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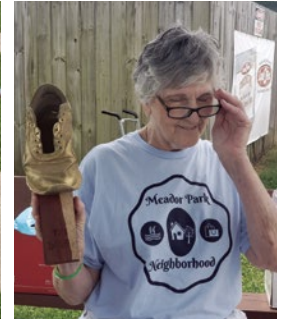
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Woodland Heights dominates at annual SGF Kickball Tournament

By Eric Pauly, for SGFNN

SGF Kickball 2022 is in the books! After the tournament was rained out in May, June 5 provided optimal conditions at Meador Park. Congratulations to the winners—our neighbors in Woodland Heights, who got to take home the Bobbi trophy. A very special thanks to the players from West Central. Phelps Grove and West Central created a community team, which gave Woodland Heights a great game, but Woodland Heights dominated all comers. Thanks to all who participated and came out!

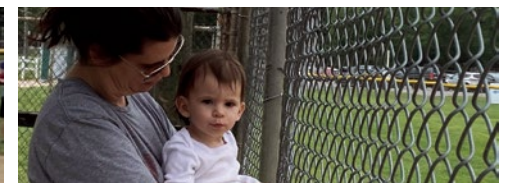


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AUG. 2 | 5-7 P.M.

MEADOR PARK
2500 S. FREMONT AVE.

National Night Out brings together police officers, firefighters, park rangers, friends and neighbors to build camaraderie in a positive environment.

Games, Food, Ice Cream!

Meet Law Enforcement officers

Police vs. Fire Softball Game, 8 p.m.



26th Annual

JAPANESE Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER 9-11

Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden
at Springfield Botanical Gardens
Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park,
2400 S. Scenic Ave.

PeaceThroughPeople.org



Councilwoman Monica Horton wants to see northwest SGF thrive

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Zone 1 City Councilwoman Monica Horton loves northwest Springfield. She and her husband Leonard and daughter Ari'el live in the Grant Beach neighborhood, but have lived in Westside, Bissett and Heart of the Westside neighborhoods since moving to Springfield in 2013. Horton grew up in Kansas City and has lived in Tallahassee and Havana, Florida.

Parks are her favorite things about the Springfield neighborhoods she's lived in, specifically, Nichols Park in Heart of the Westside when it served for three years as the location for National Night Out.

"That was a great memory, seeing all those folks come out to Nichols Park," she said.

More favorite things about Zone 1 include:

"The Library Station was my gateway into civic engagement where I was first asked if I was a registered voter to get me to sign a petition for the ballot. I got registered to vote! If it were not for Bartley-Decatur Neighborhood Center in Midtown being the birthplace of Ujima Family Literacy Nights, our family wouldn't have found connection to community. The African American Heritage Trail keeps me grounded in the history of Springfield where I teach youth about it each year at the Black History Summer Academy leading to the Juneteenth holiday that is celebrated at Silver Springs Park. C-Street is the place to be! I conduct just about all of my business meetings at Big Momma's Coffee and Espresso Bar."

"What I'm most looking forward to in my role on council is collaborating as a unit to focus our efforts on improving neighborhoods and making things better as we continue our recovery from COVID-19." – Monica Horton

Horton was appointed to the Zone 1 council seat in April. She will serve Zone 1 until the April 4, 2023 election.

"What I'm most looking forward to in my role on council is collaborating as a unit to focus our efforts on improving neighborhoods and making things better as we continue our recovery from COVID-19," she said. "Gaps exist in Zone 1. When people don't have a stable economic base, it's a barrier to engagement. As a city, we need to look at how resources are allocated to result in more equitable decision-making."

Horton says former Zone 1 Councilwoman Phyllis Ferguson demonstrated excellent leadership and is a great role model and mentor encouraging Horton to use the Zone 1 Blitz Report as a guide.

"I saw a lot of improvements to Zone 1 as a result of the Zone Blitz. I see my role as the Zone 1 representative as finishing the unfinished business of the Zone Blitz, which Phyllis advocated for," Horton said. "I value continuity of leadership, and want to continue that work."

Horton is pleased to be the second African American woman to serve on council (Councilwoman Heather Hardinger was the first)



because the more diverse people we have in leadership positions, the more young people will see themselves represented, which in turn leads to more diversity in leadership and more voices being heard.

"We have to serve all of our citizens, not just a few," she said.

She says the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan has the potential to be a game-changer for Springfield.

"I'd like to see more development in Zone 1 by the people that live there, because they're more invested in those communities," she said.

Horton is self-employed as an organizational consultant and is an adjunct instructor for Drury University in the College of Graduate Studies teaching required coursework for diversity, equity, and inclusion certification. Her business, Lenica Consulting, has business contracts with Pratt Consultants as a data curator; Community Partnership of the Ozarks as a program evaluator and researcher for the Latino Leadership program and the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council's School-to-Prison Pipeline Study; and Missouri State University working as a contributing researcher to the Springfield Inclusion Study funded by Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

She holds a bachelor of arts in psychology degree from Tuskegee University and two master's degrees – a master of public administration from Missouri State University and a master of music therapy from Florida State University.

Horton has served on the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board, serving as treasurer of the \$2.9-plus million tax levy for two of those years.

In 2019, she was appointed to the Mayor's Commission for Children and as Ujima Language and Literacy's founding board president while at the same time beginning a three-year appointment serving on Leadership Springfield's board of directors.

Horton served on the advisory council and the performance measures and data management workgroup for Prosper Springfield from 2017 until 2020. In 2013, shortly after moving here, she volunteered at Community Partnership of the Ozarks' annual Hope Connection as a guest guide, then co-produced the Hope Connection's survey data results report and presented the report to CPO's Continuum of Care team and later served as a survey volunteer during CPO's Point in Time count of homeless persons in the Springfield area.

Contact Councilwoman Horton at monica.horton@springfieldmo.gov or through the City Clerk's office at 417-864-1651.

City issues request for qualifications for Lake Springfield master plan

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

The City of Springfield and City Utilities hope to have a consultant selected to create a master plan for Lake Springfield by the time this edition of SGF Neighborhood News is printed.

Following the decommissioning of the coal power plant in the spring, Lake Springfield was identified as an opportunity area for redevelopment during the City's Forward SGF comprehensive planning process.

An \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA), and \$200,000 from the Hatch Foundation, City Utilities of Springfield and the City of Springfield's Environmental Services Department will fund the development of a master plan for the area including and surrounding the former coal-powered plant (James River Power Station). Redevelopment will complement Lake Springfield Park and Boathouse, which are jointly operated by CU and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.



to serve the cooling needs of the James River Power Station. Over its 65-year life, the power plant and approximately 1,000 acres around it have served the public well. With the plant decommissioning, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity exists for the community to reimagine Lake Springfield's future.

A community visioning process for the future of Lake Springfield is planned and will include public engagement events, a presentation tour and a city-wide survey.

The community engagement process will outline what the community sees for this area of Lake Springfield. Residents, neighbors, business owners, developers, schools, parks, non-profit agencies and more will collectively take part in identifying the areas of opportunity and concern in the area. This process will help the team zero in on a list of specific goals for the project.

Qualified teams will have subject matter experts in areas including, but not limited to, hydrology, dam safety, water resource management, local transportation, brownfields redevelopment, economic vitality, community planning and community recreation. Teams shall demonstrate a track record of planning for innovation, environmental and financial sustainability/resiliency, social equity, and community support. The selected team will be led by a professional with exceptional project management and technical experience in undertaking and delivering studies and plans according to federal agency regulations, timeframes, and funding agreements.

The deadline for statements of qualifications (SOQs) was June 3. It is anticipated that consultant selection and a request for proposal will occur within 30 days following the deadline. The consultant selection team consists of City of Springfield and City Utilities of Springfield staff.



"With projects such as the redevelopment of the Lake Springfield area and other iconic projects, we are working to both improve quality of life and stimulate the economy, Springfield is on an upward trajectory. We are very grateful for this grant," said Mayor Ken McClure.

The plan will be a catalyst for innovative economic and recreational opportunities, new infrastructure, sustainable water quality and green infrastructure, compatible development which increases the tax base, creates jobs, improves the quality of life of the workforce and their families.

Plan elements will include:

- recreational expansion opportunities
- economic development and workforce development opportunities
- transportation, access and wayfinding
- land use.

Lake Springfield was created in 1957 by the damming of the James River in southeast Springfield

Resurfacing of two major roadways expected to cause traffic delays through July

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

As part of the City's Major Roadway Resurfacing Project, significant portions of National Avenue and Battlefield Road began being repaved starting in May. Motorists should expect delays along these roadways through July and may want to consider alternate routes until the work is complete.

Approved by voters in 2019, the Major Roadway Resurfacing Project includes the repaving of National Avenue (between Kearney and Sunset streets) and Battlefield Road (between Kansas Expressway and Glenstone Avenue). The project also includes the resurfacing of Sunshine Street between Glenstone Avenue and Kansas Expressway, completed in fall of 2021.



"We expect this project will operate similarly to the resurfacing of Sunshine last fall," explains project manager Angela Nelson. "This is a mobile operation that moves along relatively quickly as long as weather and other factors allow. We expect both roadways to be complete in July."

Contractor Blevins Asphalt began by milling and resurfacing side roads where they intersect with National Avenue. Crews will then lay asphalt in the center turn-lane first, followed by outside driving lanes, then the inside passing lanes. Once resurfacing on National Avenue is complete, the contractor will move on to Battlefield Road and proceed in a similar pattern.

"Citizens may notice small sections of the roadways that are being skipped," says Nelson. "These stretches have either recently been resurfaced or are planned for improvements in the coming years."

Daily work is expected to begin during nighttime hours and extend into the morning, generally operating Sunday through Thursday. Motorists can expect at least one lane in each direction to be open at all times, but traffic delays along these routes should be expected. Please obey all posted signage and use caution while traveling through the work zone.

The project is funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and the ¼-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. The total cost of the Major Roadway Resurfacing project is \$2.9 million.



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GOOD NEIGHBORTip



Avoid front-yard parking

The Springfield Neighborhoods Plan identifies front-yard parking as one of a number of recurring nuisances that negatively affect neighborhoods. It can create ruts and increase erosion. Combined with other nuisances, it causes an aesthetic deterioration of the neighborhood.

General Ordinance 5166 states it is against City ordinance to park a vehicle or trailer of any kind in the front yard of private property. The front yard is considered the area of land that faces a street in front of the house. If a house is on a corner lot and faces two streets, both sides are considered a front yard. To report, call 911 if the vehicle or trailer is in the front yard at the time of the call. This will allow police to be dispatched. If the vehicle is not in the front yard at all times, but is a persistent problem, call the Citizen Resource Center at 417-864-1010 or file a citizen service request online at springfieldmo.gov/request.



Next application round of Neighborhood Works funding expected in the fall as current slate of projects continue

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Seven neighborhood improvement projects have been completed and more are underway in the first round of 2019-2024 Neighborhood Works improvement project funding. A second project application round is expected to take place in fall 2022 to allocate approximately \$426,000 in remaining program funds.

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 including small-scale stormwater drainage improvements, sidewalk and trail connections, public parking and alleyway improvements and updates to parks. Individual projects are limited to \$100,000 or less and must take place on city-owned property or right-of-way.



STATUS OF 2019-2024 ROUND 1 NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS PROJECTS

BISSETT

Hillcrest/Nichols Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Improvements – \$78,000

Various pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements in the Bissett Neighborhood are now under contract with Liming Concrete with construction expected this summer. The project will include radius improvements at the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Nichols Street, ADA sidewalk replacement on Hillcrest Avenue from Nichols Street to Brower Street and a concrete landing at the bus stop along Nichols Street near L.A. Wise Park.

BRENTWOOD

Improvements to Kirkwood Park – \$99,000

Installation of new accessible playground equipment at Kirkwood Park (2201 E. Seminole), including concrete base and rubber surfacing, is expected to take place this fall.

GALLOWAY VILLAGE

Galloway Neighborhood Intersection Improvements – \$0

A project to repair the edges of the roadway and intersection at Mentor Avenue and Republic Street is complete. Work was conducted through Public Works Street Operations crews through the City's regular roadway maintenance budget.

GRANT BEACH

Richard Napieralski Community Garden Improvements – \$3,810

Work to install a freeze-proof yard hydrant within the west end of the garden area and provide new water service is scheduled for fall 2022.

GREATER PARKCREST

Stormwater and Park improvements – \$47,259

Project to repair the tennis court and stripe for Pickleball as well as stormwater improvements are now complete.



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

Sanford Park Phase 2 – \$52,741

A new sidewalk connection from Battlefield Road to Sanford Park is now complete including lighting, new park signage and a bike rack.

MARK TWAIN

Tree planting, landscaping and fence removal – \$20,000

Public Works street operations division is working to remove fencing and install trees and landscaping along City-owned property in the southeast corner of Kansas Expressway and Sunshine Street. The project is expected to be complete by summer.

MIDTOWN

Alleyway Cleanup – \$5,000

This project consisted of removing overgrowth of vegetation in the alleys located in Midtown and is now complete.

Silver Springs Park Water Line – \$270

Work to install a freeze-proof hose bibb on the north wall of the Silver Springs Park pavilion is complete.

ROUNTREE

ADA Compliant Sidewalks and Ramps – \$85,499

This project will rehabilitate and replace non-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps in the Rountree neighborhood in various locations along Kentwood Avenue, Fairway Avenue, Catalpa Street, Delmar Street and Weller Avenue. The project is under contract with Liming Concrete with construction expected this summer.

