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## Mayor's Newsletter – October 2018

### UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

#### Park Improvements

- The city budgeted funds for the addition of new LED ball field lights at Buffalo Park. Springfield Platteview Community Schools is partnering with the city on this project.
- The second phase of parking lot paving improvements at Buffalo Park is scheduled for fall construction.
- The tennis court will be removed at City Park to make room for the addition of a crushed asphalt parking area.
- New bleacher shade structures, picnic tables, trash cans and flag poles are planned for City Park.

#### City-Wide Community Betterment

- Eight new flower planters will be purchased for downtown Main Street. The planters will match the existing benches and trash cans.
- The upstairs restroom at the Community Building will be remodeled this winter. We hope to add a child changing station to this restroom.
- Staff plans to redesign the city website over the next year. City promotional materials will also receive a facelift.

#### Maintenance Department

- The maintenance department will continue efforts to fill pot holes and tar cracks this fall. Concrete tear out and replacement on Valley Drive and Platteview Drive will resume next spring/summer. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our streets.
- Two new sanders for the plow trucks, a backup generator for the maintenance shop and a cover for salt storage at the maintenance facility were included in the FY18-19 budget.

### ***“MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT” – A SPRINGFIELD HOLIDAY TRADITION***

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Monday, November 19. The SYAA will once again sponsor a soup supper at the Community Building from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Kids will be able to write a letter to Santa and Santa's elves will join us for photos and fun!

**NEW FOR THIS YEAR – A lighted Christmas parade!** The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. traveling down Main Street from South 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Railroad. The community is invited to participate in the parade. Please contact City Hall for more details. The tree lighting ceremony will begin immediately following the parade at the Urban Park, northeast corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Main Streets. We will sing Christmas carols, sip hot chocolate, roast s'mores and enjoy freshly baked cookies! We hope you can join us to celebrate our community, friendship and family!

### **SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS**

**NEW Library Hours:** Monday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Adult Activities:** Craft Tuesday, Stitching Group, Quilt Group, Book Club, Local History & Genealogy Resources

Make sure you check out the library's website at [springfieldnelibrary.org](http://springfieldnelibrary.org) for a detailed list of activities and programs.

## KEEP SPRINGFIELD BEAUTIFUL & SAFE

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

- Remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the storm. *Do not throw snow 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 kept at least 20 feet from any structure and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, including 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 to assist police and fire/rescue services responding to emergencies.
- *Please remember that overnight parking is not allowed on city streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.* Signs are posted at city entrances and in various locations around town. Violators will be ticketed. Overnight parking passes are available at no charge 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 eighth 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 18, the Springfield City Council approved a 3% increase to water and sewer rates. New rates will be applied to the November 15 water/sewer bills.

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

**Water – New Rate:** \$29.57 per month for 2,000 gallons, \$2.95 per 1,000 gallons of usage thereafter

**Sewer - Current Rate:** \$28.71 per month, \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons of usage

**Sewer – New Rate:** \$29.57 per month, \$1.18 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