



21 volunteers and Public Works recognized at 12th annual Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) hosted the 12th annual Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards (NOVA) ceremony, Dec. 4, 2018 at Relics Event Center to recognize and reward outstanding neighborhood volunteers who work tirelessly to improve and revitalize their communities.

A nova is a brightly shining star. "CPO feels organizations and individuals who tirelessly work at making our community a better place to live should be recognized as stars," said Janet Dankert, CPO President/CEO. The annual NOVAs banquet allows us to reflect on the achievements and contributions made by dedicated people in our community. "The NOVAs banquet is a highlight of our year and we truly enjoy the opportunity to celebrate those who may go unnoticed for all they do in and for our neighborhoods," Dankert said.

Pete Radecki, former Neighborhood Advisory

Council chair and Bissett Neighborhood Association president, presented the keynote address.

The 2018 Reaching for the Stars Award went to the City of Springfield's Department of Public Works for the Neighborhood Works program.

The Reaching for the Stars Award is an annual award given to a person, organization or partner that has had a particularly large and profound impact on the neighborhoods throughout the past year.

Transportation Planner Dawne Gardner accepted the award on behalf of the department. Public Works Assistant Director Martin Gugel also attended the event and was recognized.

Individual NOVAs were awarded to:

- Bissett: Russell Moore
- Bradford Park: Dellene Nelson



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Art in Our City Zone 3 pieces now on display at Springfield Art Museum

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The third six-month rotation of the Springfield Art Museum's Art In Our City exhibition went on display in October and features seven artists from four neighborhoods located in City Council Zone 3.

The featured artists are:

- Joshua Mayfield, West Central
- Madeline Brice, West Central
- Donna Rustin, West Central
- Joel Wolverton, West Central
- Lauren Sukany, Phelps Grove
- Steven Brown, Mark Twain
- Carl Glasmeyer, University Heights.

Zone 3 is located in the southwest quadrant of the city and is represented by Councilman Mike Schilling.

Selections were made by Springfield Art Museum Director Nick Nelson, from an open call for artists in the summer of 2017. The artists' works range from painting, to low-relief mixed media sculpture, to textiles. Their work will show through late March, when the exhibit will rotate to feature 11 new artists



Madeline Brice with her painting "Naked Lunch."

from seven neighborhoods located in City Council Zone 4.

The museum has long collected works by local artists including Julie Blackmon, Bill Armstrong, Bill Wright, Jacob Burmood, Robert E. Smith, Beverly Hopkins, Dwaine Crigger, Rodney Frew, Sarah Perkins, Roberta Stoneman Baker, Louis Freund and Elsie Bates Freund, among others.

Representative works by these artists are frequently on view in the museum's semi-permanent rotating exhibition of the museum's permanent collection, Creating An American Identity, placed within the larger context of the contemporary American art world.

"Art In Our City is unique in that it places the emphasis solely on living local artists who are currently working," says Joshua Best, development and marketing coordinator. "The exhibit's location in Avant Art places it at the forefront of the museum, making these works some of the first that patrons encounter upon entering the museum."

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SPS board unanimously approves proposal to fund high-priority improvements

Project list includes reconstruction or extensive renovations at 6 high-need facilities, secure entrances to 31 schools and room to expand access to early childhood education

By Stephen Hall, Springfield Public Schools, for SGFNN

Springfield voters will be asked April 2 to consider a \$168 million bond proposal to fund 39 high-priority projects, which were recommended by a citizen task force. The Springfield Board of Education voted unanimously Nov. 27 to place the request on the April 2 ballot to provide funding for the projects recommended by the task force.

The decision follows a five-month process in which a task force comprised of 31 community members, parents, students and SPS educators studied the current condition of SPS schools and evaluated critical improvements needed.

“We felt driven by that charge, so as a group we knew we had a lot of learning to do, and we did the necessary homework. These recommendations are the result of our lengthy review.”

– Task Force Co-chair Bridget Dierks

“We appreciate the work of the task force members and their commitment to valuing diverse perspectives throughout their study,” said Jill Patterson, school board president. “We wanted this group to represent the viewpoints that exist in our community as they made their recommendation.”

On Oct. 16, task force co-chairs David Hall and Bridget Dierks presented the group’s recommendations to the school board. The projects recommended would impact 36 schools, plus add classroom space to expand early childhood education services. In addition to renovation or new construction at schools that will include the addition of storm-shelter gymnasiums, the work would involve building secure entrances at 31 schools, improving the process of monitoring and controlling visitor access to school buildings.

“We were charged with the task of evaluating the current state of SPS facilities and bringing forward a community recommendation for which projects are most critical,” Dierks said. “We felt driven by that charge, so as a group we knew we had a lot of learning to do, and we did the necessary homework. These recommendations are the result of our lengthy review.”

To fund the projects, the task force recommended that the school board ask voters to approve an 18-cent increase to the debt-service levy. The levy would be phased in over two years with a 9-cent increase the first year and a nine-cent increase the second year. The cost increase to the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 would be \$34.20 annually following full phase in, which would equal \$2.85 per month.

“Our study revealed that there is a significant need within the district, so we believe that it is imperative that the school board request funding for these critical projects,” Hall said. “We weighed the

identified needs with feedback from community members about cost, impact on neighborhoods and equity, and we believe that conversation has produced recommendations our entire community can support.”

If voters approve the April 2 ballot issue, the \$168 million would fund the following projects, which would be completed by the end of 2022:

Secure Entrances

- Entrances at 31 schools will be remodeled to better control access points that are layered into the path of entry, supplemented with a series of intercom, cameras and electronic locking controls.
- Schools include Bingham, Bissett, Carver, Central, Cowden, Disney, Field, Holland, Jarrett, Mann, McBride, McGregor, Old Sherwood, Parkview, Pershing K-8, Phelps, Pipkin, Pittman, Pleasant View K-8, Reed, Robberson, Rountree, Shady Dell, Study, Truman, Twain, Watkins, Weller, Wilder, Wilson’s Creek and York.

Southwest Region Early Childhood Center

- A new center will be constructed that will serve 250 preschool students, possibly located on the property near Carver Middle School.
- This capitalizes on new state funding for operational costs for preschool students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch and represents a portion of an overall expansion of early childhood services. The new funding became available July 1, 2018.

Delaware Elementary School

- New construction on the current site, including a storm-shelter gymnasium, to serve up to 350 K-5 students and will continue to serve as a special education program hub.
- Some boundary adjustments will be necessary to shift about 100 Sunshine Elementary students to Delaware.

Sunshine Elementary School

- Renovation of current building on site and addition of new classrooms and a storm-shelter gymnasium to serve up to 350 K-5 students.
- Will address accessibility and security challenges.
- Some boundary adjustments will be necessary to accommodate Portland Elementary students and shift some Sunshine students to Delaware.

Boyd Elementary School

- New construction, including a storm-shelter gymnasium, on a new site with larger land footprint in the Midtown neighborhood.
- Will serve up to 300 preK-5 students.

Williams Elementary School

- Renovation of school on existing site, including addition of a storm-shelter gymnasium and early childhood mini-hub.



- Will address accessibility and security challenges.
- Will serve up to 350 K-5 students and up to 100 preschool students.

Jarrett Middle School

- New construction of school on current Portland school site. (Portland K-5 students will attend Sunshine Elementary School.)
- Provides expanded space for outside extracurricular programming which is limited at current location.
- Will serve up to 725 students in grades 6-8 and will result in minor boundary adjustments.

Hillcrest High School

- Renovation of building with additions on current site, reducing capacity from 1,488 to 1,200 students.
- Will address accessibility issues and increase security by connecting all campus buildings so students do not have to go outside during the day.

“We wanted this community task force to consider feedback we received from voters following the 2017 proposal that did not receive sufficient voter support,” Patterson said. “It was important to the school board to take the voter feedback into account in developing these recommendations, and we appreciate the task force for the depth of their review and recommendations.”

The following are just a few examples of how the proposal was crafted to address voter feedback:

- The total bond issue recommended is more than 10 percent less than the April 2017 bond issue requested.
- The increase to the debt-service levy is 25 percent lower than the amount proposed in April 2017.
- The combined elementary and middle school campus concept is not included in the proposal.
- Bowerman, Delaware and York will continue to be used as elementary schools.

Additional information is available at sps.org/facilityplan.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Art In Our City is a special exhibition that highlights local artists and the character of Springfield's unique neighborhoods. Art In Our City debuted in October 2017, featuring artwork from eight artists living in five neighborhoods located in Zone 1. More than 14,000 patrons have visited the museum since this new exhibition opened.



In addition to its great neighborhoods, Springfield is home to a vibrant artistic community, Nelson said, which inspired him to dedicate the museum's new flex space to local artists for the next two years.

"The Art In Our City exhibition highlights and celebrates the creativity of the Springfield community, focusing on artists living and working in the neighborhoods that make up our city. This exhibition not only concentrates on the artists on display, but the neighborhoods they live in and what it means to live and work creatively here," he added.

For information on how to submit your work for this exhibit, please visit sgfmuseum.org.



Steven Brown with his photograph "Blue Ice."

ABOUT THE PIECES

"Blue Ice," by Steven Brown

"Blue Ice," which was created in 2010, is a 20×30-inch digital photograph face mounted on acrylic.

"I have always enjoyed the time just after a snow storm, that quiet time when the snow crunches loudly underneath your feet and you can see your breath but for some reason it doesn't seem as cold as it should be. I love photographing at these times. The images have a starkness and simplicity that I find beautiful. This image was captured after a fairly large snow, I was initially drawn to the branches, the way they laid in the snow seemed appealing to me. I was also interested in the color of the ice, the reason for the title," said Brown, an adjunct art professor at Southwest Baptist University.

"I am very honored to be included in an exhibition within the Springfield Art Museum. It is important to me that my work be seen, and this is a great chance to show my work to many people. This is a great opportunity for all of the artists the museum has chosen, I've seen some really good local artists work because of this project."

"Phelps Grove Park," by Carl Glasmeyer

"My work is an evaluation of Springfield values through redesigns of public spaces. By removing parking lots to make way for a new square, linking together disparate green spaces with paths and crosswalks, and integrating cycling ways with bus transit, Springfield's priorities change to favor pedestrians rather than automobiles," Glasmeyer said.

"Speed and size are replaced with variation and intimacy. A well-stitched urban fabric collapses the membrane between places. Interstitial spaces between opportunities for commerce, leisure and



"Phelps Grove Park" by Carl Glasmeyer (upper right)

contemplation as more people dwell within them. This artwork is a sketch of possibilities to help encourage the transformation of spaces into pieces of value."

"Naked Lunch," by Madeline Brice

"Naked Lunch," is a 40×40-inch oil painting on stretched canvas.

"This piece I created in 2015 is a snapshot of a larger series of works all in response to a correlating emotional period. It's a response series to the emotionally abusive relationship I found myself within the year prior. Through this piece, I sought a contradictory viewing experience. I created an environment, my bed, which feels comfortable, inviting, 'please join me,' but the underlying sentiment displays quite the opposite. When viewed within the context of the entire series, a conclusion can be drawn: 'I don't feel safe here anymore.' I wished to express how one's bed can feel both safe and unsettling, full of memories and sterile, all at the same time," Brice said.

"To have my work displayed at the Springfield Art Museum is an honor. For years I have visited the museum quietly hoping my work would one day hang within its four corners, and this year that came true. I can't thank the Springfield Art Museum enough for creating a space and an initiative to showcase local artists."

"The Pale Mary," by Donna Rustin

"My art is mixed media and consists of found objects from everywhere. The inspiration for Pale Mary comes from a lifelong struggle with mental illness and attempted suicide, which I believe to be the direct result of abuse from childhood by my mother and father, some teachers and bullies in school," Rustin said.

"Pale Mary represents that even the strongest person can lose all faith and have no hope. She has given up, believing hell pales in comparison to life on this earth. She hears the words of 'Amazing Grace' coming from the church and believes it no more. She realizes no one notices she is gone or even cares. Hopefully, this piece and message will reach more people by being exhibited in the Springfield Art Museum and will raise even more awareness to what is happening to our children daily and they will be the ones who have to pay the price for this, as I did. I hope this will start a very OUT LOUD conversation about this tragedy more so than about the value or quality of my art."



Donna Rustin with her piece "The Pale Mary."

See more artists from West Central and Phelps Grove in the neighborhood sections.

- Delaware: J. Brandon Carroll
- Doling: Christina Dicken
- Grant Beach: Peggy Wissmueller
- Greater Parkcrest: Judy Wyrick
- Heart of the Westside: Cody Parsons
- Meador Park: Bobbi Ream
- Midtown: James Jeffries
- Oak Grove: Wendell Royster
- Phelps Grove: Nancy Danielsen
- Robberson: Terry Cornio
- Rountree: Laurel Bryant, Sue Ekstam, Mike Brothers and Peggy Wise
- Tom Watkins: Scott Michael
- Weller: Stacey Jackson
- West Central: Phyllis Netzer
- Westside: Ken Sweetser
- Woodland Heights: Sarah Gaddy.

Bass Pro Marathon Neighborhood Challenge awards

Concluding the evening were the Great Neighborhoods grants to neighborhoods and the Bass Pro Marathon cheering section awards. Doling took first place and \$2,000 in the competition, with their "wild animal kingdom" theme. In second place and winning \$1,500 was Westside, with their Route 66 fueling station theme.

There was a three-way tie for third, with Greater Parkcrest, West Central and Bradford Park each taking home \$1,000 for their neighborhood association. Greater Parkcrest's theme was "shine-on emojis," while West Central also promoted Route 66 and Bradford Park had a superheroes theme.

Oak Grove, Tom Watkins, Grant Beach, Delaware, Woodland Heights, Meador Park and Robberson all took home \$500. Oak Grove's theme was "old golf," Tom Watkins' was camping and outdoors, Grant Beach's was the beach, Delaware's was pirate, Woodland Heights' was Hawaiian, Meador Park was "ghosts of Halloween," and Robberson's was classic cars.

Great Neighborhoods grants

Alana Owen and Randall Whitman from the City's Planning & Development department awarded four \$750 Great Neighborhoods grant checks. Neighborhoods that received checks were Delaware, Doling, Midtown and Oak Grove.

Congratulations to all, and a big thanks to NOVAS sponsor Air Services Heating & Cooling for making the evening possible.



Midtown accepts their Great Neighborhoods grant check.

Support neighborhood schools with Pick-a-Project program

Provided by Springfield Public Schools

The 2018-2019 Pick-a-Project program is open now through mid-May 2019. Citizens are invited to choose a project to support.

HOW IT WORKS

Pick-a-Projects are submitted by Springfield Public Schools teachers and stay online at supportsp.org until they are funded, or for 40 days, whichever comes first. If at the end of 40 days, the project isn't fully funded, all donations made will still go to the teacher who submitted the request to use for their classroom.

First, browse through the projects available to find the projects you want to support.

Next, make your donation online. No account is required. It only takes a few minutes to contribute, on our secure website. You decide how much to give, beginning at \$5 per contribution. You can donate \$5, \$20, fund the whole project, or an amount in between. One hundred percent of your donation will go to the Pick-a-Project you choose.

Any amount you give will help students right here in our own community with the tools and resources they need in order to have innovative, creative learning projects that go beyond the basics in their classrooms. Plus, it's tax-deductible. The Foundation for Springfield Public Schools will mail or email your tax receipt.

