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Trail Project Update

Wilson's Creek Greenway has just been extended an additional mile southwest of the existing one-mile trail section through Rutledge Wilson Farm Park, and one-mile section west of Ewing Park. This brings the WCG within 1.3 miles of connecting to South Creek Greenway at old FF Highway, just north of James River Freeway. The spokes of Springfield's trail network continue to grow closer to interconnection.

Trail of Tears Greenway will hopefully be extended one mile from its current quarter-mile in southwest Springfield, depending on the success of our grant request to the Recreational Trails Program through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This very new trail project is now an official section of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, as certified by the National Park Service. This is a fantastic community asset!

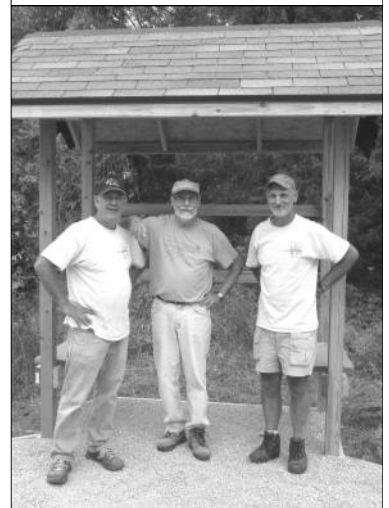
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A recent one-mile extension of Wilson's Creek Greenway, south of the Rutledge Wilson Farm Park, is the newest section of greenway.

Trail Watch, Part II

In 1999, we started our Trail Watch program where volunteers serve as OG ambassadors on the trails and alert us to situations that need attention. A great group took to the trails in their neon yellow vests, giving out OG information while using the trails themselves. When the OG staff shrunk to just two, the program stalled. But, due to renewed interest, we've decided to start again! Interested? Call or email us. The new group will be more fun than ever...



Polk County Bike Club reps, Joel Schroeder, John Jurgensen and Parris Geiser, built this slick new kiosk on the Frisco Highline at Karlin.

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Trail Mix

- Thank you, **Bass Pro**, for hosting an amazing **Outdoor Fitness Festival** in October and on the first weekend of November! It was a fun festival with many happy participants. OG is grateful to receive proceeds from the event!
- Welcome, **Chris McNeese**, to the OG Board of Directors, as well as returning board member, **Kit Carson**. Board member service is vital to making Springfield more bicycle/pedestrian friendly.
- Thank you to **Cox Insurance Co.** employees for raising \$400 for OG this year through their "Casual Wednesday" charitable program promoting healthy living.
- OG's taking applications for **Trail Watch** volunteers. Contact Lori: 864-2015, lori@ozarkgreenways.org



Yoga on the Trail creators, Sally Larson and Abbe Ehlers, greeted participants as they arrived at Galloway's James River Bridge for this fun 3rd annual event in September. They raised \$1,300 for the trails!



Bass Pro's Outdoor Fitness Festival hosted a great OG5K on Nov. 6. OG member, Ann Bagley, with her Girls on the Run partner at the finishline.

FALL DINNER THANK YOU'S

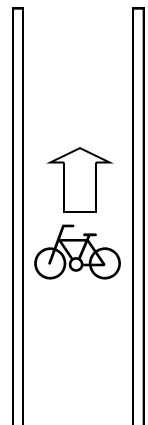
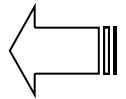
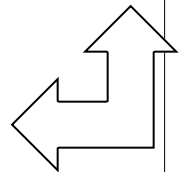
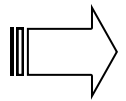
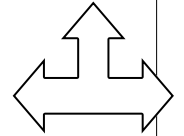
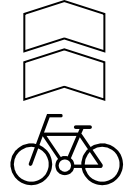
In late September, perfect weather combined with Firelight Pizza's wood-fired pizza, Mother's beer, simmering beef bourguignon, other deliciousness and a lovely outdoor setting made for a terrific 14th annual OG fall fundraising dinner. Special thanks to Ellen and Dick Chiles' whole family, Abbe Ehlers and her crew, all the volunteers, underwriters, board members, auction donors and guests! We're looking forward to next September already...

