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

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Nuisance Housing Code gets more teeth regarding tall grass/weeds and abatement timeframe

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

At its June 3 meeting, City Council took another step toward giving the City's Nuisance Housing Code more teeth.

The council voted unanimously to reduce the violation height for grass and weeds from 12 inches to 7 inches and reduce the legal Notice to Abate timeframe for grass and overgrowth from 15 business days to 10 calendar days. Both changes are in accordance with state statute. The City will bring additional code changes regarding dangerous properties before council later this summer.

"Every small step the City takes to get a handle on nuisance properties adds up," said Christina Dicken, who lives in the Doling neighborhood and has served as the neighborhood association's president. "I'm thrilled council is addressing tall grass and weeds. Not only are unkempt yards unsightly, they provide habitats for rodents, snakes and insects."

"By bringing Springfield into compliance with the state statutes, we are improving the chances of being able to better control areas overgrown by grass and weeds. Residents with unkept yards frequently also park in the yard and are not respectful of their home or neighborhood. These smaller steps may be a path to preventing full-blown nuisance properties," said Meador Park Neighborhood Association President Bobbi Ream.

"Every small step the City takes to get a handle on nuisance properties adds up." – Christina Dicken

"West Central is very excited for the changes to the housing code. Nuisance properties are an issue throughout the city. They bring down home value

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SGF CultureFest to showcase ethnic talents, foods, businesses this fall

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Did you know Springfield, Missouri is home to more than 7,500 diverse people from around the world? That's enough to pack Hammons Field! Mark your calendar for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 14 on Historic Commercial Street for SGF CultureFest, a first-ever event showcasing ethnic talents, foods and businesses.

"SGF CultureFest will celebrate rich ethnic diversity and heritage, allow attendees to collaborate with global-minded Springfield residents and cultivate a welcoming city for people from around the world," said event organizer Saehee Duran, who is a lead pastor for Life360 Church's Intercultural Campus and volunteers as a chaplain with the Springfield Police Department.

Planning for SGF CultureFest began in June 2018 when a handful of community leaders gathered to start a conversation about hosting a city-wide celebration of ethnic cultures, Duran said.

"Our leadership team has grown since then, now including Samuel Knox with Minorities in Business and Unite Publication, Yolande Lorge with Grupo Latinoamericano, Cheryl Clay with NAACP Springfield, Sangyeal Lee with Korean Association, Kristina Lor with Hoyu America Co., Joe Gidman with Cafe



Cusco, Cora Scott and Sharon Spain with the City of Springfield, Jennifer McClure with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Rebekah Thomas with International Institute of Southwest Missouri, and other organizations representing various ethnic groups and cultures," she added.

Entertainers, vendors, sponsors and volunteers are still needed for the event. If interested, please visit sgfculturefest.com or email SGFculturefest@gmail.com.

According to the website, even if your organization can't participate in the event this year, please sign up to join SGF CultureFest's online directory, which features organizations in Springfield that showcase diversity or offer resources to diverse groups of people in the community.



Abe McGull sworn in as new Zone 2 representative, Phyllis Ferguson named Mayor Pro Tem

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure and Councilmen Andrew Lear, Abe McGull, Richard Ollis, Mike Schilling and Matthew Simpson began new terms April 18. All took their oaths of office at a special City Council meeting in Historic City Hall Council Chambers.

McGull was elected as Zone 2 Councilman April 2, following Dr. Tom Prater's decision not to run for office again. Zone 3 Councilman Schilling was re-elected. Previously appointed Councilmen Lear, Ollis and Simpson were elected as General Seat C, General Seat D, and Zone 4 council members respectively.

City Council unanimously selected Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson as the Mayor Pro Tempore at a regular meeting on April 22. The Mayor Pro Tem assumes mayoral duties in the event of the mayor's absence, including leading meetings and representing City Council as an ambassador at a variety of community functions.

Mayor Ken McClure commended Ferguson for her dedication and thanked her for her willingness to serve. "I congratulate Phyllis and appreciate her dedication to the City," said Mayor McClure. "I look forward to working closely with her in this new role. And I thank Councilwoman Fisk for her service these past two years. She fulfilled the role very well, giving of her time and energy."

Councilwoman Jan Fisk nominated Ferguson. "Councilwoman Ferguson has worked tirelessly serving her four years on Council, and I know she will give 100% plus," said Fisk.



Councilman Abe McGull was sworn in as the new Zone 2 representative during a special City Council meeting on April 18.



Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson was named and sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem during a regular City Council meeting on April 22.

SPD emphasizes importance of open data

By Jasmine Bailey, Springfield Police Department, for SGFNN

At the Springfield Police Department, we strive to maintain transparency and open communication with the citizens we serve. One way to accomplish that goal is through the open sharing of data. SPD is one of 130 law enforcement agencies around the country that currently participates in The Police Foundation's Police Data Initiative (PDI).

The PDI is a collaboration between law enforcement agencies to share data with each other and make that information readily available to the public through each agency's respective websites.

Under the "Information Tab" tab on Springfieldmo.gov/SPD, citizens will find links to the following information:

- "Media Report" which includes details from every incident reported on the previous day
- Special victim crime data, including rape and domestic violence
- Hate crime data organized by offender race, offense description and more
- All SPD officer involved shooting incidents, including a short synopsis of the incident
- Traffic related statistics including citations issued, vehicle crashes, DWIs and more
- Police call data, including annual totals for each call type and specific calls by date and time.



"Our hope is that by providing open data it will help to foster an honest and transparent relationship with the people of Springfield," said Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams. "It is a priority for me and the SPD to make information about the department easily available to citizens. Sharing open data through the PDI is just one of many ways we are working to accomplish that goal."

Over time, SPD plans to continue to grow the open data provided online to include information about assaults on officers, community engagement, complaints, workforce demographics and more. If there is a category not listed that you'd like to see, let us know at spdmail@springfieldmo.gov.

Cool off in Park Board OUTDOOR POOLS

Fassnacht, Grant Beach, Silver Springs, Meador, and McGee-McGregor Wading Pool* are open through mid-August, 1-6:30 p.m.

Check ParkBoard.org/Aquatics for daily schedule and more.

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Discount Splash and Sizzle: **\$1 admission or free with a canned food item donation** daily 5:30-6:30 p.m., and all day on holidays and special weekends (select locations.)

Chesterfield and Doling indoor aquatics admission for outdoor pool prices, Mon.-Thurs. only, 1-6:30 p.m.



The PARK
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD

*McGee-McGregor is for kids 6 yrs. and younger only, with parent. Free admission, different schedule: ParkBoard.org/Aquatics

Tuesday, Aug. 6
5-7 p.m.

Meador Park
2500 S. Fremont Ave.

Visit with local police officers, firefighters and park rangers, and enjoy tennis, other games and special activities.

Springfield Police Officers vs. Firefighters Softball Game 7-8 p.m.

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and increase the risk of crime. In West Central, we have a high number of rental properties that are not well maintained. We hope the new code will motivate the landlords to better maintain their properties, thus improving the overall quality of life in West Central," said West Central Neighborhood Alliance President Caron Parnell.

Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Ferguson, who represents Zone 1, sponsored the bill and hopes the changes will reduce the wait time for neighbors who have reported violations. She said tall grass and weeds often lead to other problems, such as trash and vector (insects, ticks, rodents, and other animals that can transmit disease to humans).

"This ordinance is another step forward in the battle against chronic nuisance properties and the devastating effects they individually and cumulatively have on our neighborhoods. With additional dollars from carryover funds and the new budget allocations, I'm hopeful that we'll see quicker turnarounds of chronic nuisance property abatements and dangerous building tear-downs. Most importantly, the message should be clear that the City of Springfield is serious about cleaning up neighborhoods," Ferguson said.

Building Development Services Director Harlan Hill, whose department enforces the Nuisance Housing Code, said the code changes will help the City be more proactive and speed up the abatement process.

In a presentation to council in the spring, Hill proposed an enhanced action plan that calls for standardized communication with law enforcement to ensure the safety of inspectors, increase the

use of technology during inspections, provide additional training and basic protocol for BDS staff, review the department's standard operating procedures for efficiencies, increase the pool of mowing contractors, and increase awareness of BDS' presence in the community with branded vehicles and uniforms.

"We know it's a priority for the council to give our staff the tools they need to clean up nuisance properties in our neighborhoods," Hill said.

The City's FY2019-2020 budget, which council approved at its June 3 meeting, allocates \$123,000 for BDS vehicles, \$250,000 for dangerous building demolition and \$51,000 in additional funds to shore up the 2019 budget for dangerous buildings and \$100,000 in additional funds for nuisance abatement.

Other components of the plan include a formalized referral program to social services agencies for property owners and tenants, neighborhood incentives and continued support for public education and safety programs regarding nuisance properties, such as Community Partnership of the Ozarks' Safe and Sanitary Homes and landlord training programs.

In 2018, the City received 2,039 reports of grass, brush and weed overgrowth in the city limits.

To report tall grass/weeds or other nuisance issues, call the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010, visit springfieldmo.gov and click "Report a Concern," or report it through the City's GoSpringfieldMO mobile app, which can be downloaded from Apple or Google Play.

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield awarded \$750,000 grant for home repairs for low-income families

Provided by Habitat for Humanity of Springfield

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) was awarded a \$750,000 grant to complete much-needed improvements for 40 homes in Springfield.

Funded by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines) Competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and its member bank, Guaranty Bank, the grant will be distributed through Habitat for Humanity's home repair program, Creating Healthy Homes (CHH).

"We are thrilled to expand our home preservation and repairs through the Creating Healthy Homes program and assist our neighbors who are in need of a safe and secure home." – Larry Peterson

Repair work for CHH projects is completed by professional contractors. Repairs include the repair or replacement of roofs, mechanical systems, windows, doors or siding; the repair or upgrading of plumbing or electrical systems, and repairs to foundations, sewers and septic systems. The loan is secured by a deed restriction.

"This is the largest grant that Habitat for Humanity of Springfield has been awarded," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "We



are thrilled to expand our home preservation and repairs through the Creating Healthy Homes program and assist our neighbors who are in need of a safe and secure home."

The recently awarded \$750,000 grant allows HFHS to complete 40 home repair projects with an average of \$18,750 to be used to complete each project. For each repair project, homeowners will sign a five-year deed restriction, meaning the homeowner will only pay back a portion the loan if the home is sold or refinanced within five years of the home improvement's completion.

Homeowners who are interested in applying for the Creating Healthy Homes loan program can find an application form on the HFHS website (habitatspringfieldmo.org), or should contact Nancy Williams, partner services director, at 417-829-4001 x105 or nancywilliams@habitatspringfieldmo.org.

GOOD NEIGHBOR Tip



Inoperable Vehicles

A vehicle that does not have a valid license plate or is not in operating condition may be considered an inoperable vehicle. Inoperable vehicles must be stored in a garage or suitable enclosed building. If a violation is found to exist, the owner of the property will be notified and given a specific period of time to correct the problem. If the vehicle is still in violation at the end of the notice, the owner will be issued a summons to Municipal Court under Sec.106-34 and 106-35 of the City Code.

To report an abandoned or inoperable vehicle on private property, contact the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010. To report an abandoned car on the street, contact the Springfield Police Department at 417-864-1810.

Crime Stoppers experiences 36% increase in tips in 2018

By Mandi Muse, Crime Stoppers, for SGFNN

The Greater Springfield Area Crime Stoppers program continued to achieve great things in 2018!

One of the most notable statistics in 2018 include a 36% increase in the total number of tips made to Crime Stoppers. The overall amount of tipster follow-up increased by 45% while \$44,273 worth of drugs and \$53,786 worth of property was recovered related to tips (this is an increase of 607%!). Fourteen firearms were recovered, four stolen vehicles were recovered, and 41 people were arrested (a 73% increase). These successes would not have been possible without anonymous tipsters and the support of the greater Springfield community.

Additionally, Crime Stoppers, in partnership with the City of Springfield and the Springfield Police Department (SPD), devised an innovative new way to advertise the program and educate citizens about what Crime Stoppers is. Springfield City Council generously purchased four Pro-Tektor kiosks for use exclusively by Crime Stoppers. These kiosks allow Crime Stoppers to share arrests, feature fugitives, SPD information, and program information. The kiosks will be at community events and various businesses throughout Springfield; rotating locations every six months.

Current kiosk locations include:

- Kum and Go (1505 N. National)
- Park Central Library (128 Park Central Square)
- Wal-Mart (3520 W. Sunshine)
- Wal-Mart (2825 N. Kansas Expressway).

The program received national recognition in 2018 when the program coordinator at the time, Springfield Officer Rachel Kleemann, received the Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year award



through Crime Stoppers USA after being nominated by the Board of Directors.

Crime Stoppers had its biggest feature ever at the Ozark Empire Fair with a "Top 25 Most Wanted" display. As of January, only five featured fugitives from that display were still wanted. All other fugitives were either arrested by law enforcement or turned themselves in after seeing themselves featured. The annual fair display generates an opportunity for community members to visit with board members.

Crime Stoppers also hosted the first True Crime Trivia Night fundraiser. This fun event was catered by Bubba's BBQ, included raffle items and door prizes donated by local businesses, and a night of crime trivia to help raise funds for the program since Crime Stoppers operates solely on private donations. Anchor Tactical Supply donated a \$350 gift card to be raffled to benefit Crime Stoppers in a separate fundraising effort.

The board voted to continue participating in the Adopt-a-Street program. Board members pick up trash along Commercial Street three times

a year. The latest street cleanup was May 4.

Social media proved to be helpful with Crime Stoppers' objective to reduce crime and make Greene County safer. A featured fugitive post on Facebook reached 29,400-plus people. This was a significant increase than the most far-reaching post in 2017. Some fugitives saw their wanted posts on social media and turned themselves in. Others were arrested within hours of their feature appearing on social media.

We look forward to more events in 2019 to get the word out about how Crime Stoppers serves the community. Visit us on social media at:

- Facebook: facebook.com/GSACrimeStop
- Website: springfieldcrimestoppers.com
- Twitter: @GSACrimeStop

Local group encourages you to Be SMART about kids, guns and safety

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN

Each year in the United States, nearly 260 children under the age of 18 gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else.



Lacey Winchester

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America launched the Be SMART campaign to advocate for responsible gun ownership and reduce child gun deaths. Moms Demand Action volunteers encourage parents and caretakers – gun owners and non-gun owners alike – to "Be SMART" and take these five simple steps to help prevent shootings by children:

- Secure all guns in your homes and vehicles;
- Model responsible behavior around guns;
- Ask about unsecured guns in other homes;
- Recognize the role of guns in suicide;
- Tell your peers to Be SMART

Be SMART is available as a short presentation for neighborhood meetings, church groups, PTA and other community groups. Be SMART is also available to table at events with information and kid friendly activities. Look for them at community events.


"Making secure gun storage a routine part of each child safety conversation will prevent injury, trauma and premature death from inappropriate firearm access." – Lacey Winchester

Lacey Winchester is the Be SMART lead for the local chapter of Moms Demand Action.

"One thing I think every adult should be able to agree upon, when we talk about firearms, is that we want our children to be safe. The Be SMART steps are a simple way to start a conversation between any adults, whether or not either owns a gun. Making secure gun storage a routine part of each child safety conversation will prevent injury, trauma and premature death from inappropriate firearm access," Winchester said.

When it comes to kids' safety, we're all in this together! Visit BeSMARTforKids.org to learn more and get involved.

Moms Demand Action Springfield MO meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. To attend a meeting, find out more information, schedule a presentation about gun safety for your group or get involved, contact Winchester by email at lacey.m.winchester@gmail.com. You can find Moms Demand Action MO on Facebook.



AUDIO-READER NETWORK

Audio-Reader volunteers read local newspapers, magazines and information via a closed-circuit KSMU frequency to individuals who are vision compromised through age or disability.

MORE INFORMATION AT
READER.KU.EDU

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First group of SPS bond projects ready for bids

Provided by Springfield Public Schools

Springfield Public Schools has already begun the important work to deliver \$168 million in facility improvements by the end of 2022. Two weeks after Springfield voters approved Proposition S, SPS had issued its first set of projects for bid.

"With more than 61% of voters approving these projects, our community gave a strong indication that this work is a priority," said Dr. John Jungmann, superintendent of Springfield Public Schools. "Our goal is to complete these projects on budget and on time."

The first work to get underway will be creating secure entrances at 31 schools. The secure entrance projects are divided into six different bid packages. The first bid package was released on April 12 and the remaining five were released for bid every 10 days. Bid openings were scheduled for 30 days after the date each package went out for bid. Bond projects open for bid may be viewed at sps.org/progress

Construction of secure entrances will begin this summer and is expected to continue through May 2021.

