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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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Coronavirus disrupts life in SGF

Residents encouraged to stay informed yet calm and follow health recommendations

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is top of mind for nearly everyone right now. Neighborhood cleanups through May 9 have been postponed, and dozens of community events have been cancelled or postponed.

While you may feel overwhelmed and anxious as life is disrupted in myriad ways, it's important to remember to stay calm and do what you can do to prevent infection and transmission.

- Stay informed. Visit health.springfieldmo.gov/coronavirus for the latest local information and recommendations.
- Use good hand hygiene and etiquette (wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, cough and sneeze into your elbow, avoid touching your face, wipe surfaces you touch regularly, throw away used tissues).
- If you're sick, stay home.
- Practice social distancing (try to stay at least 6 feet away from others when out). Social distancing is an effective tool for preventing the spread of disease. It can include large-scale measures like canceling group events or closing public spaces, as well as personal decisions like avoiding crowds.
- Follow the guidelines of your local jurisdiction regarding group gatherings. In Springfield and Greene County, group gatherings of 10 or more are prohibited until April 1. This may be extended beyond April 1, but if it is not, group

gatherings of 50 or more are prohibited through April 15. This may also be extended.

- Help elderly and at-risk friends, family and neighbors by offering to bring them groceries, medicine and other supplies so they can stay at home.

We are fortunate to have the right experts at the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and other public and private service agencies to chart our path forward as a community. We are doing what we do best and that is to collaborate and take preventative action.

Additional recommendations from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department regarding coronavirus/COVID-19 include:

- Avoid convening in groups of 10 or more.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect household surfaces with bleach or disinfectant wipes.
- If you are a high-risk individual (60 and older, have a chronic illness or are immune-

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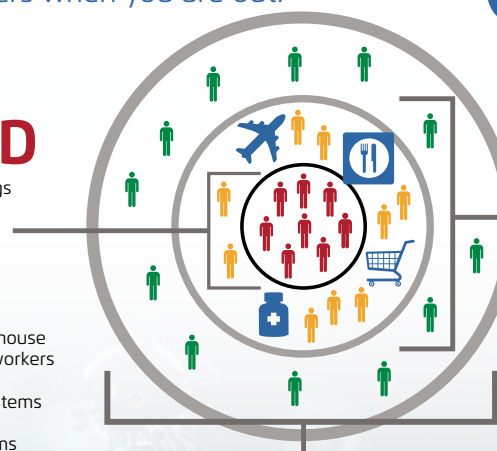
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AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleep overs
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theatre outings
- Athletic events
- Crowded stores
- Visitors in your house
- Non-essential workers in your house
- Mass transit systems
- Malls
- Workouts in gyms



SAFE

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean your home
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Group video chat
- Stream a show

USE CAUTION

- Visit local restaurants
- Visit grocery store
- Get take out
- Pick up medications
- Play solo sports (like tennis)
- Travel



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SPD remembers fallen Officer Christopher Walsh

By Jasmine Bailey, Springfield Police Department, for SGFNN

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Officer Christopher Walsh who died in the line of duty after being shot while attempting to rescue a shooting victim at the Kum & Go on East Chestnut Expressway on March 15.

Officer Walsh served with the Springfield Police Department since 2016 and was assigned as a patrol officer after graduating with the 68th Academy. He was also an Army veteran, active in the US Army Reserves for 10 years.

Officer Walsh was a Springfield native. He graduated from Glendale High School before attending Ozark Technical Community College where he completed the EMT-B course.

Chris was 32 years old and is survived by his wife and daughter.

"Chris died a hero, rushing in without regard to his own safety to protect members of his community. His courageous actions serve as an example to us all," said Chief of Police Paul Williams.

On March 15, at 11:24 p.m., Springfield Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Battlefield Road and Lone Pine Avenue regarding a shooting. While en route, multiple shooting calls were received.

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Another call came in at 11:43 and officers were dispatched to the Kum & Go on East Chestnut Expressway regarding another shooting. We believe one individual is responsible for each of these incidents. Callers at the Kum & Go reported a vehicle crashing at the scene and an armed suspect entering the store and shooting customers and employees.

Officer Josiah Overton and Officer Christopher Walsh were first to arrive and were immediately fired upon by the suspect.

Other responding officers arrived, removed the two injured officers and made entry into the store where they found the suspect deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

At the scene, they also located three other deceased individuals and one person with a gunshot wound. That person was transported to a local hospital where they are being treated.

Unfortunately, Officer Christopher Walsh suffered a fatal gunshot wound and passed away at the hospital.

Officer Josiah Overton sustained non-life threatening injuries. Officer Overton has been with SPD for two years and Officer Walsh was with SPD for three and a half years and was a U.S. Army veteran who remained active in the Army Reserves.

Both of these officers showed significant bravery and were heroic in their actions. We ask that you respect their families' privacy at this time. We ask for your thoughts and prayers for the officers' families and the members of the Springfield Police Department.

The Springfield Police Officers' Association and Springfield Police Department have been moved by the amount of public support from our community. The Springfield community has always stepped up for our law enforcement officers and this case is no different.

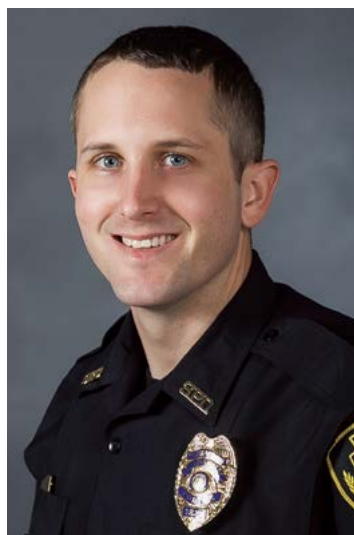
Officer Christopher Walsh was a father, husband, veteran and community hero, who laid down his life to save another. To focus the fundraising efforts for Officer Walsh's family, the Springfield Police Officers' Association has worked with Metro Credit Union to set up a relief fund. All donations made to this account will be for Officer Walsh's family and will assist in providing a blanket of protection for his loved ones.

If you are wishing to donate, please do not bring monetary donations to the Springfield Police Department. We ask that you follow the below instructions:

- Visit Metro Credit Union (Downtown) 447 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65806.
- Due to current public health concerns, it is requested that donations be dropped off via the drive-thru or overnight dropbox.
- When donating over \$1,000 please provide your legal name and address. Please make checks payable to "SPOA Relief Fund."

Anyone wishing to mail a donation can address it to the Springfield Police Officers' Association at 235 N. Benton Ave. Springfield, MO 65806. Online donations can be made through the SPOA website or on the Springfield Police Department website.

To provide Officer Walsh's family with privacy, any questions regarding fundraising can be directed to the Springfield Police Officers' Association Treasurer Brandon Keene (417)920-2800.



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compromised), you are urged to take extra precautions. These are:

- Stay home as much as possible and avoid unnecessary travel.
- Take extra measures to put distance between yourself and other people.
- Consider alternative ways of getting food and supplies brought to your house through family, social, or commercial networks or by using delivery or pick-up services at stores.
- Have a plan if you get sick (fever, shortness of breath, cough)
- Consult with your health care provider for more information about monitoring your personal health for symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email. You may need to ask for help from friends, family, neighbors, community health workers, etc. if you become sick.
- Determine who can provide you with care and bring supplies if your caregiver gets sick.
- Contact your health care provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand.
- If you cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications.
- Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms.
- Have enough household supplies and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.
- Take everyday precautions:
 - If you must leave your home, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
 - Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
 - Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks and cell phones).
- Pay attention for potential COVID-19 symptoms including, fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call your doctor.
- If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. In adults, emergency warning signs are:
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse
 - Bluish lips or face.

COPING WITH STRESS

This is a stressful time. Taking care of yourself, your friends, and your family can help you cope. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

Other tips for dealing with stress and anxiety include:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening ►



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- ▶ to news stories, including social media.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

Ideas for safe activities:

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Do yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean your house
- Read a book
- Listen to music
- Cook a nice meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Group video chat
- Stream a show.

Missouri Job Center North office to temporarily close

By Katherine Trombetta, Missouri Job Center, for SGFNN

The Missouri Job Center North Office located at 1443 N. Robberson, in the CoxHealth North Medical Tower, closed indefinitely effective March 18 to help combat the spread of the coronavirus. As of this publication's press deadline the south side location at 2900 E. Sunshine will remain open so job seekers and the general public may access the full services of the Job Center.

"We felt this was in the best interest of the public and our staff to help minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This move is a precautionary measure and we expect to reopen the Job Center North once the threat has diminished," said Sally Payne, interim director of the Department of Workforce Development.

Please check our Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date information on hiring event cancellations or postponements.



The road ahead: City launches community engagement process for Grant Avenue Parkway

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

City Public Information and Civic Engagement Department staff began a community engagement process in early March for envisioning the Grant Avenue Parkway. The Grant Avenue Parkway is a proposed project to create an off-street pedestrian and bicycle pathway/linear park along Grant Avenue between Sunshine Street and College Street through the Fassnight and West Central neighborhoods.

"This project will require a lot of community coordination and public input to determine what the completed parkway will look like. We're all going to have to work on this together as a community to see it become a reality." – Cora Scott

Fassnight does not have a registered neighborhood organization through the City, but its boundaries are Campbell Avenue to the east, Kansas Expressway to the west, Grand Street to the north and Sunshine Street to the south. West Central, also bordered on the west by Kansas Expressway, starts at Grand Street and extends to Chestnut Expressway. West Central's eastern boundary is Kimbrough Avenue.

The 3.3-mile parkway will connect downtown Springfield with the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium (WOW) – linking authentic Springfield experiences for residents and visitors. The Grant Avenue Parkway route would further connect parks and recreation amenities, neighborhoods, schools, and fill a gap in the Ozark Greenways rural trail network.

Grant Avenue was the natural choice for a parkway connecting WOW to downtown, said Director of Public Works Dan Smith.

"Campbell is a one-way street. Since the parkway needs to take people both directions – encouraging them to travel from WOW to downtown and back again – Grant Avenue was a better choice. Campbell also handles a higher volume of vehicular traffic," he said.

The parkway will start downtown and end at Sunshine Street, and include bike lanes, a roundabout, various traffic-calming improvements, a grade-separated crossing at Fassnight Creek, bridge enhancement, utility upgrades, fiberoptic connectivity and additional crossing and signal-timing improvements.

"Everything you see at this early stage is very conceptual," said Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott at a March 2 public input meeting with neighbors and other stakeholders. "This project will require a lot of community coordination and public input to determine what the completed parkway will look like. We're all going to have to work on this together as a community to see it become a reality."

A city-wide survey asking for input on the parkway is open through April and can be accessed



at springfieldmo.gov/grantavenueparkway.

"For decades the City has tried to find a way to connect activity centers through wayfinding and corridor beautification. WOW and Bass Pro Shops have proven to be a major economic asset," Scott said. "The City wants to make sure Springfield has the amenities that will capture the interest of its high volume of visitors, while also appealing to and improving the quality of life of our residents."

Director of Economic Development Sarah Kerner added that the Grant Avenue Parkway has the potential to provide community-wide benefits. The project will contribute to the economic competitiveness of the region by decreasing transportation costs, increasing access to employment opportunities and by creating and preserving jobs, help to revitalize neighborhoods and stimulate economic development along the corridor. A 2014 study of Indianapolis' eight-mile Cultural Trail found that the values of properties within a block of new infrastructure project increased by 148%.

The parkway is estimated to result in nearly \$30 million in transportation-cost savings for households in our community, as it integrates into the city's existing Ozark Greenways network and intersects with nine bus routes to provide low-cost and reliable access to employment centers, educational facilities, and access to health care, groceries and shopping.

"We estimate creation of up to 300 jobs as well as significant workforce retention and attraction benefits from this project. A growing body of evidence shows that businesses desire to locate in areas that are accessible by foot, bike, and transit, as they are attractive to the younger segment of the workforce whose car-ownership rates have dropped compared to previous generations. A similar project in Washington, D.C.'s Barracks Row helped attract 44 new businesses and 200 new jobs," Kerner said.

The City's Public Works Department will oversee the parkway's construction, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The estimated \$26 million endeavor will be one of Springfield's largest, most complex roadway projects in the last 20 years. Most of the funding – \$21 million – is from a BUILD Transportation Grant. BUILD stands for "Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary" Grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The City is required to provide a 20% match, roughly \$5 million, which will be funded through a combination of funding sources,

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including the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the ⅛-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

Public Works is coordinating with MoDOT and FHWA on an environmental review process, determining a project delivery method and developing a grant agreement. Funds must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2021 and the deadline for project completion is Sept. 30, 2026.

U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt supported the City's application, sending a letter to Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao in early 2019, urging funding for the project.

"This parkway will help the City take a giant step forward in carrying out the City Council priorities of Economic Vitality and Quality of Place," said Mayor Ken McClure. "We are extremely grateful for the superb congressional support, which has made this grant a reality."

The City's new director of quality of place, longtime Springfield architect Tim Rosenbury, will play a role in the parkway's development, advising on place-making strategies.



Concept drawing of the intersection at Grant Avenue and Portland Street.

"We think we may be among the first cities in the country to create a director of quality of place position, and we are confident that Tim will help us collectively transform our community into an even more highly desired place to live, work and visit," City Manager Jason Gage said.

In the 2019 city-wide transportation survey, walking and biking trail improvements were identified as a top priority. In the 2018 survey, 65% of respondents supported increasing the level of investment in the city's sidewalks, bike lanes and trail system. Walkability is a major theme that has emerged through the Forward SGF comprehensive planning process.

Mr. Airport retires after more than 40 years at the Springfield-Branson National Airport

By Kent Boyd, Springfield-Branson National Airport, for SGFNN

The Springfield airport's longest serving employee has retired. Steve Eggers began working at the airport as a firefighter, and aircraft fueler, on July 2, 1979.

That same year Sony introduced the Walkman. A gallon of gas cost 86 cents; Jimmy Carter was president. And Steve Eggers had shoulder-length hair and "aviator sunglasses bigger than my face!"

When he retired on March 13, he held the record for longest serving airport employee: 40 years, seven months, 13 days.

In 1979, the airport served just over 300,000 passengers. Last year that number was 1.2 million. The safety of every one of those passengers was in the hands of Steve Eggers.

He retires with the title of airport operations supervisor. In a nutshell, he oversees the safety and comfort of the flying public. More specifically: he oversees Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting, and aircraft fueling. He's also the "wildlife guy." That means he's charged with keeping wildlife off the airfield. He's also the trainer for the following: snow removal operations, the airport self-inspection program, how to talk on the radios while on the airfield, and how



Steve Eggers

to drive on the airfield. Besides all that, he's in charge of building and airfield maintenance. When you get down to it, he's in charge of nearly everything.

Eggers tells stories; 40 years' worth. Like the one about fueling Lockheed Constellations — those massive propeller-driven, four-engine airliners that served before the jet age. When he started working at the airport the "Connies" were retired from passenger service, but still used as air freighters. He had to walk across their wings to fuel them. The Connies would protest — moan, groan, spit out smoke and oil.

Eggers says the best part of his job is meeting people. Rock stars and movie stars. Presidents and first ladies. Kings, queens, politicians of every stripe, World War II vets flying Honor Flights, and customers who fill the terminal every day.

Eggers' airport career began long before his employment ...

He moved to a house just north of the airport when he was in the eighth grade. Sometimes he skipped school to go watch airplanes take off.

"I grew up on the outside looking in," says Eggers. "Now I'm on the inside looking out!"

Now he'll be on the outside again, but this time he'll have four decades of airport memories. And his co-workers will have fond memories of the man who definitely deserves the title, "Mr. Airport."