MATCHING GIFTS

If your employer has a matching gift program, we



encourage you to notify them of your contribution and multiply the power of your gift! If you or your employer need any assistance with documentation or have questions we will be glad to assist you.

SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Share the excitement of giving to Pick-a-Project with your friends and co-workers on Facebook or Twitter.

Have questions? Call the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools office at 417-523-0144 or email planderson@spsmail.org.

View the details of the Pick-a-Projects in each neighborhood's section.

Firefighters visit 39 schools during October's Fire Prevention Month

By Heather Parker, Fire Department, for SGFNN

Firefighter educators visited 39 Springfield public and private elementary schools, reaching over 10,000 children during October's Fire Prevention Month.

Firefighters taught age-appropriate fire safety lessons to preschoolers through fifth-graders. Over 2,600 smoke alarm surveys were returned to the fire department. From these surveys, 12 children were randomly chosen to receive a ride to school in a fire engine. Thank you to our firefighters, school systems, parents, and children for making Fire Prevention Month a success!



Springfield firefighter talking with kids at Campbell Early Education Center in the West Central Neighborhood.



Change One Thousand changes lives by instilling confidence through resources and soft skills

By Katherine Trombetta, Job Center, for SGFNN

Westside resident Joey Padgett takes nothing for granted. In less than two years, she has changed her life for the better for herself and her three children.

Two years ago, Padgett was in a marriage plagued by domestic violence. One day, she decided she'd had enough. She moved to Springfield and found the Missouri Job Center, where she received a number of free services, including help obtaining her GED certificate and new eyeglasses. But she says what impacted her the most was her participation in the Change One Thousand program.

"I know people who are looking for help and feel defeated, and they are hesitant to go through these programs, but honestly it's the best thing I've ever done." – Joey Padgett

"I know people who are looking for help and feel defeated, and they are hesitant to go through these programs, but honestly it's the best thing I've ever done," she said.



Joey Padgett, second from left, is one of 19 graduates from Change One Thousand's fifth cohort in September 2018.

Change One Thousand is a free, eight-day soft-skills academy that teaches personal finance, productivity and how to let go of bad habits and behaviors.

Besides resume writing and job interview techniques, the class also teaches students how to create a professional image and communicate effectively.

For many students, the greatest takeaway from the program is the confidence to make positive changes in their lives — like getting and keeping a job.

"Change One Thousand taught me to think better of myself," Padgett said. "I want to provide a better life for my children," she added.

After completing Change One Thousand, Padgett had the confidence to get a job to support her

children; Elizabeth, 4; Isabelle, 13; and Kristopher, 31, who is autistic.

She now works at a women's rehab center as a behavioral health technician. She said she enjoys being able to help those who struggle with addiction.

"I was not an addict, but my former husband was," she said, "and I know what that's like."

Nowadays, Joey enjoys the little things in life, like buying new bedding for her children or a new canister set for her kitchen.

"I actually cried when I bought the canister set because I had been using coffee cans," she said. "Change One Thousand changed my life. I have pride in myself, and I will not go back."

Since its inception, more than 100 participants have graduated from the Change One Thousand program, with more than half gaining full-time or part-time employment or continuing their education.

To find out more, or to register for the next Change One Thousand class, contact the Missouri Job Center at 417-887-4343 or visit changeonethousand.org. Visit the Missouri Job Center at 2900 E. Sunshine or in the Cox North Medical Tower at 1443 N. Robberson.



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Prosper Springfield launches online portal

By Francine Pratt, Prosper Springfield, for SGFNN

Prosper Springfield has a new website to provide information on resources and updates related to education, health, housing, job/financial security (workforce development) and transportation: prosper.springfield.org.



The Prosper Springfield initiative was created from the Impacting Poverty Commission that met for nearly two years to study the causes and effects of poverty. One of the outcomes from the IPC was a Call to Action Report that was published in October 2015 with several endorsements and action items. Prosper Springfield is charged with following up on these recommendations and providing updates to the community.

Prosper Springfield will continue to work toward creating systems of approach to align and connect existing programs to better serve the Springfield community ... The online portal is one tool available to the community to learn about services or updates related to this work.

One of the action items in the Call to Action Report was to create an online portal to provide one place to go when community members need information about resources and services. It was also recommended that the online portal provide updated information with the status of the recommendations from the Call to Action Report.

Several recommendations are still being researched to learn more about the status. However, Prosper Springfield will update the website on a regular basis when additional information is available. Prosper Springfield will continue to work toward creating systems of approach to align

and connect existing programs to better serve the Springfield community. Through this work, duplication of services is being reviewed as well as identifying gaps in services. The online portal is one tool available to the community to learn about services or updates related to this work.

The website has two sections: Get Help and Get Informed. The Get Help section provides information about available resources from different agencies with the agency telephone number and a link to the agency's website. The Get Informed section provides the most up to date information on the status of the Call to Action recommendations. This section also provides links to various reports related to our community goals to increase postsecondary attainment and reduce poverty by 2025.

Prosper Springfield uses a collective impact model with Community Partnership of the Ozarks and United Way of the Ozarks as the backbone organizations. Backbone organizations are key factors to support collective impact models. Over the life cycle of a collective impact initiative, backbone organizations provide support in the following ways:

- Established shared measurement practices
- Build public will
- Advance policy
- Administrative support
- Support aligned activities
- Mobilize funding

Prosper Springfield is pleased to also work with two key partners: The City of Springfield and the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on Prosper Springfield, please visit prosper.springfield.org.

For more information about Prosper Springfield, or to volunteer, contact Francine Pratt at 417-888-2020.

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Health Department project to improve access to public play spaces

By Julie Viele, Health Department, for SGFNN

Physical play is an important aspect of our lives and especially the lives of our children. It's not only fun, but it improves our hearts, lungs and mental health. Physical play is also vital to brain development and it allows kids to learn problem-solving, conflict-resolution skills and creativity.

But sadly, most of our children aren't playing enough to stay healthy. In fact, only one in four kids in the US is getting the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day. And it's having a dramatic impact on their health. Children without access to play, such as public playgrounds, are 26 percent more likely to be obese. This is particularly challenging in our community, with 14 percent of Missouri children and 36.4 percent of Greene County adults suffering from obesity.

To encourage play, it is critical that children have safe places to play within walking distance of where they live. However, only 55 percent of Springfieldians live within a half-mile of a publicly available play space.

This fact, combined with the high rate of obesity in our area, is why the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and partners are working to provide greater access to play spaces throughout the community with The Playspace Project.

The Health Department is reaching out to organizations with play spaces on private property – such as local churches – to implement open-use policies and is applying for funding to



develop new play spaces in areas without them.

Our goal is to increase public access to play spaces by 10 percent to meet one of the objectives in the Springfield Community Health Improvement Plan, developed by the Healthy Living Alliance, which is available online at health.springfieldmo.gov/chip.

So far, Brentwood Christian Church (1900 E. Baratavia), Weller Community Church (1624 E. Blaine), Turning Point Church (1722 N. National), St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ (4344 S. Fremont), Messiah Lutheran Church (925 E. Seminole) and Drew Lewis Foundation @ The Fairbanks (1126 N. Broadway) have agreed to open their play spaces to the community.

If your organization is interested in opening your play space to the community or you are interested in applying for funding to create a new publicly accessible play space, please contact Julie Viele at jviele@springfieldmo.gov or 417-864-2077.



Gearhead Garage Sale raises \$671 for CPO's Tool Library

By Jacque Harness, CPO, for SGFNN

Community Partnership of the Ozarks' Tool Library was the grateful recipient of funds raised at this year's Gearhead Garage Sale, thanks to the hard work of a local organization, the Bearded Betties, and devoted Tool Library volunteers. The sale raised \$671, which will be used for the purchase of additional tools, including a new tiller and pressure washer to supplement these high-demand items, and essential supplies to keep all our tools in good working order. Thanks to those who donated, organized and worked at the sale, as well as our customers.

In October, the Tool Library relocated from its home at the Neighborhood Resource Center to the small shed at the north of the property. We're looking for new temporary quarters to house the library until the opening of the O'Reilly Center of

Hope. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions of space to offer, please email mhethcoat@cpozarks.org.

Along with a lending library, the Tool Library also runs quarterly Fix-It Fairs in partnership with the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. The next Fix-It Fair will be Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. This is a great opportunity to get those items you've set aside repaired and ready to use. For the first time, we'll also be offering short how-to sessions on 3D printing, clothing mending and care, and basic bicycle care.

For more information about the Tool Library or to become a member, visit cpozarks.org/tool-library. The Tool Library is available by appointment only October through March.



DO YOU KNOW?

Michelle Hethcoat,
Special Projects Coordinator,
Community Partnership of the Ozarks

By Jacque Harness, CPO, for SGFNN

Michelle Hethcoat began work as the special projects coordinator for Community Partnership of the Ozarks last summer. A long-time Tool Library volunteer, Michelle brought significant volunteer and professional experience to the position, including work with event coordination and planning, writing and marketing, and volunteer recruitment and management.



In addition to managing and coordinating the Tool Library, Michelle will also coordinate and manage all neighborhood cleanup events.

In addition to managing and coordinating the Tool Library, Michelle will also coordinate and manage all neighborhood cleanup events. She will take the lead in coordinating the annual Point in Time Count and HOPE Connection & Veterans Stand Down events for CPO's Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness, our community's Continuum of Care for homeless services.

For more information about any of these events, contact Michelle at mhethcoat@cpozarks.org.

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.

Spring Neighborhood Cleanups are coming up!

For a complete schedule visit ...

SGFNeighborhoodNews.com

City's ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax goes back to voters April 2

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN & Cora Scott, Executive Editor

In April 2019, voters will be asked to decide whether or not to renew the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. In place since 1989, this tax has generated nearly \$250 million to fund road, bridge, stormwater and sidewalk projects in Springfield. When possible, funding is leveraged with other partners, including county, state, federal governments and developers.

The ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax is a sales tax continuation with no additional cost to taxpayers. A significant portion of the revenue generated comes from non-residents. Sales tax funds have been used to increase roadway capacity and improve safety on major roadways that serve the region.

Projects are chosen so that each council zone will see improvements within the next five years.

The ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax is estimated to generate about \$11 million per year in the first five years of the tax cycle to be invested in high-priority projects, such as major street resurfacing and rehabilitation, traffic flow improvements, school sidewalks, stormwater management and neighborhood initiatives. Renewed for the ninth time in 2016, the tax has passed with more than 70 percent in support the past four cycles. The tax most recently passed with 86 percent approval.

Proposed projects for the first five years of the 2019 ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax cycle were selected through a combination of public input, City department and partner agency assessed need, prior public/partner agency commitment and equitable geographic distribution.

Public input was sought through a citizen survey conducted online and in print Aug. 13- Sept. 7, 2018. Citizens were asked to identify their top three projects and offer input to help guide the level of investment in certain programs. Out of 1,504 total responses collected, eight projects rose to the top, each earning at least five percent of the vote. Of these eight, seven were included in the final list of proposed projects.

City/agency need is determined by City departments and partner agencies who assess other variables that may impact the project's overall benefit to the community. Total crashes, traffic capacity, infrastructure condition, economic development potential and flooding within the project area were all factors considered.

Six projects were identified as previous commitments made to voters or partner agencies.

The final variable considered was the location of each proposed improvement. Projects are chosen so that each council zone will see improvements within the next five years.

EXTENDING THE TERM CYCLE

In October, Springfield City Council evaluated the possibility of a longer-term cycle option for the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. They

indicated support for maintaining a sunset of the tax but extending it to 20 years.

A longer term would change the way the City is able to use the tax funds:

- The City currently splits up project phases (e.g., design and construction). The City cannot fully commit to completing all phases of a project during a three-year cycle but could commit to see a project through all phases during a longer cycle.
- The City would have the flexibility to respond to unknown future needs, such as those related to a job growth project or critical infrastructure needs.
- The City could utilize bonding to accelerate certain projects and/or to address larger scale projects that might not otherwise be feasible because they would require too large of an amount of "pay-as-you-go" money.

Public input and project prioritization processes will continue to be conducted on a regular basis to collect feedback to be used in the selection of future projects and programs over the 20-year term. The City's 6-year Capital Improvement project planning and Citizen Tax Oversight Committee processes will also continue to guide accountability.

For more information about the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and a list of projects that have been completed with ¼-cent funds approved in 2016, visit springfieldmo.gov/election.



Vote: April 2

Proposed Renewal Projects

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Galloway St. Widening**
(Luster Ave. to Lone Pine Ave.)
- **Division St. Reconstruction**
(National Ave. to Glenstone Ave.)
- **West Bypass & Kearney St. Intersection Improvements**
- **Division St. Sidewalk**
(West Ave. to Kansas Expy.)
- **Battlefield Rd. & Lone Pine Ave. Intersection**
- **National Ave. & Sunset St. Intersection Improvements**
- **Scenic Ave. over Wilson's Creek Bridge Replacement**
- **Walnut St. over Jordan Creek Bridge Replacement**

DESIGN PROJECTS:

- **Kansas Ave. Widening**
(Maplewood St. to Walnut Lawn St.)
- **Fremont Ave. Widening**
(Erie St. to Independence St.)
- **Campbell Ave. Widening**
(Republic Rd. to Westview St.)

PROPOSED PROGRAM AREAS OF FOCUS:

- **National Ave./Battlefield Rd./Sunshine St. Major Street Resurfacing**
- **National Ave. and Commercial St. Traffic Signal Improvements**
- **Jefferson Ave. Streetscape**
(Walnut St. to St. Louis St.)
- **Rountree Stormwater Improvement Project**
- **Stormwater Improvements:**
 - Grant Ave. from Norton St. to Woodridge St.
 - Berkeley St. & Westwood Ave. to Seminole St. & Nettleton Ave.
 - Hampton Ave. from Seminole St. to McGee St.
 - Loren St. & Karla Ave. to Bennett St. & Meadowview Ave.
 - Area around Lone Pine Ave. & Catalpa St.)

CITY-WIDE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS:

Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Construction, School Sidewalk Program, Neighborhood Initiative Program, Cost-share / Economic Development Projects, Metro/Safety Signs and Markings, Traffic Signal/Traffic Calming Program, Major Street Resurfacing/Rehabilitation, Minor Neighborhood Improvements, Center City Development, Reforestation and Landscaping Improvements, and Stormwater Improvements and Flood Control.

For full project and program details, visit springfieldmo.gov/election.



Whayne, center, with friends at Historic City Hall after City Council passed a resolution honoring him.

City Council honors former Councilman Denny Whayne

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

City Council unanimously passed a resolution honoring former Councilman and Westside resident Denny Whayne for his service on Council and his decades-long commitment to justice and equal rights. The Busch Municipal Building's fourth-floor conference room is now known as the "Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room."

"We felt it was fitting to name this particular meeting space after former Councilman Whayne because it's where we have our weekly council workshops and council committee meetings and frequent community-wide collaborations occur,"

said Mayor Ken McClure. "In the many years I have known Denny, he has always been about bringing communities of people together."

Whayne was the first African-American elected to City Council since the Council/Manager form of government was adopted in 1953 and served as the



Denny Whayne, official City Council photo 2007

Zone 1 representative for two consecutive four-year terms. First elected in 2001, Whayne served until 2009 and was a member of the Finance, Plans and Policies, Administration and Public Involvement committees.

