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## Benefits of COVID-19 vaccine far outweigh potential risks

By Dr. Nancy Yoon, Health Department, for SGFNN

The COVID-19 pandemic has had widespread effects on our community. In Greene County, as of March 22, there have been over 28,000 cases reported and 422 deaths. Until recently, the only tools we had to fight this pandemic were hand washing, wearing masks and physical distancing. There are now three COVID-19 vaccines available. With the vaccines, we have a powerful tool to add, which can help end the pandemic. Our goal is for at least 70% of our community to be vaccinated to reach a level of herd immunity. Once cases have stabilized at low levels, we will be able to get back to the activities that we enjoyed prior to the pandemic.

*We encourage people to make an informed choice in getting the vaccine. Getting the vaccine will protect yourself, your loved ones and the community.*

At its March 22 meeting, City Council approved a resolution that provides the framework provided by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for safely reducing the City's COVID-19 restrictions in a phased step-out plan that is coded red, yellow and green. Before the current ordinance requiring masking, physical distancing and occupancy restrictions in public spaces expires April 9, the council is likely to meet to either extend the current restrictions if needed, or vote on a new ordinance to move into the yellow phase. For details about the framework and phases, visit [SGFNeighborhoodNews.com](http://SGFNeighborhoodNews.com).

All three vaccines are highly effective at preventing moderate to severe/critical illness and death from COVID-19. Vaccination is a safer way to develop immunity than natural infection. Some people have severe illness with COVID-19, or can have symptoms that last for months. Current data indicates that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the potential risks. We encourage people to make an informed choice in getting the vaccine. Getting the vaccine will protect yourself, your loved ones and the community.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

### HOW DO THE VACCINES WORK?

The body's immune system is designed to recognize germs (like bacteria or viruses) that can cause disease. Vaccines teach your body how to develop immunity without having to be infected with the virus. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is an adenovirus vector vaccine containing DNA.

The mRNA or DNA in these vaccines gives instructions on how to make the spike protein, which is on the outer surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The immune system makes antibodies against the spike protein. If a person is exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, they will have the antibodies ready to attack and destroy the virus.



Dr. Nancy Yoon, medical director, Springfield-Greene County Health Department

### ARE THE VACCINES SAFE?

Ensuring vaccines are safe is a critical process that begins during vaccine development and clinical trials and continues after vaccines are authorized or approved for use. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorization for the three COVID-19 vaccines. They have been shown to be safe and effective as determined by data from the manufacturers and findings from large clinical trials. The trials included tens of thousands of people, across multiple racial and ethnic groups, ages, and people with various medical comorbidities. There have been over 80 million people in the U.S. vaccinated so far, and there have been very low rates of serious adverse effects. There continues to be ongoing surveillance of adverse events with multiple vaccine safety monitoring systems in place.

The safety and efficacy data were reviewed by an independent expert committee called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Pfizer's clinical trial enrolled over 44,000 participants with 42% globally having racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds. Of Moderna's 30,000 trial participants, 37% were from minority communities, including 6,000 Hispanic and 3,000 Black participants. Janssen's trial included 43,783 participants in the United States, Latin America and South Africa.

### HOW WERE THESE VACCINES APPROVED SO QUICKLY?

Although the timeline has been accelerated, the efforts have not sacrificed scientific standards, integrity of the vaccine review process, or safety. Scientists were able to build upon existing knowledge and research on other vaccines. mRNA technology has been studied for decades. It has been studied with other diseases, such as SARS, rabies, influenza and Zika.

► See **VACCINE BENEFITS** on page 3

# Heartfelt thanks for 6 years of support in Zone 1

By Phyllis Ferguson, for SGFNN

At the end of 2020, I decided that I wouldn't seek another term on Springfield City Council. Six years seemed time enough and now it's time for a fresh face to represent northwest Springfield. I encourage you to research the candidates, determine which one will best represent the residents in Zone 1, and VOTE!

In the past six years, we've worked hard. We've won some, and we've lost some. And, there's still much to do. I've been blessed to work side-by-side with the finest people in this city – folks throughout our nine organized neighborhoods and beyond, a City staff that would stay right there with us and find ways to make things happen that sometimes looked near impossible, and the many faith and civic organizations that stepped up, saw the need, heard the call, and continue to deliver. I couldn't have asked for more. My gratitude is greater than you know.



I'm sorry that I wasn't able to get more done about nuisance properties and dangerous buildings even though I've spent more time working in that area than any other. I'm encouraged that City Council recently approved funds for the addition of three new inspectors to add to the current four. Soon, I hope we will see the addition of three full-time compliance officers to help move from a citizens' complaint system to the City taking a proactive role. This bill was my last opportunity to help ease the strain on our residents and put Building Development Services in a better position.

Crime continues to plague our neighborhoods in Zone 1, as well as the rest of the city. For many of us, this is not the Springfield we know and love. Stay verbal, report, look out for each other, and don't settle for less than what we are due – safe, healthy neighborhoods in all areas of Springfield.

For those who have worked so hard to improve

Zone 1, I want you to always remember the many accomplishments made over the past six years. Our strength and commitment have made Zone 1 a better place for all of us to live. We have seen The Fairbanks, Prosper Springfield, and The Dream Center rise up to provide support systems and opportunities for those working to come out of poverty.

The Job Center North opened and hundreds of job training and employment opportunities have provided our residents with professions and decent jobs. Zone 1 parks are now second to none and better than most. We've had almost \$2,000,000 poured into them in the last four years.

We've added over 10 miles of new sidewalks and had many failing ones replaced, so walking is safer for our kids and us. We've seen the Grand and Mt. Vernon bridges replaced and Talmage Dip reworked and made safe. We even got a butterfly habitat!

We cruise Kearney Street again. Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, our Northside icon, is funded and the work to repair and rehab is about to go out for bid. The westside fire station on College Street will be built this year. The list goes on, and I can't tell you how incredibly grateful I am to have had the opportunity to work beside you to bring these improvements to Northwest Springfield.

I am proud to call so many of you friend and even more proud to have represented such determined and hardworking people. That hard work and determined spirit is what has carried us across the finish line many times. Hang onto it, use it often, and wear it with honor.

Saying thank you for giving me the chance to represent Zone 1 doesn't express what's in my heart. I love the north side and our city. There are many parts to love but what I love most are the people. I'm not saying goodbye because it's not the end. I'll see you around!

#NorthsidePride



# Dwayne Shmel named City's new director of Building Development Services

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Dwayne Shmel was selected as the City's new director of Building Development Services (BDS), effective Jan. 11. Shmel replaced Harlan Hill, who served in the role for about three years.

Shmel, who has 25 years of national retail design, development and construction experience, came to Springfield from Bentonville, Arkansas, where he served as senior manager of architecture and design for Walmart Inc. since 2012. Prior to Walmart, Shmel served in several roles for Best Buy Company, Inc., including manager of development, project development manager and architectural manager from 1998 until 2012.

Shmel earned his bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Oklahoma and his associate degree in business administration from Cecil Community College. In addition to being a licensed architect, he is a certified building official, a certified building inspector and plans examiner, and is certified by the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards.

"I am both excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve the community of Springfield in the Department of Building Development Services," Shmel said. "Our department is the steward of the development and building standards that preserve the life safety, health, and property of all our customers. Executing that public service mission in a consistent and responsive manner supports common goals and furthers the partnership with those who choose to invest in Springfield. I look forward to being part of a critical and dynamic department that is responsible for protecting the public trust."

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

BDS inspectors respond to approximately 12,000 citizen service requests per year, addressing a wide variety of property complaints, including chronic nuisance properties. One of City Council's 2021 priorities is to address and reduce the number of nuisance properties to ensure clean, safe neighborhoods. City Council approved the addition of three new inspectors to the BDS staff, and the department will also be hiring an assistant director.

The BDS team ensures the community's buildings are safe by issuing permits for building construction and by administering tests and awarding skill-based certificates to license electricians, plumbers, gas fitters and mechanical craftsmen.

"Dwayne has a high level of understanding of both the public and private aspects of property development. He also brings to the table a solutions-oriented approach," said City Manager Jason Gage. "This approach will help the City continue to improve our development permitting and inspection services, and neighborhood blight elimination efforts."



## REMEMBER TO VOTE APRIL 6!

All candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

<b>SPRINGFIELD MAYOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ken McClure</li><li>• Marcus Aton</li></ul>	<b>ZONE 1 COUNCIL MEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angela Romine</li><li>• Isabelle Jimenez Walker</li></ul>	<b>ZONE 4 COUNCIL MEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Matthew Simpson</li><li>• Craig Kauffman</li><li>• Jean Kalapathy</li></ul>	<b>GENERAL SEAT A COUNCIL MEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alexander Aton</li><li>• Justin Burnett</li><li>• Randy Allen</li><li>• Heather Hardinger</li></ul>	<b>GENERAL SEAT B COUNCIL MEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Michael Hasty</li><li>• Brent Brown</li><li>• Craig Hosmer</li></ul>
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*The mayor serves a two-year term. City Council members serve four-year terms.*

**R-12 SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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*Three seats are up for election for three-year terms.*



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Another way scientists saved time was by working on efforts simultaneously, rather than one after another like the traditional process. For example, COVID-19 vaccines were in Phase III clinical trials at the same time they were being manufactured.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO GET THE VACCINE?**

The Pfizer vaccine is approved for people 16 years of age and older. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for people 18 years of age and older. People with a severe allergic reaction to one of the COVID-19 vaccines should not receive additional doses. People who have had immediate allergic reactions to any of the vaccine ingredients should be evaluated by an allergist to determine if they can safely receive the vaccine. If a person had monoclonal antibody therapy or convalescent plasma as part of treatment for COVID-19, they should wait 90 days before getting the vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccines should be given 14 days apart from other vaccines. Studies are being done on whether children can receive the vaccines.

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE VACCINES?**

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain mRNA, and require two doses. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine uses an adenovirus vector which contains DNA, and is given in a single dose. mRNA is unstable at room temperature, and requires ultracold storage. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines showed 95% efficacy in the clinical trials. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was 72% effective against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 in the United States, and 85% effective against severe COVID-19 globally. All three vaccines are considered to be highly effective. There have been no head-to-head comparison trial of the vaccines. The results cannot be directly compared, because the trials were done in different countries and at different times during the pandemic, when disease rates and circulating variants were different. In the current situation of having limited supply, people should be vaccinated with the earliest vaccine that becomes available to them.

### **CAN PREGNANT OR LACTATING PEOPLE GET THE VACCINE?**

Yes. Pregnant people with COVID-19 have an increased risk of severe illness, including hospitalization, mechanical ventilation or death. They may also be at increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as preterm birth. The vaccines do not contain live virus, so they are not believed to pose a risk to the pregnant person or the fetus. Pregnant people should engage in shared decision-making with their healthcare provider regarding receiving the vaccine, taking into account

the individual's risk for infection and severe disease.

Pregnant people were not specifically included in the clinical trials of the COVID-19 vaccines. In the post-authorization safety monitoring, there have not been any indication of safety problems specifically in pregnant people, aside from the side effects reported in all vaccine recipients. Pregnant people are able to enroll in safety registries to report any adverse events.

There is currently no evidence that antibodies formed from COVID-19 vaccination cause any problems with pregnancy, including the development of the placenta. In addition, there is no evidence suggesting that fertility problems are a side effect of ANY vaccine. People who are trying to become pregnant now or who plan to try in the future may receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine recommend that COVID-19 vaccines should not be withheld from pregnant individuals who meet criteria for vaccination.

### **CAN A PERSON GET COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINE?**

No. The vaccines do not contain live virus, and they cannot cause infection. There are still a small number of people who could become infected with COVID-19, because none of the vaccines are 100% effective. It also takes a while for the body to fully develop an immune response, so it is possible to get infected before a person is fully immunized.

### **IF A PERSON HAS ALREADY HAD COVID-19, SHOULD THEY STILL GET THE VACCINE?**

Yes, as long as they have recovered from the illness and they are out of their isolation period. It is not known how long immunity after natural infection from COVID-19 lasts. It is also possible to be infected again, and the vaccines help protect against this.

### **HOW MANY DOSES ARE NEEDED?**

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a single dose. If you received the Pfizer vaccine, you should get your second shot 21 days after your first. If you received the Moderna vaccine, you should get your second shot 28 days after your first. You should get your second shot as close to the recommended interval as possible. However, the second dose may be given up to six weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary. It takes time for your body to build protection after being vaccinated. A person is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after the second dose in a two-dose series, or 14 days after receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

### **WHAT CAN PEOPLE EXPECT AFTER GETTING THE VACCINE?**

There may be side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccination, but they should go away within a few days. Possible side effects include

a sore arm, headache, fever, or body aches. Side effects are signs that the vaccine is working to build immunity. Call your healthcare provider if they don't go away in a week or you have more serious symptoms. The side effects are generally more mild and briefer than what you would have with the actual COVID-19 infection. There are ongoing studies of the long-term effects of the COVID-19 vaccines. In general, it is uncommon for there to be side effects from vaccines that last more than two weeks.

### **WILL THE VACCINES PROTECT AGAINST THE VARIANTS?**

The new virus variants have the potential to be more transmissible and lead to increased cases, hospitalizations and deaths. As more and more people are vaccinated, this will slow down the spread of the variants. So far, studies suggest that the currently authorized vaccines are effective against these variants. This is being closely investigated and more studies are underway. The vaccine manufacturers are studying different vaccines and possible booster doses. If needed, they will be able to make modifications in the vaccines.

### **AFTER A PERSON HAS BEEN FULLY VACCINATED, CAN THEY STOP USING OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES?**

At this time, it is still recommended for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others. It will take some time to vaccinate a large percentage of the population, so it's important to keep taking steps to protect people who haven't gotten the vaccine yet. It may still be possible for a vaccinated person to have an asymptomatic infection, and they could potentially spread this to other people. Experts are still learning more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions.

