



New adult high school set to open Oct. 22

By Kim King, The Excel Center, for SGFNN

MERS Goodwill will open Springfield's Goodwill Excel Center at 1514 S. Glenstone Ave. Monday, Oct. 22 to help adults earn their high school diploma free of charge. MERS stands for Metropolitan Employment Rehabilitation Services.

"The ability to extend education to those who for whatever reason were unable to receive a high school diploma is not only the greatest honor, but serves as the fuel for my passion." – Director Joseph Cole

There are approximately 500,000 people in Missouri over 21 without a high school diploma. MERS Goodwill hopes that people take advantage of the Goodwill Excel Centers when they open. Educational services will be provided free of charge. Class times will be flexible to accommodate work schedules, and each facility will have a free, drop-in child care center. Those interested in applying can call 314-982-8802 or visit mersgoodwill.org/excel-center-registration-form/.

MERS Goodwill hired Joseph Cole to lead the Springfield center as its first director.

"We are excited to have Joseph on board as we get set to open the Springfield Goodwill Excel Center in just a few short months," said David Kutchback, president and CEO of MERS Goodwill. "The school will assist adults over the age of 21 to earn high school degrees. A core piece of the program is to help individuals gain workplace certifications that allow for higher wages and greater career opportunities. We are eager to help individuals earn their degree and continue our mission of 'changing lives through the power of work' through this program."

Cole has spent eight years in various levels of public education in Missouri, six of which were as a classroom teacher. In addition to his experience in education, Cole spent 13 years in various levels of sales and corporate management. Cole received his bachelor's degree in secondary education social studies from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and his master's degree in education from Central Methodist University.

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Welcome to the Fall 2018 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 website.

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Cleanups scheduled for all 18 registered neighborhoods fall 2018-spring 2019

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The City of Springfield and Community Partnership of the Ozarks have again contracted with Republic Services to offer neighborhood cleanups for fall of 2018-spring of 2019.

Heart of the Westside's cleanup was in September; the six additional fall neighborhood cleanups start Oct. 13 with Greater Parkcrest and continue through Nov. 17 with Delaware. The spring cleanups start March 23, 2019 with Midtown and run through June 1, 2019 with Bissett. See the full schedule on page 3.

CPO coordinates with the City of Springfield's Neighborhoods and Planning Office to coordinate and administer cleanup activities in registered neighborhoods in Springfield. These cleanups give Springfield residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items such as mattresses, furniture, and appliances as well as yard waste, free of cost. In 2017-2018, 17 neighborhoods participated in cleanups with 19 events.

One thousand three hundred sixty-two households were served and 454 curbside pickups were made. Nearly 200 tons of waste in 100 dumpsters, more than 20 tons of scrap metal, 42 dumpsters of yard waste and more than 215 TVs were collected and recycled last year. Additionally,



nearly 500 volunteers put in 1,945 volunteer hours during last year's cleanups!

If you have questions about your neighborhood's cleanup, or if curbside pickup is available in your neighborhood's cleanup and you need to make arrangements, please contact your neighborhood cleanup coordinator. Fees may apply.

Full 2018-2019 fall and spring cleanup schedules available on page 3.

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school diploma is not only the greatest honor, but serves as the fuel for my passion," said Cole. "I cannot wait to open our doors and encourage anyone who knows an adult who has not completed a high school diploma, to seek us out for a free education and begin changing their lives forever."

An open house to celebrate the grand opening will take place the week of Oct. 15. MERS Goodwill will also open Goodwill Excel Centers in Poplar Bluff and St. Louis in October. The fourth Goodwill Excel Center, located in Columbia, will open in 2019.

ABOUT MERS GOODWILL



Celebrating 100 years, MERS Goodwill changes lives through the power of work. Its vision is a community where each individual has the opportunity to learn, work and achieve their greatest potential. Annually serving more than 50,000 individuals, the non-profit agency

operates in 75 locations serving 89 counties in the bi-state area. Revenues from 44 Goodwill stores assist with funding MERS Goodwill job training and employment services. MERS Goodwill is a proud member of the United Way. For more information about MERS Goodwill or to find a Goodwill donation center near you, call 314-241-3464 or visit mersgoodwill.org.

City Manager Jason Gage: *Community spirit alive and well in SGF*

By Jason Gage, Publisher

What a difference a few weeks makes! I feel so fortunate to be serving as Springfield's city manager. This community has been so gracious and welcoming to me. I continue to meet more and more people that glow with pride for Springfield. Community spirit is certainly alive and well in this town!

"Our neighborhoods are the cornerstone of our community and a reflection of our culture. It is both my hope and expectation that together we can create the most healthy and livable neighborhoods possible."

I take very seriously the responsibility of leading and managing the City's municipal functions. We must always strive to perform at the highest level. I often like to contrast local government to private business. Private business must compete to survive and make a profit. This competition often leads to quality products and services at a reasonable cost. Municipal governments are natural monopolies that do not rely on competition or profits. Our motivation for quality and efficiency comes from the expectations of those we serve and a desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I have often relied on the following pillars to guide my approach.

INTEGRITY

I believe that integrity is the key to successful city government operations and it can never be compromised. Citizens place their trust in city



government to provide services and make decisions on their behalf. As a result, it is our responsibility to place the public's trust at the highest level.

PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY

Our residents work hard to earn a living. While paying taxes is not always popular, it is tolerated if service value is returned. That is why the City of Springfield strives for constant improvement. Our commitment to our community is to provide the highest possible quality of services and programs in the most efficient way possible. This means doing a job right the first time and using every minute wisely.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is a lot more than talking. To be effective, it requires us to slow down and listen, rather than just hear. Communication also requires us to try and understand another person's perspective. Occasionally, it may require us to show a little sympathy or feel some empathy. A failure to communicate can easily break down the path to quality service delivery and is not an option for us.

INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

Private business is known for innovation, while local government is not. Like private business, local government often runs into problems that need a custom solution. That is why we need to always emphasize and support new ideas and a reasonable and safe amount of risk taking. With good communication, new ideas in one part of our organization can be shared with other departments or divisions. Good ideas can improve service quality or result in completing our work in less time. An innovative and creative ►



New City Manager Jason Gage being sworn in Aug. 1 by City Clerk Anita Cotter

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LOGISTICAL ABILITY

Local government is pretty good at creating a process for visioning and planning. However, we are not always as good at implementation, or logistics. Logistics deals with finding the best approach to accomplishing a task, executing a program or solving a problem. Strategically addressing logistics is often the difference in success or failure. We will strive not only to create a great idea, but also to find the right path to make it work!

EFFORT

In sports, we often hear coaches and fans refer to effort. However, that is not a term often discussed in local government. I often hear people say, "I am doing the best that I can!" For me, this prompts a couple of questions. First, how often do we really give a full 100 percent? And second, do we even know what our best effort looks like? Regardless of the answer to these questions, people expect their local government to make an effort on their behalf. This is a very reasonable expectation and something your city government takes very seriously.

These pillars are vitally important as we consider how to provide the highest quality services, ensure our public's safety and ensure healthy neighborhoods. After all, our neighborhoods are the cornerstone of our community and a reflection of our culture. It is both my hope and expectation that together we can create the most healthy and livable neighborhoods possible.

I appreciate the commitment and efforts already demonstrated and truly look forward to working with you to achieve this goal!

City Manager Jason Gage can be reached at 417-864-1006.



City Manager Jason Gage met with community members during a meet-and-greet event Aug. 22.

Above: Jason meeting Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association President Joe Roberds.

Below: Jason talks with West Central Neighborhood Alliance President Caron Parnell.



2018 Fall Neighborhood Cleanup Schedule

GREATER PARKCREST:

Oct. 13: 8 a.m.– Noon
One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave.
Katy Deto (678-521-7455)

WEST CENTRAL:

Oct. 20: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Campbell Elementary, 506 S. Grant Ave.
Caron Parnell (314-825-6498)

GRANT BEACH:

Oct. 27: 8 a.m.– Noon
Central Assembly of God Parking Lot,
1445 N. Boonville Ave.
Pauletta Dunn (417-880-2453)

MEADOR PARK:

Nov. 3: 8 a.m.– Noon
Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont Ave.
Bobbi Ream (417-883-3438)

OAK GROVE:

Nov. 10: 8 a.m.– Noon
East Grand Church of Christ,
2220 E. Grand St.
Wendell Royer (417-883-6541)

DELAWARE:

Nov. 17: 8 a.m.– Noon
Westminster Presbyterian Church,
1551 E. Portland St.
Nancy Williams (417-496-2187)

2019 Spring Neighborhood Cleanup Schedule

MIDTOWN:

March 23, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Cox North Parking Lot, 1471 N. Benton Ave.
Brian Shipman (417-880-2855)

TOM WATKINS:

April 6, 2019: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Williams Elementary, 2205 W. Kearney St.
Marti Mowery (417-864-7239)

BRADFORD PARK:

April 13, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
End of Walnut Lawn, 1370 E. Walnut Lawn St.
Dellene Nelson (417-882-2801)

WELLER:

April 20, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Turning Point Church, 1722 N. National Ave.
Steve Young (417-864-6442)

ROUNTREE:

April 27, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
University Heights Church, 1010 S. National Ave.
Peggy Wise (417-860-8990)

WOODLAND HEIGHTS:

April 27, 2019: 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
Reed Academy, 2000 N. Lyon Ave.
Becky Volz (417-880-4210)

DOLING:

May 4, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Christ the King Church, 2537 N. Broadway Ave.
Christina Dicken (417-841-7273)

ROBBERSON:

May 4, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Central Baptist Church, 2148 N. National Ave.
Phyllis Evans (417-866-1087)

PHELPS GROVE:

May 18, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
MSU Parking Lot #18, Grand & Kings Ave.
Eric Pauly (417-736-9357)

WESTSIDE:

May 18, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Study Alternative Center, 2343 W. Olive St.
Joe Roberds (417-838-0041)

BISSETT:

June 1, 2019: 8 a.m.– Noon
Bissett Elementary 3014 W. Calhoun St.
Pete Radecki (417-988-1257)

Look for more information about the spring neighborhood cleanups in the upcoming Winter 2019 and Spring 2019 issues of SGF Neighborhood News.



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Firefighters to visit every elementary classroom during October

By Heather Parker, Fire Department, for SGFNN

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 the month of October.

By the end of October, SFD will have provided more than 10,000 children with life-saving safety 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.

Crime Stoppers installs kiosks at libraries, Walmarts

By Officer Rachel Kleemann,
Police Department, for SGFNN

The Greater Springfield Crime Stoppers program, in partnership with the City of Springfield and the Springfield Police Department, installed four informational kiosks at two Springfield-Greene County Library District locations and two local Walmarts Aug. 23:

- Library Station (2535 N. Kansas Expressway)
- Library Center (4653 S. Campbell)
- Walmart (1923 E. Kearney)
- Walmart (2021 E. Independence).

The kiosks display Amber Alerts, wanted fugitive features, arrested posters, special features, SPD recruiting information and general Crime Stoppers program information.

The kiosk units are easily transported and will be utilized at community events. The kiosk decals highlight where community members can go for additional information and include QR codes that can be scanned for easy access to the tip submission form and the Crime Stoppers website.

Although tips cannot be submitted directly at the kiosks, tip submission is simple to complete on your cell phone or tablet after scanning the QR code or utilizing the Crime Stoppers website.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks that encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. The program relies on cooperation between the police, the media, and citizens to provide anonymous information about crime and criminals in the Greene County area. Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are available for tips that directly lead to a felony arrest or seizure of a felony amount of drugs. Partners involved in bringing these innovative kiosks to Springfield hope to increase tip submissions, inform the community about relevant local crime information, and make Springfield a safer place.

More information about Greater Springfield Area Crime Stoppers can be found at:

- Facebook: facebook.com/GSACrimeStop
- Website: springfieldcrimestoppers.com
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Health Department pilots meal-kit program

By Cara Erwin, Health Department, for SGFNN



Mariah Cofield, Cox College Nutrition Diagnostics intern displays a chicken enchilada meal kit she put together. Cofield adapted the recipe to promote good nutrition, shopped and prepped the kit for distribution to families at Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield locations. This opportunity was made possible through a grant from the Missouri Department of Health.

You may have heard of Blue Apron or HelloFresh — simple recipes with pre-measured fresh ingredients delivered right to your door, allowing you to make healthy meals from your own kitchen.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department has used the concept of meal kits to reduce food insecurity in the Springfield community. In June, the department began piloting a meal-kit project to provide families with healthy meals they can prepare themselves at home.

So often we hear from families who say they can't afford or don't have the time to go to the store to purchase all the fresh ingredients to make

a healthy meal at home. The purpose of the meal-kit pilot project is to determine if we could take the meal kit concept and make it available to families who can't afford the \$8 to \$12 per serving for most meal-kit delivery services.

Each week for four weeks, Health Department employees and Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield volunteers assemble meal kits for distribution to families attending The Northwest Project's weekly program at the Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks. All of the recipes include fresh produce, a protein and other pre-measured ingredients. After the first distribution, it was clear the program was a hit.

We had participants tell us this is the first time they've had meat or fresh vegetables in months. Several said cooking healthy meals at home isn't an option for them because they can't afford the quality

of ingredients in the meal kits or they just don't have the time to go shopping for ingredients to cook healthy meals at home.

In addition to providing alternatives to families strapped for time and money, the program is also teaching participants about portion control, maintaining a balanced diet and how cooking can be easy and fun.

"My 9-year-old prepared it all by herself, with supervision," said program participant Chasta O'Malley. "She was so proud of herself and ate it. If I would have fixed it, she wouldn't touch it. It's a great way to get kids involved."

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After successful distributions at the Fairbanks, the Health Department expanded the pilot project to include distributions at all Springfield Boys & Girls Clubs units, the Heart of the Westside neighborhood and at National Night Out.

Volunteers from Boys & Girls Clubs helped assemble the kits. A group of middle-schoolers participating in Springfield Public Schools' Explore! program also got involved. Students in Pershing Middle School's #BeTheChange summer school class developed a recipe for the program, helped shop for ingredients, assembled the kits and volunteered at distributions.

Recipes included a turkey sausage and bell peppers skillet, easy crustless quiche, pork chops and veggies and chili mac with cucumber and tomato salad. Similar recipes would typically cost \$8-10 per serving through meal delivery services, but the program was able to use one-time grant funding provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to provide the kits to families through the pilot project at no cost. The actual cost to assemble them was around \$2-2.50 per serving.

While funding has not been identified to continue the project, the Health Department hopes the idea takes off with the help of interested partners. Anyone interested in supporting or being part of a future food kits project is invited to contact Cara Erwin at cewrin@springfieldmo.gov.

CoxHealth offering free screening mammograms No appointment necessary—just show up!

By Kaitlyn McConnell, CoxHealth, for SGFNN

Women of the Ozarks have more opportunities to receive a free screening mammogram.

CoxHealth is partnering with Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks to offer the exams for underinsured and uninsured women. They offered screening dates in August and September and will be offering two more in October:

- Oct. 22: Hulston Cancer Center, 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Cox North Hospital, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

No appointment is necessary for a mammogram, and participants do not need to be a CoxHealth patient to receive one.

After each exam, the scans will be interpreted by radiologists, and participants will be notified of the results.

Patients seeking additional information about the screening may call 417-269-LADY.



DO YOU KNOW?



Rachel Helwig, Community Health Advocate

*By Kathryn Wall, Health
Department, for SGFNN*

What is a Community Health Advocate?

