm under, for one thing, if I think that the City police, fire or any other services are less than they should be, maybe I should ask myself if I am contributing to the problem — am I shouldering my share of the burden when I avoid sales tax via online purchasing? If I am avoiding the tax in this way, then maybe I shouldn't complain if the police are not as responsive as I think they ought to be, or if the ditches along City streets don't get mowed as often as they should, or those nuisance properties in my neighborhood don't get addressed as fast as I would like, or other critical services the City provides are too lean, or jobs aren't being attracted here as well as they might be.

You see, the City's ability to make improvements relates in a significant way to the sales tax revenue it gets. And I should add that there is a pretty strong link between online sales and the recent loss of quite a few big (and small) retailers in Springfield and the hundreds of jobs they used to provide. A lot of those jobs were filled by normal working folk and in many cases, first jobs for our kids. Those jobs are gone, and that further exacerbates the impact to each of us. Maybe you know someone who lost one of those jobs at Kmart or Staples or any of the other stores that closed.

I spent some time recently trying to figure out how I would go about paying that uncollected sales

tax, and I was surprised to discover how difficult it is! Without boring you with my Sherlock Holmesian experience to figure this out, here's what you do. The first thing you need to know is that if the sales tax wasn't collected, the consumer is supposed to pay it, but it's not called "sales tax" when you pay it. It's called "Consumer's Use Tax."

If you go to the Missouri Department of Revenue website (dor.mo.gov) and search for that term, you'll get all the info, including the two forms to use to send in a payment: one for individuals and one for businesses. Now you'll read on both forms that you're not required to send anything in unless the pertinent purchases exceed \$2,000 annually, but you can pay whether you are under or over that amount anyway. I know this, because I called the DOR to ask, and after the very helpful person I spoke with picked herself up off the floor from the shock of me asking, she said you could. I know you're thinking that I must be crazy to want to pay something I'm not absolutely required to, but then I keep thinking about all the value that we get from City services, and I figure maybe it would be good for us to be proactive about it.

I know we can debate about whether this or that City expenditure is a good idea, but all that seems to me to be another discussion. Final caveat: It's not real easy to pay even if you have the forms, but if you're still reading, you now at least have some awareness and a start. I'm hoping we might be able to put something on SGFNeighborhoodNews.com to make it easier in the future.

In the meantime, I have included the state's FAQs about the topic under the NAC tab on SGFNeighborhoodNews.com, which contains links to the two forms (Form 4340 for Individuals and 53-C for businesses).

The power of PTA: Council of PTAs supports SPS students for more than a century

By Juliana Goodwin, for SGFNN

On Thursdays, you will find volunteers sorting clothes, snaking hangers through shirts, and folding items at the Springfield PTA Clothing Bank at Study Alternative Center.

The first four days it was open this school year, 462 kids sought clothing and shoes, compared to 383 children during that same time frame last year, said Patty Dunn, co-chair of the clothing bank.

The PTA Clothing Bank is a project of the Springfield Council of PTAs, which has been helping improve the lives of children in Springfield for more than 100 years.

The council consists of units that band together to help children reach their potential, and involve more parents in schools.

The roots of a parent-teacher association in Springfield occurred in 1909 at Boyd Elementary when "The Boyd School Mother's Circle" was formed. At that time, school children drank out of buckets of water. When it was noticed stray dogs would lap water out of the same bucket, the council was established to solve the problem and provide clean drinking water for the students.



Becky Volz, president, Springfield Council of PTAs

Those parents recognized a need and started working to address it, and a few years later a more official group formed under the national PTA, said Becky Volz, president of the Springfield Council of PTAs.

The first official Springfield PTA was established in 1913 at Phelps School and was named "Springfield Council of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations."

Many of the early PTAs had hygiene missions like reducing flies around the school; providing a toothbrush for every student; and during World War I, they published a cookbook teaching mothers how to feed their families using war rations.

Today, volunteers address a variety of needs.

"Our goal is to bring more unity in the district among our schools and we can do that with our PTA units. We work together with district officials, parents, and teachers and principals," Volz said.

The council awards annual scholarships and assists or operates other projects such as 4th Grade Play; the city-wide PTA Reflections Showcase which is a popular art competition; Reading Is Fundamental, and more.

It also offers training for PTAs because parents transition out of the organization as their children age and there is constantly a new wave of parents



who need to learn about PTA, and the council helps them navigate it.

The council also helps develop leadership in local units and promote membership.

A key element of PTA that is often overlooked is it serves as education advocates on state and national levels, said Volz.

"National PTA brings 4 million strong voices to the department of education in our country," she said. "We do make a difference in Jefferson City and that is why parents should be more involved in their child's education. If parents are concerned about something happening in their school, get involved."

► [see PTA on page 18](http://seePTAonpage18)

BISSETT NEIGHBORHOOD

DO YOU KNOW?

Georgia Burton, Bissett

By Pete Radecki, Bissett Neighborhood president



Queen of Everything!

What would you call someone who shoots straight, treats everyone with kindness, charity and respect, doesn't play the victim even though she's had her share of challenges, has lived in our neighborhood for nearly 50 years and Springfield her whole life, has pinch hit for her parson in sharing

The Word, spent 34 years helping many look more beautiful, and was the catalyst that got security lights in L.A. Wise Park?

Well, how about Queen, which also happens to be her middle name!

Her full name is Georgia Queen Burton, but those of us who know her affectionately call her Miss Georgia. Miss Georgia has been associated with the Bissett Neighborhood Association since its inception, and you can always count on her for something good contributed to the potluck dinners before BNA monthly meetings. That may be on account of her many years in food services at Harry Cooper Supply's employee cafeteria and at Parkview High School.

You can also count on her to say something kind about somebody or something almost every time you visit with her. Given her faith and facility for speaking, she is our go-to person to say grace before those potluck dinners. And when BNA has an event, you can usually find her helping out. Miss Georgia cares about others. In 1970, the first year she moved into the Bissett neighborhood (in just the third house on a block that was largely vacant land overgrown with weeds and brush at the time), there was a day when her husband, Charles, saw a little girl come running out of L.A. Wise Park scared and crying. The poor little thing apparently had been approached by a strange man and it scared her.

Charles and Georgia figured some lighting in the park would help, so they got some neighbors together to petition the City for the lights. Then one day, then-City Councilman Wilson McClinton gave Georgia a call and said the City Council would be meeting that night and they should come talk about the need for the lights.

So at the last minute, Georgia said to Charles, "Know what you're going to do tonight? You are going to go speak to City Council and tell them we need those lights."

Well, Charles did just that and we have that last minute action by him (and Georgia's prodding), plus a good City Council vote to thank for the lights. And no, that little girl was not Miss Georgia's, but a neighbor, and that was good enough for her. She isn't one to say, "Not my problem." If she sees a way she can make things better, she steps up.

As for making women look more beautiful, Miss Georgia was a top sales representative for Avon for decades, and even though she's no longer doing that, she still helps some of her former clients get Avon supplies.

One doesn't get to be a top salesperson by just showing up. We think her kind way of sharing compliments had a lot to do with it. She's made a lot of folks look good and feel good too, and she's pretty good at it.

And the preachers she has known! Miss Georgia used to belong to the historic Benton Avenue AME Church in Midtown, where she recounts former pastor Oliver Brown. He, like Miss Georgia, sought to step up and do something to make things better. So what did Oliver Brown do? He was the named plaintiff in the landmark Brown vs. The Board of Education Supreme Court case that outlawed racial segregation in 1954.

At her church, Miss Georgia would sometimes be asked to fill in and speak her thoughts on the scriptures. She liked doing it and we think she was (and is) pretty good at it. So what is the key to Miss Georgia, and the message to all of us about a happy, productive life?

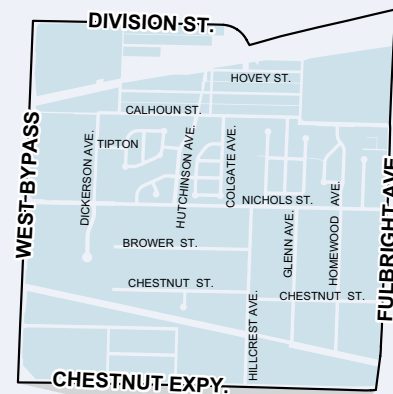
She would say, "I love people no matter who they are or what they look like. We need to get along with one another."

Faith, hope and charity. Seems like Miss Georgia is living it, and isn't that what we would want in our very own neighborhood Queen? If you come out to a BNA monthly meeting or an event, seek out Miss Georgia. She'll probably have something nice – and genuine – to say, and that might just brighten your day.

Want to nominate one of your neighbors for the *Do You Know?* feature?

E-mail Melissa Haase at mhaase@springfieldmo.gov or call 417-864-1003 for more information.

Neighborhood Boundaries



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- Pete Radecki, President:
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- Chandra Palmer, Vice President
- Catherine Manor, Secretary
- Sheila Radecki, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 10: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck
@ Bissett Elementary School (3014 W. Calhoun)
Nov. 14: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional
potluck @ Faith Baptist (2920 W. Nichols)



Bissett Neighborhood Association donates sports equipment to elementary school

Last spring, we asked Bissett Elementary School Principal Marcie Stallcup what she needed for the start of this school year. She said without hesitation that the students lack simple sports equipment for use during recess. BNA set about the task of filling that need and on August 11 presented the school with a gift of new soccer balls, basketballs and jump ropes. We have Jeff Newlin at Play It Again Sports to thank for helping us out with special pricing which allowed us to maximize the gift.




Marie Christian wins Keurig at June Bissett Neighborhood Association meeting

And the winner is...

At our June Bissett Neighborhood Association monthly meeting, a brand new Keurig-style

coffee maker was given away as a door prize. The winner? Bissett neighbor Marie Christian! Above she is seen being presented the prize by BNA president Pete Radecki.



Ahoy 2nd grade Mateys!

Join Petey in the hunt for the true
TREASURE of the CITY.

