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## Help Celebrate 20 Years of Ozark Greenways 1991-2011

Where to begin. It seems like our work just continues to become more and more a part of Springfield's vital fabric—it's hard to keep up with it all! During spring and summer we're busy with events and this year is extra special, as we celebrate 20 years of trail building since OG began in 1991. There are so many people to thank, enough to fill ten newsletters with names, so we'll save the honors for our annual membership meeting party, Sunday, April 3, 1-5PM, at Galloway Station. We'd like to add even more names to our thank-you list though, so bring your friends and family out to the party. Help us meet our goal of adding 200 new members this year, as part of our ongoing efforts to take Springfield's trail system into the next 20 years.

We've summarized our activities on page 5, but there are a couple events we'd like to highlight. There's something for everyone and public participation helps solidify the trail system. Do your part by joining the fun! **(Continued on page 2...)**



*Greenways founders and volunteers reenacted the tree planting on Chestnut Expressway that started the organization 20 years ago.*

## Trail Update

It's been a long hike over the past twenty years. From tree planting on Chestnut Expressway to developing the second longest rail-trail in Missouri, to being the regional go-to folks for all things trail related. Over the years, we've partnered with just about every relevant local, state and national agency. To date, we've secured over five million dollars of state and federal grant funding for our community trail system, in addition to private donations raised through corporate and individual membership.

In 2009, our technical planning committee realized we were nearing our "100 mile mark" in trail development, so we set a goal to reach 100 miles in 2010. On December 14, we announced that we'd met that goal. This includes several initiated projects outside the greenway network, such as nature trails, mountain bike trails, school park trails and even a water trail. Most recently, it includes preserving 1/5-mile of the historic Trail of Tears route with a greenway and working **(Continued on page 3...)**

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# Dog Walking Trail at Humane Society

**“If you want to be healthy, get a dog and walk it every day.”**  
—Bruce Harger, former OG president

OG volunteers and Eagle Scouts have created a 1/5-mile wood-chipped walking trail at the Southwest Missouri Humane Society — a welcomed addition for exercising the shelter’s dogs up for adoption. Having a place outdoors to walk and play meets a dog’s basic physical and psychological needs. When these needs are met, the dog is much more likely to be an attractive potential pet for someone. Volunteers are invited to join us for a work day on the trail, Saturday, April 9, from 9AM-Noon. Volunteers interested in helping walk shelter dogs, contact the Humane Society, 833-2526.



*Leave your car behind during Bike to Work Week, May 16-20*



*The beauty of the greenway trails can be enjoyed all year round*

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to add another mile to as well.

As we celebrate our 20 years, Ozark Greenways continues to become more intertwined with important issues such as public health and recreation, environmental preservation, transportation, bicycle-pedestrian safety and ecotourism. Our success is your success! We couldn’t do it without our members...

### Ron Caplinger Memorial

Have you seen the jumbo wheelchair installed on Galloway Creek Greenway? The public is invited to climb all over this stainless sculpture, in memory of former OG president, Ron Caplinger. Thank you donors, as well as the folks listed below who all worked to make it possible:

- Nancy Caplinger
- Terry Brumley
- D & D Welding
- Gene McKeen
- Midwest Sheet Metal
- Paul Mueller Co.
- Lonnie Snodgrass
- Star Mechanical
- Jack Taylor



*Ron Caplinger memorial on Galloway (Gene McKeen & Lonnie Snodgrass)*



Help us gain 200 new members

# NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

October 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

## Join our Social Membership Committee

2nd Mondays, 6PM  
Galloway Station

Help us plan fun activities to increase our membership base

Interested?  
Contact  
Chris Flouer  
[chris.flouer@coxhealth.com](mailto:chris.flouer@coxhealth.com)  
(417) 269-5377

### New

Steve Edwards  
Jennifer Houghtling  
Kirkpatrick Philips Miller CPA employees  
Nancy Lillich  
Michelle Manczuk  
Summer & Jim Massey  
Patrick Murney  
Beth Neatherly  
Victor Pardue  
Sherri Roberts  
Ashly Stelling  
Anthony Stokes

### Renewed

Julie Boyce  
Steve Brooks & Linda Regan  
Bucky & Rochelle Buckner  
Lynn & Betty Carlton  
Thomas Carver  
Sam & Mary Claxton