Community Health Advocates (CHAs) are trusted members of the neighborhoods they serve. CHAs build relationships with their neighbors to help them live healthier lives

by connecting them to community resources and health care services. As a CHA for the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, I conduct blood pressure screenings and facilitate access to care through local health care partnerships. I also provide health education and help our residents navigate community resources.

What made you decide to apply for the role of Community Health Advocate?

I have a passion for healthy living and bettering my community. The role of CHA allows me to achieve both.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I enjoy most about being a CHA, is building relationships with individuals in our community and being able to provide support to our neighborhoods. I am passionate about getting citizens connected to the resources they need to help them live healthier lives.

Why is maintaining a healthy blood pressure so important?

Knowing your blood pressure numbers is vital. About one in three adults has high blood pressure. Untreated high blood pressure can lead to damage of the arteries, heart, brain and kidneys. It's often known as the "silent killer" because many people are not aware of their high blood pressure until they have a more serious health issue, such as a heart attack.

How can neighbors request a blood pressure screening, referral or more information?

If you would like to learn more about the program or need a health referral, please contact a CHA by email at CHA@springfieldmo.gov or by phone at 864-2477.

Or, look for me in the community! When I'm not going door to door in Springfield neighborhoods talking to residents, you might see me at a variety of locations, from area retailers to Springfield libraries. Please stop by, say hello and get a blood pressure reading. It could save your life!

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.

Mayor's Commission for Children, MSU conducting fifth Kindergarten Readiness Study

By Brigitte Marrs, Mayor's Commission for Children, for SGFNN



Brigitte Marrs

The Mayor's Commission for Children is again working with Missouri State University to conduct the Kindergarten Readiness Study. All Springfield kindergarten classes are participating in this assessment, which is administered to a random selection of students. This marks the fifth year that

the Mayor's Commission for Children has initiated this study to assess the kindergarten readiness of children entering Springfield Public Schools. The results of the study will be publicly available in the spring of 2019.

Data collected from the Kindergarten Readiness Study has been a driving force to support pre-K education at Springfield Public Schools. We are grateful to the Musgrave Foundation, Springfield Public Schools, Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the City of Springfield for funding for this important study.

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most fragile of our youth."**

Other areas of focus for the commission include finding sustainable funding for early childhood programs, reducing child abuse in our community and prevention and treatment of mental health issues and adverse childhood experiences (ACE).

The commission has been a driving force in elevating the awareness of the needs of children within our community. This advocacy has taken many forms; including youth safety, education and wellness and has marshaled the efforts of many organizations to elevate our community to one of open and thoughtful consideration of the needs of our next generation.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of continuing this pursuit and finding new methods of collaboration to care for the most fragile of our youth. I am pleased to be the liaison for the mayor

and City Council to the Mayor's Commission for Children as we move forward in the coming year," said Councilwoman Jan Fisk, who serves on the commission's advisory board.

ABOUT THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN

The Mayor's Commission for Children is an advisory group to the mayor and City Council and was formed in 2004 to help guide the community in advocating for children. Its mission is to ensure every child matters by acting as a catalyst to educate and mobilize our community concerning the health and well-being of our youth. The vision is to be the voice for children in our community.

Members of the nine-member commission are appointed by the mayor for three-year terms and must reside within the city limits of Springfield. The commission created an advisory council earlier this year that includes representation from Springfield Public Schools board and City Council.

Brigitte Marrs is the executive director of the Mayor's Commission for Children and can be reached at bmarrs@springfieldmo.gov.



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Green for Greene job program accepting applications for spring and summer 2019 sessions

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Missouri Job Center's Green for Greene program — an Environmental Protection Agency grant-funded “green” job training program designed to train and secure well-paying environmental jobs for residents of under-resourced areas — is now accepting applications for its spring and summer 2019 sessions. The spring session will begin in February 2019.

The specific, free training courses include certifications in:

- OSHA 10
- OSHA Hazwoper
- Trenching & Excavation
- Confined Space
- Lead Renovation Repair & Painting
- Lead Abatement Worker
- Asbestos Handler
- Forklift Driver
- Mold Abatement
- Silica
- Flagger
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- First Aid/CPR.

“These training classes are the keys to full-time, green jobs that pay well because they are in demand,” EPA Regional Administrator Mark Hague said. “For communities like Springfield, this helps build a workforce that can reclaim and revitalize environmentally challenged properties to benefit the community.”

While Zone 1 residents are given priority admission to the program, it's not a requirement to live in Zone 1 to participate in the program. Those interested in the training should contact Wendy Graves at 417-841-3342 or wgraves@springfieldmo.gov.

The Green for Greene program was created with a \$200,000 grant from EPA's Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) program in 2017. The grant was one of only 18 made available nationwide, as part of a \$3.5 million grant package.

“These training classes are the keys to full-time, green jobs that pay well because they are in demand.”

Since the EPA launched the EWDJT grant program in 1998, more than 256 grants have been awarded, exceeding a total of \$54 million. Approximately 14,700 individuals have completed training, and of those, more than 10,600 individuals have been placed in full-time employment with an average starting hourly wage of \$14.34. This equates to a cumulative job placement rate of nearly 72 percent of graduates.

Locally, 23 trainees completed the program in 2017. Nineteen of those gained employment in the environmental field with an average hourly wage of \$14.18 per hour. Two trainees chose to continue their education.

The City's Workforce Development and Planning & Development departments worked together to secure the grant. The City has a history of positive partnerships with the EPA, including cooperation on a program that works to assess, clean up and facilitate the development of potentially contaminated properties known as “brownfields” within the city of Springfield.

According to Mary Ann Rojas, City of Springfield Workforce Development director, partners in the Missouri Job Center's implementation of



the grant include the Ozark Region Workforce Development Board, Environmental Works, Gerken Environmental, Southwest Missouri Safety Company LLC, C1 Truck Driver Training, Bryan University, and Greenfield Environmental Trust Group Inc.

Additional support was provided by Zone 1 City Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson, City of Springfield Department of Environmental Services, the Neighborhood Advisory Council, The Drew Lewis Foundation, Sunbelt Environmental Services Inc., Keystone Building and Design, Euticals Vocational Rehabilitation, Kansas State University's Technical Assistance to Brownfields program, OACAC Head Start, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Preferred Family Healthcare.

Operated by the City of Springfield's Department of Workforce Development, the Missouri Job Center is located at 2900 E. Sunshine and serves Greene, Christian, Dallas, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster counties.

SGF Yields pedestrian safety program receives state grant funding to continue, expand

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield Department of Public Works was recently awarded a \$11,400 Blueprint for Safer Roadways grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation to continue and expand the SGF Yields pedestrian safety program.

“From the beginning, the goal of SGF Yields has been to change the culture in Springfield to be more pedestrian-friendly.”

Launched in July of 2017, SGF Yields is an effort to combat a growing trend in pedestrian-involved crashes on Springfield roadways. The program is aimed at encouraging motorists to actively watch for pedestrians and yield to them in crosswalks while also urging pedestrians to do their part to travel responsibly.

In its first year, the program distributed educational pieces to over 5,000 citizens at 14 safety-related events. Local employers have agreed to share SGF Yields Traffic Safety Guide with nearly 1,000 of their employees and more than 45 local businesses show their support for pedestrians by displaying SGF Yields materials in their stores.

In addition to educational resources, nine life-size “Mr. Walker” statues have been installed at various crosswalk locations throughout Springfield — downtown, on Commercial Street, near busy intersections and greenway trails. The presence of these brightly-colored statues is intended to reinforce existing crosswalk signage and serve as a visible reminder to thousands of drivers and pedestrians that pass by each day.

A portion of the newly-awarded grant will be used to continue current SGF Yields efforts to reach the general public. A larger portion will support the expansion of the program to focus specifically

on children — making safety educational resources available to Springfield schools and potentially adding Mr. Walker installations near school crosswalk locations.

“From the beginning, the goal of SGF Yields has been to change the culture in Springfield to be more pedestrian-friendly,” explains Traffic Safety Professional Mandy Buettgen-Quinn. “The best way to encourage that cultural shift is through reaching kids, who are more receptive to learning new ways and building safe habits. Our hope is they may even pass some of these habits on to their parents.”

To learn more about SGF Yields, visit springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields.



Library Express West bringing services to west-Springfield neighborhoods

By Kathleen O'Dell, for SGFNN

A new kind of public library is coming to the city's west side that's unique in many ways, especially one: It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



It's a library kiosk that allows a Springfield-Greene County Library card holder to scan the shelves and check out books, DVDs and music CDs. It can hold about 340 items. A person can also return items there; place items on hold and have them delivered there or to any other library location; and get information about upcoming library programs and events.

The library's new "west-side story" is called the Library Express West. It's expected to be installed by late fall on the lot of Young's Orchard Plaza, 3848 W. Chestnut Expressway. Library District Associate Director Jim Schmidt said the new kiosk will be within walking distance of several west-side neighborhoods and businesses, the Young-Lilley Park, and it's next to a Springfield City Utilities bus stop. Visitors can use it in any weather — it will be under a lighted, protective canopy.

It can also be a convenient stop for people traveling to and from work or school on the west side, he said.

The Library Express West is being funded with a generous grant from the Friends of the Library, with additional support from a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library. The library will fund the maintenance and utilities costs, and lease of the lot space.

The kiosk, manufactured by Envisionware, will be the first of its kind in Missouri and one of only 10 in the United States.

The project came about in response to west-side residents' requests for a more conveniently located library branch, said Library Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper. Residents say none of the library district's five city branches are easily accessible to their neighborhoods and businesses.

The Library Express West is a good solution for now, she said.

"The library district doesn't yet have the money to add a new branch there. This 24-hour library allows us to provide services to an underserved area of the community without the overhead and expense of adding a new building."

Once it's up and running, the new kiosk will help library staff gauge area residents' demand for library services in the event a brick-and-mortar branch is possible in the future, she said.

The library plans to announce grand opening events once the Library Express West is installed.

Regina Crumrine replaces Claudia Crighton as Citizen Resource Center coordinator

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Regina Crumrine was promoted from Citizen Resource Center administrative assistant to the center's coordinator, effective July 22. Crumrine replaces Claudia Crighton, who retired June 1 after more than 17 years in the position.

Crumrine, who joined the CRC in 2016, has a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Missouri State University.

"Regina is a great team player and has taken on a role at the Citizen Resource Center, going above and beyond in every way," said Cora Scott, director of Public Information & Civic Engagement. "Last year, she coordinated the Treasures of the City event and she volunteers to help with our big City events, such as the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival and Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony. She is very committed to our organization and community."

The Citizen Resource Center, located on the first floor of the Busch Municipal Building, receives approximately 60,000 to 70,000 calls per year, routing more than 15,000 service requests to City departments. Service requests can be made via phone, e-mail, through the City's website at springfieldmo.gov and in person.

The CRC is a division of the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement and works closely with neighborhood groups and individual citizens to resolve issues affecting the community, such as nuisance properties, tall grass or weeds, abandoned vehicles, noise disturbances, signs in the public right of way, trash violations and a variety of other issues.

The staff, which currently comprises Crumrine and Administrative Assistant McKensie Phillips, directs citizen requests, questions and problems to the departments which can best implement change or provide answers. They also coordinate



Regina Crumrine (left) with Claudia Crighton (right)

the "Treasures of the City" event each October to educate Springfield elementary school students and their families about municipal government, and assist with the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival each August.

"Regina is a great team player and has taken on a role at the Citizen Resource Center, going above and beyond in every way ... She is very committed to our organization and community."

In addition to supervising the CRC, Crumrine manages the Busch building's front desk and its security guard, John Dowdy.

"I have really enjoyed working in the CRC for the past two years and look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Springfield and providing support to other departments within the City," Crumrine said.

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ROUTE 66 Springfield VISITOR CENTER
815 East St. Louis Street
(On Old Route 66 in Downtown Springfield)
Open Mon. - Fri., 8am - 5pm



Capital improvement grants awarded to nine neighborhoods through Neighborhood Works Program

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Nine registered neighborhoods in Springfield will soon be seeing new sidewalks and park improvements, thanks to a competitive grant made possible through the voter-approved ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Neighborhood Works is intended to fund small-scale capital improvements within officially registered neighborhoods, giving residents the opportunity to identify projects they believe will offer the greatest benefit to their area. Proposals are limited to \$100,000 or less and must take place on city-owned property or right-of-way.

“Neighborhood Works grants allow neighborhoods to directly identify their priority needs and make it happen in their area.”

The program is funded by a \$500,000 annual allocation for neighborhood initiatives from the voter-approved ¼-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax. The ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax sunsets every three years and will be up for renewal in 2019.

Due to time constraints, the 2018-2019 cycles were combined into one to allow for all projects to be under construction before the tax sunsets in the spring of 2019. Neighborhoods competed for a total of \$800,000 in combined funding, with \$200,000 set aside as a contingency. Also due to the combined cycle, neighborhoods were eligible to be awarded multiple project proposals.

This cycle, neighborhood interest focused more on sidewalk needs, with approximately 4650 feet of new sidewalks approved to be funded.

“Public Works has limited funding for sidewalk construction, so we have to prioritize needs throughout the city,” says Dawne Gardner, City transportation planner and Neighborhood Works program administrator. “Neighborhood Works grants allow neighborhoods to directly identify their priority needs and make it happen in their area.”



Submitted project applications were assessed by City staff for feasibility and cost, then passed to a special committee formed by the Neighborhood Advisory Council for scoring and award recommendations. Assistant City Manager Collin Quigley approved the committee's final recommendations in late July.

Projects were approved for funding in the combined 2018-2019 cycle in the neighborhoods of Bissett, Delaware, Doling, Grant Beach, Greater Parkcrest, Midtown, Phelps Grove, West Central and Westside. For more information on the approved projects see the neighborhood sections on pages 10-27.



Harvest Fest

Weekends Sept. 28-Oct. 28
Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park

Pumpkin Patch • Corn Maze • Haunted Trail • Hayrides & more!



Free admission
(most activities
have a small fee)

ParkBoard.org/HarvestFest

Turkey Trot 5K

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22
Downtown Springfield

Benefiting the Park Board Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund
and Developmental Center of the Ozarks.



Register at
ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot



Bass Pro Marathon Challenge Nov. 4 Have your cheering sections ready!

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Bass Pro Marathon is right around the corner on Sunday, Nov. 4, and it's time for neighborhoods to start planning their themes and assigning volunteers.

Bass Pro is again setting aside \$10,000 to reward the registered neighborhoods for their participation in cheering sections during the marathon. Awards will be chosen based on level of participation. This is a great way for registered neighborhoods to welcome the runners to Springfield and to earn money for neighborhood improvements and projects.

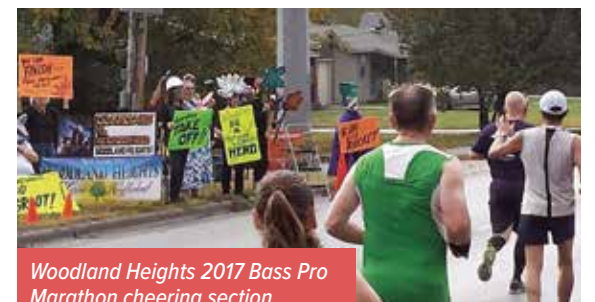
We recommend that each neighborhood have a strong theme that represents their station. This should include signage, costumes, food/beverage options, and so forth. For example, say your neighborhood had an 80's theme and your team dressed in 80's as your runner's fuel — clothes, big hair — you could theme your stop in any number of ways. Having a consistent theme will help runners and walkers identify you and will provide your team with a better opportunity to win. Possible theme ideas: KC Chiefs Fans, sporting team, Missouri, hillbillies, Star Wars, Back to the Future, Fast and Furious, Harry Potter, nuns, race cars, pajamas, aliens, etc.