WESTSIDE

Updates to Tennis and Basketball Courts at Zagonyi Park – \$5,872

Tennis court resurfacing is complete, with new striping to serve as Pickleball courts. Basketball court repairs and improvements including a new chain link fence are scheduled for completion in late summer.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS

Repair and restoration of Charlie Norr Community Center – \$69,000

Repairs to the community center located at 310 W. Atlantic are complete, including cleaning and replacing brick, tuckpoints, repairing storefront framing, window glazing and door.

Alley Grading and Pothole Repair – \$25,000

Work to conduct trash removal, grading and pothole repair of all alleyways is complete.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Four speed boards to help reduce speeding on neighborhood streets – \$24,000

Speed boards are installed at 1050 W. Mt. Vernon St., 2416 S. Bennett St., 809 Broadmoor St. and 2331 S. Ingram Mill Road. Speed boards are intended to be relocated periodically at NAC request in an effort to reduce neighborhood speeding city-wide.

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Restore SGF gaining momentum with City budget allocation, ARPA funds applications

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Restore SGF, a grassroots community initiative to improve housing conditions and raise residential property values in Springfield's historic neighborhoods, is gaining momentum with a \$300,000 funding allocation from the City of Springfield's 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, which became available July 1. This funding is in addition to investments totaling \$240,000 disbursed over three years from Community Foundation of the Ozarks and several banking industry partners.

Restore SGF has also applied for \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from both the City and Greene County to formally launch, with staffing and two grant programs – the Block Challenge Program and the Homeowner Improvement Program. These programs are based on proven models in Des Moines, Iowa (Invest DSM) and other cities and will help residents make needed repairs, updates and renovations and improve the curb appeal of their properties, while at the same time encouraging them to engage with their neighbors.

“Neighborhood revitalization is a big part of what Springfield needs to focus on going forward. It’s not easy. It’s simple to comprehend but challenging to undertake.” – John Houseal

“We’re pleased with all the initial progress we’ve made and funding received. This effort is being embraced by many in our community,” said Councilman Richard Ollis. “In May, we applied for non-profit status with the state and will apply for 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS in June. We also expect to hear about our requested ARPA funding this summer. We’re ready and excited to begin restoring neighborhoods and housing.”

Once funded and hired, Restore SGF's staff will partner with residents to give them the power, resources and support to strengthen their neighborhoods.

ANTICIPATED STAFFING NEEDS

Based on the experience of Invest DSM in Des Moines, the Restore SGF staff team will consist of an executive director, community engagement and property development specialist and a construction specialist.

The executive director will direct the internal operations and external relationships for the organization. They will engage with the public and private partners to champion home ownership and advocate for the four designated middle neighborhoods. They will cultivate strong relationships with residents as well as be a trusted resource for local media.

The community engagement and property development specialist will coordinate marketing and communications with the four designated middle neighborhoods. They will elevate awareness for Restore SGF and its programs through grassroots programs such as attending neighborhood meetings, distribution of informational flyers, installation of yard signs, and storytelling through social media.

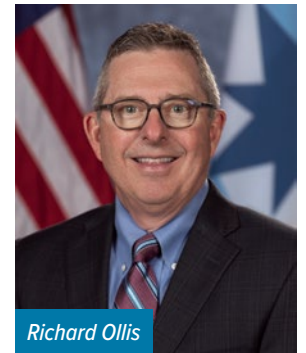
The construction specialist will review applications for the Block Challenge and Homeowner Improvement programs, provide coaching for interested participants, serve as a liaison for local contractors interested in providing services to applicants and monitor trends in the residential construction industry.

Restore SGF is still seeking funding partners. The commitment that Restore SGF is asking from financial institutions involves:

- a multi-year pledge of grant funds matching homeowners' funds for exterior home repairs. These funds will be deployed on five to 20 home “line of sight bundles” for maximum impact.
- a pledge of revolving loan funds for major home renovations.
- a pledge to make normal home loans in Restore SGF's targeted neighborhoods.

Financial institution representatives are encouraged to contact Brian Fogle at CFO at 417-864-6199 if they have questions.

“Neighborhood revitalization is a big part of what Springfield needs to focus on going forward. It's not easy. It's simple to comprehend but challenging to undertake. When you talk about place, this is it. Neighborhoods are the heart of where people live. Neighborhoods matter, and it's tough. We really have to zero in and get this right,” said John Houseal, community planning consultant for the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan.



Richard Ollis

It's time to normalize the need to care for your mental health

By Brooke Pawling, Health Department, for SGFNN

With the mental health crisis becoming even more of a national topic of conversation, it is important to acknowledge how the past few years have impacted us locally. Springfield-Greene County Health and other local health partners on May 26 released the 2022 Springfield Regional Health Assessment, which showed the Springfield community (Greene, Christian and Webster counties) has higher rates of depression and suicide than the rest of the state and country.



With the ongoing prevalence of suicide and depression in our community, Springfield-Greene County Health spent Mental Health Month in May raising awareness about mental health and how to start talking about it with friends, family members and medical professionals.

Health Director Katie Towns recently detailed her own personal experience with anxiety and her decision to seek out resources and tools to help improve her mental health. Although hers is just one story of many, this shows that you are not alone, and help is available.

We encourage everyone to talk to their doctor if they have concerns about their mental health. Even though it may be difficult, talking about it with a medical professional can help set you on the path of recovery.

We recognize that mental health awareness extends beyond May, and we also know that the Springfield community is struggling. Talking about mental health openly is an important step in normalizing mental health care. The conversation may be difficult, but it's needed.

The Health Department continues to be dedicated to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community, but lulls in surges have allowed the Health Department to focus greater attention on other health needs of the community, like mental health. We are here with you as we face this crisis.

Springfield-Greene County Health has a list of local mental health resources on our website: health.springfieldmo.gov/mentalhealth. If you are in a crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. For more information on the Community Health Needs Assessment and the Health Department's priority health issues, visit ozarkshealthcommission.org.



Staggered start/dismissal times to allow SPS to provide bus service to more students

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

During the April 12 Board of Education meeting, an update on transportation for the 2022-2023 school year was presented. The presentation reflects recommendations based on feedback from SPS families and staff that was collected earlier this school year. SPS evaluated the feedback and possible changes that would address the hardships identified. The following modifications will help SPS provide transportation next school year to the largest number of students given the current staffing and funding limitations:

The three-tier structure will be adjusted as follows:

TIER 1: 7:20 A.M.-2:20 P.M. (20 ELEMENTARY AND TWO K-8 AND INTERMEDIATE)

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|------------------|------------------------|
| • Bingham (K-5) | • Sunshine (K-5) |
| • Cowden (K-5) | • Truman (K-5) |
| • Delaware (K-5) | • Twain (K-5) |
| • Disney (K-5) | • Watkins (K-5) |
| • Field (K-5) | • Weller (K-5) |
| • Gray (K-4) | • Wilder (K-5) |
| • Holland (K-5) | • Wilson's Creek (5-6) |
| • Jeffries (K-5) | • Hickory Hills (K-8) |
| • Mann (K-5) | • Westport (K-8) |
| • McBride (K-4) | • AgAcademy |
| • McGregor (K-5) | • AOE |
| • Rountree (K-5) | • WOLF |
| • Sequiota (K-5) | |
| • Sherwood (K-5) | |

TIER 2: 8:10 A.M.-3:10 P.M. (ALL HIGH SCHOOLS, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS AND 10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS)

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| • Central (9-12) | • Mallory (ECSE) |
| • Glendale (9-12) | • Bissett (K-5) |
| • Hillcrest (9-12) | • Bowerman (K-5) |
| • Kickapoo (9-12) | • Boyd (K-5) |
| • Parkview (9-12) | • Fremont (K-5) |
| • Study | • Harrison (K-4) |
| • AFPA | • Pittman (K-5) |
| • BASE Program | • Robberson (K-5) |
| • Campbell | • Weaver (K-5) |
| • Fulbright | • Williams (K-5) |
| • Shady Dell | • York (K-5) |

TIER 3: 9 A.M.-4 P.M. (ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND TWO K-8)

- Carver (6-8)
- Cherokee (6-8)
- Jarrett (6-8)
- Pershing (K-8)
- Pipkin (6-8)
- Pleasant View (K-8)
- Reed (6-8)
- HSA @ Mercy.

Students who attend elementary, intermediate and K-8 schools must live 1.5 miles or more from school to be eligible for transportation. Middle school and high school students must live 2.5 miles or more from school to be eligible.

Build My Future offers grants to bolster workforce in construction

By Katherine Trombetta, Missouri Job Center, for SGFNN

The Build My Future Board of Directors is now offering small grants of up to \$500 for individuals entering the construction industry through a gift provided by the HBA Charitable Foundation. The grants will help new hires get the needed tools and safety equipment required on a job site.

"As a member of the Build My Future Board, I am grateful to the HBA Charitable Foundation for providing this funding to help start someone on a career path in the construction industry," said Sally Payne, director of Workforce Development for the City of Springfield. "Anything we can do to help support someone on their career journey, we

will do," Payne added.

Grants of up to \$500 are available to anyone who is either seeking or retaining employment that requires work-related items to get the job. Items can include tools, work boots, safety equipment, toolboxes and more.

To apply for a Build My Future grant, contact Tracy at the Missouri Job Center at 417-887-4343, or visit the Build My Future website at buildmyfuture.net.



With your help, we can prevent burglaries in Springfield

By Cris Swaters, Springfield Police Department, for SGFNN

Look around your home. Seriously — look around your home right now. Can you check all the boxes?

- ❑ When I'm gone and at night, all the windows in my home are closed and locked.
- ❑ Anytime I leave the house, I always ensure my home's front and back doors are locked.
- ❑ Before I drive away, I always double check that I closed the garage door.
- ❑ I never share on social media when I'm going to be gone for an extended period.

If you can't check all the boxes, you're leaving yourself vulnerable to a burglary.

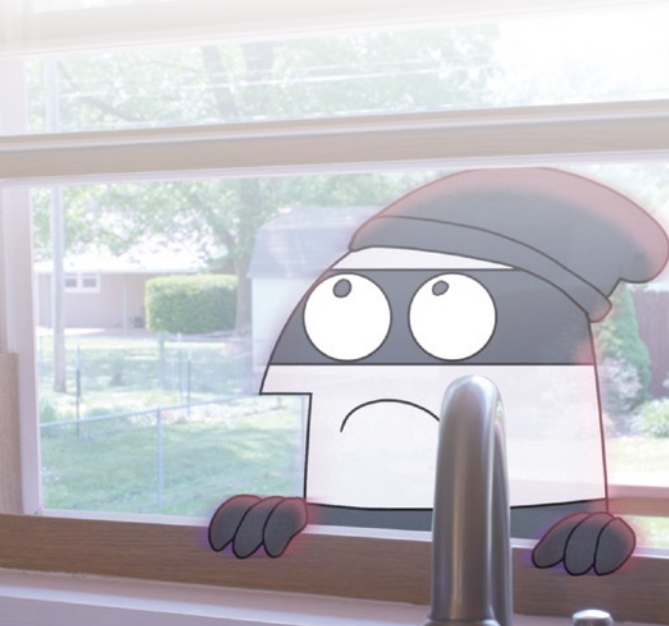
A burglary occurs when someone enters a building or residence without permission with the intent of committing a crime. A burglary could happen anytime, night or day.

The best way to keep your home and belongings safe is to make these safety precautions a habit every day. If you're not home, your doors and windows need to be securely closed and locked. Always double check before you drive away that you closed your garage. Never share your vacation plans on social media and wait until you get home to share all your fun pictures.

While all the best precautions take away a lot of opportunity from criminals, sometimes burglaries still happen. There are some things you should do now to make sure you have a complete inventory of all your valuables. Here's a checklist to help you get prepared.

- Make a list of everything valuable you own and make a note where you store the item.
- Take pictures of each item on your list. Keep the list and photos somewhere safe.
- For all your electronics and devices, write down all the serial numbers.
- If you can, add a unique marking that is not easily removed to your devices and electronics that can help identify that the item is yours in case the serial number is removed.

With your help, we can prevent burglaries in Springfield. Let's keep Springfield safe!



NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

NAC chair Rusty Worley reflects on successes, passes torch to successor

By Rusty Worley, for SGFNN

Chance meetings are often the most powerful. A young family was playing tonight at Mother's Brewing Company's back yard, and they were overflowing about all the positive changes they saw in Springfield after moving from Kansas two years ago. It reminded me how we can be so focused on the challenges in front of us that we forget to occasionally take a glimpse to remind ourselves of the positive progress we've achieved.

"We were quarantined, social distanced and masked. Along the way, we learned new technologies and ways of serving. But the past two years also reinforced that we are social creatures and life is sweeter when we can share it with our family, friends, and neighbors." – Rusty Worley

Since taking the role as Neighborhood Advisory Council chair four years ago, my initial focus was to maintain the momentum former chairs Pete Radecki and Phyllis Ferguson had generated through their strong leadership. Little did I know that a worldwide pandemic would significantly alter how neighborhoods would be able to gather and function. We were quarantined, social distanced and masked. Along the way, we learned new technologies and ways of serving. But the past two years also reinforced that we are social creatures and life is sweeter when we can share it with our family, friends, and neighbors.

