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Two Challenges Met! Springfield Supports Its Trails

We may be thinking about the economy, high gas prices, the housing market or endless issues of the day... but Springfieldians know what an investment means when it comes to our community's growing trail network. Many issues of today (and tomorrow) could be solved with greenways, bike lanes, bus access. Got flooding? Build greenways. Got obesity? Build greenways. Got water pollution? Air pollution? Build greenways. Got traffic? High gas prices? Low home values? Build...yes, you know.

How do Springfieldians invest in greenways? They get involved in the process. Nearly 800 of us participated by leaving our cars behind to get to work or school at least once during "Bike, Bus, Walk Week Challenge" in May, representing 100 businesses and schools. (See page 2.) And, donors worked together to meet the Community Foundation's recent "Challenge for Conservation", raising over \$60,000 for the OG endowment fund, helping secure our role in the community into the future. We did it—thank you!



Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce staff received a dual award with the Community Foundation for most employee participation in the Bike, Bus, Walk Week Challenge in May.

Outdoor Fitness Festival Seeks Volunteers

What started as an annual 5K/10K, is turning the corner on its second year of expansion. This 10th annual event is expanding even further with a week's worth of activities, Oct. 25-Nov. 2.

In addition to the 5K/10K run, half marathon and marathon, kids run and expo—there will be a 25K/50K trail run at Dogwood Canyon and a metric century bike ride in Springfield with shorter ride options. There are so many things to choose from that we recommend going to the event's website to find complete details.

www.basspro.com/fitness

Volunteering is also a great fun way to enjoy this event—and we can use your help! Volunteer responsibilities range from course support at intersections (best seats in the house) to helping at aide stations or the registration table.

Can you volunteer? Call Lori Tack at 864-2015.

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Meet the Winners of the Bike, Bus, Walk Week Challenge



Thank you Adventure Race Underwriters

We so appreciate all the wonderful people who worked hard to organize the 9th annual Ozark Greenways Adventure Race, May 31! It was a great fundraiser and produced many fun memories. The HAM radio operators were again at the helm of command central, working a network of seamless communication throughout a very long day. Thanks to the planning committee, volunteers and everyone who participated, especially these underwriters:

- Hogan Land Title
- Larson Law Firm
- Ozark Adventures
- New Belgium Brewing
- Kennedy Contractors
- Lamar Advertising
- O'Reilly Auto Parts

"We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to."

~ Dr. Paul Connett



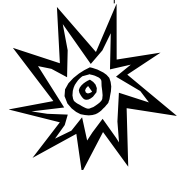
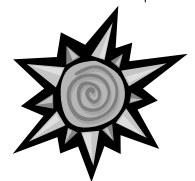
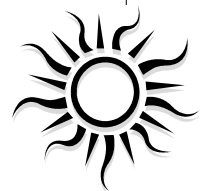
Sheryl DeBoer helped Cox employees win the large business category.



Butler, Rosenbury & Partners Architects/Engineers wins a trophy—again!



Rountree Elementary staff and students swept the school category.



Thank You New & Renewed Members

Received April 1—June 30

New Members— Welcome!

Teresa & Daren Allen
Ron & Jana Anderson
Clinton Copeland
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Project Update

Land Trust Committee We're again utilizing the Farmland Protection Program for two projects underway through the OG Land Trust Committee in partnership with private landowners and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. These conservation easements are meant to preserve and conserve historic and/or important farmland, while buffering Battlefield visitor experiences from an incongruent landscape.

One of the projects is being coordinated with MPI Development Co., who is creating the new Terrell Creek development. This easement will protect 70-100 acres adjacent to the Battlefield, possibly coming together this fall.

The other project is in conjunction with landowner, Bud Carroll, and will preserve 10 acres immediately behind the Ray House, hopefully this spring.

Recreational Trails Program Two grant applications are currently being prepared in the OG office for two projects. One grant would be used to create a half-mile portion of trail with historic significance. Recently designated as a Greene County Historical Site, following part of the route of the "Trail of Tears" journey. The other grant would be used toward the 1/8-mile lakeside trail at Valley Water Mill, in partnership with the Watershed Committee. Any donations to match grant funds toward these projects are welcome.

Valley Water Mill dam stabilization Included installing rock anchors and additional footings on the back of the existing dam, parts of which were built over 100 years ago, to provide additional stability and service life. It was a collaborative effort between Greene County, City Utilities, and the Watershed Committee, with funding and expertise provided by all. Engineering services were provided by Allgeier, Martin & Associates (formerly Wilson Hydro) and Hood-Rich. Construction was by Davis Structure & Development. The \$300,000 project successfully increased flood resistance, which was necessitated by upstream development, while providing additional recreational opportunities. Hood-Rich engineer, Jeff Bentley, told us, "Anchor installation accidentally resulted in the engineers getting sprayed with grout. At least we think it was accidental."



Greg Harris joined then OG president, Ron Caplinger (right), in September 2005, to celebrate the "Mayors Meet in the Middle" event showcasing the opening of the entire Frisco Highline Trail from Springfield to Bolivar.

Ron Caplinger Remembered

It's hard to believe that just weeks ago, as this newsletter is written, we suddenly lost one of our Ozark Greenways advisory board members, Ron Caplinger. Ron served as an OG board member for several years, as president in 2005 and chair of our Land Trust Committee. He was especially interested in preserving important land for future generations, such as we did in partnership with Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Nancy, and their entire family.