BID TIMELINE FOR SECURE ENTRANCE PROJECTS

- April 12 Parkview, Central, Study
- April 22 Pershing, Carver, Wilson's Creek, Phelps, Jarrett, Pipkin, Pleasant View and Reed
- May 2 Bingham, Bissett, Robberson, Rountree, York, former Sherwood building
- May 13 Pittman, Disney, Holland, Mann, McBride
- May 23 McGregor, Shady Dell, Truman, Watkins, Wilder
- June 3 Weller, Cowden, Field, Twain

Design work is also currently underway for construction of the new Southwest Early Childhood Center, construction of Delaware Elementary

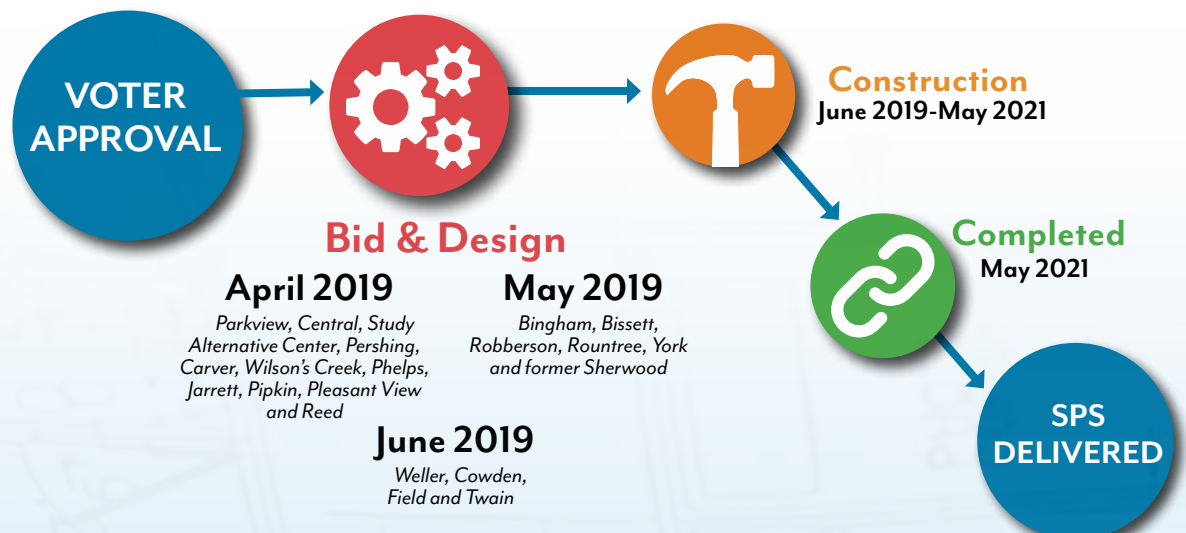
School, and renovation/expansion of Sunshine Elementary School. These three projects are scheduled to go out for bid this summer.

TIMELINE FOR REMAINING PROJECTS

- June 2019 Design work begins for Boyd, Hillcrest and Jarrett projects
- Aug. 2019 Construction begins on Southwest Region Early Childhood Center
Construction begins at Delaware; students relocate to former Sherwood building
Construction begins at Sunshine
- Oct. 2019 Design work begins for Williams project
- Feb. 2020 Construction begins at Boyd
- June 2020 Construction begins at Hillcrest
Construction begins at Jarrett
Construction begins at Williams
- Aug. 2020 New Delaware opens
Southwest Region Early Childhood Center opens
Williams students relocate to former Sherwood building
- Aug. 2021 New Boyd opens
- Aug. 2022 New Jarrett opens

To keep the Springfield community informed about the progress of these projects, SPS has created a dedicated web page where bond project information will be posted. Visit sps.org/progress for regular updates on the work.

TIMELINE FOR SECURE ENTRANCES



Mayor's Commission for Children announces results of 2018 Kindergarten Readiness Study

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

The Mayor's Commission for Children presented the Readiness for Kindergarten 2018 Continuation Study findings at 10 a.m., April 23 at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. This study is conducted approximately every four years. This year, the study was prepared by Dr. Melissa Duncan Fallone from the Dixon Center for Research and Service at Missouri State University.

"As we continue our work to skill up our workforce in Springfield, we must remember that it all begins with children arriving at kindergarten ready to learn." – Mayor Ken McClure

A total of 435 surveys were completed by Springfield Public Schools teachers for a response rate of 93.5%. 2018 overall readiness results indicate 26% of those surveyed were not prepared for kindergarten. This compares to 24.7% in 2016.

- 40.6% of free and reduced lunch program students were reported as "not ready" while 10.6% of their non-free and reduced lunch program peers reported as "not ready." In 2016, 31.8% of free and reduced lunch program students were reported as "not ready," while 16.7% of non-free and reduced lunch program students were reported as "not ready."
- 51.1% of students who did not attend a formal preschool were reported as "not ready" as compared to 17.8% of their preschool-attending peers.
- 31.1% of boys were reported as "not ready," while 21.1% of girls were reported as "not ready."

Springfield Public Schools continues to use new state funding to expand access to high quality early childhood education for under-resourced and underrepresented students. With the historic decision to create Campbell Early Childhood Center, SPS expanded access to 200 4-year-olds in 2018-19.

With the passage of the 2019 bond, the district

will construct the first building designed for early childhood education. By maximizing the funding stream and the community's support to build a new early childhood facility, the district plans to serve over 1,000 4-year-olds by 2020-21.

"This study continues to inform and focus the collective efforts of many partners to ensure our children are ready to learn," said Brigitte Marrs, executive director of the Mayor's Commission for Children. "It is certainly a cornerstone in fueling the energy and momentum around the importance and impact of early childhood education that has helped our community embrace the opportunities for pre-school expansion and strengthen other initiatives to remove barriers for readiness."

The Kindergarten Readiness Study was made possible through the funding and support of the City of Springfield, Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Musgrave Foundation and Springfield Public Schools.

"As we continue our work to skill up our workforce in Springfield, we must remember that it all begins with children arriving at kindergarten ready to learn," said Mayor Ken McClure. "I want to thank the commission and our partners for tracking this important data, and I want to commend Springfield Public Schools and the education community for their efforts to make pre-K programs accessible to every child in Springfield."



ABOUT THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN

The Mayor's Commission for Children was established in 2004. Our mission is to ensure every child matters by acting as a catalyst to mobilize and educate our community concerning the health and well-being of our local youth. Our vision is to be the voice for children's issues in our community. Meetings are held at 8 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 202 S. John Q. Hammons Parkway.

Mayor's Commission for Children board members are:

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Join Chief Williams this summer for
Coffee with the Chief
July 18: 7-8:30 a.m.
Travellers House Coffee & Tea at Boomer Town
(824 S. National Ave. Ste. A-100)
Aug. 23: 7-8:30 a.m.
Architect Coffee Co.
1604 E. Republic Rd.

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Several options available for those wishing to complete high school or college

By Francine Pratt, Prosper Springfield, for SGFNN

Did you leave high school or college? Did you know you can still finish?

Sometimes things in life just happen that keep us from our goals. Maybe we had to stop going to high school to work to support our family, or we were attending a trade school or community college and lost our job so we could not afford to attend anymore. Or maybe, we were attending a four-year college while working full time and it just became too much with trying to raise a family.

We know that in Missouri, most people without a high school diploma earn about \$550 a week. Just by completing high school or passing a high school equivalent test, a person can increase their weekly income to about \$730. With a two-year degree or a certificate for a specific trade, the weekly income is about \$860. For a four-year degree, the average weekly income is about \$1,190. Springfield has several programs to help people who stopped attending school or college to return and finish.

Springfield Public Schools has a "Drop Out Recovery Program" that is available for SPS students who stopped attending high school and are under the age of 21. Students can finish high school and receive a diploma. SPS also offers the HiSET (high school equivalent) exam. If a person is over age 21, MERS Goodwill (Excel Center) has a tuition-free high school for adults over age 21 and



the adult earns an actual high school diploma. Adult learners, in their program, can also earn college credits and a variety of industry specific certificates to help increase earnings. The Excel Center is a free public high school with flexible class schedules and "life coaches" to help adult learners complete their program.

Ozarks Technical Community College has adult high school programs and other programs to help individual's complete college or certificate programs even if they stopped attending previously. Springfield's local four-year colleges have similar programs to help adult learners who stopped attending college return and finish. Some people who have attended a four-year college and stopped

attending may have earned enough college credit hours for an associate degree. The college can review any person's situation and help design a solution to earn a different type of degree with credits already earned or to return and finish.

SPS and the colleges offer a variety of online classes to make it easier for individuals to complete their programs that can increase earnings. All these efforts are part of the community's goal to increase postsecondary attainment — additional education beyond high school. Springfield has programs to completed school or college and they even have short-term training programs such as Change 1000 operated through the Missouri Job Center. The Prosper Springfield website, prosperspringfield.org has information under "Get Help" that can help with almost any area of need related to education, health, housing, job/financial assistance and transportation.

Prosper Springfield is a collective impact initiative focused on a shared community vision to improve economic mobility in the Springfield community. The Prosper Springfield mission is to build community relationships and align community resources to create pathways that help move people to prosperity. For more information about Prosper Springfield, contact Francine Pratt at 417-888-2020.

Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail Committee announces new round of markers

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

The Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail Committee announced plans for additional trail markers commemorating four churches historically interconnected to form the core of the African American religious community in Springfield and markers commemorating Alberta's Hotel and Lincoln School.

The trail project which is now in its second year recognizes the history and contributions of the African American community to area history with trail markers commemorating local history, culture and points of interest.

The new markers will be recognizing the following historical sites:

CHURCH SQUARE NORTH

During slavery, some slaves met in secrecy to worship in the woods along Jordan Creek (formerly Wilson's Creek).

In the north area bounded by Central, Benton, Washington Avenue and Brower Street (currently Bob Barker Boulevard), the Benton Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) was organized in 1872. In 1926, the current two-story brick building was completed.

Washington Avenue Baptist Church, organized in 1867 as a mission by members of the white congregation of the First Baptist Church, was called Second Baptist Church (Colored). The church was renamed Washington Avenue Baptist Church to remove two stigmas: the use of the term "colored," and eliminating Second Baptist Churches as inferior "offshoots" of First Baptist Churches. The church

was later moved 300 feet north on Washington Avenue so that Drury University could build a new science center. The church is now the Drury University Diversity Center.

CHURCH SQUARE SOUTH

The southern area of the historic Church Quadrangle includes Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church, built in 1865 after an arsonist torched the log cabin church along Jordan Creek.

The other church is Gibson Chapel at Tampa and Washington Avenue, which was formed as the First Negro Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1865 by a former slave, the Rev. Peter Lair.

ALBERTA'S HOTEL

The community hospital for the black community was remodeled by Ms. Alberta Ellis to include rooms for paying guests; a large dining room, a rumpus room, beauty salon, barbershop and snack bar. The hotel, staffed by family members, was located three blocks north of historic Route 66. Alberta's Hotel was listed in The Negro Travelers' Green Book beginning in 1954. Over the years, Route 66 travelers from across the United States and other countries stayed at Alberta's Hotel.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

The Rosenwald Foundation in 1930 issued a grant to pay for a new school for Springfield's Negro students and a two-story redbrick school was dedicated on May 21, 1931. When it opened, teachers led students in a parade on Central Street to the New Lincoln School. Once there, students



The first marker was installed in Silver Springs Park after an unveiling ceremony at the 2018 Park Day Reunion on Aug. 3, 2018.

sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The new school had 15 rooms, including a gymnasium, mechanical arts shop, domestic science room and a library. Lincoln School, described in the local newspaper as "one of the best equipped Negro schools in the state," was a community school. Teachers, administrators and parents sponsored scout troops; a community library and child care center; as well as held dances, plays, concerts, talent contests and fashion shows. When Springfield public schools integrated, Lincoln School became a junior high school and is now Lincoln Hall on the Ozarks Technical Community College campus.

Funding support for the African-American Heritage Trail has been received from the City of Springfield and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Donations are welcome and encouraged, and can be sent to the Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail c/o of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

In spite of ... we celebrate Juneteenth!: SGF celebrates Emancipation Day June 29 in Silver Springs Park

By Christine Peoples for SGFNN

As the new coordinator for Timmons Hall, I am very excited to collaborate with organizations both inside and outside of Springfield to expand on historical, cultural and educational opportunities for the next generation.

We have so many exciting initiatives converging in Springfield right now, with the opening of Timmons Hall to the dedication of a bench in honor of civil rights pioneer Linda Brown to the African-American Heritage Trail to Springfield Public Schools' weeklong Black History Summer Academy, which hosted 230 students.

It also allowed me to understand the resilience of a people that kept on pushing in the face of winds that were never favorable, thus setting the gold standard for the next generations to come.

I recently had the opportunity to reconnect with the intersecting cultural influences of music, art and family time in Kansas City during their city-wide Juneteenth celebration. I met folks from St. Louis and Memphis as well. If you look at a regional map, you can see the triangulation of these cities, with Springfield right in the middle.

Oral and photo history places some of the great musicians and artists during the segregation era in Springfield! Before or after performances in Kansas City, St. Louis or Memphis, some of the greats would be welcomed to eat at a black establishment, for fellowship in the community or perform right here in Springfield!

Recent work-related travel to Kansas City allowed me to refresh partnerships with The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and build new ones with the Black Archives of Mid-America and the American Jazz Museum in the historic 18th & Vine District.

It also allowed me to understand the resilience of a people that kept on pushing in the face of winds that were never favorable, thus setting the gold standard for the next generations to come.

The Nelson-Atkins collaborated with 18th & Vine to host the third-annual city-wide celebration of Juneteenth June 8 and 9.

The streets were packed with vendors, artists, poets and an array of created merchandise by talented youth. Educators spoke as college students, families and tourists enjoyed the American Jazz Museum and Negro Leagues Ball Museum.

Springfield's celebration of Juneteenth took

place noon-4 p.m. June 29 in Silver Springs Park. We were honored to have Kreshaun McKinney and Dr. Stephanie Fox Knappe from The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art at Timmons Hall to present on the 30 Americans art exhibition, on display at Nelson-Atkins through Aug. 25.

Through more than 80 paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs, and videos, 30 Americans presents American experiences as told from the distinct perspectives of 30 African American artists including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Carrie Mae Weems, Kerry James Marshall, Mickalene Thomas, Rashid Johnson, Kara Walker, Hank Willis Thomas, and Kehinde Wiley.

ABOUT JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that the Union soldiers, led by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation – which had become official Jan. 1, 1863.

The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new executive order. However, with the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee in April 1865, and the arrival of Gen. Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain this two-and-a-half-year delay in the receipt of this important news yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations. Still another, is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

All or none of these versions may be true. Certainly, for some, President Lincoln's authority over the rebellious states was in question. For whatever the reasons, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

In spite of the news of the Emancipation Proclamation arriving two and a half years late ... we celebrate! Juneteenth recognizes the fight for freedom and the endurance for equal rights of the brave men and women who held on for another two and half more years. We celebrate them!

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 3

One of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order No. 3. The Dallas Historical



Attendees stand for a photo at a Juneteenth celebration in Texas in 1900. Photo provided by the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.

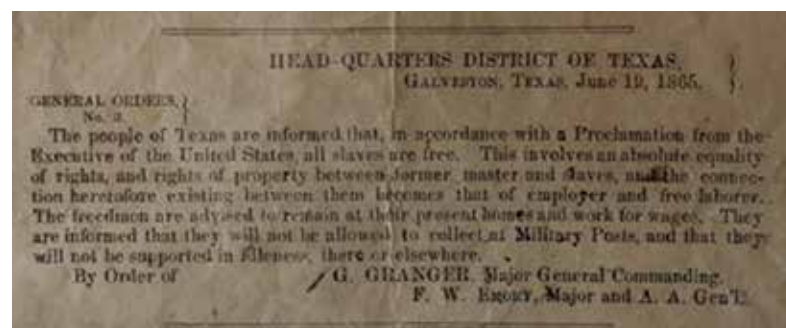
Society has the only known copy of the order, pictured below left.

The reactions to this profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new "employer-employee" relationship, many left before these offers were completely off the lips of their former masters – attesting to the varying conditions on the plantations and the realization of freedom.

Even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation would be their first grasp of freedom. North was a logical destination and for many it represented true freedom, while the desire to reach family members in neighboring states drove some into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Settling into these new areas as free men and women brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a heretofore non-existent status for black people in America. Recounting the memories of that great day in June 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territory. The celebration of June 19 was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date. In 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas, thanks to Rep. Al Edwards.

Today, Juneteenth is enjoying a phenomenal growth rate within communities and organizations throughout the country. Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. The celebration is an ongoing contribution of African Americans locally and worldwide throughout every home, place of worship, school, neighborhood and city that recognizes the power of people of color telling their truth through the intangible cultures of faith, resilience, love and unbowed compromise for the succession of the next generation.