Jim & Rosalie Cook  
Darrell & Becky Crocker  
Gene Davison & Linda Halford  
Dogwood Trailblazers  
Susan Duckworth  
Brian Edmond  
Larry Gann  
Gerald Getty  
Jerritt Greenlee  
Chuck & Karla Gregg  
Teresa Guyer  
Fred Harle  
Hazelrigg Automotive  
Joan Hickman  
Madeleine Hooper  
Nancy Hopkins  
Betty & Kay Johnson  
M.L. & Kay Johnson  
Donna Jones & Dennis Rutledge  
Peggy Day Lee  
Bill Lindsey

Greg & Catherine Laughlin  
Sandra Lowther  
Barbara Lucks  
Lynn Meinhardt  
Gene Molnar  
Oak Grove Construction  
David Peery  
Beth Perine & Jill Hays  
Kathy & Carl Price  
Bill Prince  
Richard & Betsey Rice  
Elizabeth Roberts  
Lois Robinson  
Madelyn Sheprow  
Marsha & Tom Slaughter  
Debbie Sutliff  
Barbara Tombridge  
Katy Tynes & Stan Haseltine  
Charles Vermillion

Renewing Corporate Members  
Springbike Club—\$1,000!

*Bruce Adib-Yazdi drove the off-road "trash truck", sweeping the course of Bass Pro's rugged Dogwood Canyon 25K/50K trail runs in October during the Outdoor Fitness Festival, benefiting OG (292 runners, wow)*



Thank you, Chris Flouer!  
You've done a fantastic job as our 2010 OG president.

Don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't yet.

A new Ozark Greenways website and trail map is coming soon.

Way to go, Mark Bonham, OG intern extraordinaire.

## Yes, I want to help preserve greenspace and provide family-oriented recreation in the Springfield community.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

- Endowment Fund
- \$500-Corporate Member
- \$100-Trail Blazer
- \$50-Greenway Friend
- \$40-Family
- \$30-Individual

\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER      \_\_\_ Tell me about Endowment Fund Giving

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

Checks payable to Ozark Greenways, P.O. Box 50733, Springfield 65805

## Or Donate Online

[www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)

## 20th Anniversary Activities—Continued from page 1

### Bike to Work Week, May 16-20

Support a more bike-friendly Springfield by leaving your car behind at least once during the week to get to work or school. Utilize our on-street bike route system, trail system and bus system—get creative! For those registered through our website Panera Bread will give official participants a coupon for a bagel and coffee, CU buses are free all week for those traveling with a bike, and we'll start the week off with a **bus riding surprise**.

### Bike-in Movie—Monday, May 16 (7-10PM)

Kick off Bike to Work Week with us and watch the classic bike films, *Breaking Away* and *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, at Patton Alley Pub downtown! Queen City Cycles is co-hosting the evening of movie critiquing, hamburger eating, cold beverage drinking and chatting with fellow cyclists and OG supporters. \$5 suggested donation gets you into the movie, free bike parking and discounted beer.



### 12th annual Ozark Greenways Adventure Race—Saturday, May 21 (7AM)

Coed teams of four, teams of two and solos will be making their way through the Ozarks in a 8-12 hour endurance race including running, biking, canoeing and orienteering. All distances and itinerary are secret until race morning! Whether you race or volunteer, this is a super fun time with great people. Doesn't hurt that it's our biggest annual fundraiser! [www.greenwayrace.org](http://www.greenwayrace.org)

### National Trails Day—Wildflower Ride—Saturday, June 4 (8AM & 11AM)

During spring, the Frisco Highline Trail is awash in spring wildflower blooms as it bisects La Petite Gem Prairie, near mile marker 32. A great time to experience this annual color is to ride through it on National Trails Day. Two organized events are planned; a century ride hosted by the Polk County Bike Club (8AM, Bolivar to Willard and back), and one by Ozark Greenways (11AM, Willard, trail pavement dedication). Meet us outdoors and enjoy spring while raising money for our FHT trail maintenance fund. For cost and details, go to: [www.polkcountybikeclub.org](http://www.polkcountybikeclub.org) / [www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)



*Trolley's Restaurant is spearheading a charitable campaign, taking place during Earth Day week, April 18-23, by collaborating with other local restaurants to donate a percentage of their profits to Ozark Greenways, the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks and James River Basin Partnership.*