"My time on council was one of the best experiences of my entire life," Whayne has said. "My mindset on council was to try to move the city of Springfield forward."

"In the many years I have known Denny, he has always been about bringing communities of people together." – Mayor Ken McClure

Whayne, who grew up in Springfield, joined the NAACP at 11, later participating in the Freedom Rides of 1961. He continued his civil rights work in Tulsa, where racial tensions were high in the late 1960s. He moved back to Springfield in 1972 and served as president of the Springfield chapter of the NAACP from 1980 until 1988. He worked for the City's Finance department from 1975 until 1985.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL APRIL 2019 CANDIDATE FORUMS

Open to all persons running for City Council and/or Mayor in the April 2019 election. Candidates should contact Dee Ogilvy at ogilvydee@gmail.com.

Forum 1

March 10, 2-5 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church
(3555 S. Fremont)

Forum 2

March 17, 2-5 p.m.

Drury University Findlay Student Center
(N. Drury Lane)

2-4 p.m. | Moderated Panel
with All Candidates

4:15-5 p.m. | Zone Candidate
Meet-and-Greets

Both forums are free, open to the public and hosted by the Neighborhood Advisory Council.



Meet and Greet Celebration returns as People's History Café Feb. 2

By Christine Peoples, for SGFNN

In 2018, Springfield residents celebrated several events of historic significance to the African-American community:

- The relocation and restoration of Historic Timmons Temple
- The 100-year anniversary of Silver Springs Park
- The dedication of the African-American Heritage Trail
- The commemoration of the Rev. Oliver Brown's 100th birthday and the proclamation of Aug. 19, 2018 as Reverend Oliver Brown Day in Springfield
- Springfield City Council naming the fourth-floor conference room in the Busch Municipal Building as the Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room to honor his service on City Council and his decades-long commitment to justice and equal rights.

While reflecting on these great celebrations and planning the annual People's History Café (formerly the Annual Meet and Greet Celebration) to kick off African-American History Month, I realized the impact all of this history would have on our children and youth if brought together in one place.



Cynthia Collins, middle, reads to Journey Stegall, left, and Lalisa Whiteside, right, at a previous year's event.

Please join us 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central, to learn different ways to preserve and share African-American History through historic sites and landmarks. The event is free and open to the public and will feature exhibits on the African-American Heritage Trail; Timmons Temple restoration; Lincoln High School; a panel discussion and movie inserts from "Simple Justice," the 1993 film about Brown v. Board of Education; and Missouri State University's Dr. Sabrina Brinson on the importance of culturally responsive literature.

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS

With help and collaboration from churches, volunteers and the Midtown library, we hosted the first Meet and Greet Celebration five years ago on the first Saturday in February to kick off African-American History Month. Thanks to all of those who continue to make this annual event possible.

If you are interested in supporting the work of People's History Café by becoming a volunteer or a sponsor, or if you are interested in booking a traveling exhibit, please contact me at 417-353-3189 or email ministerpeoples50@gmail.com.



Past events have included a hat show. Photo courtesy Randy Georges.

Neighborhoods – not individuals – essential unit of social change

By Andrew Lear, for SGFNN

When my wife and I decided to “downsize” our lives, we purchased and renovated a home in the same neighborhood where we both grew up. In fact, we now live within two blocks of each of our childhood homes!

The neighborhood has certainly changed over the years, and is still in a state of flux as new families move in and reinvigorate the original 1960s-era homes, but there remains enough of the familiar that we instantly felt at home. Our new neighbors quickly formed the nucleus of our social life, and our daily walks with the dogs are met with smiles, barks and friendly greetings.

One size does not fit all, and the unique elements of each neighborhood, its inhabitants and its social structure must be considered.

Our neighborhoods are the fabric of our city. Neighborhoods are like the pieces of a beautiful patchwork quilt. Each has its own character (and perhaps characters!) and its own strengths and weaknesses and must be protected and nurtured. When stitched together, the pieces form our community.

In a piece titled “The Neighborhood Is the Unit of Change,” New York Times columnist David Brooks writes, “the neighborhood, not the individual, is the essential unit of social change. If you are trying to improve lives, maybe you have to think about changing many elements of a single neighborhood ...”

Thinking in terms of neighborhoods, rather than individuals or entire cities, has large consequences in policy making and structure. One size does not fit all, and the unique elements of each neighborhood, its inhabitants and its social structure must be considered. As Brooks writes, “it means adjusting the structures of the state that the neighborhood

is an important structure of self-government, rather than imposing blanket programs willy-nilly across our neighborhood lines.”

The good news is that we have many here in Springfield that have understood this for a very long time, and have been working hard to promote and develop neighborhood-based solutions. Neighborhood feedback has a significant impact on community discussions surrounding schools placement and renovation, infrastructure improvements and development. It’s certainly not perfect, and we have much more work to do (particularly in regard to nuisance properties) but conversations are happening and more are listening.

Since I was appointed to the General C seat on City Council in October, I have already attended a neighborhood Community Improvement District meeting, a neighborhood cleanup, a Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting, a block grant presentation, and multiple conversations surrounding zoning and policy issues impacting particular neighborhoods. I am listening and learning, as are many others.

I encourage all of us to continue the neighborhood conversations and raise them up. We have much to learn from each other, and much to gain. The updating of the City’s Comprehensive Plan will afford us an opportunity to set the vision for Springfield for the next decade, and we should be absolutely certain that we retain and improve the fabric of our neighborhoods.

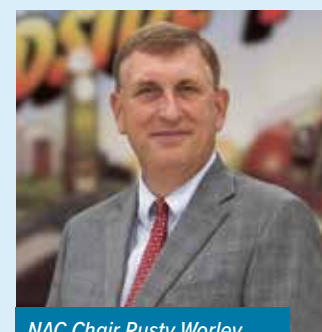
Contact Councilman Lear through the City Clerk’s office at 417-864-1651 or alear@springfieldmo.gov.



Neighborhood successes result in beautiful ‘quilt’ at the end of the year

By Rusty Worley, for SGFNN

My grandmother was a quilter. For months we would see scraps of material scattered around her chair and spindles of different colors of thread. She diligently worked each day as time allowed. It was impossible to see how these various pieces would come together.



NAC Chair Rusty Worley

She persevered on her own mostly, except when she met monthly with her friends. It was primarily a time to socialize, share tips on what they had learned from their own sewing experiences, catch up with the latest in the town and have everyone focus their energies on one of the member’s project.

Typically, about the time I had forgotten about Grandma’s current endeavor, she lovingly presented the finished quilt in all of its handmade glory to one of us for Christmas, a wedding or baby shower. It was always beautiful and a testament to her skill and artistic vision. What made it especially precious was that we knew first-hand the hours she poured into it.

The 2018 Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards (NOVAs) reminded me of Grandma’s quilts. Everyday people bringing their own skills and abilities to a project. Investing time in stolen moments, nights and weekends. Work done individually and as a group of neighbors wanting to help each other and their community. The bits and pieces that don’t look like much on their own come together to become something truly impressive.

A few of the achievements that were recognized at the dinner hosted by Community Partnership of the Ozarks were the three new neighborhoods that have organized over the past 18 months, \$1.3 million invested by Public Works in the Neighborhood Works projects in 13 neighborhoods, four Great Neighborhood designations, countless neighborhood block parties and gatherings and the awards for the Bass Pro Marathon neighborhood cheering sections.

A related accomplishment was that our Springfield topped three other Springfields (Illinois, Massachusetts and Oregon) for percentage increase for voter turnout. More engaged citizens is a byproduct of more vibrant neighborhoods.

The 2018 quilt of neighborhood successes was proudly on display at the NOVAs banquet and it will keep us warmer through the inevitable cold nights this winter.

The 2019 quilt is just scattered scraps and thread. Together, neighborhoods will look for new ways to address chronic nuisance properties, reduce crime and enhance safety, encourage more investments in single family homes, parks and greenways and strengthen our schools, while never forgetting the powerful impact of simple acts of kindness that neighbors can give to one another.

Join us in adding your own stitch or two to this year’s masterpiece!





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- Sheila Radecki, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Feb. 12 • April 9: 6:30–7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck @ Bissett Elementary School (3014 W. Calhoun).



New officers and meeting schedule for Bissett Neighborhood Association in 2019

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

At the November 2018 BNA general membership meeting, officers and executive board members were elected for 2019. They are: Russell Moore, president; Chandra Palmer, vice president; Rob Sorbo, secretary; Sheila Radecki, treasurer; and Louise Buck, Mario Gonzalez and William Harvison, general board seats.

"2018 saw continuing development of the organization and perhaps most importantly an increase in new members becoming more involved including the new board members. We look forward to seeing what 2019 has in store for us under the leadership of our very capable new president, Russell Moore," said outgoing President Pete Radecki.

In order to better align the BNA meeting schedule with school calendars, the regular membership meeting schedule during the winter will change



2019 BNA board members (left to right): Sheila Radecki (treasurer), Chandra Palmer (vice president), Rob Sorbo (secretary), Russell Moore (president), Louise Buck (general board seat). Not shown are general board seat members Mario Gonzalez and William Harvison.

somewhat. Meetings will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, April 9.

Both meetings will be held in the Bissett Elementary School multipurpose room and will start at 6:30 p.m., with an optional pot luck dinner preceding the meetings at 6 p.m. General membership meetings will not be held in January and March.

Bissett Elementary kindergartner wins ride to school from Springfield Fire Dept.

Big congratulations to Bissett Elementary kindergartner Jonathan who enjoyed a special ride to school Dec. 17 because he filled out a smoke alarm survey during Fire Prevention Month!



New Bissett President Russell Moore recognized with NOVA

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Russell has been a great member of our neighborhood association. Despite having a work schedule that demands a lot of travel, he has been a leading participant in many of our events. He often brings food for our potlucks – sometimes cooking dishes for the first time! He has let us borrow his trailer for the annual cleanup and his canopies for various events, and he took on the huge task of putting out and picking up almost 50 yard signs related to our hugely successful neighborhood-wide yard sale last summer. He has also been a great board member, offering great suggestions.

We look forward to a great 2019 for BNA under his leadership as the new president. He works well with all, and his can-do, optimistic attitude is certainly infectious. And last but certainly not least, we always appreciate him bringing his school-aged daughter to our meetings. She participates and sees



Pete Radecki presents Russell Moore with the Bissett Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year Award.

how her dad is helping to make our neighborhood better. What a great way to assure our future generation can experience what a neighborhood association is all about!

Tax-a-Palooza

Feb. 9

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

No appointment necessary!

(417) 720-2000

Bring your tax documents to the Springfield Dream Center at 829 W. Atlantic

IRS-certified volunteers will e-file your tax-return. Get all of your eligible credits, and save money by filing with VITA and TCE. Community financial resources will be on-site!

Who is eligible? Taxpayers, married and single, who:

- earned less than \$55,000 in 2018 OR are over age 60
- did not declare bankruptcy in 2018
- do not own rental property

Other restrictions may apply call (417) 720-2000 for details



Free tax filing, All day long

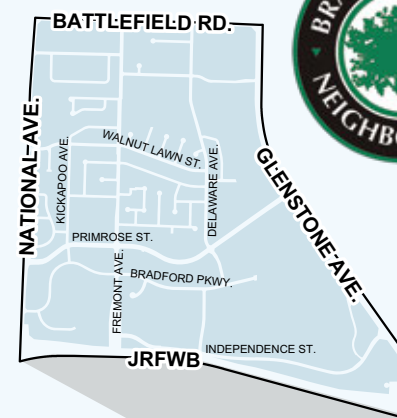


BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Bradford Park neighbors enjoy street festival Oct. 13

By Jacque Ford, for SGFNN

Thanks to all of those who came out for the street festival Oct. 13. Neighbors enjoyed performances by The Geezer Band, pickleball and other games, great food and a silent auction.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • March 19: 6:30 p.m.
@ Immaculate Conception Church
(3555 S. Fremont Ave.)



**Congratulations
Dellene Nelson!**
*Bradford Park's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.*



Bradford Park Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

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

BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD



Brentwood becomes Springfield's 19th registered neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

In October 2018, the Brentwood Neighborhood Association was officially recognized by the City of Springfield as a registered neighborhood association.

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

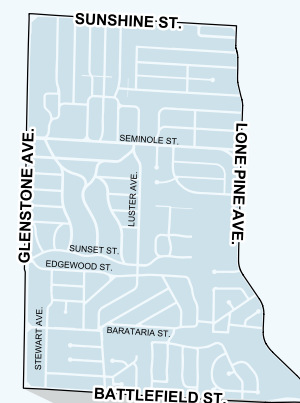
Registered neighborhoods receive the following from the City's Planning and Neighborhoods Office:

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

and contains all citizens' code complaints targeting areas within the neighborhood boundaries.

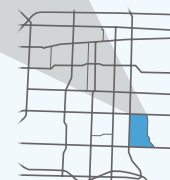
- Area zoning notices. Registered neighborhoods are notified of any zoning requests and updates within the area. This information is provided by the Development Review Office of the City's Planning Department.
- Neighborhood programs information: notices of neighborhood programs that the City or participating organizations offer.

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



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 14: @ 6:30 p.m. @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library (2214 S. Brentwood Blvd.)



brentwoodsgf.org

Brentwood Neighborhood Association enjoys pie potluck at November meeting

By Cindy Cook, for SGFNN

We enjoyed a pie potluck as well as our Police Area Representative (PAR) officer Jacob Boomgaarden and City Councilman Matthew Simpson speaking to our association members present. We had 26 people in attendance.



DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD



Traveling robot allows kindergartner to attend classes at Delaware Elementary

Provided by Springfield Public Schools

Caleb Miller is a kindergartner who loves the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* He lives in the Gray Elementary School attendance area but attends classes at Delaware Elementary School — thanks to a special robot.

"He's a very social little boy, and he especially enjoys being around his peers," said Desire' Miller, Caleb's mother. "But to be in a classroom setting every day isn't a good option for him, but with the robot, he loves being able to attend school."

Five years ago, Caleb Miller was born with a complex congenital heart defect that required a heart transplant at four months old. While waiting for a heart transplant, he had a massive stroke that took the left hemisphere of his brain, and his eventual transplant left him very vulnerable to airborne illnesses. Contracting a cold could mean a hospital stay for Caleb, so school wasn't an option, says Miller.

But that wasn't an option for the SPS Assistive Technology team, made up of SPS occupational therapist Gary Koepple and speech language pathologist Steven Kleinsasser. After helping Caleb to secure funding for a communication device, they went about the task of getting Caleb to attend classes, in whatever way worked for him.

"With Caleb, thinking about what we provide him specifically, our hearts just went out to him," said Koepple. "So we asked a big question: How do we give him that school experience, where he can at least have some interaction with his peers, have fun and enjoy school?"

Koepple wrote a Missouri Assistive Technology Reimbursement Grant for a \$2,900 telepresence robot, later named Hal 9000. Now, a couple of times a week, Desire' logs on to Caleb's Chromebook and connects to the robot, booting it up and driving it down the hallway to Melanie Miller's kindergarten class. There, Caleb attends calendar time, hearing what day of the week it is, the day's weather, waving to his classmates and more — just like any kindergartner.

