

Mayor's Newsletter – April 2018

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

Main Street Bridge Improvements

The city budgeted \$110,000 from city sales tax for Main Street Bridge repairs this summer. Improvements include concrete repairs and metal beam guardrail replacement on the east end of the bridge. Bids will be opened on April 20 and construction is estimated to be completed in June. Please be aware of construction workers and traffic control devices during construction. Thank you for your patience while we fix up the entrance into our community.

Park Improvements

- The final splash pad spray feature has been ordered 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 the annual “Beat the Heat” family fun event at the splash pad on Saturday, July 21.
- A portion of the parking lot at Buffalo Park will be paved this summer. The city hopes to pave the remaining portion during the next fiscal year.
- The city is collaborating with Springfield Platteview Community Schools on the installation of ball field lights at City Park. Installation is tentatively planned for July and August. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to review lighting details and answer questions pertaining to the project.



**Photo shown does not depict the exact shelter that may be selected.*

- Representatives of the engineering firm, lighting company and city will be at the meeting. The city strived to select modern lighting equipment and technology with the least impact to adjacent neighbors.
- A new picnic shelter area is planned for the Springfield Creek Trails and Recreation Area. The shelter will be constructed in between the two bridges in the open grass area directly west of Park Drive.

SPRINGFIELD CLEANUP DAY

When: Saturday, May 5 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 accept 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 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.



LADIES & GENTLEMEN...BOYS & GIRLS!
Save The Date
Springfield Days
June 8 & 9, 2018

Juggler * Face Painting * Dunk Tank * Kiddie Parade * Fireworks * Street Dance
 Springfield's Got Talent Contest * Games * Outdoor Movie * Food Court
 Mark Your Calendars & Watch For More Details!

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 is the perfect opportunity for you to discard 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, recreational areas and when out walking your pets.
- 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 seventh 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 repaired/constructed 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, participate in the city sponsored family fun events and support all of Springfield's local businesses. Have a fantastic spring and summer!

Robert Roseland, Mayor