A memorial fund has been set up to honor Ron. Plans are being discussed as to best use the funds. The following friends have given in memoriam.

Gregory & Ellsa Bowcott
James & Carolyn Corbin
Nancy Brown Dornan
Gregory & Kathryn Duethman
Barry & Susan Farber
Billie Kay & David Gohn
Grace & Galen Hasler
Mr. & Mrs. James Murrell
Bruce Jacobson
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Downtown's First Friday ArtWalk in May was a great venue for "Rally in Patton Alley"—an event to promote "Bike, Bus, Walk Week" and alternative transportation in Springfield. Thank you, Queen City Cycles, for helping coordinate this fun night!



CALENDAR

Monthly Volunteer Workday

Saturday, July 18 (9am-Noon)
Valley Water Mill hiking trail

Monthly Volunteer Workday

August 16/September 20 (9am-Noon)
Check website calendar for details

5th annual Moonlight Bike Ride

Saturday, August 23 (8pm)

Hosted by Discovery Center (mm, pancakes)

For details, go to our website or call
Charlotte McCoy at 862-9910x713

11th annual Fall Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, September 25 (6:30pm)

Evening by the Creek, Limited to 120 guests

Bass Pro Outdoor Fitness Festival

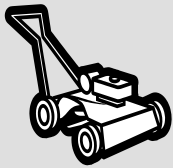
October 25-November 2

Need volunteers! www.basspro.com/fitness

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Lawn Maintenance Affects Ground-Level Ozone

Guest Column by Doug Neidigh,
Springfield-Greene County Health Department
and Ozarks Clean Air Alliance

Under the new EPA regulations established in March of this year, the Springfield Metropolitan Area currently does not meet ground-level ozone standards. Therefore, it's up to our community to reduce air pollution that contributes to ground-level ozone. One of these sources is in our own backyards.

Did you know that mowing your lawn for one hour with a gas-powered push mower produces as much pollution as 11 cars driving for an hour? The gas-powered lawn and garden equipment we use generates significant amounts of pollution that contributes to the formation of ground-level ozone everyday. Ground-level ozone is an air pollutant that's formed when nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds react with heat and sunlight. High concentrations of ozone can cause health hazards and damage plants and crops. The good news is that we can easily reduce these levels. Here are some easy tips:

- **Plant native flowers and shrubs** to reduce your mowing area.
- **Maintain** your gas-powered lawn mowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, etc. Properly tuned motors and sharp cutting blades will help use less fuel.
- **Mow later in the day.** Ground-level ozone forms during the day with the help of heat and sunlight. By mowing in the evening, when it's cooler, you will help reduce the formation of ozone.
- **Do not mow on Ozone Alert days.** Postpone lawn maintenance until the weather improves (lower ozone day). Ozone Alert days are forecasted on www.showmecleanair.com, and on local weather reports.
- **Avoid spilling fuel.** Spilled gasoline will evaporate and contribute to air pollution. Use a no-spill funnel, cap the gas can, close the vent.
- **If you're in the market for a new mower,** consider alternatives to gas-powered equipment. Local home improvement stores and mower dealers carry electric and manual ("Reel" mowers). These are good for smaller lawns. Manual equipment emits no pollution. Also, a 4-cycle engine emits much less pollution than a 2-cycle engine.





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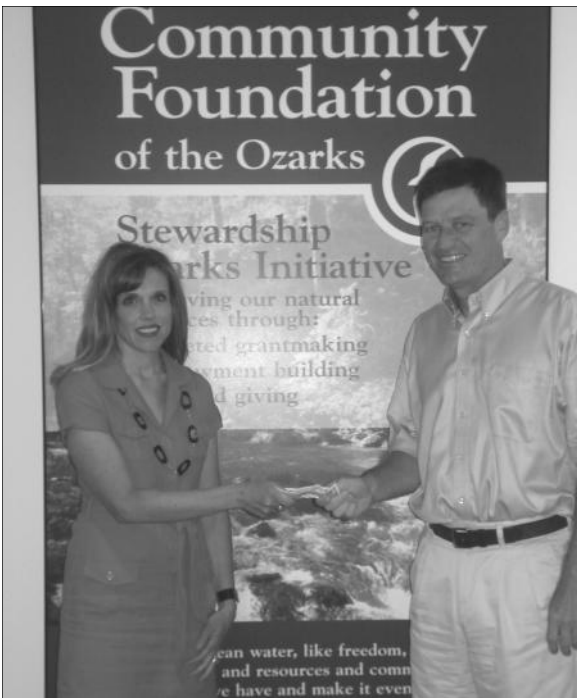
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In This Issue... Want to volunteer during the Bass Pro Fitness Festival, Oct. 25-Nov. 2? Let us know! **864-2015**

We Did It! \$60,000 to Invest in Greenway Endowment



◀ *OG Treasurer, Tammy Weller, handed Community Foundation CEO, Gary Funk, the final dollars needed to not only meet their recent Challenge for Conservation, but exceed it. Over \$60,000 has been added to our endowment fund with CFO to invest for the future stability of Ozark Greenways. Thank you, contributors!*

They Did It! Greene County Employees Saved 1,300 Driving Miles



▲ *Jenny Edwards (right), Greene County Public Info Officer, accepted an award from OG's Lori Tack for "Most Miles Saved" during "Bike, Bus, Walk Week" in May. County employees used biking, busing, and carpooling to save 1,300 driving miles out of 6,000 total we saved in just one week!*