"We're exploring ways to help students like Caleb, who are immunosuppressed, who can't come to school but want that interaction," said Pam Marion, assistant director of special services, who has worked with special education team members to support Caleb since he was 3. "It's really neat to see him interact with his friends and to see his friends



interact with him, thanks to this robot. It wouldn't be possible otherwise."

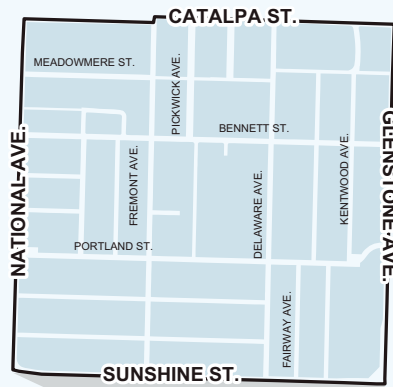
To make Caleb's remote learning possible, the Assistive Technology team collaborated with the Information Technology department to install advanced Wi-Fi connections in an older portion of Delaware's building. The improved signal improved the quality of the livestream, which the IT department continues to tweak and improve.

"AAC devices give students who are nonverbal a voice and a means to express themselves," says Kleinsasser. "This allows them to more effectively participate in their academic, social and, generally, in their overall life."

Attending music class and calendar time has become a part of Caleb's routine, and thanks to Caleb's communication device, Caleb now asks his mom to read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* She's happy to read to him, knowing what he wants and the colors he's learning.

"SPS has bent over backward for Caleb to make sure we feel loved and that our family's not forgotten, even though he can't be in a regular school setting," said Miller. "It's been amazing to see so many people acknowledge how special Caleb is, which we know, but it's been so amazing to have so many people at SPS see it, too."

Supporting Caleb and his learning matters, but he is just one student the long-time Assistive Technology team supports every day. In the last three years, the AT team has placed around 50 augmentative/alternative communication devices in the hands of students and their staff and families, allowing those students to better learn and use language to convey their thoughts, feelings and desires — a life-changing development.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

March 5: 7–8 p.m./6:30 p.m. optional potluck dinner • Board Meetings: Feb. 5 • April 2: 7 p.m. @ Westminster Presbyterian Church (1551 E. Portland)



Delaware cheers on Bass Pro Marathon runners



Photos courtesy of the Delaware Neighborhood Association Facebook page, Marianne Jones





Delaware Neighborhood sidewalk projects to move forward in the spring



By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

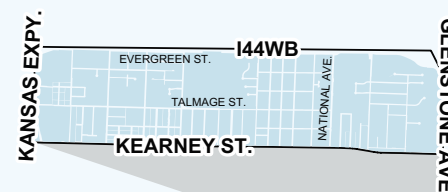
Delaware Neighborhood will soon see new sidewalks along Portland Street, Fairway Avenue, Kentwood

Avenue, Bennett Street and Meadowmere Street through the City's Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program. The projects will be put out for bid in spring 2019 with construction anticipated in the summer or fall. The total estimated cost of the sidewalk projects combined is \$110,596.

**Congratulations
J. Brandon Carroll!**
Delaware's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Feb. 12 • March 12 • April 9: 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.
6 p.m. optional potluck @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Road)



dolingneighborhood.com

Project RED Zone moves into Doling

By Heather Parker, Fire Department, for SGFNN

Since April 2017, Springfield firefighters have installed 2,097 smoke alarms in area neighborhoods as a part of Project RED Zone.

They've visited over 13,500 homes in the West Central, Grant Beach, Westside, Heart of the Westside, Robberson, Woodland Heights and Tom Watkins neighborhoods. The department moved into the Doling neighborhood (bordered by Kansas Expressway to the west, Glenstone Avenue to the east, Kearney Street to the south and I-44 to the north) in December 2018 in an effort to ensure that every Springfield resident has adequate warning of a fire in their home.

In addition to the 2,097 installed alarms, firefighters have tested an additional 3,834 alarms and replaced 607 batteries in existing alarms as a part of Project RED Zone.

This brings the total number of alarms installed in our community during canvasses and other requests to over 2,325 in the last 12 months – far surpassing totals in recent years.

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 aims to ensure all homes in high-risk areas of the city have working smoke alarms.

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 was notified to a fire in a neighboring apartment by her smoke alarm that had been installed two months before by Springfield fire crews. In November of last year, the occupant of another West Central apartment 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.

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Working smoke alarms double your chances of surviving a fire. 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, FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grants and general revenue SFD funds designated for public education.

The Fire Department offers free smoke alarms and batteries to anyone in need. To obtain a free alarm, call 417-874-2300.

Pick-a-Project: Fremont Mosaic



Project Cost: \$771
Teacher Name: Kristi Patterson
School: Fremont Elementary
Grade Level: K-5 / Art

Description: This will be a big mosaic that will involve the participation of all grade levels at Fremont Elementary in its creation and incorporate clay, stained glass and found objects. The students will be in charge of developing an idea/design. It will be a long-term art installation at the school and will hang outside on the patio near the art room.

Goodbye and thank you to Doling's Mary Kay Glunt

By Phyllis Ferguson, for SGFNN

Mary Kay Glunt, 32 years in Doling Neighborhood, founding member of the Doling Neighborhood Association and tireless advocate for the Northside. Thank you, Mary Kay, for the impact you have had in our community. Godspeed and best wishes in Pennsylvania!



**Congratulations
Christina Dicken!**

Doling's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



City acquiring land for easements and right of way for new sidewalk construction

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN



The City is in the process of acquiring sidewalk easements and right-of-way to construct new sidewalks on Douglas Avenue, Woodlawn Street and Missouri Avenue approved through the City's Neighborhood Works program. The projects will be put out for bid in spring 2019 with construction anticipated in the summer or fall. The projects are estimated to cost approximately \$100,000, combined.

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Little Free Library installed at Watkins Elementary



Fremont Elementary kindergartner wins ride to school from Springfield Fire Dept.

Big congratulations to Fremont Elementary kindergartner Holly, who enjoyed a special ride to school Dec. 6 because she filled out a smoke alarm survey during Fire Prevention Month!



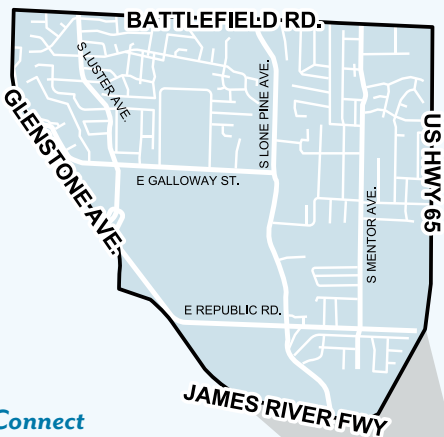
Doling cheers on Bass Pro Marathon runners



Photos courtesy of the Doling Neighborhood Association Facebook page, Christina Dicken



GALLOWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Wendy Huscher, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m. @ Galloway Baptist Church (2816 E. Republic Rd.) Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.



Galloway Village becomes Springfield's 20th registered neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

In November 2018, the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association was officially recognized by the City of Springfield as a registered neighborhood association.

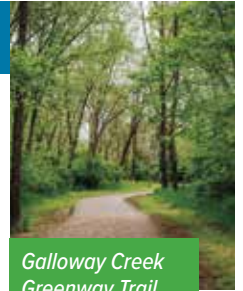
This designation means that a neighborhood association has provided the City with proof that the organization is active; and that it has made efforts to involve residents and property owners from throughout the neighborhood in activities.

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

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

targeting areas within the neighborhood boundaries.

- Area zoning notices. Registered neighborhoods are notified of any zoning requests and updates within the area. This information is provided by the Development Review Office of the City's Planning Department.
- Neighborhood programs information: notices of neighborhood programs that the City or participating organizations offer. Neighborhoods Office staff can provide residents with many resources to make neighborhood associations successful. Please feel free to contact Senior Planner Alana Owen with any questions at 417-864-1831.



Galloway Creek Greenway Trail, Sequiota Park

Galloway Village to hold next meeting Jan. 15

By Tanya Willhite-Vaughn, for SGFNN

Galloway Village is so excited and proud to be the 20th registered neighborhood association in the City of Springfield.

Galloway Village has such history in the area, and we are so incredibly happy to see that recognized in a more official capacity as we work toward a shared goal of balancing responsible growth and preservation of the health and safety of our community.

As our mission statement reads, "We the members of the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association, sharing a love for the area we call 'home,' will work to preserve the area's natural qualities and protect

the overall character, history and quality of life in our neighborhood."

Our action committees to accomplish these goals include History, Greenspace, Vision and Development and Communication. We welcome all members of the neighborhood. Our next meeting will be held Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Galloway Baptist Church on Republic Road. We will begin taking nominations for the next board at that meeting. We will also begin accepting association dues at that meeting. Come join us and together, we will build a future for Galloway Village of which we can all be proud.



Sequiota Park

GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD



'Biggest loser' competition returns to Grant Beach Neighborhood in March

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN

In the winter of 2017, Grant Beach revived the "biggest loser," competition. Mike Bauer from Heart of the Westside, took home half the pot. What does that mean to you?

In March, Grant Beach will host another "biggest loser" competition. This is open to anyone in any neighborhood who is interested in improving their health and enjoying the company of others on the same journey. The sign-up and kick-off will happen on Saturday, March 23 at Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Grant Beach Neighborhood, in conjunction with our annual pancake breakfast and Grant Beach Sports soccer sign-ups.

The competition is open to anyone in any neighborhood who is interested in improving their health and enjoying the company of others on the same journey.

Here's how it works: there is a \$10 entry fee and \$1 is due at each weekly weigh-in. At the initial weigh-in, we will also record your measurements. All weights and measurements are confidential, of course. We will take measurements again at



the final weigh-in. At the end of the competition, which will be at least eight weeks, the participant who has lost the highest percentage of weight AND inches will win half of the total amount of money collected. The other half will benefit Grant Beach Neighborhood Association activities.

But wait – there's more! The fun part of this is getting to know other participants, joining in group activities and seeking out healthy options for food. As a group, we can make this what we want it to be. Some ideas have been to invite guest speakers on relevant topics, plan days to walk in area parks, bring different types of healthy recipes to sample at weigh-ins, sign up on an app or other online tracking system for food and exercise – anything that will keep the group encouraged and motivated. Bring your ideas and bring a friend! You can find us at the Biggest Loser 2019 Grant Beach group on Facebook.



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- Pauletta Dunn, Treasurer
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 21 • Feb. 18 • March 18: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./ 6 p.m. optional potluck @ St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall (1115 N. Campbell Ave.)



grantbeachneighborhood.org

Grant Beach elects officers for 2019

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN

In November, Grant Beach Neighborhood held elections for officers and at-large executive committee members. In a show of confidence, three of the officers were re-elected.

The new vice president, Heather Horsch, is serving her first term as an officer after more than a decade of being an active member of Grant Beach Neighborhood. GBNA is very pleased to welcome



her as a member of the executive committee. She brings a level head, a positive attitude and a caring heart to the table.

Ruth Cantrell, Doris Hunter and Samantha Hunter filled the at-large seats. The chairs of the standing committees also have seats on the executive committee. These will be elected in January at the first meeting of the committees.

Stay tuned for what is going on in Grant Beach! It is shaping up to be an exciting year!

Grant Beach cheers on Bass Pro Marathon runners with 'Life is a Beach' theme



Second annual Grant Beach Pancake Breakfast March 23

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN

The second annual Grant Beach Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 23. We had so much fun last year that we decided to try it again. For a small fee, you will get all the pancakes and beverage you can eat and drink plus a serving of bacon or sausage. You just can't put a price on visiting with your neighbors, supporting Grant Beach Neighborhood and enjoying a breakfast you didn't have to cook.



If you have ever been curious about Hovey House, this would be a great opportunity to come see it! Pancakes and smiles will be served 8-11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Grant Beach Neighborhood cleanups. Come visit us in Grant Beach where we are making things happen!

Alleyway improvements underway in Grant Beach Neighborhood

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN



Approved through the City's Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program, the City of Springfield Public Works street operations division recently finished assessing alleyway conditions throughout the Grant Beach Neighborhood in order to identify priority areas for maintenance. Crews have begun work on and completed about 40 percent of the alleys. They will continue to work on them as weather allows. The alleyway improvements are estimated to cost \$25,000.

Congratulations Peggy Wissmueller!

Grant Beach's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Grant Beach Spring Soccer Registration

Feb. 11 | **March 2** | **March 16**
3-5 p.m. | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | 4-6 p.m.

March 23 @ Hovey House
8 a.m.-2 p.m. **Early Bird: \$10**
(\$15 after March 23)

Season: April 13 – May 18
COACHES & REFEREES NEEDED!
No experience required!
Contact Yolanda Taylor at 417-952-5735 if interested or for more information.



GREATER PARKCREST NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Nancy Fazzino, Treasurer
- Harlan Bristol, Chair/Block Captains



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 17: 6:30-8:00 p.m. @ The Way Church (903 W. Katella St.) Program on winter and fire safety. No meeting Feb. 21.



Construction to begin for Sanford Park improvements in summer 2019

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN



Improvements planned for Sanford Park will improve access and parking. The City of Springfield's Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program has approved \$199,000 for the project, funding

a new asphalt parking lot, new picnic shelter and picnic tables, and a paved walkway connecting the park's existing loop trail to Battlefield Road. The



Springfield-Greene County Park Board is working on designs, with construction expected to begin this summer.

Firefighters visit Horace Mann Elementary during Fire Prevention Month

Firefighter educators visited 39 Springfield public and private elementary schools, including Horace Mann Elementary, reaching over 10,000 children during October's Fire Prevention Month. Read more on page 4.



Congratulations Judy Wyrick!

Greater Parkcrest's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Pick-a-Project: Yoga in the Classroom

Project Cost: \$910
Teacher Name: Jayme L. Carabello
School: Horace Mann Elementary
Grade Level: 3

Description:

To help curtail disciplinary issues in our school, we have adopted conscious discipline to promote self regulation and mindfulness. Yoga teaches students to become aware of their breath, establish balance, stretch their mind and bodies, and develop empathy for others while respecting themselves.



HEART OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD



New website, meeting format planned for Heart of the Westside

By Jaydean Miller, for SGFNN

Fall in the Heart of the Westside brought a number of events and activities. We started off the season with a Neighborhood Cleanup day in September. The neighborhood collected eight dumpsters of trash and two dumpsters of brush, making it a very successful event. We are thankful for our volunteers and Community Partnership of the Ozarks for all their work. A special shout-out to Billy Cockrum and Dave Miller, who took their trucks around the neighborhood for curbside pickups.

Our October meeting was quite eventful as we had Dr. Lora Hopper, principal of York Elementary, as a guest speaker. Dr. Hopper shared excellent information on the strides that York has made in the past years to greatly improve the student performance in reading and math. In fact, York is now second in the district for its math performance! Additionally, Dr. Hopper discussed the change in student expectations and enforcement, as well as, a new award system throughout the school. The focus for York in the coming year is on attendance.

Also, Dr. Hopper relayed information about the upcoming proposed bond increase in the next school board election. This bond issue will benefit the schools, which include the Facilities Review Committee's recommendations for York and Bissett schools.

Heart of the Westside Neighborhood joined the drive to help each York child go home with a family board game as a Christmas present. Our focus was

specifically providing Sorry! games for the fourth-grade class.

