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City ARPA funding to help Restore SGF get off the ground

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

At its July 25 meeting, City Council approved Restore SGF's \$1 million request from the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

The ARPA funding, along with a \$300,000 allocation from the City's 2022-2023 fiscal year budget and investments totaling \$240,000 disbursed over three years from Community Foundation of the Ozarks and several banking industry partners, will allow Restore SGF to hire staff and begin programming in the second quarter of 2023 with two grant programs – the Block Challenge Program and the Homeowner Improvement Program.

"Neighborhoods are the heart of where people live. Neighborhoods matter and it's tough. We really have to zero in and get this right." – John Houseal

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.

A City-led housing study, which is anticipated to

begin by the end of the year and conclude in 2023, will provide Restore SGF with important data needed to tailor programming to Springfield's needs.



Encouraging reinvestment in Springfield's heritage neighborhoods.

ANTICIPATED STAFFING NEEDS

Once hired, Restore SGF's staff will partner with residents to give them the power, resources and support to strengthen their neighborhoods. The 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 neighborhoods. They will cultivate strong relationships with residents as well as be a trusted resource for local media.

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Bobbi Ream recognized at NAC meeting for championing kickball tournament

By Eric Pauly, for SGFNN

It was a late winter day when Kevin Evans of the Delaware Neighborhood Association and Bobbi Ream of the Meador Park Neighborhood Association met to discuss the importance and strengths of the Springfield neighborhood associations. To find ways to increase involvement in the individual associations, and leverage the separate associations strengths through a combined effort. Knowing we can have a bigger impact when we all work together; a question was asked and a comment made.

Without Bobbi's desire for a better community the idea which sprang from the question of strengthening the bonds of neighbors and neighborhoods across Springfield would have been a great idea which faded away.

The Question: How to get the separate neighborhoods together so neighbors can get to know one another. How to increase the engagement of neighbors with neighborhood associations other



than their own across the city?

The Comment: Whatever is decided just remember; the kids in my neighborhood are smarter and better looking than the kids in your neighborhood.

The challenge was made.

▶ See **BOBBI REAM** on page 3

The **community engagement and property development specialist** will coordinate marketing and communications. 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.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks has pledged \$20,000 over five years (\$100,000 total) in grant funding for Restore SGF, plus \$500,000 for the initiative's revolving loan fund.

OakStar Bank, Commerce Bank, and Legacy Bank have committed \$10,000 over three years (\$30,000 total) in grant funding, while Central Bank has committed \$20,000 over three years (\$60,000 total) in grant funding. Legacy Bank and Central Bank have each committed \$250,000 for the revolving loan fund, and Systematic Savings & Loan committed \$500,000 to mortgage loans in Restore SGF's program areas.

Pledging support to Restore SGF is a concrete way for financial institutions to show their commitment to Springfield's low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and help improve the community.

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.

Restore SGF is still seeking funding partners. Financial institution representatives are encouraged to contact Brian Fogle at CFO at 417-864-6199 if they have questions.

LOOKING FORWARD

On July 21, the City launched the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan for the next 20 years of growth in Springfield. Chapter 7 is dedicated to housing and neighborhoods, and

Restore SGF's efforts will help Springfield revitalize neighborhoods by improving housing stock, increasing home ownership and fostering a sense of pride and quality of place.

"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, Forward SGF planning consultant.



Hatch Foundation hosts first Celebrate Springfield

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

When Erin Danastasio attended an event in 2021 showcasing many of the amenities Springfield has to offer, she was blown away. A lifelong Springfieldian, she knew that Springfield had great parks, greenway trails and easy access to nature within a short distance from the city, but she said she had no idea the extent of the fun things families could do, right here in her backyard.

She was so moved that she started talking to friends and colleagues around the city and went on a mission to create an opportunity for all Springfieldians to experience what she had experienced.

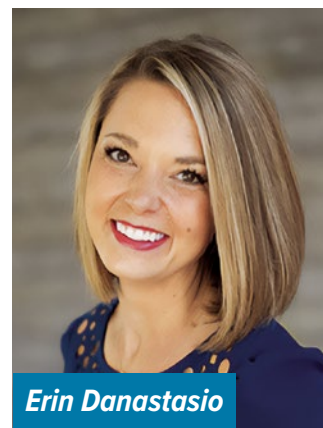
"I want to remove barriers so Springfieldians can truly experience Springfield and to celebrate our accomplishments."
– Erin Danastasio

"I want to remove barriers so Springfieldians can truly experience Springfield and to celebrate our accomplishments," Danastasio, the executive director of the Hatch Foundation, said. Hatch is a family foundation rooted in the community. The six founding members of Hatch have been members of the Springfield community for most of their lives, and all possess a dedicated love for it. With their family business of 40 years selling in November 2019, the family knew they wanted to give back to the community – the community that supported them for so many years.

"The family wanted their contribution to the community to play a unique role in the issues that affect Springfield's communities," Danastasio said. "So, we have posed the question: 'How can we build on the inherent attributes of the community and help Springfield achieve its full potential?' And that's when Hatch, well ... hatched."

Celebrate Springfield is a series of events focusing on the theme of Outdoors Everywhere its first year. The partnering events and activities were offered for free or at discounted prices, throughout the month of September, with a large celebration culminating at Jordan Valley Park on the first Sunday in October.

"Celebrate Springfield is bringing together the best our city has to offer. It's a service, in that it helps locals connect to activities and events, and it's also a declaration: Springfield has evolved in amazing ways over the past ten years and the best is yet to come," she said.



Celebrate Springfield

Partners include, but are not limited to: Community Foundation of the Ozarks; City of Springfield; Springfield-Greene County Park Board; Ozark Greenways; Springfield Sculpture Walk; Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau; Ozark Mountain Paddlers; Downtown Springfield Association; Springfield Regional Arts Council.

"It can be intimidating for a family who is unsure where some of these amenities are and/or how to access the activities, or for those without transportation. An important part of Celebrate Springfield will be addressing those barriers, including any costs associated with participating," Danastasio said.

"We are so thankful to the Hatch Foundation and for Erin, for recognizing this opportunity and having a kind heart for others. We have a lot to be proud of in Springfield and her work to ensure that all citizens are aware of our outdoor amenities and can take advantage of them, is very commendable," said Mayor Ken McClure. "I look forward to celebrating with everyone on Sunday, Oct. 2 and hope we pack Jordan Valley Park."

Visit [Celebratesgf.com](https://celebratesgf.com) for additional details. Businesses interested in participating or supporting this effort, may contact Danastasio at erin@hatchsgf.org.

Library kiosk opens in east Springfield

By Kathleen O'Dell, for SGFNN

The Library Express East, a 24-hour outdoor library kiosk, opened at 3263 E. Chestnut Expressway in August. The unit allows library card holders to check out books and DVDs and is located in the parking lot of the Frisco Building near U.S. 65.

The unit is the Springfield-Greene County Library District's second 24-hour kiosk. The first, the Library Express West, serves library card holders at the kiosk in Orchard Plaza, 3872 W. Chestnut Expressway. At the time, the west-side kiosk was the first of its kind in Missouri and one of only a dozen in the United States.

Both units were manufactured by EnvisionWare and funded by the Friends of the Library and a Library Services and Technology grant through the State Library. The library district will fund the maintenance and utilities costs, and lease of the lot space.

The kiosks work much like a book vending machine. Visitors can browse the shelves of some 340 books and DVDs through the kiosk window, scan their library card, type in the item number, and the conveyor belt will send the item through a drawer.

Users can also request that a book, DVD and other library materials be delivered there instead of a traditional library branch. The Library will alert them when it's available to pick up at the kiosk. There's also a book return drawer that accepts any library item checked out from any branch in the district.



Crosswalk, other pedestrian safety improvements completed near schools

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

As students and parents prepared for back-to-school, the City's Public Works Department prepared as well. Public Works staff programmed the 91 school zone flashers, updated the recommended walking route maps for elementary schools and touched up the paint on crosswalks where needed. In addition, the following school-related improvements were completed before school started Aug. 22:

- Raised crosswalk at Reed Middle School

"Reed's car line picks up students at the school's front door on Lyon Street, but this is also where many students and teachers cross the street to get to the parking lot across the street. It is not ideal to cross students through the moving car line, so we decided that a raised crosswalk would help slow traffic and remind drivers to check for pedestrians crossing before moving on. The raised crosswalk not only helps the school traffic issue, but may also reduce some of the speeding on Lyon Avenue," said Traffic Safety Specialist Mandy Buettgen-Quinn.

The Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association and Reed Middle School approached Public Works about the concern and worked with Buettgen-Quinn to implement the new crosswalk.



- New dismissal procedure at Sequiota Elementary to shorten backup onto Mentor Avenue
- Parkcrest Neighborhood Traffic Calming Pilot Project on Broadway Avenue near Horace Mann Elementary
- Bike lanes added in front of Boyd Elementary School
- New pedestrian-activated crosswalk on Catalpa Street near Pittman Elementary.

Police Department offers holiday reminders to help keep SGF safe

By Cris Swaters, Springfield Police Department, for SGFNN

The weather is getting colder and you're getting ready for the holiday season that's ahead. This time of year can be special and full of wonderful memories, but it is also rife with opportunities for you to become the victim of a crime.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP AND KEEP YOUR GIFTS SAFE

Opportunistic criminals are always watching. You've worked hard scouring various online retailers for the perfect gifts for your loved ones. Don't let that hard work disappear off your front porch.

It is important, especially during the holiday season, to have a trusted neighbor hold on to your packages sent to your porch if you'll be gone when the delivery truck arrives. Alternatively, consider a different delivery address for your packages such as having them delivered to work or the post office where they will be stored safely until you can pick them up.

If you're more the type who enjoys doing your holiday shopping at brick-and-mortar stores, you also have some safety precautions to practice. Make sure you conceal your shopping bags before you head to the next store – ideally in the trunk of the car. Be aware of where you're parking your vehicle. Make sure it is a well-lit area and always lock it when you leave.

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS AND YOUR PRIVACY AT HOME

What can strangers see in your home from the street as they drive past? If they can see your beautiful decorations, wrapped gifts, or even the



new, latest-and-greatest gaming system, you're opening yourself up to becoming a victim.

As wonderful as your decorations look from the outside at night, by leaving your blinds open you're giving criminals a front row seat to the goodies in your living room. At night, close your blinds or curtains, especially those on the front of your home, and make sure your doors and windows are locked.

After you've opened gifts, break down the boxes and take them to one of the convenient recycling centers in Springfield. By leaving boxes from your new TV or this year's hot toy on the curb, you're giving a criminal a shopping list for what's in your home.

By putting these tips into practice, you're helping to keep your holiday season merry and bright! Thank you for your help keeping Springfield safe.

▶ BOBBI REAM from page 1

Out of this conversation and friendly rivalry, the Springfield Neighborhood Kickball Tournament was born.

Bobbi Ream took the reins on this idea and worked with a group of four neighborhood associations to create the 2019 Kickball Tournament. From finding financial sponsorship, creating the uniform bandannas, securing the ball fields at Meador Park, ensuring flyers and posters were printed and distributed, finding the official rules of kickball, referees for the event, and waivers signed, Bobbi led, helped, and cajoled others to create a highly successful tournament.

In the fall of 2019 she decided to expand the tournament to ALL existing Springfield neighborhood associations. Work began with many neighborhood leads meeting under Bobbi's direction and expanding the previous success to a much larger scale. All was set for 2020, then COVID hit. In 2021 COVID still held the tournament at bay. During this two-year hiatus, it was Bobbi Ream who kept the group energized and focused so that when 2022 arrived the Kickball Tournament could commence.



As the day approached for the 2022 Kickball Tournament, (now referred to as SGF Kickball), the rains began and would not stop. Forcing a rescheduling, Bobbi quickly assembled several neighbors to hand-stamp hundreds of flyers with the new date for the tournament. It seems that misfortune ran in twos since the first rain out and a rescheduling was rained out again.

But the SGF Kickball Tournament had a secret weapon: a woman of fierce determination and perseverance who would not let these things stand in her way. Bobbi Ream forged ahead, and in 2022 another successful Kickball Tournament had been completed.

Without Bobbi's desire for a better community the idea which sprang from the question of strengthening the bonds of neighbors and neighborhoods across Springfield would have been a great idea which faded away. At the August NAC meeting, Bobbi was recognized by her peers for her hard work and dedication with a trophy of her own. This trophy in no way will compete with a trophy which is arguably the most coveted sports trophy in Springfield, The Bobbi, but it does represent the love felt for her and the honor of having Bobbi Ream as SGF Kickball 2019-2022 Lead Cat Herder.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TIP



Maintain Your Property

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

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

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

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

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

E-scooters now available for rent downtown, on C-street and on MSU's campus

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Bird electric scooters are now available for rent downtown, on Commercial Street and on the Missouri State University campus.

Bird is an electric vehicle company "dedicated to bringing affordable, environmentally friendly transportation solutions such as e-scooters and e-bikes to communities across the world." Founded in 2017, Bird now has fleets of shared vehicles in more than 400 cities around the globe.

Bird is permitted by the City of Springfield to place 20 e-scooters in designated deployment areas in Springfield's downtown and Commercial Street business districts. The company also plans to deploy 30 e-scooters on Missouri State University campus through a contract with MSU.

E-scooters will initially be limited to a specific area in the downtown and Commercial Street area using geofencing technology. This area will be adjusted as needed. Working with Bird to establish geofencing will be an essential tool to help manage e-scooter usage around the city.

"We are excited to welcome Bird to Springfield and look forward to working with them and Missouri State University to provide a positive and safe experience for riders and citizens." – Grady Porter

"Over the past year or so, City staff have been carefully preparing for the arrival of e-scooter companies in Springfield," says Grady Porter, engineer for Public Works' Traffic Engineering division. "We worked alongside several interested companies and also conducted our own research into the benefits and potential drawbacks e-scooters offer. We believe we now have new municipal code in place that will help support micromobility companies while also avoiding some of the issues other communities have experienced."