### **IS THERE A COST TO GETTING THE VACCINE?**

No person can be billed for the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination providers may charge an administration fee to insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, if applicable in your situation. Uninsured Missourians will be able to receive the vaccination regardless of their health insurance status.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

- **Springfield-Greene County Health Department:** [health.springfieldmo.gov](http://health.springfieldmo.gov), call center 417-874-1211 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.), email: [coronavirus@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:coronavirus@springfieldmo.gov)
- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:** [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:** [covidvaccine.mo.gov](http://covidvaccine.mo.gov).

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE?**

Visit [health.springfieldmo.gov/vaccine](http://health.springfieldmo.gov/vaccine) for a list of links to sign up with vaccine providers.



Mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic held in February at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.







## MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY

It's important to maintain your property not only for your own financial investment and safety, but for that of others as well. Nuisance properties are addressed in Section 26 of the City Code (available at <https://library.municode.com/mo/springfield>) and are considered to be any property that is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public. Nuisance violations can range from overgrowth of grass, weeds and other vegetation to debris and trash to unsafe building-maintenance conditions, such as a sagging roof, listing walls or fire damage, among other examples.

If you need to make critical repairs to your home but cannot afford it, help is available through the Homeowner Emergency Loan Program (HELP), which provides funding assistance toward making critical home repairs in owner-occupied homes and is a partnership among the City of Springfield, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Council of Churches of the Ozarks Connections Handyman Service, Habitat for Humanity and Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC).

HELP may provide direct funding for improvements in the form of forgivable loans or referrals to partner agencies for alternative assistance opportunities.

Funding is made possible by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

For more information about HELP, please contact the City of Springfield Office of Neighborhoods and Planning, Affordable Housing Office at 417-864-1053 or 417-864-1031.

# Clean Green Springfield initiative kicks off this spring

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Springfield is a beautiful city, but due to the effects of the pandemic and other factors, it noticeably needs some love.

The City of Springfield is launching "Clean Green Springfield," a series of City-wide cleanup activities focused on the months of April and May. The departments of Public Information & Civic Engagement, Public Works, Environmental Services, Quality of Place and Planning & Development are working with community partners to challenge citizens and volunteer groups to help clean up and green up the city.

*"Our citizens are incredibly giving of their time. Once they become aware of a problem, they want to be a part of the solution."* – Cora Scott

Environmental Services staff members are currently creating a litter index to help measure litter amounts across town and have completed a trash assessment in Springfield streams. They found on average 155 pieces of trash in a 100-foot stream section (628,324 total in Springfield area streams). Nearly 60% of trash found in streams is plastic and on average there were 14 cigarette butts found in the stream (57,797 cigarette butts in Springfield area streams).

Citizens reported to the Citizen Resource Center more than 1,000 complaints about trash and debris in the right-of-way and more than 2,000 trash-related nuisances on private property in 2019.

"We want to be known as the cleanest city in the state," said Cora Scott, director of Public



Information & Civic Engagement. "Our citizens are incredibly giving of their time. Once they become aware of a problem, they want to be a part of the solution."

Individuals and groups will be able to participate in one of numerous cleanup and beautification efforts, including supporting scheduled neighborhood cleanups, roadside trash pickups, plantings, stream cleanups and more.

For more information, visit [Springfieldmo.gov](http://Springfieldmo.gov) and look for the Clean Green Springfield links.

Several neighborhoods have spring cleanup events scheduled. Dates, times and locations for those events can be found in the neighborhood sections.





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# Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan continues with virtual engagement, survey opportunities

By Randall Whitman, Planning & Development,  
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What a challenging year 2020 was for everyone. It's been no different in the city's Planning Department. Despite so much early engagement and momentum in the development of the comprehensive plan, the Forward SGF process too, was greatly affected by the pandemic. It's hard to believe we began the planning process in 2019, we are more than two years into the process now. So, where are we at? What's going on? When will we see some results and get our hands on the plan?

In early spring of last year, we had just completed the first of three rounds of collecting focus group input. The virus immediately halted progress. Once we were able to get enough focus group members engaged and connected virtually, we found ourselves several months behind. Adding to the difficulty, our planning consultants could not travel to Springfield to meet and facilitate community workshops. Fortunately, everything is back on track and considerable progress has been made in a number of areas. Our community is responding, as we all get acclimated to virtual participation.

*The Downtown Advisory Team met for the first time, and we will soon host a community-wide engagement event to collect feedback on the future vision and focus for downtown Springfield.*

The most important and comprehensive work completed thus far is the development of the Forward SGF focus group reports. Each report provides a glimpse into what will likely be the foundation of the final 10 chapters in the plan. More than 150 community participants contributed to the development of each report, crafting vision statements and identifying goals and strategies for a wide array of important community issues. All 10 reports and a survey to help prioritize each can be accessed directly from the project website: [forwardsgf.com/pages/engage](https://forwardsgf.com/pages/engage).

In January, we kicked off the downtown planning process. The Downtown Advisory Team met for the first time, and we will soon host a community-wide engagement event to collect feedback on the future vision and focus for downtown Springfield.



Currently, we are taking feedback

via a downtown survey and interactive mapping exercise [forwardsgf.com/pages/currentprojects](https://forwardsgf.com/pages/currentprojects).

Commercial Street is also getting a new plan. The City contracted with Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA) to prepare a new plan and market study. A draft of that plan is being finalized now. The Commercial Street Market Study and Survey results are available for review at [springfieldmo.gov/cstreetplan](https://springfieldmo.gov/cstreetplan).

As a new and exciting planning piece that will greatly contribute to the Forward SGF initiative is the development of the Grant Avenue Parkway (GAP) Corridor Plan. The plan was developed in concert with the preliminary parkway design following several months of community feedback and planning. The GAP Corridor Plan and other information about the parkway design and project can be reviewed from the project website: [grantavenueparkway.com/](https://grantavenueparkway.com/).

Lastly, the city is taking feedback on four Subarea Studies that will complement other planning elements, as well as provide guidance on corridors and districts with similar characteristics. Visit [forwardsgf.com/pages/currentprojects](https://forwardsgf.com/pages/currentprojects) to learn more about each study area and plans for each. The four subareas under review now are:

- East Trafficway Subarea
- West Chestnut Expressway Subarea
- North Glenstone Avenue Subarea
- Lake Springfield Subarea

As the planning process continues to evolve on a regular pace, the City encourages you to watch for news releases and emails for updates and additional ways in which you can get involved with Forward SGF. For more information, contact Randall Whitman, principal planner, at 417-864-2027 or [rwhitman@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:rwhitman@springfieldmo.gov), or visit [ForwardSGF.com](https://ForwardSGF.com).







## renew jordan creek

## Second round of public engagement for Renew Jordan Creek design to begin in April

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield will kick off a second round of public engagement activities this spring for the development of the Renew Jordan Creek Master Plan. Engagement will be conducted virtually, with all input activities hosted at [renewjordancreek.com](http://renewjordancreek.com).

Many visitors to downtown Springfield may not realize the Jordan Creek is flowing beneath their feet. Beginning in the 1930s, the creek was channeled through a series of underground culverts, where the then-polluted waterway could be hidden from sight. The Renew Jordan Creek effort intends to “daylight” part of the creek and bring it to the surface, helping to reduce flooding and improve water quality. The project is also viewed as an opportunity to provide an urban amenity and catalyst for further redevelopment along its path through downtown.

### PHASE 1

The master plan seeks to outline a design for this Phase one site and outline a plan for potential future enhancements to nearby Founders Park and other spaces along Jordan Creek’s footprint.

The first round of master plan engagement took place in January, with the launch of an interactive project website and a city-wide visioning survey that collected more than 600 responses.

“Input from the public visioning round of engagement will be utilized in late March in an intensive and highly collaborative design process involving our Renew Jordan Creek Stakeholder Team,” explained Project Manager Kirkland Preston. “The ideas and guidance provided from that stakeholder group will then be put to the public at large.”

The Stakeholder Team represents a diverse group of interests including downtown businesses, property owners, developers and agencies as well as technical experts in environmental, engineering and architectural design fields.

The City will host a virtual public open house the week of April 5 where visitors to [renewjordancreek.com](http://renewjordancreek.com) will have the opportunity to review proposed usage and design elements for the project and provide feedback. A third wave of engagement to help finalize the master plan recommendations will occur this summer.

To learn more and participate in upcoming engagement activities, visit [renewjordancreek.com](http://renewjordancreek.com).

# More than 2,000 citizens engage to plan Grant Avenue Parkway concept design and corridor plan

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

After months of data collection, public engagement sessions and stakeholder meetings, two significant milestones in the path to improving the Grant Avenue corridor between Sunshine and downtown have been reached. A baseline concept design for the roadway improvement project has been developed and an accompanying Grant Avenue Corridor Plan to guide future development drafted.

Nearly 500 viewers tuned in to a live, virtual public broadcast in early February as the City’s project team presented the recommended baseline concept design and gathered feedback on future land use and development for the Corridor Plan effort.

“Public engagement is vital to the success of this transformational project,” explains Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement Cora Scott. “We are thrilled that through a mix of virtual broadcasts, surveys, one-on-one stakeholder meetings and other activities, more than 2,000 Springfieldians directly engaged with us throughout this process.”

*“The establishment of a Corridor Plan will help encourage appropriate growth and development along the Parkway route, while helping maintain the unique identity and neighborhood characteristics of the area.” – Tim Rosenbury*

The recommended concept design will be included as the City proceeds to the project delivery phase of the roadway improvements this spring with the issuance of a Request for Qualifications

(RFQ) from teams of designers, engineers and architects. From those who respond to the RFQ, a select number of qualifying teams will be chosen to participate in a design competition set to take place this summer. A winning team is expected to be named this fall when another round of public engagement will launch to provide feedback on the final design. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2022 with completion of the project in 2023.

Working in coordination with the roadway improvement project, the City’s Planning and Development Department engaged Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan consultant firm, Houseal Lavigne, to complete a Grant Avenue Corridor Plan.

“The Grant Avenue Parkway is much more than a street project,” said Director of Quality of Place Initiatives Tim Rosenbury. “The establishment of a Corridor Plan will help encourage appropriate growth and development along the Parkway route, while helping maintain the unique identity and neighborhood characteristics of the area.”

The Corridor Plan focuses on the portion of the Parkway route between College Street and Fassnight Park. It focuses on opportunities to capitalize and encourage redevelopment and reinvestment – targeting a variety of housing types, neighborhood commercial and placemaking strategies. It also includes a number of transportation recommendations to better connect the Parkway to neighborhoods and greenway trails as well as an implementation strategy and recommended changes to City Code.

The draft corridor plan went before the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in March. With Council approval, an overlay district zoning ordinance will be brought forward to implement the plan.

For more information on the Grant Avenue Parkway corridor improvement project and the Grant Avenue Corridor Plan, visit [grantavenueparkway.com](http://grantavenueparkway.com).



## grant avenue parkway

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# Emergency rental, utility assistance available for those impacted by COVID-19

By Francine Pratt, Missouri College Access Network and Prosper Springfield, for SGFNN

Greene County has emergency funding available for individuals and families struggling to pay their rent or utilities because of COVID-19. This emergency assistance is income-based and available only to those who rent their homes and live in Greene County.

COVID-19 impacted many families in several ways. Renters who have been impacted by COVID-19 may qualify for emergency assistance if they lost their job, had a reduction in work hours and/or experienced financial hardship because of COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Examples of housing instability include past-due rent and/or having past-due utility bills and/or not being able to pay current rent and/or utility bills.

This project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0293 awarded to Greene County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

There are several local trusted community organizations available to help individuals learn if they qualify for the emergency assistance and can assist with the application process:

- Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri: 417-268-9998
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks: 417-888-2020
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services: 417-889-7474
- Council of Churches – One Stop for Early Childhood Program: 417-887-3545
- OACAC: 417-447-0554
- The Salvation Army: 417-862-5509.

Individuals who have a job loss or reduction in work hours and want to know about short-term job training programs or job opportunities can contact the Missouri Job Center at 2900 E. Sunshine, 417-887-4343. The Job Center has reopened to the public. The Job Center also has a new affiliate office located at The Fairbanks, 1126 N. Broadway. Job Center staff can help job seekers apply for the many job options available in the Springfield area.

Springfield's top job industries include health/medicine, business/entrepreneurship, teaching/education, manufacturing/engineering, and

information technology/software solutions. Springfield is fortunate to have many job training opportunities. Several local and state initiatives provide options to strengthen job seekers' skill sets to enter the workforce stronger than ever.

Job seekers may want to consider apprenticeship programs, especially for individuals wanting to make a career change. Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to connect with employers and learn valuable job skills in a variety of industries. Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to earn while learning, receive hands-on training, and study under a mentorship of seasoned professionals. Industry-recognized credentials, a degree or certificate can also be earned through apprenticeships. Visit [moapprenticeconnect.com](http://moapprenticeconnect.com) to obtain more information and create a profile.

COVID-19 has had challenging impacts in our community. However, with great programs supported locally and across the state, Missourians can return strong! For more information about the Return Strong Campaign, please visit [jobs.mo.gov/return-strong](http://jobs.mo.gov/return-strong).

As job seekers search for employment, it is important for individuals to know how they can enhance job skills in their areas of interest, or how to seek new opportunities in high-demand jobs in the Springfield area. For connections to other related resources, in the areas of education, health, housing, job/financial security or transportation, please visit [prosper.springfield.org](http://prosper.springfield.org).

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



Francine Pratt

## Green for Greene job program accepting applications for summer 2021 session

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Missouri Job Center's Green for Greene program – an Environmental Protection Agency grant-funded “green” job training program designed to train and secure well-paying environmental jobs for residents of under-resourced areas – is now accepting applications for its summer session, which will begin Aug. 16 with an application deadline of July 29. The sessions run for five weeks.

Green for Greene is funded by a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.



**Green for Greene**  
An EPA-funded Grant

You must be 18 or older to participate. To apply or for more information, visit [springfieldmo.gov/greenforgreene](http://springfieldmo.gov/greenforgreene) or call Cindy Bennett at 417-841-1890.