The November neighborhood meeting welcomed firefighters from Station 8 for a very informative presentation that detailed calls for service from our area. This was a great opportunity to learn how our association can help with education in our neighborhoods.

PLANS FOR 2019

The Heart of the Westside board met to map out plans for the upcoming year. Some things to watch for include:

Heart of the Westside website (Coming Soon)

Includes upcoming events, frequently asked questions, board member bios, neighborhood boundaries and more!

The website can tentatively be found at <https://jaydeanmiller.wixsite.com/heartofthewestside>.

Planned speakers for the 2019 meetings

Adult education, Elite School, renter information, our Zone 1 Representative Phyllis Ferguson and a meeting with several resource contacts for recovery and addiction.

New meeting format

We will have traditional meetings every other month with events planned for the opposite months. Events planned at present time are a January movie/game night on Jan. 11 at Passion Assembly of God, March 10 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a May graduation/promotions celebration. More to come.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Feb. 14 • April 11: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Passion Assembly of God (806 N. Forest)



Congratulations Cody Parsons!

Heart of the Westside's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Busy first year for Meador Park Neighborhood Association

By Bobbi Ream, for SGFNN

August 2017: Meeting at City Hall with Alana Owen, AICP, Neighborhoods for Springfield

October 2017: Alana held an informational meeting in the neighborhood

November-December 2017 and January 2018: MPNA held meetings at our new home, Cowden Elementary School library. Bylaws developed, presented and approved. Election of board and officers

Feb. 22, 2018: MPNA became the 18th registered neighborhood in the City.

February-October 2018: Regular meetings were held with a program presentation at each meeting.

- Jarrett Middle School art class developed our logo. The art department was recognized with

a cash donation from Karen Trigg. Zone 4 Councilman Matt Simpson committed funding for our street signs.

- Zone 4 Councilman Matt Simpson attended as our speaker for the July meeting on the second-hottest day of the year in the Cowden School-Park. We are orphans when school is not in session and elected to just meet outside for the summer. That may need to be re-thought!

November 2018: This is when things got busy:

- Nov. 3 had been requested by the board for our cleanup and the date was readily made available – little did we know. We should be the winner of the most TVs for all of the cleanups. Three 18-foot trailers and pickup loads full! ▶



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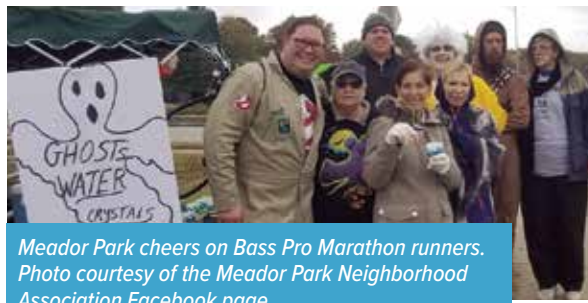


Neighborhood Association Meetings

Feb. 6 • March 6 • April 3: 6 p.m. @ Cowden Elementary School (2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.)



- ▶ Nov. 4 was the first Sunday in November and the date of the Bass Pro Fitness Series races. We were there as "Ghosts of Halloween." This gave us a chance to wear our finery twice. WE ALL SURVIVED.
- Member Jennifer Young worked all day at the cleanup on Saturday AND ran the half-marathon on Sunday.
- At the regular November meeting, we agreed to work for Cowden's grant request through the SPS Foundation to fund a STEM Mini-Library.
- Four more neighbors were elected to the board of directors. Officers for 2019 were elected on Nov. 27, 2018.



Meador Park cheers on Bass Pro Marathon runners. Photo courtesy of the Meador Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page.



Meador Park's first neighborhood cleanup, Nov. 3 2018. Photos courtesy of the Meador Park Neighborhood Association Facebook Page.



Pick-a-Project: STEM Mini-Library



Project Cost: \$500
Teacher Name: McKenzie Harbaugh
School: Cowden Elementary
Grade Level: K-5

Description:

Cowden Elementary School is pioneering a new STEM class where students are specifically taught the elements of science, technology, engineering and math. Each week, the students produce new products by problem-solving and using creativity. However, we are lacking books that focus on the topics addressed in this class. We would like to create a STEM mini-library as a way to provide a curation of resources that the students can utilize when they are designing.



Academic Impact:

We will utilize the resources when teaching new STEM concepts to students. The books will also serve as references for not only teachers, but also students during discovery learning.

**Congratulations
Bobbi Ream!**
 Meador Park's
 NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 14 • Feb. 11 • March 11 • April 8: 6-7 p.m.
 @ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on Cox North
 Hospital parking lot (918 E. Calhoun St.)



Midtown's Dee Ogilvy honored with NAACP's Community Service Award



By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The NAACP Springfield honored Midtown's Dee Ogilvy with the 2018 Community Service Award Oct. 20, 2018 at "Reigniting the Dream," NAACP Springfield's Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet. This award is given annually to a person in the community in recognition of outstanding contributions and their gift of time to the Springfield community.

"Dee has stepped up to the plate to try to make the community a better place, ensuring equity and justice for all. Dee's motto, is 'Need a volunteer? Text me.'" – Cheryl Clay

Besides serving on the MLK50 Committee, Ogilvy also serves as deputy voter registrar for the NAACP, and is the NAACP's civic engagement chair, representing the organization at a number of groups including Faith Voices, Jobs for Justice and Poor People's Campaign. She serves on the outreach committee for SWMO NOW, on the Midtown Neighborhood Association board, the Neighborhood Advisory Council, and the NAC's Positive Action Committee and on the Springfield-Greene County Planning & Zoning Commission. She also served on the organizing committee for the



Dee Ogilvy, right, with Penmac's Kat Stewart, winner of the 2018 Myrlie Evers-Williams Business Partner Award.

2016 Women's March on Springfield.

"This lady grew up in Upstate New York and Detroit, Michigan and was a social activist in Detroit in the late '60's," said NAACP Springfield President Cheryl Clay. "She has been married to her husband John since 1971. Dee and John retired to Springfield 10 years ago, but her family has lived in the Midtown area of Springfield for over 125 years."

"Dee has stepped up to the plate to try to make the community a better place, ensuring equity and justice for all. Dee's motto, is 'Need a volunteer? Text me.'"

Commercial Club of Springfield announces fundraiser for Jefferson Avenue Footbridge

By Mary Collette, for SGFNN

The Commercial Club of Springfield is taking orders for personalized pavers to support restoration of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. The pavers will be installed in honor of those who purchase them in the plaza area under the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge by Springfield Public Works.

These red granite pavers are now available for purchase in two sizes:

- The 4" x 8" paver is \$100 for three lines of type or \$375 with a logo or design element.
- The 8" x 8" paver is \$300 for three lines of type or \$500 with a logo or design element.

The form for these options is very easy to understand and can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2TJ9z7G>, printed, filled out and sent to Commercial Club of Springfield with a check by mail or filled out and paid for via Paypal online at historicCstreet.com. The Club will also be happy to send a form if contacted via historicCstreet.com or at 417-839-0119.

Commercial Club is extremely thankful for Springfield City Council's recent approval of funding to restore, light and make our Jefferson Avenue Footbridge accessible to all. The funds approved include a Commercial Club commitment to raise \$50,000 for replacement of decking on our 562-foot long treasure. The club has raised nearly \$40,000, which includes a \$15,000 grant from hotel/motel sales tax funds. This leaves about \$10,000 left to raise. The club hopes these beautiful red granite pavers, personalized by community members who wish to permanently show their support for this unique and important north side landmark, will fulfill Commercial Club's promise.

"This 116-year old structure is important for its connection to early steel manufacturing by Andrew Carnegie and design by the American Bridge Company. Culturally, it informs us on the history



of the railroad to Springfield and its impact on local economy. There is a story to be told here and this structure stands as a statement of American progress and the growth of its cities," said Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson.

Funds raised from paver sales will be deposited in the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge Fund within Community Foundation of the Ozarks. This fund will be turned over to the City when it reaches the \$50,000 promised by the club. Hopefully, this fund can continue to grow to help offset the cost of ongoing maintenance for the footbridge.

This amazing structure belongs to all of us. We owe it to the community to preserve and protect it as a pedestrian walkway across active rail lines, a tourism destination and for future generations as the "Eiffel Tower of Springfield," the only structure of its kind anywhere.

For more information, please contact Commercial Club President Mary Collette at 417-839-0119 or Zone 1 City Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson at 417-844-6117.

Midtown Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

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

Pick-a-Project: Just a Nip and a Tuck: Furniture Facelift

Project Cost: \$960

Teacher Names:

Sarah Gugliotta
& Cindy Mueller

School: Central High School

Grade Level: 6-12/Library



Pick-a-Project: Woven Garden Environment

Project Cost: \$627.45

Teacher Name: Faye Cotton

School: Central High School

Grade Level: 7-12/Art



Congratulations James Jeffries!

Midtown's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Congratulations Wendell Royster!

Oak Grove's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



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!



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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.



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Resurfacing of courts, gazebo improvements for Washington Park expected by spring

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN



The City of Springfield's Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program is funding nearly \$50,000 of updates to Midtown's Washington Park.

Improvements include resurfacing the basketball court, with new goals and added park benches; resurfacing the tennis courts, with new posts and nets and added park benches; installing a concrete patio adjacent to the gazebo, and repainting the gazebo. Improvements should be complete by spring.

PHELPS GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD



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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



Phelps Grove, Planning staff begin work to update Neighborhood Plan

By Eric Pauly, for SGFNN

The Phelps Grove Neighborhood has begun an update to its Neighborhood Plan and Urban Conservation District Plan. While updates to these plans are needed to address the future needs of the neighborhood, there are many moving parts. The Phelps Grove Neighborhood is up to the task!

The Phelps Grove Neighborhood is the second neighborhood to update its Neighborhood Plan in as many years. City Council approved Rountree's Neighborhood Plan at its Nov. 19, 2018 meeting.

The approaches and lessons that Phelps Grove and City Planning staff learn during the planning process will make for a streamlined approach as other neighborhoods update their existing plans or create new ones.

The City's Planning and Neighborhoods team within the Planning and Development department are instrumental in setting up the framework for the neighborhood planning process, but it takes the entire neighborhood to be involved.

Your input is vital to a successful neighborhood plan update. You can learn more about the demographics of our neighborhood and stay up to date on the planning process at springfieldmo.gov/phelps.

Once you have expressed your thoughts and ideas, it's time to get to work! See what your neighbors have identified as concerns that need to be addressed. Research ways to improve your neighborhood. Our concerns are not so unique that other areas have not dealt with them before. Learn from others, what works, what doesn't, then make it your own.

Working together on the issues, viewing from many angles, and formulating your own solution. It may be work on the front end, but the dividends can pay off for all of us in the long term.



**Congratulations
Nancy Danielson!**
Phelps Grove's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Springfield Art Museum announces visionary 30-year master plan

By Joshua Best, Springfield Art Museum, for SGFNN

The Springfield Art Museum unveiled a new 30-year master plan to City Council Oct. 9, 2018. The master plan is the culmination of a nearly nine-month process by BNIM, a nationally recognized architecture firm with offices in Kansas City, Des Moines and San Diego. The museum announced that it had hired BNIM in January 2018 to develop a master plan for the museum's building and grounds.

... changes to the grounds will improve connections between the museum site and its surrounding environs, including Phelps Grove Park and the Water Wise Garden.

The museum's master plan focuses on the creation of a new Family Learning Center, new educational spaces, expansion and improvement to the facility including public and community spaces, improved circulation throughout the building, parking improvements, and a renewed purpose for the museum's grounds and green space. The museum's grounds will undergo a dramatic transformation, including better pedestrian and bicycle access through trails, expanded and



improved green space, and needed stormwater improvements, including the naturalization of sections of Fasnicht Creek.

Naturalization would alleviate flood risk while creating an outdoor amenity on the museum grounds. In addition to flood mitigation, changes to the grounds will improve connections between the museum site and its surrounding environs, including Phelps Grove Park and the Water Wise Garden. The master plan provides additional opportunities to connect the museum and Phelps Grove Park to other sites via the Fasnicht Creek Greenway Trail located immediately west of the Phelps Grove area.

Proposed in three phases, the master plan creates a museum campus similar to those

encountered at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City or the St. Louis Art Museum. Conceptual drawings shared with City Council emphasize the incorporation of mid-century modern design elements present in the original 1958 museum structure, the residential scale of the surrounding Phelps Grove and University Heights neighborhoods, and the connection of the museum building to outdoor experiences including, its New Deal-era amphitheater, outdoor sculptures and trails.

Museum Director Nick Nelson notes "Ninety years ago, our founders established the Springfield Art Museum with about 20 works of art in a borrowed space. Their vision and courage inspire us today as we consider the long-term future of this wonderful institution and present a plan for the next 30 years that is no less visionary."

The timeline for completion of the three building phases is contingent upon fund raising.



Parking improvements enhance Phelps Grove Park experience

By Eric Pauly, for SGFNN

Many will agree that our City parks are some of the wonderful amenities that Springfield has to offer. From neighborhood and destination parks to sports complexes and public swimming pools, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board has a large job managing and maintaining these public areas that residents and visitors enjoy.



The PNA is proud of the work it has done to better the quality of life, not only in the Phelps Grove Neighborhood, but by working with other neighborhood associations, to better our City overall.

the Phelps Grove and University Heights neighborhoods.

When it was new, the park included the pavilion and bridges we know today, as well as a swimming lake, made by damming Fassnacht Creek near what is now the Springfield Art Museum west lawn, and Springfield's first zoo. You can still see the outlines of former zoo structures in the area between the pavilion and the tennis court. During the Great Depression, workers from the WPA lined the creek bank with stone, and you can still see the words "Phelps Grove Park" inlaid in the rock if you stand on Brookside Drive.



The WPA (Works Progress Administration) was a federal work program created in 1935 under Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to help stimulate the economy. It employed millions of people to do public works projects like roads, bridges, school buildings and park features.

Many folks in Springfield have a story about playing in Phelps Grove Park, or memories of attending family reunions, graduation or wedding pictures and other social gatherings in the park.

Great memories don't usually include parking lots, but that is an important part of parks infrastructure. And over time, a need developed for enhanced parking and safety on the east and west sides of Phelps Grove. In order to keep pace

with this vibrant park and make the experience more enjoyable, the Phelps Neighborhood Association (PNA) submitted a proposal to the City of Springfield's Neighborhood Works program, which provides funding to qualifying public improvement projects requested by neighborhoods. The program is supported by City's 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax.

The proposal called for significant safety improvements to the east side parking area: differentiating the parking area from Virginia Avenue with traffic islands, planted with trees, as well as resurfacing, painting and a new crosswalk. On the west side, the proposal called for Clay Avenue to be widened and resurfaced, improving parallel parking.

The \$80,000 project was approved in 2017, and Springfield Public Works completed the resurfacing work this fall. The traffic islands are expected to be installed over the winter.

The PNA is proud of the work it has done to better the quality of life, not only in the Phelps Grove Neighborhood, but by working with other neighborhood associations, to better our City overall. Parking lots are seldom exciting improvements, but the PNA sees the pragmatic necessity of these infrastructure improvements to allow for a more enjoyable day at the park.

Surround yourself with the mature trees, historic stone work, and the memories of our original City zoo. Come and experience one of the most beautiful and historic parks our City has to offer: Phelps Grove.