Through updated City code Springfield's downtown and Commercial Street business districts were defined with specific operating regulations for micro-mobility devices. In these districts, e-scooters will be required to park in one of 23 designated scooter parking areas marked with green striping and a pavement decal stating "Scooter Parking Only." E-scooters in these districts are also prohibited from being ridden on sidewalks.

Scooter rental companies are also required to maintain the devices and collect them if left in places where they may endanger the traveling public. Each scooter will have contact information posted on the stem of the device that includes a phone number to contact the company directly with any concerns. Bird is currently the only scooter company licensed to rent or deploy on City right-of-



way. The company can be contacted with questions or concerns at 1-866-205-2442 or hello@bird.co.

"We are excited to welcome Bird to Springfield and look forward to working with them and Missouri State University to provide a positive and safe experience for riders and citizens," says Porter.

"We applaud the City of Springfield for their commitment to offering convenient, environmentally friendly and reliable transportation options to residents and visitors," says Austin Marshburn, head of city and university partnerships at Bird.

SAFETY TIPS FOR E-SCOOTER RIDERS:

All operators of e-scooters are advised to follow all rules and regulations that are enforceable by law in the City of Springfield, including:

- Every person operating an e-scooter on City streets shall wear protective headgear (helmet).
- A valid driver's license is required to operate an e-scooter.
- E-scooter operators must yield the right of way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.
- E-scooters will be limited to 15 mph in all areas and 10 mph on greenway trails using geofence technology, however operators will be responsible to limit their speeds on sidewalks, where allowed, to be no greater than 5 mph.
- E-scooters are not allowed to operate on roadways that have a speed limit greater than 30 mph.
- E-scooter companies are required to stop rentals at 10 p.m. each night. If the rental occurs before 10 p.m. the rental will not be terminated until the ride has ended.
- For areas outside the downtown and Commercial Street business districts, no person shall park a micromobility device on a street other than on the roadway against the curb, on the sidewalk in a rack, dock, or storage area, or against a building or at the curb in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

For more information, visit springfieldmo.gov/escooters.

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City, CU select firm to plan future of Lake Springfield area

By Melissa Haase,
Managing Editor

After a competitive procurement process, the City of Springfield and City Utilities have selected engineering and consulting firm Crawford, Murphy & Tilly as the consultant for the Lake Springfield Master Plan. The plan is projected to be complete by summer 2024.

"We are excited and proud to be part of this once-in-a-generation opportunity to work with our community leaders and agency partners to reimagine where the vision of Lake Springfield intersects with nature, recreation and economic development," said CMT Vice President of Business Development & Strategy Director Steve Prange, PE. "We realized early on that we were going to need a very unique team for this project. We assembled a diverse team of planners, engineers, architects, environmental scientists, economists and recreation specialists that will provide a blend of local and national expertise to reimagine the potential for Lake Springfield."

"One of the main goals for this project is to improve access to this local water amenity while enhancing the natural environment. With CMT and the team Steve Prange has assembled, we now have top-notch experts in place and are ready to begin planning what Lake Springfield could be." – Olivia Hough

The plan will be a catalyst for new economic development and recreational opportunities for the Lake Springfield area, identified as a redevelopment opportunity area during the City's Forward SGF comprehensive planning process.

Lake SGF Master Plan elements will include:

- recreational expansion opportunities
- adaptive reuse planning for the decommissioned power station
- hydrological studies
- water quality and ecological preservation planning
- economic development and workforce development opportunities
- transportation, access and wayfinding
- land use recommendations.

"The stage is set to create a truly innovative vision for Lake Springfield with water as the key element," said Senior Planner Olivia Hough, who is managing



the project. "One of the main goals for this project is to improve access to this local water amenity while enhancing the natural environment. With CMT and the team Steve Prange has assembled, we now have top-notch experts in place and are ready to begin planning what Lake Springfield could be."

BACKGROUND

Through 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A community visioning process for the future of Lake Springfield is planned for this fall or early 2023 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.

Visit lakesgfmasterplan.com for updates about the plan and how you can get involved.

Learn more about the new Novavax COVID-19 vaccine

By Brooke Pawling, Health Department, for SGFNN

It has been nearly two years since the first COVID-19 vaccine, Pfizer/BioNTech, received its Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after extensive clinic trials.



Since then, there have been two other COVID-19 vaccines, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson, that have received emergency use authorization in the United States. Both Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech have since received full FDA approval.

Now, the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine can be added to the list of COVID-19 vaccines given emergency use authorization.

The Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine is a great option for people who may be allergic to the ingredients in other COVID-19 vaccine options or prefer traditional vaccine technology.

The traditional technology used in the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is the same used for other diseases like hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV), and the tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid vaccines, which are part of the childhood vaccine series many of us receive as kids.

The difference between this traditional technology and the kind used in mRNA COVID-19 vaccines is that it uses the spike protein from the virus to stimulate your immune response, whereas mRNA, or Messenger RNA vaccines, give instructions to your cells to start making the spike protein found on the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Our immune system recognizes the protein and produces antibodies to fight off infection from COVID-19.

Springfield community members are already enjoying the benefits. Springfield-Greene County Health held a Novavax clinic at its Westside Public Health Center location (660 S. Scenic) on Aug. 18. Despite limited doses, 31 people were able to make appointments and get vaccinated with their first dose of the newest COVID-19 vaccine.

This is exciting news. Because the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine is a two-dose primary series, those who come out to get the Novavax vaccine are choosing to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the first time.

For those who weren't able to attend the event, there's still time to get the Novavax shot. The Health Department now offers Novavax as an option at many of its clinics.

Vaccine science has come a long way, and COVID-19 has been direct proof of how vaccines can help us avoid getting severely ill or hospitalized with a virus.

If you are interested in getting a Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, please visit vaccine417.com or call the COVID-19 call center at 417-874-1211 to learn about availability.

City's Department of Workforce Development awarded \$17.5 million Good Jobs Challenge Grant

By Katherine Trombetta, Missouri Job Center, for SGFNN

The City of Springfield's Department of Workforce Development has been selected as one of 32 recipients nationwide for a \$17.5 million Good Jobs Challenge grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The grant seeks to spur economic growth and strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers by serving more than 2,800 individuals with job training and placement opportunities over the next three years. It is one of the largest grants ever awarded to the City of Springfield.

The initiative establishes the Quadra-Regional Workforce Alliance (QRWA) which is comprised of four workforce regions encompassing 51 counties in southern, south-central, central and southeast Missouri. The QRWA will target unemployed, underemployed or incumbent workers within the designated area focusing on historically underserved populations to provide job training and placement in areas such as healthcare, transportation, distribution and logistics as well as paraprofessional education services.



of the state by creating career pathways and placement in the areas



of health care, transportation and logistics, distribution and education services," said Sally Payne, director of Workforce Development for the City. "The need for skilled workers in these areas is critical to easing supply chain demands and bolstering local economies," Payne added.

Jobs For the Future, a national nonprofit, will play a central role in employer engagement and technical assistance by providing labor market analysis and an economic impact report at the conclusion of the grant. Other major partners include Missouri Hospital Association, CoxHealth, Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Missouri State University, Penmac, Truck Dynasty Driving Academy and 160 Driving Academy.

The 32 winning projects were selected from a competitive pool of 509 applicants. The Department of Workforce Development was also recently awarded a \$3 million grant from the Department of Labor to create and expand registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships providing equitable access in a 10-county region with a focus on training public safety and education professionals.

"We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity to positively impact the workforce in nearly one-third of the state by creating career pathways and placement in the areas of healthcare, transportation and logistics, distribution and education services." – Sally Payne

"This grant provides us with a tremendous opportunity and could be a game changer," said Springfield City Manager Jason Gage.

"We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity to positively impact the workforce in nearly one-third

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Bass Pro Marathon Neighborhood Challenge Nov. 6

By Melissa Haase,
Managing Editor

The Bass Pro Marathon is right around the corner on Sunday, Nov. 6, and it's time for neighborhoods to start planning their themes and assigning volunteers.

Bass Pro is again setting aside \$10,000 to reward the registered neighborhoods for their participation in cheering sections during the marathon. Awards will be chosen based on level of participation. This is a great way for registered neighborhoods to welcome the runners to Springfield and to earn money for neighborhood improvements and projects.



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

We recommend that each neighborhood have a strong theme that represents their station. This should include signage, costumes, food/beverage options, and so forth. For example, say your neighborhood had an 80's theme and your team dressed in 80's as your runner's fuel — clothes, big hair — you could theme your stop in any number of ways. Having a consistent theme will help runners and walkers identify you and will provide your team with a better opportunity to win. Possible theme ideas: KC Chiefs Fans, sporting team, Missouri hillbillies, Star Wars, Back to the Future, Fast and Furious, Harry Potter, nuns, race cars, pajamas, aliens, etc.

Your neighborhood is required to have at least 10 participants for your cheering section (you may consider shifts throughout the race if all 10 participants cannot stay the entire time). Neighborhoods may partner together at a cheering section if unable to get the required participants on their own.

Time required on race day will depend on where each neighborhood will be located on the course. The locations will be determined once there is a final count of all neighborhoods participating. Most groups will be on the course a minimum of 6 hours, but again, the participants can take shifts to cover the cheering section for the entire allotted time.

If you plan to hand out food and/or beverages, please keep in mind that runners will want foods that are easy to digest and quick to grab. Suggestions: orange slices (real oranges — not the candy), gummy bears, jelly beans, coconut water, water flavored with real fruit slices, iced green tea with honey, raisins, dates, dried cherries, pretzels, marshmallows, energy gels. Most are available at Fleet Feet Sports or on Amazon.

Questions? Please contact Alana Owen at 417-864-1831 or aowen@springfieldmo.gov.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Becky Volz, Dee Ogilvy begin duties as chair, vice chair of Neighborhood Advisory Council

By Becky Volz, for SGFNN

It's official — leadership has changed for the Neighborhood Advisory Council, but goals and dreams remain strong and moving forward. Over the past 10 years, NAC has become a united voice to our City staff and City Council as we were led by Phyllis Ferguson, Pete Radecki and Rusty Worley.

Rusty leaves big shoes to fill as chair for NAC. I am excited to serve our neighborhoods in this role. Dee Ogilvy is our vice chair and she will be a great support having served on many City committees, commissions and teams as well as the Midtown Neighborhood Association.

I am grateful for Rusty and Pete's continued involvement and leadership in various initiatives for NAC. They offer experience and expertise in areas like the Neighborhood Works Program and the Nuisance Property Work Group.

We have some great momentum going with the soon-to-be-approved Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan that has some exciting ideas and support for neighborhoods. The Restore SGF program is about to be launched as funding is coming together. And, keeping pace are the proposals from the Nuisance Property Work Group. Our united voice is making a difference!

I'm a big-picture visionary, full-of-ideas kind of person. I love tossing ideas in the hat, and taking some out. Not all of my ideas work, but they inspire me to try the ones that do. I encourage all of my neighbors (city-wide) to dream about what would



NAC Chair Becky Volz (Left) and NAC Vice Chair Dee Ogilvy (right)

make your neighborhood better. What ideas do you have to create a cleaner, safer, friendlier place to live in our beautiful city? These three categories were designed to be the identifiers for the Great Neighborhoods program established by the City. These three areas give us a starting place to make changes and improvements in our neighborhoods. You can be a part of the Clean, Safe, or Friendly subcommittees in NAC and make a difference. Reach out to us on our Facebook page at facebook.com/NACspringfield. Pick a committee and join the team.

Many of our neighborhood associations are having to reorganize and find new leadership after the separation and isolation during the pandemic. Find your gathering place. Where can your neighbors gather to talk about the needs and concerns close to you? Use yard signs or door hangers and let your neighbors know they live in a special neighborhood and you have a neighborhood association that provides events and activities for all neighbors. You will find some awesome new friends!

City partners bring back Birthplace of Route 66 Festival

By Cora Scott, Executive Editor

After a two-year hiatus due to the impacts of COVID-19, the City of Springfield worked with community partners to host the 10th annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Aug. 11-13 in downtown Springfield. New this year was a kick-off concert Thursday evening featuring the Emerald City Band out of Dallas, Texas. Many City departments, including the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement, Public Works, Environmental Services, Police, Fire, Health, Parks, Planning and the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management provided significant support for the festival, which saw 65,000 people descend upon Springfield. Tourists from 38 states and 13 countries made the trek this year.

Public safety was a top priority for the festival. Keeping residents and visitors alike safe, as well as all parts of the city accessible and welcoming, became a reality during the three-day event. Significant financial support was also provided by the state of Missouri Division of Tourism, thanks to the work of Rep. Craig Fishel, who championed a bill providing funding, and thanks to the support of our local legislative delegation.

Continuous trash pick-up service kept the festival



footprint clean and continuous shuttle service provided by both City staff and volunteers made the mile-long footprint easier to navigate, particularly for those with physical handicaps.

Additional significant financial and logistical support came from event partners Aaron Sachs & Associates/Ozarks on Two Wheels (presenting sponsor); KY3/KSPR; Jack Stinson and the West Central Neighborhood Alliance.

Former Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Ferguson served as the Grand Marshal of the Birthplace of Route 66 Parade Friday night and both Ferguson and Director of Public Information & Civic Engagement Cora Scott received the John T. Woodruff Award for their contributions to preserving and celebrating Route 66 across the city.

BISSETT NEIGHBORHOOD

The L.A. Wise Park pavilion was funded by the Neighborhood Works program.



Bissett residents: Your ideas matter!

By Pete Radecki, for SGFNN

If you live in the Bissett neighborhood, please share your concerns and ideas about how to improve our neighborhood. The Bissett Neighborhood Association is conducting an online and in-person survey to learn from you, our residents, about challenges you face, problems you see, things you find appealing, and ideas about how to make Bissett better. Visit <https://forms.gle/r59q6e6BaRq2Vswm9> to share your thoughts.