5:30 – 8:30 P.M., Thurs., Oct. 12, Busch Building

Call 864-1010 or visit springfieldmo.gov
for more info

BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



Bradford Park Neighborhood Association helps Cowden students start the school year off right

Bradford Park Neighborhood Association helped provide school supplies to Cowden Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year. Thanks to the dozens of residents who again made this annual event successful and worthwhile. Don't forget that volunteers for the Cowden kids are always needed and appreciated. Consider being a buddy to a Cowden student. Call Dellene, 417-882-2801 to sign up.

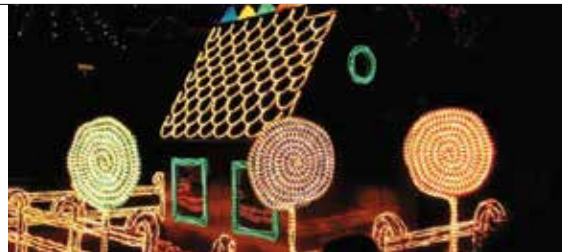
Bradford Park Street Festival: Oct. 22

Join us for this exciting, annual fall event. We can always use new ideas and additional help to plan and pull off this extraordinary day of music, games, fun and food! Call Dellene for info or to volunteer, 882-2801.



Bradford Park starts occasion card service

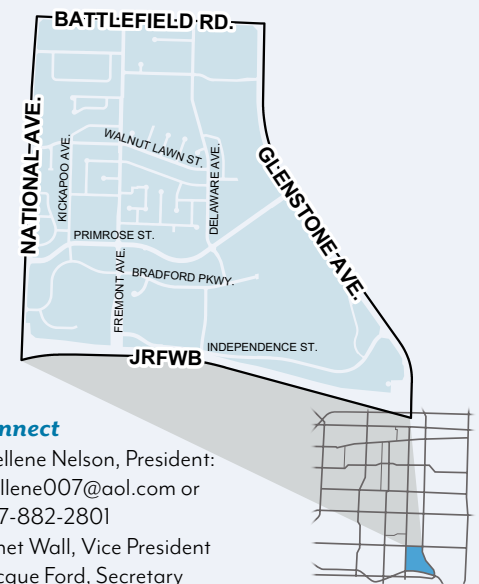
Bradford Park Neighborhood Association is starting a new project to remember neighbors' important occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, get-well wishes or sympathy wishes – with cards. Ann Bennett has volunteered to do this for the association, so if you know of a neighbor with an upcoming occasion, please let Ann know at 417-889-3869. Our thanks to Ann for spearheading this new neighborhood project.



Bradford Park needs decorated homes for December Home Tour

Does your home resemble Clark Griswold's during the holiday season? If so, consider sharing it for Bradford Park's December Home Tour! Please call Dellene at 417-882-2801.

Neighborhood Boundaries



Connect

- Dellene Nelson, President: dellene007@aol.com or 417-882-2801
- Janet Wall, Vice President
- Jacque Ford, Secretary
- Ed Messerly, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 17 • Nov. 21 • Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m.
@ Immaculate Conception (3555 S. Fremont Ave.)



Bradford Park Great Neighbors

Our congratulations and thanks to these Great Neighbor Award winners for July:

- **David and Julie Caffey, 1324 E. Deerfield**
- **Bobby Hamilton, 3527 S. Weller**

If you have a special person in mind who is deserving of the Great Neighbor Award, please nominate them by calling Joyce Messerly, 417-887-2885 or Terry Wright, 417-883-4975.

DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD

Delaware Neighborhood recognized as neighborhood organization by City

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

In June, the Delaware Neighborhood Association was recognized by the City of Springfield as a registered neighborhood association.

This designation means that a neighborhood association has provided the City with proof that the organization is active; and that it has made efforts to involve residents and property owners from throughout the neighborhood in activities.

Registered neighborhoods receive the following from the City's Planning & Neighborhoods Office:

- Mailing labels with a master copy of all local addresses (and property owners addresses) that fall within the boundaries of the neighborhood.
- Service request data: a report is issued monthly and contains all citizens' code complaints targeting areas within the neighborhood boundaries.

- Area zoning notices. Registered neighborhoods are notified of any zoning requests and updates within the area. This information is provided by the Development Review Office of the City's Planning Department.

- Neighborhood programs information: notices of neighborhood programs that the City or participating organizations offer.

Neighborhoods Office staff can provide residents with many resources to make neighborhood associations successful. Please feel free to contact Senior Planner Alana Owen with any questions at 417-864-1831.



Neighborhood Boundaries



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- Warren Campbell, Vice President
- Sue Marshall, Secretary
- Cynthia Yarborough, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 3 • Nov. 7 • Dec. 5: 7 p.m. @ Westminster Presbyterian Church (1551 E. Portland)



Delaware Community Garden expands

The Delaware Community Garden, a.k.a., Hailey's Garden at 538 E. Stanford, was expanded in September with the addition of a fire pit with cooking grates to join the picnic tables already in place. Volunteers added the finishing touches to the fire pit, and weed pickers have worked to keep the area looking its best. Thanks to volunteers Elaine Eaton, Jean Ackley, Susan Dempsey and Frank Shipe. If you would like to help care for this community garden, please contact Jean Ackley at jeanj53@yahoo.com.



Delaware Neighborhood Association kicks off with summer events *By Kevin Evans, for SGFNN*

Delaware Neighborhood Association officially was recognized by the City of Springfield on June 20, and we hit the ground running. We held an ice cream social in cooperation with Westminster Presbyterian Church on July 11, we participated in the National Night Out event at Nichols Park on Aug. 1, and we are participating in a joint neighborhood clean-up with Rountree Neighborhood Association on Oct. 7.

We have a number of enthusiastic civic-minded members and a strong commitment toward improving the appearance and quality of lives in our neighborhood. The Delaware Neighborhood Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland.

Join us on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/DelawareNeighborhood, and attend our meetings!

DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD

Fall is block party season! Reserve the Doling Block Party Toolkit today

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

In March, Community Foundation of the Ozarks awarded five Collective Impact grants totaling \$120,000 for collaborative projects in Springfield-Greene County.

This is the second year for the grants, which are intended to encourage collaborative proposals to address community goals and issues. The grants are made possible through the generosity of donors who have made unrestricted or field-of-interest gifts to the CFO. Doling Neighborhood Association applied for — and was granted — \$22,500 to partner with the Springfield Police Department and Community Partnership of the Ozarks to assemble and manage a Block Party Tool Kit. Those who reserve the trailer agree to form a block watch on their street.

"The toolkit is an enclosed trailer full of everything you need to throw an awesome block party: tables, chairs, a grill, barricades, signs, games, even some hamburgers and hot dogs to get you started," said Christina Dicken, Doling president. "We want to bring this neighborhood together and, in the process, create some block watches (a smaller version of a neighborhood watch) so we can look out for each other."



To reserve the trailer, contact one of the Doling Neighborhood Association officers:

- Christina Dicken, President: christina.dicken@yahoo.com
- Andrew Herr, Vice President: herr15202@evangel.edu or 417-860-6502
- Mary Kay Glunt, Secretary: atyourword@sbcglobal.net or 417-844-0629
- Jayme VanMeter, Treasurer: 417-496-0150.

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- Andrew Herr, Vice President
- Mary Kay Glunt, Secretary, 417-844-0629
- Jayme VanMeter, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings
Oct. 24 • Nov. 28 • Dec. 26: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
@ Doling Family Center Community Room
(301 E. Talmage)

Christina Dicken appointed to Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor



City Council appointed Doling Neighborhood Association President Christina Dicken to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development at the Aug. 21 City Council meeting.

Dicken, vice president of appraisals for FCS Financial, was appointed to finish out the term of Nancy Fazzino, who resigned. Dicken has a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Ball State University and is a state-certified general real estate appraiser.

"I applied to serve on this committee because I thought it was important for Zone 1 to be represented," Dicken said.

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development makes recommendations for

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) discretionary funding to the City Council, within the established guidelines. Examples of projects that have received this funding include the City's housing programs, urban districts improvements, nonprofit housing developments and upgrades, after-school and summer programs, supplemental food programs and shelters.

Dicken's term expires May 1, 2018, but she is eligible for reappointment.

The committee meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the first-floor conference room of the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville. Members, who represent various population segments (minorities, elderly, handicapped, etc.) likely to benefit from CDBG funds, serve three-year terms.

In addition to Dicken, committee members comprise: Jayne Bullard, Delia Croessmann, Earle Doman, Angela Pryor Dowler, Tedra Estis (chair), Erin Gray, Delilah Jackson and Mary Ann Jennings.

To view open board and commission seats, visit springfieldmo.gov/boards.

Talmage Dip to be new home for monarch butterflies

By Christina Dicken, Doling Neighborhood Association President, for SGFNN



The Doling Neighborhood Association is going to be the site of a new Monarch Butterfly Waystation on the

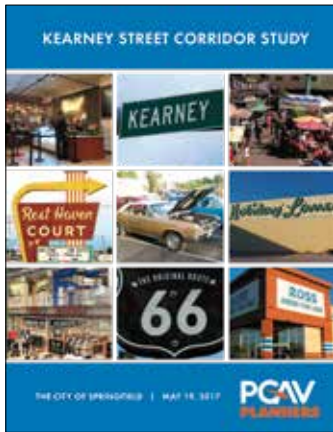
north side of the Talmage Dip.

Jean Ackley is working with Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson and the City to create a native habitat with flowering plants and shrubs that will create a home for the butterflies and other species. We are taking an eyesore and turning it into eye candy! Contact Jean at 417-631-3518 if you'd like to help.



City gathers input for Kearney Street Redevelopment Plan

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor



With the completion of the Kearney Street Corridor Study by PGAV Planners in May, the City of Springfield continues to seek input for the redevelopment plan for the three-mile stretch of Kearney between Kansas Expressway and Glenstone Avenue.

The City hosted its first public meeting for the Kearney Street Redevelopment Plan 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at Doling Park's Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage. A second meeting was held Sept. 25 at Robberson Community School, 1100 E. Kearney.

Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson, a longtime Kearney Street proponent, and Zone 2 Councilman Tom Prater, led the meetings.

"Thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of my Zone 1 colleague, Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson, we're hoping to spur a business renaissance on Kearney Street," Prater said. "I can't wait to see what's next for this once-thriving part of our city."