Historical information supplied from Juneteenth.com.



Christine Peoples named Timmons Hall coordinator

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN



The Springfield-Greene County Park Board in April named Christine Peoples as the first coordinator of Timmons Hall. She will lead efforts to bring historical, cultural and educational opportunities to the historic building.

Peoples has extensive experience in community outreach, specializing in early childhood, young families and a conviction that all children should feel safe, validated and loved in their own identity. She is an ordained minister who has served six local minority congregations, including Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church, Washington Avenue Baptist Church, and Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal M.I. Mana Del Cielo.

Peoples has also served as director of the Springfield Community Center, Hispanic outreach coordinator for Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland and internship director of African American studies 101 at Missouri State University. She is the founder of nonprofit Peoples History Café, which has provided programming since 2012 at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library's annual Meet and Greet Celebration.

She earned a degree in early childhood development from Ozarks Technical Community College in 2015.

Peoples is known as an advocate for young families and a community organizer of culturally supported activities, drama performances and outreach projects that include the entire family. She is also an avid researcher of history and biographies, a songstress and a dramatic storyteller.

Peoples says she has always been grounded in her family, faith and community.

"As a child, I experienced firsthand what a blessing it is to feel safe, validated and loved in my own identity, and I am determined to pass it on!"

She says her guiding principle for programming at Timmons Hall is best expressed through a quote by author Maya Angelou: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Read more about the opening of Timmons Hall in the Midtown section on page 20.

Missouri Job Center programs help Springfield couple get back on their feet after medical, financial crises

By Katherine Trombetta, Missouri Job Center, for SGFNN

"2018 was not a good year for our family," said Patrick, as he reflected on a year that in his words "is thankfully over."

"We had grown accustomed to a middle-class lifestyle, but that was taken from us due to a series of unfortunate events and circumstances beyond our control," he said.

Despite being college-educated, both Patrick and his wife Melissa, who preferred not to use their last name in this article, found themselves in situational poverty due to medical crises that prevented them from working.

In early 2018, Melissa, a K-12 art teacher at a rural school, began experiencing extreme back pain to the point where she needed a walker or wheelchair to get around her classroom. She said she continued teaching despite the pain because she hadn't been at her job for the year required by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for job protection. Eventually, Melissa had surgery, even though it meant going without pay for several weeks.

The same month as Melissa's surgery, Patrick suffered a back injury, causing debilitating pain that caused him to have to quit his job as an over-the-road truck driver.

"I didn't even realize how badly I needed these pre-employment skills to get back into the job market, especially at the professional level." – Melissa

With both of them unable to work, they began to go through their savings quickly.

"I was panicking about running out of money because our nest egg was being depleted," Melissa said. "So even though I was in extreme pain, I went back to work too soon after surgery. This caused my back to not heal properly, and I could no longer perform many of the physical duties of teaching art. I ended up having to quit at the end of the school year anyway, and a second surgery was in my future."

The medical and financial crises began to take their toll on the couple's marriage.

"All of this put a tremendous strain on our marriage and we wound up separating for four months," Melissa said. Not knowing where else to turn for help, Melissa signed up for government assistance through the Missouri Work Assistance Program's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) at the Missouri Job Center.

"I met my MWA caseworker, Jessica Hunt, the day before my second surgery," Melissa said. "I was anxious about my financial state, but Jessica understood and worked with my recovery schedule."

Once she recovered from the second surgery, Jessica suggested Melissa enroll in Change One



Melissa and Patrick, with their caseworker Jessica Hunt, at a Leadership Springfield Access Class presentation at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center.

Thousand, an eight-day pre-employment academy offered at the Missouri Job Center's 2900 E. Sunshine location that teaches soft skills, job search techniques and interview skills.

"Through the class I learned that I didn't really know how to market myself to employers and that's why I was not getting any replies to the countless applications I had been filling out," Melissa said. "I didn't even realize how badly I needed these pre-employment skills to get back into the job market, especially at the professional level," she said.

"Another class I found extremely helpful was the interviewing skills class, where I learned about behavioral-based questions that employers ask. These types of questions were new to me, so I practiced answering them until I had the confidence to answer almost anything an employer would throw at me. I couldn't wait to share all I'd been learning with Patrick," Melissa said.

Upon his wife's suggestion, Patrick applied to the MWA program and enrolled in Change One Thousand.

"Jessica understood how badly we were struggling," Patrick said. "Our car had recently broken down, and we had been borrowing a car from a family member to get to classes and interviews. Jessica helped us to get our car fixed, replace the bald tires and get the oil changed. It was a huge help to us to know we would have safe and reliable transportation," he added.

Patrick did not own a suit to wear to job interviews, so Jessica arranged for the couple to visit the job center's Career Closet, which provides up to two sets of professional clothing for those actively seeking a job or need professional clothing to wear on the first days of a new job.

After attending several classes at the job center, Patrick's online resume was reviewed by the American Red Cross. Patrick not only got the interview, but later accepted a full-time position as a phlebotomist and mobile blood center driver.

Melissa is taking classes to keep her counseling and teaching credentials intact, with the goal of attaining full-time employment in the near future.

"The Missouri Job Center has not only helped me find employment and help Melissa continue her education, but it has changed our lives for the better. We can't thank them enough," Patrick said.

Active neighborhoods are the life blood of vibrant communities

By Rusty Worley, for SGFNN

In a growing city like Springfield, each of its 21 registered neighborhoods has its own personality and history. However, they all share three common traits – interacting at a grassroots level, extending a helping hand and advocating for common concerns with a shared voice.

GRASSROOTS INTERACTION

The summer season is a great time to venture down the street to socialize with your neighbors in fun, free and friendly activities. Midtown hosts the Fourth of July Parade and concerts in Washington Park. Bradford Park will offer its “Back the Blue” event on July 16 to honor police and firefighters. West Central discards its monthly meetings in June and July for summer socials at Mother’s Brewery Backyard and the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park. The pages of this newsletter are full of easy ways to get more connected.

HELPING HAND

As neighbors get to know one another,

opportunities arise to extend a helping hand. Our schools and families always have unmet needs. Seniors and those with disabilities need help with keeping up with the mowing or removing fallen limbs. Bulky items like mattresses, sofas and tires accumulate over time and must be hauled off. Vacations are more easily taken when a trusted neighbor is keeping an eye on the house and caring for our pets.

Neighborhoods can coordinate with churches, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, the City and other civic organizations to find creative ways to help those who aren’t sure where to turn.

SHARED VOICE

After getting to know neighbors socially and then spending time with each other at a cleanup or on a special project, we have a better idea of our shared concerns and points of pride. Each neighborhood has its own unique set of challenges. Thankfully, Springfield has a City Council and staff who actively seek out input from neighborhoods to shape how they deliver core services for safety, public

works, parks, planning, transportation and much more.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council is an important platform where neighborhoods can raise issues and offer suggestions to improve the quality of life for our residents. Tangible results of our efforts can be seen in the increased City funding for dealing with chronic nuisance properties, investments in sidewalks and parks, Police presence at the NAC meetings and firefighters at many neighborhood meetings, cleanups for every registered neighborhood, the printing of this quarterly newsletter and more.

Thank you to everyone on NAC and in each of our neighborhoods who make the time to get to know their neighbors, find ways to offer a helping hand and speak up with a shared voice. Springfield is a better place because of you!



NAC Chair Rusty Worley

BISSETT NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 9: 6:30–7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck @ L.A. Wise Park Pavilion (Parking at Bissett Elementary west parking lot) • Sept. 10: 6:30–7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck @ Bissett Elementary School (3014 W. Calhoun).



Bissett cleanup results in improvements to 80 homes

Neighborhood looking forward to annual YardZale in July

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Beginning with a street cleanup along Glenn Street from Division to Calhoun in March, another along Hillcrest from Chestnut Expressway to Nichols, and ending with the annual neighborhood cleanup on June 1, Bissett Neighborhood Association focused on keeping the neighborhood clean this spring. Many thanks go out to the numerous volunteers who helped out!



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Thanks to the City of Springfield for paying for the dumpsters, to Community Partnership of the Ozarks for co-sponsoring the event and helping with coordination, and to Bissett Elementary for making its parking lot available for the event. About five dumpsters full of tons of trash and three full of brush were hauled off. BNA made about two dozen curbside pickups and collected and sold scrap metal, earning \$79 for the association. Donations came in at over \$120. Habitat for Humanity joined forces with us during the cleanup to tidy up additional homes and yards in the neighborhood.

In all, more than 80 homes got cleaned up. Special thanks also go out to Daylight Donuts on West Bypass and to Little Caesar’s Pizza for donating doughnuts and pizza for our volunteers.

In addition to cleanups, BNA held regular membership meetings on the second Tuesdays of February, April and May. They included potluck dinners for friendly socializing and featured speakers. In February, we learned about the

then-proposed bond issue for improvements to Springfield Public Schools from Friends of the SPS. In April, Jamie Orlando, our new Springfield-Greene County Health Department community health advocate told us about improvements planned for the CHA program. In May, Keith Donaldson spoke about bicycle safety.

Last but not least, BNA joined forces with neighborhood associations across the city by continuing to participate in the Neighborhood Advisory Council and helping out with their two NAC-sponsored City Council candidate forums held ahead of last April’s election.

Clean, safe and friendly – that’s what it means to be a Great Neighborhood in Springfield (visit springfieldmo.gov/greatneighborhoods for more information on this designation). With activities throughout the spring aiming at those characteristics, Bissett has been continually earning this designation.

ANNUAL YARDZALE SET FOR JULY 20

Inspired by last year’s inaugural and very successful neighborhood-wide yard sale, dubbed the YardZale, we’ll be holding this year’s big sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, July 20. Last year we had over 40 participating yards, and are expecting more this year! We’ll have information available on Facebook and elsewhere, or just come to the neighborhood on the day of the sale and look for the many YardZale signs.

If you stop at one of the sales, just ask for a free map of all the other participating homes. If you live in Bissett and would like to participate, call Chandra at 417-818-0206. She’ll fill you in on how you can register your home for the sale and get one of those fancy YardZale signs put up in your yard for the event!



Bissett Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.



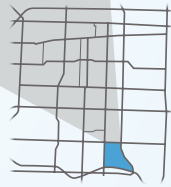
Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Jacque Ford, Secretary
- Alice Scroggins, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 16 • Aug. 20 • Sept. 17: 6:30 p.m.
@ Immaculate Conception Church
(3555 S. Fremont Ave.)



Meet Alice Scroggins, Bradford Park Neighborhood Association Treasurer

By Dellene Nelson, for SGFNN

Meet Bradford Park's newest board member Alice Scroggins!

When you first meet this redheaded insurance aficionado, her smile and warm welcome makes you feel like you were just hugged. Alice stepped to the plate in January, as our treasurer of 10 years, Ed Messerly, was ready to step away but remain on the board. Big shoes were to be filled, and Alice, a native Springfieldian, snagged her role with gusto.

Alice, looking to downsize, chose the Bradford Park neighborhood five years ago — only to find that most everything she needs is only a bicycle ride away. The "close and convenient" component as well as the friendliness of the neighborhood has her feeling great about her choice.

You can find Alice walking the street delivering the monthly news flyers to those she calls her "peeps." The new treasurer is a breath of fresh air, she has kicked us up a notch and for that we are most grateful.

Alice is a product of Springfield schools all the



Alice Scroggins, right, at a Drury Panthers game with her mother, Jeanine Scott Campbell.

way — York, Pipkin, Central and Missouri State University. Alice would not want to live anywhere else, and that's something our city can be proud of. Welcome Alice!

Busy summer and fall planned for Bradford Park

By Dellene Nelson, for SGFNN

We will have our annual Back the Blue Rally July 16, starting at 6 p.m. Join us at the corner of Primrose and Fremont as we honor our superheroes, Springfield police and firefighters. There will be ice cream served at Immaculate Conception Catholic church following the event.

Bradford Park will be picking up school supplies on July 28 and 29 to help our neighborhood school, Cowden Elementary. This is the fourth year our very generous neighbors have assisted the kids at Cowden Elementary with their back-to-school needs.

Bradford Park is taking our show on the road, we will have a very informal gathering on each neighborhood street to help neighbors get to



know each other. The neighborhood will supply the dessert and drinks for this event as well as promoting our Neighborhood Watch. Please contact me at dellene007@aol.com or 417-882-2801 for more information or questions about our planned activities, or if you'd like to get involved.

BACK THE BLUE RALLY

July 16 | 6 p.m.

Corner of Primrose & Fremont

Bring signs or anything blue and festive to show support for our Springfield Police officers.



BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD



Field Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

Brentwood partners with Think Big Corporation/YOTO after neighborhood garage sale

By Pam Buhr, for SGFNN

So you've had your garage sale, had a pretty good turnout and got rid of a lot of stuff. Time to call it a day. You close the garage door, then turn around and see all the stuff left over. What to do with it??

The Brentwood neighborhood held their neighborhood garage sales on May 4, and as a solution to the "what to do" problem, we partnered up with the Think Big Corporation and YOTO (Youth of the Ozarks) to handle the leftovers. Both organizations parked their trucks in the parking lot of the Unity Church on Seminole and accepted donations of clothing, shoes and household items from the neighborhood. A couple of neighborhood volunteers helped with unloading trunks and trucks and back seats. ▶



► Think Big is the fundraising arm of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks, led by Tyler Moles. He estimated that the donations of clothing and shoes that he collected that afternoon earned about \$250-\$300 for his organization, all going to kids in the program. Ken from YOTO filled his truck with household items, dishes, Christmas decorations and all the things other than clothing that people brought to donate. These were taken to their thrift shop on North Glenstone, where they would be sorted and offered for sale. Again, all proceeds from those donations go to kids' programs in the Ozarks.

It was a win/win situation for all of us. If your neighborhood would be interested in doing the same kind of thing, or would just like to do a donations day without the garage sales, you can

contact Tyler at tmoles@bigbro.com or call him at 417-379-0461. He will help you make all the arrangements and help you get rid of all your excess stuff.



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- Elizabeth Seaton, Secretary
- Andrea Tunia, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings
The meeting schedule varies. Please check the website or contact an officer for dates, times and locations.

brentwoodsgf.org

DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Gene Campbell, Vice President
- Jeff Brossard-Sims, Secretary
- Cynthia Yarborough, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Sept. 3: 7-8 p.m./6:30 p.m. optional potluck dinner • Board Meetings: Aug. 6: 7 p.m. @ Westminster Presbyterian Church (1551 E. Portland)



Delaware Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

By Kevin Evans, for SGFNN

Please join us Tuesday, July 9 from 5-8 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1551 E. Portland) for the Third Annual Delaware Neighborhood Ice Cream Social. There will be live music, good food, great conversation and, of course, ice cream and toppings!



Dogwood Flower Art Project blooms in Delaware

By Kevin Evans, for SGFNN

The Delaware Neighborhood Association Dogwood Flower Art Project is the brainchild of Ray Burmood, a DNA board member.

Ray felt it would be both fun and a good way for folks to feel as though they are part of a larger community. We plan to paint utility poles on streets entering the neighborhood that do not have signs. DNA submitted the stencil design, selected locations, obtained permission, and signed a contract with City Utilities. Six folks are currently involved in the project. We plan to complete it during weekend get-togethers that will last through August.

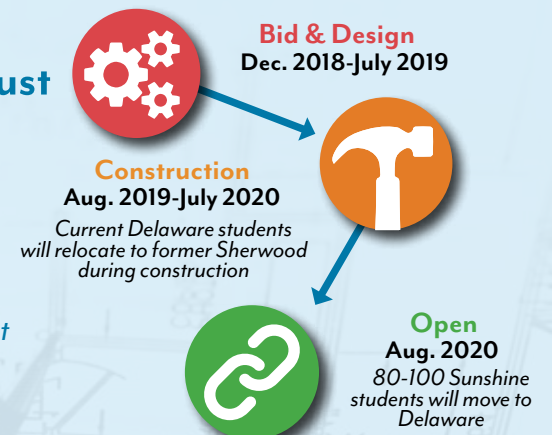
If you are interested in helping with the project, please join us! Additional information is posted on the Delaware Neighborhood Association Facebook Group.



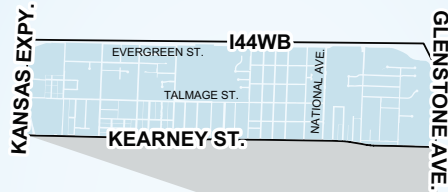
Delaware Elementary new construction will begin in August thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5.

For the latest information about construction at Delaware visit sps.org/delawareprogress.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 9 • Aug. 13 • Sept. 10 • Oct. 8: 6:45 – 8 p.m.
6 p.m. optional potluck @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Road)



dolingneighborhood.com

New principal named for Hillcrest High School

Provided by Springfield Public Schools

Springfield Public Schools has selected Dr. Rob Kroll to serve as the next principal of Hillcrest High School, effective July 1.