GOOD NEIGHBOR Tip



Avoid tall grass & weed overgrowth

The growth of weeds, brush or other rank vegetation in excess of 7 inches in height is declared to be a public nuisance according to Sec. 74-403 of the City Code. If the violation is not corrected at the end of the notice, the property owner can be issued a summons to Municipal Court and the property mowed by the City with a tax lien placed upon it to recover the cost of abatement.

Do you need help?

Community resources are available to help you keep your property in compliance. Visit cpozarks.org/tool-library, or call 417-888-2020 to borrow mowing/trimming equipment from the Springfield Tool Lending Library. If you live in a registered neighborhood, free neighborhood cleanups are offered in the spring or fall. Call 417-888-2020 to find out your neighborhood's next cleanup date. Your neighborhood association may also be able to offer you temporary assistance with your property. Call the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010 to find out if you live in a registered neighborhood and to obtain contact information.



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City Council adopts 2018 International Property Maintenance Code

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

At its Feb. 24 meeting, Springfield City Council adopted the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with a few local amendments.

The IPMC is a model code that regulates the maintenance requirements for existing buildings and houses.

The code is published every three years and provides a road map to the "keep it maintained" principle for a healthy home. The 2018 code requires increased levels for maintaining minimum property conditions for the purpose of ensuring public health, safety and welfare and allows City building inspectors to enforce modified minimum maintenance standards specifically for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and fire safety. The changes will go into effect May 26.

The City previously enforced a modified version of the 2012 IPMC. The substantial difference between the 2012 and 2018 IPMC relates to fire safety, including more stringent requirements for fire-resistance ratings, fire protection systems, carbon monoxide alarms and detection. These requirements align with the currently adopted 2018 International Fire Code.

The updated language is included in Article VII, "International Property Maintenance Code," known as the "Land Development Code" located in Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code. The code is online at library.municode.com/mo/springfield/codes/code_of_ordinances.

"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.

Council addressed the nuisance issue of tall grass and weeds in June 2019 by unanimously voting 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 were in accordance with state statute.

"Nuisance properties are an issue throughout the city. They bring down home value and increase the risk of crime. In West Central, we have a high



Residential Construction/Zoning Inspector Auston Wood posts a Do Not Occupy notice at a property in Springfield.

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, said the adoption of the 2018 IPC is another step forward in the battle against nuisance properties and the devastating effects they individually and cumulatively have on Springfield neighborhoods.

"The message should be clear that the City of Springfield is serious about cleaning up neighborhoods." – Phyllis Ferguson

"The message should be clear that the City of Springfield is serious about cleaning up neighborhoods," she said.

Significant local amendments to the 2018 IPMC include:

- A provision prohibiting the discharge of solids, liquids and gases in a manner that would create a nuisance.
- Added language to the section addressing interior and exterior finishes, requiring proper and complete finish materials and prohibiting

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The Springfield-Greene County Park Board offers **scholarships** for income qualifying youth to participate in **sports, summer camps and other programs** designed to **build skills and confidence** while maintaining a **healthy lifestyle**.

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Greene County Family Justice Center to move to former Tefft building in May

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Less than two years after opening its doors, a one-stop center for those experiencing domestic or family violence will relocate to the former Tefft School at 1418 E. Pythian.

Springfield Public Schools in July 2019 sold the 20,694-square-foot Tefft School building and 2-acre lot as surplus property to Greene County for \$10 to use as a new location for the FJC. The new location is set to open in May, said FJC Project Coordinator Jamie Willis.

The Tefft School was built in 1914 at a cost of \$40,000 and served as a K-5 elementary school until it was converted to an administrative center in 1991. The building closed permanently in 2016.

"In October 2019, one year after we opened in a 3,000-square-foot space in the Judicial Courts facility, the Greene County Family Justice Center took ownership of Tefft School, with plans to move operations there in May 2020. This new facility will allow FJC to increase the capacity of clients served by increasing service areas nearly threefold, and adding additional office space for new and existing on-site partnerships," Willis said.

In its first year, the Greene County Family Justice Center served nearly 1,400 adult victims of domestic, sexual or family violence and more than 200 children. At the FJC, victims can receive assistance creating a safety plan, filing an Order of Protection, securing emergency shelter, filing a police report, meeting with a civil legal attorney, accessing crisis counseling and more. Services are free of charge and confidential.

Community partners on-site at the new location will include Harmony House, The Victim Center, Legal Services of Southern Missouri, Burrell Behavioral Health, Springfield Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Greene County Children's Division, Greene County Prosecutor's Office and the Child Support Division.

ABOUT THE FJC

Domestic violence typically occurs behind closed doors, but it affects thousands of families in our community each year. Domestic violence touches every neighborhood within the Springfield area, and has no regard for age, class, race, or gender. Rates of domestic violence have been historically high in Greene County, but rates increased dramatically in 2012, with 3,428 incidents reported to local law enforcement. This increase was the motivation for the creation of the Family Violence Task Force, a

group of local community leaders charged with creating a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

"This new facility will allow FJC to increase the capacity of clients served by increasing service areas nearly threefold, and adding additional office space for new and existing on-site partnerships." – Jamie Willis

The Family Justice Center model is one approach that was identified by the Family Violence Task Force as a solution to the high rates of family violence in Greene County. This framework focuses on putting the needs of victims first by increasing access to community resources in a collaborative setting, and providing one safe place for victims to access services from many community partners, including domestic violence shelters, civil legal attorneys, law enforcement, prosecutors, and mental health counselors.

The U.S. Department of Justice recognizes this model as a best practice, and other communities implementing this model have seen promising results, including increased victim safety, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, increased efficiency among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, and dramatically reduced domestic homicide rates. The FJC's operations are supported by the nonprofit Greene County Justice Center Alliance.



Jamie Willis



Former Tefft School building at 1418 E. Pythian.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic, sexual or family violence, you are not alone. The Greene County Family Justice Center accepts walk-ins during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and can help you or your loved one navigate the road to safety. Transportation assistance to the Family Justice Center can be provided if needed, by calling 417-799-1500. For assistance after hours, help is available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the SAFeline at 417-864-SAFE (7233). To learn more about the FJC, visit GreeneCountyFamilyJusticeCenter.org.

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exposed insulation substrate or building wrap.

- Requiring the owner of occupied premises to provide a garbage container and remove rubbish and garbage at least every 14 days. 2012 local amendments limited requirement to properties of five units or more. 2018 language keeps IPMC language, which is no unit minimum.
- Addition of a definition of "vacant structure" to clarify when condition requirements for occupied structures are considered violations. The IPMC or any other ordinance does not render "vacant" secure and maintained structures as a violation, however, vacant structures and premises are required to be maintained safe, secure, and sanitary.
- Addition of a section addressing "Use of Cellar or Basement as Habitable Room."
 1. No cellar or basement space may be used as a habitable room and no basement space may be used as a dwelling unit unless:
 - The floor and walls are impervious to leakage of underground and surface runoff water and are fully insulated against moisture intrusion and dampness;
 - The total window area in each room is equal to at least the minimum window area size as required in Section 402;
 - Such required minimum window area is located entirely above the grade of the ground adjoining such window area;
 - The total, operable-window area in each room is equal to at least the minimum as required under Section 403, except where there is supplied some other device affording adequate ventilation, which is approved by the director of the Department of Building Development Services in writing.
 2. Any basement or cellar space may be used for living, eating, cooking, or sleeping if, for each such use, there are other facilities complying with this article available within the same dwelling for the occupants thereof. The intent of this subsection is to allow any basement or cellar space to be used as a habitable room if it is supplemental to, or in addition to, a dwelling unit or habitable room complying with code.
- Redundant clauses enforceable in other City ordinances or those regulated and enforced by the state (such as elevator clauses) were stricken. Those include: definitions of inoperable motor vehicles, and regulation of elevator, escalators and dumbwaiters.



Building Inspector Carson Cash inspects a property in Springfield.

Forward SGF Issues and Opportunities Report released

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

At a joint City Council Lunch meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Forward SGF Advisory Team Jan. 28, planning consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates and Planning and Development staff presented an overview of the Forward SGF Issues and Opportunities Report, which identifies critical issues and opportunities that should be addressed by the City's next Comprehensive Plan.

The analysis for the report was informed by past planning efforts, demographic trends, community outreach, and extensive research to establish a complete understanding of Springfield today. The report serves as the foundation of Forward SGF by highlighting community priorities, potentials and key issues that need to be improved.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Over the course of three months, the initial phase of the Forward SGF outreach program yielded a large amount of information regarding the issues and opportunities facing the Springfield community, according to the report.

During the fall of 2019, a total of 57 workshops were conducted, engaging nearly 1,500 participants in face-to-face community engagement exercises. In addition, over 5,500 people participated online through a series of surveys and use of Map.Social, an online mapping tool. The Forward SGF Community Outreach Summary report is publicly available through the Forward SGF project website (forwardsgf.com), which provides an in-depth summary of major talking points and online survey responses. Key themes from community outreach have been integrated throughout the report in corresponding sections.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Key assets and strengths represent the positive aspects of the Springfield community that should be preserved as the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan provides recommendations for the future. The City's outdoor and natural areas were identified as top assets, followed closely by higher education institutions. In addition, residents' ability to collaborate on issues facing the community were highlighted as a top strength of the community. While Springfield has numerous assets, a selection of assets have been profiled throughout the report to ensure that issues are discussed alongside positive

elements of the community.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Existing land use and development in Springfield has been inventoried to identify issues and opportunities related to the City's built form, character, and sense of place. The analysis contained in the report included field reconnaissance and review of the City's Land and Development Code and municipal land use data. This inventory will be used to inform recommendations of Forward SGF regarding where to direct future development and investment in Springfield. This section also includes an overview of market potential for retail, office, and industrial uses, and a review of the existing housing stock.

PLACETYPES APPROACH

The Forward SGF planning process will utilize a place-based approach to land use planning that characterizes specific areas based on their character, scale, form and function. This place-based approach is not focused on the use of a specific parcel, but rather is concerned with the collective mix of uses that establish a place.

Existing land use and development has been characterized by using a place-based approach that defines 12 "placetypes" within Springfield.

Taken together, the placetypes provide a land use and development palette that defines all existing areas of the City. By thinking of Springfield as a collection of unique places, Forward SGF will promote the development of places at a neighborhood or district scale, providing for a greater deal of flexibility and potential for innovation. The place-based approach promotes development and reinvestment that enables vacant and underutilized parcels and blocks by focusing not just on land use, but also on design, functionality and access to infrastructure.

The intent of the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan is to preserve Springfield's established neighborhoods and commercial districts, while encouraging reinvestment and new development that provides for a sustainable future. The place-



based approach will allow the City and its partners to effectively plan and manage existing unique areas and define desired growth and development across the City and in adjacent areas of Greene County.

ISSUES & ACTIONS

The report summarizes a wide variety of issues and opportunities within Springfield that were identified by the community. The

Comprehensive Plan, however, is geared

towards spatial issues related to future development and growth and will not address all themes presented in the document, according to Mary Lilly Smith, director of planning & development.

"Several of the outreach themes highlighted in this report can be dealt with directly in the Comprehensive Plan, while others will require an indirect approach. For example, the plan will be able to directly address housing issues using established mechanisms such as the zoning ordinance and code

enforcement," said Planning and Development Director Mary Lilly Smith. "However, issues such as education and crime are less impacted by land use and development policy and infrastructure projects. For these issues, the Comprehensive Plan can play an indirect role by addressing environmental contributors to the issue and raising awareness of community priorities that need to be dealt with outside of the Forward SGF planning process."

Poverty, crime, homelessness, lack of public transportation and low wages were the most frequently mentioned issues within Springfield. Similarly, addressing homelessness, improving public transportation, beautifying the City, improving sidewalk and trail connectivity and reducing crime were the top five actions community members would like to see undertaken.

The lack of inclusion and lack of diversity regarding racial and ethnic groups, the LGBTQ

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Mayor McClure encourages citizens to participate in U.S. census

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The 2020 U.S. census officially began Jan. 21 in the Alaska Native village of Toksook Bay, Alaska, on the Bering Sea. March 12-20, the U.S. Census Bureau mailed every household in Missouri an invitation to respond to the census online, by phone or by mail. Households without internet access will receive a paper questionnaire.



"Federal agencies rely on census data to determine funding allocations for our public safety agencies, hospitals, schools and public infrastructure projects." – Mayor Ken McClure

Mayor Ken McClure encourages Springfield citizens to participate in the census to ensure the Springfield community is accurately represented on the federal level.

"The census gives us a real opportunity to make sure that each one of our citizens is counted," Mayor McClure said. "Federal agencies rely on census data to determine funding allocations for our public safety agencies, hospitals, schools and public infrastructure projects. The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts."

For every adult and every child that is not counted, Missouri loses an estimated \$1,300 in federal dollars. As a result of the 2010 census, Missouri lost a congressional seat and millions of dollars in federal funding.

ABOUT THE CENSUS

The U.S. census is conducted every 10 years and is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Responses to the census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Responses should be based on household information as of April 1. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you in any way.

By law, all responses to the U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential. Households that don't respond to the census will continue to receive reminders, including U.S. census workers visiting your home. The final census counts are due to the president Dec. 1.

Longtime architect hired by City as Director of Quality of Place Initiatives

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

Architect Tim Rosenbury has been hired by the City of Springfield as the Director of Quality of Place Initiatives. He began employment with the City on March 2. The primary purpose of the newly created position is to provide leadership and assume primary professional and management responsibility for integrating quality of place initiatives into the City's infrastructure project development, policy formulation and related activities.

The goal of quality of place initiatives is to make Springfield a more desirable, competitive and economically vibrant place to live. City Council identified "Quality of Place" as one of five priorities. Rosenbury announced his retirement Feb. 4 from design firm Butler, Rosenbury & Partners (now renamed BRP). He underwent the process of withdrawing as a shareholder in the company in February.

"I look forward to collaborating with our City leadership, our citizens and staff to make Springfield a community of choice, in my case by the way the public-built environment is experienced." – Tim Rosenbury

In business since 1978 in Springfield, BRP is a nationally ranked design firm offering architecture and planning services for business to business, civic, community, hospitality, retail and entertainment clients locally, nationally and internationally. Rosenbury graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from Mississippi State University in 1980 before joining colleague Geoffrey Butler in 1984. His leadership experience includes project management and serving as principal in charge of many of BRP's civic and community projects. He is an active community advocate and has served on a number of civic task forces and committees, including Vision 20/20 Center City Focus Group.

Rosenbury is completing his second term on Springfield School Board, which will expire in April. He served on the community advisory board of The Salvation Army, is a Leadership Springfield alum and is a former chairman of the board of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are thrilled to have Tim join our team at the City," said City Manager Jason Gage. "We think we may be among the first cities in the country to create a 'director of quality of place initiatives' position, and we are confident that Tim will help us collectively transform our community into an even more highly desired place to live, work and visit. He will be an asset to our nationally accredited Public Works team and other City departments as we move forward."


Public Works Director Dan Smith says Rosenbury will play a key role in assisting with the Grant Avenue Parkway, the daylighting of Jordan Creek and other projects launched out of the Forward SGF visioning process.

Director of Planning & Development Mary Lilly Smith says he will be advising her department on the development of the comprehensive plan. Rosenbury will be paid \$115,000 yearly and is a member of the City's Leadership Team, reporting to the City Managers' Office. The position is funded by the City's general fund.

"I'm excited to get started on this urgent and important work for our community. I welcome the responsibility, and I look forward to collaborating with our City leadership, our citizens and staff to make Springfield a community of choice, in my case by the way the public-built environment is experienced," said Rosenbury.