Jenny Fillmer Edwards contributed to this article.



One of the most magnificent and historic of these areas is Phelps Grove Park, which became the centerpiece to the Phelps Grove neighborhood and a community destination more than a century ago.

Phelps Grove Park was established in 1914, one of the first new parks created by the Park Board, established a year earlier. The park gets its namesake from a Springfield founding family, John S. and Mary Whitney Phelps, whose 1,000-acre homestead included the park and much of



See pages 1 and 3 for more about the Art in Our City Zone 3 exhibit.

"CONVERSATION HOMESICK REVISITED," BY LAUREN SUKANY

"Conversation Homesick Revisited" is oil, acrylic and charcoal on canvas. "This painting, memory-inspired using developed compositions and less finished paint application, depicts mysterious scenes of figures in interiors maintaining life," Sukany said.



Lauren Sukany with "Conversation Homesick Revisited."

"I was very excited to even have the chance to be a part of this exhibit. I have entered my work in a lot of competitions, submitted for publications, participated in grant work, shown in galleries, sold online – but this was the first time I had ever seen anything like this. When I received an acceptance letter, I was happy from ear to ear.

"Before being selected, I went to the art museum taking my kids to the children's art classes or to look at the exhibits. Now that my work is in the art museum, I am able to give as well as receive. I am so thankful to God and to the Springfield Art Museum for this opportunity for my work to be exhibited."

ROBBERSON NEIGHBORHOOD

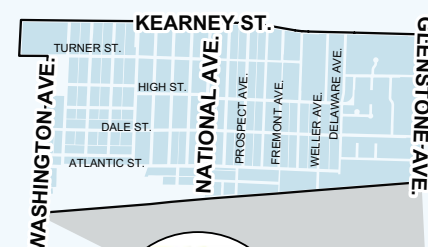
Congratulations Terry Cornio!

Robberson's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 24 • Feb. 28 • March 28: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Pathways United Methodist Church
(1232 E. Dale St.)



ROUNTREE NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • March 19: 7–8 p.m.
@ University Heights Baptist Church
(1010 S. National Ave.)

routreenews.org



What's the plan for traffic calming improvements on Cherry Street?

By Mike Brothers, for SGFNN

RNA has had a number of questions and comments about traffic on Cherry Street. Some of you may have even participated in the fun awareness event held this past fall.

The questions are about traffic of all kinds: pedestrian, vehicle, and bicycle along Cherry St. between National and Glenstone. Most of the questions are pretty specific to Cherry Street around the intersections of Fremont, Pickwick and Weller. Residents want to know: what's the plan to help reduce travel speeds of vehicles? Will there be a cross walk or speed bumps? Will there be a bicycle lane or roundabout?

Here's what Eric Claussen and Derrick Estell, engineers with the City's Public Works Department, told us:

"There is a proposed concept for traffic calming on Cherry in the area, and it is similar to what was implemented as a part of the American Planning Association "pop-up" traffic calming event last summer – this includes bumping out the curbs to narrow the width of the roadway. This project is limited to mainly just the intersection of Cherry and Pickwick to address the immediate traffic calming concerns and to enhance the pedestrian crossing features. Because we are designing this project in-house and combining it with another to make the best use of our limited funding, we have to weigh the timing of the project vs other competing needs in the community. City Council will have the opportunity to review and approve this project.

"As for timing, in the best case scenario, this project will be designed early 2019 and will be constructed end of 2019/early 2020. These dates are not set in stone, and are subject to change (depending on needs elsewhere in the city). However, these timeframes are solid assumptions.

We are more than happy to share our proposed design with the neighborhood, when we are ready to proceed."

RNA also asked specifically about simply painting a crosswalk sooner since the more significant changes are more than a year away. Eric gave us the following answer:

"Simply placing the markings on the street without some application of traffic calming often causes pedestrians to have a false sense of security, thinking that drivers will slow down or be more respectful of the crosswalk lines, and in many occasions, that is just simply not the case. I agree that we need to address speeding with engineering calming procedures, but I just do not believe that it is in the best interest of safety to place the markings and have pedestrians cross without a sense of caution."

We appreciate the City's continued attention to this area. The RNA board members are hoping there might be some way to speed up the timeline here, however. We're continuing to work with the City to find out what we can do to that end.

In the meantime, here's what we can do right now to combat the issue:

- If you see a speeder, call the City at 864-1010 to report it. Our neighborhood police officer has been regularly setting up on Cherry and Grand before and after school to catch speeders at our request, and the continued reporting shows an ongoing need.
- Drive the speed limit yourself, and don't give into people tailgating you. Our neighborhood, our speed, our safety.
- Be aware and cautious if you're crossing the streets around Cherry and Pickwick.

Rountree Neighborhood Plan approved by City Council

By Mike Brothers, for SGFNN

The neighborhood plan was formally approved by City Council on Nov. 19. After 17 months of work, it's safe to say we are thankful to have reached this milestone. The RNA board and the Neighborhood Plan steering committee are also very grateful for all of the input that residents, property owners and business owners provided along the way.

The plan was presented to and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Nov. 8, and was presented to and adopted by City Council on Nov. 19. Council members were extremely complimentary of the process and the end result.

The full plan can be viewed at springfieldmo.gov/routreeplanning.



**Congratulations
Rountree Neighborhood
Association!**

*Rountree's
NOVA Volunteers of the Year.*



Pick-a-Project: Creating a Library Oasis

Project Cost: \$538.83
Teacher Name: Nicki Foltz
School: Rountree Elementary
Grade Level: K-5 / Library

Description:

I plan to use the requested funds to purchase six throw pillows, 24 seat cushions, 12 curtains and two peel-and-stick wall decals. These items will be used throughout the library to add comfort and warmth to the space. Learn more at supportsp.org



Firefighters visit Rountree Elementary during October's Fire Prevention Month

Firefighter educators visited 39 Springfield public and private elementary schools, including Rountree Elementary, reaching over 10,000 children during October's Fire Prevention Month. Read more on page 4.



TOM WATKINS NEIGHBORHOOD

Congratulations Scott Michael!

Tom Watkins' NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

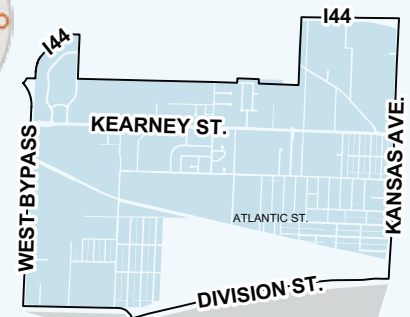
Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!

Tom Watkins Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

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



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



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 31 • April 25: 7–8:30 p.m. @ Tom Watkins Park Community Center (2100 W. High St.)



WELLER NEIGHBORHOOD

Pick-a-Project: You're an Engineer, Harry (STEM + Harry Potter)

Project Cost: \$500
Teacher Name: McKenzie Harbaugh
School: Weller Elementary
Grade Level: K-5 / Library



Description:

The Lego set is divided into separate project bags with individual instructions. Each group of students will be assigned a bag and instructions for how to build a portion of the design. Once each group's structure is built, all the components will be combined to form the final project – Hogwarts castle!

Academic Impact:

Students will combine their fascination with the fantastical world of Harry Potter and their love for Legos into one collaborative, STEM-based project. The project will allow students to practice synthesis, collectively produce a tangible artifact, and participate in a cooperative learning opportunity.

Weller Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

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

Congratulations Stacey Jackson!

Weller's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



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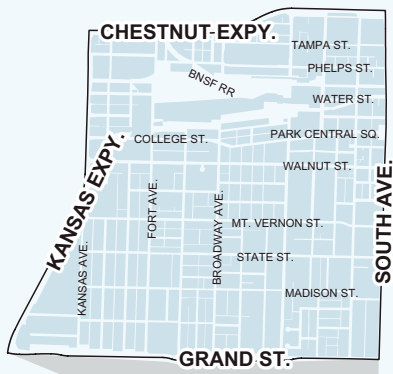


Neighborhood Association Meetings

Feb. 7 • March 7 • April 4: 6–7 p.m.
@ Turning Point Church
(1722 N. National Ave.)

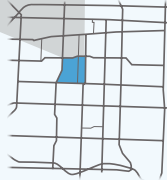


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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

Jan. 22 • Feb. 26 • March 26: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Broadway United Methodist Church
(545 S. Broadway Ave.)



ART in our City

“CELEBRATION,” BY JOSHUA MAYFIELD

“This piece is acrylic on canvas and is a celebration. It was the first piece created after a six-month period of having no studio and no job to fund my painting,” Mayfield said. “It is a celebration of the studio I now have and also a job that allows me to provide for my family and fund my art. In this painting, I incorporated some of the brightest colors I could find, flinging them about like confetti at a parade or a birthday party surprise. These colors are contrasted against the void-like background of black paint simultaneously showing the new experimentation I began to work with and the contrast needed to appreciate the things that give life meaning. It was only when I couldn’t paint that I was truly able to slow down and appreciate what it meant to be able to paint,” Mayfield said.



Joshua Mayfield with his painting “Celebration.”

“Having my work displayed at the Springfield Art Museum is a tremendous honor. I’m proud to represent West Central neighborhood, and I’m humbled to be included with such outstanding talent. Springfield really does have some top-notch artists living and working here, and I know that I continually take inspiration from them all. I’m incredibly thankful to the museum for giving me the opportunity to display my work.”

See pages 1 and 3 for more information about the Art in Our City Zone 3 exhibit.



City, Ozark Greenways host ceremonial groundbreaking for West Meadows Trail Project

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield and Ozark Greenways, Inc. hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking Nov. 7 for the construction of a new trail along the Jordan Creek in Springfield’s West Meadows.

The City received a \$250,000 Recreational Trails program (RTP) grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to fund the 2,900 feet of hard-surface greenway trail, spanning from just west of Grant Avenue to Fort Avenue. A 20 percent required match will be provided through the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax Alternative Transportation Program.

The trail will be a part of the vast Ozarks Greenways’ network of 73 miles of greenways, and 81 miles of on-street bike routes.

“Trail networks connect and enhance communities and are a way to spur economic development, create a robust transportation network, and improve our quality of life,” says Ozark Greenways Executive Director Mary Kromrey. “This project is a key next step in closing the gaps in the Jordan Creek Greenway trail. This trail will one day be over seven miles long and will provide connections to downtown, neighborhoods, parks, and countless other destinations.”

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– Ozark Greenways Executive Dir. Mary Kromrey

West Meadows is a brownfields redevelopment area located roughly between Main Avenue and Fort Avenue, just north of College Street (Historic Route 66) in downtown Springfield. The area is ripe with history. Historic Fulbright Spring, the location of one of Springfield’s earliest settlements, was discovered on the site during extensive environmental cleanup. The area was also the location of a Union soldier encampment during the Civil War, and lies adjacent to historic Route 66.

The development of West Meadows is part of the community’s Jordan Valley Concept Master Plan to redevelop the Jordan Valley through downtown Springfield. Work has been completed in Jordan Valley since the early 2000s, with \$2



From left: Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford, Mayor Ken McClure, Ozark Greenways Executive Director Mary Kromrey and EPA Region 7 Brownfields Project Manager Alma Moreno Lahm.

million in Environmental Protection Agency-funded environmental brownfields cleanups and the development of downtown amenities like Jordan Valley Park, Jordan Valley Commons, Jordan Valley Ice Park, Hammons Field, and greenway trail connections.

“What people know as Jordan Valley Park now is actually recognized as ‘East Meadows’ in the original concept plan,” explains City of Springfield Senior Planner and Brownfields Program Coordinator Olivia Hough. “West Meadows is an even larger block of open green space that carries the envisioned ‘central park’ concept through downtown.”

Previous improvements in West Meadows include the restoration of Jordan Creek to a natural wetland corridor, with stormwater, flood control and water quality improvements, native vegetation and trees. The area comprises 18 acres of open urban green space with greenway trails planned for transportation and recreation.

“With currently no street access or parking available for West Meadows, this trail is the first step in opening this site up for public use,” says Hough.

The ceremony was the culmination of a day-long visit by EPA Region 7 Director Jim Gulliford and other EPA officials to visit brownfields clean-up sites and environmental projects in Springfield.

“This celebration highlights exactly how local solutions and partnerships can lead to big changes through brownfield redevelopment and land revitalization,” Gulliford said. “Years of continued efforts and contributions are transforming what was once a rail yard vulnerable to flooding into an urban greenway in the heart of Springfield. The whole team should be proud of what they’ve accomplished in Jordan Valley.”

Campbell Elementary building now an early childhood center

By Teresa Bledsoe, Springfield Public Schools, for SGFNN

Opening in the 2018-2019 school year, the former Campbell Elementary building became an interim early childhood center for up to 200 pre-K students who meet low-income guidelines and have the greatest education needs.

Springfield Public Schools' Board of Education voted to consolidate Campbell and McGregor elementary schools at the McGregor facility in April 2018 due to declining enrollment at both schools. The conversion of Campbell to an early childhood center allows the district to serve 50 percent more students with early childhood services. Additionally, Campbell Early Childhood Center serves as a pilot site for early childhood education services transportation for the district and the Parents as Teachers hub for center city.

Families with a child who will be 3 or 4 years old before Aug. 1 may be eligible to receive free early childhood education services and may complete the form found at sps.org/Campbell or at the Campbell office to indicate interest. Upon completion, an SPS staff member will reach out with more information.

To be considered for placement at Campbell, children:

- Must have turned 4 years old before Aug. 1, 2018 to be considered for placement for the 2018-2019 school year. Must turn 3 or 4 prior to Aug. 1, 2019, to be considered for placement for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Must reside within the boundaries of Springfield Public Schools.
- Must have a free developmental screening done by Parents as Teacher. To schedule a



screening or inquire about whether your child has a screening on file, call the Office of School Readiness at 523-1300.

- Must complete the online Free/Reduced Lunch application, which can be found at sps.org/page/2400 or in any school office.

"ARTIFICIAL NIGHT LIBRARY VIEW," BY JOEL WOLVERTON

"One of the first in a series of 'artificial night' pictures, I entitled this digitally altered photograph, 'Artificial Night, Library View.' For people living in this area, the downtown Springfield



Joel Wolverson with "Artificial Night Library View."

inspiration is obvious. It's been my neighborhood for almost 10 years. I have watched it grow and prosper, at the same time that I have developed many friendships with the people who work and live in this thriving neighborhood. The artificial night concept grew out of a desire to eliminate the sky and hence accentuate the subject matter. I found that black works best to achieve this, but also that it suggests that in some alternate reality, we could create artificial night. It is a wonderful honor to have my work on display in our museum in the same building as great and famous artists."

See pages 1 and 3 for more information about the Art in Our City Zone 3 exhibit.

Congratulations Phyllis Netzer!
West Central's NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

Former Rockwood Court on West College to reopen as monthly rentals

By Joe Roberds, for SGFNN

Some of the treasures of the Westside are the historic motor courts along our Route 66 west corridor.

I noticed some cleaning up and improvements to the former Rockwood Court located at 2204 W. College, so I stopped in to inquire about the future plans. The place opened in 1931 as Rockwood Court and later was Ginny Lee's Restaurant, Motel and Pub. Most recently, it was Tubby's Diner.

