



MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

April 2016

UPCOMING PROJECTS

South 1st Street Sewer Main Replacement

The city budgeted \$204,000 for a sewer main replacement on South 1st Street from Vine to Spruce. The project will include the removal of an existing sewer main that is not properly sloped and the placement of a new main. Construction will commence this spring.

Turtle Creek Sanitary Sewer Crossing Repairs

The city budgeted \$161,000 to install new concrete abutments and a steel structure to reinforce the 18 inch sewer main that crosses Turtle Creek, just north of the wastewater treatment plant. Construction will commence this spring.

Spruce Street Paving Improvements

As part of the South 1st Street Sewer Main Replacement project, Spruce Street from Railroad Street to South 1st Street will be paved. The city budgeted \$100,000 for this portion of the project. Construction will commence this spring.

Water System Improvements

A third well is scheduled to be constructed on the far north side of the SSAP Soccer Field Complex later this year. The City Council recently entered into a loan agreement with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$1,120,000. As part of the Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the city is eligible for 20% loan forgiveness, which would be \$222,400. The city currently operates on two wells and a third well is needed in order to keep up with current usage and future growth. The City Council intends to use water cash reserves and current water revenue to make the annual loan payments.

New Maintenance Facility

The Council budgeted \$280,000 from city sales tax in fiscal year 2015-2016 for the continued construction of a new maintenance facility on the northeast corner of South 1st Street and Pflug Road. The new facility will consist of an 11,200 square foot building with six bays, offices and outdoor storage for sand, gravel, rock, etc. A six foot fence, landscaping and appropriate signage are also planned for the facility.

Highway 50 Overlay

The Nebraska Department of Roads will continue with paving repairs and asphalt-overlay operations on Highway 50 from Platteview Road south to Louisville State Lakes. Northbound and southbound lane closures will occur throughout construction. Pilot vehicles and flagging operations will be used to direct traffic.

Disc (Frisbee) Golf at Buffalo Park

A nine hole disc golf course is tentatively planned for Buffalo Park. The parks department is researching equipment options and layout.

SPRINGFIELD CLEANUP DAY

When: Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: City Maintenance Property located on the northeast corner of South 1st Street and Pflug Road

What to Bring: The city will be accepting household refuse, junk, trash and rubbish; household furniture; appliances and metal items; used motor oil; tree limbs and yard waste (must be free of garbage and bags must be removed).

Do NOT Bring: The city will NOT accept tires; liquids (except for used motor oil); hazardous waste such as paint, thinners, inks and flammables; computer components.

You **MUST** show proof of residency to be allowed to take advantage of this service. Please bring your April or May WATER BILL with you to the dump site.

Volunteers will be onsite to check proof of residency and assist you with proper disposal.

For additional information, please contact the Maintenance Department at (402) 253-2992.

BUFFALO PARK SPLASH PAD

A new splash pad spray feature is planned for the Buffalo Park Splash Pad. The Springfield Community Foundation received numerous donations in memory of Mayor Michael Dill, who passed away in October of 2015. The Dill Family requested that funds be used to purchase a new spray feature for the splash pad. Mayor Dill was very instrumental in bringing a splash pad to the Springfield community and he worked closely with the splash pad committee and engineer on the layout and design for the project. He loved seeing children play at the splash pad and was very proud that Springfield had such a wonderful amenity to offer. The new feature will hopefully be installed prior to re-opening. The splash pad will be open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Check the city's Facebook page for details on a memorial dedication and grand re-opening event! Flyers will also be posted around town.



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 spring and summer months:

- Abandoned vehicles, non-working appliances, old tires and trash need to be removed from your property. The Springfield Cleanup Day event scheduled for May 21 is the perfect opportunity for you to discard of unwanted items!
- Please keep your lawn mowed and free of weeds. Refrain from blowing grass clippings into the street. Yard waste can clog the storm sewers.
- 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.
- Building permits need to be obtained at City Hall for the construction of fences, decks, sheds, swimming pools, and a variety of other structures. All underground pools and above ground pools, including inflatables, with sides that measure 24 inches or more must be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than six feet (6') in

height, which shall be so constructed as not to have openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches (4") in any dimension except for doors and gates. Please contact City Hall for additional information regarding building permits and swimming pools.

- 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.
- Visible address numbers are recommended on all buildings and homes in order for police and fire/rescue services to respond to emergencies.
- Please check the condition of your sidewalks, as many of them are in need of repair. The fifth phase of the city-wide sidewalk replacement project is underway. Notice was served earlier this year upon property owners with sidewalks that will need to be repaired, replaced, and/or constructed this 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ATHLETIC INFO

Garage Sale Weekend: June 2-4

Springfield Days "Go for the Gold": June 10-11

Sarpy County Fair: August 3-7

Springfield Youth Athletic Association (SYAA): Check out SYAA's new website platteviewjrtrojans.com for registration and game information.

Southern Sarpy Activities Program (SSAP): Check out SSAP's website ssap.org for registration and game information.

Also, please remember to enjoy Springfield's many parks and recreational facilities and to support all of Springfield's local businesses. Have a fantastic spring and summer!

Robert Roseland, Mayor

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.