Tim Rosenbury



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SPD shares 2019 top 10 dispatched calls for service for each neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Representatives from the Springfield Police Department, including each neighborhood's PAR (Police Area Representative) will share the 2019 top 10 dispatched calls for service for each neighborhood at the May 13 Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting. **(Please check with your neighborhood representatives to see if this meeting has been cancelled.)**

"Each PAR officer will also share a project of their choosing to combat one of the crime issues in their section." – Sgt. Ryan Russell

"Each PAR officer will also share a project of their choosing to combat one of the crime issues in their section," said Sergeant Ryan Russell, who oversees SPD's Community Services Section.

Below are the definitions of common calls for service.

CHECK WELL-BEING

Person not answering their phone or door, family/friend unable to contact them, subject laying on the ground unknown problem.

CHECK A BUILDING

Home, business or structure is in a suspicious state (window/door may be open or tampered with or something out of place, light on or off when shouldn't be). If a person is doing something at a building the call type would be check a person/burglary in progress/vandalism, theft, etc. and not check a building.

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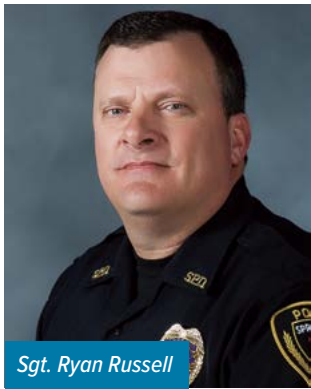
Suspicious activity observed, someone may be in place they are not supposed to be, behavior is out of place such as someone in a neighborhood that does not belong, or if caller believes the behavior is unusual in nature.

CHECK A VEHICLE

Suspicious vehicle on street, in neighborhood or within an area. Vehicle is parked somewhere it should not be, possibly vehicular trespassing. Vehicle is suspicious in nature due to VIN scratched off, strange odor. If a person is connected to a suspicious vehicle then it would be another call type. If it's just listed as abandoned without any suspicious circumstance then it is a lower priority call and would not be listed as check a vehicle, but abandoned vehicle.

The Community Crime Map website at communitycrimemap.com allows citizens to get a better idea of the criminal activity in their area. The public can use this to look at crime occurring in their neighborhoods, potential new neighborhoods, or near their work.

To make anonymous tips you can call Crimestoppers at 417-869-TIPS (8477) or online at www.P3tips.com.



Sgt. Ryan Russell

To see what your neighborhood's top 10 dispatched calls for service were and how they compare with last year's numbers turn to your neighborhood section.

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City's assistant director of Environmental Services named interim director of BDS

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

Wade Drossel, P.E., has been named the interim director of the Building Development Services department (BDS) as the City continues with the search for a permanent director. Wade has been serving as one of two Environmental Services assistant directors. His office will be located in BDS.

Wade grew up in northwest Missouri, where he began his career in production management while attending Missouri Western State University. Upon graduating with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, he continued his career in production scheduling, shipping, and materials. In



Wade Drossel

2005, he was drawn to the Ozarks by the beauty and opportunities the area provided, so he moved to Springfield and resumed his career in manufacturing.

The chance to pursue a career in civil engineering presented itself in 2009, and in 2012 Wade graduated with a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology. After graduation, he worked for a rural electric cooperative, designing transmission lines, inspecting projects, writing contracts and

working on other unique and diverse projects. During that time, he also became a licensed professional engineer. He joined the City of Springfield in September 2018.

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community, and people of varied socioeconomic backgrounds were highlighted as the top two concerns by the business community. Participants expressed that the community is not welcoming to different types of people and beliefs and that there is a need for stronger inclusion.

The report also noted that there is concern within the community that Springfield is experiencing trouble attracting and retaining the next generation of talented workers. Several workshop participants identified "brain drain," where the well-educated graduates from local universities move elsewhere for better employment opportunities, as a top priority.

Other issues noted in the report include a lack of pedestrian connectivity, bicycle infrastructure, beautification, community identity, the need for more diversity in housing choices, traffic and congestion, and access to health care.

NEXT STEPS

The completion of the Issues and Opportunities Report signifies the end of the first phase of the comprehensive planning process, providing a snapshot of the "here and now." As the City has now established a strong understanding of what Springfield is like today, the next step is to work with the community to form a unified vision, which includes the three Forward SGF Visioning Workshops held in January. Input from the workshops is being used to refine the preliminary list of community issues and identify Comprehensive Plan priorities. Learn more about the comprehensive planning process at ForwardSGF.com

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Springfield Art Museum's 2020 exhibition lineup includes National Portrait Gallery traveling show

By Joshua Best, Springfield Art Museum, for SGFNN
The Springfield Art Museum has cancelled all public programs and events until May 11 to assist in efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. The museum temporarily closed to the public on March 18 for 14 days and will reassess the status of public operations on April 1 (after this publication's press deadline). Please check with the Springfield Art Museum for the latest information concerning public hours of operation.

The Springfield Art Museum celebrates its 92nd year of service to the community with a special exhibition calendar packed with local, regional and international interest.

NEW IN 2020

Framed: The Art of the Picture Frame (through June 21)

This special exhibition features over 40 works from the museum's permanent collection, demonstrating art framing styles and trends as varied as the paintings they surround and illustrating the important role of art framing in conserving and preserving artwork. This exhibition is divided into three areas: history of art framing, aesthetics, and a hands-on educational frame shop. This exhibition is guest curated by Exhibitions Manager Cindy Quayle.

This & That: Cartoons by Bob Palmer (July 4-Sept. 27)

Robert "Bob" Palmer was Springfield's longest-working cartoonist, creating over 10,000 political cartoons for the Springfield News-Leader. Palmer began his cartooning career in 1945 working as a ghost artist on Will Eisner's comic strip *The Spirit*. He also drew political cartoons for the New York Daily News before moving to Springfield in 1953 to take over as in-house political cartoonist. He retired from the Springfield News-Leader in 1991 and passed away in 1999. In 2008, Palmer's family gifted the museum over 1,000 original cartoons. An additional 30 cartoons were gifted in 2018. This treasure trove traces local, national, and worldwide issues covering eight U.S. presidents, seven Missouri governors, and numerous local personalities.

Eye to I: Self Portraits from the National Portrait Gallery (Oct. 17-Jan. 17, 2021)

This traveling exhibition draws from the National Portrait Gallery's vast collection of self-portraits, exploring how American artists have chosen to portray themselves over the past two centuries. The exhibit includes a variety of styles and media ranging from tiny caricatures to wall-sized photographs, from colorful pastels and watercolors to dramatic paintings and time-based media. The

exhibition features more than 75 works that span the art historical timeline from 1901 to today. This exhibition is curated by the National Portrait Gallery's Chief Curator, Brandon Fortune.

The River: Anne Austin Pearce and Thomas Hart Benton (Dec. 12-Feb. 28, 2021)

This focus exhibition features contemporary Missouri artist Anne Austin Pearce's (featured in the 4x4: 2016 Midwest Invitational Exhibition) works juxtaposed with those of noted Missouri regionalist Thomas Hart Benton. The common thread uniting these works are Missouri's waterways, which inspired both artists.

RETURNING IN 2020

All School Exhibition (through April 26)

The museum's longest running exhibition initiative, the All School Exhibition invites student artists from public, private, parochial, and home school cooperatives to exhibit outstanding artwork in our largest gallery space. This exhibit also reflects the work of the incredibly talented teachers in our community, many of whom are practicing artists themselves.

Missouri State University MFA Showcase (May 1-24)

Features bodies of work produced by Missouri State University graduate students pursuing a master's degree in visual arts from the Art + Design Department.

Watercolor USA 2020 (June 6-Aug. 16)

This annual summer favorite returns with over \$20,000 in cash prizes and possible Museum purchase awards available. This will be the 59th showing of the very best in contemporary American watermedia, judged by Misa Jeffereis, Assistant Curator at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis.

Four by Four (4x4): 2020 Midwest Invitational Exhibition (Sept. 5-Nov. 29)

The biennial 4x4 exhibition recognizes and encourages contemporary artists working in all media who reside in the four-state region of Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. This year's exhibition features four women artists whose work focuses on the body.

EVERGREEN IN 2020

New works from American artists from the 18th century onward will continue to rotate quarterly into *Creating an American Identity*, our semi-permanent exhibition of our permanent collection that focuses on the ways in which artists respond to and reveal



our cultural identity as Americans. This exhibition includes a selection of 75 works from as wide an array of artistic voices as possible with our current collection including even more works by women, people of color, Native Americans, and LGBTQ+ communities.

New works will continue to rotate into selections from our Asian art collection on view in the Hartman Gallery. Patrons can also enjoy installation pieces like Anne Lindberg's titled sky and Dale Chihuly's Autumn Persian and Feather Chandelier, year-round. The museum's grounds also include six outdoor sculptures including works by John Henry, Richard Hunt, Ernest Trova, and John Walker.

CONTINUING FROM 2019

Shawn Bitters: Burn Out (through July)

Shawn Bitters is a Kansas City-based sculptor and printmaker. His work explores the use of language, narratives, and belief structures to establish connections to our environment. *Burn Out* is comprised of 23 "stones," on view through July 2020 as a long-term loan courtesy of the artist. The stones in *Burn Out* form a narrative; each rock is encoded, representing a letter. The stones can be 'read' by moving through the landscape, beginning at the museum's amphitheater and moving west and north through nearby Phelps Grove Park. This installation is a collaboration with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 12 • June 9: 6:30–7:30 p.m., 6 p.m. optional
potluck @ Bissett Elementary School
(3014 W. Calhoun).

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer











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 **Bissett Elementary School**
3014 W. Calhoun

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched
Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	145	236 
Check Person	121	167 
General Disturbance	97	132 
Check Building	50	77 
Domestic Disturbance	86	72 
Check Vehicle	47	45 
Assist An Agency	33	40 
Traffic Control	--	38 
Domestic Assault	--	38 
Alarm – Law Only	36	37 

New Bissett Elementary principal named for 2020-2021 school year

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

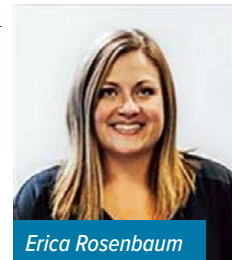
Springfield Public Schools is pleased to announce that Mrs. Erica Rosenbaum will serve as the next principal of Bissett Elementary, effective July 1 for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Rosenbaum will follow Mrs. Marcie Stallcup who retires June 30.

"I look forward to joining the dedicated staff at Bissett Elementary to continue meeting the needs of all learners – both academically and socially," said Rosenbaum. "I am eager to collaborate with the Bissett community to continue providing a safe, positive and loving learning environment for all students."

Rosenbaum is a current learning specialist with the district, serving students at Bowerman, Truman, Twain, and Williams elementary schools, as well as Pleasant View K-8 School and the Shady Dell and Shining Stars early childhood centers. In that role, Rosenbaum coaches teachers on curriculum implementation and instructional strategies, while also supporting building leaders with training, planning and other professional learning. Prior experience includes three years as a blended learning specialist at several elementary schools, including Bissett, and four years as a kindergarten teacher at York Elementary.



Rosenbaum completed both her undergraduate work in elementary education and graduate work in educational technology from Missouri State University. She holds a specialist degree in educational leadership from Arkansas State University.



Erica Rosenbaum

"SPS and the Bissett family are pleased to welcome Erica to this important role," said Dr. J. Anderson, executive director of elementary learning for SPS. "Her unique experience as a teacher and learning coach for students, staff and building leaders will serve especially well as principal."

Bissett Elementary Math Team finishes strong in math contest

By Russell Moore, for SGFNN

Another year, another fantastic showing of the Bissett Elementary Math Team at the Springfield Title I Math Contest.

On Feb. 8, Springfield Public Schools held the ninth annual Title I Math Contest at Westport School. Third, fourth and fifth-grade students from 16 Springfield elementary schools participated. Each grade was scored in two categories: concepts and problem solving. Awards were given to the top seven finishers in each grade for each category.

Bissett's team performed well in each grade, with Preston Stranghoener winning first place in fourth-grade problem solving. A team event was held for



the fifth-grade teams, and Bissett brought home the third-place trophy in that event for the second year in a row.

Great job, Bissett Bobcats!

Complete Electronics Recycling renews Bissett business membership

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Complete Electronics Recycling on Chestnut Expressway just east from Hillcrest Avenue is renewing their BNA membership for 2020 and they continue to be a great service to our neighborhood for dropping off old appliances, electronics and batteries.

Having them on site for our annual cleanup (set for Saturday, June 6) is a great help. Their Upcycle Store has really taken off and what they sell there are really nice quality used electronics, housewares, furnishings, tools, yard equipment and so on.

They also have a secure shredding service for old



documents, and they have a service to come in and clean out that garage, shed or other space that has just become a bunch of clutter. They'll cull out what is recyclable or "upcyclable," so way better for the environment than just throwing everything into a dumpster.

Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

June 6: 8 a.m.-Noon

Bissett Elementary (3014 W. Calhoun)

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Metal (Appliances and TVs for fee) Curbside pick is available.
Contact **Russell Moore** (417-988-7146)



L.A. Wise Park improvements slated for this summer

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

A \$63,000 Neighborhood Works grant calls for new multi-purpose asphalt play courts, with basketball goals and stripes for playing basketball or pickleball. The project also includes new grills and benches, and corner markers to better define the soccer field. All these improvements are scheduled for summer.

The L.A. Wise Park project also includes connecting an existing walking path to the adjacent Bissett Elementary School. Miles Park, assistant director of Parks, says the Park Board is working with Springfield Public Schools on that project, because the path would be on school property.



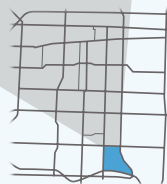
Community and neighborhood leaders cut ribbon on new L.A. Wise Park Pavilion and picnic tables in September 2018. Additional improvements to the park are scheduled for this summer.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	374	504	↑
Check Person	213	227	↑
General Disturbance	155	175	↑
Check Building	123	165	↑
Alarm – Law Only	143	156	↑
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	151	152	↑
Assist An Agency	--	96	↑
Stealing	64	82	↑
Check Vehicle	--	73	↑
Domestic Disturbance	68	67	↓

Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 15 • May 20 • June 17: 6:30 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Church (3555 S. Fremont Ave.)

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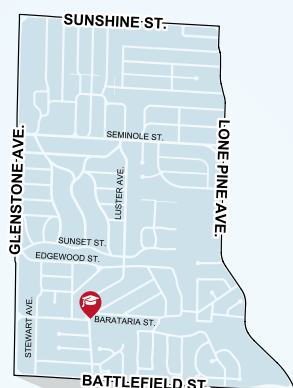


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Rebuilt fire station coming to Brentwood Neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Two of Springfield's most underserved areas are getting brand-new fire stations while two of its oldest stations will be demolished and rebuilt, thanks to the renewal of the Level Property Tax in November 2017.

"We are keeping our promise to Springfield voters," said Fire Chief David Pennington.

Two of the projects — Fire Station 13 in the 1900 block of West College and Fire Station 14 at the northeast corner of West Chestnut Expressway and North Duke Avenue — are brand-new stations, while two will replace Fire Station 4 at 2423 N. Delaware and Fire Station 7 at 2129 E. Sunshine (located in the Brentwood neighborhood).

Demolition and construction for station 7's



A rendering of the rebuilt Fire Station 7 on East Sunshine. Demolition and construction for station 7's replacement will begin in September 2021 and finish by May 2022.

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Pennington said that Fire Stations 4 and 7, which were built in the 1950s and '60s, have long exceeded their usefulness.