Special Thanks to Underwriters

- Rosalie Wooten
- David O'Reilly
- Tim & Brooke O'Reilly
- Larry & Nancy O'Reilly
- Charlie & Mary Beth O'Reilly
- Hood Rich Architects & Engineers
- Wild Horse Development
- Conco Companies
- Emerald Opps
- Liberty Bank
- CoxHealth
- Anonymous



Public Works has installed bike lanes along Benton from Central to Commercial, and lanes/sharrows on Division from Broadway to Benton!



new & renewing members July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011

New Members

Matt Boehner
 Carol Breaux
 Mike Brothers
 Dina East
 Teresa Emerson
 Nancy Holmer
 Patrick Jacobs
 Carrie Lamb
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 Debbie Clary
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 Mike Crocker
 Doris Crooks
 Peggy Culbertson
 Jo/Frankie Danderson
 Genelle Deaton
 Gary Deaver/Kathy Shatto
 Michael/Barbara Depue
 Bill/Jane Derington
 Neal/Laura Deshazo
 Ron/Pamela Dirickson
 Jane Doney Earnhart
 Doug/Linda Duncan
 Tom/Joy Dye
 John/Terri Emmons
 Martha Finch
 Tom Finnie
 Jack/Peggy Flouer
 Chris/Trey Flouer
 Hadley/Jacqueline Ford
 John/Martha Forgy
 Robert Fraser
 Kathy/Pete Gassenberger
 Jerry/Joan Gentry
 Carolyn/John Gerdes
 Carol/Charlie Getty
 Topper Glass
 Brent/Brenda Green
 Tim Hainey

Melvin Hale
 David/Nichol Hamilton
 Clark/Donna Harris
 Sam/Becky Hayes
 Robert/Dani Helm
 Donna/David Henderson
 Susie Henry
 Mark Herndon
 Charlotte/Wilbur Hiebert
 Owen/Dorothy Hilton
 Billy/Carolyn Hixon
 Greg/Tori Hoffman
 Becky Hogan
 Gail/Roy Holand
 Mike/Becky Hollis
 Jim/Linda Holt
 Jack/Fran Hood
 Nancy Hopkins/Todd Young
 Mike/Zita Horan
 Shirley Huffman
 Judy Huntsman
 Jacob/Stephanie Hurt
 David/Shirley Hutchison
 Cristen Jester
 Steve Johnson
 Brad/Gerri Kielhofner
 Tracy Kimberlin
 George Knowles
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 Jim/Joan Landewe
 Lisa/Terry Langley
 Donald/Carol Lieberwitz
 Tracy/Larry Lipscomb
 Richard/Faye Loeb
 Les Long
 Brad/Debra Lorenzen
 Jerry Lumpe
 Jim/Darci Mackay
 Jim/Roxanne Mason
 Virginia Mayeux
 Kim/Joe Mayus
 John/Sally McAlear
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 Martha Odom
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 Larry/Nancy O'Reilly
 Tim/Brooke O'Reilly
 Nelson/Flossie Parke
 Heather/Eric Parker-Reece
 Garry/Julia Pedersen
 Don Paul Pirwirtz
 Donald/Virginia Potter
 Tom/Kim Prater
 Deborah Preston
 Anna Lee Putman
 Bill/Joyce Pyle
 Mike/Andrea Reynolds
 Phoebe/Ed Rice
 Dean Rising