Dr. Kroll was previously principal at Jarrett Middle School, where he has served as the building leader since 2013. He began his career with Springfield Public Schools in 2003 when he joined the staff of Reed Middle School as a teacher. In 2010, he became an assistant principal at Pershing K-8 School.

"We are pleased that Dr. Kroll will continue his leadership service at Hillcrest High School," said Dr. Shane Dublin, executive director of secondary learning. "For the past six years, he has made a positive impact at Jarrett where he has demonstrated his effective leadership and dedication to building positive relationships with students and staff."

Dr. Kroll said he looks forward to the opportunity to serve at the high school level where he will be able to positively impact more students. "I am eager to provide support and leadership to teachers, students and the north Springfield community," he said. "My goal is to promote a rigorous educational

environment while building deep and meaningful relationships with those I serve at Hillcrest."

Dr. Kroll earned a doctorate of educational leadership and policy analysis from University of Missouri – Columbia. He received a master's in educational administration and a bachelor's in middle school education from Missouri State University.



Adopt-A-Street Cleanup July 13

By Christina Dicken, for SGFNN

Help us clean up the neighborhood. Meet in the parking lot of Kansas Expressway Church of Christ at the corner of Kansas Expressway and Talmage at

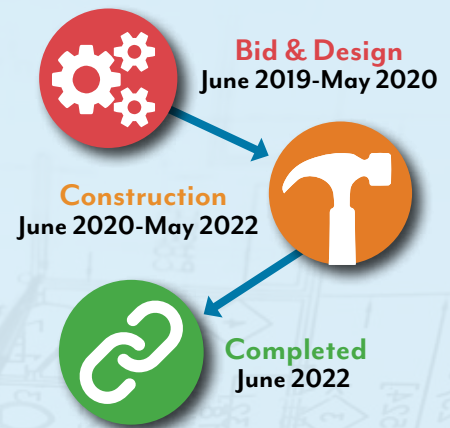


9 a.m., July 13. We'll pick up trash along Talmage between Kansas and Broadway. If we have enough volunteers, we'll also tackle Livingston between Kansas and the Livingston Dip. Doling Neighborhood Association will provide trash bags. Bring your own gloves.

Hillcrest High School renovations are currently in the bid and design phase thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5.

For the latest information about renovations at Hillcrest visit sps.org/progress.



GALLOWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



Public Works presents initial design for Galloway Street Widening Project May 21

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

About 200 citizens turned out for Springfield's Public Works' public meeting May 21 at All Saints Anglican Church to present the initial design for the Galloway Street Widening Project.

The project, which ranked as the No. 2 priority project in City-wide transportation surveys in 2015 and 2018, includes:

- widening of the Galloway Street to three lanes between Luster Avenue and Lone Pine Avenue
- a new center turn lane

- traffic-calming roundabout intersections at Luster Avenue and at Lone Pine Avenue
- Roundabouts encourage motorists to slow down and discourage cut-through traffic, while still allowing for more efficient traffic flow. They are also much more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, as all users of the roadway are only required to focus on traffic coming from one direction at a time.
- sidewalks on the south side of Galloway Street

- multi-use path on the north side of Galloway Street, providing an improved connection to Sequoia Park and the Ozarks Greenways trail
- upgraded stormwater infrastructure and improved drainage along Luster Avenue.
 - Upgrades to stormwater infrastructure will take place along Galloway Avenue, including underground pipes. Drainage improvements will also be conducted along Luster Avenue, south of Galloway. ▶

- ▶ improved railroad crossing.

The design and partial right-of-way phases of the project were completed in the 2016 ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax renewal cycle. In 2019, Springfield voters again showed support by approving funding for the construction of the widening in the most recent renewal cycle of the ¼-cent sales tax. The current estimated construction cost of the project is \$5 million. The City plans to begin construction in fall 2020, with a targeted completion date of fall 2021.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Galloway Street will be closed in various sections to allow for grade changes along the new roadway. A detour route will be clearly marked and local access to businesses and residences will be maintained.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF GALLOWAY

Retail and residential multifamily development has intensified along Lone Pine from Battlefield Road to Republic Road in recent years. The



City's Planning and Development department is currently seeking input from the public to plan for the future growth and development in the area while protecting the unique character of the area and quality of life enjoyed there. City Council will hear recommendations regarding development in Galloway July 23.

The next public meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., July 9, at All Saints Anglican Church. Watch the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association's Facebook page and signs posted in the Galloway area for updates.

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- Carrie Lamb, Secretary
- Wendy Huscher, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 16 • Oct. 15 : 6:30 p.m. @ Galloway Baptist Church (2816 E. Republic Rd.) Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

Galloway residents, business owners discuss design standards, vision

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The second of three public input meetings to discuss future development in the Galloway/Lone Pine area was held May 14. Senior Planner Olivia Hough kicked off the meeting, held at The Venues Church on East Battlefield, with the results of the first public survey. John McNabb with Sapp Design Architects presented various design standards for future development projects to maintain the village-like feel of the area. Attendees then broke into discussion groups to give feedback on the design standards and discuss a proposed vision for Galloway:

The future Galloway Lone Pine Corridor will be a safe and welcoming pedestrian and bicycle friendly mixed-use area while retaining a quality environment for residential living both along the corridor and for the surrounding neighborhoods. It will be built at the human scale drawing on the characteristic village architectural charm and walkability while protecting the natural beauty and integrity of the creek, springs, cave, tree canopy, and sloped topography of the Ozark foothills. Infill development will be high quality design and construction that respects the historic context and natural landscapes to protect established private and public investments, natural resources and neighborhood stability.

The corridor will continue to marry the past, present and future through unifying features including the attractive public amenities of Historic Sequiota Park, the greenway trail system, multimodal streets and intersections, hilly topography and development that is supportive of the community character. These features will be preserved and enhanced in the traditional spirit of the area that makes one feel happy and connected to nature and the community, embraced by the human scale



development pattern in a beautifully landscaped and inviting outdoor space for recreation and socialization. Private development should emphasize diverse small retail and service businesses, compatible with the commercial-residential uses and ensure wise, sensitive use of the land protective of environmental features, and in harmony with the existing settlement pattern. Mixed development, where feasible, will provide a variety of activities and amenities, employing high-quality site planning and architecture that is oriented towards Lone Pine and Galloway streets and provides a link to the greenway trails.

The next public input meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., July 9, at All Saints Anglican Church.



Bike-share program available at Township 28

Provided by TLC Properties

TLC Properties is proud to announce Springfield, Missouri's first public bike share program. The program is operated through Pace, a sub-company of popular bike-sharing company Zagster and is fully open to the public. Zagster, founded in 2007, currently operates over 250 bike sharing programs throughout the country, and its Springfield location will be the first in Missouri.



The Pace rental dock is located at Township 28, TLC Properties' 138-unit apartment community in Galloway Village and is open to the public as of May 10. All users can access the rental bikes through the Pace app, and Township 28 residents can request codes from the leasing office to enjoy free rentals.

The program currently offers five smart bikes that can be rented through the Pace app, with hopes for additional bikes in the near future. Bike rentals are available for 24-hour periods and are billed in half-hour increments. Annual and monthly membership subscriptions are available for unlimited 30-minute rides. Along with the user-friendly app and smart bike technology, Zagster employs maintenance technicians to inspect and service the bicycles as needed.

GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Kristina Wilmoth, Secretary
- Pauletta Dunn, Treasurer
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or gbnewsnewsletter@gmail.com



Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 15 • Aug. 19 • Sept. 16 : 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 thanks community for 10 years of summer baseball

By Kevin L. Carter, for SGFNN

This June marked the 10th anniversary of the Grant Beach Neighborhood's summer baseball program!

The Grant Beach Neighborhood Association has some pretty awesome people who dedicated weeks during the spring, summer and fall to bring youth sports to Grant Beach these last 10 years. If you have photos of your child participating in any Grant Beach sports program, we'd love to have a copy. Please send them to Pauletta Dunn or bring them by Hovey House during open hours.

A big THANK YOU to all of the organizers, planners, coaches, referees, umpires, concession stand workers, Springfield-Greene County Park Board personnel, parents and children for making our sports programs so successful. We, at the neighborhood association have very dedicated volunteers who work very, very hard to organize the programs every year. We could not do it without all of the volunteers working together.

All of our youth sports programs are instructional, so the children are actually learning the rules of the games. We keep the registration fee at \$10 per child

to keep the cost low. If that is a problem for you, talk to us and we will see what we can do. Our goal is to get children outside and interacting with each other, learning a game, learning to follow rules and learning social skills. Plus, it is a great way to find out if your child likes soccer or baseball BEFORE you invest a lot of money in it.

All of the coaches, staff, concession stand workers, etc. have all passed background checks through the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

We are always in need of coaches for both soccer and baseball; so if you are interested, please contact Yolanda Taylor at 417-952-5735 or Pauletta Dunn at 417-880-2453.

We will be signing up for fall soccer soon! Fall soccer will run from Sept. 14 to Oct. 19.

Check our Facebook page for updates and information on sports program registration dates; how/when to register, etc. Just search Grant Beach Sports on Facebook.

Registration forms are on the front door of Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St.



Pipkin Middle School is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

Drew Lewis Foundation at The Fairbanks partners with Jobs with Justice

Volunteers canvassing neighborhoods to learn more about employment barriers

By Darlene Steele, for SGFNN

Many Springfield residents are familiar with Amy Blansit and the Drew Lewis Foundation housed at The Fairbanks. Blansit and The Northwest Project have joined forces with Lexi Amos and Jobs with Justice, a non-partisan organization focused on issues relating to labor and poverty.

Jobs with Justice will be leading door-to-door efforts to reach out to residents of Grant Beach and some surrounding neighborhoods, to engage in meaningful conversations. You may have already seen JwJ volunteers in your neighborhood.

"Missouri Jobs with Justice is an organization dedicated to address the systemic issues of poverty and racism. We work with workers to build power in Springfield, surrounding areas, and across the state of Missouri. We have partnered with the Drew Lewis Foundation and OTC to address barriers workers are experiencing to employment, and are excited to get a chance to talk with many of you to learn from you what systemic barriers you are experiencing as a worker and how that is affecting you, your family, and your ability to participate in our community and government," Amos said.

Volunteers and leadership with JwJ are just regular people, most of whom are struggling to make ends meet just like everyone else. They are

not removed from the real world and understand that the truth is not always pretty. They are interested in real conversations with the unvarnished truth. They will be canvassing door to door, asking residents about the barriers they face personally in acquiring and keeping employment that meets their financial security needs. Those barriers could be any number of things, from transportation that is convenient, affordable and available when needed to early morning child care to a prison record.

Look for the Jobs with Justice canvassers, who can be identified by their shirts. Any help you can give them by speaking to them would be appreciated.

If you would like to know more or get involved in the project, feel free to reach out to Lexi Amos anytime by email at lexi@mojwj.org or call or text 316-305-0407.



Lexi Amos



Northwest Project now recruiting for next group of participants

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Living paycheck to paycheck? Struggling with affordable childcare or housing? Feeling hopeless? The Northwest Project might be right for you and your family and is now recruiting for a new group.

The Northwest Project pilots strategies to help families sustain their long-term success in emerging from circumstances that have kept them under resourced. The curriculum focuses on 10 key areas for stability: accountability, parent training, transportation, housing, childcare, financial planning, job training, education, resolved legal issues and health and well-being.

The educational curriculum is called RISE (Reaching Independence through Support and Education). The model is adapted to meet specific needs and implement programming with the resources available in the community.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks selected northwest Springfield for this project

because the area exceeds the city's overall 25.6% poverty rate. NWP is a collaboration among Missouri State University, Drury University and Drew Lewis Foundation.

Apply for the Northwest Project at drewlewis.org/apply-to-nwp or call 417-720-1890 for more information.

GET INVOLVED WITH NWP

Allies are community volunteers working to move families and communities into economic stability, through support, collaboration and advocacy. An Ally is a person who volunteers to assist a RISE member in achieving their goals to move to self-sufficiency. We partner families experiencing poverty with supportive intentional friends in the community.

Adopt a family in your community and impact poverty from the inside out with Springfield Connect. Businesses, churches and individuals in



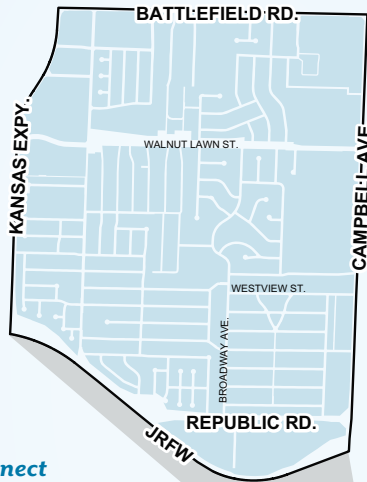
the community can help support a local family to break the cycle of poverty by committing long-term support in the form of:

- Spring clothes
- Summer youth programming
- Back-to-school supplies
- Holiday meals
- Family home needs, and more.

Call 417-720-1890 for more information.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis at 6:30 p.m. at The Way Church (903 W. Katella St.) Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the next scheduled meeting.



Greater Parkcrest family receives specialized smoke alarm for deaf and hard of hearing

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Springfield Fire Department was happy to offer a Greater Parkcrest family a way to protect themselves against fire in their home.

Thanks to a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, the fire department was able to give Jake (pictured) and his family members, who are deaf, a specialized smoke alarm aid for the deaf and hard of hearing. These alarms utilize bed



shakers and strobe lights to warn those who can't hear audible alarms that there is fire danger.

Those who wear hearing aids or cochlear implants that they remove when sleeping also require these specialized alarms in their homes. The department has a limited number of these alarms available for those living in the city limits of Springfield. Contact Heather Parker at 417-874-2380 or hparker@springfieldmo.gov to learn more.



Work continues on Primrose Widening Project

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Roadwork will continue throughout the summer and fall for the Primrose Street Widening Project. Currently construction crews are finishing utility work, and construction of the new stormwater conveyance system has started on the project. The extension of the box culvert west of South Avenue has been completed. Throughout the next several months, crews will begin excavation for the new roadway, mainly north of the existing road.

Traffic impacts will include lane closures throughout the duration of the project. Once traffic is reduced to two lanes, there will not be a center turn lane for traffic to use for left turns. Overnight closures along the corridor will occur and may be frequent during stages of construction. There will be temporary closures of South Avenue and Jefferson Avenue, both north and south of Primrose at certain stages of construction as well. Access to all businesses and residences will remain throughout the project, but a different route may be required when the roadways are closed. Lindell Avenue may experience temporary closures similar to Jefferson Avenue and South

Avenue during certain stages of construction.

The project, the last phase in a series of improvement projects aimed at reducing traffic congestion through the busy southwest Springfield corridor, began in the spring.

The project includes widening Primrose Street to five lanes between South Avenue and Kimbrough Avenue, adding bike lanes on both sides of the roadway, constructing Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks and installing new traffic signals at Jefferson Avenue and Primrose Street. Also involved is the construction of new City Utilities gas and water facilities and the installation of a sewer main to provide service to Kickapoo High School's athletic facilities.

The project is expected to be complete in late fall.

Utilities improvements involved in the project will be reimbursed by City Utilities, with sanitary sewer improvements being funded by Springfield Public Schools. The remaining costs for the project will be funded through the City's voter-approved ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. The contractor is Hartman & Company.

As construction continues, please use caution while traveling through the project area and expect possible delays.





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The Department of Environmental Services protects the natural resources and public health of our City and region for current and future generations by providing effective and efficient integrated management of stormwater, wastewater and solid waste.



**STORM
WATER**

The Stormwater division monitors storm drains, erosion and runoff to help protect the quality of our streams and lakes.

STORMWATER QUALITY
(417) 864.1996

springfieldmo.gov/stormwater
yardethic.com



**WASTE
WATER**

The Wastewater division manages the collection and treatment of the waste in water we flush and pour down the drain.

SEWER EMERGENCIES & ISSUES
(417) 864.1010

AFTER HOURS SEWER EMERGENCY (417) 864.1923

springfieldmo.gov/sewer



**SOLID
WASTE**

The Solid Waste division integrates various programs and services to help manage and reduce Springfield's waste stream.