Your neighborhood is required to have at least 10 participants for your cheering section. (You may consider shifts throughout the race if all 10 participants cannot stay the entire time). Neighborhoods may partner together at a cheering section if unable to get the required participants on their own.

Time required on race day will depend on where each neighborhood will be located on the course. The locations will be determined once there is a final count of all neighborhoods participating. Most groups will be on the course a minimum of 6 hours, but again, the participants can take shifts to cover the cheering section for the entire allotted time.

If you plan to hand out food and/or beverages, please keep in mind that runners will want foods that are easy to digest and quick to grab. Suggestions: orange slices (real oranges — not the candy), gummy bears, jelly beans, coconut water, water flavored with real fruit slices, iced green tea with honey, raisins, dates, dried cherries, pretzels, marshmallows, energy gels. Most are available at Fleet Feet Sports or on Amazon.

Questions? Please contact Alana Owen at 417-864-1831 or aowen@springfieldmo.gov.



Woodland Heights 2017 Bass Pro Marathon cheering section

Fall season offers chance to reconnect with neighbors, community

By Rusty Worley, for SGFNN

One of the many benefits of being in a city with 40,000 college students and 25,000 public school students is that every fall is a chance for a fresh start.

Our 18 registered neighborhoods in the Neighborhood Advisory Council are busy throughout the year, but the fall season is an exceptional time to reconnect. Here are five simple ways to get to know your neighbors and give back to your community:

Signature fall events

Whether it is the Rountree Halloween Parade, youth sports at Grant Beach Park or Thriller on C-Street adjacent to Midtown, check out what fall events and activities make your neighborhood unique and fun.

General membership meetings

A great way to deepen your roots in the neighborhood is to regularly attend the monthly or bi-monthly meetings. Learn about the good things

happening in your neighborhood and what issues your neighbors are banding together to address.

Explore

The pleasant weather of the fall is the perfect time to be more active. Find time to take walks or hop on your bike and discover corners of your neighborhood you haven't visited. You'll be reminded of the history and character of the area that originally drew you to your home.

See something, say something

In addition to getting some good exercise and saying hi to fellow neighbors, keep an eye out. Everyone has a role in keeping our neighborhoods safer and eliminating blight from nuisance properties. If you see illegal acts, call 9-1-1 for emergencies or your Neighborhood Watch captain with any questions. If there are code violations for chronic nuisance properties, call the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010 or a representative of your Neighborhood Team.



NAC Chair Rusty Worley

Vote!

Mark your calendars and plan to venture out to your neighborhood polling place on Nov. 6. Casting your ballot is an important responsibility of American citizenship and we want to make sure the voices of our neighborhoods are heard.

Finally, as you are out at some of your neighborhood events this fall, please take a moment to thank your neighbors who graciously donate their time and expertise to the betterment of our community. Enhancing the quality of life in Springfield is not the job of the police or City Council or community non-profits or any one group.

It is by everyone doing their part – however big or small – that we will have a great 2018-19 year!

BISSETT NEIGHBORHOOD

Successful summer for Bissett Neighborhood Association

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Last June's neighborhood cleanup was a great success. In all, 10.5 tons of trash were hauled off along with two dumpsters of brush. Over a ton of metals were recycled along with numerous refrigerators, TVs and other electronics. We had 17 volunteers who, among other things made 30 curbside pickups, and in all about 80 households participated. Between metal recycling and donations, BNA garnered over \$500 which goes to support our other activities throughout the year. Our thanks go out to the City of Springfield for providing the funding that pays for the dumpsters and landfill fees. Thanks also to Community Partnership for coordinating efforts, and to our business members Complete Electronics Recycling and Daylight Donuts for their participation.

Taken as a whole, between the various events and our regular monthly meetings, we connected with many in our neighborhood who have not previously participated in BNA activities.

Our neighborhood-wide yard sale in July was also a big success. Over 35 households participated by holding their sales, and hundreds of buyers came

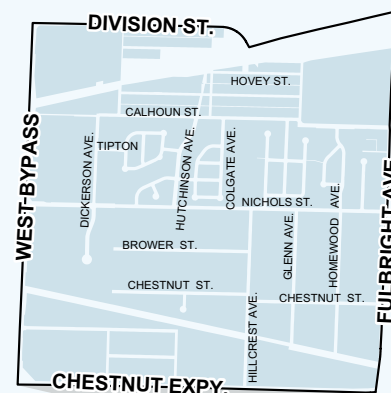
out from both within Bissett and elsewhere. Sure, stuff was sold and money made, but there were also a great many conversations between residents getting to know one another better, and also quite a few from outside our neighborhood who made many compliments about how nice our neighborhood is.

In early August, we participated in the National Night Out event held at Nichols Park. With over 1,500 in attendance, it was great fun for all. BNA had a tent there where folks could learn more about our neighborhood and for us to learn about top concerns from those neighbors. In addition, BNA helped out by wrapping about 1,800 hot dogs that were given out to all attendees. Thanks so much to all from Bissett who volunteered to make this a success for us!

On Sept. 11, we celebrated the construction of the new pavilion in L.A. Wise Park. This pavilion was made possible through a competitive grant award via a proposal from BNA. Unfortunately, shortly ▶



Neighborhood Boundaries



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- Sheila Radecki, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 8: 6:30–7:30 p.m./
6 p.m. optional potluck @ Bissett Elementary School (3014 W. Calhoun).
Dec. 11 (Christmas Dinner): 6 p.m.
@ Faith Assembly of God Church (3001 W. Division.
Please enter the building through the doors at the east end of the north side.)



▶ after construction, the brand-new picnic tables were vandalized. Thanks to the efforts of some caring neighbors and the law enforcement officials from the Park Board and SPD, arrests have been made, and the Park Board will replace the picnic tables very soon.

There has been other vandalism and littering in the park and while they have subsided, they haven't stopped. If you see something, please say something. If you frequent the park and see some litter, please take a moment and place it in the trash barrels. Together, we can make the park better and better. We're also happy to report that BNA has been able to garner a new \$68,000 grant that will make more park improvements possible.

Taken as a whole, between the various events and our regular monthly meetings, we connected with many in our neighborhood who have not previously participated in BNA activities. If you're interested in learning more about our growing organization and think you might enjoy participating, don't hesitate to reach out to us.



Approved Bissett Project 2018-2019

L.A. Wise Park Improvements: \$63,778

Improvements include addition of outdoor cooking grills, park benches, soccer field improvements, a multipurpose court and a sidewalk connection to Bissett Elementary School.





BASS PRO NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE
YOU COULD WIN MONEY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

BASS PRO FITNESS SERIES CONSERVATION MARATHON
SUNDAY, NOV. 4
Join your neighborhood cheering section. Contact your neighborhood president to find out times and locations. Bass Pro has committed \$10,000 to be awarded to registered neighborhoods.



Bissett neighbors, community leaders cut the ribbon for L.A. Wise Park pavilion improvements

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

On Sept. 11, a ribbon-cutting celebration was held to recognize the installation of the new park pavilion and picnic tables at L.A. Wise Park. It was attended by about 30 people, ranging from kids to seniors.

In his comments, Mayor Ken McClure voiced appreciation for all those involved in the neighborhood and how this demonstrates what "community" is all about.

He as well as the other speakers referenced the tragedies of 9/11 and the loss of Greene County Deputy Aaron Roberts. In times of challenge and change, both good and tragic, what is consistent in our community is the pulling together of so many to support and improve things for the future.

Springfield-Greene County Park Board Director Bob Belote spoke about the important relationships between residents and their neighborhood parks. He also credited the Neighborhood Works Initiative with making possible in three years a breathtaking range of improvements to parks which would otherwise have taken decades.

Zone 1 City Council representative Phyllis Ferguson recalled her involvement with neighborhoods, having been one of the two founding members of the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association in 1998. She talked about the ups and downs over the years, but remarked on the importance of all the volunteers over the years that make neighborhoods better.

Bissett Elementary School Principal Marcie Stallcup talked about how the pavilion is already being used by the school with after-school activities centering on helping kids stay active, and looks forward to future use by the teachers and students as an outdoor learning facility.

I talked about how the quality of life in a neighborhood stems in part from the relationships between its residents, the neighborhood park and the neighborhood school. Together, they connect people, place and purpose toward a brighter future.

Funding for the pavilion came from the Neighborhood Works Initiative, which itself is funded via the ¼-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax. Neighborhood Works is a competitive grant program managed by the City of Springfield's Department of Public Works. Under the program, registered neighborhood associations can request funding for public infrastructure projects.

The L.A. Wise Park pavilion and picnic tables were proposed to the Neighborhood Works program by the Bissett Neighborhood Association in November 2016, and \$96,000 in funding was authorized by then-City Manager Greg Burris in the spring of 2017. In their rationale for requesting a pavilion and picnic tables, Bissett cited the survey results of residents in the neighborhood conducted in September 2016, which indicated such amenities would be tops for improving the park.

Design and construction of the 30-by-40-foot pavilion was undertaken by Park Board Assistant Director Miles Park. A construction contract was



awarded to Bales Construction, with construction completed over the summer. Electrification and lighting are expected to be complete in early fall.

L.A. Wise Park is a moderately sized neighborhood park located in the heart of the Bissett neighborhood. Its amenities include a walking/jogging trail, playground equipment and a small recreational soccer field. It is located adjacent to Bissett Elementary School and is one of the many school-park sites found throughout Springfield.

Until this past summer, the park had no covered facility to hold a gathering of any kind. Already, the pavilion is being used as a gathering place for families and friends, for soccer and other sports players to enjoy fellowship, and as a welcome respite from the summer heat by walkers, joggers, dog walkers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The pavilion is becoming a valuable amenity that encourages active, healthy living and sense of community.

In addition to Bissett's pavilion, Neighborhood Works funded \$304,000 in improvements to parks in Woodland Heights, Tom Watkins, Midtown, West Central, Grant Beach, Phelps Grove and Doling neighborhoods.

Each of these public infrastructure improvements came as a result of proposals submitted by their neighborhood associations. In July 2018, a second round of Neighborhood Works proposals from neighborhood associations were authorized, totaling \$800,000. They include additional park improvements at L.A. Wise Park, plus a diverse range of projects in the Delaware, Greater Parkcrest, Westside, West Central, Grant Beach, Phelps Grove, and Doling neighborhoods. These projects include sidewalk improvements, alley maintenance and other park improvements.

Neighborhood Works has become a valuable vehicle by which the City and neighborhoods are partnering to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. It is empowering residents throughout the city and the neighborhoods to determine the projects that will make the greatest positive impact to their neighborhoods.

This would not have been possible without the vision and energy of Director of Public Works Dan Smith, Neighborhood Works program director Dawne Gardner, Senior Planner Alana Owen, former City Manager Greg Burris, the support of the mayors and City Council members over the past four years, the facilities staff and director of the Park Board and the continuing efforts of the many volunteers who contribute day in and day out to the 18 registered neighborhood associations in Springfield.

BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Bradford Park Day Street Festival

By Dellene Nelson, for SGFNN

Join us Oct. 13 from 1-4 p.m. at 3424 S. Rogers Ave. for this exciting fall event and help us celebrate 10 years of "safe, friendly and clean" fun! The band, Geezer will be performing. Hotdogs will be served at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share for "a taste of Bradford Park." There will be pickleball and other games and prizes for the kids and adults, and a silent auction featuring gifts for all ages, including a ride for three on a Cessna 195 Airplane! The festival will also feature face painting, a bounce house and balloon twister. It's all FREE. Bring your kids,

your grandkids, your friends and a lawn chair! The street will be closed for the activities. Sorry, no pets allowed. In case of inclement weather festivities will be canceled.



BRADFORD PARK DAY STREET FESTIVAL

BRING YOUR KIDS, YOUR GRANDKIDS, YOUR FRIENDS... & A LAWN CHAIR!
STREET WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE ACTIVITIES.
SORRY, NO PETS ALLOWED.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 16 • Nov. 20 • Dec. 18 • Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m.
@ Immaculate Conception Church
(3555 S. Fremont Ave.)



DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD

Delaware Neighborhood Association marks first anniversary

By Kevin Evans, for SGFNN



Firefighters with the Springfield Fire Department helped make the Solstice Party a big hit on June 23.

We've been busy! We celebrated our first anniversary with a Solstice Party on June 23. Three firemen and a fire truck were there, not to put out the fire in the Johnsonville BBQ trailer that Andy and Stacy Pyle reserved for us, but to help eat some of the delicious bratwurst and hot dogs that Brandon Carroll and his daughters cooked. Brandon and Gene Campbell organized the event with help from Teresa Pope and Marianne Jones. Theresa Bettmann and Kassidy Bader made the car/dog wash a success. Teresa Pope, Jessica Ballisle, Joan Gentry, Erin Gray and Rosemary Kammerer worked voter registration for the League of Women

Voters tent. Sam Mendez played tunes on acoustic guitar for us, and PAR Officer Boomgaarden demonstrated the proper technique for donning riot gear in 90 degree temperatures.

Hot on the heels of that event, I and some other folks (Jeff Brossard-Sims, Ray Burmood, Brandon Carroll, Dan Cunningham and Nancy Williams) walked the neighborhood, delivering handbills for the July 10 second annual Ice Cream Social. We went house by house, business by business, over 1,000 of them, and there were a few things I noticed:

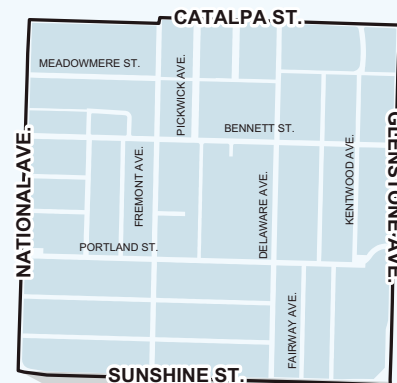
1. It was bloody hot.
2. We have a great neighborhood. And
3. A lot of folks are interested in our neighborhood association but are very busy with family, school, work and life in general.

How then did we measure success? One scoop of ice cream at a time ... after all, it was 96 degrees on July 10. Gene Campbell and others served treats. Jean and Fred Ackley, Doling Neighborhood Association, showed us caterpillars from the Monarch Waystation at Talmage Dip. Most of us just hung out and talked with neighbors and friends at Westminster Church. Officer Boomgaarden explained, and thankfully didn't demonstrate, the finer points of police academy training with CS gas. Bocce ball, disc tossing and rock painting activities rounded out a fun day of celebration.

We participated in the National Night Out on Aug. 7 and held our Back-to-School fundraiser and neighborhood social on Aug. 20 (our Delaware ►



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- Cynthia Yarborough, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 2 • Nov. 6 • Dec. 4: 7-8 p.m./6:30 p.m. optional
potluck dinner @ Westminster Presbyterian
Church (1551 E. Portland)



► Neighborhood Night Out) for Delaware Elementary students. Brandon Carroll organized the event in coordination with Principal Stephanie Young and Counselor Robyn Fondren. The event was held at Westminster Presbyterian.

Also, on Nov. 4, we hope to participate again in the 2018 Conservation Marathon Neighborhood Challenge.