The focus of the first public meeting was to inform Kearney Street stakeholders about the results of the Kearney Street Corridor Study and the benefits of the proposed incentives for redevelopment, as well as to gather public input regarding the types of projects that should receive incentives.

City staff presented a draft of the plan at the

second public input meeting in September, and staff hopes the plan will be approved by early 2018. If approved, property owners who build or remodel properties along Kearney Street in a way that meets the plan's requirements will be eligible for 10 years of property tax abatement on the value of the new improvements.

"The purpose of this plan is to have the Kearney Street corridor primed for redevelopment," Sarah Kerner, Director of Economic Development, said. "We want to streamline the incentive process to get developers interested in this part of town."

Next steps for the plan include consideration by the five-member Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority. Once the LCRA has approved the plan, the next step is the nine-member Planning and Zoning Commission. Once P&Z has recommended approval of the plan, it will go before City Council as a two-reading bill with a public hearing.

PGAV presented its final report to City Council in June. Among the key findings is the Kearney Street corridor has the potential to capture additional retail sales from the available \$95 million in unmet household demand in the trade area around Kearney Street.

PGAV recommended the development of a deep value clothing retailer such as T.J. Maxx or Ross because these discounted fashion chains have had growing sales and are opening hundreds of stores while they capture market share from flagging retailers.

Another recommendation is a food hall that would serve as a business incubator for entrepreneurs and provide a place for people to enjoy a variety of prepared foods in a social setting. Food halls have been a growing trend in urban redevelopment, filling in empty big box stores or vacant department stores. Other ideas for the food and beverage sector

include a food truck court and the adapted reuse of garages or gas stations into restaurants.

To improve the corridor's visual appeal and increase safety for pedestrians, PGAV recommended painted pedestrian crosswalks, pedestrian crossing signals and tree plantings in center medians or along sidewalks. Crosswalks could also increase residential connectivity to Doling Park, which is a major asset for the area. Wayfinding signage directing visitors and residents to Doling Park was proposed as well.

PGAV suggested that the City commemorate the corridor's heritage through historic Route 66 plaques and branding as well as capitalizing on the nostalgia for cruising, custom cars and drive-in restaurants.

In a historic reversal, City Council voted last spring to once again allow cruising along Kearney Street on the second Friday of each month in hopes of drawing visitors — and business — to the area. Hundreds turned out for the Cruise Kearney! kick-off in May.



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GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD

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There are 48 PTAs in the Springfield council. The most recent addition is at Weaver Elementary.

Kristina Wilmoth, steering committee chair at Weaver, launched the effort to re-start the Weaver PTA even though none of her children currently attend school there.

She may not have children in the school but she does have a passion and belief that parent involvement is critical.

"A PTA is run by volunteers, it's run by parents, and individuals invested in it. Having involved parents is the difference. There are so many factors that affect children and number one is parent involvement in children's lives," Wilmoth said.

Weaver once had a PTA but it dismantled it years ago. One issue was the \$5 membership fee, most of which goes to the national organization. So Wilmoth is offering membership scholarships to any parent who needs it.

Through the PTA, they hope to organize events and help support Weaver's spirit store, where students earn credits for good attendance and behavior that they can then cash in at the store.

"Weaver offers a variety of items, many things that would be needs instead of wants, like hygiene items. They price them lower. Kids get so excited to be able to buy items and bring them home to their family. It's very empowering. At Christmas, they have a special Christmas store where kids can buy gifts. We are going to keep it going," she said.

Mary Christiano also believes in the power of PTA.

She's been involved in Springfield's for 36 years and a three-time past president of the council.

Even though her children are grown, she dedicates a lot of time to the organization.

"It's a service to the community," Christiano said.

Christiano is a volunteer for Reading is Fundamental, and says one of the greatest accomplishments of the PTA Council was the establishment of the clothing bank.

"Knowing how many children it is serving now is amazing," she said.

During the 2016-2017 school year, the PTA Clothing Bank helped 2,400 kids and gave away 1,400 winter coats, said Dunn.

Students are allowed to shop at the store three times a year and once a year, they receive new socks and underwear.

Clothing bank co-chair Jennifer Penny helped revamp the bank and transform it into a fun shopping experience so it "feels more like a store and less like a garage," said Dunn.

Penny joined PTA when her son was in first grade and now he is a senior.

Some parents shy away from the organization because they think PTA is a big time commitment or will require a lot of fundraising, but there are so many opportunities to get involved, said Christiano.

"It will take as much time as you are willing to give. Some parents may give one hour a month. If you have more time, be a homeroom parent and help with backpacks. Help with a family fun night. There are so many things a parent can do. The teachers appreciate any help they can get," Christiano said.

For PTAs to thrive, parents must put the "P" in PTA and the organization is not just geared towards elementary – it's important at every age.

"When I served as PTA president at the middle- and high school level, I always told parents how even more important it becomes to stay involved in their student's life as they get older," said Penny. "No, we may not need to assist with a project in the classroom or wipe down lunch tables, but we need to stay involved in an appropriate way – and there is no better way than PTA."

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can get involved in the PTA at your child's school or your neighborhood school, or make a donation to any PTA. Donations are tax deductible.

The Weaver Elementary PTA is seeking people willing to sponsor a family membership which costs \$5. Weaver is a Title 1 school and the majority of its students qualify for free or reduced lunch. The PTA provides membership scholarships. If you are interested in sponsoring, email kristinaw@mopta.org.

The PTA Clothing Bank accepts donations of new or like-new clothing suitable for children and teens for a variety of seasons. It also needs new underwear and socks donations. It accepts monetary donations so it can fill in any gaps not covered by clothing donations. It also needs volunteers to help sort clothes.

The clothing most needed is boys' clothes sizes 7-16 and girls sizes 7-16. They can always use

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jackets and winter coats. Some other popular items are gently used shoes, belts, pajamas, purses, backpacks, fashion scarves, costume jewelry and new blankets.

The PTA Clothing Bank is located on the backside of Study Alternative Center, 2343 W. Olive St. the entrance is not accessible from the school so drive around back or north of the school and you will see a sign designating parking for PTA Clothing Bank. It is open for volunteers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, and 9-11 a.m. some Saturdays to receive donations or volunteers. For a schedule and more information about the PTA: scptamo.com.



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GREATER PARKCREST NEIGHBORHOOD

DO YOU KNOW?

Kelly Allison, principal, Kickapoo High School

By Springfield Public Schools staff, for SGFNN

For Kelly Allison, Kickapoo High School is home.

He graduated from Kickapoo, after being raised by a mother and grandmother who were both teachers. He had great experiences as a student at Kickapoo, and when he entered college, he decided he wanted to be an educator.

"My dream was to be the head football coach at Kickapoo High School," he says. "And I had a passion for teaching and coaching football, and I was lucky to get the job I did."

Thirty-one years ago, Allison began his career teaching physical education and serving as an assistant football coach at Parkview High School. He coached the Vikings for two years before moving to Jarrett Middle School, where he taught P.E. and health, while serving as the school's assistant football coach. There, a seasoned principal encouraged him to get his specialist's degree and become an administrator.

"I wanted to pursue coaching at the college level, but it didn't work out," he says. "And being an administrator is, in many ways, like being a coach. So I was attracted to the responsibility and leadership opportunities that came with building administration, so I changed directions and haven't looked back."

Allison served as the assistant principal at Carver Middle School for two years and Pershing Middle School for three years. Then, he was appointed principal at Hickory Hills Middle School, serving the Spartans for 14 years. But five years ago, he got offered the opportunity to come home to Kickapoo.

"When I walked through those doors every day, it feels like home," he says. "And my passion for



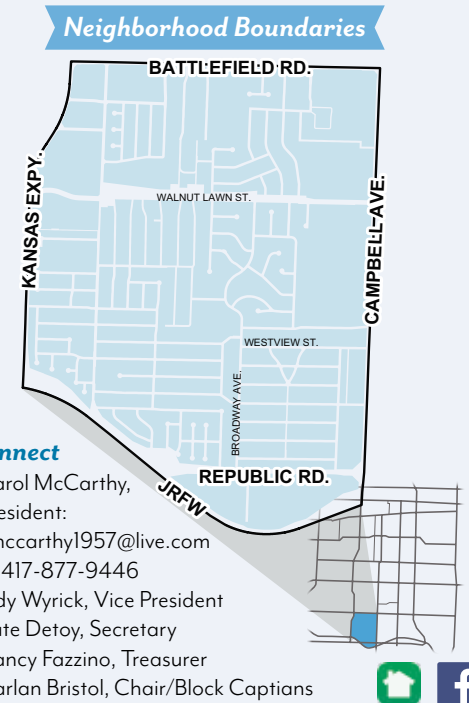
this school comes from my focus on relationships. I want to empower my staff to take risks by encouraging and supporting them. Every day, I'm trying to create an environment that is No. 1 for kids and then for teachers, giving them the space they need to take risks and be innovative."

At Kickapoo High School, Allison works with four assistant principals, who he collaborates with daily. His primary goal each day is to maintain and evaluate processes campuswide to ensure that students are receiving excellent learning experiences. During his five years at Kickapoo, he's also helped shape Kickapoo U, a college and career readiness initiative that encourages students to learn and grow outside of the school day.

"We offer more than 55 clubs here at Kickapoo, and there's something really for every interest," he says. "The key is to get every kid connected some how, some way, to something they're interested in. For me, it was sports, but there are dozens of academic or extracurricular activities for students to choose from. The students who are more connected are more invested here at school, and that reflects in their learning."

For Allison, he's more invested in Kickapoo than ever, and is grateful to be able to continue serving his alma mater, its students and its families.

"I feel a sense of community and connection here at Kickapoo," he says. "I value the feedback and relationships I have with these families, some I've known for years. The people, the kids, they give me



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Oct. 19: 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ The Way Church (903 W. Katella St.) Membership meeting, neighborhood garage sale and neighborhood cleanup TBA.

a really good connection to be here. It's been a dream to serve as a principal of a school this size, but it's extra special to still have this opportunity at Kickapoo. I still feel 25, I love what I'm doing, and I've got the energy level to keep on keeping on."