RECYCLING HOTLINE
(417) 864.1904

springfieldmo.gov/solidwaste

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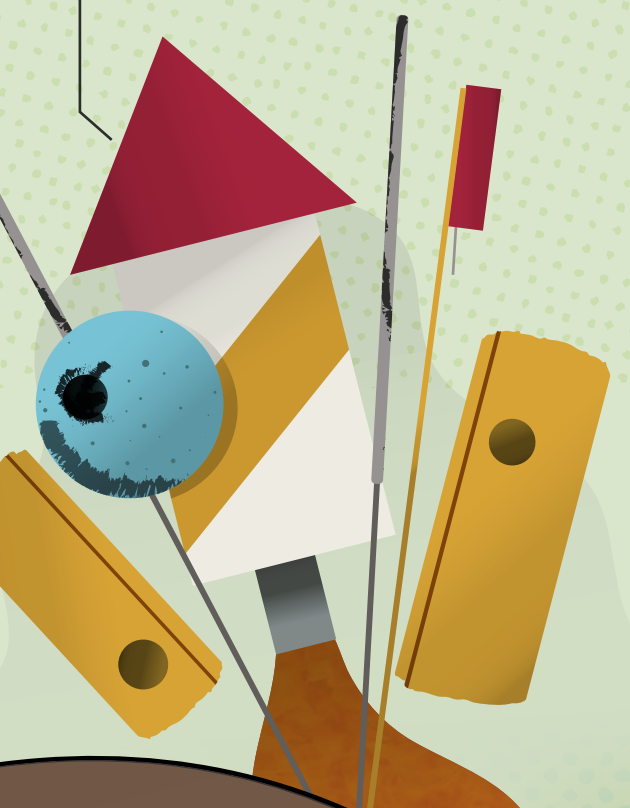
WATERWAY WELLNESS

From our streams and to our sinks. Practicing responsible water stewardship helps to minimize and reduce the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways through the groundwater and our storm drains. This is important because the water that goes into our storm drains is not sent to a treatment plant to be cleaned and treated. In fact, that water will go downstream and be someone else's drinking water.

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/stormwater

Fun on the Fourth!

Have a blast this Independence Day but make sure to clean up your used fireworks and debris! Get out the broom and dust pan and sweep them into a container with a little water to eliminate any fire potential before placing in your trash can. We don't want these swept into our waterways via a storm drain (pictured below).



Rake & Bag that Yard Waste

Leaves, trimmed grass, branches (big or small) and even dirt are not intended to be collected and channeled to our waterways via the City's storm drain system. Rake your yard waste and bring it to one of our three recycling centers. Larger branches are only accepted at the Yardwaste Recycling Center located at 3790 S. Farm Rd. 119.



No Butts About It

If you smoke, don't flick your butt. Put it out and place in an ash tray or can. Once the fear of fire potential is eliminated, these should be disposed of in the trash. This is better than polluting our streets, sidewalks and streams with litter. In fact, cigarette butts are considered the highest volume form of litter. (pictured below).



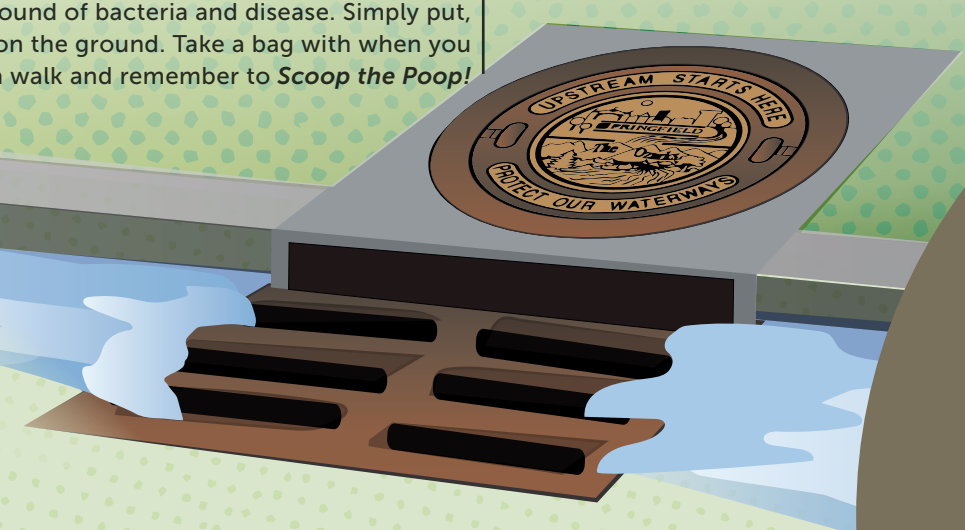
Pick Up After Your Pets!

Poo-lution exists! Pet poop can be seen as "part of nature" but not only can it take awhile to decompose, it is smelly, an eye sore and potentially a breeding ground of bacteria and disease. Simply put, it's just not safe to leave on the ground. Take a bag with when you go on a walk and remember to *Scoop the Poop!*



Storm Drain Covers

At first glance, it looks like a sewer manhole cover. Look again. These are generally located near curbs with open inlets for stormwater to collect and be channeled to a local waterway. Another way to tell our storm drain covers from sewer covers is the slogan "Upstream Starts Here. Protect Our Waterways."



SEWER SATISFACTION

From our sinks and into our streams. We send a lot of icky things down our pipes and drains. Human waste and toilet paper are gross, but our sewers and treatment plants are designed for these sorts of pollutants. However, many more items make their way to the treatment plants or in many cases, get clogged and congealed on their way. Of course, the water that carries those things to our treatment plants is a resource that we work hard to clean and sterilize for release back into our waterways for future use.

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/wastewater



Found from the Flusher

It's easy to flush things down the drain and forget about them. A lot of times, those forgotten memories resurface in the form of a wet mess of overflowed water from a clogged sanitary sewer line (the pipe that connects a property owner's home to the City's sewer system).

At each of the wastewater treatment plants we find a variety of items that are filtered out during the process that should have never been flushed.

Do Not Flush the following:

- Feminine hygiene products
- Flushable Wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Toothpaste containers
- Dental floss & picks
- Medication & pills
- Forms of birth control
- Pet fish (or any pet)
- Hair

**DON'T
FLUSH ME!**

Goldie Deserves a Better Memorial

We all remember Dad flushing our pet fish down the toilet after they went belly-up. Fish live in water, but your toilet water doesn't go back to the stream before being cleaned at a treatment plant. If you don't want to hold a backyard service, put the pet in the trash.

No Wipes in the Pipes!

They say they are flushable; and technically, that is true. However, once they are flushed, they have a tendency to not go away and can take years to decompose. This can cause clogs in the property owners sewer lateral and also the City's sewer main. When mixed with greases, fats and oils in the sewer, they will congeal and harden and create serious blockages and infrastructure damage. The best way to avoid these issues is by throwing them in the trash along with wet wipes, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.



RECYCLE RIGHT

We say it every day “Throw that away”! In terms of waste, there is no away! Everything that is placed inside your trash can ends up in a landfill, presumably forever. In fact, nearly 70% of the materials sent to our City landfill could have been recycled. Recycling is a vital step in waste reduction, and it’s up to each of us to ensure that we’re recycling and recycling right. Sometimes items make their way into the recycle bin when they don’t belong or are too dirty to be recycled. This causes contamination, ruining an entire batch of recyclables. Knowing what is recyclable and the steps to recycle right will help to ensure that your items can be processed and on their way to a new life!

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/recycle

Get Tangled Up in Recycling!

Just don’t allow the recycling to get tangled up. “Tanglers” is the name we give to items like plastic bags, hoses, electrical cords, strung lighting and textiles. These items are not recyclable and are a major source of machine malfunctions at recycling facilities. These are best disposed of in the trash or can be taken to one of the local electronic recyclers. Call before arrival.

Rinse Before Recycling

Current estimates suggest that only about 1/5 of plastic is recycled. Worse yet is the fact that so much of the material can’t be recycled because of contamination. One way to help our community eliminate this problem is if it had food or drink in it and can be recycled, then give it a rinse to remove the food before tossing in the bin.

Not All Plastic is Recyclable

Sure, it looks like plastic, smells like plastic and maybe it even tastes like plastic. First of all, do not taste the plastic! Secondly, if there is no recycling symbol with the numbers 1-7, then sadly, it can’t be recycled. This includes some summer fun items we use regularly, like hoses, kids sprinklers, squirt guns, lawn chairs, 6-pack rings and even plastic kiddie pools.

Don’t Guess when it comes to Recycling!

Wish-cycling is the practice of tossing questionable items into the recycle bin, hoping they are recyclable. This wastes time and money in the processing of recyclables, and inevitably can create more waste as these items can contaminate an entire load of recyclables. Common wish-cycling items include paper plates, shredded paper, pizza boxes, tissue paper, drinking glasses, stemware, deli meats and cheese bags, ceramic and porcelain dishware.



HERE’S WHERE YOU CAN RECYCLE!



**YARDWASTE
RECYCLING CENTER**

3790 S. FARM RD 119



FRANKLIN AVE

731 N. FRANKLIN AVE.



LONE PINE

3020 S. LONE PINE AVE.



**HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL
COLLECTION CENTER**

1226 W. NICHOLS ST.

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Aug. 8 • Oct. 10: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Passion Assembly of God (806 N. Forest)



Busy summer for Heart of the Westside

By Jaydean Miller, for SGFNN

This summer was and will be a busy one for Heart of the Westside! In June, we sponsored a free movie on the lawn at Passion Church. We featured the classic movie "The Princess Bride." We provided hot dogs, chips and soda. It was a great time to get to know our fellow neighbors as well as spend time as a family over a classic movie!

In July, we will be having our yearly neighborhood board election. We are looking for a social media coordinator to manage our Facebook page and website and an events coordinator. President Cody Parsons plans to rerun. Treasurer Anna Pageler plans to rerun, but for the combined position of secretary/treasurer. We will also be reviewing and updating our neighborhood bylaws.

Heart of the Westside will be attending National Night Out on Aug. 6 this year, so don't forget to stop by and check out our booth!

SAVE THE DATE!

In September, (we hope the 14th or the 21st) we will be hosting a neighborhood cleanup at Nichols Park! Details to come, but stay informed on our Facebook page and website.



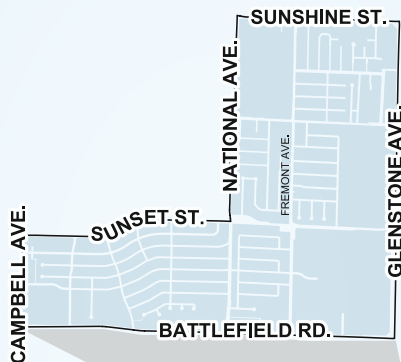
Pastor Billy Cockrum of Passion Assembly grew up in Heart of the Westside and now serves as the neighborhood association's vice president.



York Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Jeremy Medley, Secretary
- Donna Clarkson, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 25: 6 p.m. @ The Dancing Mule (1945 S. Glenstone Ave.)

Aug. 22 • Sept. 26: 6 p.m. @ Cowden Elementary School (2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.)



Meador Park president provides summer updates

By Bobbi Ream, for SGFNN

NEW CLASSIFICATION FOR BUSINESSES

A bylaws change has been made to create a separate category for business members. We want to invite businesses operating in our neighborhood or having a direct interest in our neighborhood to become a member. We hope they will find involvement in our group to be beneficial through increased awareness by our other members.

MEETING DAY CHANGE

MPNA will begin meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our July Meeting will be July 25 at The Dancing Mule, 1945 S. Glenstone at the corner of Glenstone and Cherokee. The starting time remains 6 p.m. We will return to Cowden Elementary School Library with the beginning of the academic year. We will be there on Aug. 22 and



Sept. 26. Our member meetings for the rest of the year will be Oct. 24 and a combined November, December meeting on Dec. 5, which will be a holiday social.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We want to welcome all 21 neighborhoods back to Meador Park for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6.



Cowden Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.



Utility relocation work continues for Battlefield and Fremont intersection and roadway improvement project

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

City Utilities has finished phase 1 of the overhead utility relocation work in preparation for the Battlefield Road and Fremont Avenue Intersection and Roadway Improvement Project, anticipated to start in early 2020 and be complete by the end of the year.

Phase 2 is anticipated to start and be completed this fall. Other utility relocations will continue to take place along Fremont.

This project will include the widening of Fremont Avenue to five lanes between Battlefield Road and Sunset Street. Improvements will also be made at the Battlefield Road and Fremont Avenue intersection, with traffic signal upgrades and additional turn lanes.

Pedestrian improvements will include new sidewalks north and south along Battlefield, east along Fremont and the addition of multi-use path on the west side of Fremont Avenue. CU will install new steel street light poles on the east side of Fremont Avenue in conjunction with the roadway project.

The roadway improvements project, which has an estimated cost of \$5 million, is funded through the voter-approved ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.



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

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

DO YOU KNOW?

Sara Stubbins, Meador Park Neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

How long have you lived in your neighborhood and why do you choose to live there?

I moved here in 1988 from Texas to take a professorship at Missouri State University. I rented first on East Rosebrier. When the owner sold the home, I rented a home on East Greenwood so my children could continue attending Cowden Elementary. When my landlady passed away, her estate sold me the home. I like the neighborhood because of the mature trees and how most of the properties are well kept. My house looks a little different than the rest of the homes on my street; I like that.

What do you do for a living?

I retired in 2012 from the education field after 43 years, 41 of those spent in school libraries. I was a library science professor at MSU for 10 years, then worked overseas as the head librarian in school libraries in Venezuela, Qatar, China and Sudan. Now I'm working part-time for Oxford Healthcare in the accounting department as a support specialist. I was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, then moved to Madison, Wisconsin, then ended up in the hill country of Texas. I didn't know that Springfield, Missouri existed, but found the MSU job through the American Libraries Association while interviewing at a conference and decided that Springfield would be a good place for my kids to grow up.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play the violin. I've been to 70 countries, which has been an eye-opener. I think every American should go somewhere they're not comfortable and stay there for awhile. You'll find out we're all just trying to make a living and raise our children. I volunteer a lot now because as a single parent I wasn't able to give back to my community when my daughters were growing up. I have my afternoons free now, so I'm able to volunteer for my church, First and Calvary Presbyterian, in the Binnie Clements Guild, a women's group that benefits children's charities in Springfield. We donated \$15,000 to various local children's causes last year, which was impressive for a



Sara Stubbins, far right, with other Ozarks Honor Flight volunteers.

group as small as ours. I am a volunteer with the HonorFlight of the Ozarks program and was privileged to be a guardian for one of the Veterans on the August 2018 flight. I also volunteer at CoxSouth and additionally with a group called No One Dies Alone. I have been volunteering for Safe to Sleep (Council of Churches) and with Friends of the Library. In the past I have also volunteered for the Red Cross and the Humane Society and continue to help every once in awhile.

What's something you'd like to change about your neighborhood, or about Springfield in general?

Sometimes rental properties aren't kept as well as owner-occupied homes. They'll have junk in the back, or tall grass. Good, responsible landlords come by and make sure their homes are taken care of while other landlords do not, and I think all landlords should be responsible home owners whether they live in the homes or rent them.

Please tell us about your family.

I have two daughters, Debra, 41, and Diane, 39, and I have two grandchildren, Olivia, 7, and Avery, 4.

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.

Making Sense of Money

Basic Budgeting Series

FREE interactive class to learn how to manage your money, instead of money managing you!

Tuesdays
Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27
6-8 p.m.

Dinner served at 6 class begins 30 minutes later.

Thursdays
Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 5:30 class begins 30 minutes later.

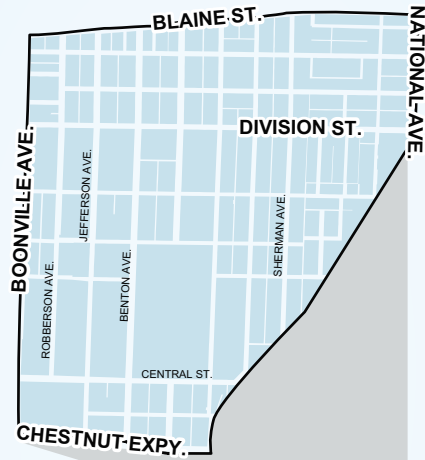
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 8 • Aug 12 • Sept. 9: 6–7 p.m.
@ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on Cox North Hospital parking lot (918 E. Calhoun St.)



SPS names interim leadership at Central High School for 2019-2020 school year

Veteran administrators to share duties while search continues for permanent leader

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

Springfield Public Schools has named two veteran administrators to lead Central High School in an interim capacity for the 2019-2020 school year. Judy Brunner will serve as interim lead principal and Stephen Seal will serve as interim principal, effective July 1. Each leader will work in a part-time capacity, working together to meet the needs of Central's students, staff and community.

"We look forward to welcoming this dynamic leadership team to Central High School next year," said Dr. Shane Dublin, executive director of secondary education for SPS. "Their expertise and willingness to serve on an interim basis enables us to continue the search for the next permanent leader. Our recruitment process is ongoing to ensure we find the best candidate for long-term service."

