



MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

November 2016

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

City Park Improvements

The Council budgeted funds from city sales tax and keno community betterment for several improvement projects at City Park, including the addition of a flag pole, new spring riders and a climbing apparatus at the playground, refurbishment of the restrooms, and painting the bleachers. They also plan to complete a City Park master plan to help address parking issues, consider future lighting improvements, and ultimately configure the best use of the park property.

Buffalo Park Improvements

Funds from city sales tax and keno community betterment were also budgeted for improvement projects at Buffalo Park. Projects include the addition of a new splash pad spray feature, installation of a disc golf course, construction of a decorative fence adjacent to the parking area, assisting with improvements to the baseball infield and grass seating area, and improving the walking trail throughout the park.

Springfield Creek Trails & Recreation Area

Funds from city sales tax were budgeted for improvements along the new portion of Springfield Trail and near the trailhead located on Platteview Road. Improvements consist of the addition of benches, picnic tables, a gazebo/shade structure, educational leaf signs and trail bollards.

Water System Improvements

The city is still considering options for the expansion of the water system and has started the process of obtaining funding for the project from the Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The city currently operates on two wells and a third well is needed in order to keep up with current usage and for future growth.

Maintenance Facility

City sales tax funds were allocated for additional projects at the new city maintenance facility, including the addition of a fence, building identification sign, bollards and landscaping.

2016-2017 Miscellaneous Budgeted Projects

- \$20,000 - Sidewalk Repairs
- \$15,000 - Nuisance Abatement
- \$8,000 - New Trash Cans in Downtown District
- \$35,000 - Community Building Roof Replacement
- \$3,000 - Replace MoPac Trail Sign
- \$10,000 - Subdivision Regulation Update
- \$60,000 - Street Repairs

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, November 21. The SYAA is once again sponsoring a soup supper prior to the lighting ceremony. The supper will be held at the Community Building from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Urban Park, northeast corner of 2nd & Main Streets. We will be singing carols, sipping on hot chocolate and enjoying fresh baked cookies! We hope you can join us this evening to celebrate our community, friendship and family!



SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth Services - Preschool Story Time, After School Workshops (Science, Arts, Cartooning), Holiday Crafts, Summer Reading Program, Lego Club

Adult Services - Craft Tuesday, Stitching Group, Quilt Group, Book Club, Local History & Genealogy Resources

The library provides laptops for adults 18 years of age and over for use in the library. All users must present a driver's license or photo ID.

Make sure you check out the library's website at springfieldnelibrary.org for the calendar of events.



WATER / SEWER RATES

On September 14, the Springfield City Council approved a 3% increase to water and sewer rates. New rates were applied to the November 15 water/sewer bills.

Rate Table

Water - Current Rate: \$27.06 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

Water - New Rate: \$27.87 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.78 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

Sewer - Current Rate: \$27.06 per month, \$1.09 per 1,000 gallons of usage

Sewer - New Rate: \$27.87 per month, \$1.12 per 1,000 gallons of usage

**Please let City Hall know about any changes to your telephone number, so your account information can be updated. Thank you.*

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

Please keep the Springfield Community Building in mind when looking for your next place to rent for baby and bridal showers, family reunions, business meetings, graduation parties, wedding receptions, and much more.

The building is located on the northeast corner of 1st and Main Streets (104 Main Street).

Please contact Wendy Post, Community Building Rental Coordinator, at 402-253-2846 for rental information.



HELP KEEP SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFUL & SAFE

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all citizens to help keep Springfield beautiful! Please keep the following in mind throughout the winter and spring months:

- Abandoned vehicles, non-working appliances, old tires and trash need to be removed from your property.
- Keep all tree branches and limbs trimmed to the height of at least 8 feet over walkways and 14 feet over streets.
- Remove all snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. Do not throw snow out into the street.
- Building permits need to be obtained at City Hall for the construction of fences, decks, basement/interior remodels, sheds, garages, etc. Please contact City Hall for additional information regarding building permits.
- Keep domestic animals confined within your yard and on a leash when walking. Do not allow them to run at large. Pick up all animal waste, especially in city parks and recreational areas. Only 2 dogs, 2 cats or 2 rabbits are permitted per residence. The total number of dogs, cats or rabbits shall not exceed 4 per residence.

- Burn permits are available from the fire department Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Fire Hall.

- Please check the condition of your sidewalks, as many of them are in need of repair. The sixth phase of the city-wide sidewalk replacement project will commence shortly. Notice will be served this winter upon property owners with sidewalks that will need to be repaired/replaced/constructed next summer. If property owners fail to repair/replace/construct their sidewalks within the time allotted, the city can have the sidewalks completed and the expenses assessed against the property.

- Please remember that overnight parking is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Signs are posted at city entrances and in various locations around town. Violators will be ticketed. Overnight parking passes are available at City Hall for special circumstances such as driveway repairs or out of town guests for the weekend.

Please be sure to enjoy the many upcoming events in Springfield such as the tree lighting ceremony, soup suppers, art and wine festivals, school activities and programs, and special Springfield Memorial Library events. Also, please remember to enjoy Springfield's many parks and recreational facilities and to support all of Springfield's local businesses. - Happy Holidays! Robert Roseland, Mayor

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