The specific, free training courses include certifications in: OSHA Hazwoper, Trenching & Excavation, Confined Space, Lead Renovation Repair & Painting, Lead Abatement, Asbestos Handler, Forklift Driver, Mold Abatement, Silica, Flagger, Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid/CPR.

“We are very excited to continue this program which provides good paying jobs in a variety of career pathways,” said Program Manager Cindy Bennett. “Currently, we are looking for at least 20 people interested in career training in this exciting field at no cost to the participant,” she added.

## ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT PAYING RENT OR UTILITIES DUE TO COVID-19?

If you are struggling to pay your rent or utilities due to COVID-19 and live in Greene County, contact one of these organizations to see if you qualify for assistance.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI**  
**417-268-9998**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF OZARKS**  
**417-888-2020**

**CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES**  
**417-889-7474**

**COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—ONE STOP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**  
**417-887-3545**

**OACAC**  
**417-447-0554**

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**417-862-5509**

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by Federal Award Number ERA0293 awarded to County of Greene by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.





# Yield checks begin at Springfield crosswalks in March

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City's SGF Yields pedestrian safety program is stepping up their driver crosswalk compliance efforts. Beginning in March, failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk may result in getting pulled over.

Funded through a \$21,120 grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation, The Springfield Police Department, in partnership with SGF Yields, will begin conducting weekly driver yield checks at well-marked crosswalk locations. The goal of the exercise is to further increase the local yield rate at crosswalks, making the community more pedestrian friendly.

*"For the first few months, officers will hand out warnings and educational materials to those who don't comply. After that, they may begin issuing citations if necessary."* – Mandy Buettgen-Quinn

Between March and October, the grant will fund three police officers on overtime for one four-hour yield check shift per week. The public will be notified of upcoming yield check locations in advance via news release and social media. Results of the exercise will also be reported to the public.

"Crosswalk Yield Checks are a way to give the community a friendly nudge to obey the rules,"

explains Traffic Safety Professional Mandy Buettgen-Quinn. "For the first few months, officers will hand out warnings and educational materials to those who don't comply. After that, they may begin issuing citations if necessary."

According to quarterly crosswalk compliance assessments, Springfield drivers currently yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk approximately 43% of the time. National studies show that educational enforcement activities like Yield Checks can result in up to 70% or more of drivers yielding at crosswalks.

## HOW CROSSWALK YIELD CHECKS WORK

Three police officers will station themselves at a designated crosswalk location for approximately four hours, monitoring for driver compliance. One officer in plain clothing will act as a pedestrian, a second will function as a spotter and a third will be in a patrol car, ready to stop those who do not properly yield to the pedestrian.

Posted signage will alert drivers that they are approaching a yield check location. Those who are stopped will be provided a warning and educational materials. After a three-month warning period, drivers may receive citations for blatant violations. Officers may also address any pedestrians that do



not follow regulations, providing similar warnings and education to those who put themselves or others at risk.

Crosswalk Yield Check locations are determined by Public Works and the Springfield Police Department with guidance and input from citizens through the SGF Yields Citizen Action Group.

For more information about Crosswalk Yield Checks and the SGF Yields pedestrian safety program, please visit [springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields](http://springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields), follow SGF Yields on Facebook, or email [traffic@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:traffic@springfieldmo.gov).

# SUMMER

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Summer Adventure,  
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Ritter Springs and  
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**Outdoor Adventures**  
with Outdoor Initiatives

**Skateboarding Camp**  
at Springfield Skate Park

**Figure Skating and Ice Hockey**  
at Jordan Valley Ice Park

**Junior Golf** at Bill & Payne  
Stewart Golf Course

**Equestrian Camps** at Valley  
Water Mill Equestrian Center

**Zoo Education Programs**  
at Dickerson Park Zoo

**PARKBOARD.ORG/CAMPS**

## Neighborhood Works awards expected to be announced in June

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Evaluation of applications for approximately \$600,000-\$650,000 of Neighborhood Works program funding are underway, with final project awards expected to be announced in June.

Sixteen neighborhood associations took part in mandatory application workshops hosted in December 2020 and January, with 16 project applications submitted. The applications included six parks projects, seven traffic engineering projects, two street maintenance projects and one traffic engineering/stormwater/parks combined project.

City staff expect to review applications for eligibility and feasibility and prepare cost estimates by late April. The Neighborhood Advisory Council evaluation and scoring period will then take place. Final recommendations will be forwarded to City Manager Jason Gage for a final decision in early June.

First launched in 2016 and funded through the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax, Neighborhood Works is intended to fund small-scale capital improvements within officially registered neighborhoods. The program gives residents the opportunity to identify projects they believe will offer the greatest benefit to their area. Examples of eligible projects include small-scale stormwater drainage improvements, alley improvements, street markings for bikes, small sidewalk improvements and trail connections, and updates to parks such as playground equipment, sidewalks and parking lots.



A voter-approved program through the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax

Individual projects are limited to \$100,000 or less and must take place on city-owned property or right-of-way. Since the program began, it has funded 21 individual neighborhood projects totaling \$1.5 million in investment.

Projects for the 2019-2024 program will be selected in two application cycles. Approximately \$600,000-\$650,000 will be allocated for the first cycle. All leftover funds will be carried over and added to the balance available for a second program funding cycle expected in 2023.

For more information, contact Alana Owen, senior planner for the City of Springfield, at 417-864-1831 or [aowen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:aowen@springfieldmo.gov).





# United Way to host Days of Caring in June and September

By Greg Burris, United Way, for SGFNN

What makes someone care about their neighbors? What makes someone care about their neighborhood?

Toward the end of my career as city manager, I told people that if I could have magically pulled a lever and moved the needle on one thing, it would have been "empathy." And empathy leads to community ownership.

We tend to treat the things we own differently than the things we rent. Do you put premium gas in a rental car?

At United Way of the Ozarks, we are focused on building "community ownership." We want every

citizen to understand their community, feel like their voice is heard, have empathy toward their neighbors, and be provided opportunities for civic engagement.

Community engagement — acts both large and small — add up to make a real difference in our neighborhoods. I can sit on my couch and complain, or I can work to make things better.

Some of us want to work individually. Others want to work together with others (in a united way) to make a difference in the lives of others. No matter how you prefer to get involved, get involved.

This year, we will host two Day of Caring events — one on June 17 and one in September.

If you, your family and friends, or your neighborhood association would like to get involved and volunteer during one or both of these events, please go to [uwozarks.org/day-of-caring](http://uwozarks.org/day-of-caring) to see a list of projects, which should be posted by late-March.

**Greg Burris is president and CEO of United Way of the Ozarks.**



Greg Burris

## PTA Clothing Bank open most Thursdays to help students with clothing needs

Provided by the PTA Clothing Bank

The PTA Clothing Bank is located at 2343 W. Olive St., Door 13, (northwest corner of Study School). The PTA Clothing Bank is available to any student pre-K to grade 12. Students only need their student ID/lunch number.

The PTA Clothing Bank is free of charge and wholly operated by volunteers and community donations. They are open most Thursdays. Please check the clothing bank's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/ThePTAClothingBank](https://www.facebook.com/ThePTAClothingBank) for the most up to date information. You can also email the clothing bank at [bank@scptamo.com](mailto:bank@scptamo.com).

At the PTA Clothing Bank we strive for a true retail environment for ease and comfort of shopping. Students are eligible to shop three times a school year. Students will receive new socks, underwear and shoes each semester. In addition, each visit students shop for bottoms, tops, hoodies, jackets and coats. Many other items are available seasonally.



KY3 staff during a previous Day of Caring event.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

# Rotary Clubs of Springfield to issue activity challenge with new ROAM initiative

By Rusty Worley, for SGFNN

After months of quarantine and a frigid February, it is time to get outside and join your neighbors in a community-wide effort to be more active.

Springfield is proud to be the Gateway to the Great Outdoors. It is the home of Bass Pro Shops and the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium, an award-winning parks system and an impressive network of greenway trails.

And yet, according to the 2019 Community Focus Report, the obesity rate for the city of Springfield has grown from 24% in 2004 to 36% in 2019. The amount of time outside is alarmingly low, while screen time is at an all-time high.

The six Rotary Clubs of Springfield are excited to continue a rich history of collaboration to challenge the entire Springfield community to the goal of 1 million activity hours for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 through a new initiative called ROAM (an acronym for Rotary's Outdoor & Activity Movement).

A new app and [ROAMSGF.com](http://ROAMSGF.com) website will motivate citizens to get up from their desk or the couch to be more active. It will be designed to address disease prevention of a variety of conditions precipitated by a sedentary lifestyle — high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, sleep apnea, depression and more.

Across Springfield's 22 registered neighborhoods, there are many new places to discover. A weekly curated top 5 list of ROAM-recommended events, parks, trails and wellness facilities will entice citizens to venture out of our daily routines.

By breaking out of daily routines, Springfieldians will be brought closer together in appreciating authentic beautiful places and sharing these authentic Ozarks gems with family and friends.

Check out [ROAMSGF.com](http://ROAMSGF.com) for more information.

### 2021 CITY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

As City Manager Jason Gage prepares his fiscal year 2021-2022 budget to go before City Council this spring, the Neighborhood Advisory Council submitted its annual recommendations in February. The full recommendations can be viewed at [SGFNeighborhoodNews.com/NAC](http://SGFNeighborhoodNews.com/NAC), but I wanted to provide you with the highlights.

At the top of our list is providing additional funding to the Building Development Services department to address the pervasive problem of chronic nuisance properties. NAC looks forward to working with new BDS Director Dwayne Shmel. We are grateful for City Council's authorization of three new positions in BDS to support efforts to strengthen the department. We ask that City Council continue to emphasize the enforcement of existing codes.

The neighborhood cleanup program is an important resource to neighborhoods. The NAC would like to partner with the City to explore new options of offering trash collection services between annual cleanups in order to strengthen the quality of place for residents and visitors. We also support continuing to fund the Great Neighborhoods Program and ensuring that it is funded at a level appropriate for the growing number of associations.

We are encouraged with the launch of a new

program called Restore SGF to strengthen our historic neighborhoods. Encouraging new investment in Springfield's housing stock and cultivating private-public partnerships with developers, financial institutions, real estate agents and other key stakeholders will enhance property values and civic pride. Learn more at [RestoreSGF.com](http://RestoreSGF.com).

We encourage the City to continue to provide staff support, print and postage funding for the SGF Neighborhood News publication and website. This initiative is crucial to promoting the grassroots work across our neighborhoods.

The NAC also supports the following new investments in neighborhoods:

**Employer-assisted housing program** — NAC requests the City reinstate its employer-assisted housing program which was in place before the 2008 recession. This \$5,000 down payment/closing costs forgivable loan program is a key tool to encourage City staff to live in the city limits of Springfield, and would be especially useful for the recruitment of new police officers.

**Traffic services** — Expand the Springfield Police Department's traffic services by 20 hours per week for evening and weekend traffic enforcement in neighborhoods across the city. This request was deferred for this fiscal year, but the need for more presence remains.



NAC Chair Rusty Worley





## Construction underway on amenities for L.A. Wise Park in Bissett

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

In 2018, the Bissett Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Works proposal for new amenities to L.A. Wise Park was approved. Now, we are happy to report that construction has commenced!

Benches are being installed along the existing walking/jogging trail, vegetation cleanup is underway, cooking grills are going in adjacent to the pavilion, and repairs and improvements to the soccer field have begun.

Other amenities included in the \$64,000 proposal

are a sidewalk to connect the park trail to Bissett Elementary School and a multi-purpose court. We are excited about the commencement of work and thank all involved. No doubt improvements to the park have been needed, and will be much appreciated by our Bissett residents and their guests.



## Not all disabilities can be seen

By Dawne Gardner, Public Works, for SGFNN

When you hear the term "disability," what is your first thought? Is a wheelchair or walker the first thing that comes to mind? Most often that is the case. It is common in our society to hear comments such as "Why is that person parking in a disabled parking space? They can walk just fine!" or "That person claims to be disabled but he is riding a bicycle! He must be working the system."

Our minds have been trained over the years to look at a disability as something that can only be seen. A disability is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. It is easy to determine a disability exists when we can physically see it. Invisible, sometimes called hidden, disabilities are certain kinds of disabilities that are not immediately apparent to others. Examples include diabetes, epilepsy, fibromyalgia, mental illness, or chronic pain. Any one of these issues can qualify as a disability and is protected under the ADA.

A 1994-1995 survey of income and participation found that 74% of Americans who live with a severe disability do not use assistive devices. We need to start retraining our brains to not automatically assume a person who "looks fine" on the outside is not facing an illness that is limiting a major life activity.

I have a close friend who has Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT), which is a debilitating muscle disease. As the disease progresses, it becomes very hard for her to maintain balance when she walks because her leg muscles are slowly deteriorating. She is disabled but can still walk with the help of leg braces she fits under her jeans. What would your first thought be

if you saw her park in a spot for people with disabilities and then hopped onto a bicycle? Hopefully, it is something to the effect of "What a nice lady!" and not "That lady is riding a bike. She can't be disabled. She must just be lazy. Someone needs to take away that disabled parking tag."

Someday, she won't be able to walk, even with the help of braces, but the exercise she gets on her bicycle helps keep her leg muscles as strong as possible and slow the progression of her CMT. It is equally frustrating to be someone with a disability and be judged either by what is seen or not seen.

International disability expert Joni Eareckson Tada explained it well when she told someone living with debilitating fatigue "people have such high expectations of folks like you (with invisible disabilities), like, 'come on, get your act together.' But they have such low expectations of folks like me in wheelchairs, as though the thought is that we can't do much."

Just as every individual is not the same, neither are disabilities. They each come with their own challenges, needs and varying degrees of abilities. Just because we cannot see it, does not mean it doesn't exist. Listen, understand and treat everyone equally. Think before you judge the person walking or running into the store from the disabled parking space, or the person who isn't blind but uses a service dog. Or anyone, really!