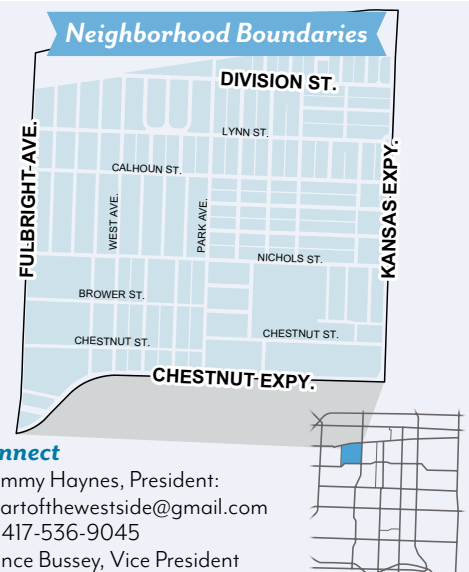
Allison received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Missouri State University. He went on to earn a master's in athletic administration from the University of Missouri and a specialist's degree in educational administration, secondary, from Missouri State University. He is married to Paula, and together, they have three Kickapoo graduates: daughters Ashtyn, Kellyn and Lauryn.

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Aug. 1 National Night Out at Nichols Park



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Changing the conversation about substance use disorder

By Tammy Haynes, for SGFNN



Many people don't understand why or how people become addicted to drugs. They may mistakenly believe that those who use drugs lack morals or willpower and they could stop using if they wanted to.

In reality, drug addiction is a complex disease.

Recovery often takes more than strong will and good intentions.

Since 1999, overdose deaths in the U.S. have quadrupled, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Greene County opioid overdoses have similarly grown, from a rate of 8.6 deaths per 100,000 in 2000 to 31.6 deaths per 100,000 in 2015.

City and county leaders recognized the impact of opioid misuse in Greene County and in August approved the implementation of a prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). This software will give doctors and other prescribers a tool to talk to their patients about safe use of opioids, as well as a way to deter "doctor shopping" — seeing multiple prescribers for the purpose of obtaining multiple opioid prescriptions.

Pharmacies began collecting the dispensing data of controlled medications for daily upload into the secure database system on Sept. 1. Prescriber registration began the same day, with the entire program set to go live — meaning prescribers can access dispensing data — Oct. 1. More information about the PDMP is available at health.springfieldmo.gov/PDMP.

Addressing the opioid epidemic from a different angle, a national nonprofit called Facing Addiction has chosen Springfield as one of 15 cities in the U.S. for a one-year pilot program to unify the voices of the more than 45 million Americans and their families directly impacted by addiction.

Facing Addiction's activities center around the idea of "changing the conversation" when it comes to dealing with the issue of addressing substance use disorder and the way the public views people in recovery. It also responds to those still in the active phase of substance abuse.

Over several phases, the program will build an army of people interested in helping to dispel the stigma and misinformation that exists in the realm of addiction and recovery. This is done by recruiting and training advocates, or "captains."

I am proud to say that I am a Facing Addiction co-captain and am looking forward to finding real



solutions to helping those with addiction. Other Springfield captains are Chris Gaul, who spoke at the Missouri Opioid Crisis Summit July 20, Eric Moffitt, Brandon Galloway and Barb Campbell.

"As addiction to alcohol and other drugs now impacts one in three households in America, we must urgently work to turn the tide on this health crisis," said Greg Williams, Facing Addiction's co-founder and executive vice president.

"We are excited about the prospect of working to train, organize and mobilize citizens to ensure a shift toward a public, health-centered response to those impacted by addiction."

David Stoecker, director of Better Life in Recovery and a co-founder of Springfield Recovery Community Center at 1925 E. Bennett, submitted Springfield's application to participate in the project.

While the program is slated for a one-year pilot, there is no defined endpoint in our local efforts to combat this issue. We're building this as a sustainable and evolving resource for the men and women of Springfield to begin to move out into other communities. The end goal is to educate and involve the entire population of our area.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Facing Addiction team, please stop by or contact the Springfield Recovery Community Center at 417-368-0852 or srccrecoverycommunitycenter@gmail.com, or visit spfdrc.org or [facebook.com/Springfieldrecovery.hope](https://www.facebook.com/Springfieldrecovery.hope).

Additional information about opioid overdose statistics and the PDMP provided by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.



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OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD

DO YOU KNOW?

Gerald Clary, Oak Grove

By Powell McHaney, for SGFNN

Gerald is a retired teacher from Glendale High School and a Korean War Veteran. He dropped out of high school to join the military, but now holds five college degrees. In 2005, he was on the steering committee to form the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association and was elected its first president. He has since served as both president and treasurer multiple times.

The association, under Gerald's leadership, started with 10 members and now has approximately 100 households. He cares deeply about keeping the neighborhood clean, safe and friendly and making it a positive part of Springfield's overall vitality. He works tirelessly to make our neighborhood motto a reality, which is to "preserve the past and improve the future." It's safe to say that without Gerald, there probably wouldn't be an Oak Grove Neighborhood Association.



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TOM WATKINS NEIGHBORHOOD

June marks 10th anniversary of research project on Depression-era elementary school in Tom Watkins neighborhood

By Virginia Thomas, for SGFNN

Each July in the early 1980s, the community calendar section of Penny Power announced that a potluck dinner for the "Northwest Gang" would take place at Tom Watkins Park. I have lived in northwest Springfield since the mid-1930s, and never heard of this "gang." One summer, curiosity got the best of me, so, armed with a casserole, I went to investigate.

A congenial group of various ages welcomed me. I knew several of them, and was informed that the gang consisted of alumni of New Home School and its successor, Ed. V. Williams Elementary School, plus others from the Tom Watkins neighborhood.

Mrs. Mary Hiser, mother of three of my former students at Hillcrest High School, took me under her wing for the day. She explained that the school had been at the corner of High Street and Hoffman Avenue, just across from Tom Watkins Park, which had been just a large cow pasture during the New Home era. The school was torn down in 1930 when the more modern Ed. V. Williams school was built just a couple of blocks north at the northwest corner of Kearney Street and Park Avenue.



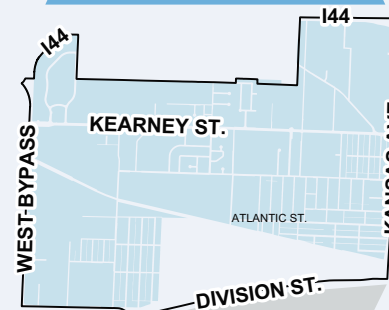
Mrs. Hiser was especially proud of the fact that her grandfather, Frederick Hoffman, had donated the land for New Home.

It was impressive that the alumni had such a strong bond and a feeling of loyalty to the school more than 50 years after its demise.

It seemed that few people except the alumni knew about New Home, so from time to time, Mrs. Hiser and I talked of collaborating on the history of the school, but it never came to fruition.

When I became a volunteer instructor of a senior citizens' writing class at Northview Center in the fall of 2006, compiling the history of the New Home School came up as an idea for a class project. The class — comprised of Patricia Waite, Ophelia Wesley, Beverly Pierce, Alyce Crosby, Richard Holmen, Betty Turner and Jessie Veach — had done only creative writing in the past; this seemed to be a good way to introduce them to research and factual writing. When I sought to contact Mrs. Hiser for her

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Oct. 26: potluck 6 p.m., meeting 7-8:30 p.m.
@ Tom Watkins Park Community Center
(2100 W. High St.)



The New Home School, taken during the 1925-26 school year. This photo hangs in the hallway of its successor, Ed. V. Williams Elementary School, on West Kearney.

permission and input on the project, I was shocked to find that she had died just a month before. With her family's permission, the class elected to forge ahead with the project in her memory.

June marked the 10th anniversary of the completion of the project, which culminated with the publication of the booklet "Gone But Not Forgotten: Memories of The New Home School, Springfield, Missouri, 1910-1930."

Kansas Avenue was the western city limit in 1910; so New Home began as Greene County District School No. 124. It was built on land donated by Frederick Hoffman and was built by John Dake, a resident of the neighborhood.

The tight-knit neighborhood included many families of German heritage who had been brought in by the Frisco Railway to work in the repair shop to the south and in the creosote plant to the west of the area. The school was the focal point for the neighborhood.

The Northview class was able to garner information, documents, anecdotes and photos from a few surviving alumni and from descendants of Mr. Hoffman and of 1913-14 teacher Albert Rauch, and from the Greene County Archives.

Complimentary copies were given to all participants and to the History Museum, Springfield-Greene County Library District, Missouri State University Archives, Historical Society of Missouri, The Bridges for Youth on High and Park, the Doling Park Museum and to Ed. V. Williams Elementary School, which supplanted New Home in 1930. The library copies are on

reference basis, but the Doling Park Museum has copies available for check-out for those interested.

To our knowledge, no New Home School alumni are still living. Only four members of the Northview Center writing class survive.

Alyce Crosby, Betty Lou Turner, Ophelia Wesley and I, along with Peggy Mahan, curator of the Doling museum, recently enjoyed a reunion luncheon.

Virginia Thomas has lived in the home she built by hand with her parents on West Atlantic since Thanksgiving 1960. She is currently working on compiling the history of the Tom Watkins neighborhood.



WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD

Beer's a-brewin' in West Central

By Caron Settle Parnell, for SGFNN

The smell of hops wafts over the West Central neighborhood, a kind of yeasty-bready smell. To those in the know, it means that beer's a-brewin' at one of three breweries located in the neighborhood. The breweries — Springfield Brewing Company, Mother's Brewing Company and the newest, Lost Signal Brewing Company — comprise Springfield's emerging brewery district.



It all started in West Central about 140 years ago, when Sebastian Dingeldein signed a lease for what was then the Southwest Brewery, later renamed Springfield Brewing Co., located near the current site of the Birthplace

of Route 66 Park on College Street. In 2014, while excavating the site, City workers discovered a series of underground rooms that were part of the brewery.

Dingeldein eventually bought the brewery and increased production to supply beer throughout southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas until closing in 1911 due to Prohibition.