The sign outside the business shows a new name, Big Foot Subs. Owner Dannie Wright reported that she purchased the location in July 2018 and has been cleaning and making improvements to the motor court units and the restaurant. She related that the improvement process is slowly progressing to ensure that it is done correctly, while maintaining the Route 66 era motif.



The motor court units are being refurbished one at a time and with the aim of keeping with the original Route 66-era appearance. The initial plan is to make the units with kitchenettes into monthly rental units and the smaller units into nightly rentals, promoting the idea to the many Route 66 travelers that they can actually find ▶



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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

Feb. 12 • March 12 • April 9: 6:30 p.m.,
@ Westport Park Apartments,
Community Room (250 N. Hilton Ave.)



Zagonyi's Charge monument moves to Zagonyi Park

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

A west Springfield park with an unusual name has gained a historic monument explaining its origin.

Zagonyi Park, established in 1969, was named for a Civil War action that took place nearby more than 100 years before.

In the 1860s, what's now Springfield's Westside neighborhood was mostly farmland and woods. It also became the site of a Confederate camp and surprise Union attack.



On Oct. 25, 1861, Union Major Charles Zagonyi, with 326 men, led a cavalry charge along Mount Vernon Road (present day West Mt. Vernon Street) into 1,000 Confederate troops camped along Jordan Creek. The attack routed the Confederates, allowing Zagonyi's men to enter the Springfield public square

and pull the Rebel flag down from the courthouse. The event is now known as the First Battle of Springfield, or simply Zagonyi's Charge.

Eighty years after the battle, in 1931, Springfield's University Club commemorated Zagonyi's Charge with a stone monument, placed on private property along West Mt. Vernon Street, just west of Jordan Creek. Recently, after a fire on the property, the future of the monument appeared uncertain.

Neighbors from the Westside Neighborhood



Betterment Association, along with the present-day University Club, concurrently had an idea: move the monument to Zagonyi Park. The Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association applied for Neighborhood Work funding to make the move and implement other park improvements.

Work began in late November, when a crew from Wommack Monument Co. removed the marker and began restoration work. The stone was installed in the northwest corner of Zagonyi Park, in the center of an existing circular pathway, in December.

The Neighborhood Works funding will also cover installation of a new community garden, surrounding the marker, as well as a new water line to provide garden irrigation and a drinking fountain. Funding is also in place for a new universal-design accessible playground unit.

Work is expected to be complete this coming spring with a dedication ceremony to follow.

Information about Zagonyi's Charge, including photos of the monument, are available through the Springfield-Greene County Library District's Local History collection. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources also maintains an informational marker in Zagonyi Park.

► accommodations in a historic Route 66 motor court. If this trendy idea of staying in a Route 66 motor court becomes popular, more of the units will be converted to nightly rentals.



The restaurant, Big Foot Subs, offers freshly prepared sub sandwiches with the option to dine in or to carry out. New seating has been installed in the dining area which has the Route 66 theme. Food is served 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wright, who is retired military, was looking for a business opportunity and the prior owner of the location informed her that the property was available. She seized the opportunity and purchased the property. She says she is excited by the opportunity to preserve this historic neighborhood treasure and believes that Springfield's Route 66 west corridor will increase in popularity.

She added that she is looking forward to meeting more of our Westside neighbors and visitors alike.

Westside has many older buildings along the Route 66 corridor that have historical significance to the area. Wright, along with many others, have made the decision to invest in businesses on the Westside. This investment trend will continue and make the Westside corridor a destination rather than a pass through area, if we all support Westside businesses.

Westside cheers on Bass Pro Marathon runners



Photo courtesy of the Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association Facebook page.

New Grand Street Bridge temporarily opens to traffic

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The Grand Street Bridge and roadway between Kansas Expressway and Park Avenue temporarily reopened to traffic Dec. 3, 2018. Currently, the road portion of the project is complete and the bridge portion's awaiting minor finishes.

Grand Street from Kansas Expressway to Park Avenue will temporarily be marked as two lanes while the project awaits the completion of the new railroad crossing by Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad (M&NA). Until the railroad crossing is installed, Grand Street will remain two lanes. Final striping for three lanes will occur in Spring 2019 when temperatures warm up. Grand Street will remain closed to pedestrians until the crossing is finished.

The City has made every attempt to coordinate the new crossing installation with M&NA in a timely manner. Unfortunately, due to looming winter weather and other circumstances, the timeline for the installation of the new crossing is still undetermined.

At this time, the City felt it was important to reopen the roadway to traffic so it can continue serving the community that has patiently awaited the completion of this project.

When M&NA is prepared to install the crossing,



Grand Street will need to be closed to traffic once again. Advance notice will be provided to the public.

About the Grand Street Bridge project

The Grand Street Bridge over Jordan Creek improvement project, was identified by citizens as their No. 1 priority in need of improvement in the 2015 city-wide transportation survey.

The project involves the widening of Grand Street to three lanes from Kansas Expressway to Park Avenue, improving both traffic and pedestrian safety. It includes the addition of a center turn lane, upgraded stormwater infrastructure, stream restoration, an improved railroad crossing and the construction of a new bridge over Jordan Creek.

The area, will also include a new sidewalk on the south side of Grand Street and a multi-use path on the north side that will tie into the existing Ozark Greenways trail system.

The project is funded through the voter-approved 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

Congratulations Ken Sweetser!
Westside's
NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Thanks to Westside churches for hosting neighborhood events

By Joe Roberds, for SGFNN



Westside Neighborhood Fall Festival at Hope and Anchor Church

Our Westside churches are involved in helping our neighbors through community outreach programs.

One of the newer churches in our neighborhood is the Hope and Anchor Church, located at 2216 W. College. While this

congregation has only been in our neighborhood since August 2018, they have conducted several events designed to lift up our neighbors by having celebrations where neighbors can gather and meet one another.

In October, Hope and Anchor hosted a fall celebration for the neighborhood. We enjoyed games, food and meeting the congregation, who have the desire to uplift the people of the Westside. I had a great bowl of chili while listening to live music and the laughter of the children playing games.

In November, Hope and Anchor hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for Westside. We enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings served in the church's fellowship hall. I talked to many of our neighbors and met some new ones. Neighbors who live alone and those who could not otherwise have a meal like this expressed

their gratitude for the meal the fellowship. I know of no one who went away hungry. After the meal, we gathered in the sanctuary to sing. I heard from many Westside neighbors that this event touched their lives.

In December, Hope and Anchor Church held the Christmas Candyland event focused on the youngest of our neighbors. The sanctuary was filled with families of children waiting their turn to visit with Santa and have their photo taken. Every child who attended this event received a toy, a book and candy. It was great to hear the laughter of the children and see their smiles as they proudly held the gifts given to them. There were some tears of joy from the parents who were happy that their child was receiving a gift. This event was such a blessing to our neighbors and our neighborhood.

I know of no one who went away hungry. I heard from many Westside neighbors that this event touched their lives.

Another neighborhood church that deserves recognition is the Walnut Street Christian Church. Almost 40 years ago, the Walnut Street Christian Church accepted the call for community service by collecting food items for Crosslines and delivering the food weekly to the food pantry. Later, this group of dedicated people would also donate their time to volunteer at Crosslines on a regular schedule

to help distribute the food donated.

Two of these volunteers, George and Joanne Saffuels, who are longtime members of Walnut Street



George Saffuels, left, accepts Crosslines' Volunteer of the Year award.

Christian, were there when the service to Crosslines began and continue to regularly serve Crosslines by volunteering at the food pantry. I have worked with George at Crosslines where he bags food items for distribution to those in need. He always has a smile and kind words to share with those he greets. It is always a pleasure to see George and his uplifting attitude on service to those in need.

Recently, George and Joanne were recognized for their years of service by being awarded the Crosslines Volunteers of the Year Award. On behalf of the Westside Neighborhood Association we congratulate George and Joanne Saffuels for being presented this award and express our gratitude for their years of community service.

In the new year, I am looking forward to future events that these churches and others may bring to the Westside to lift up our neighbors with their spiritual needs and possibly joining with the WNBA on a neighborhood event.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

Free produce available each week at Springfield Dream Center

Come by the Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic, each Friday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to snag some fresh fruit and veggies for your family!



Pick-a-Project: Bounce, Wiggle and Shake Motor Lab

Project Cost: \$362.02
Teacher Name: Emily Keffer
School: Bowerman Elementary
Grade Level: Kindergarten



Description: This past year, kindergarten and first grade classes have incorporated motor lab time into our weekly schedule.

A motor lab is designed to stimulate and develop the sensory skills necessary for learning readiness and academic success. We complete nine stations, each two minutes long, twice a week. We pair stations with academic activities such as identifying letters, counting numbers, spelling words, writing, and so much more. The stations completed are motor based and help students maneuver and function in the environment around them.

Congratulations Sarah Gaddy!
Woodland Heights' NOVA Volunteer of the Year.



Woodland Heights Spring Neighborhood Cleanup

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

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



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Jan. 21 • Feb. 18 • March 18: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church
(722 W. Atlantic St.)



woodlandheightsneighborhood.org

Events

January – March 2019

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.

Fix-it Fair: Jan. 26: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. Throw it away? No way! Give your household appliances, computers, bicycles or even clothes a new lease on life at the Fix-it Fair. Volunteer experts will be on hand, eager to assist you with your repairs. No registration required, but feel free to find out if a specific fixer will be on hand to assist with your item. A Fix-it Fair is a great way to reduce waste while learning a valuable repair skill. Presented in partnership with the Community Partnership of the Ozarks Tool Library.

Master Gardeners of Greene County present Potting Shed University: Mondays Feb. 4-April 1: 6-7 p.m., Springfield Greene-County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. A series of eight diverse garden topics for you to hone your skills to become a better gardener for years to come. Feb. 4: Starting Your Own Kitchen Garden • Feb. 11: Mediterranean Herbs • Feb. 18: Introduction to Plant Propagation • March 4: Frugal Gardening • March 11: Blueberries in the Home Garden • March 18: Landscaping Your Home with Native Plants • March 25: Great Perennials: Heuchera and Heucharella • April 1: The Wonderful World of Daffodils. *Fee: \$5 at the door, registration starts at 5:30 p.m.*

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fair: Feb. 16: 1-4 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? You're not alone. See what being a "grand" family is all about as you visit with representatives from area organizations and gather information on community resources. Sponsored by The Library, NAACP's Be a Jewel and Grands Raising Grands. Registration starts Feb. 5.

Ask the Experts: Identity Theft Protection: Feb. 23: 10-11:30 a.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. According to Javelin Strategy & Research, 16.7 million Americans had their identity stolen in 2017. Worried about being a statistic? Learn how to keep your identity safe and what warning signs to look for from experts in the field. Ask the Experts in an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

Neighborhood Advisory Council April 2019 Candidate Forums: Forum 1: March 10: 2-5 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 3555 S. Fremont. • **Forum 2:** March 17: 2-5 p.m., Drury University Findlay Student Center, N. Drury Lane. These forums will be open to all persons running for City Council and/or Mayor in the April 2019 election. Both forums will use the same format, first portion (2-4 p.m.) will be a moderated panel

with all candidates. From 4:15-5 p.m. we will break into Zones 2, 3 and 4 so constituents can meet their respective candidates. This is a free event open to all Springfield residents. Candidates please contact Dee Ogilvy at ogilvydee@gmail.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

PTA Clothing Bank: Open most Thursdays and some Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Study Alternative Center, 2343 W. Olive St. Any student who is signed up for free or reduced lunch can shop at the PTA Clothing Bank. Please call, email or see your school nurse in person at school to request a referral to the Clothing Bank before visiting. Volunteers are always needed! We welcome volunteers all year long, but special school volunteer days are as follows: Parkview area schools: Feb. 7 and March 28 • Glendale area schools: Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 • Hillcrest area schools: Jan. 24, Feb. 14 and April 25 • Kickapoo area schools: Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and April 11 • Central High area schools: March 21 and April 4

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.

Learning to Read Nutrition Labels: Jan. 24: 6 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. Nutrition labels – what do they mean? How do you tell how good for you a food really is? Della Miller, from University Missouri Extension, will answer those questions and explain recent changes to nutrition labels.

Run Off Those Winter Wiggles: Feb. 12: 9-11 a.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. For ages 2-6 in the upstairs meeting room. Cooped up at home with the kids? Playings is how young children learn. Let your little one burn off some energy with an obstacle course featuring a whole room of tunnels, running tracks and other fun obstacles to conquer! Snacks will be provided at the fuel up station.

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

Garden Story Time: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10: 10 a.m., Springfield-Greene Co. Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. A garden-themed story in the Botanical Center, followed by a fun science-based activity. Ages: Preschoolers and family.

Chamber Music Concert Series: Winter Concert: Jan. 17: 7-8 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Please join St. Mark's Square for an intimate evening 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 members of St. Mark's have performed around the world, from Broadway to Carnegie Hall to concert stages abroad. The ensemble will offer a colorful program of music celebrate Winter. Due to generous grant funding from the Springfield Regional Arts Council, through Community Foundation of the Ozarks' Arts & Culture fund donors, 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 may be standing room only.

Try Archery Program: Jan. 18, Feb. 22, March 15 and April 19: 5-6 p.m., Archery Range, 5780 S. Farm Road 141 (Cox Road). Allows beginners of any age an opportunity to shoot a limited number of arrows under the supervision of an instructor. Equipment is provided. *Fee: \$5/One-hour class.*

Eagle Days: Jan. 19: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan 20: noon-3 p.m., Lake Springfield Boathouse, 5324 S. Kissick Ave. Learn about eagles and other migratory birds visiting Lake Springfield this winter. Bring binoculars, telephoto cameras or small telescopes or use equipment provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Indoor eagle programs, crafts and activities also offered by MDC staff and Dickerson Park Zoo at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center (4601 S. Nature Center Way).

National Skating Month Event: Jan. 26: 1-2:30 p.m., Jordan Valley Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway. Free skating with coaches on the ice to assist new and beginning skaters of all ages.

Disney's The Little Mermaid Sing-along: Jan. 26: 2-3:30 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For families with children of all ages in the Story Hour Room. Travel "Under the Sea" with this award-winning 80s classic, rated G, along with snacks and special surprises. Costumes are encouraged!

Saturday Movie Night: Jan. 26: 6-8:20 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For ages 13 and older in the Santa Fe Room. Watch "Ready Player One," on the big screen at the library. Popcorn provided. Rated PG-13.

Family Day: Decades: 90 Years of Collecting: Feb. 2: 10 a.m.-noon, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Family Days are designed to help kids and grown-ups explore the museum's exhibits together. They feature hands-on gallery activities and art-making for the whole family. Family Days are drop-in events that are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

People's History Café: Feb. 2: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. Please join us to learn different ways to preserve and share African-American history through historic sites and landmarks. The event is free and open to the public and will feature exhibits on the African-American Heritage Trail, Timmons Temple restoration, Lincoln High School; a panel discussion and movie inserts from "Simple Justice," the 1003 film about Brown vs. Board of Education; and Missouri State University's Dr. Sabrina Brinson on the importance of culturally responsive literature.