In the last year, we've cooperated with Rountree on two neighborhood cleanups (October 2017 and May 2018), and we plan to host our own on Nov. 17. We need volunteers: please, contact Nancy Williams the cleanup coordinator (whimsicalwms@gmail.com). Also, we hold monthly meetings at Westminster Presbyterian Church on the first Tuesday of every month. The potluck dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. We have guest speakers lined up for meetings this fall,

including an arborist with NeighborWoods and several City Council members.

Delaware neighborhood is like a little town in the heart of a big city. In Delaware Neighborhood Association, we care about the well-being of our neighbors and seek to improve the livability of our neighborhood. We have some historic homes and some great amenities around us.

We have a great school that serves special needs. I sometimes joke that in Delaware, we are "South Of RounTree," or SORT-of Rountree. It is a nice place to live and we live here because we love it. So, when we feel too busy with work and all of the other commitments we make, remember that this neighborhood will only be as enjoyable as we make it. All of the people mentioned above and all of the many folks who attended events and participate in the organization know this. To quote a recent



The Delaware Neighborhood Ice Cream Social was held on July 10.

President only slightly out of context, "... It was on these streets where I witnessed the power of faith, and the quiet dignity of working people in the face of struggle and loss. This is where I learned that change only happens when ordinary people get involved, get engaged, and come together to demand it."

And, we try our best to have fun.

Delaware Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Nov. 17: 8 a.m. – Noon
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1551 E. Portland St.
Nancy Williams (417-496-2187)



Approved Delaware Projects 2018-2019

Sidewalk Proposal 1: \$97,795

Construction of new sidewalks along the following roadway segments:

- Portland Street from Kentwood Avenue to Glenstone Avenue
- Fairway Avenue from Portland Street to Sunshine Street
- Kentwood Avenue from Portland Street to Sunshine Street
- Bennett Street and Delaware Avenue crosswalk/ramp/sidewalk improvements.

Sidewalk Proposal 2: \$12,801

- Bennett Street from Kentwood Avenue to Glenstone Avenue
- Meadowmere Street from Kentwood Avenue to Glenstone Avenue.

DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD

Smoking out sewer leaks

City's Environmental Services department is on a mission to fight rainwater in the sewer

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield's Department of Environmental Services is utilizing a surprising tool to help improve the community's sanitary sewer system — smoke.

Smoke testing is one technique used to help locate leaks in the sewer system which allow water that doesn't belong to seep in.

The City manages a separate sewer system, one system for wastewater and one for stormwater. Springfield's sanitary sewer system is designed to carry wastewater from homes and businesses to one of the City's two wastewater treatment plants. But excess stormwater, entering the system through broken pipes, leaky manholes and improperly connected downspouts, can overwhelm the sanitary sewer during heavy rains, causing untreated sewage to overflow into neighborhoods, businesses and homes.

In an effort to protect our neighborhoods and the environment from overflows, the City agreed to a \$200 million Overflow Control Plan to reduce sanitary sewer overflows in Springfield's aging system over a period of 10 years. As a part of this plan, the City began the Private Sewer Repair program in 2012.

The Private Sewer Repair Program offers property owners the opportunity to have improperly



connected sump pumps, drains and downspouts to the sewer repaired at no charge.

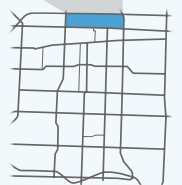
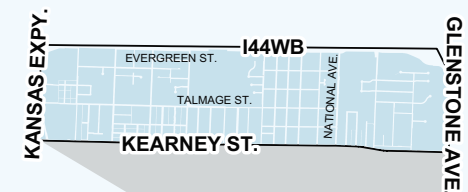
"So far, the program has been successful at reducing the amount of rainwater and groundwater entering the sewer," reports Drew Gateley, sewer operations coordinator. "About 8,500 properties have been evaluated since the beginning of the program, with defects being found and repaired at 2,384 locations."

Smoke testing is one of the first steps in locating and identifying defects and leaks.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Colorless, odorless chemical smoke is blown into sewer manholes in the street, travels through the pipes and comes out where there are leaks in ►

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 11 • Jan. 8: 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
6 p.m. optional potluck @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Road)

dolingneighborhood.com



► the system. Crews walking along each property watch for smoke coming out of yards or gutters and collect data of any location where a potential defect is detected. The smoke is non-toxic and does not create a fire hazard.

Residents and property owners can expect to be notified by mail two weeks before smoke testing will occur in their area. Days before, doorhangers are left on front doors, reminding residents of the upcoming test and providing a contact number to the field technician conducting the test. Flashing message signs are often posted along major roadways to notify motorists that a smoke test is in progress.

"We also communicate our testing days and locations to 9-1-1 dispatchers, the police department and the fire department so they know what's going on in case they receive calls," Gateley explains.

After conducting smoke testing, an informational open house is held in the neighborhood. This is an opportunity to educate residents on the Private Sewer Repair Program and schedule plumbing evaluations to fix potential defects on private property at no cost to the property owner.

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD IS NEXT?

Since April, testing and plumbing evaluations have been completed in portions of the Woodland Heights, Weller and Robberson neighborhoods. Later this fall, the program will make its way to the Doling Park area, with an open house to be scheduled in November.



ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT SMOKE TESTING:

- You do not need to be home when the smoke testing is performed. Field inspectors will be noticeably documenting and taking photos during the smoke test, so the defects detected may be found and repaired at a later date.
- All smoke testing crew members are uniformed and carry identification badges. They will travel in clearly marked vehicles.
- Sometimes smoke may enter your home or business through infrequently used floor, shower and sink drains. Pour 24 ounces of water into all drains a few days prior to the test. If smoke does enter, residents should contact the smoke testing crew working in the area.
- If you notice smoke coming out of your property, contact the smoke testing crew. This could mean that you have improper connections or broken pipes on your property.



Approved Doling Project 2018-2019

Sidewalks: \$100,000

- Construction of new sidewalks along the following roadway segments:
- Douglas Avenue from Jean Street to Kearney Street
- Missouri Avenue from Woodlawn Street to Jean Street
- Woodlawn Street from Broadway Avenue to Missouri Avenue

Sculpture honoring Terry Whaley revealed at Frisco Highline Trailhead

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN



Ozark Greenways revealed a sculpture honoring retired executive director Terry Whaley Aug. 23 at the Kearney Street Trailhead for the Frisco Highline Trail.

The metal sculpture, by Joe Malesky, depicts a team of five life-sized cyclists. The lead cyclist has "TW 22" on its chest, referencing Whaley's 22 years of service with Ozark Greenways. The piece, which incorporates recycled bicycle parts, is unnamed, but Whaley is rumored to be considering an appropriate title.

Malesky is also the creator of a sculpture installed as part of Sculpture Walk Springfield earlier this year in Jordan Valley Park, titled Alone in the Crowd.

Whaley retired in 2017 after 22 years as executive director. The nonprofit trail advocacy organization was created in 1991.

3rd annual Concert at the Cave a success

By Christina Dicken, for SGFNN

Another Concert at the Cave is behind us. Thank you to all of the volunteers, parks employees, musicians and food truck vendors who helped pull it off. HUGE thanks to our sponsors, White Motor Company, Northgate Apartments, Metro Appliance & More, Springfield First Community Bank, Bass Pro and the Missouri Arts Council for your financial support. It was a fun day and Mother Nature was especially kind to us this year.

This year's event on Aug. 18 featured performances by Mark Barger, Kevin & Mike, 83 Skidoo and Shaun Munday. Bands performed in the natural amphitheater created by the Giboney Cave entrance.

Concert at the Cave is presented by the Doling Neighborhood Association in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.



Mayor's Commission on Human Rights & Community Relations, March 2018

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Remembering Richard Napieralski

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN



Richard Napieralski, garden guru and longtime Grant Beach neighbor, passed away Aug. 7.

How do you sum up the life of one person? Richard "Locofoco" Napieralski left us after a short and sudden illness. The news spread as the primary polls closed and as many of us

were wrapping up the National Night Out event at Nichols Park that evening.

As I tried to decide how best to honor the legacy of a man who has been a part of the Grant Beach neighborhood for decades and is well known around the city, I thought of all the roles he played in people's lives. He was a son, a brother, a veteran, a husband, a father, a mentor, a friend, a role model, a gardener, a chef, a larper, a music lover, an activist for social and political change, a rebel, an individual, a teacher, a cheerleader, a worker, a giver, a neighbor, a champion of the democratic process, a leader, a doer, and above all, he was Richard.

His vision was to help all who needed access to fresh food and turn no one away.

Richard's legacy in Grant Beach mainly revolves around the Grant Beach Community Garden and what has become known as the Produce Drop. He was the driving force behind the initial years of production at the GBCG. He was also instrumental in the early days of the The Fairbanks Market Garden and Springfield Community Gardens. He was involved in many gardens throughout Springfield. After the initial harvest of the GBCG, Richard saw the need was greater than the garden could meet and brainstormed the idea of partnering with Ozarks Food Harvest to increase the produce available for distribution. His vision was to help all who needed access to fresh food and turn no one away.

To honor and preserve this legacy, the Grant Beach Neighborhood Association has voted to change the name of the Grant Beach Community Garden. Look for a dedication in the spring when gardens begin to bloom and grow. All who loved Richard are welcome to join us in remembering him.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 15 • Nov. 19 • Dec. 10 (Christmas Dinner):
6:30 – 7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck @ St. Joseph
Catholic Church Parish Hall (1115 N. Campbell Ave.)

grantbeachneighborhood.org



City expanding mattress recycling service to Franklin Avenue Recycling Center

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield has expanded mattress recycling collection services to its Franklin Avenue Recycling Center location at 731 N. Franklin Avenue.

Collection of mattresses and box springs began at the Springfield Sanitary Landfill and Lone Pine Recycling Center in March of this year. So far, the service has collected on average more than 150 mattresses and box springs per month.

"We're thrilled the community has embraced this service," says Mike Inman, Environmental Services Collection Center coordinator. "Not only are we providing a convenient method of disposing of a difficult item, but recycling mattresses helps free up a significant amount of valuable space in the landfill."

According to Cascade Alliance, a national leader in mattress recycling, Americans dispose of an estimated 20 million mattresses and box springs every year, and the vast majority end up in landfills

or incinerators. Bulky mattresses are problematic for landfills: they take up a lot of space and create flammable air pockets, and the box springs get tangled in bulldozers, often damaging them. Mattresses contain nonbiodegradable synthetic foam and fibers, plus flame retardant chemicals.

"Not only are we providing a convenient method of disposing of a difficult item, but recycling mattresses helps free up a significant amount of valuable space in the landfill."

Mattress collection and processing is provided via a contract with BedHead Mattress Recycling. Mattresses will be transported to BedHead's ▶

Grant Beach Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Oct. 27: 8 a.m. – Noon
Central Assembly of God Parking Lot
1445 N. Boonville Ave.
Pauletta Dunn (417-880-2453)



Approved Grant Beach Projects 2018-2019

Grant Beach Park Proposal: \$89,513

Improvements are coming to the ballfield and soccer field, plus new scoreboard, new dugouts, new bleachers and shade cover, additional BBQ grills and picnic tables

Alley improvements: \$25,000

Grading, filling potholes and replacing gravel in various alleys throughout the neighborhood.



► facility in Billings, then deconstructed. Components are processed, shipped and ultimately become raw materials utilized by a number of manufacturers in products such as construction materials, wood chip mulch and more.

Mattress recycling is offered for a \$15 fee per piece, regardless of size. Items must be clean, dry and not infested.

Community Partnership of the Ozarks will provide vouchers to neighborhood associations for distribution during upcoming fall and spring Neighborhood Cleanup events.

Recognizing that not everyone may be able to afford the recycling fee, Community Partnership of the Ozarks will provide vouchers to neighborhood associations for distribution during upcoming fall and spring Neighborhood Cleanup events. Vouchers will cover the full cost of mattress recycling and are made possible by a grant from the Ozarks Headwaters Recycling District.



ABOUT SPRINGFIELD'S INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Franklin Avenue Recycling Center, Lone Pine Recycling Center and the Springfield Sanitary Landfill are part of the City's voter-approved Integrated Solid Waste Management System, which manages and reduces Springfield's waste stream. The system is funded primarily by landfill fees and the sale of mulch and compost products at the Yardwaste Recycling Center. The system includes the Franklin Avenue Recycling Center, Yardwaste Recycling Center, Household Chemical Collection Center, Public Education and Market Development Programs. Curbside recycling is offered by private solid waste service providers.

Directions to the Franklin Avenue Recycling Center (731 N. Franklin Avenue):

Travel north from the intersection of Chestnut Expressway and Broadway Avenue. Turn left on Poplar Street, then right on Franklin Avenue.

Directions to the Lone Pine Avenue Recycling Center (3020 S. Lone Pine Ave.):

Just a few feet south of the Lone Pine Avenue/Battlefield Road intersection in southeast Springfield. From U.S. 65, take the Battlefield exit west to Lone Pine Avenue.

Directions to the Springfield Sanitary Landfill:

From the intersection of Highway 13 and U.S. Highway I-44, travel nine miles north, turn left/west onto Farm Road 34, following the signs to the Landfill.

GREATER PARKCREST NEIGHBORHOOD

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association helps 24 Horace Mann students start the school year off right

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

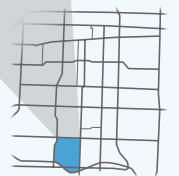
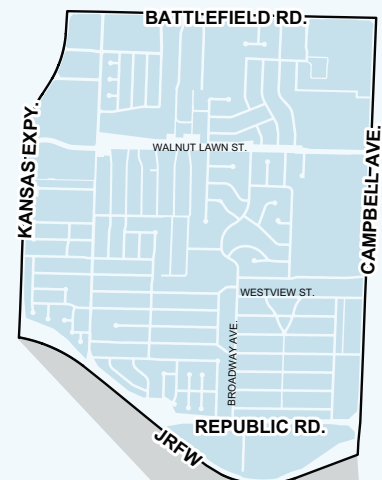
"Don't forget your backpack!" is a familiar cry in any home with school-age kids, particularly at the beginning of the school year.

The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association has donated backpacks filled with school supplies to students at Horace Mann Elementary School for the last few years and this year was no exception.

Twenty-four backpacks filled with school supplies were delivered to Horace Mann's principal before the first day of school Aug. 15 and were distributed to those in need. Greater Parkcrest also purchased additional kindergarten, library, art and office supplies for Horace Mann while they were shopping.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Nov. 15: 6:30 p.m. @ The Way Church
(903 W. Katella St.)



Approved Greater Parkcrest Projects 2018-2019

Sanford Park Priority 1: \$100,000

Improvements include a parking lot, sidewalk connection to Battlefield Road.

Sanford Park Priority 2: \$99,000

Improvements include a park pavilion and picnic tables and possible sidewalk connection to Danbury Avenue.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Oct. 13: 8 a.m.– Noon • One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave.

Katy Detoy (678-521-7455)



HEART OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

Park Board replaces tree planted in memory of Tammy Haynes



Thanks to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board for replacing the Tammy Haynes Memorial Tree at Nichols Park, adding stakes and ties.

Friends and neighbors are asked to please keep an eye on this tree, and everything at our beautiful newly renovated park. The weekend of Aug. 18-19, Tammy's tree was broken at the base by vandalism or high winds.