"We look forward to replacing 4 and 7 with modern facilities and equipment," he said.

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

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	212	216 ↑
Check Person	141	170 ↑
Check Building	110	105 ↓
Alarm – Law Only	109	101 ↓
General Disturbance	87	84 ↓
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	65	65 —
Domestic Disturbance	47	58 ↑
Assist An Agency	29	40 ↑
Check Vehicle	41	37 ↓
Vehicle Accident, Injury	--	35 ↑



Unity of Springfield reschedules 3rd annual Earth Day celebration for June 12-13

By Cyndi Driver

Unity of Springfield, 2214 E. Seminole, recognizes the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with our third annual Planet Unity celebration. Due to concerns related to the coronavirus, the event, which was original planned for April 17-18, has been rescheduled for June 12-13, 6-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission for both days will be free.



Saturday kicks off with a 5K race at 8 a.m. — registration opens at 7 a.m. The cost for registration is \$20 if you register by May 30 and comes with a guaranteed T-shirt. Registration will then be \$25 May 31-June 12 and will be \$30 on race day. T-shirts for those registering after May 30 will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until supplies run out. Go to actnowracing.com to register or obtain more information.

Both Friday and Saturday will feature live music, food, wine and beer. Saturday, local vendors will be

offering a wide range of eco-conscious products to purchase. There will be free craft activities for kids and adults, face painting, a children's bounce house and a plant sale.

This year's theme "Climate Action" is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, and we will feature subject matter experts speaking about Earth Day, bees, plants, and birds.

An indoor yard sale (reduce/reuse/recycle) starts Friday evening and continues all day Saturday, as well as a silent auction 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

A 50/50 raffle winner will be drawn at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Please visit facebook.com/planetunityspringfield for the latest updates and information concerning possible changes to times and/or activities.

Planet Unity is made possible by sponsorship from individuals and businesses. For information on how you can help support this event, go to: planetunityinfo@gmail.com or call the church office at 417-887-2214.

PLANET UNITY: JUNE 12-13

Unity of Springfield, 2214 E. Seminole
Friday: 6-9 p.m. • Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
ADMISSION IS FREE!

This year's celebration includes: a 5K race, live music, food, local vendors, craft activities, face painting, bounce house, plant sale, indoor yard sale, and more.

Visit facebook.com/planetunityspringfield for more info or call 417-887-2214 or email planetunityinfo@gmail.com



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Delaware Elementary School
1505 S. Delaware Ave.



Neighborhood Works sidewalk construction complete in Delaware neighborhood

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Approximately 3,714 linear feet of new sidewalk were constructed in late February in the Delaware Neighborhood thanks to the City's Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program. Sidewalks were added along Portland Street, Fairway Avenue, Kentwood Avenue, Bennett Street and Meadowmere Street at a total cost of \$110,596.

A total of \$500,000 is budgeted to continue the Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program through 2024. The NAC scoring committee for the program is expected to convene this summer to discuss any tweaks to the program format or application criteria moving forward.



Photos courtesy of Kevin Evans



Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 5 • July 7: 6 p.m. (catered dinner included)
@ Westminster Presbyterian Church (1551 E. Portland)

• Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jacob Boomgaarden: 417-864-1321
jboomgaarden@springfieldmo.gov



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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	98	162 ↑
Check Person	70	106 ↑
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	25	64 ↑
Check Building	33	53 ↑
General Disturbance	41	51 ↑
Alarm – Law Only	34	42 ↑
Check Vehicle	28	39 ↑
Vehicle Accident, Injury	--	32 ↑
Vehicle Accident, Left	--	22 ↑
Domestic Disturbance	29	22 ↓

Fremont Avenue to close in 4 phases between Grand Avenue and Sunshine Street

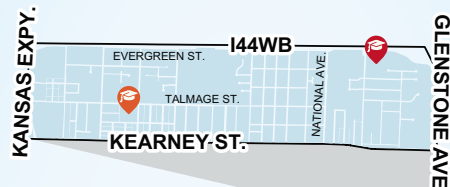
By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

City Utilities began closing Fremont Avenue in separate phases between Grand Avenue and Sunshine Street on March 2 to complete gas and water renewals. The work is expected to last through the beginning of May. Each of the following project phases will close entirely to through traffic but access will be maintained to residences:



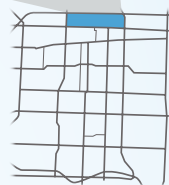
- Phase 1: Grand Street to Catalpa Street
 - Phase 2: Catalpa Street to Bennett Street
 - Phase 3: Bennett Street to Portland Street
 - Phase 4: Portland Street to Sunshine Street
- Motorists are advised to follow the posted detour.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 14 • May 12 • June 9: 6:45 – 8 p.m.
6 p.m. optional potluck @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Road)

• Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Fremont Elementary School
2814 N. Fremont Ave.

Watkins Elementary School
732 W. Talmage St.

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Rebuilt fire station coming to Doling Neighborhood

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Two of Springfield's most underserved areas are getting brand-new fire stations while two of its oldest stations will be demolished and rebuilt, thanks to the renewal of the Level Property Tax in November 2017.

"We are keeping our promise to Springfield voters," said Fire Chief David Pennington.

Two of the projects – Fire Station 13 in the 1900 block of West College and Fire Station 14 at the northeast corner of West Chestnut Expressway and North Duke Avenue – are brand-new stations, while two will replace Fire Station 4 at 2423 N. Delaware (located on the boundary between the Doling and Robberson neighborhoods) and Fire Station 7 at 2129 E. Sunshine.

Demolition of station 4 will begin this May/June, with construction for its replacement beginning in



A rendering of the rebuilt Fire Station 4 on North Delaware. Demolition of station 4 will begin this May/June, with construction for its replacement beginning in June and finishing by March 2021.

June and finishing by March 2021.

Pennington said that Fire Stations 4 and 7, which were built in the 1950s and '60s, have long exceeded their usefulness.

"We look forward to replacing 4 and 7 with modern facilities and equipment," he said.

Neighborhood Works sidewalk construction in Doling beginning soon

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN



Construction of 1,863 linear feet of new sidewalks is imminent along Douglas Avenue, Woodlawn Street and Missouri Avenue, thanks to the City's Neighborhood Works neighborhood capital improvement grant program.

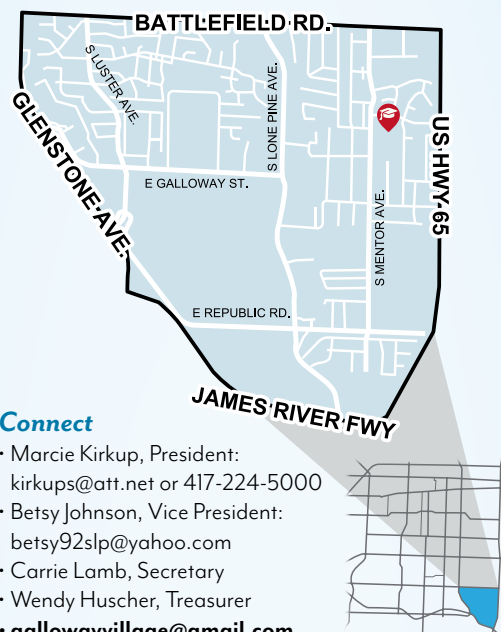
The project is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000, for all sidewalk segments combined.

A total of \$500,000 is budgeted to continue the Neighborhood Works capital improvement grant program through 2024. The NAC scoring committee for the program is expected to convene this summer to discuss any tweaks to the program format or application criteria moving forward.

Doling Neighborhood Association Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	815	907 ↑
Check Person	607	791 ↑
General Disturbance	626	763 ↑
Domestic Disturbance	307	272 ↓
Check Building	138	248 ↑
Warrant, Arrest	190	182 ↓
Check Vehicle	111	168 ↑
Assist An Agency	138	150 ↑
Assault	118	127 ↑
Assist A Person	--	124 ↑

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 21 • July 21: 6:30 p.m. @ Galloway Baptist Church (2816 E. Republic Rd.) Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jacob Boomgaarden: 417-864-1321
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Sequiota Elementary School
3414 S. Mentor Ave.

Follow Galloway Village on [gallowayvillage.org](https://www.facebook.com/gallowayvillage)

Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	246	341 ↑
Check Person	206	282 ↑
General Disturbance	96	148 ↑
Check Building	99	139 ↑
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	105	128 ↑
Alarm – Law Only	107	117 ↑
Check Vehicle	--	80 ↑
Traffic Control	53	68 ↑
Domestic Disturbance	51	58 ↑
Assist An Agency	47	54 ↑



Galloway Village marks first anniversary as a registered neighborhood organization

By Betsy Johnson, for SGFNN

Our association began its formation in late 2018 with an interim board in place to set procedure and precedent. This April marks the first anniversary of Galloway Village Neighborhood Association's (GVNA) standing board of directors. Our first full year, to say the least, was full of excitement, frustrations, and lessons learned. The biggest lesson we learned was that it truly takes a village for success. Here are the highlights of this amazing first year of GVNA.

On Nov. 5, 2018, Resolution No. 10408 was passed by City Council. This resolution is better known as the administrative delay on Lone Pine in Galloway. While three GVNA board members represented our neighbors at the Stakeholder meetings for this Administrative Delay, hundreds of people participated in public input meetings and online surveys. Through the input of our neighbors, "Our Galloway" recommendations were made and presented before City Council. These recommendations were passed by City Council on Oct. 21. This almost year-long engagement with the City was sprinkled with other activities through the seasons.

Springtime brought the election of our first official board of directors during our April neighborhood meeting. Testing the waters and getting our feet wet took a literal turn when we decided to participate in the Adopt-A-Stream program. The stream that flows through Sequiota Park was cleaned by GVNA on April 13, with two additional cleanups later in the year.



Summer was a busy time for GVNA. As a way of thanking residents for getting GVNA started, our "People, Pollinators, and Plants Appreciation Day" took place on June 15 at Sequiota Park. Ice Cream was provided for all, along with kid friendly activities, and information on the importance of our bees and bats. It was another wonderful opportunity to meet new people and connect with neighbors.



On August 22, over 90 residents attended our first Neighborhood Watch training. We met the 20% criteria for resident representation for blocks within GVNA, enough to be awarded 4 Neighborhood Watch signs from Springfield Police Department. These signs are now placed in the core of the GVNA.

The momentum continued into the fall. On Sept. 13, Galloway was placed on Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation's 2019 list of Missouri's endangered historic places. We had board representation at the reception in Kansas City where the Missouri Places in Peril announcement was made. We could not hold in our excitement about our neighborhood, so we let it all out during the Bass Pro Marathon on Nov. 2. Our "Village People" cheering section at the marathon was voted as the favorite amongst the runners.

As winter came upon us, some housekeeping was completed. We applied and received our 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service, making GVNA a non-profit organization. The GVNA logo was created and placement of signs in prominent areas was determined. We received a Great Neighborhoods Recognition Grant, enabling us to continue the work we have started.

No one knows what the future holds. For the residents of GVNA, we can rest a bit easier knowing that we have a true village to fight the good fights and rejoice in our accomplishments. Our first year as a Neighborhood Association was more than we had expected. Looking forward to what 2020 will bring. We welcome any and all of our neighbors to join us at our quarterly GVNA meetings scheduled on April 21, July 21, and Oct. 20. Each meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and is held at the Galloway Baptist Church, 2816 E. Republic Road. Come help us make our village even stronger.

BARK in the PARK

FREE

Bring the family and furry friends:

- Canine Vendor Village
- Paw Print Art
- Live Music

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Stay tuned to [ParkBoard.org](https://www.parkboard.org) for the latest information!

The PARK
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD

Presented by Springfield-Greene County Park Board and the Citizens Dog Park Committee

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 20 • May 18 • June 15: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./
6 p.m. optional potluck @ St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Hall (1115 N. Campbell Ave.)

• Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Follow Grant Beach on
grantbeachneighborhood.org

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- Weaver Elementary School
1461 W. Douglas Ave.
- Pipkin Middle School
1215 N. Boonville Ave.

Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	958	1117	↑
General Disturbance	784	709	↓
Check Person	669	705	↑
Domestic Disturbance	389	344	↓
Check Building	197	243	↑
Assault	206	193	↓
Assist An Agency	202	185	↓
Check Vehicle	--	166	↑
Assist A Person	130	133	↑
Domestic Assault	125	132	↑



Grant Beach Park improvements slated for this summer

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN
Ball field improvements will be complete at Grant Beach this summer, including infield work on the playing field, and concrete pads for new bleacher seating and an overhead shade structure. Outside of the ball field, Miles Park, assistant director of Parks, says bike racks, barbecue grills and picnic tables will also be installed this summer.

Recent improvements have come to the north end of Grant Beach Park. Thanks to a private donation from a longtime parks partner, the Park Board was able to remove the last remaining vacant house on Hovey Street in January. The new green space completes a school-park project that began several years ago, connecting Weaver Elementary to Grant Beach Park.



The Park Board removed the last remaining vacant house on Hovey Street in January, completing the school-park project connecting Grant Beach Park with Weaver Elementary.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 16: 6:30 – 8 p.m. @ The Way Church
(903 W. Katella St.)

• Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

GPNA president thanks The Way Church for neighborhood involvement

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

This is a public thank you to The Way Church located in the southwest part of Springfield on the corner of Broadway and Katella. We have the privilege of calling it our home! Pastor Seth the rest of his staff and the members of this church have welcomed our organization with open arms as a place to have our quarterly membership meetings.

They have allowed us to host bazaars, enjoy summer ice cream on the grounds, hunt for Easter eggs, use their kitchen, setting it up for families to get to meet and greet police and fire personnel at sponsored events up close and personal! Not only do we use their building the pastors help “set up” for Mann Market Day when the children from Horace Mann come across the field by grades and spend their well-earned Mann Bucks. The church also helps on those days with volunteers to help run the popup store and contribute items as do members of GPNA.

I am not sure where a lot of the other organizations meet. I do know the Delaware association meets at Westminster Presbyterian



where I am a member. Very grateful.

I close this article with this assurance that growing up in a small town in Kansas the church on the corner of Broadway and Katella could have just as easily been my growing up church – always welcoming. Thank you to The Way.



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SPRING TEAMUP

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES EDITION

Teamwork
Makes Our
City Work!



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/wastewater



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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THRILL OF THE LANDFILL

We are putting waste in its place.

There is a lot that goes into a landfill. Not just the waste, but also the management and preparation for waste collection. In fact, Springfield's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill dispels the notion of a landfill just being a dumpsite. Rather, our staff are dedicated to creating an environmentally safe space to dispose of accepted wastes.

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/solidwaste

**Schedule your tour at the
Landfill & Treatment Plant
for the Summer and Fall Now!**
Contact Laurie Duncan, Education Outreach Coordinator
(417)864.2007 or lduncan@springfieldmo.gov

**SCHEDULE
A FIELD TRIP
OR TOUR
TODAY!**

Help us by following these rules:

- **3 P's of Flushing:**
Only Pee, Poo & (Toilet) Paper down the flusher.
- **No Wipes down the Pipes!**
Not even the flushable ones.
- **Avoid a Stink in the Sink**
Fats, oils and grease should always be disposed of in the trash and not down the drain.

The Resident's Role in Recycling

By working together, we can help the landfill last longer by recycling as much material as possible. Be sure, however, to recycle right! Whether it's metal, paper or plastic, here are the top three ways you can prepare your recyclables to make sure they are able to be used for making new products:

- Make sure the material is clean, dry and free of food waste.
- Make sure that the item is indeed able to be recycled. Whether using a curbside bin at home or one of our city recycling bins, check guidelines before putting in the bin.
- Don't bag your recyclables! Plastic bags are considered a tangler and create breakdown of equipment at the recycling processing facility. Keep plastic bags out of the recycling bin.