Renewed Members

Mike Adams
 Lolita/Carl Albers
 Don/Dixie Alexander
 Brian/Gwynda Allen
 Ted/Vicki Anderson
 Ron/Jana Anderson
 Jim/Janet Anderson
 Andy/Delores Anderson
 Max/Jenine Bacon
 Brett/Jo Ellen Bacon
 Norb/Ann Bagley
 Brenda/Larry Ball
 Tina Ballhorn
 Gregory Banks/Catherine Janeczko
 Dan/Zoann Beckner
 John/Roseann Bentley
 Craig/Mary Bills
 Elizabeth Bock
 Jerry/Marilyn Bournes
 Michael Bracewell
 Wilbur/Lorene Brill
 Mike/Martha Brooks
 Jay/Maureen Burchfield
 Ashley Burchfield

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Set up Automatic Monthly Giving!

www.ozarkgreenways.org

Paypal makes it easy on our website to set up an automatic donation payment schedule—annually, monthly, weekly... daily! Okay, maybe not daily, but we'd be all for it. The thing is, we want you to remember how valuable your membership donation is in helping create a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly Springfield.



I want to preserve greenspace and provide family-oriented recreation and alternative transportation in Springfield.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

NEW MEMBER Tell me about Endowment Fund Giving

RENEWAL **Planning your will? Consider a gift to Ozark Greenways.**

- \$500-Investor
- \$100-Trail Blazer
- \$50-Greenway Friend
- \$40-Family
- \$30-Individual
- \$20-Special Offer!

Checks to: Ozark Greenways, Box 50733, Springfield 65805

Join or renew online!
www.ozarkgreenways.org

There's a New Mountain Bike Trail in Town

The popularity of single-track mountain biking is growing across the country. The number of Americans who ride bikes is now greater than all who ski, golf and play tennis combined. So Ozark Greenways, A&B Cycle and the new mountain bike club in town, MORC (Midwest Off Road Cyclists), are partnering to build a new single-track section along the Frisco Highline Trail! This exciting new project will offer mountain biking opportunities for beginners as well as challenges for seasoned riders. A&B is currently taking the lead in trail design and layout. MORC will organize the needed volunteer labor and guidance to make this a great trail attraction.

With this new partnership, our goal is to build ten miles of mountain bike trail, most of it in time to give new Christmas bikes a good workout. Being located next to the existing FHT, riders will be able to transition from the main trail to single-track and back for a mixed trail ride experience... offering two great trails in one corridor! Stay tuned to the OG website and Facebook page for updates about promoting this new section. We will need help. To help build or support the *FHT single-track initiative*, contact Terry at Ozark Greenways at 864-2014, or Chris McNeese at A&B Cycle at 866-1999.



Holiday Shopping With a Twist *Proceeds from the sale of our new Jim Mayfield color photo posters (\$10) go to OG, and these cool pint glasses (\$5), memberships, shopping bags (\$10), bike bells (\$2). Call 864-2015.*



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Jordan Creek Greenway The downtown section behind the Ice Park is reopening after being temporarily closed because of the construction of a Parks maintenance building adjacent to the trail. This building will also be used as a meeting space overlooking the trail. If you've got to have a meeting, that's a pretty sweet place to have one.

Galloway Creek Greenway The question we probably get the most at OG these days is, "When will Galloway reopen under the 60/65 highway interchange?" Jokingly, we usually say something about how quickly three years pass, which will be how long that section has been closed once the project wraps up in October 2012. We plan have a very big party when it opens next fall! Less than a year left to go.

On-Street Bike Routes Update According to David Hutchison, Springfield Traffic Engineer, Public Works will double the city's number of bike lanes and sharrows by the time spring comes! Their Transportation Advisory Board's Bike/Pedestrian Committee is also in the process of updating the city's Bike/Ped Master Plan. Ah, progress.

Membership challenge is on



We dare you to recruit

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new member to Ozark Greenways.

We'll give you a free OG poster.