See something that needs attention at the park? Call the Park Board at 417-864-1049. See something suspicious? Call 911 and ask for a park ranger or police to be dispatched.

The neighborhood remembered former Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association President Tammy Haynes Aug. 7 with a flowering crabtree planting ceremony at Nichols Park. Tammy passed away on Jan. 17 after battling cancer.

"We will always remember her for her positive outlook, tireless work, and a heart and soul commitment to her neighborhood and the north side. Please join us to memorialize Tammy in her beloved Nichols Park," said Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson.



Meet the Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association team

By Jaydean Miller, for SGFNN



CODY PARSONS, PRESIDENT

I grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska and moved to Missouri a little over 15 years ago. I have only lived in Springfield for two years, but have worked here for the past four years. I am a husband and the father of two little boys. I am an active member of my church

and have a passion to help others. I took on this role hoping to help our community become a safer place for all who live here, especially our children. I hope for the Heart of the Westside to become a community of people who care for each other and want to work together to make our neighborhood a great place to raise a family. I care for this community and hope with the help of the new board members, we can make this community a place we are all proud to call home.

BILLY COCKRUM (PASTOR BILLY), VICE PRESIDENT

I grew in the Heart of the Westside ever since I was born. My parents still live in the house I grew up in. They raised 10 children there and most of them still live in or around the Heart of the Westside. When my parents were growing up both of my grandparents lived in the Heart of the Westside as well. So I have a strong desire to see this community be the best it can be. I am also the lead pastor of a church located right in the Heart of the Westside. My life is committed to helping the people specifically in the Heart of the Westside, and I am honored to be a part of this neighborhood association



ANNA PAGELER (MISS ANNA), TREASURER

I grew up in North Dakota five miles from Canada. I came down to Springfield to attend Evangel University. Because of the church located here in the Heart of the Westside, I decided

to stay and live here. Then recently I had the opportunity to become the early childhood manager at my church. All in all, I dream of a day when Heart of the Westside is safe for children to play outside and grandparents watch them. I also hope for a day that HOW is a place where neighbors know each other, welcome each other, and help each other out. So I am honored to be a part of this neighborhood association.

JAYDEAN MILLER, SECRETARY

I have lived in Springfield for the past 24 years, but recently relocated to the Heart of the Westside (almost a year ago). I love Springfield and think this it is a great community. I moved from the southwest side of town and my husband and I want to embrace our new area and help make the northwest part of Springfield a great place to raise a family, feel safe, know our neighbors and be proud of saying, "yes, we are part of the Heart of the Westside." My background includes career counseling, and I currently work for Ozarks Technical College as an adult education instructor at the Springfield Dream Center.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 11 • Nov. 8 • Dec. 13 • Jan. 10: 6-7 p.m.
@ Passion Assembly of God (806 N. Forest)



Heart of the Westside cuts ribbon on Nichols Park improvements Aug. 7

By Jaydean Miller, for SGFNN

The Heart of the Westside has had a pretty busy summer! We topped off our activities by hosting the National Night Out at the newly updated Nichols Park. Nichols Park has undergone a makeover to the play area and installed a walking track. Watch our Facebook page for upcoming updates as we are awaiting a soccer field to be put in as well. We had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground and a memorial for Tammy Haynes where a tree was planted in Tammy's honor for her years of service as HOW president.

The "beat goes on" in the Heart of the Westside, meaning that the Heart of the Westside had heart and has heart. We are not done.

The celebration included comments from Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson and a ribbon-cutting for Springfield's biggest and newest playground, featuring five slides, multiple ▶

▶ climbing structures, two towers, sound effects, a telescope and rotating ShadowPlay features. Nearby there are four kinds of swings, a seated Merry-Go-All and plenty of shaded benches. The playground incorporates universal design, which is accessible to kids of all abilities, including complete ramp access, ADA accessible swings, three slides with ADA transfer platforms and a rubberized tile surface throughout.

The Nichols Park playground was funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant, coming to the City of Springfield through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. The same grant funded new playground equipment at Cooper, Tom Watkins and Meador parks. The grant also funded new walking trails at Nichols, Tom Watkins and Meador, as well as a new section of Jordan Creek Greenway, along Bennett Street, between Cruse Dog Park and Ewing Park.

We were also able to debut our new neighborhood T-shirts at the night out. They are

very cool and remind everyone that the “beat goes on” in the Heart of the Westside, meaning that the Heart of the Westside had heart and has heart. We are not done.

We had a very successful Back-to-School Bash hosted by Passion Church in partnership with the neighborhood association, other churches, Elevate Lives and other community partners! The night included free food, info on school supplies from Ready. Set. Supply. and fun activities for the kids! Crosslines gave out several bags of groceries to help over 700 people and there were community resources and hygiene items passed out! Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Our upcoming events include a neighborhood picnic in October along with a Halloween event partnering with others in our community. We are



also hoping to have a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in November. Keep an eye out for event dates.

Our meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. and include updates from our Police and various community/City guest speakers. These meetings take place at Passion Assembly Church, 806 N. Forest Ave.

MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Meador Park improvements complete

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

Visitors to Meador Park may have noticed a few changes over the summer.

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board recently wrapped up a number of improvements at Meador, funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant coming to the City of Springfield through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program.

Kids will immediately notice the new playground feature, designed with a treehouse/forest theme. The green and brown structure includes four slides, multiple platforms, interactive toys and a climbing rock, all built over cushioned rubber surface. Meador now has two large playground features, as well as several stand-alone pieces of play equipment.

Tennis players and pickleball enthusiasts have already taken advantage of court improvements, including new lighting and fencing. Two of the four original tennis courts have been converted into pickleball courts, reflecting the sport's growing popularity.

A new 2,300-foot (.43-mile) concrete walking trail encircles the park, providing a smooth surface to walkers, bicyclists, parents with strollers and wheelchair users.

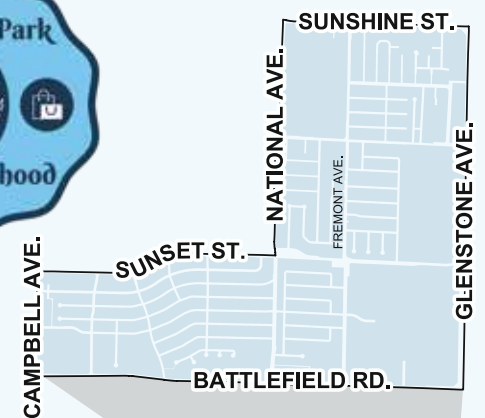


Meador Park was acquired by the Park Board in 1958, and was developed in the 1960s, before the Battlefield Mall was built. At the time, the area was the southern edge of Springfield. The park also includes a swimming pool and six heavily used ball fields.

The park was named for Drury economics and political science professor and civic leader L.E. Meador, 1881-1975. He helped write the City of Springfield's Charter in the early 1950s, was instrumental in establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, and was named Springfieldian of the Century in 1973. He is also the namesake of Drury University's L.E. Meador Center for Politics and Citizenship.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 3 • Nov. 7 • Dec. 5 • Jan. 2: 6 p.m.

@ Cowden Elementary School
(2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.)



Neighborhood Cleanup need to know

By Bobbi Ream, for SGFNN

On Saturday Nov. 3 the Meador Park Neighborhood will host its first neighborhood cleanup in collaboration with Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the City of Springfield. The City and neighborhood association encourage residents to take advantage of this free and convenient opportunity to dispose of trash, brush and leaves. Residents are encouraged to address overgrown fence rows, backyards and alleys adjacent to your property by mowing, cutting down, trimming and disposing of all brush and related debris. The cleanup is also a great time to dispose

of unwanted large/bulky items such as furniture, building materials and mattresses. We will provide volunteers to help you unload items into the dumpsters if needed.

The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Meador's dumpsters will be located at Meador Park (2500 S. Fremont Ave.) Please contact cleanup coordinator Bobbi Ream at 417-883-3438 for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.



Meador Park Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Nov. 3: 8 a.m. – Noon
Meador Park

2500 S. Fremont Ave.

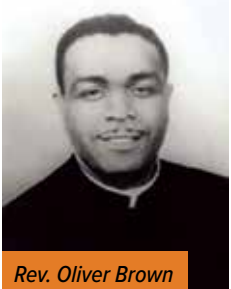
Bobbi Ream (417-883-3438)



Community celebrates legacy of Rev. Oliver Brown at 100th birthday commemoration

By Christine Peoples, for SGFNN

The swelling pride of the Springfield community was undeniably in the air the evening of Aug. 19 as Cheryl Brown Henderson joined community leaders and Drury University to commemorate the legacy of her father, civil rights leader and former Benton Avenue A.M.E. Church pastor Rev. Oliver Brown.



Rev. Oliver Brown

Before moving his family to Springfield to pastor the church in 1959, Rev. Brown was the namesake of *Brown v. the Board of Education*, the landmark 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended legal racial segregation in American schools. He died at the age of 42, in 1961.

Brown Henderson is the founding president of the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research, which works to preserve the legacy of the Brown decision.

Linda Brown Thompson (pictured at right), Rev. Brown's oldest daughter who was the child at the center of *Brown*, graduated from Central High School shortly before her father died. She died this past March at the age of 75.

"This is an opportunity to recognize the courage of ordinary people who would not be denied their constitutional rights."

The event, titled "Celebrating the Legacy: Commemorating the 100th Birthday of Rev. Oliver Brown" began in the Central High School atrium with a series of speakers, including business owner and Missouri State University professor Lyle Foster, Drury President Tim Cloyd and minister Gwen Marshall. Former City Councilman and local civil rights leader Denny Whayne was in attendance.

Brown Henderson left an indelible impression upon those in attendance at the event. She shed personal light on her father, a family man committed to taking care of his wife and children.

Brown Henderson reminded the audience that her father was an ordinary person who did not set out to make history. She explained that history came knocking on his door when he was asked to be the lead plaintiff in the five cases consolidated by the U.S. Supreme Court under *Brown v. the Board of Education*.

She said that her father never met Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, nor was he a member of the NAACP. Her words gave you room to ponder the actions of ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things.

Brown Henderson urged the young people in attendance to write their own story, "because if you don't, someone else will," she said. With passion in her voice she said, "we have come a long way," and she stressed the importance of getting involved in social issues and voting. The more than 200 people



in attendance gave Brown Henderson a standing ovation as she concluded her speech and took her seat.

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure honored the Brown family by proclaiming Aug. 19 as Rev. Oliver Brown Day in Springfield.

Following the program at Central, the event moved one block south to Benton Avenue African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, which was established in 1872 and played a major role in serving the city's black community. The cornerstone of the current building was laid in 1922 and the building was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001.

The church will be one of about 20 sites on the recently announced Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.

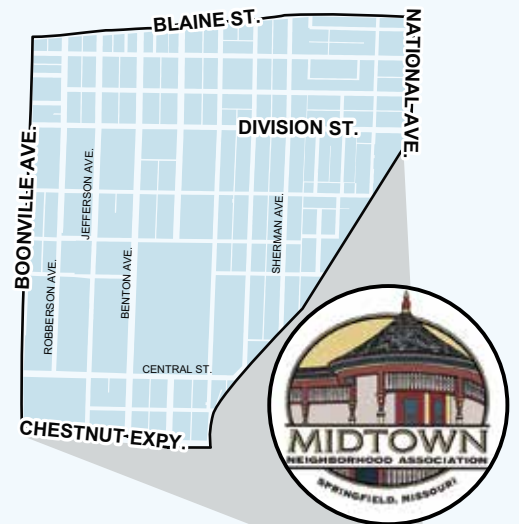
Rev. Dr. Karla Cooper led a deconsecration ceremony, which decommissioned the church as a sacred space so Drury can reuse the building as an academic and teaching space in honor of Rev. Brown. Drury purchased the building in 2014 following the end of services there in 2013.

"I am honored by this opportunity to represent my family as well as the attorneys, community activists and several hundred plaintiffs in the five cases consolidated by the U.S. Supreme Court under the heading of *Brown v. the Board of Education*," Brown Henderson said, before the event. "This is an opportunity to recognize the courage of ordinary people who would not be denied their constitutional rights. Their efforts profoundly impacted the lives of every citizen and influenced human rights struggles around the world."



Lyle Foster emceed the event. He brought Denny Whayne, former City Councilman and local civil rights leader, onstage to recall his memories of Rev. Brown.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 8 • Nov. 12 • Dec. 10 • Jan. 14: 6 – 7 p.m.
@ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on Cox North Hospital parking lot (918 E. Calhoun St.)



Approved Midtown Project 2018-2019

Washington Park Gazebo Landing Pad: \$1,500

Extension of a concrete pad adjacent to the gazebo in Washington Park.



Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail officially launched at Park Day 2018

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The organizers of the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail unveiled an artist's rendering of the trail's first marker at the annual Park Day Reunion, Saturday, Aug. 3 at Silver Springs Park, which celebrated its centennial that day.

"One of the goals of the whole project is to promote healing and appreciation for the African American community's past and present."

The organizers, which include business owner Lyle Foster, Missouri State University Chief Diversity Officer Wes Pratt, MSU faculty member Tim Knapp, NAACP Springfield President Cheryl Clay and City of Springfield Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Cora Scott, plan to designate as many as 20 sites on the trail with distinctive, historical markers and have partnered with the City of Springfield, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Ozark Greenways, Missouri State and Drury universities to make the project a reality. Due to the expense of the markers, both public and private funding will likely be used for the project.

The trail will follow an existing greenway that runs near several of the important sites, such as the Sherman Avenue Corridor, the former Lincoln High School, (Springfield's black high school before integration, now known as Ozarks Technical Community College's Lincoln Hall) Jones Alley Business District and the Historic Church Quadrangle (Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Benton Avenue AME Church, Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church and Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church.)

There will also be signs directing people to other significant markers from the greenway.

Silver Springs, Springfield's only public park open to black residents during segregation, was established in 1918 on land owned by Springfield school superintendent Jonathan Fairbanks, who had died the previous year. The night before Easter 1906, Fairbanks opened his home to black residents frightened by the lynching of three black men — Will Allen, Fred Coker and Horace Duncan — on Park Central Square. A memorial honoring the three men will be incorporated into the heritage trail.

The Park Day Reunion dates back to 1952 when



Gerald Brooks, a parks supervisor and a teacher at Springfield's former Lincoln School, and Robert Wendell Duncan, also a park supervisor, started a day of games and sports events for young African-American residents at Silver Springs.

Park Day includes a parade, beauty pageant, concerts and a picnic, and provided the backdrop for the 1998 film "Park Day," by director Sterling Macer, Jr., who grew up here.

"One of the goals of the whole project is to promote healing and appreciation for the African American community's past and present," said Mayor McClure, in his 2018 State of the City address. "... We are making great strides forward in diversity and inclusion but we have a long ways to go."

OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Remembering Powell B. McHaney

By Gerald Clary, for SGFNN



Who was Powell, you ask? Let us tell you what type of a person Powell was and what he meant to OGNA and this community. Commitment is the word we will use to describe Powell. Shirley and I met Powell at Mercy Hammons Heart Institute in cardiac rehab. There

was no doubt what kind of person Powell was. His smiling face and laughter were inviting and contagious. When we told him about OGNA, he was very receptive, excited and thought he could help us and joined with us.