You can access the survey online through the BNA Facebook Page, and/or in person, at our Oct. 11 BNA general membership meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Eden Village 2 Community Room. You do not need to be a member of the BNA to participate in the survey, and by participating, you will be under no obligation to join.

We are conducting the survey to help guide Bissett's participation in the upcoming implementation of the Forward SGF Comprehensive Plan, to help craft future programming of the BNA, and to identify capital improvement projects for which BNA may be able to seek funding in the future.

Similar surveys conducted in 2016, 2017 and 2018 provided impetus for BNA's successful efforts



to get the L.A. Wise Park Pavilion built, and two upcoming projects which will 1) improve the streets and sidewalks at the Nichols/Hillcrest intersection, and 2) install a multi-sport court in L.A. Wise Park. These past surveys also drove BNA projects including donations of supplies and sporting equipment to Bissett Elementary, street cleanup efforts, topics for speakers at BNA meetings, and most recently, engagement with Eden Village 2 and its residents. This history demonstrates that if you respond to a BNA survey, you can count on being heard, and for positive results to follow!

PTA Clothing Bank upcoming shopping dates

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

Mark your calendars! Here are the upcoming PTA Clothing Bank shopping dates:

- Thurs., Sept. 29: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 13: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 27: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 29: 10 a.m.-Noon
- Thurs., Nov. 10: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 1: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 15: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 12, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 26, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 9, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 23, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., March 30, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., April 13, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



- Thurs., April 27, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thurs., May 11, 2023: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

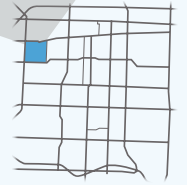
Watch the Facebook page at facebook.com/ThePTAClothingBank for updates and volunteer information.

The PTA Clothing Bank serves the needs of more than 2,000 students each school year through the entire Springfield school district for students K-12. It is located in the Study Alternative Center, 2343 W. Olive Street. There is a separate entrance behind the school, on the northeast side of the building. Look for the double doors with the PTA Clothing Bank sign above the doors.

Donations of gently used clothing (of all sizes) and new socks and underwear are accepted and appreciated.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 11 • Nov. 8 • Dec. 13 • Jan 10: 6:30 p.m./Potluck at 6 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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(3014 W. Calhoun St.)

BRADFORD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 18 (Fall Pancake Supper): 6:30 p.m. @ Immaculate Conception Church (3555 S. Fremont Ave.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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Follow Bradford Park on

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Wed., Nov. 2: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dead-End Street at Kickapoo Avenue
& Walnut Lawn Street

A postcard will be mailed out before the event, which will have more information and details about recyclable items, types of items accepted during the cleanup, etc.



Bradford Park Neighborhood Association will have its Fall Pancake Supper on Oct. 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. This fun and tasty event will be at Immaculate Conception Church on South Fremont. There will be a brief business session and the meeting should wrap up by 8 or 8:30 p.m.

BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

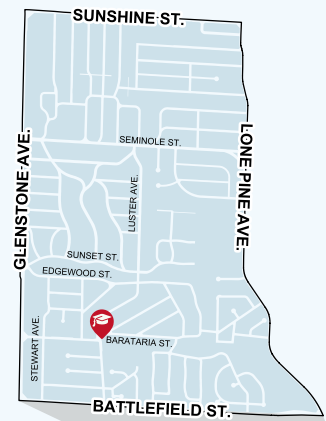


Brentwood neighbors participate in cleanup, National Night Out

By Cindy Cook, for SGFNN

Brentwood participated in the National Night Out event on Aug. 2, handing out 100 goodie bags with treats and key chain pop-its, which turned out to be hugely popular. Pictured above are Brent Rinker, Mert Seaton, Dave Buhr and Pam Buhr.

Brentwood Neighborhood Association held its spring cleanup event on Thursday, April 28. We filled four dumpsters with materials – one with yard waste and three with other trash, with a total of 3.93 tons of materials gathered. In addition, we collected 1.09 tons of scrap metal that went to recycling. Over 50 households were served, and we thank those who volunteered and who participated in the cleanup. Thanks also to the City of Springfield and Republic Trash Services!



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 31 • Nov. 28 • Dec. 26: 6:30 p.m. @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library (2214 S. Brentwood Blvd.)
Visit brentwoodsgf.org for more information.

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Field Elementary School
2120 E. Barataria St.

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Neighborhood Fall Cleanup (Joint with Galloway Village Neighborhood)

Thurs., Oct. 13: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Galloway Baptist Church
(2816 E. Republic Rd.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste,
Leaves, and Metal

Curbside pickup will NOT be available.



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.

DELAWARE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fairy Berry Lemonade won Best Overall Theme.



Third annual Lemonade Crawl offers sweet escape for Delaware neighbors

Provided by the Delaware Neighborhood Association

Thank you to those who participated in the third annual Lemonade Crawl Aug. 12. The lemonade stands were amazing! Thank you to all who came out to sample the goodies as well. It was so much fun visiting with everyone! Another one in the books for Delaware Neighborhood Association!



Lexi's Lovely Lemonade won Best Lemonade/Most Traditional Taste.



Jellyfish Juice Tiki Bar won Best Decorated/Most Creative Stand.



Delaware Community Garden thriving thanks to volunteers

Provided by Springfield Community Gardens

The Delaware Community Garden has been thriving this year thanks to the hard work of garden leaders Jean and Teresa. They've taken special care to make this garden an inviting place for neighbors and friends to come sit and admire what's growing.

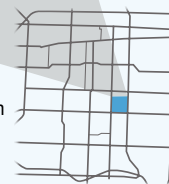
Besides the beautiful vegetables and flowers, this garden has toys, a small fish pond and a pergola built by a volunteer Eagle Scout that make it a special place to visit. The garden's bounty is donated to Delaware neighbors and to Victory Mission and Gathering Friends. Neighbors are notified via the neighborhood association Facebook page when it's time to come pick vegetables to take home.

Thank you to Jean, Teresa, and all of the garden's volunteers for making this garden a true neighborhood asset!



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- Cynthia Yarbrough, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 4 • Nov. 1 • Dec. 6 • Jan. 3: 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

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Delaware Elementary School
1505 S. Delaware Ave.

Follow Delaware on  

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Thurs., Nov. 3: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
(1551 E. Portland St.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste,
Leaves, and Metal

Curbside pickup will be available.

Contact Jeff Brossard-Sims at
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Delaware Neighborhood Community Garden (1538 E. Stanford St.)



Construction wraps up on first section of Grant Avenue Parkway

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Construction is nearly complete on the first section of the Grant Avenue Parkway between Ildereen and Catalpa streets.

Contractor Radmacher Brothers Excavating completed the construction of a roundabout at Grant and Chrisman Road, realignment of the roadway, repaving of Parkview High School parking lots and construction of a multi-use path and other pedestrian improvements in time for the section to reopen to traffic on the first day of school in August.

Installation of flashing beacon crosswalk signs at the new raised crosswalk at Parkview's JFK Stadium are delayed due to equipment availability. Equipment was expected to be delivered and installed in late September.

"Unfortunately, the flashing beacon equipment did not arrive in time for the start of school and the reopening of the roadway," explains City of Springfield Public Works Engineer Leree Reese, project manager. "To help heighten awareness of pedestrians in the area, we placed temporary message boards at the crosswalk until we could get the new beacons in place."

"We originally didn't expect to make the shift to one-way traffic in this section of the Parkway until later this year. But many pre-construction arrangements with utilities and easement acquisition have lined up to allow construction to move forward sooner." – Leree Reese

Removal of the utility poles along the west side of the roadway and landscaping is expected toward the end of the project timeline.

Crews are constructing an 8-foot multi-use path along Portland Avenue to connect future Grant Avenue improvements to the new Jarrett Middle School.

Beginning in late September, construction crews began utility and roadway construction in sections

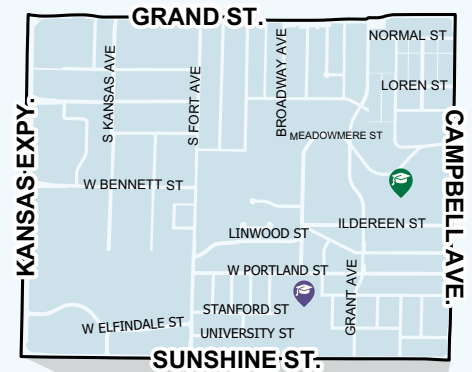


two and three. Grant Avenue will close to one-way southbound traffic only between Sunshine and Ildereen streets. This section of roadway is expected to remain one way for approximately three months (weather and contractor scheduling dependent).

Northbound traffic is advised to follow the posted detour via Sunshine Street, Campbell Avenue and Ildereen Street.

"We originally didn't expect to make the shift to one-way traffic in this section of the Parkway until later this year," Reese explains. "But many pre-construction arrangements with utilities and easement acquisition have lined up to allow construction to move forward sooner. We're hopeful to complete a major portion of this section by the end of the year."

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



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 4 • Nov. 1 • Dec. 6 • Jan. 3: 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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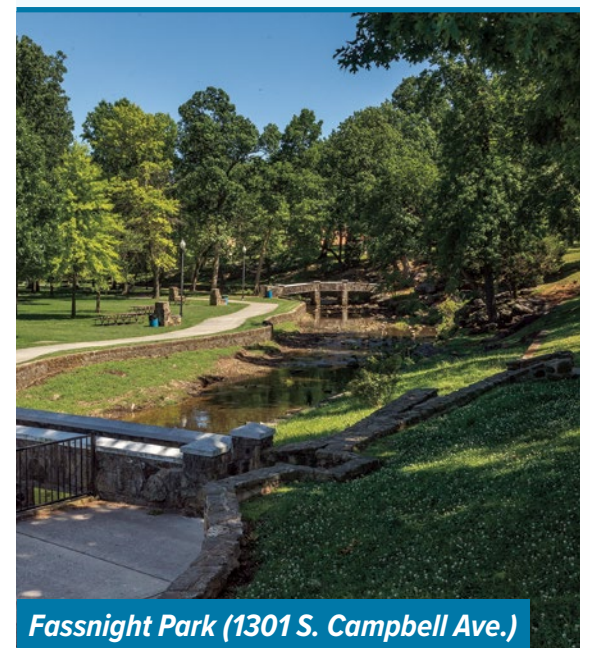
 **Parkview High School**
516 W. Meadowmere St.

 **Jarrett Middle School**
906 W. Portland St.

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Fasnigh Park (1301 S. Campbell Ave.)

GALLOWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD



Galloway Village — then and now

By The Sisco Family, for SGFNN

With development back in the forefront in Galloway Village, many have wondered about the history of the area. When was Galloway founded? What contributed to the “village feel”? Did we just recently come into existence when the apartments were built? We have the answers to all these questions and more in this brief summary of Galloway Village—then and now.

Galloway Village was once a small village six miles southeast of Springfield located along the White River Trail Road. Later this road would become U.S. Hwy 65 and today is known as Lone Pine Road.

The village is named for Maj. Charles Galloway, a well-known veteran who fought in several historical wars. Prior to the Civil War, Maj. Galloway purchased land that he planned to farm. He later used the Homestead Act of 1862 to purchase more land, making him a large landowner. Today part of his land lies along Republic Road and includes Rivermont Cemetery. However, Maj. Galloway was not one of the first to settle in our village community.



In the early 1840s, Jacob Painter moved to the area that includes the Sequiota Park today. Painter is listed on several neighbor abstracts as owning more than 160 acres in our stream valley. The original deed of the cave and the surrounding land read:

Section 9, Township 28, Range 21, Contents: 160 acres; Rate per acre: 1 Dollar, 25 cents. Purchase money: 200.00 dollars, 00 cents. Name of purchaser: Jacob Painter.

Sequiota Park would change hands several times over the years. The state of Missouri would eventually purchase the property in 1920 for the second fish hatchery in the state. In 1959, the state would donate the property to the City of Springfield, and in the 1980s the city placed Sequiota Park on its list of historic land sites.

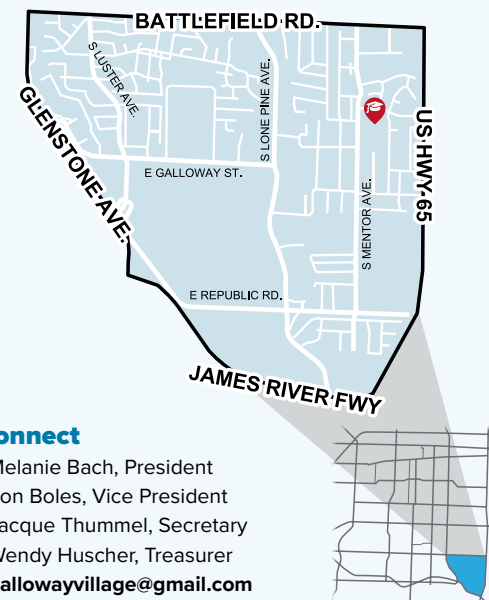
By the 1880s, the area had become a thriving

mining village that included a community of workers to mine the new lime plant/kiln along with quarry workers comprised of railroad employees. New businesses were built to accommodate the growth. A village post office was established in 1883 and operated until 1943. Along with the railroad came the highway interchange of U.S. 60/65 that went straight through Galloway. In the 1940s, U.S. 65 (Lone Pine) became lined with gas stations, cafes and taverns, general stores and grocery stores. By the 1950s, the businesses began to fade away as the new U.S. Highway 65 was built, bypassing Galloway. Springfield citizens voted to annex Galloway into Springfield in 1969.

The village slowed down and was quiet for a while until the 1980s when a new kind of business traffic began to spring up, replacing the old gas stations and cafes with craft and antique shops. Galloway became a shopping village.