In 1997, stainless steel equipment manufacturer Paul Mueller Company reestablished the Springfield Brewing Co. name — and craft beer brewing in Springfield — when it opened a brewery and restaurant at 305 S. Market to create a showcase for its products. In 2011, Brewmaster Ashton Lewis and a group of investors purchased the Brew Co. from Mueller.

In 2009, entrepreneur Jeff Schrag decided to open Mother's Brewing Company. He bought the old Butternut bread factory at the corner of Walnut and Grant in 2010 and served his first beer in May 2011.

According to Kyle Jeffries, brewery liaison extraordinaire at Mother's, "What began as a bottling company became a production facility utilizing grain, yeast, and water; and here we are in 2017: a production facility utilizing grain, yeast, and water that bottles the final product. Consider the beautiful symmetry of this facility: Mother's Brewing Company is truly a steward of the legacy of this building, downtown Springfield vitality, and pride in community."



Jeff Schrag, Mother's Brewing Company

In 2012, Mother's was recognized in The New Yorker as the seventh fastest-growing first-year craft brewery in the nation.

This past February, Springfield's fourth craft brewery, Lost Signal, opened in the old KICK AM radio station on College Street, right down the street from Mother's AND Springfield Brewing Company. White River Brewing Company opened on Commercial Street in 2013.

Lost Signal owner Tyler Hoke says he chose the old radio station for a couple of reasons, including the history of the building and its location on Route 66. He also wanted to be close to downtown and the other breweries.

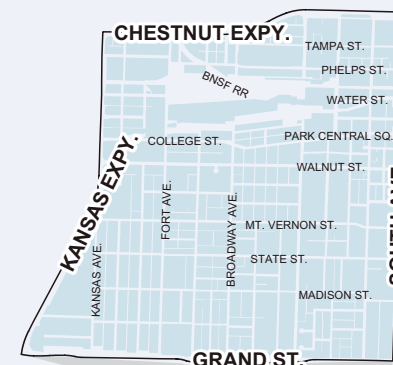
"I wanted to be as close to both Mother's and Brew Co. because I wanted to help make this area the place where people can easily go if they are wanting to visit a brewery. I feel that being close to two very well-known and established breweries only helps with bringing in customers that are already in the mood to visit a brewery," Hoke said.

How can three breweries survive in such close proximity? Each brewery offers something different for the craft beer aficionado.

A visitor can start at Springfield Brewing Company and enjoy the year-round Walnut Street Wheat, then move on to Lost Signal for one of its specialty beers like the blueberry basil hefeweizen offered earlier this summer, and then hit up Mother's Brewing Company for an Oktoberfest. And if there's a food truck parked at Mother's you can enjoy delicious eats at each location along with your beer. And you can walk the whole way!

"Springfield Brewing Company makes an IPA. As does Lost Signal and White River. As does Mother's. The craft beer lover will insist on trying

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them all. And in between exploration of these unique breweries, that beer lover also experiences Springfield, downtown, and even our neighborhood, more intimately than someone merely on a Bass Pro pilgrimage," Jeffries said.

"The growth of a Springfield craft beer scene is growth for Springfield at large. The renewal of downtown, begun some 25 years ago, continues apace. Mother's is proud to be a part of this movement and welcomes anyone, brewer or otherwise, who also commits themselves to the mission. After all, we brew love in downtown Springfield."

Feel like a cold one? Head down to the West Central Brewery District and we'll have one waiting for you!

- **Springfield Brewing Company**
305 S. Market Ave., 417-832-TAPS (8277)
- **Lost Signal Brewing Company**
610 W. College St., 417-869-4755
- **Mother's Brewing Company**
215 S. Grant Ave., 417-862-0423.

Frolicking Mosaic Mural celebrates evolution of College Street

By Juliana Goodwin, for SGFNN

A mosaic is a metaphor, says artist Christine Schilling.

"I love the symbolism that a mosaic is many small pieces that add up to one great story. That is a real metaphor for life. Every little colorful piece among us has a role to play. You take one out and something is missing. They can't all be the same color, size or texture or it doesn't work. A mosaic is a community of different shapes and colors, just like a community, a school, a city," she said.

Schilling is the artist behind the mosaic mural on College Street which was installed 16 years ago and pays homage to Springfield's history. The piece of art stretches 600 feet on a wall near where the city's first cabin was erected by William Fulbright in 1830. The mural celebrates Route 66, as well as the evolution of College Street.

It was pieced together over three years with the assistance of 2,000 children and community members.

The concept for the public art installation came from Stan Adam and Carol Ward who were dating at the time.

"I lived in the neighborhood and there was always graffiti on the wall and it drove me crazy. I thought maybe we could reach out to juveniles, because they were the ones responsible for the graffiti, and teach them a skill and maybe they would take pride and ownership in the wall," said Ward.

So Adam and Ward contacted Christine Schilling about teaching children who were at risk or already in trouble to create the mosaic. The idea was to channel that energy into something positive for the neighborhood.



The Probation and Parole division in Springfield was incredibly supportive of the project, as were many organizations in town that worked with at-risk youth. Schilling partnered with Campbell Elementary and worked with fifth grade students. Educators wove science and history curriculum into the project and there was "wonderful collaboration" with the school, Schilling said.

Other organizations involved were Bailey Alternative School, Girl Scout Troops, Missouri Arts Council, Boys and Girls Town, Solutions, Division of Youth Services, the City of Springfield, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Boys & Girls Clubs, to name a few.

It was made possible through various donations and grants.

The wall represents the history of College Street as seen through the eyes of kids, said Schilling.

"As the idea evolved we developed other angles," said Schilling. "We started way back when there was nothing but animals. On one end, it is early days. Then it goes along Jordan Creek, it became a science lesson. Then it became transportation — we looked at the history of transportation on College Street from canoes to railroad to BMX bikes. You have the young people today on their skateboards and bikes. The history of who lives there when it was Indians, settlers, contemporary people. We go from early structures to gradually coming into modern day times with hip hop, young people doing things like skateboarding."

As children learned about the animals native to Jordan Creek, the students created fish, lizards, crawdads. They learned about Native Americans, and Springfield's early settlers.

As the mural crosses into modern life, there are buildings significant to Springfield such as Hammons Tower and the Heer's building.

Aside from the educational aspect, it gave children a sense of responsibility, ownership, and contribution, said Schilling.



Christine Schilling, artist of mosaic mural on College Street.

The students would create the art, but Schilling and other adults would piece it together on the wall.

Now, 16 years later, Schilling frequently meets adults who as children helped work on the project and come up to her and tell her they designed a wheel or another aspect of the piece.

"I know for a fact people who were children then are now bringing their children here to see the wall," the artist said.

Parts of the mosaic have deteriorated over time and Schilling would like to revive it. The mural was dedicated in September 2001.

"She just turned 16, let's throw her a Sweet 16 and sparkle it up. It won't take much, volunteers, a little money, and commitment. It's delightful and needs a little fine tuning," she said, standing in front of the wall.

Schilling has a studio on Commercial Street. She has completed a variety of mosaics around the Ozarks.

"It appeals to people because this piece is going to last long after you are. You can't deface it easily. They are municipal-friendly and durable," Schilling said.

"A mosaic is a community."

While the mosaic is weathered, it still stands as an investment in a neighborhood and in a community.

"These kids put so much time and effort into it and were really proud of it," said Ward. "It means a lot to a lot of people."



2017 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival by the numbers:

- 2 days
 - 2 superstar concerts
 - 32 musical acts
 - 72 vendors
 - 223 runners
 - 325 picnic goers
 - 451 classic cars
 - 2,900 motorcycles
 - 53,000 spectators
- \$24,500 from Big & Rich concert ticket sales, Gypsy Poker Run and the Birthplace of Route 66 Charity Bike Show benefiting Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and Home at Last, a homeless veterans association affiliated with The Kitchen, Inc.
- \$10,000 in proceeds from car show registration benefiting the West Central Neighborhood, who, in turn, donate much of that to Route 66 preservation/rejuvenation efforts.



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

How can you help your Westside neighbors in 2018?

By Joe Roberds, for SGFNN



As we approach the end of 2017, it's time to reflect on the projects of the Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association for this year and look to the new year and how we can help our neighbors.

The projects and events of this year serve to help determine the impact on our neighbors

and how more can be completed to bring our west side closer together. In order to do this, it must be a neighborhood effort: Westsiders coming together to share their time and efforts.

At the start of 2017, the first quarterly edition of SGF Neighborhood News was mailed to all of our neighbors. In this free publication you find articles concerning the Westside and the city. During the Zone Blitz, we were told that a lack of communication was a key concern for the Westside. A lack of Internet access was also a concern.

Due to the rising cost of paper, printing, and mailing, a WNBA news letter is cost prohibitive. The WNBA is now relying on the SGF Neighborhood News to share neighborhood news and the calendar of events, which will be mailed to you at no cost by subscribing online at SGFNeighborhoodNews.com, by phone (call Melissa Haase, 417-864-1003) or by e-mail (mhaase@springfieldmo.gov).

At this point, after four publications of this great paper, only 33 Westside households have requested SGF Neighborhood News be mailed to them. While some prefer the online version or read the paper edition at a business, library, or WNBA meeting, it would be helpful to share this information with your neighbors who do not have access to the online version.

A grassroots effort was successful when the City conducted a poll to determine the most-needed capital building project for Springfield. The WNBA went online to ask neighbors to vote for the much-

needed Grand Street bridge project. WNBA members also went door to door to have paper ballots completed and delivered to the city.

The project with the most votes was the Grand Street bridge project, which will replace the bridge and the sidewalks approaching the bridge and nearby railroad tracks. The bidding and planning phase is well under way and construction is expected to begin soon. Neighbors who drive and walk in this area have experienced the difficulties involved with safely crossing the bridge while pedestrians and vehicles are on the bridge at the same time. More information will be announced later, including when the bridge replacement will close the road to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. View KY3's coverage of this story at KY3.com.

This was an election year for mayor and City Council Zone representatives. The Zone 1 neighborhood associations, including the WNBA, and the Neighborhood Advisory Council, organized a public candidate forum where our neighbors could hear candidates' positions on neighborhood concerns so we could make an informed decision at the polls.