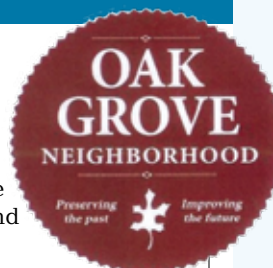
Powell retired in 2001 and devoted his time to area charities. He belonged to two Sertoma Clubs — the Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma and Springfield Sertoma. Powell was past president of the Heart of the Ozarks Club and was the current bingo chairman as well as a board member. He donated his time every Thursday afternoon and evening to an activity to raise funds for children's charities. Their bingo activities raised over \$158,000 one year for area children's charities, primarily the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield. He was head of the chili judging committee for the annual Sertoma Chili Cook-Off, a job he held for the past 20 years. He served on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs

and on different committees on their behalf. He has helped to make playing fields and a concession stand in a park on Park Street.

He also served as our treasurer as well as vice president and chief financial/budget officer of the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. He was coordinator of our Adopt-a-Street program, which cleans the street three times a year in our area.

If we needed a job done or help with a project, Powell was the first to volunteer — he was our go-to man.

He assisted in the Bass Pro Marathon program, providing noise makers and water for the runners. He was co-coordinator of our block party, procuring food and prize donations. He assisted in our neighborhood cleanups, and last year became the coordinator. He assisted in the National Neighborhood Night Out program, helping to set up, man and clean up. He worked with Gerald and Wendell to make the association a corporation and a 501 (c) (3) organization. He completed the information and details for the submission of our Neighborhood Works project. He was a ▶



Neighborhood Boundaries



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the next scheduled meeting.

ogna.weebly.com



Oak Grove Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Nov. 10: 8 a.m. – Noon

East Grand Church of Christ
2220 E. Grand St.

Wendell Royer (417-883-6541)

► graduate of the Springfield Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program. He was the Neighborhood Advisory Council representative for Oak Grove and attended many other City meetings, as well as any other jobs or activities that we asked him to do.

If we needed a job done or help with a project, Powell was the first to volunteer – he was our go-to man. He prepared all treasurer reports for the general membership and board meetings. Powell also received the NOVA award.

Powell said moving to Springfield and meeting

and marrying his wife Cynthia were the two best things that he had ever done. He met nurse Cynthia 28 years ago in cardiac rehab after bypass surgery at Mercy while she was taking his blood pressure. Cynthia was a cardiac nurse at Mercy for 38 and a half years before retiring. Powell said that he was glad he now had time to give back to a wonderful caring and giving community like Springfield.

As one can see, Powell was very busy and involved in many activities in our community. We are sure glad that he moved into our area and became a member of OGNA. Hopefully you know a little bit more about who Powell was.

Goodbye, Powell old friend and rest in peace. Thanks for all the work that you have done. You will be sorely missed. Cynthia and Brian, don't worry, for the Bible says, "absent from the body, present with the Lord."

With his smiling face, jokes and laughter, Powell may be making the Lord and angels laugh right now.

Powell B. McHaney, served as treasurer of the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association. He passed away June 22 at Mercy Hospital. He was 72 years old.

PHELPS GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD



Approved Phelps Grove Project 2018-2019

Phelps Grove Park Parking Initiative Phase II: \$25,585

Improvements include a median and tree planting on Virginia Avenue and parallel parking improvements along Clay Avenue.



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!



Neighborhood Boundaries



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

phelpsgrove.com



ROBBERSON NEIGHBORHOOD



Community Partnership to open O'Reilly Center for Hope at Pepperdine building

By Jacque Harness, CPO, for SGFNN

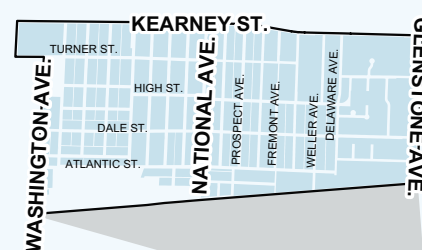
Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) purchased the former Pepperdine Elementary School building from Springfield Public Schools. In June, CPO released plans for the future of the historic property, including relocating the current Springfield Affordable Housing Center to the building, which will be named the O'Reilly Center for Hope. The O'Reilly family – Charlie & Mary Beth, David, Larry and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten – are donating \$1 million toward the new center.

"We are so excited and humbled to receive this very generous gift from the O'Reilly family. Their gift, along with the \$1 million in HUD funding provided by the City, is helping us restore the historic Pepperdine building and make it a

community-centered hub for affordable housing and homeless prevention services, education, and other resources vital to the growth of our community," said Janet Dankert, president and CEO at Community Partnership of the Ozarks. "Community Partnership, at its essence, is community driven. We work hard to build the community you want to work, play and live in. With our 27-year track record of investing in families, the expansion of our current Housing Center into the O'Reilly Center for Hope will bring valuable services directly to the northeast quadrant of Springfield, where few resources are located," Dankert said.

"We plan to expand our housing services and better connect people with resources. We will ►

Neighborhood Boundaries



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- Phyllis Evans, Treasurer
- Roxanne Bedell-Taylor, Special Events and Fundraising Chairman

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 25 • Dec. 27: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Pathways United Methodist Church (1232 E. Dale St.)



► continue the long history of community-centric learning, providing a one-stop center for resources regarding housing and financial education," said Michelle Garand, vice president of affordable housing and homeless prevention for CPO. "We bring together community stakeholders – residents, families, faith communities, agencies, government and law enforcement – to build relationships and to leverage all resources to help neighborhoods flourish."

"We strive to create collaboration in all that we do. To this end, the O'Reilly Center for Hope will bring together partner agencies to create a one-stop center to help individuals find and sustain housing that is safe, decent, and affordable. By offering financial counseling and ongoing Making Sense of Money financial literacy classes; in-service training on tenant rights and responsibilities and the Tools for Life program; and home buyer opportunities and educational information, we can help households understand the responsibilities of being a good renter, a good property owner, and a viable, connected member of a neighborhood community."

CPO's One Door program will be located at the center as well as the Springfield Community Land Trust. Partners who will provide services and resources onsite at the O'Reilly Center for Hope will include Burrell Behavioral Health, OACAC,

Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Family Support Division, the Springfield Police Department and many more.

We will continue the long history of community-centric learning, providing a one-stop center for resources regarding housing and financial education."

"We are excited to move forward with renovations, and we couldn't do this without the expertise and collaborative partnership we've developed with Paragon Architecture, who is providing project management and architecture services to the project," said Dankert. "The new O'Reilly Center for Hope will provide many more opportunities for us to connect the people we serve with the resources they need to thrive."

Additional funding secured or pledged so far includes a \$250,000 challenge grant from The JE and LE Mabree Foundation, Inc., a \$20,000 grant from the BKD Foundation, and individual donations.



L-R: Greg Burris, Janet Dankert and Charlie O'Reilly at the announcement of the O'Reilly Center for Hope in June.

To make a donation or for more information about the plans for the new O'Reilly Center for Hope, call 417-888-2020.

The mission of Community Partnership of the Ozarks is to facilitate and promote the building of resilient children, healthy families, and strong neighborhoods and communities through collaboration, programming and resource development. For more information on the Partnership's collaborative efforts and programs, visit cpozarks.org.

ROUNTREE NEIGHBORHOOD

Update to Rountree Neighborhood Plan nearing finish line

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

City staff and Rountree neighbors are nearing the finish line on an update to the Rountree Neighborhood Plan, first adopted in 1985.

Senior City Planner Alana Owen presented the proposed updates and recommendations from staff and consultants H3 to City Council in August. The proposed changes are expected to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission and then to City Council this fall.

The goals and recommended actions for the update to the plan include:

- Uphold and strengthen the character of the Rountree Neighborhood and provide for consistent development within the neighborhood and along its edges by expanding the neighborhood association and Urban Conservation District boundaries, determining interest in creating a Community Improvement District within Rountree and gauging interest in historic district designation.
- Identify opportunities to preserve the housing stock by pursuing adoption of residential infill and rehabilitation guidelines.



The Rountree Halloween Parade is an annual tradition in the neighborhood.

- Guide the scale and character of new development along National Avenue, Cherry Street and Elm Street.
- Improve and support quality development, safety, walkability and aesthetics along the neighborhood's edge. This can be achieved through traffic calming improvements, railroad right-of-way preservation for future trail use and pedestrian safety enhancements, such as sidewalks, crosswalks and walkways.

To view the proposed updates and recommendations to the Rountree Neighborhood Plan in full, please visit springfieldmo.gov/rountreepanning.

"Other registered neighborhoods have requested updates to their neighborhood plans. Once Rountree's is complete, work will begin on updating Phelps Grove's Neighborhood Plan," Owen said.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 16 • Nov. 20 • Dec. 18 • Jan 15: 7–8 p.m.
@ University Heights Baptist Church
(1010 S. National Ave.)

rountreenews.org



TOM WATKINS NEIGHBORHOOD



Tom Watkins neighbors celebrate \$645K in improvements to park

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board, in partnership with the City of Springfield, celebrated new improvements to Tom Watkins Park with a progressive ribbon-cutting and Frisbee-tossing ceremony Thursday, June 14, following the Zone 1 Town Hall Meeting with Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson.

Nearly \$645,000 of park improvements have been implemented at Tom Watkins Park in the last four months, funded through a combination of the City of Springfield's Community Development Block Grant, through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program; and the City's Neighborhood Works program. Park improvements included:

- New restrooms, adjacent to the park's pavilion.
- New 3,800-square foot interactive playground, including treehouse structure with slides and climbing features, a rotary swing, bench seating and shade structures.
- New 7/10-mile (3,604-foot) concrete walking

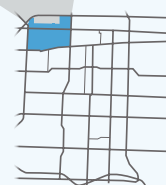
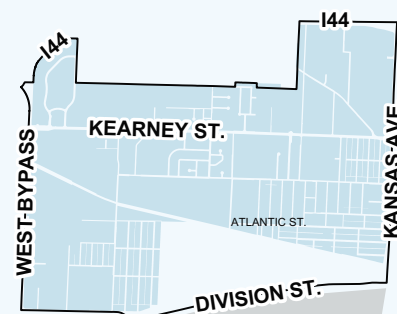


path, looping around the park.

- New site lighting and electrical upgrades, including adding power capacity to the pavilion
- New 18-hole disc golf course, with new tee pads and goal baskets.

The HUD grant is also funding new playgrounds and other amenities at Cooper, Nichols and Meador parks. Neighborhood Works is funding numerous infrastructure improvements in parks.

Neighborhood Boundaries



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner) • Jan. 31:
7-8:30 p.m. @ Tom Watkins Park Community Center
(2100 W. High St.)



WELLER NEIGHBORHOOD

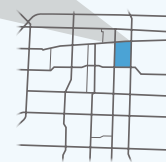
Weller celebrates Neighborhood Night Out Aug. 24



Photos courtesy of the Weller Neighborhood Association Facebook page



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 4 • Nov. 1 • Dec. 6 • Jan. 3: 6-7 p.m.
@ Turning Point Church
(1722 N. National Ave.)



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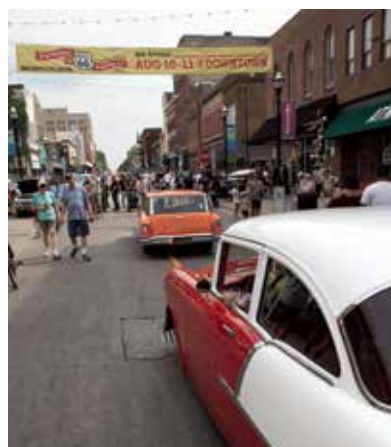
WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD



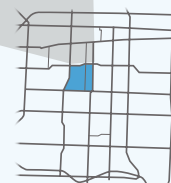
8th annual Route 66 Festival draws 56,000 to downtown, West Central

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

In total, approximately 56,000 people participated in this year's Birthplace of Route 66 Festival. An estimated 5,000 die hards braved the pop-up showers to watch and participate in the parade, an additional 20,000 people gathered for the show on Friday from noon to close, and about 31,000 came out Saturday. More than 600 vehicles registered for this year's car show, and about 500 lined up for the parade.



Neighborhood Boundaries



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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

Oct. 23 • Nov. 27 • Jan 22 : 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Broadway United Methodist Church
(545 S. Broadway Ave.)



New WCNA meeting location

By Caron Parnell, for SGFNN

As of September, we have a new location for our monthly membership meetings. The folks at Broadway United Methodist Church will be hosting us this year. There is a kitchen we can use, including use of a coffee pot. They host a lot of different events there, and we're looking forward to working with them.

Broadway United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Broadway Ave. and Mt. Vernon St., (545 S. Broadway Ave.)



City applies for grant to fund Grant Avenue Parkway Trail Connection Project

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

At the June 26 City Council Lunch, City of Springfield Public Works Assistant Director Martin Gugel proposed that the City apply for a highly competitive BUILD Transportation Grant. BUILD stands for "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grants."

BUILD is a \$1.5 billion multimodal, merit-based discretionary federal grant program that aims to support new partnerships and multi-jurisdictional cooperation, including public-private partnerships. Grant merit criteria focuses on transportation projects that improve safety and equitable access, enhance quality of life, environmental protection and innovation. Grants range from \$5 million to \$25 million and require a 20 percent match.

The City's Public Works and Planning and Development departments have convened a multi-departmental, multi-agency team to prepare a grant proposal for an attractive corridor connecting Springfield's vibrant downtown to the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium (WOW), with various neighborhoods, parks, greenway connections and other amenities in between. The "Grant Avenue Parkway



West Central Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Oct. 20: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Campbell Elementary,
506 S. Grant Ave.

Caron Parnell (314-825-6498)

► Trail Connection Project" would also provide connectivity with an existing and heavily used trail network (Ozarks Greenways, Inc.) and is coordinated with the metropolitan planning efforts of the Ozarks Transportation Organization.

This project will also alleviate traffic congestion, improve safety and accessibility and reduce environmental concerns.

WOW was voted America's Best Aquarium and Best New Attraction by USA Today readers. Since opening in September 2017, the estimated \$300 million private investment has resulted in significantly increased hotel nights and attracted

hundreds of thousands of visitors. Downtown Springfield's renaissance has been slow but steady over the past 20 years. Over a half-billion dollars of public and private investment has been made downtown since 1996. These two destinations generate a tremendous amount of economic activity and are authentic Springfield experiences for both residents and visitors. This project will also alleviate traffic congestion, improve safety and accessibility and reduce environmental concerns.

"In his State of the City address, the Mayor identified a vision for a strong economic vitality corridor stretching from the new Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium to Park Central Square. From IDEA Commons to Historic Commercial Street," Gugel said. "We have identified a grant opportunity that has the potential to move us forward on this vision."



Approved West Central Projects 2018-2019

Property acquisition: \$68,000

Purchase of property adjacent to the east side of the Route 66 Roadside Park to be utilized as greenspace for the park.

McGregor School-Park Improvements: \$19,000

Installation of additional lighting to the park.

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEST Partnership hosts block party in Westside

By Kathryn Wall, Health Department, for SGFNN

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department's NEST Partnership, along with Jordan Valley Community Health Center, hosted a block party on June 30 at the Westside Public Health Clinic on Scenic Avenue. More than 100 attendees enjoyed games, food and fun.



Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association President Joe Roberds entertains a young guest with bubbles.

There were many community partners at the party including Safe Kids, Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department, Missouri Care, Westside Betterment Neighborhood Association, Home State Health, Harmony House and Habitat for Humanity.

The purpose of the event was to inform the neighborhood of the services provided at the clinic which includes medical care provided by Jordan Valley Nurse



Practitioner Cindy Tull and NEST Partnership case management services.