THE MATERIALS THAT MAKE UP OUR LANDFILL

Percentages based on MDNR 2017 Waste Sort

**26.4%
PAPER**

Over a quarter of our landfill contains a recyclable material in paper.

If there are no signs of contamination (food, grease, oil, chemicals, etc.) most papers should be recycled. Items like glitter and foil covered paper, heat transfer receipts, etc aren't recyclable.

**29.4%
OTHER**

15.9% Inorganics
(like drywall, carpet, mattresses, tires, construction & demolition debris)

4.1% Diapers & Sanitary Products

9% Assorted Organics & Yardwaste

**12.1%
FOOD
WASTE**

* take a look into home composting

**11.4%
PLASTICS**

If it has a recycle symbol on it, then be sure to clean any contaminants before recycling.

**9.4%
WOOD
WASTE**

TEXTILES 3.1%

ELECTRONICS 3%

METAL 2.8%

GLASS 2.4%

1

Leachate Collection & Filtration System

This system collects the leachate (liquids that percolate through the solid waste and collects dissolved and suspended particles on its journey) that is trapped inside the landfill and moves it through the piping to the wastewater plant for treatment and disinfection.

Prepared Subgrade & Compacted Soil

The natural earthen material under a landfill site was prepared through the removal of unwanted material (topsoil, vegetation, large rocks) to prepare for the construction of the landfill site. Additionally, soil is compacted to help prevent soil and groundwater contamination.

Geo-Membrane Liner

A plastic liner that prevents soil and groundwater from combining or even contacting buried solid waste. This liner is a very durable HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) that is also puncture-resistant.

Gravel & Rock Filler

Serves as a pervious substrate that helps to provide filtration of leachate from the landfill to the collection and filtration system.

Geotextile Filter Fabric

A fine layer of fabric that helps to prevent fine material from clogging the leachate collection system.

6

Landfill Gas Collection Well

In the landfill, as materials break down, in active or closed cells, they release a combination of methane and other gases that we call landfill gas. Since this gas has the potential to burn or explode, it is removed from the landfill to be vented or burned using a series of pipes.

Closed Cell or Cover

When a section of the landfill is filled to capacity, it is closed and permanently covered with a combination of a layer of polyethylene plastic, compacted soil and a layer of topsoil that will be seeded to support growth of vegetation that will prevent erosion.

Groundwater Monitoring Well

These wells are used for direct access to groundwater that is regularly collected and tested to ensure no leachate is present.

The Life of a Landfill

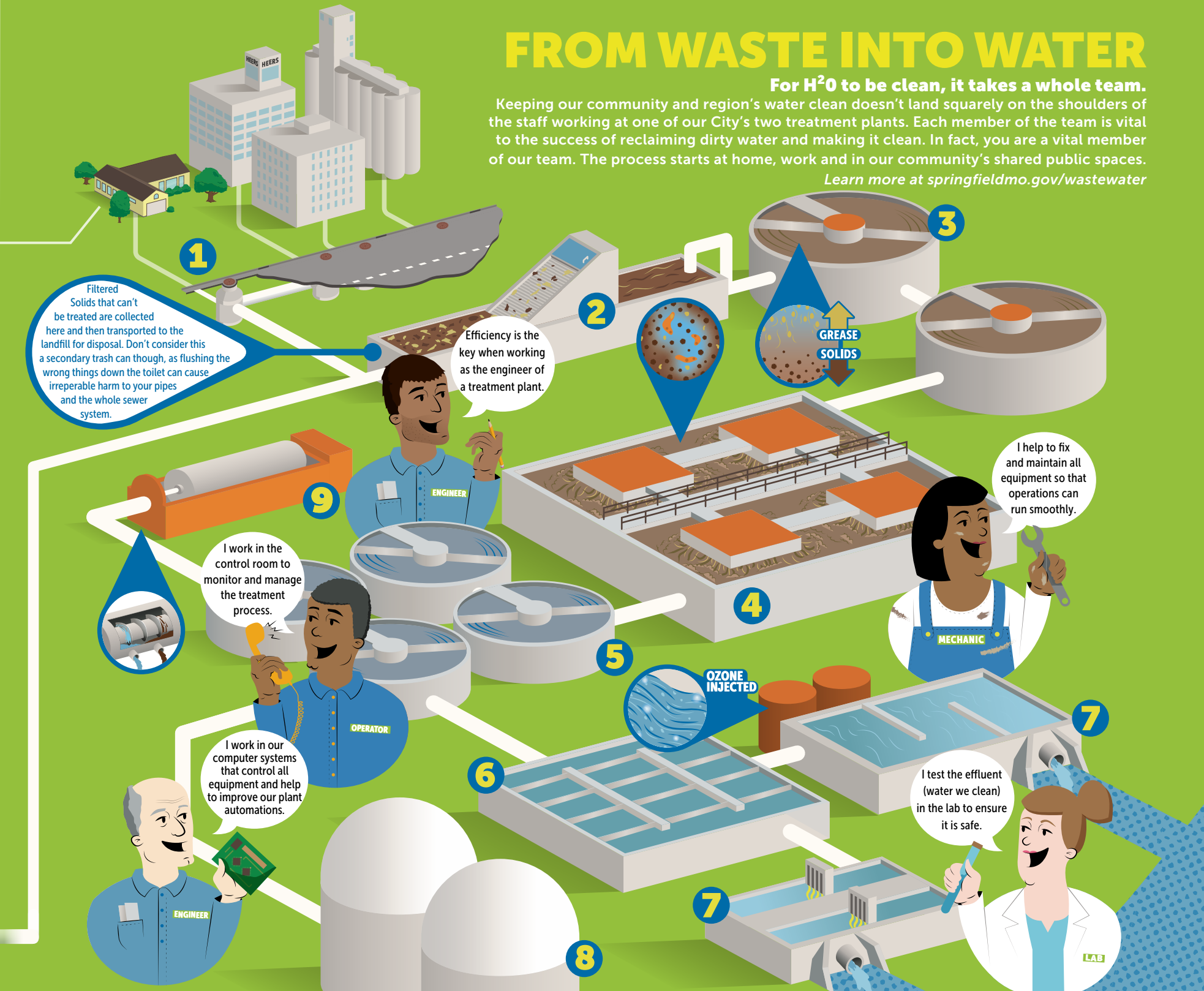
Due to the compacting of solid wastes, decomposition times are drastically decreased. Because of this, landfills do not go away and after they are full they still demand careful monitoring to ensure they are not impacting groundwater or soil. Many landfills are many acres large and as they fill up over time, the space for new waste is reduced and sometimes eliminated. This is why it is important to consider sustainable means, recycling and composting as a way to stretch the viability of our landfill space.

FROM WASTE INTO WATER

For H₂O to be clean, it takes a whole team.

Keeping our community and region's water clean doesn't land squarely on the shoulders of the staff working at one of our City's two treatment plants. Each member of the team is vital to the success of reclaiming dirty water and making it clean. In fact, you are a vital member of our team. The process starts at home, work and in our community's shared public spaces.

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/wastewater



1

Wastewater & Sewage Collection

The water that goes down our drains and toilets collects in the sewer where it's carried to one of our City's two award-winning treatment plants.

2

Screen Out the Bigs

All large solid objects - such as food scraps, flushable wipes, toys and more - are screened out, collected and transported to the landfill.

3

Let the Solids Settle and Greases Rise

Larger insoluble materials are settled out and grease separated from the remaining wastewater in our primary clarifying tanks. Solids settle to the bottom of the tank and greases rise to the top.

4

Aeration Basin & Sludge Activation

This basin churns wastewater to increase oxygen levels and create an ideal environment for the employment of naturally occurring microorganisms to remove phosphorus and organics in the effluent.

5

Minus the Microorganisms

The secondary clarifiers, much like the primary, are used to separate the treated water from the other materials. In this instance, the microorganisms settle to the bottom and are recycled back into the aeration basins or sent to the anaerobic digesters.

6

Polishing up Before Release

The polishing filters are a final stage of filtration that push remaining solids back to the head of the process and allow treated water through.

7

Water Purification

Just before the treated water is released back into our streams, it is purified and disinfected by passing through UV light or through the diffusion of ozone into the treated water.

8

Anaerobic Digestion

The excess and inactive microorganisms from step 5 are pumped to the digesters where they are broken down, creating methane for energy to help power the plant and solids which are further treated to remove excess water for future reuse.

9

Dewatering the Biosolids

The solids from step 8 are run through a centrifuge to remove excess water and thicken the solids to the consistency of dirt - this is reused as a soil fertilizer and conditioner for farms. The excess water is then pumped back to the head of the process for treatment.

*

A Rainwater Reminder

Stormwater does not enter our sewers to be treated. Instead it runs into storm drains and to our waterways. An added reminder to be responsible.

THE POWER OF THE FLOWER

When we all work together our water gets better.

Adopt-A-Stream, join the Clean Pavement Initiative or check the boxes to certify your yard and become a valued member of the Yard Ethic community. The installation and care of a well placed rain garden full of native flowers is something that provides many benefits like increased flood control and beautification. Whatever direction you choose, just remember that when we collectively act, we all realize the impact. Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/stormwater

YARD ETHIC

Building community, one yard at a time.

Certify your yard and become part of the Yard Ethic community. A community that is driven to implement environmentally conscious practices in yard care. Visit YardEthic.com to access resources that will guide you on the journey to certify your yard by checking off these tasks:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test your soil | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a Tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant for Pollinators | <input type="checkbox"/> Build a Rain Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest the Rain | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost |

Once certified you can show off your commitment proudly with the Yard Ethic certification yard sign!



Residential participant yard sign.

Take the Clean Pavement Initiative this spring.

Are you planning to reseat your asphalt driveway this spring? Citizens who choose to use asphalt-based sealant when sealing their driveways can elect to showcase the water quality benefits of this choice through a Clean Pavement Initiative yard plaque supplied by the City. Learn more about the initiative and resulting water quality benefits at springfieldmo.gov/cleanpavement.



Blooming Blvds

Beautiful yards. Beautiful city.

Be a part of city-wide beautification and increased water quality efforts as we work with you to provide plants, construction and expertise to successfully care for rain gardens installed in public right-of-ways near homes and properties within the city. Do you have a right-of-way near your home or property that might benefit from the addition of a rain garden? Call us at (417)869.1979 to see if your location is eligible or visit YardEthic.com/residential/bloombldv.

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Make a difference. Clean a stream.

Individuals, families, businesses and community groups can adopt a pre-selected portion of a major stream or small creek in need of periodic cleanup. If you're not ready to commit long-term, you can schedule a one-time stream or drainage area cleanup.

Call or email to inquire about cleanups at (417)864.1083 or AdoptAStream@springfieldmo.gov and we will help support your effort by providing supplies and removal of collected waste to help keep our streams clean.



Neighborhood PAR Officer
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Horace Mann Elementary School
 3745 S. Broadway Ave.

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Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	340	392
Check Person	215	257
General Disturbance	147	170
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	83	108
Alarm – Law Only	92	105
Check Building	104	96
Domestic Disturbance	91	82
Check Vehicle	65	75
Stealing	66	65
Assist An Agency	--	59



Sanford Park improvements slated for this summer

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

A \$200,000 grant (two consecutive years of \$100,000 Neighborhood Works grants) calls for new off-street parking, a picnic shelter and a walkway connecting the Sanford Park to nearby Battlefield Road. Miles Park, assistant director of Parks, says the project, as bid, initially came in over budget.

"The Park Board is working with the City's Purchasing Office, and the project contractor, on strategies to reduce cost," said Park. "Assuming we can come to an agreement with the contractor, we



will then be able to proceed with construction."

Parks said he tentatively plans for construction to begin by summer.

April GPNA meeting to include Neighborhood Watch training

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

The April 16 meeting of Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association will be held at The Way Church (corner of Broadway and Katella) beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Casual! The last part of the program will be a Neighborhood Watch training session. Always good! Hope to see you there!

Questions? Call
 Judy Wyrick,
 883-0706.



Parkcrest Dental Group collects cash, food for Horace Mann Elementary in January

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

Thanks to the staff at Parkcrest Dental Group for their participation in Ozarks Food Harvest's Food Fight 2020 fundraiser in January. Parkcrest Dental Group collected two barrels of non-perishable food items and \$416 in cash to benefit Horace Mann Elementary's food backpack program for students. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



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York Elementary School
 2100 W. Nichols St.

Heart of the Westside hosts goal-making discussion March 12

By Anna Pageler, for SGFNN

With the help of the City of Springfield and Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Heart of the Westside hosted a goal-making discussion for our neighborhood on March 12 with our board and City of Springfield Senior Planner Alana Owen.

It was exciting to see a variety of different people attend! We had our neighborhood principal from York Elementary, Passion A/G Church's senior pastor, parents, and other concerned neighbors. With this combination of people with different perspectives, great insight into the concerns and actions to move forward for our Heart of the Westside Neighborhood were relayed and discussed.

It was exciting to see a variety of different people attend!

One of the big concerns discussed was the great amount of speeding that happens on our streets like Nichols, West and Calhoun. Our parents desire our neighbors to realize that we have kids and elderly on these streets and last thing to do is be speeding in a local neighborhood. Other big concerns include drug use and disposal of needles, drug houses, and vacant/dangerous properties.



As for actions plans, a reoccurring theme was knowledge and communication of resources available to the neighborhood. With these resources, drug use, dangerous properties and other concerns of the neighborhood could potentially be broken and resolved. As Passion A/G Church's Pastor Billy relayed, many times the issue cannot just be curbed by reporting or sending a person to jail. It requires healing and permanently breaking habits.

In May, our neighborhood will vote on a what issue to tackle and then create a step-by-step action plan. It's a joy to see neighbors stepping up to the plate and being a voice. The best is yet to come for Heart of the Westside!

Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 14 • July 9: 6–7 p.m. @ Passion Assembly of God (806 N. Forest)

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Zach Pugh: 417-874-2536
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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	388	552	↑
Check Person	333	375	↑
General Disturbance	388	360	↓
Domestic Disturbance	214	238	↑
Check Vehicle	78	130	↑
Check Building	99	116	↑
Assist An Agency	98	107	↑
Assist A Person	75	99	↑
Domestic Assault	--	91	↑
Assault	92	87	↓

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 14 • May 12 • June 9: 6:30 p.m. @ South Haven Baptist Church (2353 S. Campbell Ave.)

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

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Mark Twain Elementary
2352 S. Weaver Ave.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2019
Check Well-Being	533
Check Person	318
General Disturbance	223
Domestic Disturbance	214
Assist An Agency	120
Check Building	112
Check Vehicle	102
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	96
Alarm – Law Only	70
Domestic Assault	69

* New neighborhood in 2019, no comparison to 2018 available.

Join Chief Williams for
Coffee with the Chief

June 18: 7-8:30 a.m.

The Coffee Ethic

124 Park Central Square

As of press time this event is still scheduled to proceed as planned. Please check with SPD for the latest information.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings


April 23 • May 28 • June 25: 6 p.m. @ Cowden Elementary School (2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.)

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer











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 Cowden Elementary School
2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	679	831 
Check Person	351	431 
General Disturbance	310	312 
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	124	214 
Assist An Agency	203	196 
Check Vehicle	--	167 
Check Building	109	166 
Assist A Person	--	160 
Domestic Disturbance	194	151 
Alarm – Law Only	109	131 



Second Neighbors Helping Neighbors event set for April 11

By Donna Clarkson, for SGFNN

As of press time this event is still planned to go ahead. Please contact neighborhood representatives for more information.