Today, our village community is a mixture of the old and new. You can still see original Ozark stone masonry structures and a couple of the old general stores still exist. To many, the village of Galloway is just a small spot in the southeast corner of Springfield. To the neighborhood, it's much more than property with dollar signs on it. It is home to many families who have lived in our neighborhood for generations, some going back to the early 1900s.

Galloway Village is more than just history. We recognize the importance of our past and heritage. Galloway is an area that should be appreciated for its past as well as its future and should be respected for its distinctive character. As the November ballot grows closer, when all Springfield citizens will have the opportunity to weigh in on the fate of sunsets at Sequiota Park, we hope that voters will choose to embrace Galloway Village for its uniqueness, instead of a rezoning that will forever dominate the landscape of Sequiota Park.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 18 • Jan. 17: 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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 Sequiota Elementary School
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Follow Galloway Village on  [gallowayvillage.org](https://www.facebook.com/gallowayvillage.org)

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup (Joint with Brentwood Neighborhood)

Thurs., Oct. 13: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Galloway Baptist Church
(2816 E. Republic Rd.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste,
Leaves, and Metal

Curbside pickup will NOT be available.



Galloway Village Neighborhood Association seeking photos of trees for annual calendar

We are trying to put together our annual calendar and need your help! We are asking for photo submissions for our 2023 annual calendar “Trees of Galloway Village.” The photos will need to be of good enough quality to enlarge for the calendar. Please email gallowayvillage@gmail.com with any photos of Galloway area trees that we might be able to use. All seasons appreciated!

Galloway Village Neighborhood Association PASTA EXPRESS NIGHT

Oct. 25: 4-9 p.m.

Pasta Express
(3250 E. Battlefield Rd.)

Galloway Village Neighborhood Association PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Nov. 12: 8-10:30 a.m.

The Rock (4018 S. Lone Pine Ave.)
Tickets: \$10

GREATER PARKCREST NEIGHBORHOOD



Sanford Park improvements highlight Neighborhood Works grant program

By Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Park Board, for SGFNN

The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, dedicated new pavilion and other improvements with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Sanford Park July 23.

"The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association is a real force to be reckoned with, because as they were patiently awaiting work to be finished here at Sanford Park, they made another Neighborhood Works grant application." – Mike Schilling

The celebration highlighted projects funded by a total of \$265,000 in Neighborhood Works grants, awarded over a multi-year period. The grants enabled the Park Board to build a picnic pavilion, parking lot, sidewalk connectors and new signage at Sanford Park, and make stormwater improvements

and resurface tennis and Pickleball courts at Horace Mann Elementary School.

"The Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association is a real force to be reckoned with, because as they were patiently awaiting work to be finished here at Sanford Park, they made another Neighborhood Works grant application," said Zone 3 Councilman Mike Schilling, referencing the school-park project.

Springfield Mayor Ken McClure said the Neighborhood Works program has been transformational for neighborhoods in our city.

"This program empowers groups like the Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association to work together and make improvements that benefit the neighborhood and the community,"

McClure said at the event. "What makes this program interesting is that only neighborhood associations can propose projects and apply for the grants."

Esterly-Schneider and Associates, Inc. provided the architectural and engineering services for the Sanford Park project, with the Wilson Group serving as general contractor.

Photo provided by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association proud to support Horace Mann

By Judy Wyrick, for SGFNN

For probably a majority of us who still live in the Parkcrest/ Village Greene area, our children attended Horace Mann Elementary School. While almost everything has changed in the world as of the last several decades, some things haven't and one of those is supporting the children and staff of the school.

While this writer's children now have children of their own, the memories certainly remain.

I remember Fun Night each year in October. You could smell the famous Horace Mann chili being made in the kitchen and hear the shouts and laughter of children as they played games in the classrooms.

Naming the bald eagle that the PTA had "adopted" through Dickerson Park Zoo was special. One day to the surprise of the students, "Horace" came to the school for a visit with zoo staff.



Neighborhood support for Horace Mann was a fiber that ran strong for students who needed help. While the efforts were quietly given, it was certainly positive for those students receiving help. Now that we are officially a neighborhood association, our business membership for the PTA and other quiet donations continue to be made at Horace Mann Elementary.



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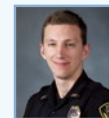
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Neighborhood Association Meetings

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.

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Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Tues., Oct. 4: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

One Life Church
(3245 S. Kansas Ave.)

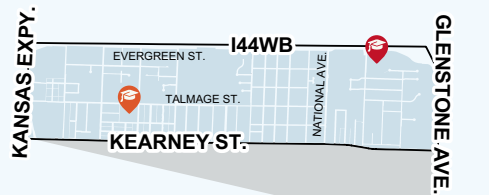
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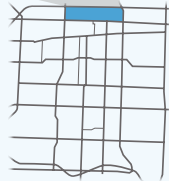
Horace Mann Elementary School
(3745 S. Broadway Ave.)

DOLING NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 20 • Nov. 17 • Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m. @ Hillcrest Presbyterian Church (818 E. Norton Rd.)

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

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Fremont Elementary School
2814 N. Fremont Ave.

Watkins Elementary School
732 W. Talmage St.

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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.)

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Doling Park (301 E. Talmage St.)

GRANT BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 17 • Nov. 21 • Dec. 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

Sgt. Ryan Russell: 417-864-1193
russell@springfieldmo.gov



Weaver Elementary School
1461 W. Douglas Ave.

Pipkin Middle School
1215 N. Boonville Ave.

Follow Grant Beach on

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Tues. Sept. 27: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Central Assembly of God
(1301 N. Boonville Ave.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste, Leaves, and Metal

Curbside pickup will be available.

Contact Pauletta Dunn at PaulettaDunn@gmail.com or 417-880-2453



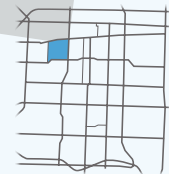
Grant Beach Park (1401 N. Grant St.)

HEART OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD



Connect

- Anna Pageler, President: 417-343-8290
- Glenn Gohr, Secretary/Treasurer
- theheartofthewestside@gmail.com



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Nov. 8 • Jan. 10: 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
bloveland@springfieldmo.gov



York Elementary School
2100 W. Nichols St.

Follow Heart of the Westside on



Heart of the Westside's booth at National Night Out in July was hosted by Glenn Gohr, secretary-treasurer of the neighborhood association. Glenn was assisted by Joe Strycharz, who lives in the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to learn more about the neighborhood association.

HOME & ENVIRONMENT

AUTUMN GUIDE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR FRIENDS AT
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The Department of Environmental Services protects the natural resources and public health of our City and region for current and future generations by providing effective and integrated management of stormwater, wastewater and solid waste.



Learn more about what we do for the citizens of SGF!



STORM WATER

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

STORMWATER QUALITY

SPRINGFIELDMO.GOV/STORMWATER

417-864-1996



WASTE WATER

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

SEWER EMERGENCIES & ISSUES

SPRINGFIELDMO.GOV/SEWER

417-864-1923



SOLID WASTE

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

RECYCLING HOTLINE

SPRINGFIELDMO.GOV/SOLIDWASTE

417-864-1904

A PLACE FOR YARDWASTE

FALL IS NEAR AND SOON LEAVES WILL BE EVERYWHERE.

Owning your own property has a lot of benefits, but the waste created while maintaining a yard is certainly not one of them. Understanding how to responsibly dispose of yardwaste - leaves, grass clippings and branches - is a vital aspect of being a good steward of the environment, your property, your neighborhood and the community's resources.

Learn more at
springfieldmo.gov/solidwaste.



**Want to know if your
items can be recycled and
where?**

To learn more, visit
springfieldmo.gov/WasteWizard



**LEAVES,
LEAVES
AND MORE
LEAVES**

Thanks for not sweeping, raking or blowing leaves into the street or storm drain. Please bag them and bring them to any of our three recycling centers. There is a 10 bag daily limit at the Lone Pine and Franklin Ave. centers.

PRO TIP: Make your trip easier by disposing of yardwaste at the YRC. There are no stairs to climb, materials are accepted unbagged and there's less traffic.

HATE TO WAIT? Organize at home and have your items ready to unload before arriving to speed up your visit.



WHAT, WHERE & WHY

The landfill is not the place for yardwaste. In fact, it is a state law to not dispose of yardwaste in the trash. The Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC) was designed for this specific purpose and need - to have a location dedicated to the disposal of yardwaste and organics.

WHAT IS ACCEPTED

The usual suspects of limbs, sticks, leaves and grass clippings are always accepted. Beyond those, we accept debris from gardens and even fall organic decorations like cornstalks, gourds, pumpkins and hay bales (remove wire or string).

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED

These are exceptions to yardwaste items that can be disposed of at the landfill. Rootballs, rocks, lawn bags, boxes, limbs that do not match specifications (shown above) and trash must be disposed of at the landfill.



**Join us for
America
Recycles
Day
November 15**

**Visit us at Franklin, Lone Pine or
Yardwaste Recycling Center sites
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. We'll have
giveaway items and goodies while
supplies last—we appreciate our
community recyclers!**



MOMulch Product Pricing

WOOD MULCH
per cubic yard

\$7.50

**FINE WOOD
MULCH**
per cubic yard

\$17.50

No warranties or refunds are available for purchased materials.

Fall is a great time to mulch. It helps to retain moisture, accommodate garden-friendly critters and prevent weed growth in the autumn months, but also helps to insulate and protect your garden plants from the cold. It is tempting to trim back and cut down natives and perennials, however the best time is in the late winter months after the plants have gone dormant. Made from locally generated garden and yardwaste, MOMulch is available for purchase in bulk year-round at the Yardwaste Recycling Center (YRC) with a 4 yard limit per visit. Cash and check only. Visit springfieldmo.gov/MOProducts to view products and current availability.

Native Plants

Native plants are best adapted to our region's climate and generally require minimal watering once established and no chemical fertilizers or pesticides. The long root systems of native plants make them particularly useful in absorbing stormwater runoff. Native plants also provide important food sources for butterflies and birds.

Learn more at grownative.org.

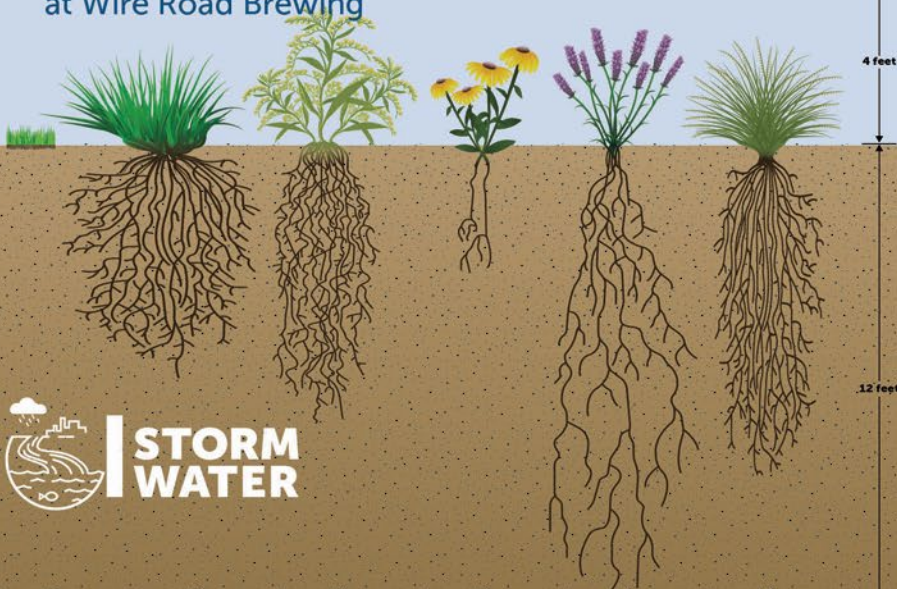
Upcoming native plant sales:

October 1 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Hosted by Friends of the Garden
at Springfield Botanical Garden Center

October 22 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Hosted by Watershed Committee of the Ozarks
at Wire Road Brewing



Only Rain Down the Drain

Don't rake, sweep or blow leaves, grass clippings or yard debris into the street or storm drain.

This practice is discouraged due to how it degrades the quality of our water, affects the stormwater drainage system and is a violation of City Code. Though yardwaste is organic, it adds nutrients to streams that contribute to algae growth. It also affects the water quality of our streams and can even clog storm drains - causing flooding in streets, intersections and neighborhoods.

PET WASTE

**It's not fertilizer. It's not compostable.
It belongs in the trash.**

Learn more at
springfieldmo.gov/scoopthepoop



DON'T POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN!

It's normal for a little food to go down the drain in the kitchen, but even if you have a garbage disposal, the sink is not an ideal place to dispose of certain substances. Rather than washing or flushing away unused goods, proper disposal is key to prevent clogged pipes, costly plumber bills and sewer infrastructure issues throughout our city. Even a garbage disposal won't eliminate the negative effects that food, fats, oils and grease have on your plumbing and the City's sewers.



Grease clogged in pipes

Never wash these down the drain:

- Fats
- Oils
- Grease
- Dairy Products
- Flour
- Eggshells
- Pasta
- Rice
- Bones
- Coffee Grounds
- Cigarette Butts
- Medications & Pills
- Produce Stickers



Instead of pouring your holiday grease down the drain, collect it in a can or jar, lid it, cool it and dispose of the container in the trash.



DON'T FLUSH THAT

It often feels like, "if it flushes, what is the harm?" In short, flushing the wrong things down the drain can have a snowball effect on your home or business's plumbing, the City's sewer infrastructure and even the Wastewater Treatment Plants. That is why we urge everyone to follow the Three P's of Flushing! Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper are the only items that qualify for flushing!

Never flush these items:

- "Flushable" Wipes
- Cotton Swabs
- Cotton Balls
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Forms of Birth Control
- Dental Floss & Picks
- Toothpaste Containers
- Plastic Packaging & Wrappers
- Medication & Pills
- Hair
- Pet Fish (or any kind of pet)

Learn more at springfieldmo.gov/JustTrashIt



**WASTE
WATER**

SEWER FACTS



DID YOU KNOW?