Brunner and Seal both retired from SPS — each with 18 years of experience as administrators. Mrs. Brunner retired in 2006 as the principal of Parkview High School and Seal retired in 2003 as principal of Study Middle School. Brunner's background also includes leadership as principal at Reed and Wilder, as assistant principal at Pershing, and as a special education teacher at Parkview.

In addition to serving 12 years as principal of Study and eight years as assistant director of Greenwood Laboratory School, Seal was also an assistant principal for both Central and Pleasant View, and a teacher and coach at Pershing.

Brunner has undergraduate degrees in sociology and education, as well as a master's degree and a specialist degree in education — all from Missouri State University. Seal completed his undergraduate studies in education, as well as a master's degree in guidance and counseling and a specialist degree in education — all from Missouri State University.

"It is an honor to return to Springfield Public Schools and work with the Central High School community," said Brunner. "The traditions are strong, and I am excited to begin the next chapter at this historic school."

"I'm absolutely thrilled to be returning to work at Central High School," said Seal. "I spent my last 17 years in the Springfield Public Schools working in the Study, Central and Pipkin communities. It is my honor to join an award-winning faculty and school. I'm looking forward to supporting Central's excellence in teaching and learning."

29th annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade and Celebration

By Midtown Neighborhood Association, for SGFNN

Our 4th of July event is a rare opportunity for the public to step back in time for the nation's birthday. The historic Midtown District still retains its architectural integrity of the Victorian era. Join us in enjoying our 19th century porches and stroll along our 100-year-old brick sidewalks.

This year's theme will be "Me & You, and Red, White, and Blue." The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4 on Drury Lane, turn west on Central Street, north on Benton Avenue, east on Calhoun Street, north on Washington Avenue, east on Locust Street, north on Clay Avenue and ending at Washington Park where the celebration will continue with music, prizes, games and ice cream.

Trophies will be awarded to floats in the categories of Best Overall, Best Theme Interpretation, Best Children's Float, Best Children's Marching Unit, Best Adult Float, and Best Adult Marching Unit. For more information visit facebook.com/midtownsgf.



Central High School dedicates bench in honor of alumnus and civil rights pioneer Linda Brown

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

On the last day of school, a group of Central High School students, staff and community leaders commemorated CHS alumna Linda Brown with a special bench dedication ceremony. A special mini-documentary available on Springfield Public Schools' website (sps.org) produced by two Springfield Scholars sixth-graders, Elseya Ligon and Madeleine Bauer, was screened at the event.

"We were going to do a project for National History Day, and we were walking around the school one day, and we realized, oh Linda Brown went here, that would be a really good thing to focus on, because that could honor her and the school," said Elseya.

Last year, a group of CHS teachers called the Heritage Team came together to commemorate



From left, Dr. Rosalyn Thomas, Christine Peoples and Monica Horton with daughter Ari'el.

Central's 125th birthday. And near the end of its year-long celebration, Brown passed away. The team was compelled to act, said Meredith Wisniewski, Springfield Scholars teacher.

"Because she was such an integral part of the civil rights movement and tied so closely to Central's history, we knew we had to do something in her honor," said Wisniewski. "We talked about a lot of different ideas, but we landed on something that would be a

permanent reminder of her being a part of Central's history."

Brown, a member of the CHS Class of 1961, served as an advocate and activist for her entire life, but she lived only in Springfield for two years. By honoring her legacy with a special bench on its campus, Central celebrates her work and strives to continue it, says CHS principal Dr. Lisa Anderson.



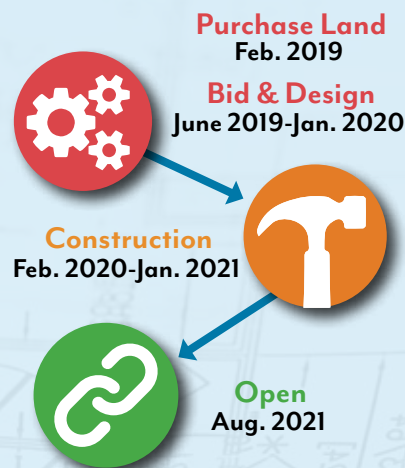
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Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

Boyd Elementary new construction is currently in the bid and design phase thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5.

For the latest information about the new construction at Boyd visit sps.org/progress.



Timmons Hall opens in Silver Springs Park

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

After more than four years of careful restoration work, Springfield-Greene County Park Board and the Friends of Timmons Temple held the grand opening of Timmons Hall Saturday, June 29 in Silver Springs Park, 1100 N. Hampton.

Timmons Hall, formerly known as Timmons Temple, will serve as an event facility offering historical, cultural and educational opportunities, owned and operated by the Park Board, and under the direction of Christine Peoples, the newly named coordinator of Timmons Hall.

"I'm excited because I know this place is going to bring the community together," said Peoples. "It's going to take you back in time, and forward as well. And it will benefit the next generation. It's just going to be epic."

One of the venue's first events was planned for just after the grand opening, a digital presentation of a current art exhibition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The exhibition, 30 Americans, features American experiences as presented through 30 contemporary African American artists, spanning four decades.

The grand opening was followed by a Juneteenth celebration noon-4 p.m. in Silver Springs Park, coordinated by NAACP Springfield.

Timmons Temple Church of God in Christ was built in 1932 at the corner of Webster Street and Texas Avenue, overlooking Silver Springs Park. The small church served Springfield's African American community for more than 80 years before the congregation outgrew the building and relocated in 2014. Timmons Temple was sold and slated for demolition. Nonprofit group Save Timmons Temple (now Friends of Timmons Temple) formed to preserve the church, noting its historic significance as well as its unique stone exterior, including sunburst patterns also found in retaining walls in Silver Springs Park. In early 2015, in coordination with the Park Board, Timmons Temple was carefully lifted from its foundation and relocated by about 600 feet into Silver Springs Park. Private fundraising efforts continued to redevelop the landmark.

Silver Springs is a fitting location for the historic church. It's one of Springfield's 10 Historic Parks, established in Springfield in 1918 on land known



as the old Fairbanks pasture. It was later named for a spring on site, a tributary of Jordan Creek. During segregation, Silver Springs was the city's only public park designated for black residents and sports leagues, including visiting baseball teams. In the 1930s, the Works Progress Administration lined the creek channel with rock, installed the fieldstone retaining walls and built the first Silver Springs Pool.

It's been the site of picnics and gatherings for decades, including Park Day, established in 1952 when Gerald Brooks, a parks supervisor and a teacher at Springfield's former Lincoln School, and Robert Wendell Duncan, also a park supervisor, started a day of games and sports events for young African American residents at Silver Springs. Today the Park Day Reunion takes place the first weekend in August, including a parade, picnic, sports competitions, swimming, beauty pageant, banquet and gospel singing.

The Jordan Creek Greenway connected Silver Springs Park to Smith Park in 2003. Silver Springs Pool was renovated in 2010. In 2018, the year of the park's centennial, Silver Springs became the first location marked on the new Springfield-Greene County African-American Heritage Trail.

Even before the grand opening, Timmons Hall served as the unofficial meeting place for the Midtown Neighborhood Association, an arrangement planned to continue under Park Board management. If you're interested in hosting a meeting or event at Timmons Hall, contact Christine Peoples at 417-864-1046.

Read more about Christine Peoples and the Juneteenth Celebration on pages 8-9.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 30: 6 p.m. @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church (2818 E. Bennett St.) Meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of alternating months. Contact Gerald Clary for specific information.



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Public Works shows off street sweeper at Pittman Elementary

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Bobby Berry and Dean Freeman from the City's Public Works department visited Pittman Elementary May 14 to educate students about the relationship between clean streets and sidewalks and the water quality of local waterways. Remember, kids, we all live downstream!



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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

City Council approves updates to Phelps Grove Neighborhood Plan, amendment to Urban Conservation District



By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

At its April 8 and April 22 meetings, City Council approved updates to the Phelps Grove Neighborhood Plan and an amendment to the neighborhood's urban conservation district (UCD) regulations.

Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association President Eric Pauly commended Phelps Grove neighbors and City Planning and Development staff, particularly Senior Planner Alana Owen, for their work on the plan.

"Neighbors, we did it! A unanimous vote from City Council in favor of our UCD amendment. This helps us avoid the 'skinny house syndrome,'" Pauly said, in a Facebook post. "Thank you everyone for your work and support to protect and preserve our neighborhood."

The process to update the neighborhood plan, which was adopted in 1997, and amend the urban conservation district regulations began in October 2018. A survey, two open houses and a planning workshop followed before the plan was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council.

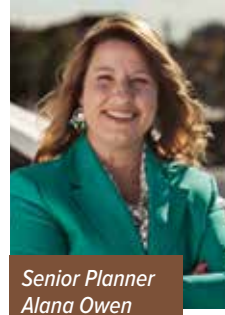
"The updates to the plan and UCD reflect the ongoing priorities of the neighborhood, including the desire to maintain the single-family residential character of the neighborhood, preserving the existing housing stock, and reducing the impacts of student housing and rental properties within the neighborhood," Owen said.

UCD AMENDMENT

- Minimum lot width requirement of 40 feet for the development or redevelopment of existing nonconforming (grandfathered) lots within the Phelps Grove UCD.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Residential infill and rehabilitation regulations for all new construction, exterior remodel and rehabilitation of residential properties in the Phelps Grove UCD.
- The Phelps Grove neighborhood should continue to actively participate in a variety of programs and efforts aimed at discouraging overcrowding and nuisance violations that contribute to the deterioration of the neighborhood character.
- The neighborhood should pursue support from property owners to initiate the development of a community improvement district (CID) that can fund public improvements, such as buried utilities, alley improvements, traffic calming projects, and pedestrian scale lighting improvements.
- The neighborhood should enact an amendment to their bylaws extending their neighborhood association boundaries west to Campbell Avenue



Senior Planner
Alana Owen

to align more closely with the boundaries of the neighborhood service area.

- The cooperative agreement between Missouri State University and the City of Springfield has not been reviewed in over a decade. The City and university should consider pursuing completion of the agreement in cooperation with MSU's Long-Range Plan 2016-2021 Visioning Guide.
- The neighborhood should identify strategies to maintain and grow the neighborhood's public street tree canopy.
- The neighborhood should further study to determine if there is interest and support for the designation of a local national historic district for properties and places in the neighborhood, not already designated.
- The neighborhood should encourage the City to be vigilant with sidewalk maintenance and to construct and maintain sidewalks where replacement is needed and where gaps exist in the system
- The neighborhood should work with City Utilities to encourage improvements to the street lighting system to increase night-time visibility at the street and sidewalk level.

HISTORY

Phelps Grove is home to one of Springfield's largest collections of bungalow architecture. The Phelps Grove neighborhood and the creation of the subdivisions and park date back to the early 1900s. Phelps Grove Park was originally platted in 1914 and the lots immediately surrounding the park were replatted in 1946. The eastern half of the neighborhood was platted between 1907 and 1909 and the western portion of the neighborhood was platted between 1913 and 1923. Most lots in the neighborhood are 40-50 feet in width, except for the Colonial Place Subdivision, platted in 1909. The Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association was formed in 1989.

Missouri State University purchased property for parking lots on the south side of Grand Street during the 1970s and continued to expand the lots over the next several decades. The neighborhood began to experience the byproducts of increased student rentals in the 1980s. Conflicts between permanent residents and renters intensified due to overcrowding, noise, trash and maintenance of homes and yards. The neighborhood also saw a decline in housing condition at the same time, due to the uncertainty of the university's expansion plans.

The Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association was formed in 1989. In 1990, a parking study was initiated in response to numerous inquiries and complaints regarding on-street parking of commuters within the neighborhood, leaving residents and visitors without adequate parking. To assist with the parking problem and the accompanying concerns of trash, noise and vandalism, a residential parking permit district was created. The two-tiered residential parking district is still in existence today. ▶

Phelps Grove hosts another successful Art in the Garden Tour June 9

By Eric Pauly, for SGFNN





► In 1993, the City began working with a group of neighborhood residents to prepare a neighborhood and urban conservation district plan to address the transition the neighborhood was experiencing due primarily to overcrowding and to protect and maintain the residential character and viability of the neighborhood. The planning efforts were put on hold for the next few years while the City and MSU developed an agreement about the university's southern boundary, as well as several other considerations relating to the growth and expansion of the campus. The cooperative agreement between the City and the university was approved in 1996.

"The Phelps Grove Neighborhood Plan and accompanying UCD were the driving forces to begin to stabilize the neighborhood and discourage activities that were leading to the negative impacts the neighborhood was experiencing nearly 20 years ago. Each plan, including this addition, represents a point-in-time review of the neighborhood health and memorializes issues of concern and value in addition to identifying strategies for targeted improvement within the neighborhood," according to the updated plan.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN?

Neighborhood plans provide guidance and direction to the neighborhood and City in several ways:

- identifies opportunities for the City, property



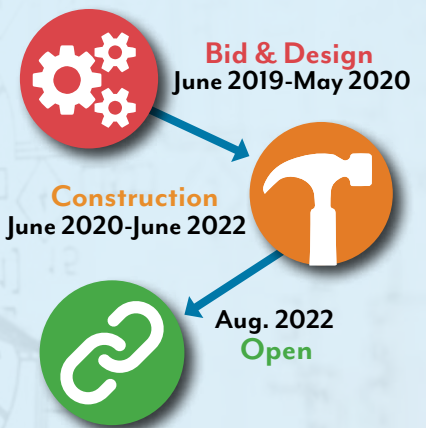
owners, and residents of the neighborhood to proactively improve the neighborhood through increased social interaction and neighborhood betterment projects;

- provides guidance for the designation and amendment of an urban conservation district if needed;
- is a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan, providing guidance in the implementation of City policies at the neighborhood level, as well as recommending land use amendments within the boundaries of the neighborhood;
- serves as a historical reference.

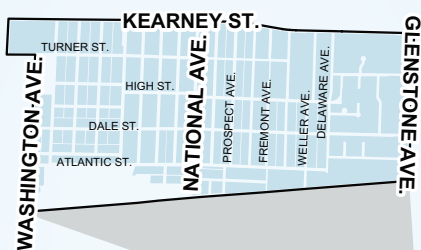
To view the significant findings, survey results, proposed updates and plan in full, please visit springfieldmo.gov/phelps.

Jarrett Middle School new construction is currently in the bid and design phase thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5. For the latest information about the new construction at Jarrett visit sps.org/progress.

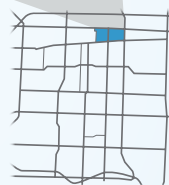


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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 25 • Aug. 22 • Sept. 26: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Pathways United Methodist Church
(1232 E. Dale St.)



Robberson Community School featured in PBS series

Provided Content

Robberson Community School, for its efforts to break the poverty cycle, has been included in a PBS series, "Our Kids: Narrowing the Opportunity Gap." Hosted by renowned Harvard professor Dr. Robert Putnam, the series examines the issues and innovative solutions to creating equity for all children. The series aired on public television stations across the country during April.

Episode 2, *Four Cities Tackle the Child Equity Gap*, brings attention to children who live in fractured homes and poverty and who are unable to achieve equally with children who are financially and emotionally secure. Underserved children need extra services to be competitive. Equal is not equitable. This point is illustrated in Duluth, Minnesota, Boston, Massachusetts, Springfield and Nashville." Robberson Community School offers wrap-around-services including free food, family meals, clothing, laundry and medical services.

Locally the series aired Mondays, April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20. Visit OurKidsSeries.org to learn more about the series.



Robberson Community School is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.



Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 16 • Aug. 20 • Sept. 17: 7–8 p.m.
@ University Heights Baptist Church
(1010 S. National Ave.)



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Rountree Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.



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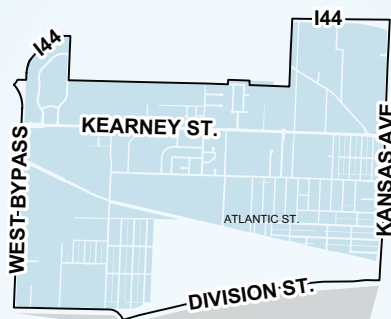
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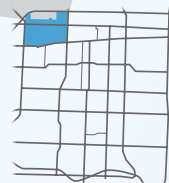
what's going on in your area, neighborhood projects, programs offered, and more!

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Aug. 29 • Nov. 28: 7–8:30 p.m. @ Tom Watkins
Park Community Center (2100 W. High St.)



Williams Elementary renovation and expansion is set to start the bid and design phase in October thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5.

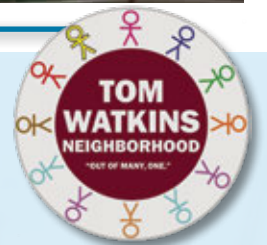
For the latest information about the new construction at Williams visit sps.org/progress.

Bid & Design
Oct. 2019-May 2020



Construction
June 2020-May 2021

Current Williams students will relocate to former Sherwood during construction



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Tom Watkins Park,
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A neighborhood celebration with music, snacks and tennis.