**Dawne Gardner is a transportation planner with the City's Public Works Department.**



Dawne Gardner



### Connect

- Russell Moore, President
- Vickie Grinde, Vice President
- Rob Sorbo, Secretary
- Sheila Radecki, Treasurer
- [BissettNA@yahoo.com](mailto:BissettNA@yahoo.com)



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 18 • July 13: 6:30 p.m. @ L.A. Wise Park Pavilion (3100 W. Nichols St.)

### Neighborhood Street Cleanup

April 17: 9 a.m., Meet at the intersection of Nichols and Hillcrest.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Austin Faulconer: 417-874-2536  
afulconer@springfieldmo.gov



**Bissett Elementary School**  
3014 W. Calhoun St.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**June 5: 8 a.m.-Noon**

**Bissett Elementary**  
(3014 W. Calhoun St.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Metal  
Curbside Pickup will NOT be available.



**Bissett Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale**

July 17: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Call Russell at 417-988-7146 for more information.





## Brentwood Neighborhood Association ends 2020 with safe, fun events

By Cindy Cook, for SGFNN

As the beginning of the third year of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association began in October 2020, new board members were installed. The current board consists of the following:

- Mert Seaton, president
- Cindy Cook, vice president
- Pam Buhr, treasurer
- Jane Augustine, secretary
- David Buhr, member at large
- Lisa Meeks, member at large
- Brent Rinker, member at large.

Brentwood Neighborhood Association wrapped up 2020 with two new events meant to enhance the lives of our neighbors during COVID-19.

### REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREATING

On Halloween, neighbor volunteers gathered in Field Elementary School's parking lot in costume and inside decorated vehicles to form the reverse trick-or-treating car line. This idea was born from association president Mert Seaton to meet the social distancing requirements and eliminate the risk of children going door to door. Association members prepared safe, grab-and-go candy bags for kids who registered for a visit.



Multiple individual candy bags were created for each child based on their age and any food allergies. The bags of candy were arranged by the households on the car line route. On Halloween, cars lined up with baskets attached to their side mirror. As the line of vehicles began their route with masked and costumed occupants, bags of candy specific to the household were placed in the basket upon arrival. Children visited each car to gather their goodies out

of the Halloween baskets. In total, 40 children were greeted and 200 bags of candy were distributed.

### FALL CLEANUP

The neighborhood cleanup day was held with social distancing and masks in place. We were visited by 68 households who filled five dumpsters to equal 8.63 tons of waste.

### BASS PRO MARATHON CHEERING SECTION

The Bass Pro Marathon cheering section occurred on Nov. 1, 2020 with chilly weather, but with rousing support and cheers for the runners. We were asked to post at the corner of Fremont and Seminole this year at the last minute. Twelve of our Brentwood Neighborhood Association members appeared as the "Tie Dye Troupe" decked out in tie-dye apparel and decorations. This participation earned the association \$1,000.



### HOLIDAY CONCERT

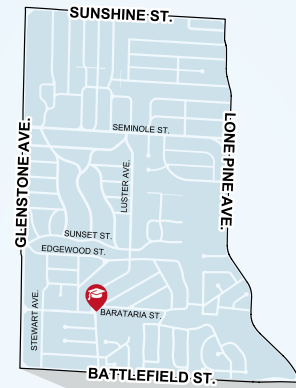
On Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, the neighborhood association presented a holiday concert live via Zoom featuring the Red Shoe Pickers.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS PROPOSAL

Brentwood Neighborhood Association and the Neighborhood Works proposal to improve Kirkwood Park was submitted March 1. If funded, Kirkwood Park would expand its playground equipment to the space to the northeast of the existing park. This enhancement would provide a playground module to serve children ages 5 to 12.

### CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE VISITS

At the February and March general meetings, any City Council candidate on the April ballot was invited to speak at our Zoom meetings. To participate, candidates must have registered with Mert to receive a time slot. This event met one of the association's goals, which is to educate and inform the residents in our neighborhood to increase participation and growth in our community.



### Connect

- Mert Seaton, President
- Cindy Cook, Vice President
- Jane Augustine, Secretary
- Pam Buhr, Treasurer
- [brentwoodsgf@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodsgf@gmail.com)



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jacob Boomgaarden: 417-864-1321  
[jboomgaarden@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:jboomgaarden@springfieldmo.gov)



**Field Elementary School**  
2120 E. Barataria St.

Follow Brentwood on     
[brentwoodsgf.org](https://www.brentwoodsgf.org)

### Tuesday Morning Book Club

**Tuesdays: 10 a.m.**

Unity of Springfield (2214 E. Seminole St.)

Facilitated by Correne Craig. The class chooses their book, which is read aloud during class time, with open discussion. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion at any time!

No purchase necessary to participate.



Brentwood Neighborhood Association  
Reverse Trick-or-Treaters



# Pedestrian safety improvements and trail connectivity coming to Brentwood

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Two sidewalk and trail projects aimed at improving pedestrian activity in the Brentwood neighborhood will begin construction this year.

Set to begin in April, a long-requested pedestrian connection across Lone Pine Avenue is anticipated to increase safety and connectivity to the popular Galloway Greenway Trail.

The Galloway Trail Connection Project will involve the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lone Pine Avenue and Greenwood Street. The new signal will provide a safe crossing for bikes and pedestrians while also protecting turning vehicles.



A new sidewalk will be constructed along the east side of Lone Pine Avenue from Greenwood Street to Covington Street, connecting it to the Greenway Trail via a new 10-foot multi-use path along the south side of Covington.

*“We designed the crossing from east to west in an effort to construct the sidewalk within existing right-of-way, avoid grading issues and preserve trees.” – Joe Hamp*

The City has contracted with D&E Plumbing & Heating, LLC to complete construction.

“D&E is not just a plumbing business,” explains Public Works Project Manager Joe Hamp. “This company is a heavy, highway-scale construction company who has been involved in many large construction projects with the City and other local agencies.”

Some short-term traffic impacts are expected at various times throughout the anticipated 90-day

construction timeline. The public will be notified of specific impacts with as much notice as possible.

The cost of the trail connection project is anticipated to be \$163,051 and will be funded primarily through a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant through Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), with a 20% match funded through the City's 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

Also on the horizon is a major sidewalk connection project along Luster Avenue between Seminole Street and Sunset Street. The connection will result in a continuous sidewalk corridor from Seminole Street to Battlefield Road and improved access to Field Elementary School.

The sidewalk will begin on the east side of Luster Avenue, continuing down to Berkley Street where it will cross to the west side of the road and continue from Berkley to Sunset.

“We designed the crossing from east to west in an effort to construct the sidewalk within existing right-of-way, avoid grading issues and preserve trees,” says Hamp. “The new crosswalk will be signed so drivers are aware to watch for pedestrians.”

Periodic traffic impacts can be expected when construction begins, including single lane closures as materials and equipment are delivered to the construction area.

“The contract for construction is currently under MoDOT review,” added Hamp. “We are hopeful construction will move forward in late spring or early summer.”

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 and will be funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program through MoDOT with a 20% match from the City's 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

For questions regarding sidewalk and trail improvements, please email [newsidewalk@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:newsidewalk@springfieldmo.gov).

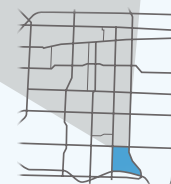


## BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Jacque Ford, Secretary
- Larry Nelson, Treasurer



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

Neighborhood meetings are held at Immaculate Conception Church (3555 S. Fremont Ave.) Please check the Bradford Park newsletter or contact Rex Johnson for upcoming scheduled meetings.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jacob Boomgaarden: 417-864-1321  
[jboomgaarden@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:jboomgaarden@springfieldmo.gov)



Follow Bradford Park on  

### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**April 17: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Intersection of E. Walnut Lawn & Kickapoo Ave.

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Leaves and Metal  
Curbside Pickup will be available for seniors age 65 and older. Contact Dellene Nelson at 417-882-2801 to make arrangements.



# GARAGE SALE

**Bradford Park Neighborhood Garage Sale**  
Friday & Saturday, May 14-15!





## Delaware neighbors enjoy each other's company with social groups

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The Delaware neighborhood has two small groups that meet each month – Tink and Frog Knitting Group and the Delaware Women's Group. Both groups offer fun and social interaction, whether in person or virtually.

*"We thought it would be fun to have a group that meets weekly at individual homes to help each other out and to socialize."* – Jeff Brossard-Sims

"The knitting group was originally formed with myself, Pamela Hund and Marianne Jones," said Jeff Brossard-Sims. "I mentioned to Pam that I was

starting to teach myself to knit. She has been an avid knitter and quilter since her childhood. We thought it would be fun to have a group that meets weekly at individual homes to help each other out and to socialize. The group has taken off and we have five people who regularly attend. We have stopped meeting in person at this time until COVID-19 cases diminish. However, we have a strong group that keeps in touch via text and posts in the Delaware Facebook group."

If you are interested in knitting with the group, contact Hund at 417-300-3660 or pamelahund143@hotmail.com.

The Delaware Women's Group tries to meet each month at a different restaurant. Contact Nancy Williams at 417-496-2187 or see Delaware's Facebook group event listing for details. Come join us for food, drink (if you want), and frivolity!

## 2021 Delaware Dragons Baseball Team looking for players

By Phillip Barber, for SGFNN

Calling all Delaware and Rountree kids ages 10-13 yrs. Our 2020 Delaware Dragons Baseball Team won the league championship last year at the Boys & Girls Club. We are moving up to player's pitch this season and are looking for some experienced players or athletes to round out our roster. The summer season begins at the end of May with practices beginning throughout May. The cost is



\$35 to be paid to Boys and Girls Club. If you're interested call or text 417-880-3740.

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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delawareneighborhood@gmail.com  
or 417-830-3711
- Carroll Neyrey, Vice President
- Cynthia Yarborough, Treasurer

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 6 • May 4 • June 1 • July 6: 6 p.m. @ Delaware Elementary Community Room (1505 S. Delaware Ave.)

Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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



 **Delaware Elementary School**  
1505 S. Delaware Ave.

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### Delaware Women's Group

**Day and location change each month.**  
Contact Nancy Williams at 417-496-2187 or see Delaware's Facebook group event listing for details. Come join us for food, drink (if you want), and frivolity!



Oliver, Xander, AJ and Wyatt worked clearing driveways and walkways in the Delaware and Rountree neighborhoods in February. Photo Courtesy: Phillip Barber, Delaware Neighborhood Association Facebook Group





## Park Board proposes doubling size of Sequiota Park

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is proposing to add nearly 16 acres to historic Sequiota Park in southeast Springfield.

During the Feb. 2 Springfield City Council lunch meeting, Parks Director Bob Belote presented the proposal to transfer three City of Springfield-owned properties to the Park Board, expanding the 12.69-acre park by more than 127%.

The three properties, two to the north of the park and one to the south, were acquired by the City in the 1970s because they are in the Galloway Creek flood plain. All three properties are almost entirely wooded, serving for stormwater management as well as buffer for the Galloway Creek Greenway, which spans the properties.

While these properties may already look like part of the park, converting them to park land would allow for increased recreation opportunities like outdoor exploration and wildlife education, while maintaining stormwater usage and the Greenway corridor.

Parks Director Bob Belote said even with a plan for minimal development of these properties, like picnic tables, park benches, drinking fountains, a possible bike repair station, etc., the added acreage will alleviate pressure at Sequiota, one of the busiest parks in Springfield.

"Without question, the biggest challenge is the sheer popularity," Belote said about Sequiota Park. "Everyone just wants to be there. Same situation with the (Galloway Creek) Greenway trail."

The properties in the plan include:

- 6.42 acres northeast of East Lacuna Street and South Lone Pine Avenue.
- 3.70 acres southeast of East Lacuna Street and South Lone Pine Avenue, north of the park's current boundary.
- 6.06 acres northeast of East Barton Street and South Lone Pine Avenue, south of the park's current boundary, including the southern tip of the park's lake and spillway.

Belote said the proposal came out of a staff review process associated with a citizen inquiry following the 2019 Our Galloway Plan, which identified recommendations for development along the South Lone Pine Avenue corridor, between Battlefield and Republic roads. The plan was created through citizen and stakeholder input and approved by City Council in October 2019, and it specifically calls for

Sequoiata Park improvements and expansion.

If the expansion is approved, Belote said the three properties would be included in development of a master plan for Sequiota Park and the Galloway Creek Greenway.

"I would see (the master plan) as a process that's sort of Part 2 of the Our Galloway Plan," said Belote. "Respect the historic elements of the park, respect the stormwater, dissipate (park and trail) traffic and move some amenities around to better accommodate the heavy use we often see."

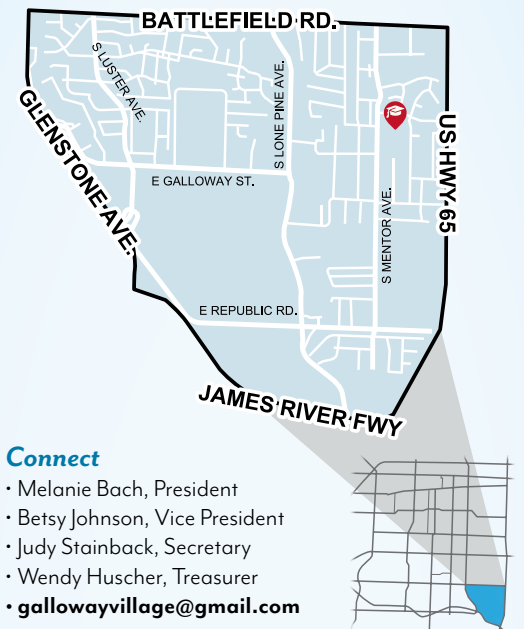


Belote added that the Sequiota/Galloway Creek Greenway corridor connects to some exciting recreation improvements taking place to the north and south, including the fledgling Lone Pine Bike Park, an upcoming sidewalk and crosswalk connection between Galloway Creek Greenway and the Brentwood neighborhood, and future development of the Chadwick Flyer Trail, connecting the Galloway Creek Greenway, the James River Greenway and the Trail of Honor south of Lake Springfield, into Christian County.