The City wastewater collection system consists of 1,200+ miles of sewer pipe. That is all located under our City streets, sidewalks and green spaces. If we were to stretch all of those pipes out into a line, we would be able to reach, and pass, the Canada and Mexico borders. Here are a few destinations we could reach with all of our sewer pipes.

1,200 miles of pipe would reach these destinations:

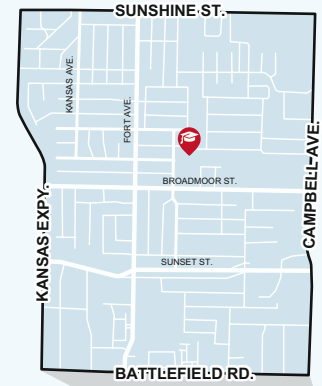
- Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
- Salt Lake City, Utah
- Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming
- Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- New York City, New York
- Palm Beach, Florida



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MARK TWAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

Mark Twain
Neighborhood
2021 Bass
Pro Marathon
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Section



Connect

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President: 417-812-6067 or
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- Kimberly Holloway, Vice President
- Rebecca Welsh, Treasurer

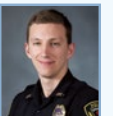
Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 11 • Nov. 8 • Dec. 13 • Jan. 10: 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

Officer Brandon Greathouse: 417-864-1138
bgreathouse@springfieldmo.gov



Mark Twain Elementary
2352 S. Weaver Ave.

Follow Mark Twain on  

Fall-winter season offers several opportunities to interact with Mark Twain neighbors

By Samantha Spartan, for SGFNN

Mark Twain keeps things rolling as we enjoyed spending time with neighbors and friends at our Mark Twain Days at Champion Park on Sept. 24. We hope you were able to make it and enjoyed yourselves!

Speaking of things you may have missed — we had the amazing Pam Stoelzel from



Respecting Choices of the Ozarks at our August meeting as our speaker and, aside from her obvious passion for what she does, she helped explain some things and clear up some misconceptions about advanced care planning. While this kind of thing may not always be top-of-mind for most people to think about, we are grateful for her work in this field as her information helps open up the conversation about the kind of things that people should consider sooner rather than later. If you would like to contact them for a presentation or their services (which are always free), please contact Pam at pam.stoelzel@coxhealth.com

We will again be participating in the Sunset Church of Christ Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 29. The past two years this event has been amazing and seeing the response and growth in the turnout has

been truly astounding. Last year we saw over 600 families with a huge line going down Fort on the way into the event. What a HUGE success!!!

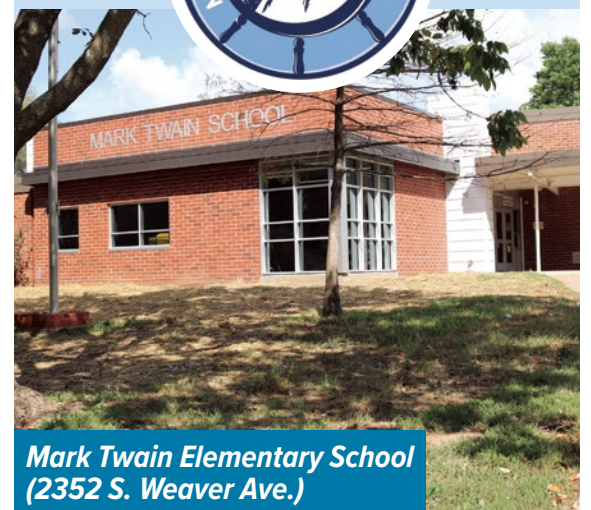
We're also looking forward to once again participating in the Bass Pro Marathon Challenge on Nov. 6, and now that we have a year under our belt, we plan on stepping up our game to be more competitive against our competitor neighborhoods while aiming for the top spot. (That's right — we're looking at you, Galloway!)



The Mark Twain Holiday Social is set for Dec. 13, and we can't wait to spend more time with our neighbors and friends at this event. At the time of this writing we don't have a time set yet, but keep an eye on our Facebook page for event updates and other possible pop-up events at facebook.com/groups/marktwainneighborhood/ as the latest information will always be found there.

Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!



Mark Twain Elementary School
(2352 S. Weaver Ave.)



Friends
OF THE GARDEN



The
PARK
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD

Gardens AGLOW

SELECT DATES ♦ Nov. 25-Dec. 31 ♦ 5-8:30 P.M.

Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo.

FRIENDSOFTHEGARDEN.ORG

MEADOR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

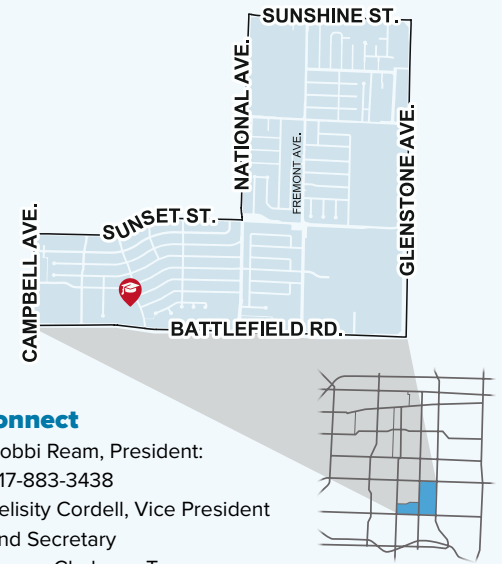


Meador Park and Bradford Park neighbors welcome Cowden students back to school with ice cream social

By Bobbi Ream, for SGFNN

What's been going on? We had a great Back to School Ice Cream Social at Cowden Elementary! We combined efforts with Cowden PTA, Bradford Park Neighborhood Association and Culver's for a great turn-out on a beautiful evening. Thanks to all for participating!

What's planned? Continuation of our Adopt-A-Street project on East Cherokee, and the South Creek Clean Stream project. We will again participate in the Bass Pro Marathon Challenge, and the Meador Park Neighborhood Cleanup Nov. 10. Full details on all events and meetings are always on our Meador Park Group Facebook. We look forward to getting acquainted with you!



Connect

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417-883-3438
- Felicity Cordell, Vice President
and Secretary
- Donna Clarkson, Treasurer
- meadorparkna@gmail.com

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 27 • Dec. 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
jvangorden@springfieldmo.gov



 **Cowden Elementary School**
2927 S. Kimbrough Ave.

Follow Meador Park on  

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Thurs., Nov. 10: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Meador Park (2500 S. Fremont Ave.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste,
Leaves, and Metal

Curbside pickup will NOT be available.



Meador Park (2500 S. Fremont Ave.)

Nominate your favorite neighborhood volunteer today!

NOVAS

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7

Details are still being finalized! Stay tuned to Community Partnership of the Ozarks for all the latest updates!



MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD



Connect

- Dylan Chorce, President
- Brian Shipman, Vice President
- Ronald Ives, Secretary
- Marie Wood, Treasurer
- midtown.sgf@gmail.com
- 417-501-9732

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 10 • Nov. 14 • Dec. 12 • Jan. 9: 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

Sgt. Ryan Russell: 417-864-1193
rrussell@springfieldmo.gov



Boyd Elementary School
833 E. Division St.

Central High School
423 E. Central St.

Follow Midtown on

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Tues., Oct. 18: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Central Assembly of God
(1301 N. Boonville Ave.)

Accepted Items: Trash, Yardwaste,
Leaves, and Metal
Curbside pickup will NOT be available.



Washington Park (1600 N. Summit Ave.)

OAK GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD



Connect

- Wendell Royster, President:
oakgrove1538@gmail.com or
417-840-7630
- Gerald Clary, Vice President
- 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

Officer Lauren Witty: 417-864-1321
lwitty@springfieldmo.gov



Pittman Elementary School
2934 E. Bennett St.

Follow Oak Grove on
ogna.weebly.com

Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Thurs., Oct. 27: 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Enterprise Park Lanes
(1625 S. Enterprise Ave.)

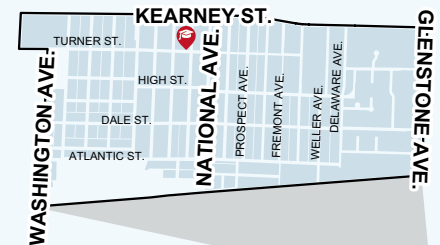
Accepted Items:

Trash, Yardwaste, and Metal
Curbside pickup will be available.
Contact Wendell Royster at
oakgrove1538@gmail.com or 417-840-7630



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

ROBBERSON NEIGHBORHOOD



Connect

- Phyllis Evans, Secretary: 417-693-4023 or symbroomrider@att.net
- Dolly Vranka, Treasurer
- Lillie Beal, Member-at-Large

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 27 • Dec. 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

Officer Trenton Herr: 417-864-1320
therr@springfieldmo.gov



Robberson Community School
1100 E. Kearney St.

Follow Robberson on

Job Center relocates to O'Reilly Center for Hope

The Missouri Job Center has relocated its north Springfield satellite office to Community Partnership of the Ozarks' O'Reilly Center for Hope, 1518 E. Dale St., effective Aug. 1. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

"The move to the O'Reilly Center for Hope will allow us to provide resources that are needed by area residents and ensure we have a presence in north Springfield where the demand for our services is greater," said Sally Payne, director of Workforce Development for the City of Springfield.

"We see many advantages in being located in a building with so many other community partners where we can provide referrals and leverage resources to serve the client in the best way possible," Payne said.



PHELPS GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD



Fassnight Creek Greenway Trail connection project to begin soon

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Construction for a multi-use Ozark Greenways trail connecting the Fassnight and Phelps Grove parks and neighborhoods could begin as early as October, depending on weather and contractor scheduling.

City Council will vote in late September whether to accept the bid of Radmacher Brothers Excavating Co. as the contractor for the project.

“If accepted, Radmacher may decide to begin construction very quickly, so they could mobilize as early as October.” – Joe Hamp

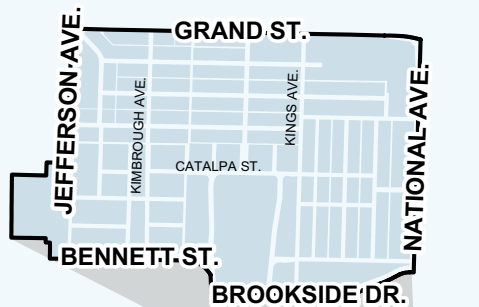
“If accepted, Radmacher may decide to begin construction very quickly, so they could mobilize as early as October,” explains project manager Joe Hamp. “But depending how weather fares this fall, there is also the possibility they may decide to hold off until spring.”

The trail connection is planned to begin at Clay Avenue, continue east through Phelps Grove Park and end at Brookside Drive near the museum main entrance. The new 1,600-linear-foot path will include accessibility ramps and will connect to shared bike lanes on Brookside Drive over a new pedestrian bridge.

The project is expected to take approximately four months for construction and will be funded through federal Surface

Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds with the City providing 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.



Connect

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ptum10@gmail.com
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- Renee Tyson, Vice President/
Secretary: 417-863-0246
- Nancy Danielsen, Treasurer



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Phelps Grove Neighborhood Association meets the second Tuesday of the month at Fire Station 1 community room. Contact a neighborhood officer to find out the time.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Scott Wallace: 417-864-1194
swallace@springfieldmo.gov



Follow Phelps Grove on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)
phelpsgrove.com

Art Museum changes hours of operation

As of Sept. 11, the Springfield Art Museum shifted its hours to remain open later on weekdays to provide more options for visitors and better serve the community.

The new hours of operation are:

Sundays: 1-5 p.m.

Mondays & Tuesdays: CLOSED

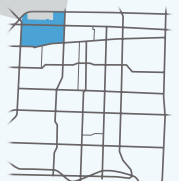
Wednesdays–Friday: Noon-8 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Phelps Grove Park (950 E. Bennett St.)

TOM WATKINS NEIGHBORHOOD



Connect

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Trenton Herr: 417-864-1320
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[Williams Elementary School](#)
2205 W. Kearney St.

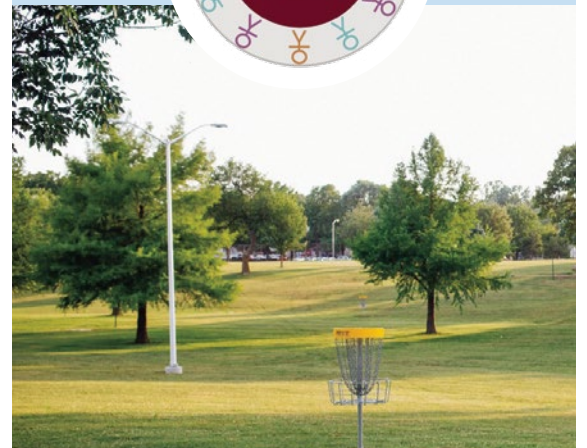
Follow Tom Watkins on [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

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.)



Tom Watkins Park (2100 W. High Street):
Amenities at Tom Watkins Park include two tennis courts, outdoor basketball court, picnic tables & grills, restrooms, open shelters, play equipment, and an 18-hole disc golf course.



Lantern Walks planned for Rountree, Woodland Heights and Greater Parkcrest

By Melissa Haase, Managing Editor

October has been designated as National Pedestrian Safety Month by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration.

In 2021, the City's pedestrian safety program, SGF Yields, celebrated October's focus on our most vulnerable road users by hosting a Lantern Walk in the Rountree and Woodland Heights neighborhoods to encourage safe walking habits and raise crosswalk awareness among drivers, while building community connections through the walk.

Our vision for Springfield is that each first Saturday in October, Springfield families will walk through their neighborhood with lanterns, using the time to connect with neighbors and practice pedestrians safety along the way.