Here are four areas where NAC has made notable gains since 2018:

GROWTH IN REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

The number of registered neighborhoods has increased from 17 to 23. That translates into more cleanups, block parties, neighborhood watch groups, NOVA recipients, Neighborhood Works capital projects, and people knowing and caring about their neighbors. It also connects more residents with the many services the City of Springfield offers to its registered neighborhoods.

NUISANCE PROPERTY WORK GROUP

NAC and Community Partnership of the Ozarks doubled down on their ongoing collaborations on nuisance properties to form the Nuisance Property Work Group in February. This group of 30 wide-ranging stakeholders is in the final stages of recommending transformational investments in addressing nuisance properties including charting a new direction, initiating new incentives, and lifting

the floor on the health and safety standards for rental properties. The group's final report will be presented to City Council later this summer.

RESTORE SGF

A group of community leaders traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, last summer to study the successes of the Invest DSM program and bring those lessons learned back to Springfield. It has sparked considerable buzz in the community to find new ways to encourage exterior improvements through its Block Challenge grants, spur renovations to historic homes to provide the amenities young families desire today, and ultimately lift property values in pivotal middle-market neighborhoods. City Council has approved \$300,000 in seed money in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget and is currently reviewing a request for \$1 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to come alongside private sector commitments already received from local banks.

NEIGHBORHOODS AS ECONOMIC ENGINES

The early drafts of the City's new comprehensive plan — Forward SGF — has a strong emphasis on neighborhood revitalization and neighborhood hubs (such as the great walkable and bikeable businesses at Cherry and Pickwick). Springfield has witnessed the success of its mixed-use districts (Downtown, C-Street, and Galloway) using commercial incentives. The next step will be to expand that success into our historic neighborhoods to create more points of pride and social magnets.

At the May NAC meeting, the group unanimously approved Becky Volz as chair starting July 1. She is a tireless leader for not only her beloved Woodland Heights Neighborhood, but our public schools and PTAs, Nuisance Property Work Group, chief cheerleader for the championship Woodland Heights kickball team, and much more. She pours her heart and soul into community service and Springfield is a better place because of her decades of service. NAC will be in good hands the next two years.

Becky and I ask for your continued support of these important neighborhood initiatives so we can all look back in a few years to celebrate what we have accomplished together!



Outgoing NAC Chair
Rusty Worley



Incoming NAC Chair
Becky Volz



Help out at Eden Village 2 on the third Saturday morning of the month

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Eden Village 2, located at the west end of Brower Street, holds a volunteer day 9-11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. You don't need experience or need to call ahead. Just come out and help out!

Typical activities include light yard work, cleaning, planting and in some cases minor repairs. You can expect coming away with a great feeling as the residents — all of whom have some form of disability — are really appreciative.



Bissett Neighborhood Yard Sale planned for Saturday, July 16

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Bissett's "Yard-Zale" is set for Saturday, July 16, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. We're expecting quite a few neighbors to be selling good stuff, so come out to find bargains and enjoy meeting neighbors. We especially want to invite those from outside Bissett to come out. It's always fun to meet new folks and learn about other neighborhoods.

If you live in Bissett and would like to hold a sale in your yard, contact Sheila at 417-988-2840 and she'll get your sale on the list for day-of-sale flyers and get a yard sale sign put up in your yard. BNA will also handle promotions of the event.

If you are from outside Bissett and would like to come out for the sale, just drive into the Bissett neighborhood and look for a "Yard-Zale" yard sign in any of the participating sales. In addition to looking at the cool stuff for sale, you can pick up a



SATURDAY JULY 16: 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

map showing addresses of all participating sales. In previous years, there have typically been more than 25 sales, so well worth the drive if you happen to live on the other end of town.

BNA Nieghborhood Cleanup a success

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

Bissett Neighborhood Association held its annual cleanup on June 7. This was our first mid-week cleanup so was more challenging for volunteers and curbside pickups. Many thanks to all who helped and in particular Eden Village 2 staff and residents, the City for funding, and City Partnership of the Ozarks for their usual efforts in coordinating the program.

In all seven dumpsters were filled and 45 homes benefited. We had 10 volunteers plus CPO staff to

lend a hand, and BNA made over \$250 between donations and sale of the half ton of scrap metal collected.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings


July 12 • Aug. 9 • Sept. 13 • Oct. 11: 6:30 p.m.
@ Eden Village II (3155 W. Brower St.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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

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Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!



L.A. Wise Park (3100 W. Nichols St.)

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 19 (Ice Cream Social) • Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m.
@ Immaculate Conception Church (3555 S. Fremont Ave.)

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Follow Bradford Park on



Farm Assistant Anna added a thin layer of compost to beds at AmandaBelle's Farm at CoxHealth in May in order to provide a boost of nutrients before transplanting. Springfield Community Gardens orders compost from the City of Springfield's Environmental Services Department, which is open to all residents. To check out what's in stock at a recycling center near you visit springfieldmo.gov/MOPProducts.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 25 • Aug. 29 • Sept. 26: 6:30 p.m. @ Schweitzer
Brentwood Branch Library (2214 S. Brentwood Blvd.)
Visit brentwoodsgf.org for more information.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Field Elementary School
2120 E. Barataria St.

Follow Brentwood on
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.



Installation of new accessible playground equipment at Kirkwood Park (2201 E. Seminole St.), including concrete base and rubber surfacing, is expected to take place this fall as part of the current round of Neighborhood Works projects.

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- Cynthia Yarborough, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 5 • Aug. 2 • Sept. 6 • Oct. 4: 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 Lauren Witty: 417-864-1321
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Delaware Elementary School
1505 S. Delaware Ave.

Follow Delaware on

DNA Women GET OUT!

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!



Delaware Elementary School (1505 S. Delaware Ave.)



Construction begins for Grant Avenue Parkway

By Kristen Milam, Public Information for SGFNN

After two years of community-wide engagement, stakeholder and partner agency coordination and engineering design, construction of roadway improvements along the Grant Avenue Parkway began in May.

The City hosted a construction kickoff ceremony at Parkview High School on May 19 with multiple partner agencies, project team members, neighborhood residents and community members in attendance to celebrate and learn more about what to expect as construction continues.

Construction activities on the parkway began in early May, with streetscape improvements including stormwater and sidewalk improvements taking place along Mill Street between Campbell Avenue and Main Street. At the close of the school year, major construction began along the first section of Parkway route between Ildereen and Catalpa streets. This section is entirely closed to traffic to allow workers to rebuild the roadway quickly during the summer months, reducing traffic impacts to Parkview High School. A detour is posted, guiding traffic around the closure via Ildereen Street, Campbell Avenue and Catalpa Street.

After the summer, construction is planned to proceed along the Parkway route in sections generally from south to north. Section two, from Sunshine Street to Portland Street is expected to begin by this fall or winter. Crews will then proceed to section three, Portland Street to Ildereen, sometime this winter or by next spring. From there, construction will generally proceed section by section northward along the Parkway route. Ben Cummings, construction manager for contractor Radmacher Brothers Excavating Company, shared details at the ceremony.

"To allow as much access as we can to residents and businesses throughout construction, each section of the route will be closed to one-way traffic southbound only while construction takes place," Cummings explained. "Northbound traffic will be advised to use the marked detours generally guiding traffic to use Campbell Avenue."

Target start dates for each section and all major road closures and impacts will be communicated as construction progresses. The contractor anticipates working their way through all sections and completing the project sometime in 2024.

"Thank you to the neighborhoods, property owners and residents located adjacent to the Parkway for working with us and envisioning a

better place to live and work and play," says Public Works Director Dan Smith. "And also for your patience as we begin to inject a bit of inconvenience into your daily travel."

To learn more about construction plans and sign up to receive regular project updates, visit GrantAvenueParkway.com/construction.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS CONTINUE

The City continues working with planning consultants PGAV to study neighborhood revitalization and economic development tools that could be implemented along the parkway.

The study area encompasses Grant Avenue between Catalpa Street to the south and Olive Street to the north and will examine properties located roughly between Patton Avenue to the east and Douglas Avenue to the west.

The goals of the study are to create resources for economic development and neighborhood revitalization along the Grant Avenue Parkway corridor and into surrounding neighborhoods. The consultant team will look for opportunities to leverage private investment in commercial and residential properties and will identify programs to provide benefits to existing residents.

A qualifications analysis and economic development plan are expected to be finalized this summer with a property owner workshop to be scheduled to help educate property owners on the opportunities and how they can begin the process of applying for available programs.

ABOUT THE GRANT AVENUE PARKWAY PROJECT

Funded primarily by a \$21 million federal Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, the Grant Avenue Parkway will provide major transportation improvements along Grant Avenue in the heart of Springfield.

The project will create a multi-use pedestrian and bicycle pathway along Grant Avenue between Sunshine Street and downtown Springfield. The three-mile stretch will connect downtown businesses and neighborhoods with the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium (WOW). The route is envisioned to include bike and pedestrian friendly facilities, various traffic-calming improvements, bridge enhancements, utility upgrades, fiberoptic internet connectivity and additional crossing and intersection improvements.



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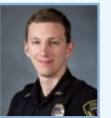
Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 5 • Aug. 2 • Sept. 6 • Oct. 4: 6:30 p.m. @ Parkview High School Cafeteria (516 W. Meadowmere St.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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 **Parkview High School**
516 W. Meadowmere St.

Follow Fassnight on  

Discount Splash & Sizzle Swimming

**Fassnight Pool: Sept. 5
(1-6:30 p.m.)**

Splash & Sizzle outdoor pool admission is \$1, or free with a canned food donation, daily after 5:30 p.m. or 1-6:30 p.m. on Sept. 5. Food donations benefit Ozarks Food Harvest. Check Schedule at ParkBoard.org/Aquatics.



Fassnight Pool (1300 S. Campbell Ave.)

Open: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays: 1-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$4/Youth (Ages 3-17), \$5/Adult (Ages 18-59), \$4/Senior (Ages 60 and up), and Free/Children (Ages 2 and under).

New Jarrett Middle School to open in January 2023

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

The new Jarrett Middle School, which is currently in progress on the campus of the former Portland Elementary School, 906 W. Portland, will open in the middle of the 2022-2023 school year.

The new 130,000-square-foot school will serve up to 725 students grades 6-8. For the foreseeable future, Springfield Public Schools will keep the current Jarrett building.

"I'm excited about the potential of being able to serve so many kids in so many unique ways in a STEAM environment." – Dr. Kirk Slater

"It will be used as a transition site in the event we remodel/rebuild other middle schools as part of future bond projects. This is similar to our use of the old Sherwood school, where Fremont, Williams and Sunshine students attended during construction of their new schools," said SPS Assistant Director of Communications Theresa Bledsoe.



The new Jarrett building will be designed to support STEAM mastery, with an emphasis on innovative spaces for science, technology, engineering, arts and math. This curriculum focus will drive the new learning opportunities for Jarrett students, said Jarrett principal Dr. Kirk Slater, at the December 2020 groundbreaking. "I'm excited about the potential of being able to serve so many kids in so many unique ways in a STEAM environment."

In addition to better supporting students' learning, the new Jarrett Middle School will be more accessible to students and families of all abilities and provide a safe room gymnasium and expand space for outside extracurricular programming.



DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 21 • Aug. 18 • Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m. @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Rd.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Fremont Elementary School
2814 N. Fremont Ave.

Watkins Elementary School
732 W. Talmage St.

Follow Doling on

Mobile Library Stop

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

Wednesdays: 2:45-3:15 p.m.
Glenwood Manor (2540 N. Delaware Ave.)



Doling Neighborhood Association elects new board: Hannah Sartin, Rhonda Stemm, Jean Ackley and Fred Ackley

GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 18 • Aug. 15 • Sept. 19: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m./ 6 p.m. optional potluck @ St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall (1115 N. Campbell Ave.)

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Weaver Elementary School
1461 W. Douglas Ave.

Pipkin Middle School
1215 N. Boonville Ave.

Follow Grant Beach on



Grant Beach offering youth flag football this fall, Neighborhood Night Out Aug. 26

By Kathy Lutz, for SGFNN

Grant Beach Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring youth flag football starting in August. Forms will be on the door at Hovey House, 800 W. Hovey St. Check out our Facebook page (Grant Beach Sports) for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

Come and join us 6-10 p.m. Aug. 26 for our annual Neighborhood Night Out at Grant Beach Park! There will be music, free food, activities, raffles and even a live auction! Come and enjoy an evening of fun and maybe even score a good bargain too! We work very hard to make Neighborhood Night Out a great time for everyone!

GALLOWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



Jack and Sue Sisco enjoy a pancake breakfast



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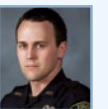
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 19 • Oct. 18: 6:30 p.m. @ Galloway Baptist Church (2816 E. Republic Rd.) Meetings are quarterly. Special meetings may be called as needed.

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Sequota Elementary School
3414 S. Mentor Ave.

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

Galloway Village Neighborhood Association offers business membership program

By Melanie Bach, for SGFNN

Businesses in Galloway Village have made our neighborhood a destination as long as anyone can remember. From the Coffee Pot Tavern, to Half a Hill Dance Hall, to the Sequota General Store and Galloway Village Tea Room, our local businesses attract visitors from all over Springfield and beyond. In an effort to weave our local businesses into our mission to preserve, connect and protect, the Galloway Village Neighborhood Association developed a business member pilot program in 2021.

The brainchild of former board member Judy Stainback, the program offered local businesses advertising on our website and Facebook pages, and association members voted unanimously to waive the participating businesses' annual dues during the 2021 pilot phase.