The Sequiota proposal was expected to be formally presented to the Park Board in March, and if approved, would return to City Council for review in March or April.

Sequoiata Park is one of the Park Board's 10 Historic Parks, each dating to before World War II. The park and lake were privately developed in the early 1900s, and though it was miles from Springfield, Sequiota was a popular daytrip from town on the Frisco Railway Chadwick Branch passenger train.

► See SEQUIOTA PARK on page 15



### Connect

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- Betsy Johnson, Vice President
- Judy Stainback, Secretary
- Wendy Huscher, Treasurer
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### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 20 • July 20: 6:30 p.m. @ Galloway Baptist Church (2816 E. Republic Rd.) Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jacob Boomgaarden: 417-864-1321  
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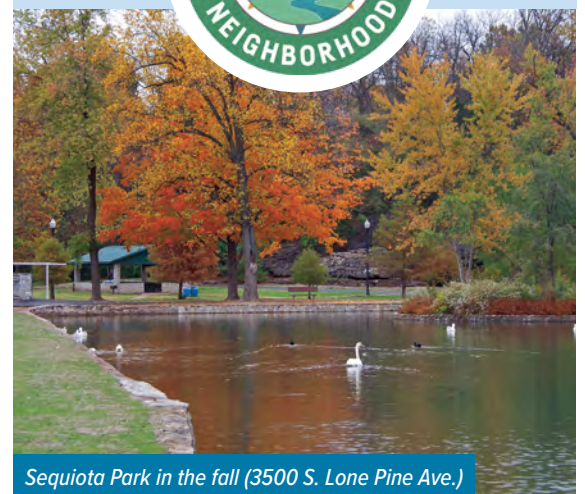


 **Sequoiata Elementary School**  
3414 S. Mentor Ave.

Follow Galloway Village on   
[gallowayvillage.org](http://gallowayvillage.org)

**Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?**

*Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!*



Sequoiata Park in the fall (3500 S. Lone Pine Ave.)



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# SPRING CLEANING

## LAWN & GARDEN

**It's time to get outside to clean up and beautify your home and yard!**

Read more about the many resources available to you from Environmental Services and our community partners.

*Learn more at [springfieldmo.gov/environment](http://springfieldmo.gov/environment)*



### Earth Day Virtual Screening of "Clean Bin Project"

Sign up to watch this family-friendly documentary about a competition to live zero waste! Available the **week of April 19**. Visit [facebook.com/SGFEnvironmentalServices](https://facebook.com/SGFEnvironmentalServices) for event details coming soon!



### Investing in a healthy yard – good for you, good for your neighbor.

Join the Yard Ethic community by implementing practices that save money, beautify your yard, conserve water, reduce stormwater pollution and create habitat. You can be Yard Ethic-certified by simply completing three or more of the items listed below:

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| <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!

*Find more yard maintenance resources and to learn more about the certification program at [YardEthic.com](http://YardEthic.com).*



### LAWN & GARDEN

#### Beautify with Butterflies

The City of Springfield serves as a monarch butterfly habitat during their migration from Mexico to Canada. Consider planting milkweed, as it is a natural food source for monarch butterflies.

*Tell us about your individual efforts by using the Butterfly Habitat Tracker at [springfieldmo.gov/stormwater](http://springfieldmo.gov/stormwater).*

### LAWN & GARDEN



American Beautyberry



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Prairie Dropseed



Virginia Sweetspire



Black-Eyed Susan



Butterfly Milkweed



Swamp Milkweed

### Consider planting beautiful and beneficial natives in your yard.

Native plants are hardy because they are better adapted to the local climate. Native plants often require fewer pesticides, fertilizers and watering. Not only is this better for our air and water quality, it saves time and money! When planted in rain gardens, natives are more naturally suited to help soak up stormwater runoff. Diverse varieties of birds and butterflies are also attracted to native plants, thus enhancing the biodiversity of the area. *Learn more about natives at [GrowNative.org](http://GrowNative.org).*

### LAWN & GARDEN



#### Need compost or mulch for landscaping?

The Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC) creates mulch and compost out of the locally generated plant-based materials received yearly. A true example of sustainable practices –repurposing the materials into beneficial products for the communities' use. It's true MO product with MO benefits. Purchase in bulk at the YRC or by bag at the Lone Pine Recycling Center.

*While supplies last, buy one yard of bulk unscreened mulch at the YRC and get one free.*



## LAWN & GARDEN

### Have a few trees to trim and prune?

Bundle up all of those twigs and branches (what they call brush) and dispose of them at the Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC). These will be repurposed into our MOPOST and MOMULCH products for purchase at the YRC.

All brush should match the following specifications when disposed:

**Diameter:** Brush and limbs up to six inches (6") in diameter are accepted.

**Length:** Brush and limbs up to four feet (4') in length are accepted.

BRUSH DISPOSAL FEES	FEE
Car/SUV/Pickup or Trailer up to 8 ft. in bed length	\$8.00
Trailer – 8-12 ft	\$15.00
Trailer – 13-16 ft.	\$20.00
Dump Truck	\$30.00
Large Volume fee per cu. yard	\$5.00

## LAWN & GARDEN

### Add a little green and plant a tree!

Trees clean and cool the air, absorb rainwater, lower energy costs, build soil and provide shade and wildlife habitat. Earn your Yard Ethic certification simply by having a specific percentage of tree canopy coverage in your yard.

**Don't have a tree in your yard?** You can boost your canopy in your yard by planting new native or fruit/nut trees. Consider using the NeighborWoods program and you may be eligible for a free tree – purchased and planted by the City.

Learn more at [springfieldmo.gov/NeighborWoods](http://springfieldmo.gov/NeighborWoods).

## SPRING CLEANING

### It's not "Spring Cleaning" without going through the garage!

This year, as you box up things you don't need, consider donating items and dispose of recyclables, liquids and other materials responsibly. Check out the Recycling & Donation Locations Guide to find out where to take all of those unwanted items, materials and chemicals.

Pick up a printed version or view the digital one at [springfieldmo.gov/recycling](http://springfieldmo.gov/recycling).



## WATER QUALITY

### Hosing off the drive or cleaning the car?

Don't forget that the storm drain nearby goes straight to our local streams. It is not intended to be a depository for grass clippings, wax and soap residue or excess fertilizers. Disposing of these in the storm drain is actually against the law! Please take care to bag up your yardwaste and not rinse any chemicals or trash into the storm drains.

Report clogs or pollution in City storm drains by calling (417) 864.1010.

## WATER QUALITY

### Resealing your asphalt driveway?

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. Springfield Striping & Sealing, Lazer Perfect Striping & Sealing, and BlackRoads Materials are all participating professionals committed to applying this alternative sealant solution.

Find out more at [springfieldmo.gov/CleanPavement](http://springfieldmo.gov/CleanPavement).



### Harvest the Rain.

Not only does it cut back on your water bill, but it is a smart and sustainable way to utilize a resource that otherwise would soak into the ground or run off into the storm drain.

Consider purchasing a rain barrel, but save the receipt! You may be eligible for the Right as Rain rain barrel at [jamesriverbasin.com/rain-barrel](http://jamesriverbasin.com/rain-barrel).



### Before you start planting, test your soil.

The benefits of a healthy lawn go beyond curb appeal and the satisfaction of a job well done. A healthy lawn will create the right environment for plants to thrive while holding the soil in place and allowing water to soak in rather than leave your property as stormwater runoff. Healthy soils will require fewer inputs and amendments, saving you time and money while preventing excess nutrients from entering our waterways.

Let us help you to get started down the path of improving soil health and protecting water quality by providing you with a FREE soil test and FREE three-year nutrient management plan tailored to your yard's specific needs.

To see if you qualify, call (417) 836.4847 or go to [jamesriverbasin.com/lawn-steward](http://jamesriverbasin.com/lawn-steward).





## WATER QUALITY

### Keto may be working for you, but it doesn't work for the drain!

We won't disagree that bacon is delicious, but we will disagree that the sink is the proper destination for all of the grease and fat that comes with cooking it. Fats, oils and greases should never be washed down the sink. Put them in a container or bag (*tied tightly*) and dispose of them in your trash.

### I have a garbage disposal, so I can put anything down the drain, right?

Simply put, wrong. Food should never go down the drain, but we understand occasional crumbs and food waste may happen. When possible, avoid tossing the following down the disposal:

- Milk
- Eggshells
- Yogurt
- Sour cream
- Dressings
- Fats
- Oils
- Grease
- Fruit scraps
- Coffee grounds

Learn about our **Fats, Oils & Grease Management Plan** at [springfieldmo.gov/sewer](http://springfieldmo.gov/sewer).

## WATER QUALITY

### NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES!

Sure, they say they are flushable, but take a closer look at the fine print. These are **NOT** intended to go down your toilet or drain and are a dangerous ingredient to sewer clogs and backups.

Feminine hygiene products and other so-called flushable products, such as doggy-doo bags, should **NEVER** be flushed down the drain!



### HOME COMPOST

#### So what exactly can you compost at home?

A lot of things, in fact most produce byproducts and even some other surprising items you might not have considered before, including:

- Apple cores
- Banana peels
- Other fruit scraps
- Vegetable scraps
- Paper towels
- Tea bags
- Coffee filters
- Shredded paper
- Napkins
- Facial tissues
- Some yardwaste

In Springfield, food waste is the second largest component of our collective waste stream, accounting for over 12% of the waste that makes it to the landfill every day. That's over 31,000 tons of food and organic material being sent to our landfill every year. Dish to Dirt is a home composting program that allows us to educate and engage the community on this topic, but to also institute new practices and behaviors at home.

Sign up for notifications of future courses, tips, resources and more at [springfieldmo.gov/homecomposting](http://springfieldmo.gov/homecomposting).

### It's time to clean...even under the sink.

Don't put old or unused cleaners in your trash. Make an appointment with the Household Chemical Collection Center (HCCC) by calling **(417) 864.2000**.

Let them handle your household chemicals and ensure they are disposed of safely and responsibly; keeping these materials out of the landfill and our region's water supply.

**Sanitary Sewer Laterals** are the privately owned pipes that connect every home and business to the public sanitary sewer system. When a lateral is broken or blocked, the property owner is required to manage the repairs and maintenance. In fact, the City of Springfield's Environmental Services Department highly recommends that all homebuyers schedule a sewer lateral inspection to identify any existing or potential issues before purchasing a home. [Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/SewerLaterals](http://springfieldmo.gov/SewerLaterals).

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Springfield is a beautiful city, but it noticeably needs some LOVE!

The City is launching a series of City-wide cleanup and beautification efforts in April & May. Find out how you, your family or your volunteer team can get involved. Visit [springfieldmo.gov](http://springfieldmo.gov).





#### ► SEQUIOTA PARK from page 14

In 1920, the State of Missouri bought the property and developed it as a trout hatchery, making Sequiota the smallest state park. The hatchery operation moved to Shepherd of the Hills State Hatchery in 1959, and the state donated the property to the City for use as a park. Sequiota Park is recognizable in historic and modern photos by the iconic big rock overlooking Sequiota Cave, navigable only by boat.

Today Sequiota is one of the city's busiest and most beloved parks. Sequitoa Cave is home to a migrating colony of gray bats, an endangered species. The park serves as a trailhead for the Galloway Creek Greenway, named a National Recreation Trail in 2003. The park's lake, bridges and stormwater channel were updated in 2011, with funds from the 2006 ¼-cent County-Wide Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax. Sequiota, according to legend, means "many springs."

### GALLOWAY VILLAGE RESIDENT SHARES EXCITEMENT ABOUT POTENTIAL 'EXPANSION OF A LIFETIME' FOR SEQUIOTA PARK

By Laramie Ellis, for SGFNN

It's a gorgeous 52 degrees outside with just the right amount of wind and a cloudless sky. Nothing but sun in the sky, which, if you had looked out the window just one week ago, you would have been greeted with quite a different view. If you're not familiar with southwest Missouri, this might be shocking, but if you are a native than you know the familiar saying: "Don't like the weather? Just wait a couple of hours."

This familiar phrase can refer to many things in Springfield – the weather, the infrastructure and

now possibly our beloved Sequiota Park.

One of the most popular park attractions in Springfield visited daily by hundreds and many from even outside of city limits, Sequiota might be receiving an expansion of a lifetime.



Springfield-Greene County Park Board Director Bob Belote presented a proposal for an expansion of 16 additional acres to the park to City Council. Sequiota Park currently spans 12.7 acres, meaning this proposal would more than double the space!

The Springfield Business Journal reported, "The Park Board is expected to formally consider approval of the project in the next few weeks, after which council would review the initiative likely in March or April, according to the release. If approved, the property expansion would be included in the master plan for Sequiota Park and the Galloway Creek Greenway. This expansion would include minimal development, such as picnic tables and a possible bike repair station."

If you've ever visited the Sequiota Park on a warm day on the weekend, you know that this expansion represents the possibility of even more visitors and foot traffic at an already very busy location, but with the hope of more space for walkers, runners, and cyclists. It's important to note that If approved, the Sequiota property expansion would be included in the master plan for Sequiota Park and the Galloway Creek Greenway.

## Reconstruction of Galloway Greenway Trail south of Sequiota Park to begin in April

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City has contracted with Liming Concrete, LLC to begin the reconstruction of a deteriorating section of the Galloway Greenway Trail. Work will begin in April between Sequiota Park and Republic Road.

The project will replace approximately 2,700 feet of existing asphalt trail with a new 8- to 10-foot-wide concrete surface compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The new trail will follow the same trail alignment and will require no tree removals. However, trail users should expect full trail closures for a significant portion of the project, expected to last 90 days.

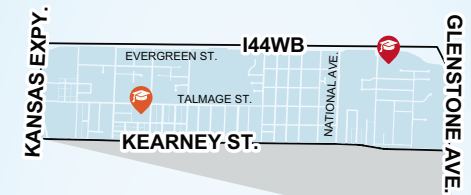
The Galloway Creek Greenway Trail is the most used section of trail in the city and continues to grow in popularity, connecting neighborhoods and businesses to the Springfield Conservation Nature



Center, Springfield Lake, and Pershing Elementary and Middle Schools.