Neighbors, schools and families were encouraged to build and decorate luminaries ahead of time. On the first Saturday in October, starting at sunset, neighbors strolled with their illuminated lanterns along the designated route. Along the way, there were multiple stations where children learned about safe walking tips. Drivers learned about crosswalk



safety and parents were encouraged to practice safe street crossings with their children during the walk. Residents along the route made the autumn walk especially beautiful by placing lights along the sidewalks and decorating their porches and applauding the children for their beautiful lanterns.

The 2022 Lantern Walk is scheduled for Oct. 1. Our vision for Springfield is that each first Saturday in October, Springfield families will walk through their neighborhood with lanterns, using the time to connect with neighbors and practice pedestrians safety along the way. This year, organized Lantern Walks will take place in Woodland Heights, Rountree and Greater Parkcrest, but any neighborhood can host its own event.



Connect

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- Peggy Wise, Vice Chair
- Jeremy Tuck, Treasurer
- Nancy Evans, Secretary



Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 18 • Nov. 15 • Dec. 20: 7 – 8 p.m. @ University Heights Baptist Church (1010 S. National Ave.)

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

Neighborhood PAR Officer

Officer Lauren Witty: 417-864-1321 lwitty@springfieldmo.gov



 Rountree Elementary School
1333 Grand St.

Follow Rountree on  
routreenews.org

Want to submit an article about your neighborhood?

Let your neighborhood president or other representative know!





UHNA more than doubles membership with five-week campaign

By Jan Peterson, for SGFNN

When the pandemic hit, we initially missed a beat. University Heights Neighborhood Association skipped its April 2020 meeting while we waited with the rest of the world to find out what it would mean to us.

By May, we knew we would be in limbo a while, but we had to find a way forward. So, again with the rest of the world, we discovered Zoom and vowed to continue to do the best work we could under the circumstances.

And we did.

We had two waves of fundraisers to feed and pamper health care workers. We fed dozens of our city's unsheltered residents a grand Thanksgiving dinner, put shoes on children's feet and so much more.

What we didn't do was grow our membership. It just seemed too difficult in the absence of one-on-one connections. Once vaccinations started going into arms and the virus receded a bit, we began planning a membership drive.

When all was said and done, we'd grown from approximately 60 membership households to 143 membership households with 293 individual members overall. We well exceeded our goal of doubling membership.

Our leader on this project, Linda Regan, came up with an ambitious five-week plan filled with a dozen opportunities to meet and play with neighbors. The membership campaign launched May 23 and ended on June 30, which coincided with the end of our fiscal year.

Here's what we did:

- We launched the campaign on May 30 and hand delivered to every household in University Heights a two-sided flier explaining who we are, what we do and, on the other side, our calendar of events.

- We held a neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with Phelps Grove and Community Partnership of the Ozarks.
- We had fundraiser nights at three neighboring restaurants: Bambino's, Purple Burrito and Neighbor's Mill.
- We had a Yoga for All learning session.
- We had a family fun night at Artistree Pottery.
- We held a two-day neighborhood-wide yard sale.
- We held a guided tour of the WaterWise Garden.
- We mailed postcards to each household in University Heights to remind them of the membership drive.
- We celebrated the conclusion of our successful membership drive with a food truck night, with visits from Chameleon Cuisine's Taco Truck and Fizz Sips and Sweets.

With each event or contact, we'd see small boosts in membership — 10 here, 12 there. They began to add up.

In addition to the paper applications, UHNA Secretary Annette Hollon and husband Jered created online forms for our website that were easy for members to fill out and also helped us track data more efficiently. Most payments were made online through PayPal, but we also received a good number of checks and cash payments.

When all was said and done, we'd grown from approximately 60 membership households to 143 membership households with 293 individual members overall. We well exceeded our goal of doubling membership.

It was a lot of work, but thanks to so many volunteers, it wasn't overwhelming for any one person and so very worth the effort.

As we look ahead to our next membership drive, we may scale back somewhat on the number of events, but the variety was important. Ice cream draws some folks, pottery draws others.

We hope to cook up new ideas for 2023.



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



Neighborhood Association Meetings


Oct. 5 • Nov. 2 • Dec. 7 • Jan. 4: 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.

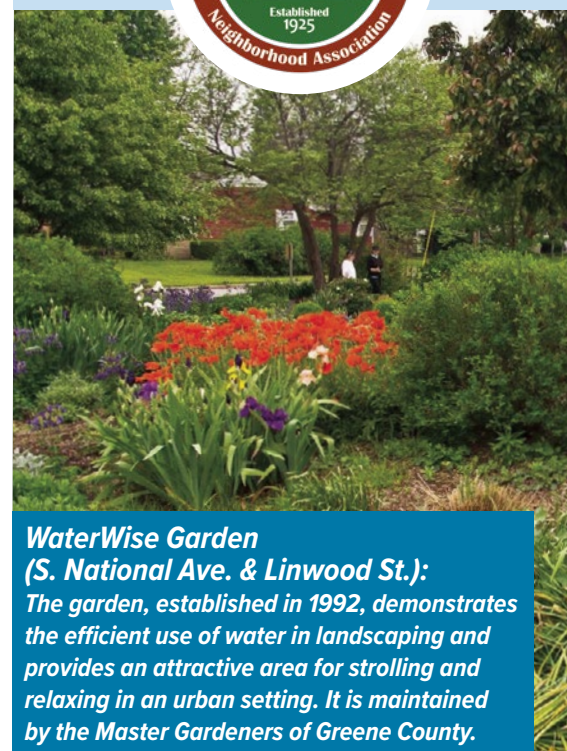
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 **Sunshine Elementary School**
421 E. Sunshine St.

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WaterWise Garden
(S. National Ave. & Linwood St.):
The garden, established in 1992, demonstrates the efficient use of water in landscaping and provides an attractive area for strolling and relaxing in an urban setting. It is maintained by the Master Gardeners of Greene County.

WELLER NEIGHBORHOOD



Division Street reconstruction on track to conclude next summer

By Kristen Milam, Public Information, for SGFNN

Division Street between National and Glenstone avenues is expected to remain one-way eastbound for the duration of the reconstruction project. Intermittent overnight closures are also anticipated to continue as contractor Hartman and Company works to replace utility lines and rebuild the roadway.

“Closing to one-way eastbound has allowed crews to work quicker and maintain safety for the workers and the traveling public.” – Andy Haase

Approved by voters in the City's 2019 ¼-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax renewal, the \$4.7 million project includes the rebuilding of Division Street, including new pavement, curb and gutter as well as stormwater improvements. A new sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of the roadway and a multi-use path along the south side. Gas and water infrastructure renewals will be conducted through a cost-share agreement with City Utilities.



“We originally anticipated keeping both lanes of traffic open, but as the contractor began work, we realized the site is just too tight to maintain two-way traffic,” explains City of Springfield Public Works' Andy Haase, who is managing the project. “Closing to one-way eastbound has allowed crews to work quicker and maintain safety for the workers and the traveling public.”

Haase reports that while the project is still in the early phases of construction, it's on track to conclude in summer 2023.

“Full closures will remain limited to overnight hours so we can keep daytime traffic moving as much as possible,” adds Haase.

For more information, visit springfieldmo.gov/division.

Weller Elementary teacher begins 38th year in education

By SPS Communications, for SGFNN

Seated on a colorful carpet, Weller Elementary School first-graders listen to Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes, read slowly and steadily aloud. Then, as a group, they raise their hands and share their stories about their names.

“Our names are special, in so many different ways,” says teacher Ralene Graves. “With so many different letters and stories. That's why it's important for us to know the stories of our names and all the different ways that make them special: syllables, letters, number of letters. Let's learn together.”

Graves is a first-grade teacher at Weller Elementary School, her home school for the past eight years. But this is only the latest chapter in her story as an educator.

On Aug. 22, Graves began her 38th year teaching in public education.



“I've never met someone with so much passion and energy for teaching,” said Dr. Rebecca Donaldson, Weller principal. “She is a dynamic, engaging teacher, who uses signals and specific, proven strategies to keep her students engaged.”

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 6 • Nov. 3 • Dec. 1 • Jan. 5: 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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Shout out to the Weller Community Garden (1624 E. Blaine St.) for growing several huge heads of cabbages this season! Weighing in at five and six pounds each, these are going to make for some very hearty, healthy meals.

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She models everything for her learners, and she keeps her expectations high."

Graves began her teaching career in a small K-8 school near Ironton, where she discovered a passion for leading young learners in the classroom. She moved on to teach in Mansfield. And in 1989, she began her teaching career at SPS, serving students at Campbell Elementary School for 25 years as both a teacher and a learning coach. Then, she felt a calling to come to Weller, where she's served first grade as an exemplary teacher and new teacher liaison, supporting new teachers in her building.

"I feel like I'm supposed to be here, that this is what I was intended to do, specifically in Title I schools. The students in Title schools have different struggles, different needs, and I want to support them as they find their way to success." – Ralene Graves

"Teaching is a real calling on my life," said Graves. "I feel like I'm supposed to be here, that this is what I was intended to do, specifically in Title I schools. The students in Title schools have different struggles, different needs, and I want to support them as they find their way to success."

Fallon Birchfield is one of Graves' current first-graders, but he's not the first in his family to learn from Mrs. Graves. Three of his siblings have also been students of Mrs. Graves, who loves to build connections with her families.

"Mrs. Graves never leaves a student behind," said Brittany Birchfield, Fallon's mom. "She makes sure all her students have everything they need, including love and attention. Her teaching methods are so wonderful and her interactions with families and students are one in a million. She's the true definition of an educator."

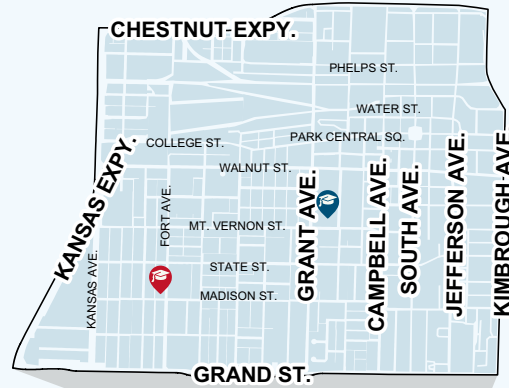
As she helps students count the letters in their names and leads instruction on how to detect a syllable in a word, Graves can't stop smiling. Her classroom, her students and teaching are what she loves — and she's just getting started.

"There's so much else I could do in retirement, so many ways I could volunteer with students and help new teachers not burn out, but there's so much more I have yet to do in my classroom, for my kids," she says. "I'm not done yet."

Mrs. Graves was the 2013 SPS Teacher of the Year and is an alumna of College of the Ozarks.



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Neighborhood Alliance Meetings

Oct. 25 • Nov. 22 • Dec. 27: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
@ Broadway United Methodist Church (545 S. Broadway Ave.) Please confirm neighborhood meeting dates and locations with your neighborhood representatives.

Neighborhood PAR Officer

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

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



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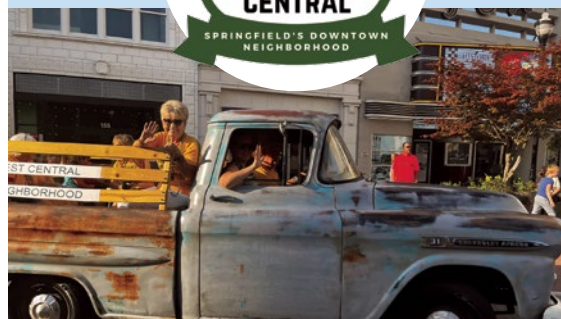
Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Tues., Oct. 25: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Southside Baptist Church
(465 S. Grant Ave.)

Accepted Items:

Trash, Yardwaste, and Metal
Curbside pickup will NOT be available.



West Central Neighborhood Alliance in the 2022 Birthplace of Route 66 Parade

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD



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Neighborhood Betterment Association Meetings

Oct. 11 • Nov. 8 • Dec. 13 • Jan. 10: 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 Elementary School**
415 S. Golden Ave.

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Mobile Library Stop

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

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.)



Westside Neighborhood Adopt-A-Street Cleanup July 23

WOODLAND HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD



Busy summer for neighbors in The Heights

By Becky Volz, for SGFNN

Midtown's Old Fashioned Fourth of July Parade and Celebration's theme of "Deep Roots, High Hopes" inspired Woodland Heights neighbors to create a tree with long (Deep) Roots with our High Hopes written on attached leaves.

The tree was set atop Curtis and Natalie Batchelor's Gambler 500-Mimostly Champagne "the trash-getting limo" along with live music by Murray Hutcherson. Our neighbors The Fools Gladly clown troupe, entertained along the way while our kids passed out candy. Our float won Best Overall!

WHNA's Annual Ice Cream Social gathered inside the Charlie Norr Community Center this year with temperatures over 100 degrees outside. Those who ventured out of their air-conditioned homes had a great time being together!

The WHNA June neighborhood meeting had a special presentation by John Alarid, executive director of Straight Street sober living homes. Our neighbors have had questions about these group (sober living) homes in our neighborhood and John and his team were happy to explain their licensed program. It was positive and well accepted and much appreciated.

Finally, we could have a Neighborhood Night Out in Lafayette Park after two years on hold! One hundred fifty neighbors and friends came out to



enjoy a hot meal from Queen City Soul Kitchen, a very yummy special basil iced tea from Basilico, ice cream and bottled water from Sonic on Historic C-Street. Many businesses in the neighborhood and surrounding area donated prizes, gift certificates and donations. We had a special presentation by the Indian dance troupe Beyond the Circle and members of DC Unlimited CosPlay came in costume! Kids enjoyed free haircuts and face painting. Our event co-sponsor Springfield-Greene County Parks provided multiple yard games to occupy the young'uns. And then, it rained, and yes, we got wet. Thank goodness for a park pavilion.

A group of neighbors volunteered at Reed Academy to fill 700 backpacks with school supplies for students in preparation for the Back to School Bash at Reed. We had volunteers join us from the GSBOR Community Development Committee as well. We knocked it out in less than two hours!

Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association launches Woodland Watch

Provided by the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association

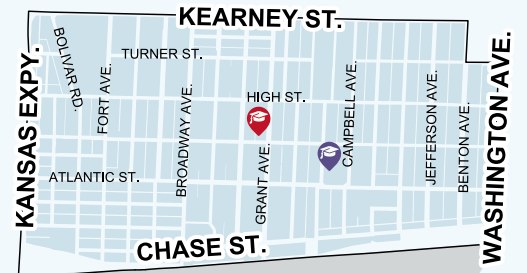
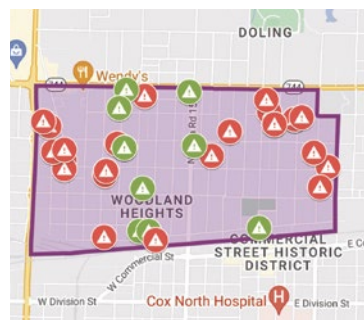
Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association is offering a new service through its website called the Woodland Watch at woodlandheightsneighborhood.org/woodland-watch.

The Woodland Watch will provide a snapshot view of the neighborhood every month. We'll be looking at improvements and at glaring issues. It's our belief that some areas fail in their endeavors because they just focus on "crime."

We believe that in order to improve your neighborhood, you need to understand your neighborhood, because knowing yourself is knowing the way forward. We hope that this new tool proves useful to all of our current neighbors and

potential future neighbors. The Woodland Watch doesn't claim to be perfect. It is a volunteer-created resource that we hope proves useful to our community. At this moment it is what we believe to be the most comprehensive data of its kind that is publicly available to any neighborhood association in the city of Springfield.

The Woodland Watch interactive map works best on desktop browsers.



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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Oct. 18 • Nov. 15 • Dec. 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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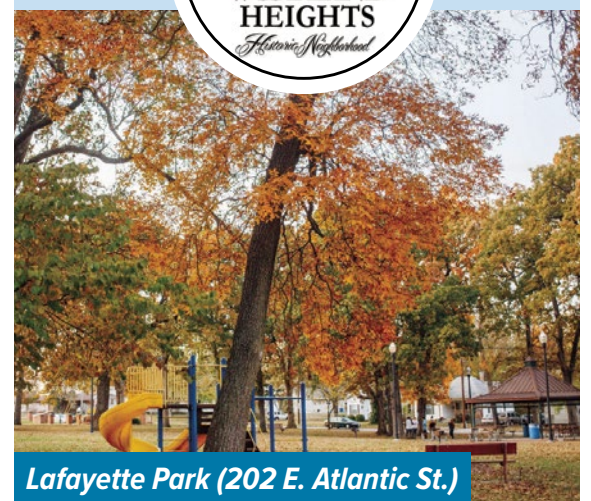
 **Bowerman Elementary School**
2148 N. Douglas Ave.

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

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Lafayette Park (202 E. Atlantic St.)

Events

October – December 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.

Fix-It Fair: Sat., Oct. 8: Noon-4 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. For adults in the upstairs meeting room. Give your

household appliances, bikes and even clothes a new lease on life and reduce waste while learning a valuable repair skill. Volunteer fixers will help you repair your fixable items. No oversized, gas-powered items or safety hazards. Presented with Community Partnership of the Ozarks. 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.

Harvest Fest: Saturdays & Sundays Oct. 1-23: Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., Noon-6 p.m. (Pumpkin Patch opens Tues., Sept. 27, see below), Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146. A Midwest fall tradition! Join the Harvest Fest party on weekends with hayrides, cow train, inflatables, pony rides, kettle corn and more. Meander through the corn maze while playing along with the Agents of Discovery app. Pick your perfect jack-o-lantern from our pumpkin patch, open during Harvest Fest *Free admission; Pumpkins priced by weight; Other activities may have a small fee.* More information at ParkBoard.org/HarvestFest.

- **Pumpkin Patch:** Tuesdays-Sundays Sept. 27-Oct. 23: Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., Noon-6 p.m. Find the perfect pumpkin for the season in our 5-acre pumpkin patch. Park concessions are onsite, including their famous kettle corn! *Fee: Pumpkin prices based on weight.*
- **Corn Maze:** Saturdays & Sundays Oct. 1-23: Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., Noon-6 p.m. Get lost in the 2.5-mile corn maze, which may take an hour. The "corn" is really sorghum, and you can learn all about this important crop as you twist and turn your way through, playing for prizes with Agents of Discovery. Map available at ParkBoard.org/HarvestFest. *Fee: \$4/adult, \$3/5-11 yrs., Free/4 yrs. and under with an adult.*

Harry Potter Day at Dickerson Park Zoo: Sat., Oct. 1: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Join Dickerson Park Zoo for a day of wizarding fun! Planned activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite witch or wizard. Meet animals named after iconic Harry Potter characters. Create wands, play games, and more. *Fee: \$16/adults & teens; \$11/3-12 yrs.; \$13/60+ yrs.* DickersonParkZoo.org.

Socktober Storytime: Sat. Oct. 1: 10:30 a.m., Park Central Branch Library, 128 Park Central Square. • Wed., Oct. 12: 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 S. Brentwood Blvd. • Thurs., Oct. 13: 10 a.m. Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. • Mon., Oct. 17: 6:30 p.m. & Tues., Oct. 18: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. • Tues., Oct. 25: 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. & Fri. Oct. 28: 11:15 a.m. The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. For infants to age 6. The Library is partnering with Ambassadors for Children to collect socks for children and teens living with foster families in the area. Visit your favorite branch for a special Socktober Storytime and drop off new packages of socks in the collection bin. All sizes and styles are welcome. Donations accepted anytime October 1-31 at all library branches and the Mobile Library. Call 417-882-0714.

Gigs in the Garden: Sundays in October: 2 p.m., Peace Through People Pavilion Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and listen to live, local music in an extraordinary setting! Beer and wine are available for purchase. Kids will love the playground nearby! The concerts are free to attend; a \$10 donation is suggested (cash or card accepted). In the case of inclement weather, the concerts will move inside the adjacent Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center. The series is organized by Springfield Sister Cities Association in cooperation with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board. Funding is made possible by Simmons Bank Private Wealth. More information at PeaceThroughPeople.org.

- Sun., Oct. 2: 2 p.m., Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble
- Sun., Oct. 9: 2 p.m., Justin Larkin
- Sun., Oct. 16: 2 p.m., Casey and the Atta Boys
- Sun., Oct. 23: 2 p.m., Deja Crew
- Sun., Oct. 30: 2 p.m., John Depew

Celebrate Springfield: Sat., Oct. 2: Noon-4 p.m., Jordan Valley Park, 635 E. Trafficway St. Everyone is invited to a free family-friendly party at Jordan Valley Park, with live music, food trucks, tie-dying t-shirts, science experiments, games, character meet-and-greets and more! Presented by the Hatch Foundation, information at CelebrateSGF.com. *Free.*

Princess Tea Party: Sat., Oct. 8: 10 a.m.-Noon, Chesterfield Park and Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Rd. Come dressed up as your favorite princess character! Little princesses and their mom, step-mom, aunt, grandmother or special lady create crafts, enjoy story time, get their nails painted and share tea, lemonade and pastries with their favorite princess characters. Register by Oct. 5 at 417-891-1616. Ages: 2-10 yrs. with an adult. *Fee: \$20/Couple, Members; \$30/Couple, Non-members; \$10/Addl. Little Princess.*

Giboney Cave Tours: Sat., Oct. 8: 1, 2, & 3 p.m., Doling Park, 301 E. Talmage St. Explore the myths, facts, and history of Giboney Cave at Doling Park. Shoes will get muddy on Walking Tours. Bring your own headlamp or flashlight. Dates are subject to weather and bat activity. Space is limited. Preregister online or via phone or register in person at Giboney Cave on tour day. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor or 417-833-8647. Ages: 5 yrs. and up (5-17 yrs. with an adult). *Fee: \$5/Person, \$16/Family of 4.*

Second Sunday Concerts - Junaita Lee & Kenny Key: Sun., Oct. 9: 2 p.m., The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. For adults in the auditorium. Juanita Lee and Kenny Kay sing duets of their favorite country, folk and pop songs featuring guitar and rich harmonious vocals. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.

History Keeper Luncheon: Community Philanthropists were Domestic Workers by Day: Thurs., Oct. 13: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Timmons Hall, 1055 E. Webster St. Timmons Hall in collaboration with MSU Archives Special Collections and the History Museum on the Square present "Themed Luncheon Gatherings" to identify local African American history, scan personal materials for preservation, collect primary stories, in conjunction with celebrating the elders of the community. *Fee: \$10.* ParkBoard.org/TimmonsHall.

What's Popping in the Heirloom Seed Garden: Sat., Oct. 15: 1-3 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. For families with children of all ages in the upstairs meeting room. It's a popcorn party! Enjoy delicious, easy-to-make popcorn recipes while Springfield Community Gardens shares information on how to grow beautiful Glass Gem popcorn. A Seeding a Healthy Life event; visit thelibrary.org/programs for information about other events in this series. Call 417-862-0135.

Pumpkin Plunge: Sun., Oct. 16: 4-5 p.m., Doling Family Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Swim in a pool full of pumpkins and pick out the perfect one! Take home a decorating kit with paints and stickers to decorate your pumpkin. Ages 2-14 yrs. Fee: \$10/ Members, \$20/Non-members.

Family Farm Life Challenge: Tues., Oct. 18: 9 a.m.-Noon, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Rd 146. There is nothing more special than family time! Family time on the farm is even better! Join Meant 2B Outdoors for a morning of fun farm challenges and family bonding. All challenges will be farm related and educational. This is a program you don't want to miss! You'll leave smiling and more aware of the tasks required to be a farmer. Better yet, your family unit will be a stronger team! Ages: 8-18 yrs. Fee: \$35

Night at the Park: Experience some of your favorite Springfield parks at night! Each month we will visit a different park and explore the exciting, sometimes creepy side of the parks you don't get to see during the day. Each program will end with a small campfire and a special program themed s'mores treat! Call 417-833-8647 to register. Spots are limited. Register by day of program. Ages: 4 yrs. and up (4-13 yrs. with an adult). Fee: \$5/Family. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor.

- **Halloween Hike with S'mores:**
Thurs., Oct. 20: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lost Hill Park, 4705 N. Farm Rd. 151.
- **Animals in Our Parks:**
Thurs., Nov. 3: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ritter Springs Park, 3683 W. Farm Rd. 92.
- **Nature Themed Ornaments:**
Thurs., Dec. 15: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lake Springfield Park Boathouse, 5324 S. Kissick Ave.

Kids' Night at Dan Kinney Family Center: Fri., Oct. 21: 5:30-8 p.m., Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Rd. Parents, go enjoy a night out while the kids have supervised fun with friends. Children play games, eat pizza, watch a movie, and do a craft. Register by the Wednesday before the event. Parkboard.org/DanKinney. Ages 5-12 yrs. Fee: \$10/Member, \$15/Non-member.

"Young Frankenstein" at The Moxie: Fri., Oct. 21: 8-10 p.m., Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Part homage and part parody of Universal Pictures 1930s monster movies, Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein," rated PG, brings together comedy icons Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle and Cloris Leachman for an outrageously funny riff on Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein" that Brooks considered his finest film. Experience the horror comedy classic on the big screen during this special free presentation. This "Oh the Horror!" event is sponsored by Friends of the Library. Visit thelibrary.org/programs for details about other events in the series. Call 417-882-0714.

Pets and Pumpkins Family Festival 2022: Sat., Oct. 22: 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Park Central Square, Downtown Springfield. The Pets and Pumpkins

Family Festival makes a grand return to Park Central Square! Come enjoy a day of fun for the entire family, including the fur-kids! Pets and Pumpkins has one of the largest costume parades in Missouri. Hosted by TAME Magazine, both pets and people are invited to enter the walking parade/contest. *The cost is \$2 each for all attendees (kids, pets, & adults). With paid admission, attendees can take part in ALL the activities at no additional cost, including the walking parade and costume contest!* 100% of the gate fee is donated to local, non-profit children and animal organizations. The event helps support organizations dedicated to helping children in foster care and those working hard to save the lives of homeless animals. Petsandpumpkins.com.

Night at the Haunted Library: Fri., Oct. 28: 7-8:30 p.m., Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 E. Central St. For families with children of all ages. Enjoy a spooktacular night of after-hours fun with creepy games, scary stories, crafts, treats and punch. Families welcome; all youth must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Call 417-862-0135.

Monster Mash Costume Parade: Sat., Oct. 29: 11 a.m., The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy. Fall all ages in the Children's Department. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We'll meet in the Children's Department for not-so-scary stories, then parade through the library and collect treats. Call 417-865-1340.

Bass Pro Marathon & Neighborhood Cheering Challenge: Sun., Nov. 6: 7-11 a.m.

Twirl-a-Rounds Round Dance: Sun., Nov. 6: 2-4:30 p.m., Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St. Round Dance is choreographed and cued ballroom dancing, with elements of foxtrot, waltz, cha-cha and rumba. This event is held quarterly called by Carolyn and Tony Ahart. All dancers must have a partner. Ages 12 yrs. and up. Fee: \$5/Person.

Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Zoo: Fri., Nov. 11: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Free zoo admission for military veterans with ID, and their immediate family. DickersonParkZoo.org.

Humanities, Vol. 1 Exhibition: Closes Nov. 13: Wed.-Fri. Noon- 8 p.m.; 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. More at sgfmuseum.org/265/Humanities-Vol-1.

• **Gallery Talk with Jordan Seyer:** Wed., Oct. 19: 6 p.m., Eldredge Gallery. Gallery Services Associate Jordan Seyer will discuss her approach to selecting objects on view in Humanities, Vol. 1 through personal connection, aesthetic interest, and formal painting techniques. This program is free, but space in-gallery is limited so registration is required at sgfmuseum.org/265/Humanities-Vol-1.