The NEST Partnership continues to grow and expand partnerships with community agencies for receiving incoming referrals and connecting existing clients with community resources. With the addition of two nurses this past spring, the Prenatal Case Management Program and the Special Care Infant Program have expanded. The NEST offers assessment, education, support and connection for high-risk infants and women experiencing high-risk pregnancies.

For more information about NEST, please contact Rinda Davis at 417-874-1217.



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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 11 • Jan. 8: 6:30 p.m.,
@ Westport Park Apartments,
Community Room (250 N. Hilton Ave.)



Approved Westside Project 2018-2019

Zagonyi Park Improvements: \$97,500

Improvements include new playground equipment, new drinking fountains, shade structures, a community garden area and relocation of a historic marker memorializing Zagonyi's Charge, a cavalry attack that took place nearby during the Civil War.



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY NOV 15

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Grand Street bridge replacement example of how grassroots efforts get the job done

By Joe Roberds, for SGFNN

A Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association member and former president recently was going through some of the past WNBA files and found a copy of a 2013 document outlining goals for neighborhood improvements.

One of the projects described the need for sidewalks and a wider bridge for pedestrians on Grand Street west of Kansas Expressway. To accomplish this, a 2016 grassroots effort was successful when the City of Springfield conducted a poll to determine the most-needed capital improvement projects in the City. Several projects throughout the City were listed on the ballot. The WNBA went online to ask neighbors to vote on the much-needed Grand Street Bridge Project and went door to door with paper ballots for our neighbors to vote.

The results of this effort are there for you to see. The new wider – and much safer – bridge with sidewalks will soon be a reality. A bonus to the project is the addition of a connection to the Ozark Greenways Trail.

This past August, the City conducted another poll to again determine the most-needed capital

improvements. This time, the neighborhood project was the widening of Hilton Street west of Westport School. Again, the WNBA went online and door to door. The results of survey are not in yet, but the need for this improvement has been brought up for future consideration by the City.

Sidewalks were a need in 2013 and continue to be a need for our neighborhood. Since 2013, new sidewalks have been built in our neighborhood. One most noteworthy is the new sidewalk between Mt. Vernon and Grand Street on West Street. I see our neighbors using these sidewalks while being safely off the roadway.

The WNBA continues to help our neighbors with several projects such as the Westport Backpack Program, Adopt-a-Street, providing scholarships and volunteer hours at the Boys & Girls Clubs, sponsor block parties, National Night Out and more.

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

The WNBA meets with the City to obtain



continued funding for our neighborhood cleanup where tons of trash are removed from our neighborhood. Last May at the cleanup, vehicles were backed up three blocks waiting to unload their unwanted items.

One objective from 2013 that we have not succeeded with is expanding the association's membership. Would you like to help with WNBA projects and activities and be a part of helping your neighborhood?

Come to a WNBA meeting and meet your neighborhood police officer and your neighbors. The WNBA meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Westport Park Apartments, 250 N. Hilton. We hope to see you there!

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

Racing to revitalize Woodland Heights

By Kelsey Milholland, Habitat for Humanity, for SGFNN



Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association President Linda Passeri waves to friends and family as she crosses the finish line in the Habitat Home Run.

There was anticipation building as 394 runners waited for the starting pistol to fire and begin the race by historical homes and colorful painted light poles. Woodland Heights hosted Habitat for Humanity of Springfield's (HFHS) 10th annual Habitat

will fund neighborhood revitalization efforts in Woodland Heights.

As runners were on the move, they were able to see the impact that residents and volunteers have made in the area. Efforts include:

- Homes painted during four Rock the Block neighborhood cleanup events.
- Freshly landscaped yards through Habitat's "A Brush with Kindness" program.
- A community garden created in partnership with Reed Academy, Springfield Community Gardens, and Woodland Heights Neighborhood.

Members of JROTC at Hillcrest High School and neighborhood residents came out to cheer on the runners and walkers as they made their way through the shaded streets of Woodland Heights. The rain came just in time to cool off the runners following the awards ceremony.

If you would like to join Habitat for Humanity of Springfield to help revitalize Woodland Heights, contact Kelsey Milholland at 417-829-4001, ext. 116 or kelsey@habitatsspringfieldmo.org.



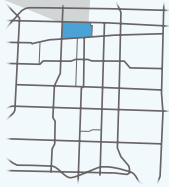
Home Run 5k/10k/1 mile Fun Run on Aug. 25.

"We accomplished two goals with this event," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "Not only was our community able to explore our incredible partner neighborhood, we raised a lot of money to support future projects."

Woodland Heights is Habitat's partner in 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 does more than get people active. It helps revitalize. All run proceeds

Neighborhood Boundaries



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- Becky Volz, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 15 • Nov. 19 • Dec. 17: 6 – 7 p.m.
@ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church
(722 W. Atlantic St.)

woodlandheightsneighborhood.org



Project RED Zone moves into Woodland Heights

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Since April 2017, Springfield firefighters have installed more than 1,600 smoke alarms in area neighborhoods as a part of Project RED Zone.

They've visited nearly 11,000 homes in the West Central, Grant Beach, Westside and Heart of the Westside neighborhoods and are moving into Woodland Heights next in an effort to ensure that every Springfield family has adequate warning in case of a fire.

In addition to the 1,600 installed alarms, firefighters have tested an additional 2,000 alarms and installed 488 batteries in existing alarms as a part of Project RED Zone.

The program is already a proven success, with at least two lives saved as a result of smoke alarms installed during Project RED Zone.

This brings the total number of alarms installed in our community during canvasses and other requests to over 2,700 in the last 12 months — far surpassing totals in recent years. Firefighters are now visiting residents in Heart of the Westside — another neighborhood with a high fire risk. In 2016, there were 18 fires in Heart of the Westside.

Project RED Zone — a reference to the red areas on the Springfield Fire Department's map of fire incidents — stands for Reduce, Educate, Deliver. It is part of SFD's Community Risk Reduction (CRR) program. The multifaceted campaign, which is part of the Zone Blitz, aims to ensure all homes in areas of the City with the highest fire risk have working smoke alarms.



REDUCE • EDUCATE • DELIVER

The program is already a proven success, with at least two lives saved as a result of smoke alarms installed during Project RED Zone. In September 2017, the occupant of a West Central apartment home was notified to a fire in a neighboring apartment by her smoke alarm that had been installed two months prior by Springfield fire crews. And again in November of last year, the occupant of another West Central apartment home was notified to a fire in a unit below her when her smoke alarm sounded. That alarm had also been installed by Springfield fire crews the previous January.

Working smoke alarms double your chances of surviving a fire, yet data shows most Springfield homes are not adequately protected by smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, in each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.

Project RED Zone is funded with the help of donations from the American Red Cross of Southern Missouri, Safe Kids Springfield and general revenue SFD funds designated for public education. If successful and if funding is available for additional alarms and batteries, the department hopes to continue to expand the program to other parts of the city. As always, the Fire Department offers free smoke alarms and batteries to anyone in need. To obtain a free alarm, call 417-874-2300.

Dream Center fall block party Nov. 10

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Springfield Dream Center will host its fall block party on Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free lunch will be provided. There will be community resources, kids activities and more at the event. If you're interested in volunteering please contact madeline@springfielddreamcenter.com

The Springfield Dream Center exists as a hub of practical help and lasting hope to the impoverished families of Springfield. Located at 829 W. Atlantic St. in City Council Zone 1, the dream center offers the city's resources where they are needed most, giving donors and supporters the opportunity to make a direct impact.

Services and resources also offered by the dream center include: a food pantry, clothing closet, community dinners, high school equivalency classes, and the Circles® program. For more information, please visit springfielddreamcenter.com



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To volunteer or for more information contact Patricia Deck at **417-888-2020 x114** or pdeck@cpozarks.org



Events

October – December 2018

EDUCATION & RESOURCES

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.

National Coffee with a Cop Day: Oct. 3: 9-10 a.m., McDonald's, 3510 W. Chestnut Expy. • 4101 S. Campbell Ave. • 1607 Battlefield Rd. • 2811 N. Kansas Expy. The First Wednesday of October is deemed National Coffee with a Cop Day. Join the thousands of police, sheriff, campus, local, and federal law enforcement agencies and have Coffee with a Cop in your community.

Fix-it Fair: Oct. 6: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St., (upstairs meeting room.) Give your household appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life. Volunteer experts will assist you with your repairs. Reduce waste while learning a valuable repair skill. Presented with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library and Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation. Call 862-0135 for more information.

Making Sense of Money: Basic Budgeting Series: Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17: 9:30-11:30 a.m. (breakfast at 9 p.m.) Location details provided when you register. Free interactive class to learn how to manage your money, instead of money managing you. You will establish a budget that works for you, develop habits to reach your financial goals, and be eligible for a \$100 savings match with our our partnering banks. Registration is required! Call 417-888-2020 ext. 150 or visit cpozarks.org/financial-literacy.

Midtown Workshop Series: Coffee Tasting: Nov. 13: 2 p.m. Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. (upstairs meeting room). Staff from Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar will talk beans, roasting and preparation as we sample different types of coffee. Registration starts Nov. 1; call 862-0135.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

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. 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.

Baby ABCs: 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, The NEST Partnership, Westside Public Health Center, 660 S. Scenic (between Grand and Chestnut Expressway). Learn basic infant-care skills in a no-stress group setting. Bring your friends. To sign up call 417-874-1249 or email cblevins@springfieldmo.gov and leave a message with your name and contact number.

Free Mammogram Screenings: Oct. 22: 4-6 p.m., Huston Cancer Center, 3850 S. National Ave. • Oct. 25: 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cox North Hospital, 1423 N. Jefferson Ave. CoxHealth is partnering with Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks to offer the exams for underinsured and uninsured women. No appointment necessary for a mammogram, and participants do not need to be a CoxHealth patient to receive one. After each exam, the scans will be interpreted by radiologists, and participants will be notified of the results. Patients seeking additional information about the screening may call 417-269-LADY

24th Annual Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk:

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22: 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 Friday Nov. 16, 5 p.m.: \$20/adults, \$15/kids 12 and younger. Registration Nov. 21: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Nov. 22: 6-7:15 a.m., in person only at the Springfield Expo Center: \$30/adults, \$25/kids 12 and younger.

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

Harvest Fest: Sept. 28-Oct. 28: Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch: Sept. 29-Oct. 29 • Haunted Trail: Oct. 5-27 • Friday & Saturday nights: 6:30-10 p.m. (Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze & Haunted Trail only), Saturdays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays: Noon-6 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. Five Weekends of fall-themed fun at the farm! Meander through the corn maze, take a hayride, pick your own pumpkin from our pumpkin patch, ride the Cow Train or Grain Train, try your luck at carnival games, bounce on inflatables and much more as you enjoy this Midwest fall tradition. Free admission, most activities have a small fee. Visit ParkBoard.org/HarvestFest for more information.

- **Halloween-Fest:** Oct. 27: 11 a.m.-6p.m. Celebrate the season with Halloween-themed activities. Wear a costume and join in the family scavenger hunt, games and crafts in the classroom. Everyone is a winner, with prizes and candy at each activity. The Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze and hayride are open for an additional fee. (Hayride may be canceled in the event of rain, but all other activities will proceed).

The Rockin' Roll Bike & Music Festival: Oct. 13: 1-10 p.m., Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, 3861 E. Stan Musial Dr. This first-ever event features three route choices, all beginning and ending at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. Post-ride festivities include dinner, drinks and live music from local acoustic artists The Shandies and Members Only, the area's premiere tribute band. Not a cyclist? Join us for the great music and great food. Benefiting Music Therapy of the Ozarks. Register at bikeandmusicfest.org

Art in Our City: Zone 2: Through Oct. 14, **Zone 3:** Oct. 20-March 17, 2019, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Springfield. This exhibition highlights and celebrates the creativity of our community focusing on artists living and

working in the many neighborhoods that make up our city. Art in our City not only concentrates on the artists on display but also their neighborhoods and what it means to live and work creatively in Springfield. The exhibit rotates every six months; the second rotation features work by nine artists from five neighborhoods in City Council Zone 2, and the third exhibit features work by seven artists from four neighborhoods in City Council Zone 3.

Four by Four 2018: Through Nov. 18, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. The biennial Four by Four 2018: Midwest Invitational Exhibition recognizes and encourages artists working in all media who reside in the four-state region of Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. The exhibit features work by four artists — one from each state — who will each exhibit a body of work. This year's artists will include Shawn Bitters (Kansas), Jason Cytacki (Oklahoma), Dawn Holder (Arkansas) and Meghan Roswell (Missouri).

- **Curator's Tour:** Oct. 18: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Curator of Art Sarah Buhr as she discusses the curatorial process behind putting the this biennial exhibition. Free and open to the public.
- **Artist Panel:** Nov. 18: 2-3:30 p.m., Join the four artists for an afternoon of conversation regarding their bodies of work in the exhibition. Free and open to the public.

Chamber Music Concert Series: Fall Concert:

Oct. 21: 3-4 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Please join St.Marks2 (St. Mark's Square) for an intimate afternoon of chamber music in the Museum's Courtyard Gallery. St. Mark's Square is a string quartet featuring permanent chair musicians of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The ensemble will offer a colorful program of music to celebrate fall. Due to generous grant funding from the Springfield Regional Arts Council this concert series is FREE and open to the public. Seating is limited. Please plan to arrive early, or contact the Museum in advance if you require a seat. The concert maybe standing room only.

Truck or Treat: Oct. 25: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Fire Station 8 (across from Ewing Park), 1405 S. Scenic. The Springfield Fire Department and the Park Board partner for a Halloween event with costumes, candy, firefighters and fire trucks!

Monster Mash Costume Parade: Oct. 27: 11 a.m., The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We'll meet in the Frisco Room for not-so-scary stories and dance the Monster Mash, then we'll parade through the library and collect treats. Call 865-1340.

Trick Art Treat: Oct. 27: 10 a.m.-Noon, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Join us for a morning of family Halloween themed art projects, games, pumpkin decorating, spooky stories and a costume contest. This drop-in event is free and fun for all ages. All activities associated with Trick Art Treat are free. (Costumes encouraged but not required.)

Decades: 90 Years of Collecting: Through Feb. 17, 2019, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This exhibition will trace the history and growth of the Museum's permanent collection beginning with the initial acquisition, in 1928, of a landscape painting by Philadelphia artist Mary Butler. This exhibit is divided into decades, presenting 10 objects per decade and examines the shifting trends, priorities and diversity of the Museum's collection and consequently, presents a history of

the Museum's first 90 years through the lens of the permanent collection.

- **Curator's Tour:** Nov. 1: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Curator of Art Sarah Buhr as she leads an informative enriching tour through this special 90th anniversary exhibit.

Honoring the Legacy of World War I: Nov. 7-17, The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. On this 100th anniversary year of the Great War, the Library will host a community observance with a series of programs about Missouri's and the U.S. role in the war. The traveling exhibit Missouri and the Great War returns to the concourse for the anniversary observance. Visit thelibrary.org for more information about programs in this series. All programs are scheduled in the Library Center auditorium and open to the public.

Family Art Workshop: Gift-Making: Nov. 24: 10 a.m.-noon, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. The only thing more fun than getting a gift is giving one, and the only thing more fun than giving a gift is making it first! Join us for a festive morning of making, and your kids will head into the holiday season with homemade gifts for the special people in their lives. This drop-in event is free and open to the public.