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- Tracy Roberts
- Lance Rubin
- Andrew/Laurie Saunders
- Gloria/Rick Scarlet
- Mike Schilling
- Carolyn Schirmer
- Bruno Schmidt
- Sue Schuble
- Tony/Linda Shalloup
- Charles Smith
- Tim/Sharon Stout
- Mary/Dave Sturdevant
- George Templeton
- Jan/Glenn Thomas
- Andrew Thomas
- Don Thomson
- Bob/Dorothy Thurman
- Mick/Joyce Tolliver
- David Ukena
- Ron/Sheryl Wachter
- Lona Wait
- Jim Webb
- Bob/Debbie Williams
- Bart/Rita Williams
- Nancy Williams/Kevin Evans
- Shelly Willoughby
- Joel/Kelly Wylie
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Renewed Corporate Members

- Conco Companies
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- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Ozark Adventures
- Liberty Bank
- Wild Horse Development

New Corporate Members

- Missouri Parks & Rec. Assoc.
- Taylor Molding & Millwork

Ozark Greenways' 2nd annual Holiday Social at Houlihan's

**Thursday, December 8
5pm-11pm**

Come hang out with your greenway friends at Houlihan's at Glenstone and Kearney streets. 10% of total restaurant and bar proceeds during that time will go to OG, so come eat, drink and be merry with us.



Ozark Greenways Adventure Race Coming to Springfield!

Thirteen years have passed since a small group of OG volunteers got together to start the infamous Ozark Greenways Adventure Race. In its fourteenth year this May 12, the race will come to a site near Springfield! The exact location has not yet been revealed, but we are very excited about the possibilities for bringing this super fun event to our backyard.

Details are currently being investigated, with plans to have race category choices for beginners as well as skill racers. This will also be a great opportunity to watch the race and see what it's all about. Whether you're a weekend warrior, new to the sport, or just want to watch, the 2012 race will have something for you.

Interested in having your business' name attached to this awesome event? We're currently seeking sponsors. Our sponsors make this race the largest annual Ozark Greenways fundraiser! Call 864-2015.

LIFE IS MAC. A GREAT ROLE MODEL.

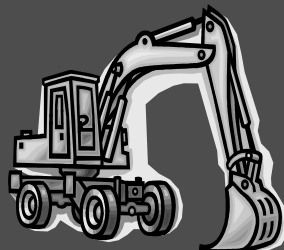
For thirteen years, Ozark Greenways has been honored to have Mac McClain as a dedicated member and volunteer. Dedicated is an understatement. Everyone who has met Mac, has been affected in such a wonderfully positive way by his constant smile, awesome kindness, unwavering humor and perspective, adventurous spirit, love of life and love of people.

It's challenging to find words to describe how important Mac has been to the OG family. Before adventure racing had really caught on in Missouri, he jumped head-first into helping organize the Ozark Greenways Adventure Race. All at once he was course aficionado, Greenway representative and a calming shoulder to lean on whenever needed.

We are so sad that Mac passed away in September. Even on his last day he was in his element, living life to the fullest. There are endless stories to share about all the fun times with him; many that make us double-over laughing, many that remind us of what's important in life. For a long time he's been associated with the motto, Life is Good. Now his friends and family have created a new motto, "Life is Mac." Thank you to everyone who's donated to OG in his honor.



Mac McClain will always be remembered for his positive outlook and for being a friend to everyone he met. OG is honored to have had his service for thirteen years. He is pictured here at the Bass Pro Outdoor Fitness Festival's Dogwood Canyon Trail Run.



OG is looking for volunteers with construction experience and the use of construction equipment, like backhoes and bobcats. We've drawn up plans to repurpose the old barn at the Sac River Mountain Bike Trail into an event pavilion by the parking lot.

Contact Terry Whaley 864-2014



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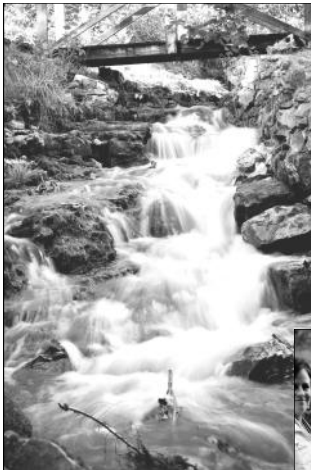
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AT ROCKSPAN BRIDGE