All equipment is provided • No tennis experience needed — just come have fun! All ages welcome.



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Springfield Lasers Tennis Kids' Night



Tuesday, July 16

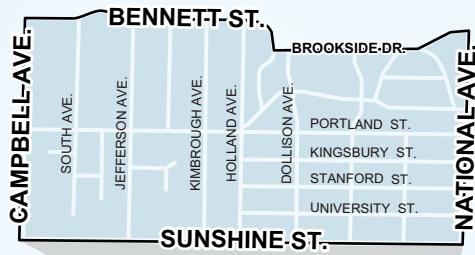
Kids' Night Activities 4:30-7 p.m. • Match at 6 p.m.
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Aug. 7 • Sept. 4 • Oct. 2: 5:30 p.m.
@ Springfield Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.)



University Heights Neighborhood Association looking ahead to 2020

By Jan Peterson, for SGFNN

The newly formed University Heights Neighborhood Association launched its spring/summer membership drive in earnest at the Springfield Art Museum's Family Fun Night, held April 25 in conjunction with the Art in Bloom exhibit.

Kids were given the opportunity to play a free game to win prizes while the adults living within the UHNA boundaries learned the benefits of joining UHNA. It was a beautiful evening and resulted in a number of new members.

Momentum continued to build at a May 1 gathering to brainstorm ideas for increasing membership and to examine challenges that may lie ahead. The evening saw a large turnout of about 20 people (a taco bar may have played a role) and many lively, meaningful discussions. Best of all, it gave neighbors a chance to get to know each other better on a personal level.

UHNA is in the process of setting an aggressive schedule of events for the coming year, beginning with the neighborhood's annual Fourth of July



Photo credit: Annette Hollon. UHNA Vice President John Stinson helps children select prizes while board member Linda Regan shares a laugh with the kids between games.

parade and celebration. Other milestones may include a fall cleanup, establishing a Neighborhood Watch program, participating in the SNUG Kickball Tournament next year and more.

Stay tuned. Big stuff is in the works.



Sunshine Elementary renovation and expansion is completing the bid and design phase and will start construction in August thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more about this and other SPS bond projects on page 5.

For the latest information about the new construction at Sunshine visit sps.org/progress.



Bid & Design
Dec. 2018-July 2019



Construction
Aug. 2019-July 2020
Current Sunshine students stay on campus during construction.



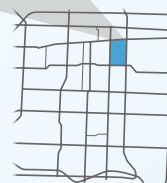
Completed
Aug. 2020
Portland students move to Sunshine campus. 80-100 Sunshine students move to Delaware.

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Weller second-grader learns generosity pays big

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

Weller Elementary School second-grader Sylvia began asking her parents last fall if she could donate her life savings to Weller Elementary School's playground fundraising efforts. The school is seeking to raise \$200,000 to completely redo its playground, and she wanted to help.

She kept asking, and asking, and asking. And one day, she brought \$120 to school — her entire life's savings. She donated it to the school's playground fundraiser.

"It took me five years to save up all that money," she said.

When her teachers heard about her act of generosity, they wanted to pay it forward. Weller teachers personally matched her donation to return the student's monetary gift to her. But to teach her that generosity is rewarded, they not only returned her initial \$120, they doubled it — giving her \$240 on the last day of school in front of her class.



"This is to show you that when you're generous, good things happen," said Shayla Bernelis, second-grade teacher at Weller. "You made an impact."



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Aug. 1 • Sept. 5 • Oct. 3: 6 – 7 p.m.

@ Turning Point Church (1722 N. National Ave.)



Weller Elementary is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

Free Door-to-Door Wellness Event

Weller Neighborhood | July 13 and Aug. 3* | 9 a.m.-Noon

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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

Aug. 27 • Sept. 24: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Broadway United Methodist Church
(545 S. Broadway Ave.)



City acquires property adjacent to Route 66 Roadside Park, plans restroom facilities

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Through \$65,000 in 2018-2019 Neighborhood Works program funds, the City has acquired a small piece of property adjacent to the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park on its east side for expansion of the park.

While a funding source has not yet been identified for future improvements to the park, the City, Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Butler, Rosenbury & Partners are working on a Route 66-themed design for restroom facilities for the park, which is the site for the annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival kickoff party hosted by the West Central Neighborhood Alliance each August.

"This acquisition, courtesy of the Neighborhood Works Program, secures all of the property we needed for the park, but doesn't allow for further development just yet. We're still very much

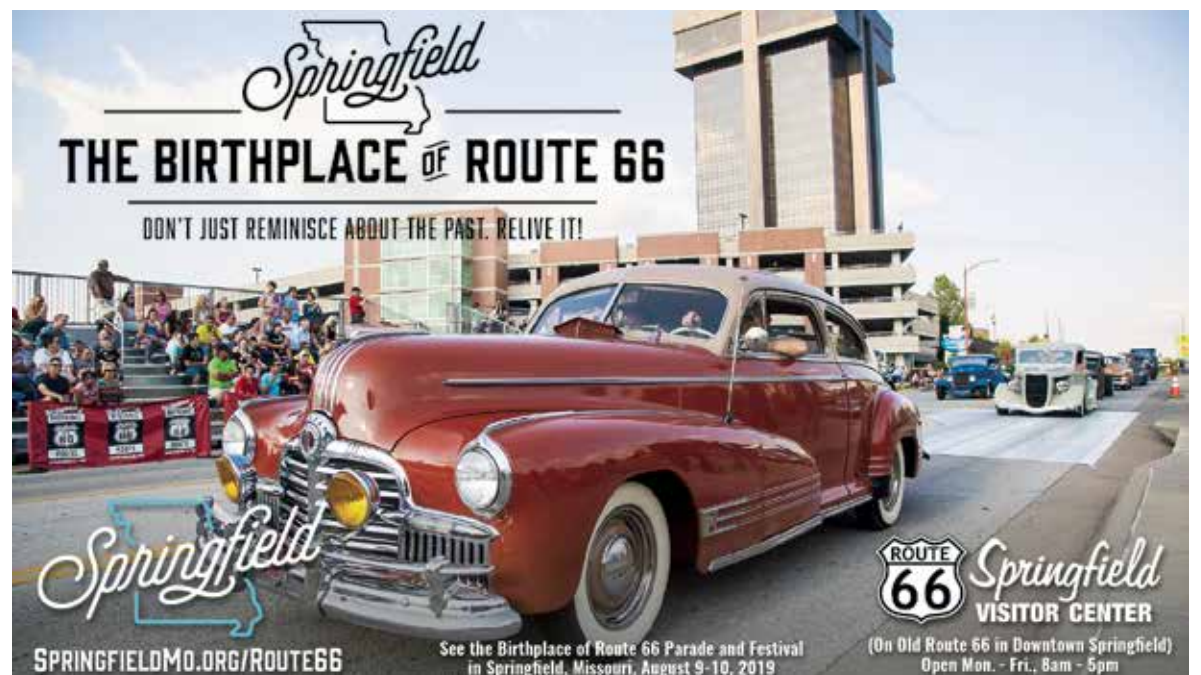


An artist's rendering shows a possible design for restroom facilities at the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park, located on College Street between Fort and Broadway.

looking for available funding and as a group are in full fundraising mode for the development of any future amenities," said Director of Parks Bob Belote "The property acquisition is significant, as the park couldn't be fully developed without it."

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Ice Cream Social July 22

Join the West Central Neighborhood Alliance on Monday, July 22, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park, 1200 W. College Street for our Ice Cream Social. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy ice cream, food and fun!



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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

July 9 • Aug. 13 • Sept. 10 • Oct. 8: 6:30 p.m.,
@ Westport Park Apartments,
Community Room (250 N. Hilton Ave.)



Westside's Ozark Fence a third-generation family business

By Joe Roberds, for SGFNN

As we approach the time when the City brings us together to celebrate our Route 66 heritage with the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, we should take this time to reflect on the west corridor of historic Route 66 through Springfield and the treasures that embody this area.

Taking the time to explore College Street and view the monuments to times past, you'll develop an appreciation of those times and the significance of their contribution to our west side. Preservation and continued occupancy of venues along the west corridor is necessary for our future. Investments in new businesses along with other established businesses maintaining a presence is occurring on this historic street.

One established business along College Street has a lengthy presence at its west side location. Ozark Fence, owned by Joe Everest, is located at 1716 W. College. Ozark Fence started business in 1955 and moved to the present location along historic Route 66 in the early 1980s. Everest is the third generation of his family to own Ozark Fence, which serves both residential and commercial needs.

Everest views Ozark Fence as a business that serves the community by offering a service that increases the value of a property while providing security and improved appearance. Ozark Fence supports other local businesses by making every effort to purchase their fence materials from

local manufactures and saw mills. Ozark Fence does not have a show room at the

business location, but uses their completed projects in neighborhoods throughout the area as examples and the word of customers to bring in other customers. Another benefit is the 60-plus years of business in the area to assure availability for warranty or maintenance of the product.

Everest is appreciative of the many customers that have made Ozark Fence a strong business. His philosophy is that a strong business gives back to the community to stay strong. This was obvious when Ozark Fence pledged to contribute 10% of its residential sales during the month of May to Community Partnership of the Ozarks to help support

their many services to the community. Ozark Fence ended up donating \$7,500 to CPO, according to its Facebook page. The month of May is one of the months in which sales are the highest for Ozark Fence, due to people planning and implementing spring yard projects.

Their generosity to the community, as well as the long continued presence on the west side and historic Route 66 is very much appreciated by our neighborhood. Everest is proud to have his business located on the Route 66 west corridor and looks forward to continued recognition of the area.

Support of this business and other west side businesses will help to make the Westside neighborhood a destination rather than a pass-through area, and make the west side a stronger neighborhood.



Joe Everest, right, is the third generation of his family to own Ozark Fence, which serves both residential and commercial needs.



Study Alternative Center is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.



Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.

Mt. Vernon Street west of Kansas Expressway closes through fall for bridge replacement project

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Mt. Vernon Street west of Kansas Expressway in the Westside neighborhood closed in June and will remain closed through mid-October for construction to replace the bridge over Jordan Creek. A posted detour guides traffic around the work zone using Walnut Street, Scenic Avenue and Grand Street.

"By July, the existing bridge will be removed and the new box culverts will start being installed. Excavation to widen the creek will also be taking place," said Public Works Engineer Andrew Flippin.

The project will remove and replace the structurally deficient bridge, add sidewalks compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and connect the existing multi-use trail to Mt. Vernon Street. The project will also provide bank stabilization and increased flow capacity to Jordan Creek.

"Like the recent Grand Street Bridge Replacement Project, the Mt. Vernon Street Bridge project is multi-faceted," Flippin explained. "It will not only improve the function of the bridge, but it will also add pedestrian safety and accessibility features and help increase stormwater capacity along the creek."

Construction and utility relocations for the project began in April and is expected to be complete in late summer or early fall.

The cost of the project is approximately \$1.5 million, partially funded through the federal On-System Bridge Program with the remaining portion funded through reimbursement funds from the Missouri Department of Transportation received from a previous project. The contractor for the project is Hartman & Company, Inc.



Zagonyi Park renovations continue

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

Renovations continue within Zagonyi Park, named for a Civil War action that took place in the area in 1861.

In November, a historic monument commemorating the namesake Zagonyi's Charge was relocated from a vacant lot on Mt. Vernon Street, near Jordan Creek, into the park. Historians believe the charge into Confederate lines, led by Union Maj. Charles Zagonyi, passed through what's now Zagonyi Park, following the old Mount Vernon Road. The stone monument relocation was coordinated by the University Club, Wommack

Monument Co., and Springfield-Greene County Park Board staff. It is now displayed in an area of the park that's being developed as a community garden, planned and maintained by the Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association.

Thanks to a Neighborhood Works grant obtained by the neighborhood, the Park Board has installed new universal-design accessible playground equipment in the park. The grant also funded a new water line to provide for two drinking fountains and community garden irrigation. Tennis courts have also been resurfaced at the park.



Work is underway to install three new picnic shelters, new sidewalks and a ramp, a third accessible drinking fountain, all funded by the grant.

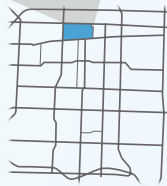
Once renovations are complete at Zagonyi Park, a dedication ceremony will be planned.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 16 (Ice Cream Social): 6:00 p.m.
@ Lafayette Park (202 E. Atlantic St.) •
Aug. 20 • Sept. 17: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./
6 p.m. optional potluck dinner @ Woodland
Heights Presbyterian Church (722 W. Atlantic St.)



woodlandheightsneighborhood.org

Woodland Heights' Becky Volz awarded National PTA Life Achievement Award

By Jennifer Penny, SCPTA, for SGFNN

Please join us in congratulating a highly respected and beloved leader in both Springfield Council of PTAs and in our community – Becky Britton Volz! Becky has faithfully served as president of SCPTA for two years and has dedicated her whole heart and her amazing amount of energy to our mission of making every child's potential a reality.

Becky also tirelessly served on the Proposition S Task Force for more than a year to bring a succinct and realistic plan to the voters – which passed! Becky personally attended upwards of 100 meetings all told to visit with PTA units, school communities, the school board, businesses, clubs, and associations all while representing SCPTA very well.

The SCPTA Board recently voted to bestow Becky with our highest honor – the National PTA Life Achievement Award. This award is given to a person who daily lives out his or her commitment to children and Becky is an outstanding example of this life motto.

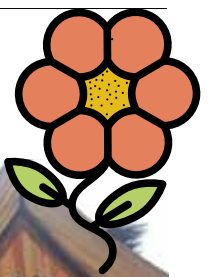
As she wraps up her term as president, we want to thank Becky for her warm and friendly presence, her



willingness to seek out advice and to keep learning through life, her loyalty and support, and her compassionate style of leadership. We look forward to her wisdom that we will thankfully continue to have as part of our board. And finally, we want to thank Becky in no small way for her gift of talent and her gift of time. We are all grateful and all better because of it. Here's to you, Becky, with much love!



7th annual Dirt Day held May 18 at Lafayette Park



Reed Academy is getting a new secure entrance thanks to voter approval of Proposition S in April.

Read more and check out the construction timeline on page 5.



Events

July – September 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.

Coffee with the Chief: July 18: 7-8:30 a.m., Travellers House Coffee & Tea at Boomer Town, 824 S. National Ave. Ste. A-100 • Aug. 23: 7-8:30 a.m., Architect Coffee Co., 1604 E. Republic Rd. Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams hosts "Coffee with the Chief" to encourage an open discussion between the public and the chief. Anyone interested in asking questions or learning more about the Springfield Police Department is encouraged to attend.

Cookies with Rookies: July 23: 6-7 p.m., Battlefield Mall, 2825 S. Glenstone Ave. Located at the newly renovated Dining Pavilion seating area. This event brings police officers and the community members they serve together – over cookies – to ask questions and learn more about each other. Join us for our first ever Cookies with Rookies and enjoy complimentary cookies and tea/water. Goodie bags for the first 50 children under the age of 10.

Ask the Experts: Payday Loan Alternatives: July 27: 10-11:30 a.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. A payday or title loan may seem like a quick fix to your financial problem, but in the long run it could end up costing you even more. A panel of experts will explore other solutions for your short-term cash woes. Ask the Experts is an instructional series from the Making Sense of Money Financial Literacy Initiative, a program of Community Partnership of the Ozarks. Call 862-0135

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!

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.

Move Your Shoes Challenge: Oct. 1-31. Join us during the month of October for a community-wide walking challenge! Organizations and community teams welcome, at least two people per team. Start walking and track your miles. The organization and

community team that averages the most miles per person will win the challenge. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights! Visit moveyourshoes.com for more information.

ARTS, CULTURE & FUN

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Movies at Founders Park: Fridays and Saturdays through July 27, movies begin at dusk, Founders Park, 330 E. Water St. A contemporary version of the drive-in theater at Springfield's founding site. Enjoy new release and classic movies in an outdoor setting. All movies are G, PG, or PG-13. Concessions available, bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Movie titles and details at ParkBoard.org/Movies.

Nick Cave Exhibit: Through-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.

• **Guided Tours:** July 27: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• **Guided Tour w/ASL Interpreter:** July 27: 2 p.m.

Maker Camp: July 3: 2-4 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For grades 1-6 in the Frisco Room. Calling all makers: It's time to build, hack and create! Make cool stuff with new surprise projects and challenges to choose from each week. A parent or legal guardian-signed waiver is required for participation in some projects.

Racquet, White and Blue: July 5: 6-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Park, 2100 W. High St. Come play tennis with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board at Tom Watkins Park! Grab your family and friends and join the celebration on court with music, snacks and having fun playing tennis. All equipment is provided. Presented by USTA.

