



Mayor's Newsletter – November 2017

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

Buffalo Park Improvements

- The walking trail was recently widened and overlaid with new asphalt. We hope everyone enjoys the new trail!
- The tiered grass seating area at the ball field also received a face lift. The deteriorating railroad ties were removed and new block walls and concrete steps were installed.
- The city budgeted funds to pave a portion of the parking lot. Bids are being obtained and construction will hopefully begin next spring/summer.
- The final splash pad spray feature will be installed next spring. We can't wait to see the splash pad complete!

City Park Improvements

- The city budgeted funds for the addition of ball field lighting. The city will coordinate with Springfield Platteview Community Schools and the SYAA on this project. Efforts will be made to limit impact the lights may have on neighboring property owners. A new flag pole is also planned for the park.

Springfield Creek Trails & Recreation Area

- A new picnic shelter and picnic tables are planned for the open grass area between the two pedestrian bridges along the Springfield Trail. We hope you are enjoying the new benches and educational leaf signs that were installed earlier this year.

Street Repairs

- The city budgeted funds for Main Street Bridge repair. Bids will be obtained this winter for construction next spring/summer.
- The maintenance department will continue efforts to fill pot holes and tar cracks this fall. Concrete tear out and replacement will resume next spring/summer.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The 4th annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, November 20. The SYAA will once again sponsor 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 sing Christmas carols, sip hot chocolate and enjoy freshly 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 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 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

Make sure you check out the library's website at springfieldnelibrary.org for a detailed list of services and programs.

KEEP SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFUL & SAFE

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all citizens to help keep Springfield beautiful!

- Remove all snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. Do not throw snow out into the street.
- 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.
- Please use proper care and caution when utilizing a residential fire pit. Do not burn garbage or animal matter. Fire pits should be used with a metal fireproof screen of not more than one (1") inch mesh. Do not leave fires unattended or burning overnight. Make sure they are completely extinguished after use.
- Burn permits are available from the fire department Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Fire Hall, 505 South 1st Street.
- Building permits need to be obtained at City Hall for the construction of fences, decks, sheds, garages, basement/interior remodels, 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.
- Visible address numbers are recommended on all buildings and homes in order for police and fire/rescue services to respond to emergencies.
- 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 for Springfield residents at City Hall for special circumstances such as driveway repairs or out of town guests for the weekend.
- Please check the condition of your sidewalks, as many of them are in need of repair. The seventh phase of the city-wide sidewalk replacement project will commence after the first of the year. Notice will be served 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.

WATER / SEWER RATES

On September 19, the Springfield City Council approved a 3% increase to water and sewer rates. New rates were applied to the November 15 water/sewer bills.

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

Water – New Rate: \$28.71 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.86 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

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

Sewer – New Rate: \$28.71 per month, \$1.15 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.*

Please be sure to enjoy the many upcoming events in Springfield such as the tree lighting ceremony, soup suppers, art and wine festivals, school programs, and special library events. Also, please visit Springfield's many parks and recreational facilities and remember to support our local businesses.

Happy Holidays! Robert Roseland, Mayor