The WNBA participates in the Adopt-A-Street Program by picking up litter along the sides of Mt. Vernon Street between Park Ave and Kansas Expressway. This was done in April and will be done again in October or November. When a date is set, it will be announced on our Facebook page and Nextdoor. Come join us and meet your neighbors.

One of the most popular events sponsored by the WNBA is the spring neighborhood clean-up. WNBA volunteers help our neighbors dispose of unwanted household items and yard waste into dumpsters that is hauled away from our neighborhood. This last event removed tons of trash from our neighborhood. We can always use more volunteers at this event. This could be an opportunity for you to help your neighbors and your neighborhood. With an increase of volunteers an additional clean-up could be added to serve the neighborhood.

Have you walked on the new neighborhood sidewalks? The WNBA discussed the need for additional sidewalks and the need was addressed



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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

Oct. 10 • Nov. 14 • Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m.,

@ Westport Park Apartments,
Community Room (250 N. Hilton Ave.)



by the City. The sidewalk on West Avenue now goes from College Street to Grand. Watch for additional sidewalks coming to the neighborhood. While checking out the new sidewalk, stop by Madison and West to check out the Little Free Library. The library has books and movies to check out as well as neighborhood information.

The WNBA represents our neighborhood at the Neighborhood Advisory Council. The NAC brings the concerns and budget priorities to the City for consideration.

If you want to help with any of these activities or other projects, including organizing a block party, assist with funding and grant applications, participating in Westport School events, helping with Route 66 events, participate in parades, helping with Boys & Girls Clubs events, write an article for the SGF Neighborhood News, or if you have your own ideas for the Westside, come to a WNBA meeting. It is neighbors helping neighbors.

The WNBA meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Westport Park Apartment, Community Room, 250 N. Hilton. Come to a meeting and bring your ideas on helping your neighborhood.

Little Free Library open in Westside

From WNBA's Facebook page

We would like to announce the grand opening of the Little Free Library that WNBA has been working on.

It is at the corner of West and Madison and is ready for patrons. It works on the premise of bring one, take one. There are books and movies, both adult and children's. We would love some feedback on the kinds of materials you would like to see in the library. This library is for the use of all the neighborhood. If used the way intended, there should be new choices every time you go.

Thank you to John and Cheryl Bright for donating supplies and building the library. Also to Meeks and Cowens Ace Hardware for donating supplies. We appreciate Candy and Bob Smith for providing the shady corner, mounting it and maintaining it. Hopefully it will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood.



Westside Public Health Center now houses Nest Partnership

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor



Formerly the Springfield-Greene County Health Department's immunization center, the Westside Public Health Center facility now houses a one-stop family health care shop with partners from Jordan Valley Community Health Center, WIC, nursing services and others.

Collectively, the services are called the Nest Partnership, which seeks to Nurture, Empower, Support and Teach families.

The center also offers education and resources to families such as prenatal home visits to expecting mothers, home visits to infants that have special care needs and community classes on a variety of health and safety topics. All services are free and provided by registered nurses.

"It gives me great satisfaction to be part of this collaborative endeavor that brings much needed health services into a northwest Springfield neighborhood," said Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson. "Under one roof and near to home, residents of Westside and Heart of the Westside neighborhoods will be provided

primary medical care, WIC services, and parenting education opportunities. Speaking on behalf of the citizens of Zone 1, I want to thank the individuals and agencies who saw our need and stepped forward to meet it."

An integral part of the Nest Partnership are Jordan Valley Community Health Center's services staffed by Cindy Tull, NP. Tull sees pediatric patients and their families for well or sick visits.

"Jordan Valley is excited to participate in this partnership by bringing medical services into the community setting," said Dr. Matt Stinson, vice president of medical and behavioral health at Jordan Valley.

Primary care services are offered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 417-851-1558.

Additional services housed at the facility include:

PRENATAL CASE MANAGEMENT

The Nest Partnership provides nurse case management for at-risk prenatal women or families with young children. Services are delivered in the home during scheduled visits for nurse assessment, intervention, education and collaboration with health care providers.

This program seeks to encourage healthy behavior for eligible expectant mothers in order to deliver healthy babies. All services are voluntary and free. The program serves any pregnant woman who has one of the factors listed below:

- Alcohol abuse by client or partners
- Considered relinquishment of infant
- Currently smoking
- Drug dependence or misuse by client or partner
- Homelessness
- Living alone or single parent living alone
- Mother's age is 17 years or less at the time of conception
- Mother's age is 35 years or greater at time of conception
- Multiple fetuses in current pregnancy
- Partner with history of violence
- Physical or emotional abuse/neglect of client

- Physical abuse or neglect of children in the home
- Pre-pregnancy weight less than 100 pounds
- Previous infant death
- Prior low birth weight baby.

A nurse case manager will make home visits every month during the pregnancy and then every month for two months after the baby is born.

During the visit, the nurse will:

- Weigh mom
- Record mom's blood pressure
- Connect mom and family to resources
- Provide education about healthy behavior
- Monitor mom's health status.

SPECIAL CARE INFANT SERVICE

Nest's Special Care Infant Service is a nurse home visiting program for families with babies who need a little special care. Its goal is to help families make sure their babies are healthy as they grow and learn. Nurses help parents learn more about baby health, safety, and development.

The program works with families for three to six months, visiting in the home weekly for the first six weeks, then spacing visits out over the next few months. It focuses on five areas for support and education: health, safety, development, parenting skills and self-sufficiency.

During the visits, nurses may:

- Measure baby's weight, length and head circumference.
- Assist with breast or bottle feeding.
- Help you learn special skills needed for your child's needs (home oxygen, feeding tubes, medications, etc.)
- Show you how to make a safe sleep nursery for your baby.
- Connect you with others in the community who can help with home safety.
- Share information about what to expect as your baby grows and develops.
- Listen to your concerns and help you learn skills for parenting.



Criteria for the Special Care Infant Service program include, but are not limited to:

- Premature (<34 weeks) or late preterm (34-37 weeks) infant
- Term infant with medical condition
- Failure to thrive
- Concerns with growth and development
- Prenatal exposure to harmful substances
- Parent/caregiver mental health concerns
- Parental/caregiver learning difficulty or disability
- Cultural/language/age challenges to health communication and learning
- Family needs assistance with access to health care or other support services
- Complex health, social, economic, or environmental issues impacting family health.

For more information about the Nest Partnership, or to join the program, call 417-874-1220 or visit **NestPartnership.org**. Follow the program on social media at **twitter.com/NestPartnership** or **facebook.com/nestpartnership**.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

Woodland Heights hits it out of the park for Habitat for Humanity annual run

By Melissa Adler, for SGFNN

It was a day of firsts. It was the first time a 5k/10k course was run entirely north of Commercial Street. It was the first time many of the runners and walkers had ever been to Lafayette Park. As far as first impressions go, Woodland Heights hit a home run by hosting the 9th annual Habitat Home Run 5k/10k/1 mile Fun Run on Aug. 26.

"This was a great opportunity to introduce a lot of folks to our focus neighborhood, Woodland Heights," said Habitat's executive director Larry Peterson. "Visitors saw challenges that the community faces. But they also saw beauty and potential."

Woodland Heights is the home of Habitat's newest program, neighborhood revitalization (NR). NR is an approach to serve more families by responding to community goals with a variety of products, services and partnerships that enable residents to revive their neighborhoods and enhance their quality of life.



The Habitat Home Run is the official race of the Price Cutter Charity Championship, which benefits 40-plus charities, including Habitat for Humanity of Springfield (HFHS). Habitat's share of the proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization activities in Woodland Heights.

With the change of course, runners saw the direct impact of our community's volunteers and donors

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@ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church
(722 W. Atlantic St.)
woodlandheightsneighborhood.org

as race participants run by homes that have already been revitalized. Current efforts include:

- Homes that have been painted during two Rock the Block neighborhood cleanup events.
- Freshly landscaped yards through partnership with Habitat's "A Brush with Kindness" program.
- A community garden created in partnership with Reed Academy, Springfield Community Gardens, and Woodland Heights Neighborhood.
- Charlie Norr Community Center located next to Lafayette Park.

Nearly 300 runners and walkers explored the mostly flat and shaded streets of Woodland Heights. Members of the JROTC at Hillcrest High School and football players from Reed Middle School came out in force to cheer. The Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association worked a water station. Springfield Fire Department sent three of their finest firefighters, who became favorite targets in the water balloon fight that immediately followed the awards ceremony.

The whole experience was a first for Kimmie G., who signed up for the one-mile race but decided to keep going on the 5k course.

"Thank you for everything," said Kimmie. "It was so fun! Thank you to all the volunteers, thank you to the encouragers! And thank you for all the goodies, and for the food afterwards, and the massage, I was so impressed by everything. I have never done anything like this before, and I loved it; quite inspirational."

Only one person can be first in a race. But every runner and walker at the Habitat Home Run was part of something bigger than coming in first — helping an entire neighborhood win.

Woodland Heights Information Stations offer news, opportunities to get involved

By Melissa Adler, for SGFNN



The Internet is everywhere—except in the places it isn't.

When the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association wants to spread the word about an event, using social media is only one piece of its communication strategy.

Outdoor containers, dubbed "Information Stations" are popping up around Woodland Heights in pedestrian-friendly areas. The idea is to push out information about the neighborhood and encourage people to post their own news. The stations belong to the neighbors, and they can use them to exchange goods and services if they want to.

The first Information Station was installed along Atlantic Street at the Springfield Dream Center. It's stocked with flyers about neighborhood events, Habitat for Humanity of Springfield (HFHS) programs and copies of the SGF Neighborhood News. Becky Volz, a Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association board member, restocks the station twice a week.

There are plans for a total of six information stations. A larger station complete with benches will be constructed at Lafayette Park next to the Charlie Norr Community Center. The outdoor signs are possible through a Fund for Shared Insight grant. The purpose of the grant is to implement a systematic approach for listening to residents and to increase engagement.