On Saturday, April 11, Meador Park will hold another Neighbors Helping Neighbors event. The goal of this event is to help our neighbors with some yard work or other small outdoor tasks that they need help with. While helping one another, we are also getting to know our neighbors who hopefully will want to become involved in the neighborhood association and participate in bettering the neighborhood for everyone.

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In September 2019 we held our first Neighbors Helping Neighbors event. About 10 volunteers



helped seven neighbors in the Meador Park Neighborhood Association area. Those who helped had a great time; those who were helped appreciated the work we were able to do for them. I call that a win/win!

Do you want to help improve your neighborhood while helping some of your neighbors? Do you like to work outside with others? Do you need assistance with some outdoor work? Then this event is for you! Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this event. Contact me at 417-276-7949 or dlclarkson4@gmail.com, or Bobbi Ream at 417-883-3438 or mpnamo@yahoo.com.

Let's work together to help better our neighborhood. "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others."

Mark your calendar for Meador Park Garage Sale the second weekend in June

By Bobbi Ream, for SGFNN

MPNA is planning our annual garage sale. The second weekend in June is the date. We had about 12 or 14 households represented last year and would like to see that increase.

We have several improvements in mind for this year: advance advertising of our dates, more and improved signage, increased utilization of social media. What other ideas do the rest of you have?

There is no better way to get acquainted with your neighbors than buying some of their junk unless you can sell them some of your junk. For more information contact: 417-414-0413 or MPNAMO@yahoo.com.



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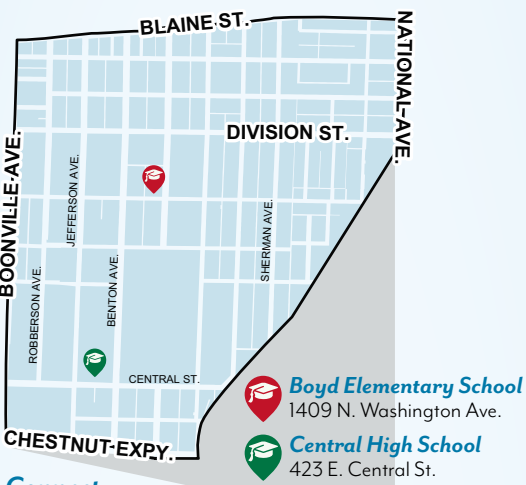
Westport School-Park
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 13 • May 11 • June 8: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on Cox North Hospital parking lot (918 E. Calhoun St.)

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Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	579	668	↑
General Disturbance	368	423	↑
Check Person	354	315	↓
Assist A Person	257	271	↑
Assault	185	236	↑
Domestic Disturbance	168	146	↓
Assist An Agency	109	118	↑
Follow Up	--	111	↑
Check Building	--	106	↑
Warrant, Arrest	78	86	↑



Timmons Hall restoration concludes with floor refinishing

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

Restoration of historic Timmons Hall came to a quiet end in March as a fresh coat of finish dried on the pine floor.

Refinishing the 88-year old heartleaf pine floor was the final phase of restoration for the former church, now functioning as an event facility operated by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, offering historical, cultural and educational opportunities.

Formerly known as Timmons Temple, Timmons Hall opened to the public in 2019, following relocation to Silver Spring Park and four years of restoration work, funded and managed by nonprofit group Friends of Timmons Temple. Sanding and sealing on the floor, also funded by Friends of Timmons Temple, took place in early March.

"The floor is one of the historical and character-defining elements of the original building, and will be our final phase of restoration," said Paula Ringer, President of Friends of Timmons Temple. "It would not be possible without the generosity of private donors, and the superior work of B&B Hardwood Company, who also skillfully worked on the Landers Theatre and the Gillioz restoration. This company has the knowledge base to handle this successfully."

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. Timmons Temple was sold and slated for demolition.

Friends of Timmons Temple formed in 2014 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. The group coordinated financial and in-kind donations, and in early 2015, Timmons Temple was carefully lifted from its foundation, rolled about 600 feet down the hill, and installed at Silver Springs Park.

Ringer said the group always knew the original floor was beneath the carpeting, which was intentionally left in place during for protection during installation of new plumbing, wiring, windows, restrooms, roof and more work, much of it donated.

"The floor is absolutely gorgeous," said Bob Belote, Director of Parks. "It's going to make a huge difference to the facility and the many groups served within historic Silver Springs Park. The Park Board and I are incredibly appreciative of this latest gift on behalf of Friends of Timmons Temple and the generosity and love it truly represents."

Ringer thanked the numerous donors and businesses that contributed to the building's restoration.

"Timmons Hall donors may take pride and ownership in funding a rehabilitation effort that has preserved and protected the features and finishes that originally defined Timmons Temple," said Ringer. "As we close this chapter, we know our entire community benefits, and we are grateful."

Midtown installs custom metal sign to mark neighborhood

Midtown began installation of our new sign on Division between Clay and Summit March 2. Craftsman Tom Ehlers and John Merrell are donating their skill and talent for construction of an original piece for the new sign. Neighbors Kent Brown and Louise Wienckowski are designing the landscape. Thanks to everyone who is pitching in, especially new Midtown neighbor Richard Pille, who saved us hours of digging time with that pretty tractor!



Kent and Louise Brown/Wienckowski



New Midtown neighbor Richard Pille.

Prosperiti Development plans mixed-use development for 400 block of C-Street

From the March edition of the C-Street News & World Report e-blast, published by the Commercial Club of Springfield

Prosperiti Development's plans for the 400 block of Commercial, reaching down into Midtown to about a half block south of Pacific, are well underway. There have been informal meetings with merchants and neighbors, and we await many more formal and in depth discussions in the near future. As you can see from the early rendering, the scale of this development to C-Street is massive and while it has the potential to be exciting with retail, hotel and single-family, market-rate housing opportunities,

there are important impacts on traffic and parking for surrounding neighborhoods that will need to be addressed in a sensitive and collaborative way.

An initial vacation of an alleyway in Midtown between Jefferson and Benton which runs north and south is the first item that will make its way to City Council. Another issue related to the removal of this property from Commercial Street's TIF district is incredibly sensitive. C-Street will certainly be at the table as these issues make their way through the development process. If you have interest in serving on a neighborhood work group, please email admin@historiccstreet.com.



City demolishing vacant buildings along Boonville to make way for parking

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The City of Springfield began construction to demolish three vacant buildings along Boonville—827, 833 and 843-845 N. Boonville. The buildings have been acquired by the City over the past few years because they are in disrepair and are considered to be dangerous buildings. A paved municipal parking lot, constructed by Public Works Street Division will replace the buildings. The lot will include 100 spaces, accessible parking for handicapped visitors to Government Plaza and lighting.

The Notice to Proceed Demolition was issued Feb. 18 and the project will take approximately 45 days, according to Jennifer Swan, a registered architect with the Department of Public Works'



Facility Design and Construction division. Swan anticipates the demolition will be complete in May. The demolition is being performed by Earth Savers Solutions LLC at a cost of \$43,875.

The City Utilities bus stop shelter located just north of the buildings has been removed temporarily during the project to ensure public

safety and will be reinstalled once the parking project is complete, Swan said. The parking lot project is still in the design phase and the Public Works Streets Division will construct the project.

The City is also preparing to renovate the exterior envelope of former Springfield Mill and Lumber building just northwest of the three demolished buildings at 216 W. Central. This project is estimated to be complete in July at a cost of \$711,426.50. Reasbeck Construction will perform the work, which will provide additional office space for the Springfield Police Department.

Due to the contractor's staging needs, a portion of the newly improved parking lot may remain closed until the renovation is complete in July.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of alternating months. Contact Gerald Clary for specific information.

 **Pittman Elementary School**
2934 E. Bennett St.

Fire crews postpone Project RED Zone visits in Oak Grove neighborhood until April 30

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor



adequate warning of a fire in their home.

"We finished our canvass of the Delaware neighborhood Feb. 22 and are excited to move into Oak Grove," said Fire and Life Safety Educator Heather Parker. However, due to concerns related to the coronavirus the Springfield Fire Department decided in early March to temporarily postpone all Project RED Zone visits until April 30.

Since April 2017, Springfield firefighters have installed 3,533 smoke alarms in area neighborhoods as a part of Project RED Zone. They have visited 23,996 homes in the Rountree, Delaware, West Central, Grant Beach, Westside, Heart of the Westside, Robberson, Woodland Heights, Tom Watkins, Doling, Midtown, Bissett and Weller neighborhoods as well as areas without organized neighborhood associations. In addition to the 3,500-

plus installed alarms, firefighters have tested more than 6,600 alarms to ensure they are functioning properly and have replaced over 950 batteries in existing alarms as a part of Project RED Zone.

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

"Now approaching year 3 of Project RED Zone, we are starting to see the positive effects of these canvasses," said Fire Chief David Pennington. "We have responded to several house fires now in which the occupants of the home have safely escaped because of a working smoke alarm that we installed for them."

Project RED Zone is funded with the help of donations from the American Red Cross of Southern Missouri, Safe Kids Springfield, FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grants and general revenue SFD funds designated for public education.

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

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	474	690	↑
Check Person	300	413	↑
General Disturbance	268	338	↑
Domestic Disturbance	214	192	↓
Check Building	103	187	↑
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	84	136	↑
Alarm – Law Only	125	128	↑
Assist An Agency	79	107	↑
Check Vehicle	89	106	↑
Domestic Assault	77	77	—

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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.

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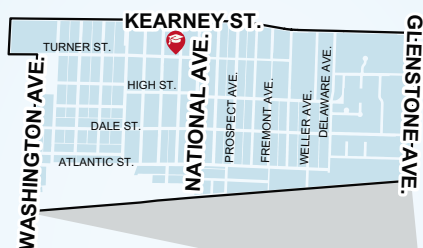
Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	89	81	↓
Check Person	53	74	↑
Traffic Violation, Non-Move	56	68	↑
Noise Disturbance	27	59	↑
Loud Party	32	45	↑
Alarm – Law Only	--	30	↑
Check Building	23	30	↑
General Disturbance	23	28	↑
Assist An Agency	23	26	↑
Residential Burglary	--	17	—

The Joint Neighborhood Spring Cleanup with University Heights has been postponed indefinitely. Please check with your neighborhood association representatives for the latest information.

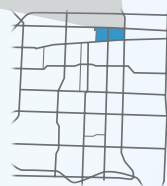


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O'Reilly Center for Hope to open in former Pepperdine building this summer

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Community Partnership of the Ozarks' O'Reilly Center for Hope – a community hub focusing on improving the lives of individuals, families with children and veterans who need help to becoming housed and self-sufficient – is taking shape in the former Pepperdine Elementary School at 1518 E. Dale with plans to open this summer. A series of open houses is planned, including one especially for Robberson neighbors.

The O'Reilly family – Charlie and Mary Beth, David and Stacey, Larry and Anya and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten – matched a \$1 million loan from the City using U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) grant funds with a \$1 million donation to make the center a reality. Additional

grant funding includes \$250,000 from The J.E. and L.E. Mabree Foundation, \$100,000 from the Sunderland Foundation, \$50,000 from the Timken Foundation, \$20,000 from the BKD Foundation and individual donations.

CPO's Springfield Affordable Housing Center, currently located at 300 E. Central, will relocate to the building, as will the organization's One Door program and the Springfield Community Land Trust.

"This project will be a game changer for our community, establishing an expanded one-stop center for affordable housing, education and homeless prevention services. We will partner with local agencies to offer their services and provide resources and hope to the homeless and those ▶

Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 23 • May 28 • June 25: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

@ Pathways United Methodist Church (1232 E. Dale St.)


- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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 **Robberson Elementary School**
1100 E. Kearney St.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	647	666	↑
Check Person	380	474	↑
General Disturbance	359	408	↑
Domestic Disturbance	240	222	↓
Check Building	143	201	↑
Assist An Agency	148	130	↓
Assist A Person	102	92	↓
Check Vehicle	92	91	↓
Domestic Assault	102	87	↓
Assault	--	84	—



A rendering of the rebuilt Fire Station 4 on North Delaware (located on the boundary between the Doling and Robberson neighborhoods). Demolition of station 4 will begin this May/June, with construction for its replacement beginning in June and finishing by March 2021. To Learn more about this project read the full story in the Doling Section on page 14.



▶ looking for safe, affordable housing and financial stability," said CPO President and CEO Janet Dankert.

CPO purchased the former elementary school building from Springfield Public Schools in 2018. Built in 1919, the building had been vacant for six years.

"This project will be a game changer for our community, establishing an expanded one-stop center for affordable housing, education and homeless prevention services." – Janet Dankert

Partners who will provide services and resources on site at the O'Reilly Center for Hope will include:

- AIDS Project of the Ozarks: Health screenings and access to supportive services.
- Burrell Behavioral Health: Mental health and addiction services and support.
- Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri: HUD-certified financial and housing counseling.
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services: Credit repair and budgeting assistance.
- Greene County Family Support Division: Food stamps and Medicaid.
- Habitat for Humanity: Home ownership opportunities.
- Isabel's House: Crisis nursery services.
- Legal Services of Southern Missouri: Legal assistance for low-income households.
- MSU Care: Medical services and Medicaid application assistance.
- Missouri State University School of Nursing: Wellness and wound care.
- Missouri Job Center: Employment and workforce development services and training.
- Missouri Works Assistance: TANF and employment assistance.
- OACAC: Basic needs support and educational programming.
- Springfield Community Land Trust: Affordable home ownership.
- Springfield Police Department: Safety and security.
- Veterans Administration: Health care for homeless veterans and veteran services.
- WIC: Supplemental nutrition for women, infants and children.

"We are expanding our housing services to better connect people with resources. We will continue the long history of community-centric learning, providing a one-stop center for resources regarding housing and financial education," said Michelle Garand, CPO's vice president of affordable housing and homeless prevention. "We strive to create collaboration in all that we do. To this end, the O'Reilly Center for Hope will bring together partner agencies to create a one-stop center to help individuals find and sustain housing that is safe, decent, affordable, and accessible. We will also offer financial counseling and ongoing financial literacy classes; in-service training on tenant rights and responsibilities and the Tools for Life program; and home buyer opportunities and educational information," Garand added.

ON-SITE RESOURCES

- In addition, the O'Reilly Center for Hope will provide community access to critical resources on site, including:
- Computer and Internet access for job and housing searches.
- Resource guide services: Volunteer guides will assist each guest with connecting to on-site and community resources – food pantries, LIHEAP applications, Housing Authority applications, etc.
- Laundry and shower services
- Mail services – Providing a mailing address and access to mail on-site. This will be coordinated through a robust volunteer pool recruited by dedicated faith community partners.
- Hygiene and first aid supplies.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

A larger facility will allow the O'Reilly Center for Hope to offer a training center, which will be our hub for community engagement. We will provide free community education and training on-site, and as a magnet site for training and educational programming, we will incorporate state-of-the-art technology for the delivery of high-quality sight and sound, which will enable us to offer regular classes and workshops such as:

- Nutrition and Healthy Cooking
- Better Rental Living
- Basic Budgeting and Financial Literacy
- Homebuyer Education and Financial Coaching
- Employment and Workforce Development Skills
- Weatherization to Reduce Utility Costs
- Fair Housing Laws and Landlord/Tenant Education
- Housing Quality Standards
- How to Become a Section 8 Landlord
- Eviction Mitigation and Foreclosure Prevention
- Triple P Parenting
- Parent Cafes
- Starting a Small Business/How to be an Entrepreneur.