HARVEST FEST
RUTLEDGE-WILSON FARM PARK
 3825 W. Farm Rd. 146, Springfield, Mo.
WEEKENDS, Oct. 1-23

Corn maze Pony Rides
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Cow Train Pedal Tractors
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Pumpkin PATCH
 Sept. 27-Oct. 23 | Tues.-Fri.
 Pumpkins sold by weight, while supplies last.

FREE ADMISSION!
Small fee for most activities.

The PARK
 SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
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Second Sunday Concerts - Melinda Mullins: Sun., Nov. 13: 2 p.m., The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave. For adults in the auditorium. Melinda Mullins will perform songs from The Johnny Mullins Collection, featuring unreleased music by her Grammy-nominated father whose songwriting career spanned more than 60 years, including hits for Loretta Lynn, Porter Wagoner and other artists. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 417-882-0714.

Sequoiata Cave Boat Tours: Sat. & Sun., Nov. 19 & 20: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sequiota Park, 3500 S. Lone Pine Ave. Guides slowly paddle participants through Sequiota Cave, sharing its myths, facts and history. Bring your own headlamps or flashlights. Dates subject to weather and bat activity. Space is limited, so register early, by the day before the tour. ParkBoard.org/Outdoor. No on-site registration. Ages: 4 yrs. and up (4-12 yrs. with an adult). Fee: \$10/Adult; \$8/youth 4-15 yrs.

Humanities, Vol. 2 Exhibition: Through Feb. 12, 2023: Wed.-Fri. Noon- 8 p.m.; 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

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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. More at sgfmuseum.org/266/Humanities-Vol-2.

- **Artist Talk & Performance with Jin J. X:**
Thurs., Oct. 13: 6:30 p.m., Weisel Gallery
- **Artist Talk with Sarah Wilcoxon:**
Thurs., Oct. 27: 6 p.m., Weisel Gallery
- **Curator Talk with Sarah Buhr:**
Thurs., Nov. 10: 6 p.m., Weisel and Kelly Galleries
- **Artist Talk & Reading with Kate Murr:**
Wed., Dec. 7: 6:30 p.m., Weisel and Kelly Galleries

Festival of Lights: November-December. Light displays 5:30-11 p.m., Downtown Springfield. A flurry of downtown events, including holiday shows and concerts, free ice skating, the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade, and of course, festive lights. Stroll through festive light displays at Park Central Square and Jordan Valley Park. Check ice skating schedules at ParkBoard.org/IcePark. More information at itsalldowntown.com *Fee: Light displays are free, check venues for admission.*

- **Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show:**
Sat., Nov. 19: KY3 Broadcast 7-8 p.m., Activities on Park Central Square 6-9 p.m. Park Central Square, Downtown Springfield. Join us on Park Central Square to watch the broadcast of the Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show and the lighting of the Mayor's tree live or cozy up at home and watch on KY3! The show will feature performances from a variety of local artists, with the lighting of the Mayor's Tree just before 8 p.m. Join us in the square for multiple activities including selfies with Santa and more surprises. The Mayor's Tree Lighting serves as the Festival of Lights kickoff event.

Turkey Trot Can Drive: Tues., Nov. 22: 3-9 p.m., Springfield Skate Park, 945 W. Meadowmere St. Enjoy a free session at the Skate Park when you donate two canned food items. Proceeds benefit Ozark Food Harvest, in partnership with the Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk. All Ages. *Free with two canned food items.*

28th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk:
Thurs., Nov. 24: 8 a.m., Downtown Springfield. Proceeds benefit the Park Board Scholarship Fund, the Development Center of the Ozarks, and the Ozarks Food Harvest. Register online at ParkBoard.org/TurkeyTrot. Presented by Brad Bradshaw, MD JD LC. Packet pickup at the Springfield Expo Center, 635. E. St. Louis St. Wed., Nov. 23: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Thurs., Nov. 24: 6-715 a.m. *Fee: Early-bird registration by Fri., Nov. 18: \$25/adults, \$20/12 yrs. and under; On-site Registration during packet pickup: \$35/adults, \$30/12 yrs. and under.*

Gardens Aglow: Fri.-Sun., Nov. 25-Dec. 18, plus Dec. 19-23, 26, 30-31, Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Enjoy a winter wonderland at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, with over 150,000 festive lights accenting unique botanical and Japanese themed structures

and landscaping. Cozy up to a fire pit and purchase hot beverages, dinner and treats from local food vendors. Presented by Friends of the Garden. Tickets and more info at friendsofthegarden.org. All ages. *Fee: Advanced tickets \$5/Adult, \$2/Ages 3-12; At the gate \$7/Adult, \$3/Ages 3-12 (plus online transaction fee), Free/FOG and SSCA members and children 2 yrs. and under.*

Santa Parade at the Zoo: Sat., Nov. 26: 10 a.m., Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Rd. Have a fabZOOlous start to the holiday season as Santa makes an early stop at Dickerson Park Zoo, delivering gifts for zoo animals. Weather permitting. *Zoo admission: \$16/adults & teens; \$11/3-12 yrs.; \$13/60+yrs.* DickersonParkZoo.org.

Rodney Frew: Nov. 26-March 19, 2023: Wed.-Fri. Noon- 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Rodney Frew, a longtime local artist and art educator, developed a reputation for not only his talent as a printmaker, but his "penchant for depicting the human condition in a no-holds-barred manner." This exhibition features a broad range of Frew's work pulled from the museum's permanent collection, thanks in large part to a generous gift from the artist's estate, facilitated by his son Morgan Frew, in 2019. Learn more at sgfmuseum.org/267/Rodney-Frew.

Frieda Logan: Swap Meet: Nov. 26-March 19, 2023: Wed.-Fri. Noon- 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. Frieda Logan was an active local Springfield artist. This exhibition includes paintings in both acrylic and watercolor, gifted to the museum in 2004 by Logan, featuring heartfelt renderings of daily life in the American Midwest during the 1980s. Learn more at sgfmuseum.org/269/Frieda-Logan-Swap-Meet.

Lyrical Abstraction: Nov. 26-March 19, 2023: Wed.-Fri. Noon- 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m., Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Dr. This exhibit features work by lyrical abstract artists in the museum's permanent collection including Poons, Natkin, Francis, Marlene Mueller, and Sharon Jesik, among others. Dubbed "lyrical abstractionists," these artists made work characterized by loose gestural brushstrokes, acrylic staining, an emphasis on rich color, monumental scale, occasional imagery, and a return to a physical and direct sensory experience of painting. Learn more at sgfmuseum.org/268/Lyrical-Abstraction.

Candy Cane Lane: Fri.-Sun., Dec. 2-4, 9-11, and 16-18: 5-9 p.m., Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 825 W. Farm Road 146. Turn on the holiday music and drive through the farm, enjoying dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 10,000 lights. Friday-Sunday nights only. All Ages. *Fee: \$5/vehicle.*

Christmas at the Farmstead: Sat., Dec. 3: 1-3 p.m., Gray/Campbell Farmstead at the Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. An old-fashioned holiday celebration. Help decorate with handmade vintage ornaments and enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and carols. All ages. *Free.*

StoryWalk: Dec. 6-27: Sunrise to Sunset, Springfield Botanical Gardens, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Discover pages of the book, "Over and Under the Snow," as you walk along a path in the park. Presented in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District. All ages. *Free.*

Santa Dive: Sat., Dec. 10: 6-7 p.m., Chesterfield Family Center, 2511 W. Republic Rd. Swim with Santa and get your picture taken underwater or at the surface. Try out different poses and smile for the camera! Take home a craft kit to create your own holiday ornament. Ages 2-10 yrs. *Fee: \$10/Members, \$20/Non-members.*

Parents Morning Out: Sat., Dec. 17: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Springfield Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Need some shopping time alone? Bring your child to the Botanical Center for a morning of fun and activities. Registration required. Botanical Center: 417-891-1515. Ages 4-12 yrs. *Fee: \$20/child.*

Gardens Aglow Behind the Scenes: Wed., Dec. 21, 6-7 p.m. Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, 2400 S. Scenic Ave. Learn the secrets of our biggest annual event in a behind-the-scenes walk through Gardens Aglow. *Fee covers admission, registration required.* Botanical Center 417-891-1515. Ages: 18 yrs. and up. *Free: \$5/presale, \$7/at the gate.*

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS

Grant Beach: Tues., Sept. 27: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Assembly of God, 1301 N. Boonville Ave. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will be available. Contact Pauletta Dunn at paulettadunn@gmail.com or 417-880-2453.

Greater Parkcrest: Tues., Oct. 4: 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., One Life Church, 3245 S. Kansas Ave. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

Galloway Village/Brentwood: Thurs., Oct. 13: 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Galloway Baptist Church, 2816 E. Republic Rd. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

Midtown: Tues., Oct. 18: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Central Assembly of God, 1301 N. Boonville Ave. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

West Central: Tues., Oct. 25: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Southside Baptist Church, 465 S. Grant Ave. Trash, yardwaste, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

Oak Grove: Thurs., Oct. 27: 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Enterprise Park Lanes, 1625 S. Enterprise Ave. Trash, yardwaste, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will be available. Contact Wendall Royster at oakgrove1538@gmail.com or 417-840-7630.

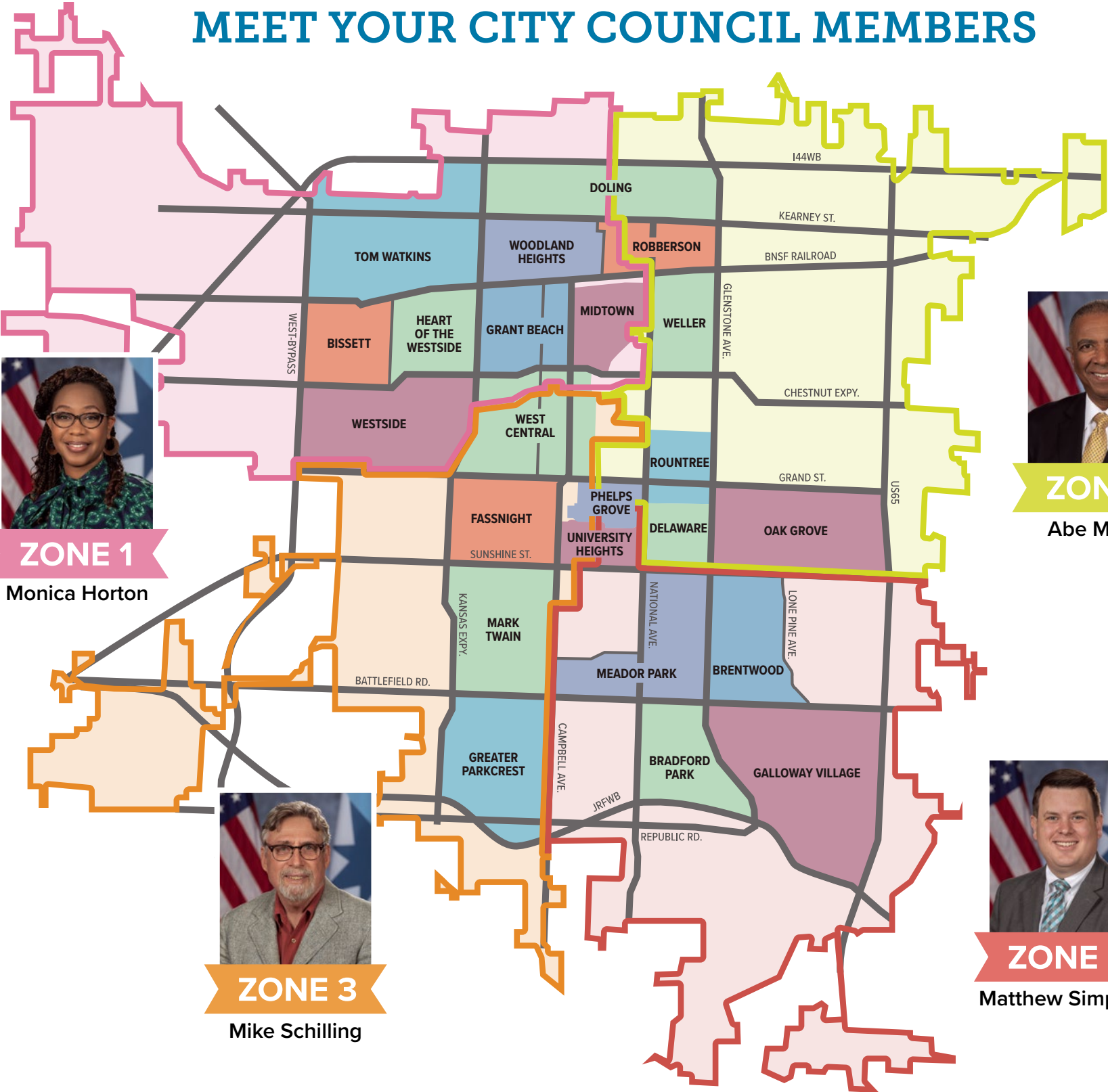
Bradford Park: Wed., Nov. 2: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Dead-end of Kickapoo Avenue and Walnut Lawn Street. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

Delaware: Thurs., Nov. 3: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian, 1551 E. Portland St. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will be available. Contact Jeff Brossard-Sims at delawareneighborhood@gmail.com or 417-830-3711.

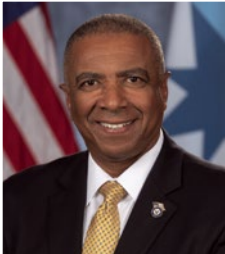
Meador Park: Thurs., Nov. 10: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Meador Park, 2500 S. Fremont Ave. Trash, yardwaste, leaves, and metal accepted. Curbside pickup will not be available.

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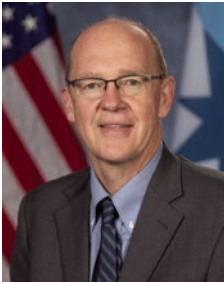
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