

Mayor's Newsletter – April 2017

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

City Park Improvements

- The city has purchased new playground equipment for City Park, including a whale spring rider, grasshopper spring rider, freestanding climbing apparatus and toddler twin rider. Equipment will be installed this spring.
- The city has also begun work on a City Park Master Plan that will address parking issues, sidewalk connections, open play areas, landscaping, and consider future lighting and other improvements to the ballfield. The plan is scheduled to be substantially complete in May.



Buffalo Park Improvements



- A new splash pad spray feature is planned for the Buffalo Park Splash Pad. The new feature will be installed prior to re-opening. The splash pad will be open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The city will be hosting a day of fun and activities at the splash pad in late July. The specific date will be determined after all sports activities and tournaments have concluded for the summer.
- Other park projects this spring may include the installation of a nine hole disc golf course, construction of a decorative fence adjacent to the parking area, improvements to the walking trail and improvements to the ballfield seating area.



Springfield Creek Trails & Recreation Area



- Seven new benches and eight educational leaf signs are planned for installation along the Springfield Creek Trail from Main Street to the trailhead on Platteview Road. The Springfield Community Foundation donated \$3,731.50 towards the purchase of five benches and donor plaques from funds donated by community members for improvements to the park area. Thank you for your generosity!
- The city will be sponsoring “Do the Trail” events to be held on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. running April thru September. Food trucks and family fun activities are planned and will occur along Railroad Street just north of Main Street. The trail will be open for walkers and bicyclists.

SPRINGFIELD CLEANUP DAY

When: Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: City Maintenance Facility 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. *Sarpy County is planning a county-wide tire day for the fall.*

You **MUST** show proof of residency to be allowed to take advantage of this service. Please bring your April 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 City Maintenance Department at (402) 253-2992.

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 6 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 after use.
- Building permits need to be obtained at City Hall for the construction of fences, decks, sheds, garages, remodels, 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 sixth 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.

SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTAL

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.



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