"The training center will have a designated place for child care, so parents who attend classes/trainings can bring their children without the additional burden of finding child care whenever possible. CPO also plans to include a commercial/demonstration kitchen to offer classes around nutrition and healthy cooking, to be used by guests who want to start their own small business, such as catering, and to be used for canning vegetables that come from the community garden we will develop in the property's green space. Educational classes will be provided to the community free of charge," Garand said.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings


April 21 • May 19 • June 16: 7–8 p.m. @ University Heights Baptist Church (1010 S. National Ave.)

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1333 Grand St.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	175	202	↑
Check Person	113	148	↑
General Disturbance	112	87	↓
Check Building	55	73	↑
Alarm – Law Only	46	52	↑
Check Vehicle	38	44	↑
Domestic Disturbance	41	38	↓
Traffic Control	--	37	↑
Assist An Agency	33	32	↓
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	53	29	↓

Design phase for Rountree stormwater improvements underway

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Relief from historic flooding is coming to parts of the Rountree neighborhood, thanks to funding from the City's Level Property Tax and ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Anticipated for construction in Spring 2021, the project is currently under design by City consultant CMT. The new infrastructure, involving underground pipe and inlet structures, is planned beginning at the intersection of South Fremont and East Lombard and extending to South Weller and East Madison.

"We are doing our best to balance the stormwater management needs of the area while maintaining the tree-covered character of the neighborhood." – Zach Mills

Original concepts for the project saw the bulk of construction extending down Pickwick Avenue instead of Fremont.

"The project alignment was shifted due to concerns about the substructure of Pickwick and whether heavy construction equipment might cause too much damage to the roadway," explains Springfield Public Works project manager Zach Mills. "Fremont is a more feasible option and will better allow for potential infrastructure expansion in the future."

Mills began reaching out to property owners along the project area in December 2019 and spoke at a Rountree Neighborhood Association meeting



Existing rain garden in Rountree

in mid-February. With the new project alignment, concerns were raised about how the project might affect trees located in the City's right-of-way along the east side of Fremont.

"We are doing our best to balance the stormwater management needs of the area while maintaining the tree-covered character of the neighborhood," says Mills. "Following input from residents, we are exploring design approaches that might allow us to minimize the impact to these trees."

The City is also looking for areas located directly along the project site to install curbside rain gardens. Rain gardens are water quality features made up of native plantings used to treat rainwater before it reaches our waterways.

Curbside rain gardens would be located in the City's right-of-way. Property owners may be asked to partner with the City to monitor and maintain the garden. Contact Mills at zmills@springfieldmo.gov for more information.

Rountree students learn about culture, maps from MSU English Language Institute students

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

Cyrus White, a second-grader at Rountree Elementary, an IB World School, colors a map of China with a deep shade of blue. He looks up and listens as a Chinese native and Missouri State University student points to her hometown and where she attends school.



"That is really far away," said Cyrus.

Cyrus and other Rountree Elementary second-graders explored maps and geography with students from Missouri State University's English Language Institute. MSU students from China, South Korea, Mongolia and Saudi Arabia all participated in the culture exchange at Rountree.

"We host a cultural exchange with MSU students from other countries twice a year through a partnership is MSU's ELI program," said Nicki Foltz, PYP coordinator and library media specialist at Rountree Elementary. "Our second-graders are inquiring into geography and navigation and

our kindergartners are inquiring into resources and structures of homes, so these intercultural conversations create unit of inquiry connections and offer a more global perspective on what they are learning in the classroom."

A group of MSU students shared with kindergartners about what their houses looked like in their home countries. Rountree kindergartners drew a home familiar to them, while MSU students were able to practice their English language skills with a group of native English speakers.



"This is a great partnership for our students, who are global thinkers," said Foltz. "And it's great for our MSU ELI students so that they feel welcome in our school community."

Neighborhood Spring Cleanup

May 16: 8 a.m.–noon

University Heights Church
(1010 S. National)

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Metal, Leaves

Curbside pick is available. Contact

Peggy Wise (417-860-8990)

• As of press time this event is still scheduled to proceed as planned. Please check with your neighborhood association representatives for the latest information.



Thanks to neighbors who donate to Rountree Elementary Food Pantry

By Helen Williams, for SGFNN

Shout out to neighbors Ashley Meyer and Lynda Schibler, who dropped items by my house for the Rountree Elementary Food Pantry! The Rountree Elementary Food Pantry is for students who do not have enough food at home over weekends. Unlike other schools, Rountree's pantry is not subsidized by Care To Learn or churches. Please help us put food in Rountree students' bellies!



Caught in the act! Longtime Rountree board member maintains Cherry/Pickwick flower beds

By Mike Brothers, for SGFNN

Did you know the Rountree Neighborhood Association is responsible for maintaining the flower beds around Cherry and Pickwick? RNA dues help pay for

mulch and flowers. The labor is provided for free by longtime RNA board member John Melton. I caught him working while on a walk!

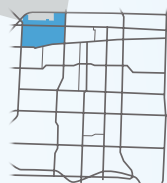


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Neighborhood Association Meetings

June 16 • Sept. 15: 7–8 p.m. @ Tom Watkins Park Community Center (2100 W. High St.)

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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 **Williams Elementary School**
2205 W. Kearney St.

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Boys & Girls Clubs to provide before- and after-school programming at new Williams Elementary

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

Springfield Public Schools and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield will expand their partnership when the renovation and expansion of Williams Elementary is complete in August 2021. The new facility, one of seven major projects funded by Proposition S, will include dedicated space for before- and after-school programming. A portion of the construction costs will be funded by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield.

Renovation costs at Williams are expected to be \$14.32 million. The facility will serve up to 350 K-5 students and 100 pre-K students. Improvements will include:

- Address accessibility and security challenges
- Safe room gymnasium
- Expanded space for pre-school mini-hub.

"Collaboration to meet the needs of our students is critically important in public education," said Dr. John Jungmann, superintendent of Springfield Public Schools. "The Williams Elementary project is exciting for many reasons. A new, improved facility creates a more equitable and accessible learning environment. We will also have more room for an expansion of early childhood education and a robust partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs helps



ensure that our students and families have the support they need to learn and grow."

Boys & Girls Clubs has already begun a capital campaign to invest in the dedicated space. Similar in design to the Boys and Girls Clubs Sertoma Unit at Sherwood Elementary, the program will serve an anticipated 200 children daily. A Memorandum of Understanding is in development and will be presented to both the Board of Education and the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

"This project is necessary, exciting and truly in line with our organization's goals," said Brandy Harris, chief executive officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield. "By collaborating with Springfield Public Schools, we are able to more holistically serve children and their families. We are confident that this aligned partnership mutually benefits each entity."

Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	711	982 ↑
General Disturbance	470	671 ↑
Check Person	489	654 ↑

Domestic Disturbance	314	320 ↑
Check Building	143	196 ↑
Check Vehicle	179	195 ↑
Assist An Agency	150	190 ↑
Stealing	202	170 ↓
Shoplifting - Custody	178	138 ↓
Assist A Person	--	128 —

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

June 3 • July 1: 5:30 p.m. @ Springfield
Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.)

• Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

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Sunshine Elementary School
421 E. Sunshine St.

Follow University Heights on

The Joint Neighborhood Spring Cleanup with University Heights has been postponed indefinitely. Please check with your neighborhood association representatives for the latest information.



University Heights Neighborhood Association leadership sets goals for 2020

By Jan Peterson, for SGFNN

Now in its second year, University Heights Neighborhood Association is working to take on bold initiatives and nailing down plans to build a stronger, more connected community.

At its January meeting, UHNA's events committee outlined a yearlong slate of events to keep momentum alive throughout 2020.

Committee members Linda Regan, NOVA award winner and board member at large; Annette Hollan, secretary; and Jan Peterson, president, sketched out a number of ideas aimed at making University Heights even safer, friendlier and tidier.

A few initiatives that may come to pass in 2020 include:

- A spring neighborhood cleanup held in conjunction with neighbors in the Phelps Neighborhood Association;
- A neighborhood yard sale in June;
- Fourth of July parade and treats;
- An activity booth at National Night Out;
- A fall neighborhood celebration;



- Cheering on competitors in the Bass Pro Marathon Cheering Challenge;
 - Educational opportunities for members on issues such as crime reduction, home repair and gardening;
 - And exploring the possibility of garden and homes tours along with a tree-planting campaign in conjunction with the City of Springfield's NeighborWoods program.
- UHNA members are ready for a busy, productive, more connected year.

UHNA adopts Brookside/Bennett through City's Adopt-A-Street program.

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

UHNA has officially adopted Brookside/Bennett from National to Kimbrough through the city's Adopt-A-Street program.

Picking up litter. It's a simple task that has the power to transform our roadways, help protect the environment and bring volunteers together.

The City of Springfield's Adopt-A-Street program recognizes the commitment of volunteers to keep Springfield rights-of-way clean. Facilitated by the City of Springfield Department of Public Works, Adopt-A-Street has grown to include 211 organizations volunteering to keep more than 117 miles of roadway free of litter and debris. More than 2,000 bags of litter are collected annually as a result of the program.

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

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



HOW TO ADOPT A STREET:

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

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

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

Be sure to keep an eye on the neighborhood association's facebook page for details on when UHNA will hold its first street cleanup.

Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service			
Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	35	38	↑
Vehicle Accident, Non-injury	14	35	↑
Check Person	22	29	↑
General Disturbance	10	14	↑
Check Building	12	14	↑
Vehicle Accident, Injury	8	12	↑
Check Vehicle	--	11	↑
Stalled Vehicle	--	11	↑
Residential Burglary	11	10	↓
Traffic Violation, Non-Move	8	10	↑

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 7 • June 4 • July 2: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Weller
Community Church (1722 E. Blaine)

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

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Weller Elementary School
1630 N. Weller Ave.

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



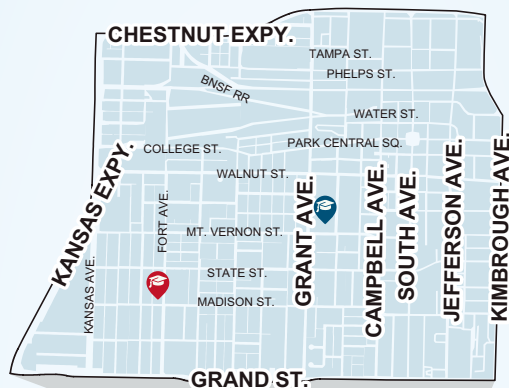
Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	317	385 ↑
Check Person	196	299 ↑
General Disturbance	200	242 ↑
Domestic Disturbance	149	160 ↑
Check Building	84	126 ↑
Check Vehicle	63	80 ↑
Assist An Agency	56	70 ↑
Noise Disturbance	--	57 ↑
Assault	--	55 ↑
Assist A Person	--	55 ↑

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Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!

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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

June 23: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. @ Broadway United
Methodist Church (545 S. Broadway Ave.)

McGregor Elementary School
1221 W. Madison St.

Campbell Early Childhood Center
506 S. Grant Ave.

Route 66 Festival organizers announce 2020 entertainment as festival celebrates 10th year

By Melissa Haase,
Managing Editor

Birthplace of Route 66 Festival organizers Aaron Sachs & Associates, Ozarks on Two Wheels, KY3/KSPR, the City of Springfield and West Central Neighborhood Alliance announced the lineup for the Aug. 14-15 festival at a press conference held March 3 at the Discovery Center. Car registration is open at route66festivalsgf.com.

The festival, which drew 65,000 last year, features an all-free musical lineup that includes live music acts on the KY3/KSPR stage in Park Central Square and local and regional favorites on the Aaron Sachs Stage just south of Jefferson Avenue and Park Central East. The headliners for the 2020 festival are Sixwire, featuring former lead singer of Kansas John Elefante and a former lead singer of Journey, Steve Augeri.

Other confirmed entertainment for 2020 include:

- Sequel Dose
- Mark Chapman Band
- The Rosy Hips
- 7D Funk
- Machine Gun Symphony
- The Dirty Saints.

New to the festival this year is the Great Route 66 Talent Search. All ages and genres are welcome.



Artists will perform live for a panel of judges with talent industry experience who will determine whether the artists will advance to the next levels of competition. Semifinalists will be invited to perform on the Park Central Square Stage, where 10 finalists will be named. Those 10 finalists will be winnowed down to one grand prize winner.

Stay tuned to the festival's social media and route66festivalsgf.com as more details become available about this fun new addition to the festival.

Returning to the festival this year is the Mother Roadster Foundation raffle benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. The 2020 Mother Roadster is a brand-new 1932 Ford Roadster, also known as "The Fezster," and is named for all of the Shriners who have worn the iconic red cap and do so much to help the children at Shriners Children's Hospital. This roadster, custom-built by Show Me Rod and ▶

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	1500	1590	↑
Check Person	893	1237	↑
General Disturbance	1060	1176	↑
Domestic Disturbance	540	414	↓
Check Building	319	380	↑
Assault	293	268	↓
Assist An Agency	302	245	↓
Check Vehicle	184	245	↑
Assist A Person	212	209	↓
Noise Disturbance	--	175	—



► Custom and Curry's Hot Rod will be the third car given away by the Mother Roadster Foundation at the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival.

The 2018 and 2019 raffles made it possible for the foundation to donate more than \$70,000 to Shriners Hospitals.

Tickets can be purchased online at MotherRoadsterFoundation.com. The winner will be drawn Saturday, Aug. 15 after the car show awards on the Sachs stage. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the festival to win. Every ticket purchased contributes to the many thousands of dollars raised to benefit Shriners Hospitals.

Mother Roadster Foundation board members include Rick Hughlett, Rick's Automotive; Jack Stinson, Stinson Building Company; Bill Hobbs, Kwik Kar Tire Pros; Kirk Wheeler, Wheeler Work Trucks; Larry Krauck, KOLR-TV/KOZL-TV; Terry Parrish, Abou



The 2020 Mother Roadster, also known as "The Fezster" is a brand-new 1932 Ford Roadster.

Ben Adhem Shrine Temple; Dennis Hobbs; and Mike Edwards, a member of the Springfield-based Shriners Hospital Dads, who transport local children and their families from the Ozarks to Shriners Hospitals for treatment.

Also back this year are the Authors, Artists, Collectors & Associations expo at The Old Glass Place, Vendor Village, the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Parade and the 6.6K Run/3.3K Walk. Motorcycle Village on the east side of the festival footprint will again be in full swing with live music, demos, stunt shows, the Globe of Steel, Pogo Fred, the Gypsy Tour Poker Run and other motorcycle-geared entertainment and vendors.

Vendors interested in participating in this year's festival should contact Tom Mast at masterfuleventsMO@gmail.com.



The Dirty Saints performing on the Aaron Sachs Stage during the 2019 festival.

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Westport Elementary School
 415 S. Golden Ave.

New and rebuilt fire stations coming to 4 neighborhoods

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Two of Springfield's most underserved areas are getting brand-new fire stations while two of its oldest stations will be demolished and rebuilt, thanks to the renewal of the Level Property Tax in November 2017.

"We are keeping our promise to Springfield voters," said Fire Chief David Pennington.

Two of the projects — Fire Station 13 in the 1900 block of West College (located in the Westside neighborhood) and Fire Station 14 at the northeast corner of West Chestnut Expressway and North Duke Avenue (near the Bissett and Westside neighborhoods) — are brand-new stations, while two will replace Fire Station 4 at 2423 N. Delaware (located on the boundary between the Doling and Robberson neighborhoods) and Fire Station 7 at 2129 E. Sunshine (located in the Brentwood neighborhood).