Galloway neighbor Steve Berkowitz won a raffle basket earlier this year.

We are so grateful for our generous area businesses and the connectedness they are helping foster in Galloway!

Duane Johnson, 2020 Galloway Village Neighbor of the Year, visited local businesses, persuading 22 to join the program, 18 of which chose to join the GVNA as paid business members in 2022. GVNA features business members through a "Business Partners" tab on our website, as well as regular Facebook posts promoting each business

individually. With an audience of over 1,700 from the various Galloway Facebook pages, our businesses get lots of love in the comments in their featured posts.

The support is mutual, though, as business partners have generously donated items for raffle baskets, offered discounts to GVNA members, and hosted special events benefiting the GVNA like pancake breakfasts at The Rock and Pasta Express fundraiser nights.

We would like to offer thanks to our current business members: Inspired Boutique by Abilities First, About Faces Photography, Springfield Aerial Fitness, American Family Insurance, Tolbert Realtors, The Rock at Quarry Town Food & Friends, Ely's Barber & Style, Bambino's, Green Circle Projects, NIJI Sushi Bar and Grill, Pasta Express, Hearne & Pivac Attorneys at Law, 4 By 4 Brewing Company, PINE, Polish Pottery Shoppe, Tolbert Beadle Law, Wampler & Passanise, and Old World Realty.

Other area businesses, while not formally joining as members, have also been extremely generous in donating items for raffles. We are currently researching ways to create new connections with businesses that have not yet joined, get our area corporate businesses involved, and formulate a mechanism for businesses just outside our boundaries to partner with us. We are so grateful for our generous area businesses and the connectedness they are helping foster in Galloway!

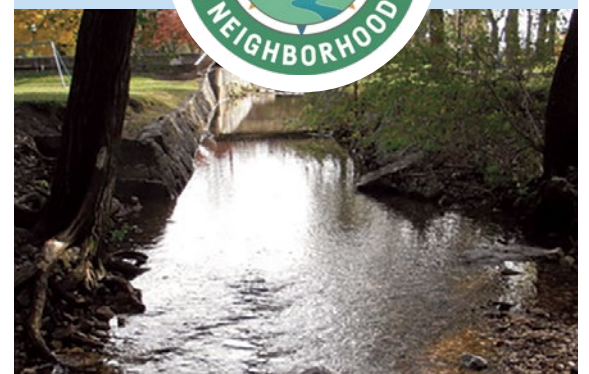


Picnic At The Park

Saturday, Aug. 13

Sequota Park
(3500 Lone Pine Ave.)

Time: TBD



Galloway Creek Adopt-A-Stream Cleanups

July 16 & Aug. 24, 10 a.m.
Sequota Park (3500 Lone Pine Ave.)

Our creek, trail and park can always use some extra attention. Let's keep our natural areas beautiful and help protect our wildlife.



City, MoDOT work together to complete intersection improvements at Republic Road and Campbell, James River Freeway

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Public Works and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) have teamed up to collectively bid the construction of the final phase of Republic Road Widening Project at Campbell Avenue alongside interchange improvements to Campbell Avenue and James River Freeway.

The project will include the widening of Republic Road from three lanes to five lanes between Fairview Avenue and the traffic signal at Chase, including sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades, stormwater improvements and the addition of bike lanes. Improvements will be constructed at the intersections of Republic Road and Campbell Avenue and Republic Road and the driveway at Chase, including upgrades to traffic signals. Construction will also extend north on Campbell Avenue, including updates to stormwater and utility infrastructure. MoDOT will work on the Campbell Avenue and U.S. 60 James River Freeway intersection project simultaneously.

"We were wrapping up the design of the widening project last fall and expected to begin construction by

spring when MoDOT reached out about their plans for interchange improvements," explained Public Works Project Manager Andy Haase. "Because of the high traffic volume and close proximity of these projects, using different contractors for each could result in conflicts with traffic control, an increase in costs and a threat to safety."

The City and MoDOT decided to work together on a combination bidding strategy, where all project elements are bid together and required to award to the lowest overall contract bid, Haase explained. MoDOT advertised the projects this spring. Contracts are expected to be in place with a notice to proceed on Aug. 1.

"We expect work to begin early this fall, but because there are several projects in one, there's no way to say at this time when the contractor will begin on the Republic Road widening portion of the job," says Haase. "We hope to have a construction schedule figured out soon after we have a contract in place."

Approved by voters in the 2016 cycle of the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax, the Republic Road Widening Phases 4 & 5 project includes a cost share with MoDOT, and has a total estimated cost of \$4 million.

City seeks input on planned roadway improvements along Kansas Avenue

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield is gathering feedback on conceptual design plans for safety and pedestrian improvements along Kansas Avenue between Walnut Lawn and Maplewood Streets in the Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood.

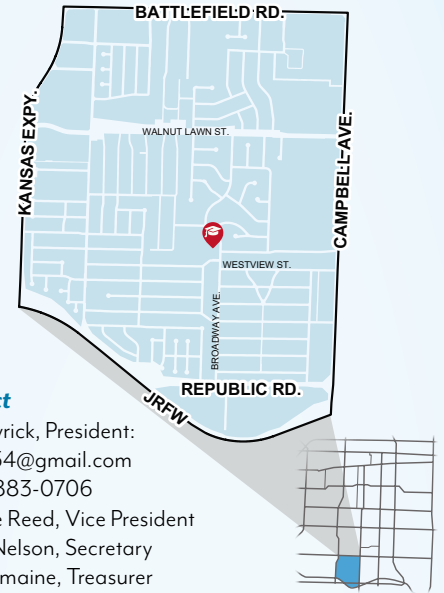
The goal of the potential future project is to improve motorist safety by reducing the height difference between the roadway and connecting driveways and eliminating the open ditches on either side of Kansas Avenue. The project will include the reconstruction of the roadway with the addition of curb and gutter and construction of new underground stormwater infrastructure. The project will improve pedestrian connectivity through the addition of crosswalks and construction of a new sidewalk along the east side of Kansas Avenue and multi-use path along the west side.

"We know there is some speeding in the area, so we plan to keep the lanes narrow to help naturally reduce speed," explains Project Manager Andy Haase. "There are also no plans at this time to add a third lane or change the classification of the road or the speed limit."

The conceptual design for Kansas Avenue Roadway Improvement Project was approved by voters through the 2019 renewal of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax which allocated \$750,000 for design and partial right of way. The design contractor for the project is local civil engineering firm Bartlett & West. Funding for construction of the project is not currently allocated. The project is expected to be included in upcoming sales tax public feedback initiatives. If selected for further funding, construction of the project would not take place until 2024 or later.

"We have a conceptual design, and we're ready to take it to residents and property owners in the area to see what they think," says Haase. "Of course, we are still a few years out from potential construction, but if there are specific comments or concerns, now is the time for us to hear them so we can incorporate that feedback into the final design."

A public open house is expected to be scheduled in early summer to provide an opportunity for residents and property owners to learn more about the project and provide feedback. A virtual opportunity to view the preliminary design and provide input is also available by visiting springfieldmo.gov/Kansasavenue.



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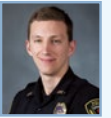
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

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 **Horace Mann Elementary School**
3745 S. Broadway Ave.

Follow Greater Parkcrest on   

How to stay in touch with Greater Parkcrest

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

Please consider attending our neighborhood meetings, which are held about once a quarter at The Way Church, to stay in the know about neighborhood projects. Watch Greater Parkcrest's Facebook group, Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood News, for upcoming meeting dates. We also post a sign in front of The Way Church, 903 W. Katella, announcing upcoming meetings.

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. When you walk in, you are greeted and asked to sign in, pick up your agenda, your minutes from the last meeting, the current treasurer's report and anything else we think you might need. If you are in the boundaries you are automatically members.

We look forward to seeing you!





Heart of the Westside neighbors pitch in to help each other during spring cleanup

By Anna Pageler, for SGFNN

This year's cleanup was different with some unexpected surprises! Leading up to the cleanup, the curbside pickup list was steadily growing. We had a truck and trailer lined up for each day of the cleanup. But then a couple days before, we found one of our trucks and trailers couldn't do Tuesday, and we had a whole list of pickups. Not knowing how we would get all our appointments fulfilled, an idea came in the night: maybe Heart of the Westside neighbors with their own trucks and trailers would be willing to pick up their neighbors' junk.

That said, the cleanup started with enough volunteers but no trucks and trailers. Then a gentleman with a truck and trailer came by, and it was now or never to see if the idea would work. We asked him if he would help, and he said yes! Then a second neighbor came by, and he said yes too!

Then in all of this, a miracle happened! One of our curbside pickups had a huge amount of junk that I was not about to ask a volunteer to pick up. Then



as our second neighbor and a couple of volunteers were driving back from the first curbside pickup, we saw they had gone ahead and loaded it up. Then the neighbor said "I can help get that hauled off." Not only did he help haul off one trailer's worth, he helped do four trips to get that one pickup done!

By the time we had disposed of that huge load of junk, we finally had a couple of trucks and trailers to finish the list of curbside pickups. It was remarkable to see Heart of the Westside neighbors helping each other.

Springfield native and school leader Lora Hopper retires after 40 years in public education

By Ren Luebbering, Springfield Public Schools, for SGFNN

After four decades in service to students, Dr. Lora Hopper is retiring from public education.

The principal of York Elementary served students and teachers in Springfield Public Schools for 28 years. She served as Title I Coordinator, Portland Elementary principal and more. For the past nine, she's led York Elementary School as its principal, helping to steer the northwest school to outstanding academic gains in reading and math.

But it's her approach to serving the entire community that has made her a leader in the York neighborhood. As a leader and educator, she implemented parent-focused programming, engaging families to thrive within their school community. Within Springfield, she advocated for early childhood expansion as part of Proposition S, a bond proposal that passed in 2019. That bond funded an early childhood mini center inside the new Williams Elementary School, providing access to high-quality preschool for northwest Springfield families.

And in 2021, Lora Hopper shared her passion for her school community at a ground-breaking ceremony for a new York Elementary School.

"For the past 110 years, York has stood right here on this plot of land," said Hopper. "York was petitioned in 1911 by a Civil War veteran living in

this community, who was concerned about educating young people and preparing them for their future. That continues to be our mission today."

In January 2023, the new \$20 million York Elementary will open as an innovative learning facility and community hub for its neighborhood. The new building will have a new leader, but Dr. Hopper won't ever stop advocating for children, she says.

"I have so loved coming to school each morning with the desire to make a difference in the lives of SPS students, SPS staff and the SPS community," she wrote in her retirement letter this spring. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to do what I love for a lifetime."

Dr. Hopper is a 1969 graduate of Central High School. She began her career as a reading teacher in nearby Sparta, Missouri, then moved to Seymour, teaching and leading within the district for ten years. In 1995, she began her career at SPS. Over the course of her 40-year career, Dr. Hopper estimates she served nearly 40,000 students in Southwest Missouri.



Dr. Hopper, right, pictured with Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Association President Anna Pageler, at her retirement party.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings


July 12 • Sept. 13: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Passion Assembly of God Church (806 N. Forest Ave.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Brad Loveland: 417-874-2536
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 **York Elementary School**
2100 W. Nichols St.

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Heart of the Westside Neighborhood Cleanup March 29-30.

HOME & ENVIRONMENT

SUMMER GUIDE



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WATCH SUMMER WASTE

Caring about the air is a year-round effort!



Lawn Mowers

Gas powered lawn mowers contribute to air pollution. The only true way to eliminate harmful emissions is to purchase and use an electric mower and landscaping tools. If that's not an option, be sure to perform regular maintenance on your gas equipment. This includes sharpening blades. Also, consider mowing early, not in the middle of the day when heat and sunlight is stronger. This will reduce ozone formation at ground level.

Firepits & Backyard S'mores

Cooking s'mores over a backyard fire pit is a popular summer time activity! Keep these tips in mind when firing up the fire pit: Firepits or fire rings are allowed as a recreational fire inside the City of Springfield but only with a dimension no larger than a two by two-foot pile burning only seasoned firewood, charcoal or tree limbs. Cooking, grilling or smoking food is allowed by burning firewood or charcoal in a grill or a small firepit.

Prohibited materials listed may not be burned:

- Plants or tree leaves (any time during year)
- fence line weeds/grass
- household trash/rubbish
- vehicles
- tires
- plastics
- furniture
- electronics
- carpeting
- bedding



- treated lumber
- painted lumber (latex, lacquers, enamels or stains)
- fiberglass (boat, bathroom fixture or satellite dish)
- buildings or detached structures (to be demolished)
- roofing asphalt shingles
- asbestos-containing materials
- medications
- fireworks/explosives
- fossil fuels from storage containers

Updates to accepted recycling items

Due to changes in our recycling partners, there are updates to recyclables accepted at City recycling facilities. Mixed paper is still accepted, just make sure it's clean and dry and remove any excess tape before placing in the bin. The most notable change is in plastic accepted. We only accept plastics labeled with the chasing arrows recycling symbol and #1, #2 and #5. The easiest way to remember these would be bottles (#1), jugs (#2) and containers (#5).



Bottles

Soda and water bottles. Make sure the bottles are empty and rinsed if possible. Lids and labels can stay on—but don't crush bottles!



Jugs

Laundry detergent, milk, lemonade and iced tea jugs. Make sure the jugs are empty and rinsed. Lids and labels can stay on.



Containers

Yogurt, sour cream and cottage cheese containers. Make sure the containers are empty and rinsed of food.