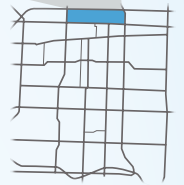
Estimated to cost approximately \$141,380, the reconstruction is funded 80% through a Surface Transportation Block Grant through the Missouri Department of Transportation, with the remaining 20% funded through the City's ⅛-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

## DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD



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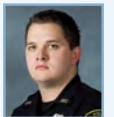


### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 13 • May 11 • June 8: 6:45 – 8 p.m. @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Road)  
Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Kolby Helms: 417-874-2537  
khelms@springfieldmo.gov



 **Fremont Elementary School**  
2814 N. Fremont Ave.

 **Watkins Elementary School**  
732 W. Talmage St.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**May 8: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Christ the King Church  
(2357 N. Broadway Ave.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Tires  
Curbside Pickup will NOT be available.

### Mobile Library Stop

Delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood. Service is limited to Holds Pickup and Returns

**Wednesdays: 3-3:30 p.m.**  
Glenwood Manor (2520 N. Delaware Ave.)



Doling Park (301 E. Talmage St.)





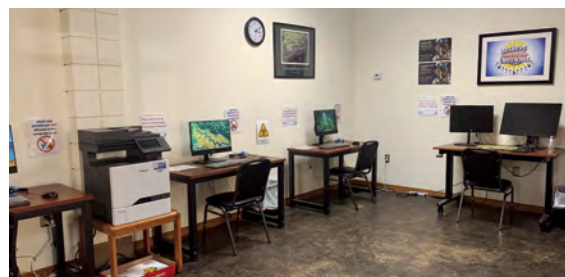
## Missouri Job Center invests in the north side community with satellite office

By Katherine Trombetta, Missouri Job Center, for SGFNN

In the seven months since the Missouri Job Center North relocated an affiliate site deeper in the heart of Zone 1, nearly 300 local residents have taken advantage of the services provided through the satellite office. The Job Center North, originally opened in 2016 to serve Zone 1 residents in Springfield, began operations at The Fairbanks last August with the hopes of not only serving the public, but building relationships within the neighborhood, including other organizations housed at the community hub.

"We were originally located at the Cox North Medical Tower and had a great partnership with Cox. But when the pandemic hit, we closed the affiliate office for several months," said Sally Payne, interim director of Workforce Development for the City of Springfield. "During the closure, our lease came up for renewal and that gave us the chance to partner with The Drew Lewis Foundation and relocate to The Fairbanks," Payne added.

In the months since the opening, job seekers have been able to use the new center to access the internet at no cost to look for employment, fill out an online job application or file a weekly unemployment claim. The office not only offers job-search assistance, but can help job seekers update and print their resumes and cover letters. Other services include grant-funded training resources and referrals (such as Green for Greene, Missouri Works Together and America's Promise), work experience programs for youth ages 16-



24 and training resources in five job sectors, including manufacturing, construction, health care, information technology and transportation.

The Job Center North has also partnered with another Fairbanks tenant, The Geek Foundation, to pay for job training using CARES Act funding provided through the U.S. Department of Labor. Two different classes were offered in IT and web design last fall, with 11 students graduating from the two classes combined. This partnership was cemented in the shared mission of access to training for all to ensure people reach their potential no matter their ability to pay.

"More collaborations are in the works as we look for more ways to develop that pipeline of talent," Payne said.

The Missouri Job Center North, located in Building A, is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The appointment-only status was lifted in mid-March; however, if you would still like to make an appointment or speak to a Job Center staff member, call 417-834-6660.

## Remembering Yolanda Taylor

Provided by Herman Lohmeyer Funeral Home

Yolanda Maria Taylor, age 44, lost her 15-year battle with cancer on Thursday, Feb. 18 in her home, surrounded by family and friends.

Yolanda was born Dec. 4, 1976 in Detroit, Michigan to Bernhardine Cobb and Kenneth Steele. She attended school in Junction City, Kansas prior to moving to Missouri in 2005.

She is survived by her husband, Brian; daughter, Jeni and children, Cooper and Addison; daughter, Kavacea Taylor and Shamar and children, Z'Amari and Mai'lani; daughter, Brina Taylor and son Za'Kyun; her mother, Bernhardine and Maurice Adams; her brother, Kenneth Steele and wife Shakesha and nieces Amanda, Kyndra and Sienna; brother, Antwon Steele; sister-in-laws, Lynette

Taylor, Betty Ticer, Phyllis Johnson; brother-in-laws, Alvin Taylor Jr. and Robert Ticer; and a host of nieces and nephews.

While Yolanda spent a large portion of her adult life working, her influence in the world of youth sports is what she will be remembered for by the hundreds of kids she has coached and mentored through the Grant Beach Sports League, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Lakes Country Soccer. She was the 2018 recipient of the City of Springfield's Gift of Time award for her many hours of volunteerism in youth sports programming.



### Connect

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- Doris Hunter, Treasurer
- **Hovey House: 417-942-2456**



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 19 • May 17 • June 21: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./  
6 p.m. optional potluck @ St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Parish Hall (1115 N. Campbell Ave.)

Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Jimmy Andela: 417-874-2535  
jandela@springfieldmo.gov



 **Weaver Elementary School**  
1461 W. Douglas Ave.

 **Pipkin Middle School**  
1215 N. Boonville Ave.

Follow Grant Beach on    
[grantbeachneighborhood.org](http://grantbeachneighborhood.org)

### Last Day to Sign up for Grant Beach Baseball: May 29

Contact Pauletta Dunn at 417-880-2453 with questions. The cost is \$10 per child.

### Mobile Library Stop

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**Thursdays: 5:50-6:30 p.m.**  
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## Rebuilt York Elementary School to open in 2022

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Due to lower than expected costs on multiple Proposition S projects, an estimated \$20.96 million is available to build a new York Elementary School on its current site at 2100 W. Nichols St.

York, along with Pipkin Middle School, was identified by the Community Task Force on Facilities as "next in line" for improvements. On Aug. 18, Springfield Public Schools' Board of Education approved to move forward with the York project.

Demolition of the current school is slated for June 2021, with construction to begin for a new, nearly \$20 million school beginning in August 2021. The rebuilt York is scheduled to open by August 2022.

York was constructed in 1911. It was named after William York, a disabled Civil War veteran, who

circulated a petition in the fall of 1910 requesting the construction of a school in that area. Below is a timeline of the school's development.

- **1911:** Original building was 8,459 square feet, consisting of four classrooms and one basement room.
- **1923:** Annexed into Springfield Public Schools R-12 District
- **1930:** Addition of 7,782 sq. ft. including five classrooms and restrooms.
- **1954:** Addition of 11,061 sq. ft. consisting of four classrooms and a multipurpose room.
- **1967:** Addition of 4,153 sq. ft. for two kindergarten classrooms and one regular classroom.
- **1991:** Addition of a learning resource center and two classrooms.



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### Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 11 • July 13: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Passion Assembly of God (806 N. Forest Ave.)

Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

**Officer Austin Faulconer:** 417-874-2536  
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**York Elementary School**  
2100 W. Nichols St.

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## Get to know your Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association leadership

By Anna Pageler, for SGFNN

### PRESIDENT ANNA PAGELER

Anna Pageler has served Heart of the Westside as treasurer and secretary/treasurer. In 2021, she is the president of the neighborhood association. She grew up in North Dakota; then came to Missouri to attend Evangel University. After graduation, she decided to stay because of her calling to the HOTW and ministry of Passion Assembly of God Church.



Anna is currently a paraprofessional at Price Elementary in Republic and the children's pastor at Passion Assembly of God Church. She desires to see life transformation happen to the people of HOTW and is honored to be an active part of the neighborhood association. It gives another way to see transformation in the neighborhood.

### SECRETARY/ TREASURER GLENN GOHR

Glenn Gohr has served as social media coordinator and now is serving as secretary/treasurer for the Heart of the Westside. He grew up in Wichita Falls, Texas and has called Springfield home since 1980. He and his wife, Marion, have been married for 37 years. They have two grown sons and are expecting their first grandchild in June. They also have a dog and a cat.



Glenn has worked in the archives for the Assemblies of God since 1987. He has helped in neighborhood cleanups and backpack and food giveaways in the Heart of the Westside. He has also volunteered at a few events benefiting the kids of York Elementary. He attends Passion Church where he is head usher and enjoys driving the church bus on Sunday mornings.

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**Tuesdays: 3:10-3:45 p.m.**

York Elementary Area (2100 W. Nichols St.)



Nichols Park (1900 W. Nichols St.)



## GREATER PARKCREST NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Esther Nelson, Secretary
- Fred Romaine, Treasurer

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis at 6:30 p.m. Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the next scheduled meeting.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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**Horace Mann Elementary School**  
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- Rebecca Welsh, Treasurer

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 13 • May 11 • June 8 • July 13: 6:30 p.m.  
@ Sunset Church of Christ (1222 W. Sunset St.)

*Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and  
locations with your neighborhood representatives.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

**Officer Eric Luebbert:** 417-864-1138  
eluebbert@springfieldmo.gov

**Mark Twain Elementary**  
2352 S. Weaver Ave.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**April 17: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Sunset Church of Christ (1222 W. Sunset St.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Leaves and Metal  
*Curbside Pickup will be available*

Contact Samantha Spartan (417-812-6067  
or marktwainassociation@gmail.com)



### Mark Twain Neighborhood Association board election to be held in August

*By Samantha Spartan, for SGFNN*

We are nearing the end of our first term for the board. Can you believe it? We will be filling positions on the nominations committee soon, so if you are interested in filling a seat, please let us know.

The nominations committee will then reach out to request nominations for the next two-year term for the board. If you are interested in sitting on the board, or need more information about the positions, please email us at marktwainassociation@gmail.com. Board elections will be held in August! Positions available include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Zone 1 Representative, Zone 2 Representative, Zone 3 Representative and Zone 4 Representative.

## MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



### Connect

- Shannon Medley, President
- Diane Kent, Vice President
- Jeremy Medley, Secretary
- Donna Clarkson, Treasurer
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### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 22 • May 27 • June 24: 6 p.m. @ Cowden  
Elementary School (2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.)

*Please join the Meador Park Neighborhood Association  
Facebook group for the latest information about our  
meetings and activities.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

**Officer Jacob Boomgaarden:** 417-864-1321  
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**Cowden Elementary School**  
2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

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### Mobile Library Stops

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**Wednesday: 6:45-7:15 p.m.**

S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St.

**Thursdays: 1:20-2 p.m.**

Battlefield Towers (1451 E. Woodland St.)



**GARAGE  
SALE**

**Meador Park Neighborhood Yard/Garage Sale**  
Second Weekend in June!

Watch the neighborhood Facebook page for details!



## MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD



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### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 12 • May 10 • June 14: 6 – 7 p.m.  
@ Urban Neighborhood Alliance, on Cox North  
Hospital parking lot (918 E. Calhoun St.)  
*Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and  
locations with your neighborhood representatives.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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**Boyd Elementary School**  
1409 N. Washington Ave.

**Central High School**  
423 E. Central St.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**April 3: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Cox North Parking Lot  
(1423 N. Jefferson Ave.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Leaves and Metal  
*Curbside Pickup will NOT be available*



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- Cynthia McHaney, Secretary
- Cindy Cooper, Treasurer

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

**Officer Jacob Boomgaarden:** 417-864-1321  
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**Pittman Elementary School**  
2934 E. Bennett St.

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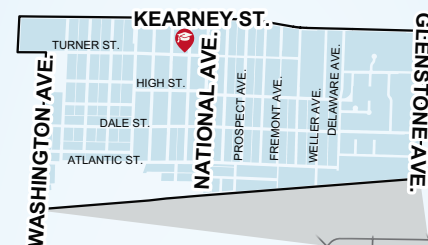
**Wednesdays: 6-6:30 p.m.**

Country Club Apts. (1515 S. Wildan Ave.)



Oak Grove Park (1538 S. Oak Grove Ave.)

## ROBBERSON NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Dolly Vranka, Treasurer
- Lillie Beal, Member-at-Large

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 22 • May 27 • June 24: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
@ Pathways United Methodist Church (1232 E. Dale St.)  
*Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and  
locations with your neighborhood representatives.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

**Officer Kolby Helms:** 417-874-2537  
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**Robberson Community School**  
1100 E. Kearney St.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**April 24, 2021: 7-11 a.m.**

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

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Metal (No Leaves)  
*Curbside Pickup will be available*  
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**Wednesdays: 4:25-5 p.m.**

2350 N. Taylor Ave.



Terry Diane Cornio, 62,  
of Springfield  
passed away on Dec. 23,  
surrounded by family at her home.  
Terry had served as secretary of  
the Robberson Neighborhood  
Association. She was passionate  
about advocating for those  
who needed it the most. She  
absolutely loved the fair, cooking,  
and being with family and  
friends. Read more about Terry at  
[SGFNeighborhoodNews.com](http://SGFNeighborhoodNews.com)







## Construction for stormwater improvements at Springfield Art Museum underway

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield granted construction company Hartman and Company approval to proceed with construction on the Fassnacht Stormwater Improvement Project at the Springfield Art Museum beginning March 15.

As part of the Springfield Art Museum Master Plan, the project involves the restoration of Fassnacht Creek along Brookside Drive between Greene Avenue and Kings Avenue. The goal of the project is to restore the creek to a naturalized channel, reducing the risk of flooding to the art museum and surrounding residential properties and for the benefit of flood mitigation, water quality and the creation of habitat for native birds and pollinators.

The City project team is working alongside Hartman to determine a construction timeline and discuss possible impacts to traffic as equipment and materials begin to mobilize. These details will be communicated to the neighborhood through regular email updates. To subscribe to these updates, visit the "Notify Me" tab at [springfieldmo.gov](http://springfieldmo.gov) and select "Fassnacht Stormwater / Springfield Art Museum Masterplan Updates."