Senior Social: Feb. 7: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For adults ages 60 and over in the Frisco Room. Enjoy social time and refreshments during this come-and-go event. Browse materials, enjoy board games and

breakout activities, get book recommendations and computer help. From noon-1 p.m., a Healthy Living for Seniors lunch program will be provided by SeniorAge Agency on Aging's Choice Presenters. A \$3.50 lunch donation to SeniorAge is encouraged. Materials will be provided for Choice and craft activities. Offered in cooperation with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging and the Library's Stories of Life program. Unleash your creativity with Doodling Fun. We'll provide the doodle book and all the tools you need to put your creative energies and thoughts on paper. Registration starts Jan. 23. Call 417-616-0683 to register.

STEAM Train: Feb. 9: 2 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For grades 1-6 in the Story Hour Room. All aboard the STEAM train for an afternoon of scientific exploration and educational play! Get your taste buds ready for chocolate Science! We'll practice the scientific method while we conduct chocolate experiments.

Decades: 90 Years of Collecting: Closes Feb. 17, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This exhibition traces 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. **Guided Tours:** Jan. 9: 11 a.m.; Jan. 31: 5 p.m.; Feb. 9: 2 p.m.

Daddy Daughter Dance: Feb. 23: 6-9 p.m., Northview Center, 201 E. Talmage St. Girls, bring your dad, step-dad, grandpa, uncle or special guy out for a night you'll always remember. Enjoy a catered dinner, music, dancing and special surprises with your guest. Event held in the Northview Center Ballroom, adjacent to Doling Family Center. Dance theme is '50s Sock Hop. Tickets go on sale Jan. 16, purchase by Feb. 20, space is limited. Ages 3 yrs. and up. *Fee: \$40/couple, \$15/each additional girl.*

Try Hockey for Free Day: Feb. 23: 1 p.m. Jordan Valley Ice Park, 635 E. Trafficway. Kids interested in ice hockey? Give it a try. We provide coaches and equipment. Skating experience not required, but registration is. To register call 417-866-7444. Ages 10 yrs. and under.

All School Exhibition: March 2-April 29, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Every March, the Springfield Art Museum invites student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through 12th grades, to exhibit outstanding artwork. A celebration of Youth Art Month, this highly anticipated show has been a staple of our exhibition schedule for well over forty years. By showcasing students' work in one of its primary gallery spaces, the museum seeks to highlight the importance of arts education and honor the accomplishments of young artists.

- **Opening Reception: Middle/High Schools:** March 1: 5:30-7 p.m.
- **Opening Reception: Elementary Schools:** March 3: 2-4 p.m.

Orchid Show and Sale: March 16-17: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Springfield-Greene Co. Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. The Springfield Orchid Society brings a juried display of beautiful, rare and exotic orchids to the Botanical Center. Orchids available for purchase. *Fee: Free admission, prices vary per plant.*

Art in Our City: Zone 3: Closes March 17, **Zone 4:** March 22-Oct. 20, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. 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 third rotation features work by seven artists from four neighborhoods in City Council Zone 3, and the fourth exhibit features work by 11 artists from six neighborhoods in City Council Zone 4.

El Grabado: Contemporary Cuban Printmaking: Closes March 17, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Pulled entirely from the collection of the Drs. Antonio and Luz Racela, 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 fostering 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. **Collector's Talk:** Jan. 12: 2 p.m.

Cherry Blossom Kite and Piñata Festival: April 6: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Celebrate spring with the Springfield Sister Cities Association. Bring a kite to fly to build on with us on the Great Lawn. Whack a piñata nearby. Enjoy Japanese and Mexican children's crafts at the Botanical Center, and free admission to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden as it reopens for the season. *Fee: Free admission, \$5/kite kits.*

National Zoo Lovers Day and Enrichment EGGstravaganze: April 6: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Celebrate zoos, and watch the zoo's animals "hunt" when zookeepers hide papier-mâché eggs filled with treats or use other egg-themed enrichment items. *Fee: \$14/adults and teens, \$9/children ages 3-12 and \$11/60yrs. and up, Free/Children 2 and under and FOZ members.*

Bass Pro Shops Pre-1840s Outdoor Days: April 7: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Springfield Park, 5324 S. Kissick Ave. Come visit the Primitive Skills Village Program Decennial; interactive activities and demonstrations will include Dutch-oven cooking, blacksmithing, soap making, woodcarving and more!

Nick Cave: April 9-July 28, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Nick Cave is a multi-disciplinary artist working between the visual and performing arts through a wide range of mediums including sculpture, installation, video, sound and performance. He is well known for the 'Soundsuits' series, sculptural forms based on the scale of his body. **Opening Reception:** April 5: 5:30-7 p.m.

Golf Customer Appreciation and Masters Kick-Off Party: April 10: 4-6:30 p.m., Bill & Payne Stewart Golf Course, 1825 E. Norton Rd. Join the Park Board and kick off the 2019 Masters Tournament with themed appetizers, demos, contests and other surprises.

Easter at the Farm: April 13: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146. A day of family-oriented activities celebrating spring, including arts and crafts, inflatables, yard

games and the Easter Bunny. We'll have more than 20,000 eggs filled with candy and prizes, with individual Easter Egg Hunts throughout the day. Kids are limited to 15 eggs each, while supplies last. Bring your basket and your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. *Fee: Free (some activities have a small fee.)*

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.

Green for Greene Information Sessions: Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Missouri Job Center, 2900 E. Sunshine. The spring training session is scheduled Feb. 25-March 29 and the summer session will run June 17-July 19 (No class July 4, make-up day is July 22). Green for Greene provides certifications that are needed for high paying, local "green" jobs that will assist local neighborhoods, attract new and expanding business, and create more jobs and services in the area. For more information on how to apply contact Wendy Graves at 417-841-3341 or wgraves@springfieldmo.gov

BY NEIGHBORHOOD

BISSETT

Bissett Neighborhood Association Meetings: Feb. 12, April 9: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck, Bissett Elementary School, 3014 W. Calhoun.

BRADFORD PARK

Bradford Park Neighborhood Association Meeting: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19: 6:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 3555 S. Fremont Ave.

Bradford Park Neighborhood Cleanup: Apr. 13: 8 a.m.-noon, End of Walnut Lawn, 1370 E. Walnut Lawn St. The City and the neighborhood association encourage residents to take advantage of this free and convenient opportunity to dispose of trash, brush, leaves, tires, metal and TVs (fees may apply for TVs). The cleanups take place outside, rain or shine. Curbside pickup is available, but fees may apply. Need to schedule a curbside pickup? Contact Dellene Nelson at 417-882-2801

BRENTWOOD

Brentwood Neighborhood Association Meeting: Jan. 14: 6:30 p.m., Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd.

DELAWARE

Delaware Neighborhood Association Meeting: Feb. 5, March 5, April 2: 7-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland.

DOLING

Doling Neighborhood Association Meetings: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9: 6:45-8 p.m., optional potluck starts at 6 p.m., Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, 818 E. Norton Rd.

GALLOWAY VILLAGE

Galloway Village Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m., Galloway Baptist Church, 2816 E. Republic Rd. Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

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 Springfield Community Gardens for \$5 per year. Membership forms are available at the distribution. Contact Shelley Vaugine at 617-877-7836.

Northwest Project Grant Beach Maintenance Classes & Community Dinner: Sundays and Thursdays: 6-7 p.m., The Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Childcare provided. Classes meet in the library following the community dinner in the gymnasium. The goal of the Northwest project is to pilot strategies over a five-year period to help families overcome the challenges that have kept them living in poverty and sustain their long-term success in emerging from those circumstances.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18: 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1115 N. Campbell.

Grant Beach Spring Soccer Registration: Feb. 11: 3-5 p.m., March 2: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 16: 4-6 p.m., March 23: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St. The season will be from April 13-May 18. Early Bird registration is \$10, then \$15 after March 23. Contact Yolanda Taylor at 417-952-5735 for more information or if interested in being a coach or referee.

Grant Beach Pancake Breakfast: March 23: 8-11 a.m., Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St. For a small fee, you will get all the pancakes and beverage you can eat and drink plus a serving of bacon or sausage. You just can't put a price on visiting with your neighbors, supporting Grant Beach Neighborhood and enjoying a breakfast you didn't have to cook.

GREATER PARKCREST

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association Meeting: Jan. 17: 6:30-8:00 p.m., The Way Church, 903 W. Katella St. Program on winter and fire safety. No meeting Feb. 21.

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE

Heart of the Westside Family Game & Movie Night: Jan. 11: 6 p.m., Passion Assembly of God, 806 N. Forest Ave. Come out and get to know your neighbors, enjoy some free food, play some games and/or watch a Disney movie. All for free — no commitment, no obligation — just a chance to get to know folks and have fun!

Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association Meetings: Feb. 14, April 11: 6-7 p.m., Passion Assembly of God Church, 806 N. Forest.

Heart of the Westside 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: March 10: 9 a.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, 1931 W. Nichols St. More information about sign-ups and team entry fees coming soon.

MEADOR PARK

Meador Park Neighborhood Association Meetings: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3: 6 p.m., Cowden Elementary School, 2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

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: Jan 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8: 6-7 p.m., Urban Neighborhood Alliance building, on Cox North Hospital parking lot, 918 E. Calhoun St.

Midtown Neighborhood Cleanup: March 23: 8 a.m.-noon, Cox North Parking Lot, 1471 N. Benton Ave. The City and the neighborhood association encourage residents to take advantage of this free and convenient opportunity to dispose of trash, brush, metal and leaves. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Curbside pickup is available, however fees may apply. Need to arrange a curbside pickup? Contact Brian Shipman at 417-880-2855.

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.

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

Northwest Project Robberson Maintenance Classes: Tuesdays: 6-7 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale. Childcare provided. The goal of the Northwest project is to pilot strategies over a five-year period to help families overcome the challenges that have kept them living in poverty and sustain their long-term success in emerging from those circumstances.

Robberson Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale.

ROUNTREE

Rountree Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19: 7-8 p.m., University Heights Baptist Church, 1010 S. National.

TOM WATKINS

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 31, April 25: 7-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Community Center, 2100 W. High St.

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Cleanup: April 6: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Williams Elementary, 2205 W. Kearney St. The City and the neighborhood association encourage residents to take advantage of this free and convenient opportunity to dispose of trash, brush and metal. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Curbside pickup is available, but fees may apply. Need to schedule a curbside pickup? Contact Marti Mowery at 417-864-7239.

WELLER

Weller Neighborhood Association Meetings: Feb. 7, March 7, April 4: 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.

Weller Neighborhood Cleanup: April 20: 8 a.m.-noon, Turning Point Church, 1722 S. National Ave. The City and the neighborhood association encourage residents to take advantage of this free and convenient opportunity to dispose of trash, brush and metal. The cleanup will take place outside, rain or shine. Contact Steve Young at 417-864-6442 for more information.

Weller Community Garden Produce Distribution: Wednesdays: 3-4 p.m. Weller Community Church, 1624 E. Blaine St.

WEST CENTRAL

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Meeting: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Broadway United Methodist Church, 545 S. Broadway Ave.

WESTSIDE

Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9: 6:30 p.m., Westport Park Apartments Community Room, 250 N. Hilton.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS

Northwest Project Woodland Heights Maintenance Classes & Community Dinner: Wednesdays: Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., Classes start at 6:30 p.m., Springfield Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic St. Childcare provided. The goal of the Northwest project is to pilot strategies over a five-year period to help families overcome the challenges that have kept them living in poverty and sustain their long-term success in emerging from those circumstances.

Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association Meetings: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, 722 W. Atlantic St.

Fresh Food Fridays: Fridays: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Springfield Dream Center, 829 W. Atlantic St. Come by the Dream Center between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to snag some fresh fruit and veggies for your family.

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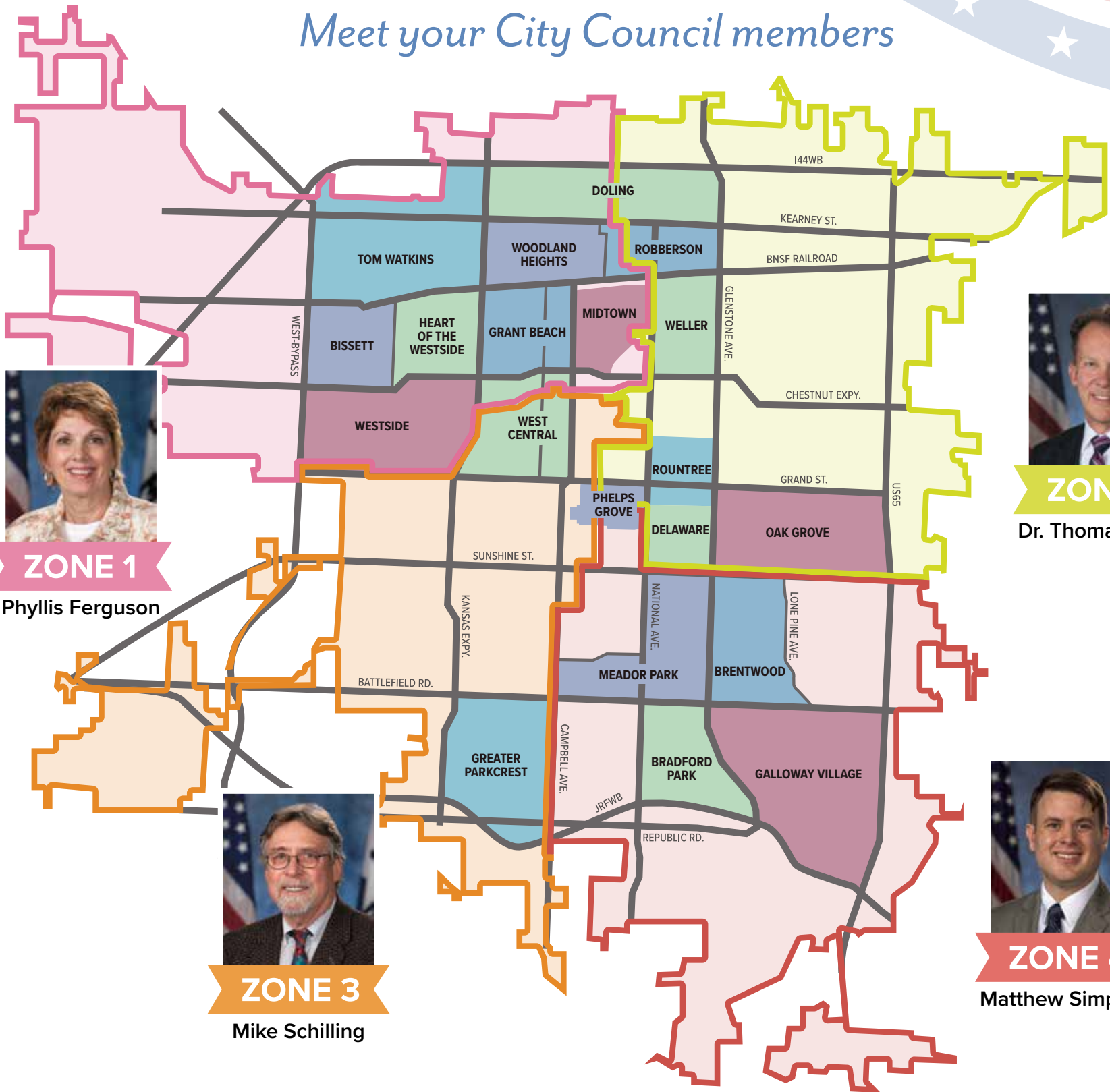
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