Summer—a time for picnics, celebrations and home projects!

Whether it's getting rid of an old grill or empty pickle jars, the Waste Wizard can help you find destinations for those summertime "leftovers."

To search your items on the Waste Wizard, go to springfieldmo.gov/WasteWizard

Glass bottles

All three city recycling centers accept glass bottles and containers. Make sure they are empty and rinsed. Remove metal or plastic lids. Labels can stay on.



Paint

Dry out latex paint quickly by adding cat litter to the paint in the can. Place the can in curbside trash once the paint is completely dried out. Oil-based paint can be brought to the HCCC. **Schedule an appointment by calling (417) 864-2000 before bringing to the facility.**



Helium tanks

The Household Chemical Collection Center (HCCC) will accept this item — be sure to call ahead to (417) 864-2000 and schedule an appointment.



Mattresses

If in good condition, several organizations will accept this as a donation. To recycle, a drop-off bin is located at Lone Pine and Franklin Recycling Centers, or at the Landfill. There is a \$15 per item fee for mattress recycling.



Barbecue Grills

Metal and appliance recycling locations are listed in the Waste Wizard. Propane tanks must be recycled separately. Locations for propane tanks recycling includes Computer Recycling Center and Amerigas.



BE WATER QUALITY WISE



SCOOP THE POOP

Pet waste is not part of the natural ecosystem and actually contains pollutants that are harmful to our waterways. It also has a negative impact to area businesses, public health and the overall quality of life in our public spaces. It belongs in the trash instead of the grass. Pet waste is currently listed in our city code as unlawful to contribute to our waterways, however this is very challenging to enforce. We're starting with education to encourage the community to change their habits and do the right thing. Pet waste, although naturally occurring, is not a natural fertilizer. The diets of dogs are high in protein and very different from the diet of a cow - whom we use for fertilizer needs. The end byproduct of every animal may be brown and smelly, but their diets, parasites and bacteria are all different.

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/scoopthepoop



Join the Yard Ethic community and get certified by implementing practices in your home's lawn to save money, beautify your yard, conserve water, reduce stormwater pollution and create habitat and you may qualify for Silver or Gold Level certification.



Healthy Soil The Foundation to a Healthy Yard

When too much lawn fertilizer is applied, it can wash off when it rains and contribute to harmful algae blooms in streams and lakes. Receive a free soil test through James River Basin Partnership and start building healthy soil in your yard.



Plant Natives An Ideal Home for Pollinators

Native plants are adapted to the local climate and provide important food sources for bees, butterflies and birds who in turn pollinate our human food supply.



Build a Rain Garden or Bioswale Pretty with a Purpose

Rain gardens and bioswales are shallow depressions filled with native plants designed to slow, spread and soak up stormwater from roof gutters, driveways or other areas.



Plant a Tree The Lorax Would Agree

Trees clean and cool the air, absorb rainwater, lower energy costs, build soil and provide shade and wildlife habitat. See if you are eligible for a free tree through Neighbor Woods.



Compost Your Organic Waste From Dish To Dirt

Composting keeps organic waste out of the landfill and produces valuable compost that improves soil health in your own lawn and garden. Join our home composting program or use these tips to get started composting today!



Harvest The Rain A Resource Reservoir

Conserve drinking water and reduce stormwater runoff by installing a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system. Receive a rebate of 50 cents per gallon, up to \$300 per property through the Right as Rain program through James River Basin Partnership.

Visit yardethic.com to learn more about how to get Yard Ethic Certified. We also just debuted our Yard Ethic Business program, you can now certify your business landscaping and join the Yard Ethic community! Learn more about Yard Ethic Business at yardethic.com



Yard Waste in Streets

The City's stormwater drainage system is designed to convey stormwater safely and efficiently away from your property. Leaves and other yardwaste such as grass clippings, sticks, etc. clog this system and can cause localized flooding. In addition, some of this material gets washed downstream, impacting the quality of our waterways and adding nutrients that contribute to unsightly algae blooms. Every year, the City spends considerable resources removing illegally dumped leaves and other yardwaste from the stormwater drainage

system and streets. Properly disposing of your yardwaste allows those resources to be used to address other maintenance concerns. You can also start your own compost pile. Excess grass clippings, leaves, and certain kitchen scraps make excellent compost that can be added to garden beds or worked into your lawn to improve the soil. Yardwaste is also accepted at the City's Yardwaste Recycling Center and, in small amounts, at the City's Recycling Centers. It is processed into landscaping mulch or compost to be reused in the community.

Information about locations, hours and quantity guidelines are available by calling the Recycling Hotline at 417-864-1904 or by visiting the City's website at springfieldmo.gov/recycling.



**WASTE
WATER**

No grease down the drain!

When poured down the drain, grease, cooking oil, leftover food items and even dairy products can congeal in your pipes and cause backups and costly plumbing repairs. Fats, oils and grease will cool and harden inside lateral pipes, building up over time. This build up of fats, oils and grease can cause backups in your home and these costly repairs are the homeowner's responsibility. Fats, oil and grease can cause even more damage down the line as they combine with wipes and other items that don't break down, creating "fatburgs" that can clog the City's sewer mains and waste limited community resources to repair.

To learn more about when to avoid the drain, visit springfieldmo.gov/JustTrashIt.



Lateral Pipe Inspection

Sewer laterals are the pipes that connect every home and business to the public sanitary sewer system. Wastewater from toilets, sinks and appliances goes down the drain and runs through lateral pipes and into the City's sewer line. Repairs and maintenance of these laterals is the property owner's responsibility. A licensed plumbing professional with the proper equipment should be contacted to conduct the sewer lateral inspection. It is always best practice to contact several experts and request estimates. A typical lateral inspection will cost around \$200, but could save thousands. Lateral inspections are conducted by inserting a cabled video camera through the home's plumbing network to the sanitary sewer line.

The inspection will identify the following:

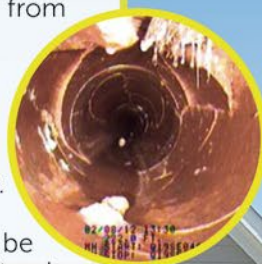
- Physical pipe condition
- Visible defects (cracks, weak joints and breaks)
- Tree and root interference

Contact a local licensed plumber for a Lateral Pipe Inspection.

The City of Springfield's Private Sewer Repair Program was launched with the goal of eliminating sewer overflows and basement backups caused by stormwater entering the wastewater system via sewer lateral lines on private property.

Property owners in a selected basin are contacted to schedule a voluntary plumbing evaluation. When improper connections are found, property owners then choose from a list of qualified local plumbers, paid by the City, to make the repairs.

To see if you are eligible for the Private Sewer Repair program, visit springfieldmo.gov/PrivateSewerRepair



Lateral Loan Info

City of Springfield Environmental Services provides the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Loan program for necessary connections or repairs to the privately owned sanitary sewer laterals that might not otherwise be financially feasible for property owners. Sewer laterals are the pipes that connect every home and business to the public sanitary sewer system. Wastewater from toilets, sink and appliances goes down the drain and runs through lateral pipes and into the City's sewer line. Repairs and maintenance of these laterals the property owner's responsibility.

To learn more about sewer laterals and the Lateral Loan program, visit springfieldmo.gov/sewerlaterals.





Mark Twain hosts neighborhood cleanup May 6

By Samantha Spartan, for SGFNN

Mark Twain has had a busy spring! We held our neighborhood cleanup on May 5. While it rained on us most of the day, we ended the day with a total of 4.5 trash bins and almost three bins filled with yard waste. We greatly appreciated all of the volunteers that came out and for Sunset Church of Christ for hosting again this year.

As part of the Neighborhood Works project, we have taken up maintenance for the corner lot at Sunshine and Kansas Expressway to make it a beautiful greenspace. We had our first cleanup event in May and removed the large pile of leaves at the fence corner and most of the invasive vines growing around the older trees. The City has planted a few new trees for us, and we have added some spring flowers as well. We are looking for volunteers for the Greenspace Committee to decide how to proceed with the space.

Looking forward, we are starting the planning process for our fall BBQ and looking at ideas to bring our community together.



Greenspace at the corner of Sunshine Street and Kansas Expressway



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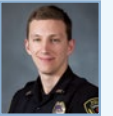
Neighborhood Association Meetings


July 12 • Aug. 9 • Sept. 13: 7 p.m. @ Sunset Church of Christ (1222 W. Sunset St.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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

Follow Mark Twain on  

New Mark Twain Neighborhood Association Facebook Group

By Samantha Spartan, for SGFNN

We have decided to start a Facebook group rather than a page because it is much easier to navigate and interact with. While we transition, we will still post on the Facebook page, and we will always post on Nextdoor. Please like the group, as eventually we will phase out the page.

Please feel free to post about garage sales, found pets, or anything you would like your neighbors to know. Please keep in mind, we will delete any rude or vulgar post.

Springfield MO, Mark Twain Neighborhood Group
[at facebook.com/groups/1439144839849466](https://facebook.com/groups/1439144839849466)



MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



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and Secretary
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 28 • Aug. 25 • Sept. 22: 6 p.m. @ Cowden Elementary School (2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.) only if school is in session. Other locations will be noted on the Meador Park Neighborhood Facebook page.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer John Van Gorden: 417-864-1140
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Cowden Elementary School
2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

Follow Meador Park on

Mobile Library Stops

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

Tuesdays: 1:20-2 p.m.

Battlefield Towers (1451 E. Woodland St.)

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

S. Dollison Ave. & E Downing St.



Meador Community Garden Volunteer Days
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 4:30-7 p.m.

If it's not raining, why not come to the garden to see what's growing! The Meador Community Garden is located at 2225 S. Fremont Street (at Ray Kelly Park).

MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 11 • Aug. 8 • Sept. 12: Board meeting (open to the public) 5:30-6:30 p.m. General membership meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. We are currently meeting via ZOOM. If you would like a link to attend a meeting, send an email to midtown.sgf@gmail.com.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Boyd Elementary School
833 E. Division St.

Central High School
423 E. Central St.

Follow Midtown on

Deep Roots, High Hopes: An Old Fashioned Fourth of July Parade & Celebration

Monday, July 4: 10 a.m.

Midtown's annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration in Washington Park. Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Benton and Central. Parade concludes at Washington Park where we invite the public to celebrate with music, awards, community, and fun.



OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Melissa Young & Lisa Napoli,
Secretaries
- Cindy Cooper, Treasurer

Neighborhood Association Meetings

General meetings are held on the last Tuesday of alternating months March through September at Oak Grove Community Center (1538 S. Oak Grove Ave.) Contact Wendell Royster for more details. Watch for meeting announcements on Facebook & Nextdoor.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Pittman Elementary School
2934 E. Bennett St.

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Mobile Library Stop

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Pickup and Returns

Wednesdays: 6-6:30 p.m.

Country Club Village Apartments
(Wildan & Cinderella Streets)



Street Cleanups July 30 & Sept. 17: 9-10 a.m.

Meet at Holy Trinity Church Parking lot on E. Bennett St.

We will pick up trash on Bennett Street from Belcrest Street to Oak Grove Avenue. We furnish grabbers and trash bags.



Stormwater project at art museum wraps up; parking lot, trail improvements proceed

By Kristen Milam, Public Information for SGFNN

After more than a year of construction, the City's Fassnacht Creek Stormwater Improvement Project at the Springfield Art Museum is complete and Brookside Drive reopened to through traffic.

"We're excited to finish this project and thankful to the contractor, art museum and to the neighborhood for working with us throughout construction," said Project Manager Kirkland Preston. "So far it is encouraging to see that the project is already performing well under periods of heavy rain. As native plantings continue to establish, we hope to see the full flood reduction and water quality benefits of this project to the art museum and surrounding properties."

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As one project wraps up, two additional art museum master plan-related projects continue to progress.

Improvements to the art museum's parking lot were originally scheduled for completion in June. However, due to weather delays and additional work added to the scope of the project, completion is now expected by late August.

"We made a few tweaks to the design during construction which have extended the timeline a bit," said Project Manager Kim Diehls. "We added in construction of a walkway to the south of the lot to coordinate with the upcoming trail project and also redesigned the driveway exit to help with traffic on Kings Street."

The parking lot project involves the relocation of parking to the north side of the art museum property and adding additional green space to the amphitheater. In addition to expanded parking, improvements include enhanced access to the museum grounds through trails and walkways, improved lighting and the reconstruction of the amphitheater wing walls. Attractive landscaping including native plantings will be included as well as stormwater management features.



The final stages of the parking lot project are expected to coordinate closely with the beginning of construction on a multi-use trail connection through Phelps Grove Park. The connection will begin at Clay Avenue, continue east through Phelps Grove Park and end at Brookside Drive near the art museum main entrance. The new 1,600-linear-foot path will include a bike repair station, ADA ramps and will connect to shared bike lanes on Brookside Drive over a new pedestrian bridge.

The project is anticipated to bid out this summer with construction expected in the fall. It will be funded through federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants with the City funding a 20% match through the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.

For more information on the project and to subscribe to receive regular email updates, visit springfieldmo.gov/samstormwater.



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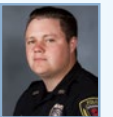


Neighborhood Association Meetings

Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Usually at Fire Station 1 community room, but in-person meetings are still currently suspended.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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phelpsgrove.com

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Bark in the Park • July 17: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Phelps Grove Park • 950 E. Bennett St.