The stations, which intentionally resemble bird houses, were designed and built by Woodland Heights' Jim Howell. On the day we installed the first station, we discovered stamped bricks from the original sidewalk. We felt like archaeologists who dug up a little history. In a way, the new information stations are a shout out to the history of Woodland Heights, as they can be considered mini town squares where people are encouraged to gather and talk — no Internet required.



Celebrate 150 Years of Springfield History

Hazelwood Cemetery
SESQUICENTENNIAL

10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14

1642 E. Seminole Street
Springfield, Missouri

Commemoration Ceremony ♦ Revolutionary War Wreath-laying ♦ Guided History Walk
♦ Information booths and more!

 **HAZELWOOD CEMETERY**
EST 1867

Aug. 19 Neighborhood Night Out at Lafayette Park



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 10 • Nov. 14 • Dec. 12: 7:30-8:30 p.m. @ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on the southwest corner of Benton and Division, at the edge of the Cox North Hospital parking lot (1471 N. Benton Ave.)

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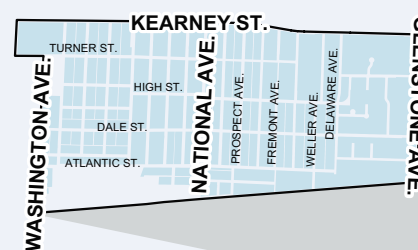
Phelps Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Fire Station 1 community room, 720 E. Grand. Contact an association officer for meeting times.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 17 • Nov. 21 • Dec. 19: 7-8 p.m. @ University Heights Baptist Church (1010 S. National Ave.)

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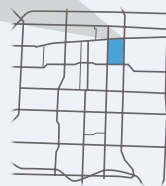


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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 5 • Nov. 2 • Dec. 7: 6-7 p.m. @ Turning Point Church (1722 N. National Ave.)



Midtown Neighborhood Night Out, Aug. 25



Robberson Neighborhood Night Out, Aug. 26



Weller Neighborhood Night Out, Aug. 25

Want to submit an article about your neighborhood? Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!

Attend neighborhood association meetings to learn more about what's going on in your area, neighborhood projects, programs offered, and more!

Events

October- December 2017

EDUCATION

Springfield-Greene County Library District Free Technology Classes: You can choose what you want to learn and go at your own speed with our self-paced tutorials. We provide the computer and you select from a wide variety of lessons designed specifically for individual learning. Topics include basic skills, Windows 10, Microsoft. Visit thelibrary.org, a library branch, or call 417-837-5011 for the schedule. Please note these classes are for adults.

Learn It! Self-Paced Free Computer Tutorials: Ongoing, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. You can choose what you want to learn and go at your own speed with our self-paced tutorials. We provide the computer and you select from a wide variety of lessons designed specifically for individual learning. Topics include basic skills, Windows 10, Microsoft Office, Quickbooks, Gmail, Photoshop and more. Both interactive and video tutorials are available to fit your learning style. We also offer computer-instructed keyboarding lessons to help you learn to type or improve your typing skills. Prerequisites: Some experience using keyboard and mouse. For adults.

Fix-it Fair: Dec. 2: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. MidTown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St., (downstairs meeting room.) Throw it away? No way! Attend Springfield's next Fix-it Fair and learn to repair your broken common household items from volunteer repair experts. Event is free to attend. We've fixed vacuums, lamps, fans, blenders, bikes, and more! To volunteer, please contact Amanda Stadler at 888-2020. The Fix-it Fair is sponsored by Community Partnership of the Ozarks, MidTown Carnegie Branch Library, and Queen City Beard and Mustache Federation.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Neighborhood Walking Groups: Chesterfield Park: Wednesdays, 4-4:45 p.m., 2511 W. Republic Rd. Doling Park: Mondays, 10-11 a.m., 301 E. Talmage St. Jordan Valley Park: Fridays, 12-1 p.m., 635 E. Trafficway St. • Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park: Mondays 10-11 a.m., 2400 S. Scenic Ave.

Tai Chi with Dee Ogilvy: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central • 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Mount Carmel Methodist Church, 1001 N. National • 9-10 a.m., Fridays, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. FREE: learn Yang Style Tai Chi from Shifu M. Dee Ogilvy. Great for adults of any age and physical fitness level, no special equipment needed, beginners welcome. Learn more at springfieldtaichi.wordpress.com.

Turkey Trot: Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23: 8 a.m., Downtown Springfield. Proceeds benefit the Park Board Scholarship Fund and the Developmental Center of the Ozarks. Bring five items or five pounds of food to donate to Ozarks Food Harvest. Register online at ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot. Fee: Early-bird registration by Fri., Nov. 17 (postmarked by Mon., Nov. 13): \$20/Adult, \$15/Child. Registration Nov. 22-23, in person only at Springfield Expo Center: \$30/Adult, \$25/Child.

ARTS, CULTURE & FUN

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

First Friday Art Walk: First Friday of each month, 6-10 p.m., downtown Springfield. Art lovers "Walk the Walk" throughout the Downtown Arts District, enjoying original art, music, demonstrations and performances in gallery venues. Visit ffaw.org.

C-Street City Market: Every Saturday through October: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Plaza, 321 E. Commercial St. The C-Street City Market unites our urban communities with our local farmers and artists. The market combines wholesome foods and crafts from local farmers and artisans in a family-friendly environment. Activities include free yoga at the beginning, live bands at Lindbergh's, and more.

Water: The Artist's Essential Element: Open through Oct. 29. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. This exhibit features over twenty works from the Museum's extensive collection of watermedia paintings with a focus on waterscapes. Visit sgfmuseum.org for hours of operation.



Wonder Rooms: Ozark Collections: Sept. 16- Feb. 25, 2018. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. The exhibit will present representative works from ten local collections, and will feature a wide range of media arranged in cabinets or 'rooms,' including ceramics, photography, outsider art, local art, furniture, prints and drawings. Visit sgfmuseum.org for hours of operation.

Director's Talk: Oct. 5: 5:30 p.m. Join Nick Nelson, director of the Springfield Art Museum, as he shares his thoughts on the nature of art collecting.

Collector's Talk Series: Join collectors as they share stories and insights about their collections currently featured in Wonder Rooms: Ozark Collections.

- Alex and Cathy Primm: Oct. 26: 5:30 p.m.
- Marian Stahl Chamberlain: Nov. 9: 5:30 p.m.
- William Brandon Bowman: Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m.

8th annual Springfield Jazz Festival: Sept. 30. Enjoy free jazz performances in downtown Springfield. Stages will be set up at Park Central Square and in front of the Gillioz Theatre. This year's headline duo is Herb Alpert and Lani Hall! Tickets available at gillioztheatre.com. Visit springfieldjazzfestival.com for more info.



Harvest Fest: Sept. 30-Oct. 29, Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sundays, 12-6 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. Activities include a corn maze, hayrides, pumpkin patch, Cow Train rides, carnival games, inflatables and more! Admission is free. Some activities have a small fee.

Haunted Trail of Horrors open Friday and Saturday nights only, 6:30-10 p.m. Kids 8-12 must be with an adult; no kids under 8 admitted. Fee: \$5/person.



Trail of Honor Dedication: Oct. 12: 2-3 p.m. Ozark Greenways, the Missouri Veterans Commission, and the C.W. Titus Foundation are thrilled to dedicate the newest trail section of the James River Greenway, the Trail of Honor, located in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. Come to this patriotic celebration by bike or on foot, if possible.

Veterans' Views Program: Movie Screening - Stray Dog: Oct. 12: 5:30 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Join us for a free screening of Stray Dog, a documentary film focused on Ron "Stray Dog" Hall - a biker, a Vietnam War veteran, and a lover of small dogs - from Winter's Bone director and co-writer Debra Granik. This film is not rated.

Stroll-A-Thon and Bike It!: Oct. 14: 9-11:30 a.m., Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Rd. Dress for Halloween and decorate your ride for a parade. We'll have games, snacks, and prizes for best costumes and decorations. We'll also focus on safe riding in driveways, roads, and neighborhoods. Call 891-1500 for more information.



Hazelwood Cemetery Sesquicentennial: Oct. 14: 10 a.m., Hazelwood Cemetery, 1642 E. Seminole St. Celebrate 150 years of Springfield history with a commemoration ceremony, Revolutionary War wreath-laying, guided history work, informational booths and more.

Veterans' Views Program: Teen Writing Workshop: Oct. 19: 6-7:30 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Teens will investigate and respond to images in the exhibition through guided observation, discussion, and creative writing. This program is free, but pre-registration is required at sgfmuseum.org.

Springfield Fire Department's Truck or Treat: Oct. 26: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fire station 8 (across from Ewing Park), 1405 S. Scenic. Wear your Halloween costume to meet your Springfield firefighters and tour the fire station! Games, crafts, and activities! Admission to all the fun is FREE! (Food available for a small charge.)

Trick Art Treat: Oct. 28: 10 a.m.-noon. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Visit sgfmuseum.org for more information.

Veterans' Views Program: Veteran Family Portraits: Nov. 4: 10 a.m. Exhibition juror Rebecca Miller will be taking free family portraits for veterans. By appointment only. Please call 417-873-6337 or email rmiller01@drury.edu to reserve your session.

Veterans' Appreciation Day: Nov. 11: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Free zoo admission for military veteran with ID and their immediate family. Fee: \$12/Adults and teens, \$8/Children 3-12 yrs. and seniors 60 yrs. and up.

Veterans' Views Program: Voices From Vietnam: Nov. 16: 6 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Performance organized by Larry Rottman featuring original music, poetry, and stories relating to the war in Vietnam, the veteran's experience, and the local culture. Due to subject matter, may be inappropriate for children younger than 13.

Mayor's Holiday Kickoff: Nov. 18: 5:30-9 p.m., Park Central Square. Check sgfneighborhoodnews.com for more information.

Festival of Lights: Nov. 18-Dec. 31. Visit itsalldowntown.com for the schedule of events.

Free Family Day: Nov. 25: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Crafts and gift making. Visit sgfmuseum.org for more information.