In preparation for construction, a City sewer contractor conducted sanitary sewer pipe lining near the project site in early March. This preventative maintenance work will help make sure wastewater service in the neighborhood is not affected by the upcoming project construction, which will include updates to sanitary sewer mains



running beneath the creek.

Also in early March, City arborist crews worked to relocate the sycamore tree located on the southwest portion of the art museum grounds. Crews used an airspade to remove dirt from the root system, then replanted it at Nathanael Greene Park until it can be moved back to the art museum grounds.

"Due to the sycamore's root system and the make-up of the soil, we had to remove some of the root system. To ensure that the tree is able to thrive where we want to plant it, we are going to temporarily move it to Nathanael Greene Park, where it will recuperate and regrow its root system. Once it has recovered in about a year, we will replant it on the museum grounds," said Springfield Art Museum Director Nick Nelson.

For more information on the project, visit [springfieldmo.gov/samstormwater](http://springfieldmo.gov/samstormwater).



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- Nancy Danielsen, Treasurer



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

Phelps Grove 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.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Follow Phelps Grove on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/phelpsgrove) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/phelpsgrove)  
[phelpsgrove.com](http://phelpsgrove.com)

### Next Neighborhood Cleanup (Joint Cleanup with University Heights)

May 15: 7-11 a.m.

Springfield Art Museum  
(1111 E. Brookside Dr.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Metal  
Curbside Pickup will be available  
Contact Eric Pauly (417-736-9357  
or [ptum10@gmail.com](mailto:ptum10@gmail.com))



The 60th exhibition of Watercolor USA opens June 5 at the Springfield Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.) Learn more at [sgfmuseum.org](http://sgfmuseum.org). Photo from the Springfield Art Museum by Andi Bortrell

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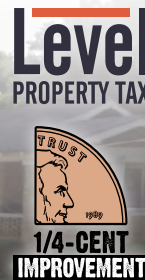
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## Rountree stormwater improvements to begin in spring

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City has contracted with Hamilton and Dad to begin construction this spring on stormwater improvements to relieve historic flooding in a portion of the Rountree neighborhood. Work is expected to last approximately six months, ending sometime this fall.

Planned improvements will include the installation of underground storm pipe and inlet structures beginning at the intersection of Belmont Street and Rogers Avenue, extending east to Fremont, then north along Fremont to Madison Street, ending on the east side of Weller Avenue.



large with as much notice as possible.

In order to attempt to manage the stormwater needs of the area, approximately nine trees along Madison are set to be removed.

"Throughout the design process we remained very conscious of the existing tree canopy and worked hard to reduce possible impacts to trees where possible," explains Project Manager Zach Mills. "We have been working with property owners to potentially replace these trees upon completion of the project through the City's NeighborWoods Program."

The project is funded through the City's Level Property Tax and 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Residents with questions about the project or interested in learning more about NeighborWoods are encouraged to contact Zach Mills at [zmills@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:zmills@springfieldmo.gov).



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- Laurel Bryant, Past Chair
- Jeremy Tuck, Treasurer
- Nancy Evans, Secretary



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 20 • May 18 • June 15: 7–8 p.m. @ University Heights Baptist Church (1010 S. National Ave.)

Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Eric Luebbert: 417-864-1138  
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 **Rountree Elementary School**  
1333 E. Grand St.

Follow Rountree on    
[routreenews.org](http://routreenews.org)

### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**May 15: 7-11 a.m.**

University Heights Baptist Church  
(1010 S. National Ave.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Leaves and Metal  
Curbside Pickup will be available  
Contact Peggy Wise (417-860-8990  
or [wise1peggy@gmail.com](mailto:wise1peggy@gmail.com))



In early March, Aviato Property Management added nine maple trees to the Rountree canopy, thanks to the City of Springfield's NeighborWoods program. Photo courtesy Ben Hackenwerth and the Rountree Neighborhood Association Facebook Group.

*"Throughout the design process we remained very conscious of the existing tree canopy and worked hard to reduce possible impacts to trees where possible." – Zach Mills*

Residents should expect traffic impacts throughout the construction period including full closures of the intersections of Rogers and Belmont and Belmont and Fremont for potential two-week periods to construct stormwater pipe crossings under the roadway. Single lane closures within the work zone and intermittent traffic interruptions throughout the day can also be anticipated. Details of specific closure dates and durations will be communicated to the neighborhood and public at



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## Williams Elementary Boys & Girls Club named the O'Reilly Unit

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The new Williams Elementary will be home to the newest Boys & Girls Club of Springfield, named for a Springfield family: The O'Reilly Unit.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield announced that their capital campaign goal of \$1.2 million has not only been reached, but exceeded. The campaign, Invest in Great Futures, raised a total of \$1,310,700 in less than a year during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the organization's first capital campaign since the Sertoma Unit Capital Campaign at Sherwood Elementary.

The focus of the fundraising effort was to build a new club at Williams Elementary in the Tom Watkins neighborhood. With the recent bond issue passing, BGCS had the opportunity to strengthen their partnership with Springfield Public Schools.

Williams Elementary is currently undergoing a renovation and reconstruction. Proposition S was a \$168 million bond proposal for Springfield Public Schools, which will fund facilities improvement projects at more than 35 schools. Needing about 57% approval, it passed with over 60%.

Through a major gift of \$500,000 from the O'Reilly Wooten Family, the new Club will be named the O'Reilly Unit at Williams Elementary. The O'Reilly Wooten Family and BGCS are also excited to launch a new workforce development program with the opening of the new Williams Club that will make an impact on the lives of many Club families.

"It is difficult to adequately express my gratitude for the O'Reilly Wooten family and this community. It was an integral part of our organization's vision

to expand services and better serve our kids and families. The O'Reilly Wooten family helped make this vision a reality. They have always been very supportive and what is so special about this relationship is that the O'Reilly Wooten family is not just passionate about our mission, but they are also actively committed to helping us launch an intentional workforce development program that has the potential to change the trajectory of local family's lives," said Brandy Harris, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield.

"As a family, we are all thrilled to be a part of this incredible project and to assist with the amazing work of the Boys & Girls Clubs in supporting, lifting and shaping the kids and families in our community that need it the most," said Tim O'Reilly, chief executive officer at O'Reilly Hospitality Management, LLC. "Personally, I am also looking forward to my company working with the Club to initiate the workforce development program, where we can help Club kids and their parents prepare for and find employment opportunities and fight for a better future. This project is just all around a win, win, win for our community."

The O'Reilly Unit will have a 4,000 square foot dedicated club space and use approximately 18,000 square feet of shared school space, such as the gym, cafeteria, tech lab, library, restrooms, art room and other designated areas.

Construction started in June 2020 and is expected to be completed by May. The Sertoma Unit has been a very successful model and the intention is to use some of those successes to guide the direction of the Williams project.

## News & Notes from the Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association

By Paula Reeves, for SGFNN

We are looking forward to the day when we can have big, fun events and get to know our neighbors!

Our neighborhood association was just reorganizing when the pandemic hit, so we have no membership base at this time. As soon as we are able to get started, we hope you and your family will join and get involved!

The Tom Watkins Neighborhood Cleanup is April 10, 8 a.m. to noon. Watch your mailbox — you will receive a postcard in the mail with all the details!

The Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association Christmas Elf delivered notes and little bags of peppermint sticks to 15 homes in our neighborhood with great light displays and decorations!

It's so exciting to see the construction moving right along on the new Williams Elementary School! On Jan. 6, Williams students and staff joined Nabholz Construction for a special beam topping ceremony at the construction site. Together, they signed a steel beam that will forever be above the main entrance of the new school.

Thank you to our business members: Greene County Damaged Freight, McDonald's, Grant Williams and Freshwater Church.

Stay informed about neighborhood and north side happenings by following our page on Facebook. Just search for Tom Watkins Neighborhood Association!

See this story on SGFNeighborhoodNews.com for pictures of all of the light displays and decorations.



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### Neighborhood Association Meetings

Please Contact Neighborhood Officers for meeting times and locations.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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

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## Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**April 10: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Faith Assembly Church  
(3001 W. Division St.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Leaves

## Mobile Library Stop

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**Tuesdays: 5-5:45 p.m.**

John B. Hughes Apts. (2100 N. Clifton Ave.)



Beam signed by Williams Elementary students and staff being put in place by Nabholz Construction during a Beam Topping ceremony on Jan. 6.



# SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY



## UHNA donation drive results in 43 pairs of shoes for students at Delaware and Sunshine elementary schools

By Annette Hollon, for SGFNN

When the attendance boundary for Sunshine Elementary shifted in February 2020, it opened broader opportunities for the University Heights Neighborhood Association to support students.

With some UHNA students attending Sunshine and others attending Delaware Elementary, the neighborhood association looks forward to building new relationships.

UHNA's first opportunity to show support manifested in the form of a shoe drive.

Delaware Elementary started a Cents of Pride store for the 2020-21 school year. Cents of Pride is a unique program dedicated to fulfilling student needs through a reward system that reinforces positive choices and empowers students. You can learn more at [centsofpride.org](http://centsofpride.org).

Students can shop for items with Leader Bucks they earn through attendance and participation. Shoes are one of the most popular items in the store. Because this is Cents of Pride's first year with the store, the shoe inventory needed to be built up. Neighbors from the University Heights and Delaware neighborhood associations and



Westminster Presbyterian Church contributed to the drive to get shoes to the two schools.

Our generous neighbors really turned out to help support our local elementary schools. Monetary donations added up to \$350 and neighbors dropped off 21 pairs of new shoes.

In all, 43 pairs of shoes were divided between the two schools and delivered shortly before the Christmas 2020 break.

Both schools were thankful for the donations and support from the surrounding neighborhood associations and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## NeighborWoods program aims to keep tree population healthy for future generations

By Linda Regan, for SGFNN

Not much prevents Springfield's NeighborWoods Program from planting trees this time of year except, perhaps, a record-breaking cold spell like the one in February. Before temperatures plummeted, about 935 trees representing dozens of varieties were delivered to the City's nursery, tucked into a secluded area of Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. As soon as the cold breaks, the trees will be distributed to neighborhoods and city properties for planting. Typically, six to 10 neighborhood associations request trees each year.

Established in 2003, the NeighborWoods program is a joint tree-planting effort between the City of Springfield, Tree City USA, City Utilities and area nonprofit groups. With neighborhood associations front and center among the nonprofit groups, NeighborWoods hopes to keep Springfield's tree population healthy and plentiful for future generations.



The program is simple. Program director Troy Powell says every Springfield neighborhood has 6-foot right-of-way tracts along some of its streets where these trees can be planted. "I work with all the local neighborhood associations," Powell says. "I can provide each one with a list of streets where the NeighborWoods program can plant trees."

Any homeowner whose property includes one of these rights-of-way can request a tree.

► See **NEIGHBORWOODS** on page 24



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- John Stinson, Vice President
- Annette Hollon, Secretary
- Donelle Blubaugh, Treasurer



### Neighborhood Association Meetings

April 7 • May 5 • June 2 • July 7: 5:30 p.m.

Meetings held via Zoom until further notice. Anyone interested in joining the monthly meeting is welcome to email [universityheightsneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:universityheightsneighborhood@gmail.com) for login information.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

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 **Sunshine Elementary School**  
421 E. Sunshine St.

Follow University Heights on    
[universityheights-sgf.org](http://universityheights-sgf.org)

### Next Neighborhood Cleanup (Joint Cleanup with Phelps Grove)

**May 15: 7-11 a.m.**

Springfield Art Museum (1111 E. Brookside Dr.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Metal

Curbside Pickup will be available

Contact Jan Peterson (417-838-6216  
or [jan.peterson@att.net](mailto:jan.peterson@att.net))



### ART MUSEUM'S TRIANGULUM SCULPTURE COMING TO UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS



By Jan Peterson, for SGFNN

We have a sculpture coming to the 'hood! Thanks to Sarah Harkins Arnold's curiosity about what a Public Works crew was up to near the WaterWise garden, I learned a sculpture is being moved from the Springfield Art Museum to the greenspace between the tennis courts and the garden. The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is partnering with the Springfield Art Museum to provide a home for "Triangulum," a large sculpture on the museum's west lawn that has to be relocated prior to work beginning on the stormwater project. Check out this story on [SGFNeighborhoodNews.com](http://SGFNeighborhoodNews.com) to learn more about "Triangulum," its history and the artist.



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The tree will be planted by a city crew, free of charge. In exchange, the property owner agrees to a three-year watering schedule, to ensure the tree's survival.

Powell likes to emphasize that NeighborWoods trees are not seedlings. They are ball-and-burlap trees, which means they have well-developed root systems wrapped in burlap, that measure 1.5 to 2 inches in diameter and stand between 6 and 10 feet tall.



*The City's Urban Forestry Technician Troy Powell serves as the program director for the NeighborWoods program.*

The process for requesting a tree is as simple as the program. Each participating neighborhood association appoints someone to coordinate their tree requests. This coordinator establishes a timeframe, distributes the request forms, gathers them back and turns the forms in to Powell by an agreed-upon date (usually in late summer). Powell says it is not too early to begin this process for 2022 planting.

University Heights Neighborhood Association is brand new to the program. "We invited Troy Powell to present at one of our board meetings in early 2020," says Jan Peterson, UHNA president. "He literally drove our entire neighborhood and came back with a list of streets that have the required 6-foot right-of-way space." Six to eight families then turned in requests for trees.

Residents who request trees can indicate their first, second and third choices for a tree on their application form. Powell then works with each resident on the final decision, which he says is based on many factors. These include existing nearby trees, sunlight and shade conditions, water requirements, diversity of species and more. "Together, we determine which tree is most suited to each particular property," Powell says.

Powell has been with the NeighborWoods program for 10 years and takes pride in the ever-growing number of trees he has helped put in the ground. "This program is a great way for me to have a positive impact on the community I live in and on future generations," he says. In fact, one of Powell's favorite sayings is, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit under."

Every year, every neighborhood loses trees to natural and mechanical causes. Age, disease, storms, even trimmers and lawn mowers challenge the city's urban forest. Through this free program, a neighborhood can regularly replace trees that will add value to resident's properties.