A fun and relaxing day in Phelps Grove Park with your family and beloved canine. Enjoy music and other activities at the Canine Vendor Village. All ages welcome. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park.



Health Department opens WIC clinic at CPO's O'Reilly Center for Hope

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Springfield-Greene County Health and Community Partnership of the Ozarks are partnering to make Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services more accessible for families near the O'Reilly Center for Hope in the Robberson neighborhood. The new clinic location will allow the program to reach more families to provide important nutritional and developmental services.

The new satellite clinic is open for appointments every Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1518 E. Dale. Interested families can call 417-864-1540 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

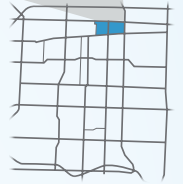
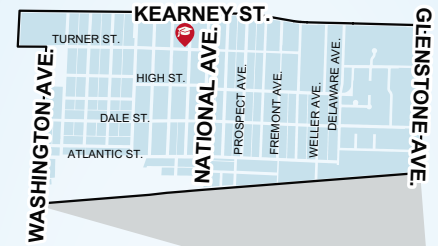
WIC is designed to improve the overall health of families by providing nutritional health support to pregnant and breastfeeding parents, infants and children up to the age of 5. The WIC program joins more than 18 services available onsite at the O'Reilly Center for Hope, including employment assistance, medical services, food assistance programs, housing services, legal aid and mental health support. "This will help to reduce barriers and provide more comprehensive support to our community," says Michelle Garand, vice president of affordable housing and homeless prevention at CPO.

The new satellite clinic will replace the clinic previously hosted by Pathways United Methodist

Church. This clinic served more than 1,800 families from 2009 through 2021. The Health Department is thankful for their more than 20 years of partnership with the WIC program.

The Springfield-Greene County WIC program's main office is located inside the Jordan Valley Community Health Center building at 440 E. Tampa St. in Springfield. The second office is located in Republic at 553 E. Harrison. Hours are by appointment.

For more information about the WIC program, locations, and hours, or to find out if you qualify, call 417-864-1540 or visit health.springfieldmo.gov/wic.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 28 • Aug. 25 • Sept. 22: 6:30 – 8 p.m.

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

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Robberson Community School
1100 E. Kearney St.

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Robberson Neighborhood Spring Cleanup, April 21 at Pathways United Methodist Church

Enjoy FREE movies under the stars!
No tickets required.
Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.
Concessions for sale.

Downtown Springfield
Founders Park
330 E. Water St., west of Jefferson Ave.

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Eden Village 3 coming to Tom Watkins neighborhood in 2023

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Work is set to begin this summer on Springfield's third community to house the chronically homeless.

The Gathering Tree Inc.'s Eden Village 3 will be a duplex tiny home community located at 2419 W. High Street in the Tom Watkins neighborhood. The site is already zoned for duplexes, said Chief Visionary Officer Nate Schlueter.

"We'll hopefully start clearing land in July and complete the first phase, which will be 24 400-square-foot units," by the end of 2023," Schlueter said.

Each unit will have one bedroom and one bathroom. The community itself will be modeled after Eden Village 2 in the Bissett neighborhood, which is a gated community with security cameras, a community center, tornado shelter and a neighborhood council. Eden Village 2 is an active member of the Bissett Neighborhood Association, allowing the association to use its community center for neighborhood association meetings and participating in the annual neighborhood cleanups.

"Our villages are now a proven model, so they have gotten easier and easier to bring forward. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Tom Watkins." – Nate Schlueter

Former Bissett Neighborhood Association President Pete Radecki reflected on the neighborhood's experience with Eden Village 2:

"Over a year before Eden Village 2 began on site development, representatives of the Bissett Neighborhood Association met with The Gathering Tree leadership to learn about their plans. We outlined our findings at a BNA general membership meeting during which we obtained questions that the membership had. The questions touched on possible fears of the planned facility becoming a haven for homeless vagrants, concerns about possible incidents, quality of the planned facility, and expectations that the program would be supported effectively over the long haul. The responses we got were satisfactory, but it is one thing to say, another to do. Now after the facility having been opened for some time, we can say that what they said turned out to be accurate.

"Bissett is home to an attractive community of formerly homeless individuals who have become contributors to the community. BNA typically holds its general membership meetings at the EV2 Community Room, and some residents and staff were on hand to help out with our annual neighborhood cleanup. For our part, BNA was successful in obtaining Neighborhood Works funding to improve pedestrian access that directly benefits EV2, and will look for other ways in which we can help support the effort.

"To Tom Watkins, I would say, have discussion with your residents. Find out their concerns and discuss them with the EV3 leadership. Tour EV1 and EV2 and see for yourself what you can expect. I think EV2 and its residents have become valued members of our neighborhood. Like any long-term relationship, good relations take effort and

► See EDEN VILLAGE 3 on page 20



Nate Schlueter



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Please contact neighborhood officers for meeting information.

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Williams Elementary School
2205 W. Kearney St.

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Mobile Library Stop

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

Tuesdays: 4:30-5 p.m.

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



Bissett Neighborhood Association and EV2 residents share a pot luck dinner at the Bissett Neighborhood meeting in February at the Nancy Good Community Center located at Eden Village 2.



Tom Watkins Park (2100 W. High St.)



Eden Village 1 (2801 E. Division St.)

► EDEN VILLAGE 3 from page 19

communication. We are in the early stages of that relationship with EV2, and it is going well. Helping those in need and making them feel a part of our neighborhood make for a better, more sharing community, and ultimately a better Springfield."

The Gathering Tree has a waiting list of more than 200 people for the tiny homes. The organization has a multistep process for determining who gets a home in the communities. Precedence is given to the terminally ill and veterans, Schlueter said.

"Our residents must have been homeless for a year and have the ability to pay rent," he said.

He noted that The Gathering Tree looks forward to building a relationship with Tom Watkins neighbors similar to how Eden Village 2, which opened in 2020, has with Bissett neighbors. Eden Village 1 opened in 2018 at 2801 E. Division. Each unit costs about \$45,000. The Gathering Tree seeks sponsors for each home in the Eden Village communities, which are not limited to Springfield.

Schleuter said the organization has "franchised" communities in Wilmington, North Carolina; Kansas City, Kansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mountain Home, Arkansas; Excelsior Springs; Phoenix, Arizona; Richmond, Virginia; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Warrenton, Virginia.

"Our villages are now a proven model, so they have gotten easier and easier to bring forward," Schlueter said. "We look forward to working with our neighbors in Tom Watkins."



Eden Village 2 located in the Bissett Neighborhood

ROUNTREE NEIGHBORHOOD



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- Nancy Evans, Secretary

Neighborhood Association Meetings


July 19 • Aug. 16 • Sept. 20: 7–8 p.m. @ University Heights Baptist Church (1010 S. National Ave.)

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

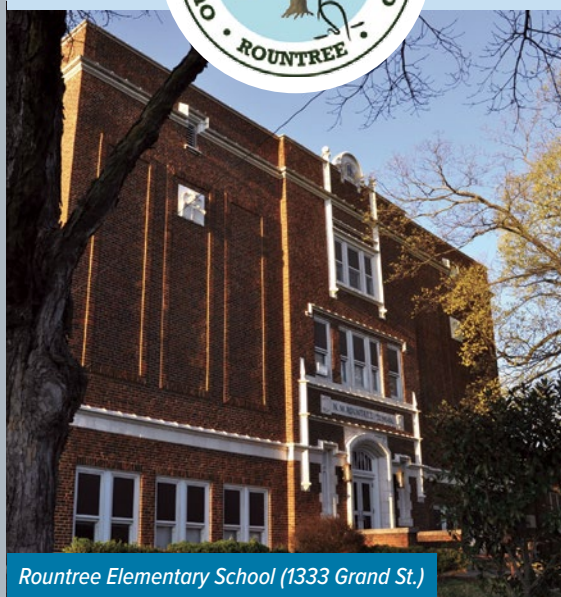
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 **Rountree Elementary School**
1333 Grand St.

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Rountree Elementary School (1333 Grand St.)

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings


July 6 • Aug. 3 • Sept. 7 • Oct. 5: 5:30 p.m.

Meetings held via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the monthly meeting is welcome to email uhnasgf@gmail.com for login information.

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

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University Heights Neighborhood Association conducted a membership drive through the month of June. Check out the next issue of SGF Neighborhood News for a full wrap up of the event.



Reconstruction of Division Street between National and Glenstone begins

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

A \$4.7 million project to reconstruct Division Street between National and Glenstone avenues began in June.

Approved by voters in the 2019 City's 1/4-cent Capital Sales Tax renewal, the project includes the complete rebuilding of Division Street including new pavement, curb and gutter as well as stormwater drainage improvements. A new sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of the roadway and a multi-use path along the south side. Fiber optic connectivity and gas and water utility renewals will be conducted through a cost-share agreement with City Utilities.



"Any full closures of the roadway should be limited to nighttime hours so we can keep daytime traffic flowing as much as possible along this busy east-west corridor" – Andy Haase

Ahead of project construction, work to relocate utility lines was underway outside the roadway

in May. Future traffic impacts will be shared with the public as soon as a construction schedule is determined.

"Any full closures of the roadway should be limited to nighttime hours so we can keep daytime traffic flowing as much as possible along this busy east-west corridor," explains project manager Andy Haase.

Construction is expected to take approximately one year and will be funded through the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 7 • Aug. 4 • Sept. 1 • Oct. 6: 6 – 7 p.m. @ Weller Community Church (1624 E. Blaine St.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Weller Elementary School
1630 N. Weller Ave.

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Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!

Weller Neighborhood Cleanup May 19

Provided by the Weller Neighborhood Association

A special thank you for enduring the stormy weather. Thank you Turning Point Church, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, the trash community, and all of the volunteers. Weller Neighborhood Association deeply appreciates it.





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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

July 26 (Ice Cream Social): 6:30 p.m. @ Birthplace
of Route 66 Roadside Park (1200 W. College St.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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

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



Free Thursday night concert and street party to kick off Birthplace of Route 66 Festival

Birthplace of Route 66 Festival organizers have added
an additional night of free entertainment to kick off the
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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

July 12 • Aug. 9 • Sept. 13: 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

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 **Westport K-8 School**
415 S. Golden Ave.

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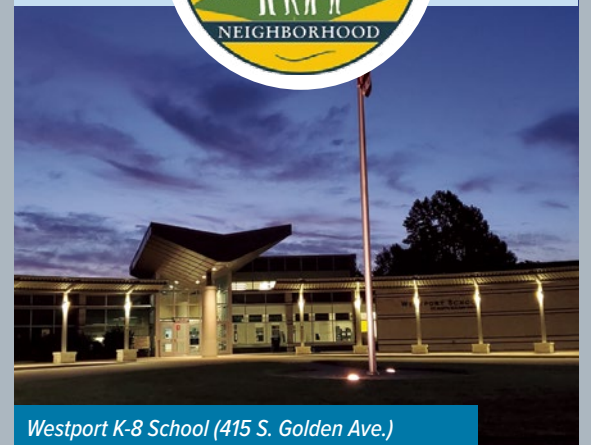
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Thursdays: 2:45-3:15 p.m.

Westport Park Apts. (250 N. Hilton Ave.)

Thursdays: 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Craigmont Place (740 S. Lafontaine Ave.)



Westport K-8 School (415 S. Golden Ave.)



8th annual Dirt Day at Lafayette Park a success

By Becky Volz, for SGFNN

Thank you to all of our volunteers, all of our sponsors, and to all of the neighbors who came out to enjoy Dirt Day in Historic Lafayette Park May 7.

A special thanks to The Fools Gladly for providing whimsical clown entertainment, Springfield Dream Center for providing those wonderful hot dogs, Springfield-Greene County Park Board for partnering with us for this event, and to everyone who showed up to give this community a special day. Woodland Heights appreciates you. Thanks for coming. We hope to see you all again next year!



Zone 1 neighborhood meeting with local representatives

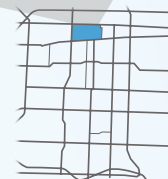
By Becky Volz, for SGFNN

Woodland Heights would like to send a special thank you to Zone 1 Councilwoman Monica Horton and State Representative Crystal Quade for attending our neighborhood meeting May 17. We had representatives from most Zone 1 neighborhoods in attendance, and both Horton and Quade patiently listened to the concerns of Zone 1 while expressing their own ideas for how to deal with the obstacles we all face. We thank you for your presence and for your voices.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

July 19 • Aug. 16 • Sept. 20: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
@ Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church
(722 W. Atlantic St.)

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

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2148 N. Douglas Ave.

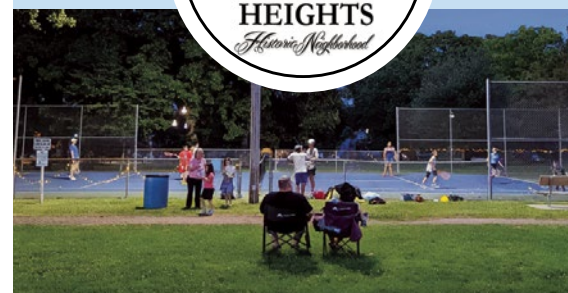
Reed Middle School
2000 N. Lyon Ave.

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New Little Free Library at Reed Academy

Provided by the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association

We're so excited to see a new Little Free Library in our neighborhood. They're popping up everywhere! Congratulations Reed Academy. It's a beauty, and we look forward to using it and dropping some books off.



Thanks to everyone who made the June 3 Tennis Under the Lights event in Lafayette Park a success! We had a blast, and we hope to see you all out next time!