Construction for the station 13 will begin this June and will be complete by March 2021. Demolition of station 4 will begin this May/June, with construction for its replacement beginning in June and finishing by March 2021. Demolition and construction for station 7's replacement will begin in September 2021 and finish by May 2022. A timeline for station 14's construction has not yet been set. A rendering of Fire Station 14 was not



A rendering of the brand-new Fire Station 13 on West College. Construction will begin in June.

yet available by press time, but is expected to look similar to the other new and rebuilt fire stations.

"I am very excited about building two new fire stations in underserved areas of Springfield, both of which have high fire risk," said Pennington. "These new stations will reduce the amount of travel time for our fire crews to reach emergencies in these areas."

Pennington said that Fire Stations 4 and 7, which were built in the 1950s and '60s, have long exceeded their usefulness.

"We look forward to replacing 4 and 7 with modern facilities and equipment," he said.

Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

April 14 • May 12 • June 9: 6:30 p.m., @ Westport Park Apartments, Community Room (250 N. Hilton Ave.)

- Many neighborhood associations are cancelling meetings and events through May. Please confirm meetings and events with your neighborhood association representatives.

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Top 10 SPD Dispatched Calls for Service

Incident Type Description	2018	2019
Check Well-Being	815	1038 ↑
Check Person	490	702 ↑
General Disturbance	502	562 ↑
Domestic Disturbance	410	328 ↓
Check Building	174	245 ↑
Assist An Agency	192	217 ↑
Check Vehicle	155	197 ↑
Assault	150	154 ↑
Assist A Person	--	128 ↑
Domestic Assault	151	120 ↓



24-hour behavioral health crisis center coming to Westside

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

On Feb. 18, the Greene County Commission and leaders of Burrell Behavioral Health signed a contract that will provide \$1 million in public funding for a 24/7 behavioral health crisis center — the first of its kind in southwest Missouri — for those experiencing a behavioral health or substance use crisis.

The center, which will be located at 800 S. Park Ave., is set to open this spring and will serve adults ages 18 and up with emergent mental health and substance-use needs (excluding situations requiring acute medical care). The Park Avenue site is currently the home of a social-setting detox unit.

"We feel this unique concept will be an enormous asset for Springfield and Greene County." – Dr. C.J. Davis

"This contract signing is a real milestone. It is the result of a great deal of research, study and collaboration on the part of not just the commission, but many individuals and agencies who continue to work together to bring needed resources and services to the citizens of our community," said Greene County Commissioner Harold Bengsch, who serves as co-chair of the Healthy Living Alliance's Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force. "The commission feels funding this unique center is a step in the right direction to address our county's growing mental health needs."

BACKGROUND

In 2017, Greene County voters passed a sales tax that prioritized, among other resolutions, funding to address mental health and substance use needs. Since that time, the commission has collaborated at a variety of levels to identify specific needs and solutions that would provide much-needed care, while easing the burden on law enforcement, emergency responders and the criminal justice system.



The county, along with community partners, came together in 2018 and 2019 to study mental health and substance use in-depth. The study, which was spearheaded by the Healthy Living Alliance and is available at ozarkshealthcommission.org/sgfmentalhealth.html, indicated that Greene County's suicide rate (24.8 per 100,000) is higher than both the state (18.5) and national averages (14). Similarly, the county depression rate, measured by the Medicare population with depression (22.8%) is also higher than the state (20%) or nation (16.7%).

Greene County has fewer inpatient beds (37.8 beds per 100,000 population) than national standards (50 beds per 100,000). According to the study, stigma associated with mental health and substance use was an often-cited barrier — one in three young adults (age 18-35) chose not to get treatment because of stigma. The 18-month study further identified crisis stabilization as a key need. This prompted local leadership to visit "rapid access" crisis clinics in Kansas and Indiana, where citizens experiencing a behavioral health or substance-use crisis can get immediate stabilization and treatment. It was determined that a similar model could be employed locally.

"... we are beyond appreciative to the Greene County Commission for trusting Burrell with the establishment and service provision of this rapid-access behavioral crisis center," said Burrell President and CEO Dr. C.J. Davis. "With our governmental, law enforcement and health care partners all on board, we feel this unique concept will be an enormous asset for Springfield and Greene County, and serve as a blueprint for collaborative, crisis-level mental health care nationally. This truly is a historic moment for our community."

SPD in PE expanding to Westport Middle School and Study Alternative Center

By Jasmine Bailey, Springfield Police Department, for SGFNN

If you walked into the school gym during SPD in PE you'd hear laughing and see lots of smiling faces as Springfield Police Officers and seventh-graders sweat it out together during physical education class. SPD in PE is a new partnership between the Springfield Police Department and Springfield Public Schools and in the program, officers are forming bonds and building relationships through movement.

SPD in PE launched in August 2019 at Cherokee and Jarrett middle schools and works to create consistent and positive one-on-one interactions with kids to humanize officers and help students feel more comfortable with law enforcement. Another goal of the program is to educate students

about career opportunities in law enforcement and show how physical education is important to be a successful officer.

The idea for SPD in PE came from a desire within the department to have more positive and meaningful interactions with the children in the Springfield community. Many times, interactions with law enforcement can be intimidating, but SPD in PE allows officers to take off their uniform and connect with the kids on their turf — at school.

"SPD in PE has been well-received by our officers and by the students," said Police Chief Paul Williams. "I am proud of the commitment of our officers to be positive role models for these young people and I hope to see the program expand in the future."

Officers visit each PE class four times, with



Officer Darrell Barge plays rock, paper, scissors with a Cherokee seventh-grader.

varying curriculum during each visit. On the final visit, officers bring some of the gear used during the agility test required of candidates who wish to be considered for the police academy.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 21 • May 19 • June 16: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./ 6 p.m. optional potluck dinner @ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church (722 W. Atlantic St.)

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Bowerman Elementary School 2148 N. Douglas Ave.

Reed Middle School 2000 N. Lyon Ave.

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Incident Type Description	2018	2019	
Check Well-Being	611	620	↑
Check Person	403	461	↑
General Disturbance	361	389	↑
Domestic Disturbance	327	240	↓
Check Building	149	201	↑
Check Vehicle	93	125	↑
Domestic Assault	124	116	↓
Assist An Agency	131	101	↓
Assist A Person	--	88	—
Assault	104	87	↓



Hillcrest High School launches Future Farmers of America chapter

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

On Wednesday afternoons, a small group of students head to the science wing of Hillcrest High School to Sharon Blauvelt's classroom. They're freshmen and seniors, new to agriculture and children of farming families.

Together, they're the 22 founding members of the inaugural Future Farmers of America chapter at Springfield Public Schools.

"This is the first year of a three-year process," says Blauvelt, environmental and natural science pathway lead teacher in the Hillcrest STEM Academy. "I'm working on getting my certification from DESE to be certified to teach agriculture. And going forward, we'll have at least three agriculture classes, hopefully more. This is just the beginning, and Hillcrest has 70 acres, with half of that land covered in forests. We have a lot of space for our students to learn."

"Job opportunities, farm tours, business connections, leadership skills, scholarships, even making connections with the agriculture department at Missouri State. These are opportunities that weren't available to Hillcrest students before, and now, they're here for anyone." – Sharon Blauvelt

Future Farmers of America, or FFA, is a highly credentialed, specialized curriculum that benefits students in a variety of ways. From soft skills, like public speaking, confidence and collaborating with local businesses, to the hard skills of stream management, livestock and plant science, there's a benefit for every student.

And students have been asking for FFA to come to Hillcrest for years, Blauvelt says.

"We have two seniors this year who have asked every year if FFA is coming to Hillcrest, so bringing FFA to our school has not just been supported by our community, but also driven by our students."



Senior Madison Edmondson was a strong supporter of FFA's launch. She was raised on a farm and had participated in 4-H, another agriculture learning program, at her previous school district. When she arrived at Hillcrest as a freshman, she was disappointed that there wasn't FFA at the school. She wanted to become an agricultural lawyer. So, she didn't stop asking about FFA.

"Last year, I really went full swing on it and asked around to see if FFA was possible, if a teacher could be certified in agriculture," said Madison. "Now my senior year, it's finally here. Our location is just perfect for FFA, and I thought it would be a perfect club or organization for our school. There's the northside, which is maybe more countryside, but then there's also kids who maybe don't know about farm life but are interested in it. So it's a great place for both."

Fellow senior Kenson Handley grew up working on a hobby farm, surrounded by farmers in his community. He saw FFA as an opportunity to get more involved at school with something he was passionate about, as well as celebrating his rural heritage.

We've lost some of our northside heritage, because a whole bunch of this used to be farm land," said Kenson. "It brings back recognition to the families that are left who are farmers, still, and gives them recognition for what they do on the northside."

Kenson is excited to see the number of freshmen who are actively engaged in FFA meetings at Hillcrest. His hope, like Blauvelt's, is for the

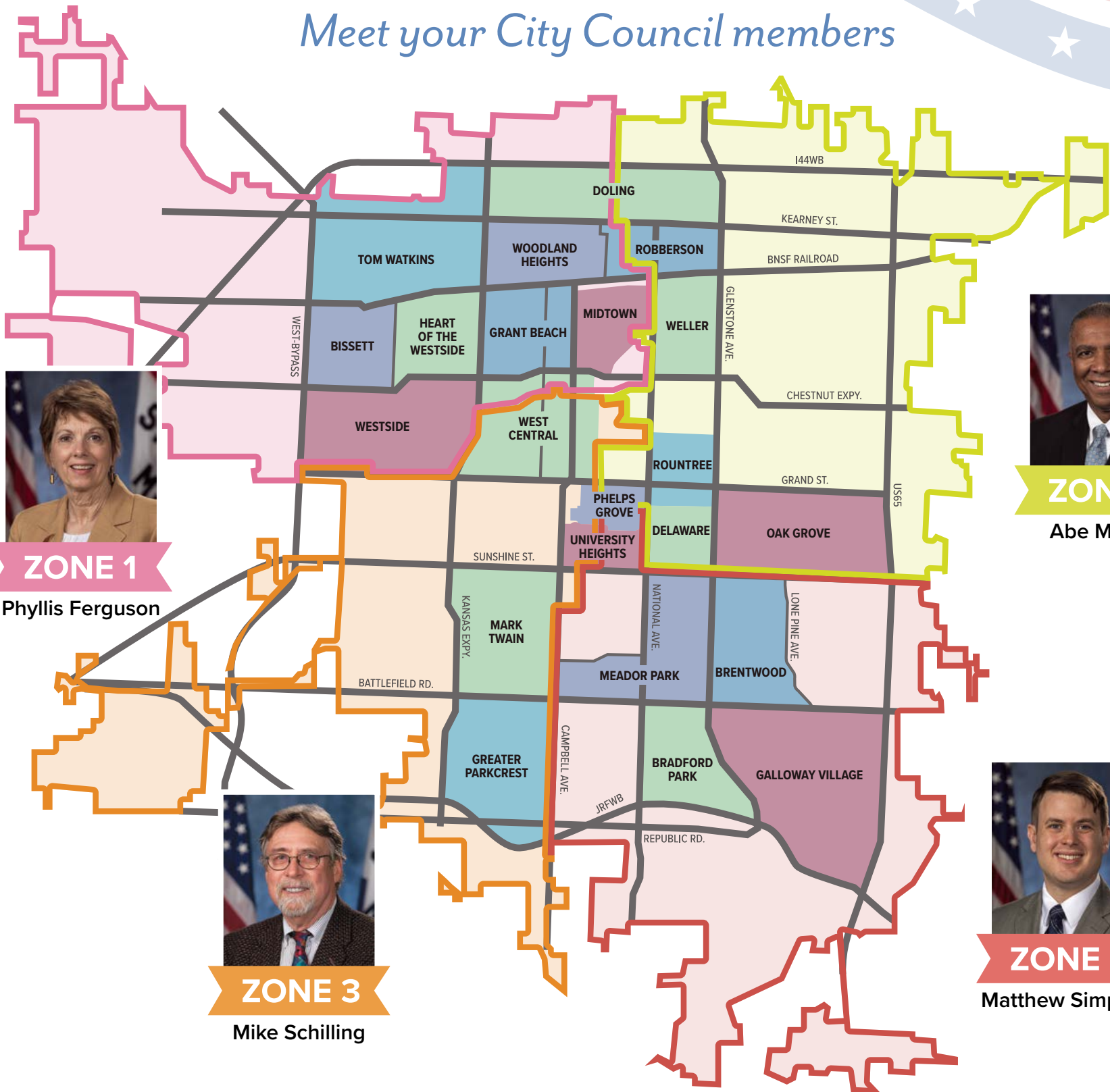
program to thrive and be a fixture at Hillcrest for many years to come.

"FFA means better things for my kids," said Blauvelt. "Job opportunities, farm tours, business connections, leadership skills, scholarships, even making connections with the agriculture department at Missouri State. These are opportunities that weren't available to Hillcrest students before, and now, they're here for anyone. We welcome everyone because anyone can wear the blue FFA jacket."



Springfield Zone Boundaries & Registered Neighborhoods

Meet your City Council members



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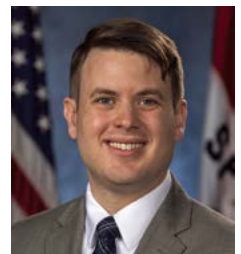
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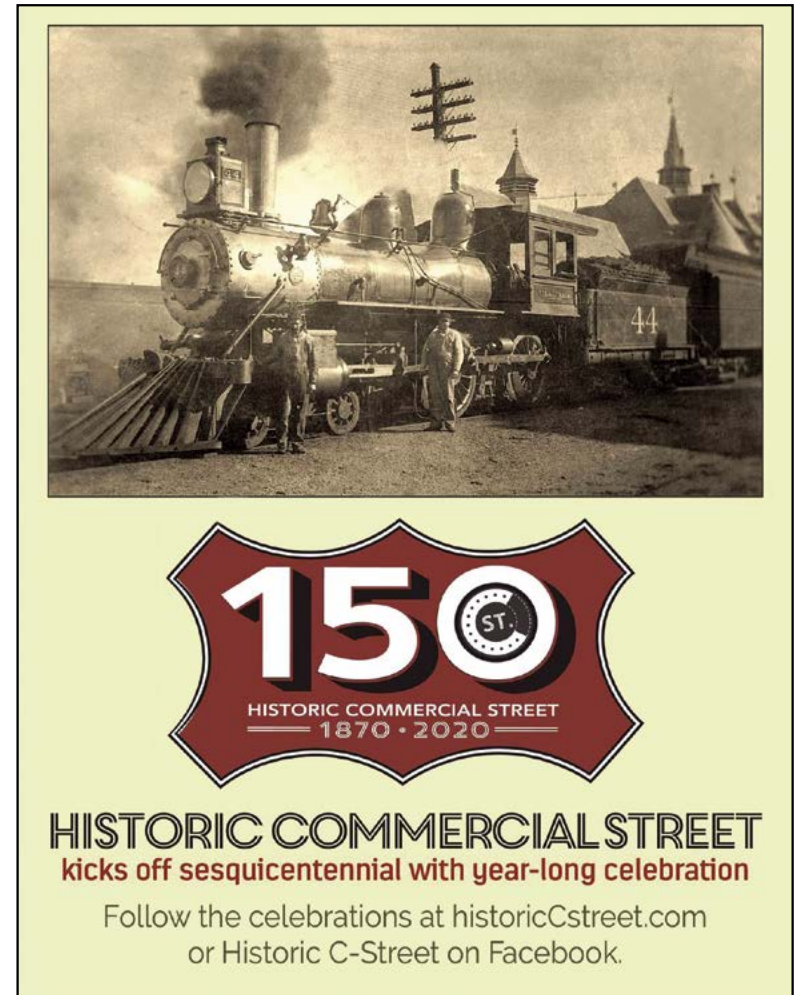
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