Neighborhoods interested in the NeighborWoods program can gather more information and contact Powell through the program website, [springfieldmo.gov/NeighborWoods](http://springfieldmo.gov/NeighborWoods).

## WELLER NEIGHBORHOOD



### Connect

- Mark Maynard, President:  
doc@ceoradio.net  
or 918-231-4960
- Rosetta Clarida, Vice President
- Gina Rennison, Secretary
- Brenda Nuber, Treasurer

### Neighborhood Association Meetings

May 6 • June 3 • July 1: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Weller Community Church (1722 E. Blaine St.)

*Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Kolby Helms: 417-874-2537  
khelms@springfieldmo.gov



**Weller Elementary School**  
1630 N. Weller Ave.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**May 1: 8 a.m.-Noon**

Turning Point Church  
(1722 N. National Ave.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush and Metal  
*Curbside Pickup will NOT be available.*

### Mobile Library Stop

Delivering books, movies and CDs to your neighborhood. Service is limited to Holds  
Pickup and Returns

**Wednesdays: 3:45-4:15 p.m.**  
1600 E. Blaine St.



## WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD



### Connect

- Lydia Austin, President:  
lydiaaustin@live.com  
or 417-459-9118
- Sharon Brooks, Vice President
- Sandi Huston, Treasurer
- Peri Redfearn, Secretary



### Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

April 13 • May 11 • June 8: 6:30 p.m., @ Golden Avenue Baptist Church (558 S. Golden Ave.)

*Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.*

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Austin Faulconer: 417-874-2536  
afaulconer@springfieldmo.gov



**Westport Elementary School**  
415 S. Golden Ave.

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### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

**May 22: 7-11 a.m.**

Study Alternative Center  
(2343 W. Olive St.)

Accepted: Trash, Brush,  
Leaves and Metal  
*Curbside Pickup will NOT be available.*



*New shelters went up in Zagonyi Park (630 S. Park Ave.) in December 2020. Photo courtesy the Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association Facebook page.*





## Ozark Greenways trail through West Meadows now open

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Construction for a half-mile Ozark Greenways trail connecting the area known as West Meadows, between Fort and Grant avenues north of the Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park, finished in November 2020.

The \$405,000 project was funded with a \$250,000 Recreation Trails grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) with a 20% match provided through the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax Alternative Transportation Program.

The West Meadows trail is part of the vast Ozarks Greenways' network of 73 miles of greenways, and 81 miles of on-street bike routes. A trailhead is

located on the west end of the trail off of Fort Street and includes a parking lot. Access the trailhead by turning north on North Fort Avenue from West College Street north of the park.

### ABOUT WEST MEADOWS

The development of West Meadows is part of the community's Jordan Valley Concept Master Plan to redevelop the Jordan Valley through downtown Springfield. Work has been completed in Jordan Valley since the early 2000s, with \$2 million in EPA-funded environmental brownfields cleanups and the development of downtown amenities like Jordan Valley Park, Jordan Valley Commons, Jordan Valley Ice Park, Hammons Field and trail connections.

## West Central to announce new board, launches new website

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

West Central Neighborhood Alliance had a board election on the date this publication went to print (March 23). The new board members will be announced in the July edition of SGF Neighborhood News and on SGFNeighborhoodNews.com in West Central's section.

West Central now has a new website at WestCentralSpringfield.org. It is still a work in progress, but please check back for updates this spring and summer.



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- Rusty Worley, Vice President  
& Treasurer: 417-569-8866  
or rusty@itsalldowntown.com
- Brandon Jensen, Secretary



### Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

April 27 • May 25 • June 22: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

@ Broadway United Methodist Church  
(545 S. Broadway Ave.)

Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Keith Wright: 417-864-1194  
kwright@springfieldmo.gov



**McGregor Elementary School**  
1221 W. Madison St.

**Campbell Early Childhood Center**  
506 S. Grant Ave.

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**Mondays: 3:20-3:50 p.m.**

South Tower (770 South Ave.)

**Mondays: 3:55-4:40 p.m.**

Madison Tower (421 W. Madison St.)

**Mondays: 4:45-5:30 p.m.**

Stillwell Columns (525 S. Campbell Ave.)

**Tuesdays: 2:20-2:50 p.m.**

Jenny Lind Hall Apts. (711 S. Jefferson Ave.)

**Thursdays: 3:30-4 p.m.**

Nu Elm Apts. (440 S. New Ave.)



**BIRTHPLACE OF ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL**  
MOTHER ROAD to Recovery

**AUG 13-14, 2021**

**TENTATIVE FESTIVAL DATES!**

**A formal announcement will be made in May barring unforeseen circumstances.**





## Jefferson Avenue Footbridge rehab project to be put out for bid once agencies approve plans

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

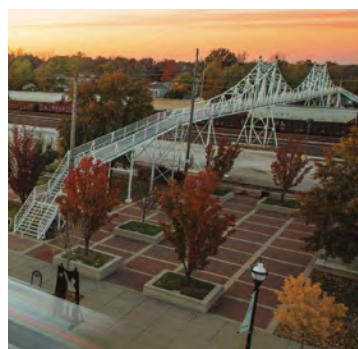
The planned rehabilitation of the historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge is currently awaiting approval from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) as well as Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) prior to being cleared to solicit contractor bids.

Construction plans were submitted to BNSF for final review in November 2020. Public Works anticipates a response from the agencies soon. If changes are requested by BNSF, Public Works will work to address them and resubmit revised plans.

Upon final approval from BNSF, the City can then submit plans and documentation to MoDOT and the FHWA requesting to advertise the project.

Assuming the City receives bids allowable through the project budget, it usually takes three months before a contractor is allowed to proceed with construction. Once notice to proceed is given, the contractor will begin ordering materials which could take several months.

The public may not begin to notice work on site until several months into the construction process.



## Woodland Heights announces 2021 board

By Becky Volz, for SGFNN

In February, Woodland Heights announced its 2021 board members. They are:

- Becky Volz, President
- Steve Sexton, Vice President
- Kathleen Day, Secretary
- Jan Hutcherson, Treasurer
- Bernadean McAfee, at-large member
- Janetta Tracy, at-large member

- Jason Gish, at-large member
- Jolene Hall, at-large member
- Mona Pieron, at-large member
- Robert Baldwin, at-large member



## Summer Solstice Art Fair set for June 12, Dirt Day 2021 postponed

Provided by the Moon City Creative District and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board

On Feb. 2, the Moon City Creative District Facebook page announced that the 2021 Summer Solstice Art Fair has been scheduled for Saturday, June 12 in Lafayette Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The event will feature a juried show, cash awards, and room to space. Applications will be available soon. For more information, contact Linda Passeri, the show coordinator, at artistlinda75@gmail.com or visit mooncitycreativedistrict.com

The Moon City Creative District presents the Summer Solstice Art Fair in partnership with the



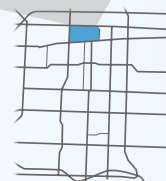
Springfield-Greene County Park Board. The event features regional fine artists including jewelers, potters, wood turners, printmakers, painters, fiber artists and more.

Also, it has been announced that the 2021 Dirt Day event has been postponed.



### Connect

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- Steve Sexton, Vice President:
- Kathleen Day, Secretary
- Jan Hutcherson, Treasurer



### Neighborhood Association Meetings


April 20 • May 18 • June 15: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
@ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church  
(722 W. Atlantic St.)


Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

### Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Kolby Helms: 417-874-2537  
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 **Bowerman Elementary School**  
2148 N. Douglas Ave.

 **Reed Middle School**  
2000 N. Lyon Ave.

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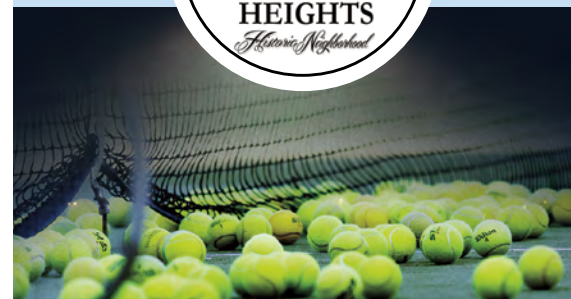
### Next Neighborhood Cleanup

April 24, 2021: 8 a.m.-Noon

304 W. Chase St.

Accepted: Trash, Brush, Leaves,  
Metal and Tires

Curbside Pickup will be available  
Contact Becky Volz (417-880-4210  
or rsvolz5@gmail.com)



### Tennis Under the Lights is Back!

June 4 • 7-9 p.m. • Lafayette Park

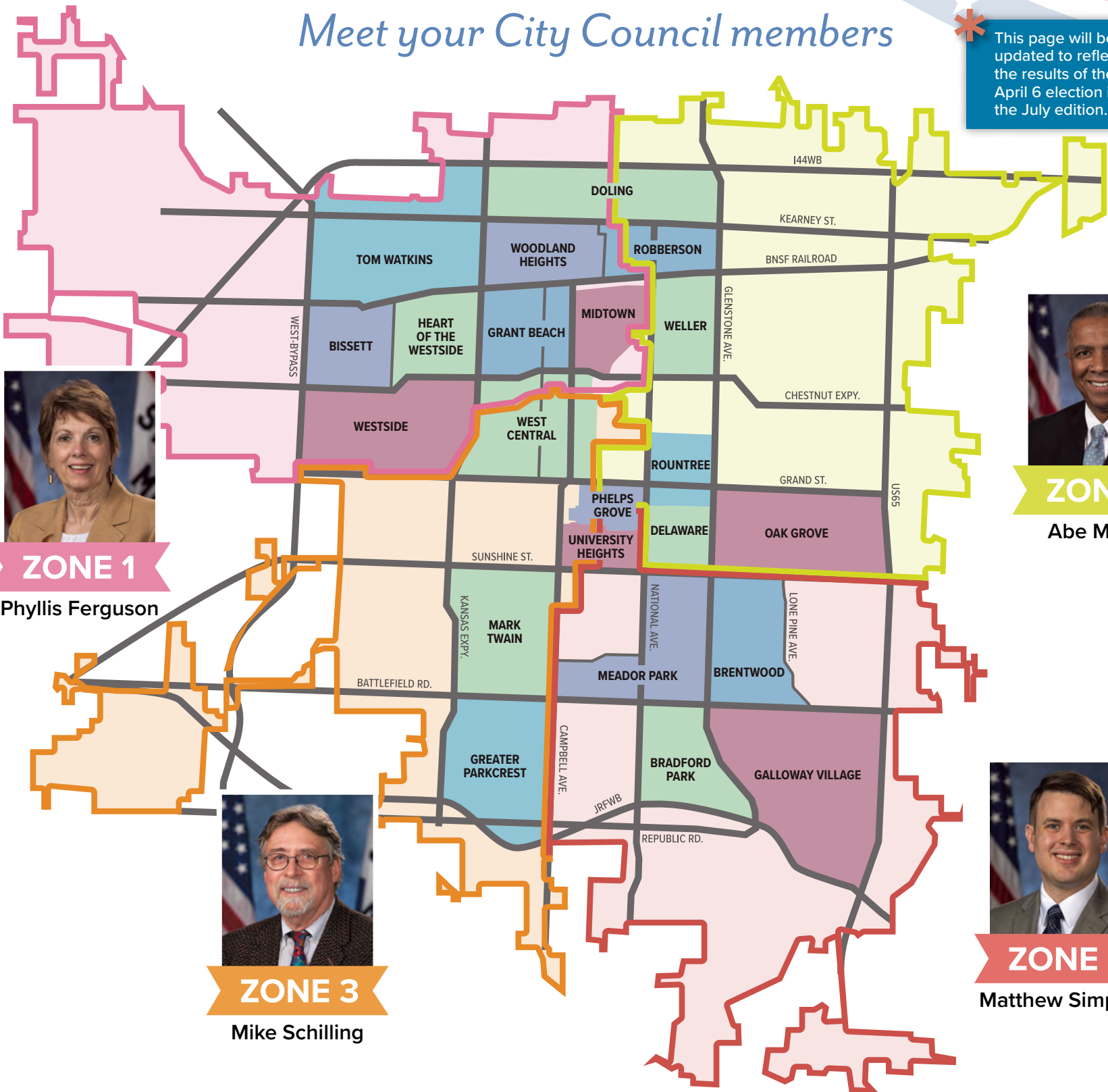
Come play tennis at night! The courts will be all aglow with lights everywhere! There will be music, snacks and fun! All equipment is provided. Presented by USTA. Free. All ages welcome!



# Springfield Zone Boundaries & Registered Neighborhoods

Meet your City Council members

\* This page will be updated to reflect the results of the April 6 election in the July edition.



**ZONE 1**

Phyllis Ferguson



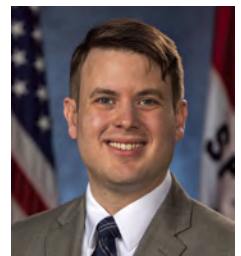
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General Seat B



Andrew Lear  
General Seat C



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General Seat D



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Tuesdays 12 p.m.

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY **SPRING BOOK SALE**

## APRIL 28 - MAY 2

*E\*Plex, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds  
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**Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**

**Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Half-Price Day**

**Sun. 1-5 p.m.—Bag Day**

*(Bag Day—everything you can pack in a sack is \$1,  
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**Adult, young adult and children’s books and most  
audiovisuals are \$1 or less; better books are \$2 and up.**

**Cash or Check ONLY!**

**Questions email [friends@thelibrary.org](mailto:friends@thelibrary.org).**

*Check the Friends of Springfield-Greene County Library  
District Facebook page for the latest updates.*

*Friends Night Preview Sale is Tuesday, April 27, 5-8 p.m.  
Friends members admitted free; or pay \$5 at the door to shop  
and join the Friends that night at no extra cost.*



## Green for Greene

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### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SUMMER SESSION JULY 29

*This FREE five-week training program provides  
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For more Information and to apply online  
visit **[springfieldmo.gov/GreenForGreene](http://springfieldmo.gov/GreenForGreene)**

or contact Cindy Bennett at  
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