Events

July – September 2022

EDUCATION & RESOURCES

Springfield-Greene County Library District Free Technology Classes: You can choose what you want to learn and go at your own speed with our self-paced tutorials. We provide the computer and you select from a wide variety of lessons designed specifically for individual learning. Visit thelibrary.org/ComputerTraining, a library branch, or call 417-837-5011 for the schedule. Please note these classes are for adults.

Springfield-Greene County Library District Mobile Library: The Mobile Library is a state-of-the-art bookmobile that delivers books, music, movies and more to 24 neighborhoods in Springfield and Greene County each week. Patrons of the Mobile Library may request delivery of materials from other branch libraries and return materials checked out at other libraries. Patrons may also register to vote on the Mobile Library. The Mobile Library Schedule:

MONDAYS

- **2:30-3 p.m.:** Cobblestone Apartments, 2865 S. Ingram Mill Rd.
- **3:20-3:50 p.m.:** South Tower, 770 South Ave.
- **3:55-4:40 p.m.:** Madison Tower, 421 W. Madison Ave.
- **4:45-5:30 p.m.:** Stillwell Columns, 525 S. Campbell Ave.
- **6:45-7:15 p.m.:** Woodgate Apartments, 2120 S. Ingram Mill Rd.

TUESDAYS

- **1:20-2 p.m.:** Battlefield Towers Apartments, 1451 E. Woodland St.
- **2:20-2:50 p.m.:** Jenny Lind Hall Apts., 711 S. Jefferson Ave.
- **3-3:30 p.m.:** Grand Villa Community, 2526 W. Grand St.
- **3:35-4 p.m.:** S. Clifton Ave. & W. Delmar St. off W. Grand St.
- **4:30-5 p.m.:** John B. Hughes Apartments, 2100 N. Clifton Ave.

WEDNESDAYS

- **2:45-3:15 p.m.:** Glenwood Manor, 2540 N. Delaware Ave.
- **3:20-3:50 p.m.:** North Terrance Apartments, 1646 E. North St.
- **4-4:30 p.m.:** Bartley-Decatur Neighborhood Center, 918 E. Calhoun St.
- **4:45-5:15 p.m.:** Cedarbrook Apartments, 811 N. Cedarbrook Ave.
- **5:20-5:50 p.m.:** Woodfield Park Apartments, 2759 E. Pythian St.
- **6:45-7:15 p.m.:** S. Dollison Ave. & E. Downing St.

THURSDAYS

- **2-2:30 p.m.:** Beacon Village, 639 N. Eldon Ave.
- **2:45-3:15 p.m.:** Westport Park Apts., 250 N. Hilton Ave.
- **3:30-4 p.m.:** Nu Elm Apartments, 440 S. New Ave.
- **4:30-5 p.m.:** Hattiesburg Hills, 4663 W. Portland St.
- **5:10-5:40 p.m.:** S. Lulwood Ave. & W. La Siesta St.
- **5:45-6:15 p.m.:** Bent Tree Subdivision, 1015 Brecklyn Road S.
- **6:45-7:15 p.m.:** Craigmont Place, 740 S. Lafontaine Ave.

Conversations Circles: Wed., Aug. 24 & 31: 6 p.m., The Library Center meeting room B, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. For adults. Is English your second language?

Practice your English speaking skills and meet new people while we talk, listen and learn in conversation circles. Circles will be led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Suneeta Thomas. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome. Each session will begin with a different theme.

Butterfly Gardening: Wed., July 20: 6-7 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. What does it take to support butterflies and pollinators at home? We'll talk about best plants, placement and practices to encourage native butterflies to visit. Ages 18 yrs. and up.

Summer Cut Flower Arranging: Wed., Aug. 17: 6-7:30 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400, S. Scenic Ave. Angela Keith leads this class on creating a beautiful cut flower arrangement using flowers in our gardens. Fee includes materials. *Fee: \$25.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Seeding a Healthy Life: For adults. Healthy eating and gardening go hand-in-hand. Foods that are good for us taste even better when we grow them ourselves. Plant the seed for healthy food and lifestyle choices with this series of programs presented by Sherri Hull, nutrition educator with the Greene County MU Extension Office. Fresh produce samples at these programs provided by Springfield Community Gardens. Provided in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District's Heirloom Seed Library, the Greene County MU Extension Office and Springfield Community Gardens. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

• **Choosing From the Food Groups:** Sat., July 16: 1-3 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 387 E. Central St. It's important to grow and eat foods from the five food groups, but what foods can you grow from each group? Learn the best growing candidates from each group, the life cycle of a plant and how seeds are created. Registration starts July 2; call 417-862-0135.

• **Garden Celebration:** Sat., Aug. 13: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Heirloom Seed Garden, 1471 N. Benton Ave. Learn the best methods for harvesting vegetables, the importance of nutrients derived from produce and their dietary benefits. The event will move to the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in the event of inclement weather. Registration starts July 30; call 417-862-0135.

ARTS, CULTURE & FUN

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

First Friday Art Walk: First Friday of each month, 6-10 p.m., Downtown Springfield. Art lovers "Walk the Walk" throughout the Downtown Arts District, enjoying original art, music, demonstrations and performances in gallery venues. Visit ffaw.org.

Discount Splash & Sizzle Swimming: Daily at open Park Board pools after 5:30 p.m., and Noon-5:30 p.m. July 4 (Grant Beach and Meador) and 1-6:30 p.m. Sept. 5, (Fassnight.) Splash & Sizzle admission is \$1, or free with a canned food donation. Check schedule at ParkBoard.org/Aquatics. Donations benefit Ozarks Food Harvest.

Roston Native Butterfly House: Open daily through September, generally 10 a.m.- 7 p.m., but based on volunteer availability. Call to confirm hours, 417-891-1550. Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. See local caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies, staffed by knowledgeable volunteers.

StoryWalk: July 1-22: Sunrise to Sunset. Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Discover pages of an illustrated book, "Finding Winnie," by Lindsay Mattick, as you walk along a path in the park. A partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

Gray/Campbell Farmstead Open House: Sundays through October: 1:30-4:30 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Visit with volunteer docents to look inside historic buildings and learn more about life in the Ozarks in the 1860s.

Movies at Founders Park: Fridays and Saturdays through July 23: Movies begin at dusk. Founders Parks, 330 E. Water St. A contemporary version of the drive-in theater at Springfield's founding site. Enjoy new release and classic movies in an outdoor setting. A mix of family favorites and action thrillers, rated G, PG, or PG-13. Friday night is Family Night and Saturday is Date Night. Concessions available. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Movie titles and details at ParkBoard.org/Movies. *Free admission.*

Storytime at Doling Park: Mondays through Sept. 26: 10-10:30 a.m., Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St. Join your favorite librarians from the Library Station for a weekly outdoor story time featuring stories, songs, and activities. Meet near the large pavilion behind the Family Center. No story time July 4 or Sept. 5. A partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Ages 6 yrs. and under.

Red, White and Zoo: Mon., July 4: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Free admission for active military or veterans and immediate family members. Must show military ID to receive free admission.

Racquet, White and Blue: Fri., July 8: 3:30-5:30 p.m., Grant Beach Park, 1401 N. Grant Ave. Try tennis with your neighbors at Grant Beach Park. Bring your family and friends for a patriotic-themed celebration on the court with coaches sharing basic skills. This free event includes music, snacks and all equipment. A partnership with the Grant Beach Neighborhood Association.

Fun Free Hikes (Water Walk): Fri., July 8: 6-7 p.m., Valley Water Mill Park, 2450 E. Valley Water Mill Road. Hike some of the best trails in local parks and learn something cool at the same time. Each hike pairs with an exciting educational activity. You don't have to be outdoorsy to enjoy these hikes, just show up ready to have fun. Meet in the main parking lot. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor.

Family Fishing Night: Fri., July 8 & Aug. 12: 6-9 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. A relaxing evening of catch-and-release fishing, Cow Train, bounce house and campfire — bring your own food to cook! Bring your fishing gear, limited rentals available. Registration required. ParkBoard.org. All ages.

Fee: \$10/Participant to use personal equipment; \$15/Participant to rent equipment.

Giboney Cave Tours: Sat., July 9 & Aug. 13: 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Giboney Cave at Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St. Explore the myths, facts and history of Giboney Cave at Doling Park. Shoes will get muddy. Bring your own headlamp or flashlight. Dates subject to weather and bat activity. Space is limited.

Preregister online or by phone, or register in person at Giboney Cave on tour day. Ages 4 yrs. and up (4-17 yrs. with an adult). ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. *Fee: Walking Tours: \$5/person, \$16/Family of 4.*

National Teddy Bear Picnic: Sun., July 10: 2-4 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Bring your favorite stuffed bear or toy, and a picnic blanket, and celebrate National Teddy Bear Picnic Day! Pack a picnic or purchase concessions, and enjoy crafts, games, story time, a teddy bear parade and frozen treat. Free, but registration is required by July 5 at ParkBoard.org. Ages 2-10 yrs.

The Open Window Exhibition: Closes July 10: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. In *De Pictura* (On Painting, 1435), Italian Renaissance theorist Leon Battista Alberti instructed painters to consider the frame of the painting as an open window. This treatise laid out a method for effectively creating perspectival (single point) space in painting and, consequently, served as a defining concept for theories of painting, architecture and moving pictures going forward. The works in this exhibition either follow or challenge the metaphor of Alberti's window, but also provide an intellectual space in which we might consider how our own views are framed and with what perspective. Learn more about this exhibition at sgfmuseum.org/262/The-Open-Window.

Yoko Ono: Mend Piece: Closes July 10: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Ono proposes communal mending as an act of healing. In a seemingly simple white room, shattered cups and saucers are placed on a table. Participants are asked to mend the fragments together using common household items: twine, glue, scissors and tape. The resulting works are displayed on nearby shelves, evidence of the power of collective action. Learn more about this exhibition at sgfmuseum.org/261/Yoko-Ono-Mend-Piece.

Watercolor USA: Closes Aug. 28: Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This is the 61st exhibition of Watercolor USA, a national, annual juried exhibition recognizing contemporary American watermedia painting. The event is open to artists (ages 18+) from all 50 states and U.S. territories and judged for a variety of prizes and possible purchase by the museum. This year's exhibition was judged by Kevin Umaña, co-founder of The Ekru Project, a Kansas City-based artist-run gallery focused on contemporary, emerging, and historically excluded artists. Approximately \$20,000 in cash awards were available; top awards were \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,500 cash. Additional cash awards were generously provided by the Watercolor USA Honor Society. Learn more about this exhibition at sgfmuseum.org/246/Watercolor-USA.

Kayaks and Coffee: Thurs., July 14: 6-8 a.m., Lake Springfield Park, 5324 S. Kissick Ave. Pink and golden sunrises, active wildlife and cool morning air are a few rewards for early risers on this one-hour guided kayaking experience, followed with coffee and pastries at Lake Springfield Boathouse. Bring cameras and binoculars. Register by the day before. Space is limited. Ages 8 yrs. and up (8-17 yrs. with an adult). ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. *Fee: \$30/person.*

Fantastic Friday at the Springfield Art Museum: Fri., July 15: 10 a.m.-Noon, Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. For preschool-grade 5. Join us at the Springfield Art Museum for aquatic art-making, exhibition exploration, and a sea-riffic storytime!

We'll have several hands-on activities available and lots of opportunities for kids to explore the "oceans of possibilities" within art! Bring your library card – the Mobile Library will be parked nearby.

Bark in the Park: Sun., July 17: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Phelps Grove Park, 950 E. Bennett St. A fun and relaxing day in Phelps Grove Park with your family and beloved canine. Enjoy music, interactive crafts, and activities at the Canine Vendor Village. Cruse Dog Park T-shirts and concessions available. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park.

Water, Water, Everywhere!: Mon., July 18: 10 a.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 387 E. Central St.; Tues., July 19: 2 p.m., The Library Center auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. For grades K-4. Have you ever noticed that water is everywhere, not just in oceans? It's around us all the time – frozen on mountaintops, floating through the sky as clouds and even flowing inside our bodies! Join Dickerson Park Zoo guests to learn why water is so important, what makes it vital for survival and how we can keep our water sources healthy for all living things.

Garden Story Time: July 21 & 23, Aug. 18 & 20: Thurs. or Sat., 10-10:30 a.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Pre-schoolers are invited to listen to a garden-themed story, followed by a fun environmental-based craft or activity.

Fantastic Friday at the Watershed Center: Fri., July 22: 9 a.m.-Noon, Valley Water Mill Park, 2450 E. Valley Water Mill Road. For preschool-grade 5. We'll explore our past, present and future connections to water through reading adventures and hands-on activities. Kids of all ages will enjoy science, engineering and art-themed explorations of our Ozarks water resources. Bring your library card – the Mobile Library will be parked nearby.

Humanities, Vol. 1 Exhibition: July 23-Nov. 13: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. The Springfield Art Museum is supported by a wide variety of staff roles. It takes everyone from security to custodial, to curatorial and education, to development and administration to keep the museum running smoothly. Regardless of job duties, everyone at the museum works in some capacity alongside the permanent collection. Does this impact our relationship with the art objects on view? What connections with art have we made as we secure the building, manage contracts, coordinate school tours, and write grants? This exhibition seeks to answer these questions by highlighting the people who keep the museum moving forward including staff, board and committee members, and community partners as illustrated through a range of objects they've selected from the museum's collection.