Candy Cane Lane: Fri.-Sun., Dec. 1-17: 5-8 p.m. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. Drive through the farm and enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 10,000 lights. Fee: \$5/Vehicle



Richard Tuttle: Lines and Edges: Dec. 9-March 25, 2018. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Richard Tuttle has spent the majority of his career working within a very limited set of formal constraints — line, color, and form — to explore deeper issues of abstraction. His practice has encompassed a wide variety of materials including from etchings, aquatints, and woodcuts to more ordinary materials such as cardboard, Styrofoam, wire, wood, cloth and rope. Visit sgfmuseum.org for hours of operation.

Grant Wood: Lithographs: Dec. 9 -March 25, 2018. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. Wood produced 19 lithographs in his lifetime. All nineteen will be featured in the exhibition. This exhibit will examine Wood's thematic concerns and role in the growth and popularity of printmaking in America. Visit sgfmuseum.org for hours of operation.

JOBS & CAREERS

The Missouri Job Center offers free one-on-one job counseling services, resume assistance and several workshops and training classes at their locations at 2900 E. Sunshine and 1443 N. Robberson, and via the mobile career center bus. Visit them in person or online at springfieldmo.gov/jobcenter to view the schedule or call 417-887-4343 for more information.

Missouri Job Center Jobs Club: Mondays: 10-11 a.m., Missouri Job Center, 2900 E. Sunshine. Free application process tips, methods and techniques to improve your chances for success, weekly guest speakers, network with employers regarding local job opportunities.

BY NEIGHBORHOOD

BISSETT

Bissett Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 10: 6:30-7:30 p.m., optional pot luck 6 p.m. Bissett Elementary School, 3014 W. Calhoun. Nov. 14: 6:30-7:30 p.m., optional pot luck 6 p.m. Faith Baptist, 2920 W. Nichols.

Bissett Neighborhood Clean-up: Oct. 21: 8 a.m.-noon. Pilot project: Curbside only. Residents are asked to place bagged and large items at the curb for removal by 7 a.m. Scheduling is not required for pickup, but if you have any questions, please call Republic Services at 417-865-1717. Republic Services will pick up bagged small items, furniture, carpet (4-foot tied rolls), small household items, bicycles and grills (no propane tanks). They will not pick up yardwaste, appliances, remodeling/construction debris, tires, motors, large vehicle parts, bulk liquids or hazardous waste. Call Pete Radecki at 417-988-1257 to volunteer to help.

BRADFORD PARK

Bradford Park Neighborhood Association Meeting: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception, 3555 S. Fremont Ave.

Bradford Park Street Festival: Oct. 22: Join us for this exciting, annual Fall event. We can always use new ideas and additional help to plan and pull off this extraordinary day of music, games, fun and food! Call Dellene for info or to volunteer, 882-2801.

DELAWARE

Delaware Neighborhood Association

Meeting: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5: 7 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland.

Delaware & Rountree Neighborhood Clean-up:

Oct. 7: 8 a.m.-noon, University Heights Church, 1010 S National Ave.



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DOLING

Cruise Kearney: Oct. 13: 6-10 p.m., Kearney from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone.

Doling Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Doling Family Center Community Room.

GRANT BEACH

Grant Beach Produce Distribution: 2:30 p.m.

Thursdays, Hovey House. Participants are required to join the Grant Beach Garden Committee for \$5 per year and do two hours of garden-related volunteer work for Springfield Community Gardens. Contact Shelley Vaugine at 417-942-2456.

Grant Beach Dinner and Circles® program:

Thursdays: 5:15-7:30 p.m., The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Childcare provided. Circles® is a nationwide movement of communities in the United States and Canada focused on ending poverty by breaking down systematic barriers and creating community.



Harvest Fest at Grant Beach: Oct. 7: 5-7 p.m., Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St. We'll be giving away Halloween costumes, and we'll have a pet parade with prizes. There will be games for

kids, face painting, music and more. Food will be served for a donation.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1115 N. Campbell.

GREATER PARKCREST

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Garage Sale:

Oct. 5-7: Call Janet at 882-1241 if you have unwanted items you would like to donate to benefit the association.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Clean-up:

Oct. 14: 8 a.m.-noon, One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association

Meeting: Oct. 19: 6:30-8 p.m., The Way Church, 903 W. Katella St.

Greater Parkcrest Holiday Bazaar: Nov. 18:

9 a.m.-1 p.m., The Way Church, 903 W. Katella St.

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE

Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19: 6:30-7:30 p.m., The Salvation Army, 1707 W. Chestnut Expy.

MIDTOWN

Tai Chi with Dee Ogilvy: Tuesdays: 6- 7 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. Learn Yang Style Tai Chi from Shifu, M. Dee Ogilvy, who began practicing Tai Chi 25 years ago at Duke University. Beginners are welcome.



C-Street City Market: Every Saturday through Oct.: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Plaza, 321 E. Commercial St. The C-Street City Market unites our urban communities with our local farmers and artists. The market combines wholesome foods and crafts from local farmers and artisans in a family-friendly environment. Activities include free yoga at the beginning, live bands at Lindbergh's, and more.

We are participating in a program called Double Up Food Bucks. This allows you to use your SNAP card at Market and DOUBLE your money! Items include lettuce, tomato, garlic, kale, eggs, honey, baked goods, plants and more!

Midtown Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Urban Neighborhood Alliance building (small white building on the southwest corner of Benton and Division, at the edge of the Cox North Hospital parking lot.)



Midtown Victorian Christmas Homes Tour:

Dec. 1, 5-9 p.m. and Dec. 2, noon-5 p.m.: Midtown Historic District. Includes five homes, historic Central High School and historic Sacred Heart Church with a craft fair. Free shuttle service available from the Drury Diversity Center in the Historical Washington

Avenue Baptist Church, (803 N. Washington Ave.) to all stops. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets on sale Nov. 27-Dec. 1 at Maschino's, Enterprise Lanes, Sunshine Lanes and Midtown Pharmacy. Tickets will be available during the tour at Drury Diversity Center and Sacred Heart Church. Visit facebook.com/midtownsgf for more information.

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Meeting:

Oct. 24: 6-7 p.m., Oak Grove Community Center, 1538 S. Oak Grove Ave.

Oak Grove Neighborhood Adopt-a-Street Cleanup: Oct. 28: Bennett St.

Oak Grove Neighborhood Clean-up: Nov. 4: 8 a.m.-noon, East Grand Street Church of Christ, 2220 E Grand St.

PHELPS GROVE

Tai Chi with Dee Ogilvy: Fridays: 9- 10 a.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Learn Yang Style Tai Chi from Shifu, M. Dee Ogilvy, who began practicing Tai Chi 25 years ago at Duke University. Beginners are welcome.

Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Phelps Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, primarily at Fire Station 1 community room, 720 E. Grand. Contact an association officer for meeting times.

ROBBERSON



Robberson Community Dinner and Circles® program:

Tuesdays: 5:15-7:30 p.m., Robberson Community School, 1100 E. Kearney St. Childcare provided. Circles® is a

nationwide movement of communities in the United States and Canada focused on ending poverty by breaking down systematic barriers and creating community.

Celebrating Cultures Night: Oct. 5: 5-7 p.m., Robberson Community School, 1100 E. Kearney St.

Crosslines Food Distribution for Robberson Neighborhood: Oct. 6: 9:30- 11 a.m., Robberson Community School parking lot, 1100 E. Kearney St.

Robberson Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale.

Holiday Craft Night: Dec. 11: 5-6:30 p.m., Robberson Community School, 1100 E. Kearney St.

ROUNTREE

Rountree & Delaware Neighborhood Clean-up:

Oct. 7: 8 a.m.-noon, University Heights Church, 1010 S National Ave.

Rountree Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19: 7-8 p.m., University Heights Baptist Church, 1010 S. National.

TOM WATKINS

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Clean-up:

Oct. 7: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Williams Elementary, 2205 W. Kearney St.

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 26: 6-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Center, 2100 W. High. Potluck at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. Come for one or the other, but we would love to have you for both!

WELLER

Weller Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7: 6-7 p.m., Turning Point Church, 1722 N. National.

Tai Chi with Dee Ogilvy: Wednesdays: 5-6 p.m., Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, 1001 N. National Ave. Learn Yang Style Tai Chi from Shifu, M. Dee Ogilvy, who began practicing Tai Chi 25 years ago at Duke University. Beginners are welcome.

WEST CENTRAL

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Meeting:

Oct. 24, Nov. 28: 6:30-7:30 p.m., McGregor Elementary, 1221 W. Madison St.

West Central Neighborhood Clean-up: Nov. 4: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., W. Campbell Elementary, 506 S. Grant Ave.

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Holiday Party: Dec. TBA

WESTSIDE

Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association

Meetings: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12: 6:30 p.m., Westport Park Apartments Community Room, 250 N. Hilton.

Westside Adopt-a-Street Clean-up: Oct. 14: 9 a.m., Zagonyi Park, 720 S. Park Ave. We will meet and then pick up litter on Mt. Vernon St. between Park St. and Kansas Expressway. All of our neighbors are invited to help. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S



Springfield Fire Department's Truck or Treat:

Oct. 26: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fire station 8 (Parking at Ewing Park), 1405 S. Scenic. Wear your Halloween costume to meet your Springfield firefighters and tour the fire station! Games, crafts, activities and candy! Admission to all the fun is FREE! (Food available for a small charge.)

WOODLAND HEIGHTS

Woodland Heights Community Dinner and

Circles® program: Wednesdays: 5:15-7:30 p.m., Springfield Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic St. Childcare provided. Circles® is a nationwide movement of communities in the United States and Canada focused on ending poverty by breaking down systematic barriers and creating community.

Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, 722 W. Atlantic.

Moon City Art Takeover: Oct. 21: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 422 W. Chase St. Adults and children 14 and up are invited to paint a mural on the warehouse foundation owned by Springfield Victory Mission. Live DJ. #markyourspot

Moon City Pole Painting: Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Oct. 29, 12-5 p.m., Moon City Creative District. No charge, but we appreciate a contribution at mooncitycreativedistrict.com/pole-painting. Must register online or on event day, at the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Center at Atlantic and Campbell.

Moon City Gallery Tour: Dec. 10: 1-5 p.m. Shop for unique gifts. Meet artists who live and work in Moon City Creative District.



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