Festival of Lights: Nov. 17-Jan. 1: ongoing, lights run 5:30-11 p.m., Downtown Springfield. A flurry of downtown events including carriage rides, holiday shows and concerts, free ice skating, the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade and, of course, festive lights. Check out the displays at Park Central Square, opening Nov. 17 with the Mayor's Tree Lighting, and at Jordan Valley Park, where light shows are programmed to music for an enchanting stroll. Details and schedules at itsalldowntown.com.

Candy Cane Lane: Nov. 30-Dec. 16: Fri.-Sun., 5-8 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146. Drive through the farm and enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 10,000 lights. Hot cocoa available for purchase. **Fee:** \$5/vehicle

Christmas at the Farmstead: Dec. 1: 1-3 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic. Join volunteers at the Gray-Campbell Farmstead to celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas. Decorate the tree with hand-made vintage ornaments. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and carols.

Holiday Train Garden Display: Dec. 1-31: Mon-Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic. The magic of miniature landscapes and moving model trains transforms the Botanical Center atrium into a holiday wonderland. Presented by the Ozarks Garden Railway Society. Donations accepted.

Luminaria Driving Tour: Dec. 8: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, 6424 W. Farm Road 182, Republic, Missouri. To honor the 2,539 soldiers, who were casualties of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, the luminaries will be placed along the 5-mile tour road and at the historic Ray House. Admission is free for the day. The evening event is open to the public. For more information visit wilsonscreek.com

Contemporary Cuban Printmaking: Dec. 8-March 17, 2019, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Pulled entirely from the collection of the Racela Educational and Charitable Foundation, this exhibition presents over 70 prints by 33 Cuban artists who have all worked at the Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Habana — the oldest,

continuously running print workshop in Cuba. From its inception, the workshop has focused on connecting artists with traditional printmaking techniques and foster a dynamic artistic community based on the sharing and exchange of ideas, experimentation and art criticism. This supportive community has allowed Cuban artists a relative freedom of expression, even amid the country's larger political and cultural issues.

- **Opening Reception:** Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m.

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.

Diversity Talent Hub Job Fair: Oct. 18: 6:30-8 p.m., The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Come and learn more about job opportunities in the Springfield area. Bring several copies of your resume. Sponsored by Prosper Springfield. For more information contact Francine Pratt at fpratt@cpozarks.org or 417-888-2020

How to Get and Keep Your First Job: Nov. 8: 3:30 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. (Teen Room) For grades 6-12. Staff members from the Library's Human Resources Department will explain what they look for in a job application and resume, the expectations employers have once you are hired and answer your questions about the world of work. Snacks will be provided. Call 862-0135.

BY NEIGHBORHOOD

BISSETT

Bissett Neighborhood Association Meetings: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Jan. 8: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck, Bissett Elementary School, 3014 W. Calhoun. • Dec. 11 (Christmas Dinner): 6 p.m., Faith Assembly of God, 3001 W. Division, please enter the building through the doors at the east end of the north side.

BRADFORD PARK

Bradford Park Neighborhood Association Meeting: Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 3555 S. Fremont Ave.

Bradford Park Day Street Festival: Oct. 13: 1-4 p.m., 3424 S. Rogers Ave. Join us for this exciting fall event and help us celebrate 10 years of "safe, friendly and clean" fun! The Geezer Band will be performing. Hotdogs will be served at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to share for "a taste of Bradford Park." Pickleball and other games and prizes for the kids and adults. Silent auction featuring gifts for all ages, including a ride for three on a Cessna 195 Airplane. The festival will also feature face painting, a bounce house and balloon twister. It's all FREE. Bring your kids, your grandkids, your friends and a lawn chair! Street will be closed for the activities. Sorry, no pets allowed. In case of inclement weather festivities will be canceled.

DELAWARE

Delaware Neighborhood Association

Meeting: Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4: 7-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland.

Delaware Fall Neighborhood Cleanup: Nov. 17: 8 a.m.-Noon, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland St. Residents and/or property owners in the Delaware neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood cleanup. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush, leaves and metal. Curbside pickup is available, but fees may apply. For more information, and to arrange a curbside pickup for brush, please contact Nancy Williams at 417-496-2187.

DOLING

Doling Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8: 6:45-8 p.m., optional potluck starts at 6 p.m., Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, 818 E. Norton Rd.

Doling Park Car Show: Oct. 6: 1-4 p.m., Doling Park History Museum, 301 E. Talmage St. The Doling Park History Museum hosts its annual car show with Hot Wheels and Die-cast swap-and-shop. Bring your car to display. Trucks and bikes are also welcome. Grab your Hot Wheels, Matchbox or die-cast collection to show off or trade. The museum will be open with concessions and games in the courtyard. For more information, call 417-837-5808.

Going-away Party for Mary Kay Glunt: Oct. 9: 6 p.m., Hillcrest Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 818 E. Norton Rd. We are turning our October neighborhood meeting into a going away party for our secretary, Mary Kay Glunt, who is moving to Pennsylvania in November. We will have a potluck dinner (bring something if you wish but it's not necessary). Kids are welcome. We will have Deputy Dustin Kendrick and his partner, K9 Stark, and of course there will be cake. Mary Kay has been a big part of any success we claim in Doling and there will be a huge hole in the neighborhood when she leaves. The amount of time and energy she has devoted to the neighborhood can't be measured. We can't give her the send-off she truly deserves, but we intend to try.

Cruise Kearney: Oct. 13: 6-10 p.m. Kearney Street from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone. Come out, cruise, hang out with other automotive enthusiasts and just generally have a good time. You will see a wide variety of vehicles and many classics that you won't want to miss.

GRANT BEACH

Grant Beach Produce Distribution: 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Free produce delivered by Ozarks Food Harvest and distributed at The Fairbanks every Thursday. Participants are required to join the Grant Beach Garden Committee for \$5 per year. Membership forms are available at the distribution. Contact Shelley Vaugine at 617-877-7836.

Grant Beach Dinner and Circles® program:

Thursdays: 5:15-7:30 p.m., The Drew Lewis Foundation at 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.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 (Christmas Dinner): 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1115 N. Campbell.

Grant Beach Fall Neighborhood Cleanup:

Oct. 27: 8 a.m.-Noon, Central Assembly Parking Lot, 1445 N. Boonville Ave. Residents and/or property owners in the Grant Beach neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood cleanup. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush and metal. Curbside pickup is available, but fees may apply. For more information, and to arrange a curbside pickup, please contact Pauletta Dunn at 417-880-2453.

Trick or Treat at Hovey House: Oct. 31: 5-8 p.m., Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St. We are decorating and passing out candy. There will also be a digital costume contest via Facebook with winner receiving tickets to Dickerson Park Zoo.

Grant Beach Adopt-A-Street Cleanup from

Calhoun to Chestnut: Nov. 14: 11 a.m. Bring gloves. The City provides the trash bags. Let's make our corner of the world cleaner.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association Christmas

Dinner: Dec. 10: 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1115 N. Campbell Ave. Meat provided. Please bring a side or dessert. Please RSVP by Dec. 5 with number of adults and ages of children. Santa will be available for pictures and may bring a surprise as well.

GREATER PARKCREST**Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association**

Meeting: Nov. 15: 6:30 p.m. at The Way Church, 903 W. Katella St.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Fall Fest:

Oct. 12: 6-8 p.m., Horace Mann Elementary, 3745 S. Broadway Ave.

Greater Parkcrest Fall Neighborhood Cleanup:

Oct. 13: 8 a.m.-Noon, One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave. Residents and/or property owners in the Greater Parkcrest neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood cleanup. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush, leaves and metal. Curbside pickup is available for brush only and fees may apply. For more information, and to arrange a curbside pickup for brush, please contact Kate Detoy at 678-521-7455.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Holiday Lights

Contest: Dates in December to be announced.

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE**Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association**

Meetings: Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10: 6-7 p.m., Passion Assembly of God Church, 806 N. Forest.

Heart of the Westside Dinner and Circles®

program: Mondays and Thursday: 5:15-7:30 p.m., Passion Assembly of God, 806 N. Forest Ave. Free dinner and 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.

MEADOR PARK**Meador Park Neighborhood Association Meetings:**

Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2: 6 p.m., Cowden Elementary School, 2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

Meador Park Fall Neighborhood Cleanup:

Nov. 3: 8 a.m.-Noon, Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont Ave. Residents and/or property owners in the Meador Park neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood cleanup. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush, leaves and metal.

For more information please contact Bobbi Ream at 417-883-3438.

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.

Midtown Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14: 6-7 p.m., Urban Neighborhood Alliance building, on Cox North Hospital parking lot, 918 E. Calhoun St.

Music at Midtown: The Cider Sessions:

Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18: 6 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. (upstairs meeting room). Let's toast the start of fall with warm apple cider and intimate musical performances by local artists.

• **Oct. 4:** Donnie (D. Clint) Thompson's acoustic finger-style blues and Michael Cochran's electric flat-picked stylings. • **Oct. 11:** Emily Higgins, producer and host of "The Mulberry Tree" • **Oct. 18:** Songwriter Molly Healey will perform original songs from her new album "Human" as well as her own interpretations of familiar songs. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 862-0135 for more information.

OAK GROVE**Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Meeting:**

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the next scheduled meeting.

Oak Grove Neighborhood Block Party:

Oct. 7: 4-7 p.m. Oak Grove Assembly of God Church, 1320 S. Oak Grove Ave.

Bennett Street Cleanup from Oak Grove to Belcrest:

Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Meet at Holy Trinity Catholic Church parking lot.

Oak Grove Fall Neighborhood Cleanup:

Nov. 10: 8 a.m.-Noon, East Grand Church of Christ, 2220 E. Grand St. Residents and/or property owners in the Oak Grove neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood cleanup. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush, leaves and metal. Curbside pickup is available, but fees may apply. For more information, and to arrange a curbside pickup for brush, please contact Wendell Royster at 417-883-6541.

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 second 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.

Robberson Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 25, Dec. 27: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale.

ROUNTREE

Rountree Fall Festival: Oct. 14, 4-6 p.m., University Heights Baptist Church, 1010 S. National Ave.

Rountree Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15: 7-8 p.m., University Heights Baptist Church, 1010 S. National.

Rountree Halloween Parade:

Oct. 31: 5:30 p.m. The parade will start on Delmar and Weller, north of Grand, and will end in the 800 block of Weller. Join in this annual neighborhood tradition. Trick-or-treating beings immediately after the parade.

TOM WATKINS

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 27: 4-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Park, 2100 W. High St.

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association Meetings:

Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner), Jan 31: 7-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Community Center, 2100 W. High St.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa:

Date TBA: 6-8 p.m. Ed V. Williams Elementary, 2205 W. Kearney St. Please watch Tom Watkins' Facebook page for details.

WELLER**Weller Neighborhood Association Meetings:**

Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3: 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.

WEST CENTRAL**West Central Neighborhood Alliance Meeting:**

Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Jan. 22: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Broadway United Methodist Church, 545 S. Broadway Ave.

West Central Fall Neighborhood Cleanup:

Oct. 20: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Campbell Elementary, 506 S. Grant Ave. Residents and/or property owners in West Central neighborhood are invited to participate in the fall neighborhood clean-up. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Items accepted are trash, brush, leaves and metal. Curbside pickup is available, however, fees may apply. For more information, and to arrange a curbside pickup, please contact Caron Parnell at 314-825-6498,

WESTSIDE**Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association**

Meetings: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8: 6:30 p.m., Westport Park Apartments Community Room, 250 N. Hilton.

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

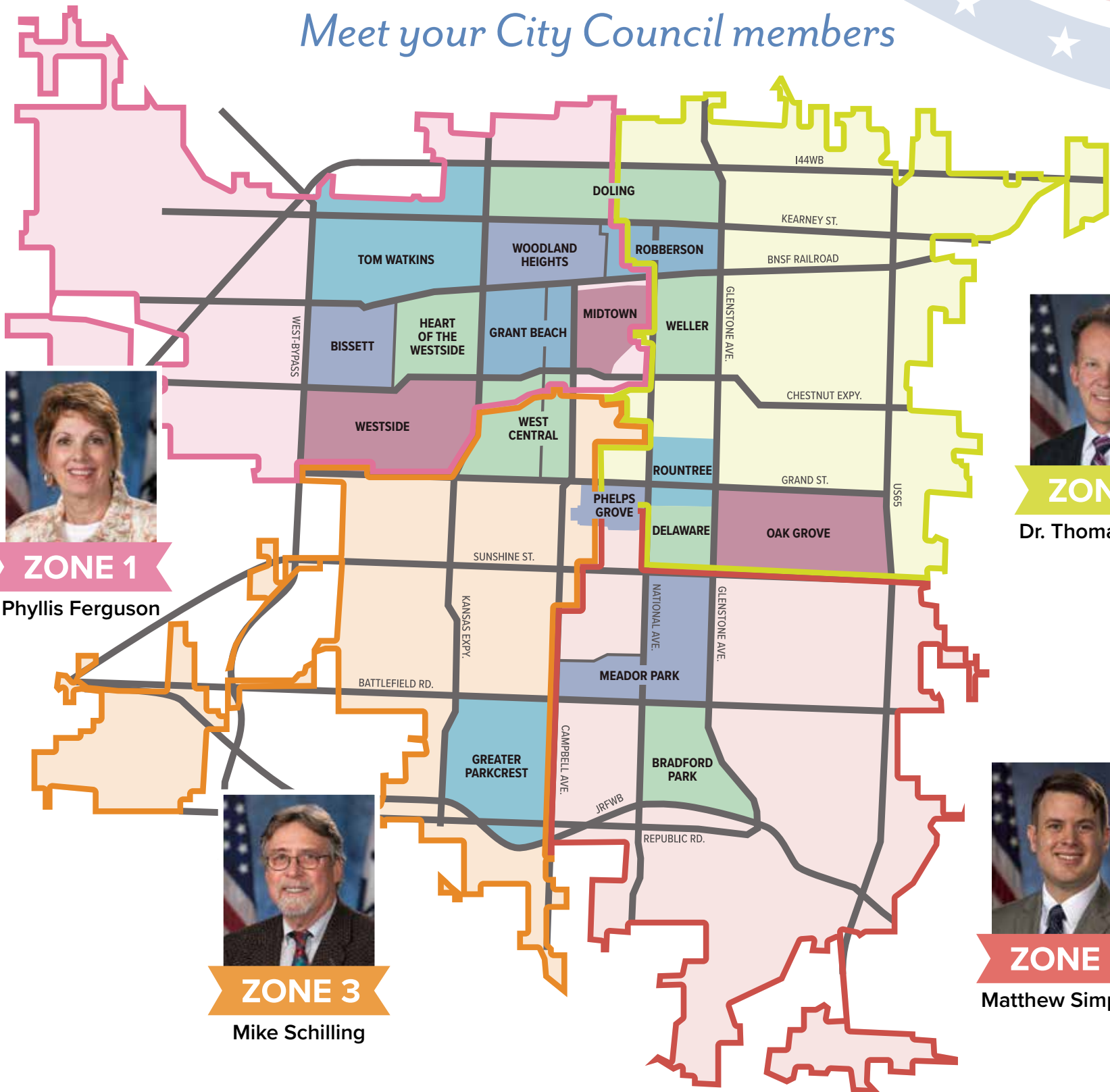
Meetings: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17: 6-7 p.m., Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, 722 W. Atlantic St.

Springfield Dream Center Block Party:

Nov. 10: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Springfield Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic St. Free lunch, community resources, kids activities and more. Want to volunteer? Contact madeline@sprignfielddreamcenter.com.

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