Family Fridays in the Garden: Fridays, July 5 and Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic. Bring the whole family for a free evening tour of discovering plants, animals and the history of the garden. Meet in the Botanical Center.

Input+Output (Art Critique & Discussion Group): July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 14: 3-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Join Museum Assistant Rick Briggenghorst for a new local art critique group happening on select Saturdays. View and respond to works presented by local artists and be a part of the growth of discourse around art centered in our community.

Cruise Kearney: July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14: 6-10 p.m. Kearney Street from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone. Come out, cruise, hang out with other automotive enthusiasts and just generally have a good time. You will see a wide variety of vehicles and many classics that you won't want to miss.

Springfield Lasers Pro Tennis Season: July 14, 16*, 17 and 18 with Miomir Kecmanovic; July 24; July 30; July 31. Matches at 7 p.m., *July 16 at 6 p.m.; (Tues., July 16 Kids Night: activities at 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5-14 get in free with an adult.) Cooper Tennis Complex, 2331 E. Pythian. The Springfield Lasers professional tennis team opens their 24th season as the reigning World TeamTennis champions. Don't miss your chance to see world-class tennis champions in a family-friendly setting right here in Springfield. Grandstand tickets \$10-\$15, available at 417-837-5800 or SpringfieldLasers.com.

Big Rig Night: July 16: 5:30-8:30 p.m., Battlefield Mall, 2825 S. Glenstone Ave. Join Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Parents as Teachers and Battlefield Mall as we take over the parking lot just north of Macy's, behind Nakato's.

Ozarkian Campfire Tales: July 25: 7:30 p.m., Ritter Springs Park, 3683 W. Farm Rd. 92. Cozy up to a crackling campfire, enjoy some s'mores and get spooked by the weird tales of authors from "Feral: A Journal of Ozarkian Gothic." Drawn from local legends and superstitions, these stories bring the dark corners of hill country and the howls of the booger dog to life. S'mores will be provided. Meet at the Ritter Springs pavilion. Registration starts July 1; call 883-5341 to register.

World Tiger Day: July 29: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1400 W. Norton Rd. Educational animal presentations highlighting tigers. Wear your stripes for \$2 off general admission. Admission: \$15/adults and teens, \$12/Seniors 60+, \$10/Children 3-12 yrs.

Space Magic: July 29: 10 a.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. and July 30: 10 a.m., Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd. Tommy Terrific uses magic tricks to represent space exploration, from celestial objects like planets and stars to the equipment scientists use to explore it, such as rockets and the space shuttle. Celebrate the history of space exploration and the fascinating facts we've learned about our universe. For preK-grade 4. Call 883-1974.

Fashion Forward: Aug. 2: 6 p.m., Fox Theater, 157 Park Central Square. Fashion Forward is an evening of fun and fashion. Doors open at 6 p.m. for food, drinks and silent auction. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with the fashion show beginning at 6:45 p.m. We hope to recognize and support families of northwest Springfield while facilitating community betterment. Join us for art, music, food and fashion!

Park Day Reunion: Aug. 2-4, Silver Springs Park, 1100 N. Hampton Ave. Annual reunion weekend dates back to 1952, and includes a parade, picnic, sports competitions, banquet, beauty pageant and gospel singing.

16th Annual Kid'Athlon: Aug. 3: 8 a.m., Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont. A mini-triathlon for kids. Swim, bike and run your way to victory in events designed for your age group, and take home a medal, t-shirt, giveaways and the pride that comes with finishing a triathlon. Registration required by July 31. Discount early registration ends July 20. *Registration by July 20: \$25/child, \$25 additional child same household; July 21-31: \$35/child, \$25/ additional child same household.*

National Night Out: Aug. 6: 5-7 p.m., Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont Ave. An annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, making our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Visit with local police officers, firefighters and park rangers, and enjoy tennis and other games and special activities. A kick-off to individual Neighborhood Nights Out. Springfield Police Officers vs. Springfield Firefighters Softball Game will be from 7-8 p.m.

9th Annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival: Aug. 9-10, Downtown Springfield. A free festival along Historic Route 66, includes classic cars, motorcycles, music, artists, authors, food and activities for the whole family.

Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence: Aug. 17-Nov. 10, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This traveling exhibition presents a spectacular overview of a new form of bead art, the *ndwango* ("cloth,") developed by a community of women living and working in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence was developed by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, D.C. in cooperation with Curators Bev Gibson, Ubuhle Beads, and James Green, and is organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C.

• **Slow View Night:** Sept. 5: 6 p.m.

Watercolor USA 2019: Closes Sept. 1, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This annual summer favorite returns with over \$20,000 in cash prizes and possible museum purchase awards available. This is the 58th showing of the very best in contemporary American watermedia, judged by award-winning watercolor artist Dean Mitchell.

• **Slow Viewing Night:** July 11: 6 p.m.

Dog Swim: Sept. 3: 4-7 p.m., Fassnight Pool, 1301 S. Campbell. Dogs get to swim in a human sized pool. Fee: \$8 for 1 dog and 1 human, limit 1 dog per human; \$3 each additional human. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. Registration and proof of vaccination required. For more information visit ParkBoard.org.

24th annual Japanese Fall Festival: Sept. 6: 5-10 p.m.; Sept. 7: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sept. 8: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic. Three-day celebration of one of Springfield's sister cities, Isesaki, Japan. Includes guests and performers from Japan, taiko drumming, Japanese top spinning and folk dancing, martial arts, origami and other hands-on crafts, tea ceremony demonstrations, a food court and tent-top market, vendors and more. Friday's opening ceremony features student ambassadors from Springfield Public Schools. Friday and Saturday evenings end with an intimate candlelight walk. Presented by Springfield Sister Cities Association, peacethroughpeople.org. Fee: Fri. & Sun., \$7/adult, \$3/12 yrs. and under; Sat., \$10/adult, \$3/12 yrs. and under. Kids 3 years and younger free.

SGF CultureFest: Sept. 14: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Commercial Street. We desire to showcase ethnic talents, food and businesses by celebrating rich ethnic diversity and heritage, collaborating with global-minded Springfield residents, and cultivating a welcoming city for every nation, tribe and tongue. Don't miss this very first city-wide CultureFest where you can see, taste and experience the world right here in our neighborhood.

Randy Bacon: The Road I Call Home: Sept. 14-Feb. 23, 2019, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Randy Bacon is an American photographer based in Springfield. This exhibit features simple, direct, emotive, casual studio portraits of homeless individuals accompanied by personal narratives. These portraits emphasize the beauty, humanity, identity and integrity of each subject while raising public awareness of our homeless community.

• **Opening Reception:** Sept. 13: 5:30 p.m.

17th Annual DogFest: Sept. 21 (rain date: Sept. 22), 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Chesterfield Park, 2511 W. Republic Rd. A canine extravaganza! Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for

free fun and activities. DogFest features dog agility demonstrations, a dog fashion show, canine-related vendors and non-profits and a dog-themed bounce house for kids. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park, Springfield's first off-leash dog park. Free admission; \$1/Bounce house; \$10/t-shirt. For more information visit ParkBoard.org

Romancing the Station: Sept. 28: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. The Library is partnering with the Ozarks Romance Authors to celebrate the romance genre and give readers the opportunity to hear and meet favorite authors. Sessions will feature a writing workshop, author talks, time to meet and socialize with multiple romance authors, and romance book recommendations from the people who know books our librarians! Registration details for the workshop will be announced later.

Art in Our City Zone 4: Through 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. The fourth exhibit features work by 11 artists from six neighborhoods in City Council Zone 4.

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.

BY NEIGHBORHOOD

BISSETT

Bissett Neighborhood Association Meetings:

July 9: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck, L.A. Wise Park Pavilion, 3014 W. Calhoun • Sept. 10: 6:30-7:30 p.m./6 p.m. optional potluck, Bissett Elementary School, 3014 W. Calhoun.

Bissett Neighborhood Yardzale: July 20: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Bissett Neighborhood is hosting its second-annual "Yardzale." If you live in Bissett and would like to participate, call Chandra at 417-818-0206. She'll fill you in on how you can register your home and get an official YardZale sign. Check out the Bissett Neighborhood Association Facebook page for more information.

BRADFORD PARK

Bradford Park Neighborhood Association

Meeting: July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17: 6:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 3555 S. Fremont

Back the Blue Rally: July 16: 6 p.m., Meet at the corner of Primrose and Fremont as we honor our superheroes, Springfield police and firefighters. There will be ice cream served at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church following the event.

Bradford Park Neighborhood Garage Sale:

Sept. 13-14. Call Janet at 417-882-1241 if you have unwanted items you would like to donate to benefit the association.

BRENTWOOD

Brentwood Neighborhood Association

Meeting: Meeting schedule varies. Please check the website or contact an officer for meeting dates, times and locations.

DELAWARE

Delaware Neighborhood Association

Meeting: Sept. 3: 7-8 p.m., optional dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland.

Delaware Neighborhood Ice Cream Social:

July 9: 5-8 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland. Please join us for our third annual ice cream social. Live music, good food, great conversation and, of course, ice cream and toppings.

Delaware Neighborhood Association Board

Meeting: Aug. 6: 7-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1551 E. Portland. Meetings are open to the public.

DOLING

Doling Neighborhood Association Meetings:

July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8: 6:45-8 p.m., optional potluck starts at 6 p.m., Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, 818 E. Norton Rd.

Adopt-A-Street Cleanup: July 13: 9 a.m. Meet at the parking lot of Kansas Expressway Church of Christ at the corner of Kansas Expressway and Talmage. Help us clean up the neighborhood. We'll pick up trash along Talmage between Kansas and Broadway. If we have enough volunteers, we'll also tackle Livingston between Kansas and the Livingston Dip. Doling Neighborhood Association will provide trash bags. Bring your own gloves.

GALLOWAY VILLAGE

Galloway Village Neighborhood Association

Meetings: July 16, Oct. 15: 6:30 p.m., Galloway Baptist Church, 2816 E. Republic Rd. Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

Our Galloway Public Input Meeting 3: July 9: 5:30-7 p.m., All Saints Anglican Church, 2751 E. Galloway St.

Moonlight Madness: July 12: 5-9 p.m., Sequoia Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. While the night sky is full of wonders, few celestial bodies have held our gaze and fueled our imagination quite like the moon. Join us for an evening of lunar crafts, a moon-themed storytime for children and more! Get a close-up view of the moon with telescopes provided by the Springfield Astronomical Society and strike a pose in our crescent moon photo booth. Don't forget your camera! We'll cap off our celestial evening with a moonlight bat flight hosted by the Outdoor Initiatives Department of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Call 882-0714.

Galloway Design Standards Presentation to City Council: July 23: Noon, Busch Municipal Building Councilman Denny Whyne Conference Room, 4th Floor, 840 N. Boonville Ave.

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.

Grant Beach Community Dinner: Thursdays and Sundays: 5:15-6 p.m., The Drew Lewis Foundation at the Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Free dinner. Free childcare. Free resources to support you and your family.

Northwest Project Grant Beach Maintenance

Classes: 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.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association Meetings: July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16: 6:30-7:30 p.m./ 6 p.m. optional potluck, St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1115 N. Campbell Ave.

Grant Beach Food and Family Network: Second & Fourth Saturdays of each month, 12:30 p.m., Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey. For low-income Grant Beach Neighborhood Association members to receive food and household supplies. Participants must be members of the neighborhood association, donate \$5 per pickup and contribute two hours of service per month to the neighborhood association by working concessions at Grant Beach Sports events, working in the garden or manning the Hovey House. Food for the boxes is provided by Victory Mission while household supplies, such as toilet paper and other necessities, are purchased with donations.

Grant Beach Neighborhood Night Out: Aug. 23: 6-10 p.m., Grant Beach Park, 1300 N. Grant Ave. Food, door prizes, raffles, music exhibitors, cakewalk, tie-dyeing, live auction and all sorts of fun activities.

GREATER PARKCREST

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association Meeting: Meetings are held on an as-needed basis at 6:30 p.m. at The Way Church, 903 W. Katella St. Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the next scheduled meeting.

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE

Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association Meetings: Aug. 8, Oct. 10: 6-7 p.m., Passion Assembly of God Church, 806 N. Forest.

MEADOR PARK

Meador Park Neighborhood Association Meetings: July 25: 6 p.m. The Dancing Mule, 1945 S. Glenstone Ave. • Aug. 22, Sept. 26: 6 p.m., Cowden Elementary School, 2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

MIDTOWN

Midtown Neighborhood Association Meetings: July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9: 6-7 p.m., Urban Neighborhood Alliance building on Cox North Hospital parking lot, 918 E. Calhoun St.

Midtown Neighborhood Night Out: Aug. 23: 6-8 p.m., Washington Park, 1600 N. Summit Ave. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include cookouts, visits from police officers, children's games and activities and live music.

29th Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade and Celebration: July 4: 10 a.m. Parade starts at Drury University's Drury Lane, (900 N. Benton Ave.), turns west on Central Street, north on Benton Avenue, east on Calhoun Street, north on Washington Avenue, east on Locust Street, north on Clay Avenue and ending at Washington Park (1600 N. Summit Ave.) where the celebration will continue with music, prizes, games and ice cream. Our 4th of July event is a rare opportunity for the public to step back in time for the nation's birthday. The historic Midtown District still retains its architectural integrity of the Victorian era. This year's theme is "Me & You, and Red, White, and Blue."

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove Neighborhood Adopt-a-Street Cleanup: July 6, Oct. 5: 9 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2818 E. Bennett St.

Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Meeting: July 30, 6 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2818 E. Bennett St. Meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of alternating months. Contact Gerald Clary at gclary@aol.com for specific information.

Oak Grove Neighborhood Night Out: Aug. 16: 6:30-8:15 p.m., Oak Grove Community Center, 1538 S. Oak Grove Ave.

PHELPS GROVE

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

ROBBERSON

Robberson Neighborhood Association Meetings: July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale.

Robberson Neighborhood Night Out: Aug. 24: 4-7 p.m., Pathways United Methodist Church, 1232 E. Dale. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include visits from police officers, children's games and activities.

ROUNTREE

Rountree Neighborhood Association Meetings: July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, : 7-8 p.m., University Heights Baptist Church, 1010 S. National.

My Favorite Crime Book Club @ Tie & Timber Beer Co.: July 10: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tie & Timber Beer Co., 1451 E. Cherry St. For ages 21 and older. Do you have a "favorite" serial killer? Are you fascinated by forensics? This true crime book discussion is for you. Call 882-0714. July's book is "The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century" by Kirk Wallace Johnson

TOM WATKINS

Racquet, White and Blue: July 5: 6-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Park, 2100 W. High St. Come play tennis with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board at Tom Watkins Park! Grab your family and friends and join the celebration on court with music, snacks and having fun playing tennis. All equipment is provided. Presented by USTA.

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association Meetings: Aug. 29, Nov. 28: 7-8 p.m., Tom Watkins Community Center, 2100 W. High St.

Tom Watkins Neighborhood Night Out: Sept. 14: 4-8 p.m. Tom Watkins Park, 2100 W. High St. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include cookouts, visits from police officers, children's games and activities.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

University Heights Neighborhood Association Meetings: Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2: 5:30 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr.

WELLER

Weller Neighborhood Association Meetings: Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3: 6-7 p.m., Turning Point Church, 1722 N. National.

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

Door-to-Door Wellness Event: July 13 and Aug. 3 (dates subject to change): 9 a.m.-noon. Weller Neighborhood. Blood pressure screening, wellness screening, personalized referrals, all free and confidential. For more information text or call 417-893-9609. Provided by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

Weller Neighborhood Night Out: Aug. 23: 6 p.m., Smith Park, 1500 E. Division St. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

WEST CENTRAL

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Meeting: Aug. 27, Sept. 24: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Broadway United Methodist Church, 545 S. Broadway Ave.

West Central Neighborhood Alliance Ice Cream Social: July 22: 6:30-8 p.m., Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park, 1200 W. College St. Join the West Central Neighborhood Alliance for our July Ice Cream Social. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy ice cream, food and fun.

West Central Neighborhood Night Out: Sept. 6: 5:30-7 p.m., McGregor School Park, 1200 W. State St. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include cookouts, visits from police officers, children's games and activities.

WESTSIDE

Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings: July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8: 6:30 p.m., Westport Park Apartments Community Room, 250 N. Hilton.

Westside Neighborhood Night Out: Sept. 2: 3-5 p.m., Westport Park, 3100 W. Mt. Vernon St. Neighborhood Night Out is an annual event that is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include, visits from police officers, children's games and activities.

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: July 16 (Ice Cream Social): 6 p.m., Lafayette Park (202 E. Atlantic) • Aug. 20, Sept. 17: 6:30-7:30 p.m./ 6 p.m. optional potluck dinner. 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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