- **Opening Day:** Sat., July 23: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Join us in celebrating the opening of Humanities, Vol. 1. Drop-in for guided exhibition tours (every hour, on the hour until 5 p.m.) and hands-on activities. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.
- **Slow-Viewing with Shauna LeAnn Smith:** Sat., July 30: 10:30-11:30 a.m., & Sat., Aug. 20: 2-3 p.m. Slow Viewing is a supportive practice for anyone who wants to develop their skills of interpretation, observation, and discussing art. Guests spend an hour carefully observing and speaking about the works on view, resulting in a deeper understanding of how they and others relate to the artwork and to each other. This program is facilitated by artist Shauna LeAnn Smith. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.


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• **Collaborative Curation Discussion Panel:** Wed., Aug. 10: 6 p.m., Auditorium. This panel, made up of museum staff, board members, and community partners and moderated by Curator of Art Sarah Buhr, explores the process of collaboratively selecting and interpreting the works exhibited in Humanities, Vol. 1. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

• **Gallery Talk with Nick Nelson:** Thus., Sept. 29: 6 p.m., Spratlen Gallery. Museum Director Nick Nelson will discuss his thoughts on the object he chose for exhibition in Humanities, Vol. 1, a Russian religious icon, from both personal and historical perspectives. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Float and Hike: Fri., July 29, Aug. 12 & 26: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Lake Springfield Park, 5324 S. Kissick Ave. A guided float and hike along the James River Water Trail. Launch at Lake Springfield and paddle to the Springfield Conservation Nature Center for a hike. Paddle back downstream to Lake Springfield Boathouse, where we have snacks. This is a great trip for spotting wildlife and learning more about the area. Register by the day before. Space is limited. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. Ages 8 yrs. and up (8-17 yrs. with an adult). *Fee: \$30/person.*

Jordan Creek Underground Tour: Fri., July 29: 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For adults age 18 and older only. Discover the history of Jordan Creek, a graffiti-covered, urban stream that runs below downtown Springfield. This guided tour, led by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, will explore the history of waterways within Springfield and reflect on how our actions impact their future. Tours meet at the west end of the parking lot at 319 N. Main Ave. and require the ability to climb in and out of the creek using a stepladder. You will also be underground and wading in shallow water (6-12 inches), so bring a flashlight and close-toed shoes (preferably waterproof). Each tour limited to 20 participants. Tour registration starts July 15; call 417-616-0683.

National Night Out: Tues., Aug. 2: 5-7 p.m. Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont Ave. An annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, making our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Visit with local police officers, firefighters and park rangers, and enjoy tennis and other games and special activities. A kick-off to individual Neighborhood Nights Out. Police vs. Fire Softball game at 8 p.m.

Park Day Reunion: Fri., Aug. 5-Sun., Aug. 7, Silver Springs Park, 1100 N. Hampton Ave. The annual event returns to Silver Springs Park and other locations in Springfield bringing together family and friends for a parade, socials, concerts, sports competitions, picnics, Timmons Hall events and more. *Free, some activities have a fee.*

Stories and Art in the Park: Sat., Aug. 6: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Living Memorial Park, 4323 S. Nature Center Way. Kick off your weekend with stories, songs and art at Living Memorial Park with your favorite librarians from the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. Dress for messy fun! A partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

McDonald's ½ Price Zoo Admission Day: Wed., Aug. 20: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Half price admission compliments of local McDonald's locations (no other coupons or discounts apply). DickersonParkZoo.org.

Rockin' the Route Kickoff Concert: Thurs., Aug. 11: 6:30-11 p.m., Downtown Springfield at Jefferson Avenue and McDaniel Street. Birthplace of Route 66 Festival organizers have added an additional night of free entertainment to kick off the festival. The Rockin' the Route 66 Kickoff Concert and street party will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Aaron Sachs Stage (Jefferson Avenue and McDaniel Street) with Static in the Attic featuring former Springfield City Manager Greg Burris, Missouri State University provost Dr. Chris Craig and Jeff Lowry, playing eclectic acoustic rock. At 8 p.m., America's No. 1 live party band will take the stage. Dallas-based Emerald City Band – a high-energy 13-piece band – will play a variety of genres, such as 1960s Motown to 1970s disco/funk/R&B to 1980s and '90s jams all the way up to current hits.

10th Annual Birthplace of 66 Festival: Aug. 12-13, Downtown Springfield. A free festival along Historic Route 66, includes classic cars, motorcycles, music, artists, authors, food and activities for the whole family. More information at route66festivalsgf.com.

Fun Free Hikes (Nature Night Hike with Bat Flight): Fri., Aug. 12: 7:30-9 p.m., Ritter Springs Park, 3683 W. Farm Road 92. Hike some of the best trails in local parks and learn something cool at the same time. Each hike pairs with an exciting educational activity. You don't have to be outdoorsy to enjoy these hikes, just show up ready to have fun. Meet in the main parking lot. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor.

Second Sunday Concert: Sun., Aug. 14: 2 p.m., The Library Center auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. For adults. Mr. Paul, "The Red Shod Singer." This solo act sounds like two or three folks are performing due to a unique guitar picking style and foot bass playing simultaneously. His music styles include Americana, country, rock and folk. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

My Garden of a Thousand Bees: Sat., Aug. 20: 1-3 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 387 E. Central St. For adults. Celebrate World Honey Bee Day (Aug. 21) with a screening of this bee-utiful and surprising story, rated TV-G. Martin Dohrn, veteran wildlife cameraman and bee enthusiast, embarked on a challenge during the COVID-19 lockdown of 2020, filming all the bees he could find in his tiny urban garden in Bristol, England. By the end of the summer, he became bee obsessed and developed relationships with them. #PlantWildflowers

Studio 55 Art Exhibit: Aug. 20-Sept. 30: 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. A nature-themed exhibit by local artists, including a variety of medias and styles, on exhibit in the atrium.

Kid'Athlon: Sat. Sept. 10: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Chesterfield Park and Family Center, 2511 Chesterfield Park W. Republic Rd. Kids swim, bike, and run their way to victory, taking home medals, t-shirts, goodies and the pride of finishing a triathlon! Event distances are customized per age group. Registration required by Sept. 8 at Parkboard.org/Kidathlon. Ages 5-12 yrs. *Fee: \$35/child, \$25/addl. child same household.*

Japanese Fall Festival: Fri., Sept. 9: 5-10 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 10: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 11: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Three-day celebration of one of Springfield's sister cities, Isesaki, Japan. Includes guests and performers from Japan, numerous vendor and artisan booths featuring wares authentic to

Japanese culture, guests will enjoy the Nihon bunka taiken tent (Japanese culture experience tent), the omiyage and dagashi tent (souvenirs and snacks tent), and concessions. Friday and Saturday evenings end with an intimate candlelight walk. Presented by Springfield Sister Cities Association, peacethroughpeople.org. Cosplay Day is Sunday, come to the festival in your cosplay (costume role play) to receive \$3 admission. *Fee: Fri. & Sun., \$8/adult, \$3/12 yrs. and under; Sat., \$12/adult, \$3/12 yrs. and under. Kids 3 years and younger free.*

Grandparents' Day at the Zoo: Sun., Sept. 11: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Free zoo admission for all grandparents.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale: Wed.-Sun., Sept. 14-18: Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Half Price Day); Sun., 1-5 p.m. (\$1 and \$5 Bag Day: everything you can pack in a sack is \$1 or \$5 from the "Better Books" side), E-Plex at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave. The fall and spring book sales are annual events greatly anticipated by thousands of people in the community. The book sales have raised more than \$4 million, funds which benefit the ten branches and bookmobile of the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Free parking and free admission during the public sale. Cash or check only; credit cards are not accepted at this time. Friends Night Preview Sale: Tues., Sept. 13: 5-8 p.m. Members please make sure your dues are paid in advance. Not a member? Join at the door – individual memberships are \$5. Questions? Email us at friends@thelibrary.org.

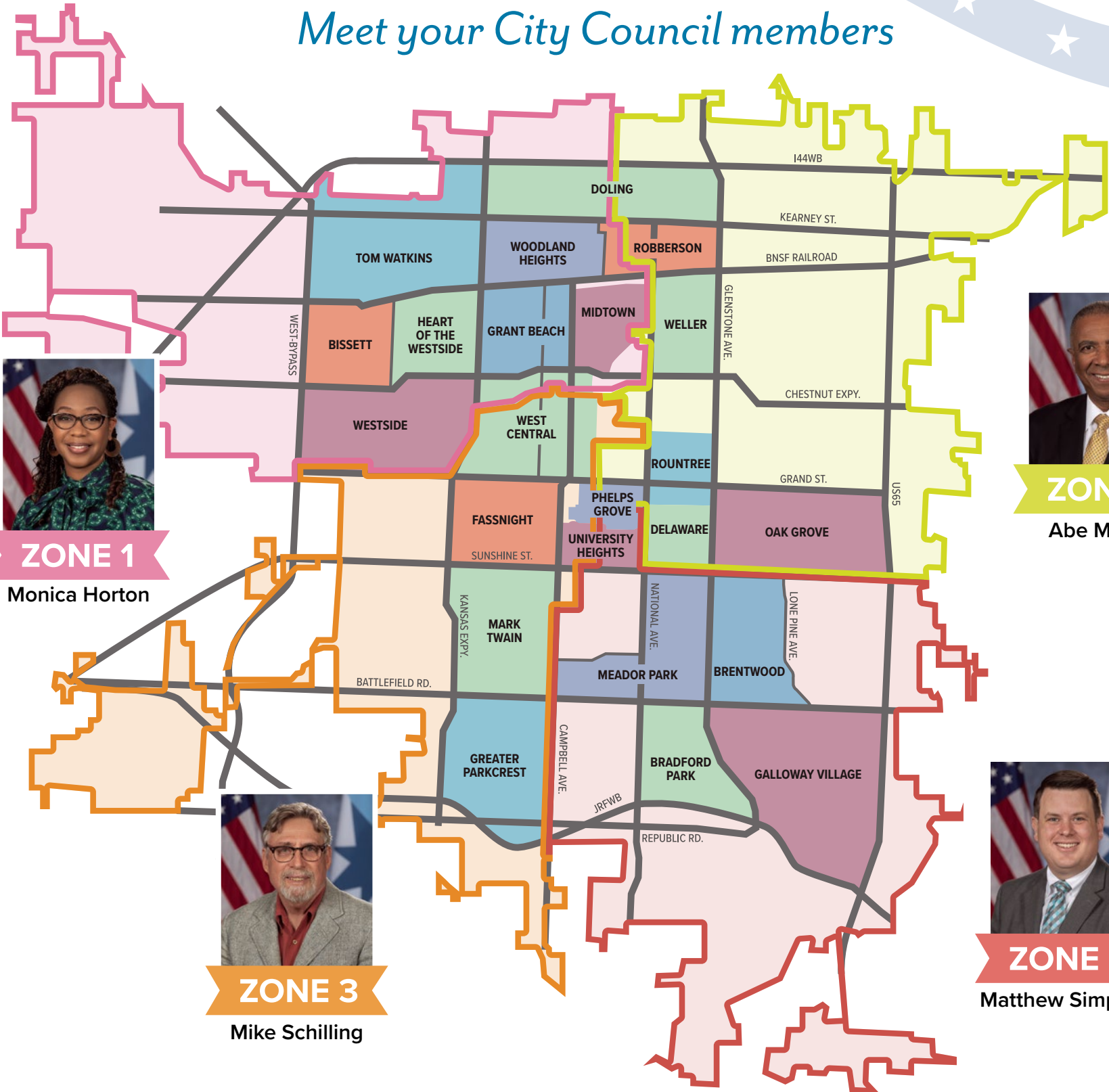
Humanities, Vol. 2 Exhibition: Sept. 17-Feb. 12, 2023: Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. What does the museum's collection mean to Springfieldians? What works in the collection speak to you? What do we mean when we talk about collection connections? To seek answers to these questions, our curator invited three local artists in different disciplines – musician Jin J X, poet Kate Murr, and dancer/choreographer Sarah Wilcoxon – to tour the museum's vaults and look at art together. These tours, and the conversations they produced, have resulted in an exhibition that begins to investigate that 'spark', while also illustrating different ways in which we might connect with a work of art. Each artist has selected a group of objects from the collection, those works that spoke to them amongst the thousands we saw during our tours. Their selections are exhibited alongside new work each artist has created in their own medium in response to, and inspired by, the collection objects.

Cider Days on Historic Walnut Street: Sat.-Sun., Sept. 17-18: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Historic Walnut Street, Downtown Springfield. Enjoy the first few days of fall at Cider Days – the two-day arts and crafts festival on Historic Walnut Street featuring regional artists and crafters, performance stages, incredible food and, of course, delicious apple cider. *Admission: \$5, Kids 10 yrs. and under are free.*

DogFest: Sat., Sept. 25: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Chesterfield Park, 2511 W. Republic Rd. A canine extravaganza! Everyone, including the family dog, is invited for free fun and activities at Chesterfield Park. DogFest features dog agility demonstrations, expert seminars, police K-9s, therapy dogs, a dog fashion show, and canine-related vendors and nonprofits. T-shirts for sale for \$10. All proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park.

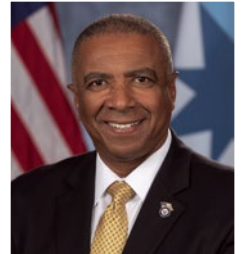
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