## Green Eats



### **Earth Day Week, April 18-23**

Ryan MacDonald, of Trolley's Restaurant downtown, has come up with an excellent way to share the Earth Day spirit, by sharing restaurant profits during the week of Earth Day with three of our favorite environmental non-profits: Ozark Greenways, the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks and James River Basin Partnership. Ryan's joining forces with other area restaurants (possibly 50 others!) to donate a percentage of their profits to these groups that week as well. Stay tuned to our website for details and the restaurant listing. Mmmmm... [www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)

## Trail Mix

- Thank you Bass Pro for donating \$5,000 in proceeds from the Outdoor Fitness Festival and OG5K in November. Your support is so valuable!
- Thank you to Houlihan's for donating a percentage of a night of sales in December to OG, \$600. (Yum, btw.)
- Inclusion in the workplace giving program, EarthShare of Missouri, netted OG \$3,000 in 2010. Let us know if you'd like info about this program for your business.
- Andy's Frozen Custard's east Sunshine location is open again after a fire forced them to rebuild. They've been a great custard supporter of OG.

## Maschino's Outdoor Living Party

Sunday, March 20  
(Noon—5PM)  
1715 S. Campbell  
[www.maschinos.com](http://www.maschinos.com)

Check out the latest outdoor living products while sampling beer, wine and snacks. Proceeds from their silent auction will benefit Ozark Greenways!



# EVENT CALENDAR

*Wow!*

## **Volunteer Work Day**

Saturday, March 19, 9AM-1PM  
Frisco Highline Trail  
Meet at Walnut Grove, Lunch included  
RSVP to 864-2015

## **Maschino's Outdoor Living Party**

Sunday, March 20, Noon-5PM  
Proceeds from auction go to OG  
[www.maschinos.com](http://www.maschinos.com)

## **20th Annual Meeting OG Party!**

Sunday, April 3, 1-5PM  
Open house at Galloway Station

## **Volunteer Work Day**

Saturday, April 9, 9AM-Noon  
Dog-walking trail at Humane Society  
3161 W. Norton Road

## **Frisco Rail Run**

Saturday, April 30, 7:30AM  
Marathon, 50K/50M Ultra, Relay, 10-Mile  
Frisco Highline, Willard to Bolivar & back  
[www.omrr.org](http://www.omrr.org), (417)459-9340

## **Artsfest on Walnut Street**

May 7-8, 10AM-5PM  
Come see our new display set up  
Park bikes with us while you wander

## **Bike-in Movie! Breaking Away**

Monday, May 16, 7-10PM  
Kick off Bike to Work Week  
with us at Patton Alley Pub!

## **Bike-to-Work Week**

May 16-20  
Take the challenge  
Leave Your car behind

## **Ozark Greenways Adventure Race**

Saturday, May 21  
Teams of two and four  
Register at [www.greenwayrace.org](http://www.greenwayrace.org)

## **Wildflower Ride-Nat'l Trails Day**

Saturday, June 4, 8AM & 11AM  
All sections of the Frisco Highline Trail  
[www.polkcountybikeclub.org](http://www.polkcountybikeclub.org)

**(417) 864-2015**

**[www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)**

# "The Link" is Planned to Connect the Dots



The City of Springfield's new "Link" is a planned bicycle-pedestrian route through Springfield's core that will connect existing and planned greenways. The routes will be primarily on existing streets with minimal vehicular traffic. The experiences of walkers and bicyclists on The Link will vary along different routes, however, the ultimate goal is to develop a system of shared-use corridors that create an experience of comfort and safety, including a major north-south connector. While the experience won't be the same as using a greenway trail, the landscaping, fixtures, and materials are planned to be more appealing than along a typical city street.

The Link will connect more than just greenways. By routing through the middle of Springfield, it will connect other modes of travel, neighborhoods, retail, and employment activity centers. The main centers to connect include:

Commercial Street, Downtown, Missouri State University, Drury University, Ozarks Technical Community College, IDEA Commons, Jordan Valley, Hammons Field, St. John's Hospital, Cox South Hospital, Battlefield Mall. The initial routes are in north and central Springfield, enhancing alternative transportation choices in some of our low to moderate income neighborhoods.

Where routes intersect a greenway or a transit route, Link Stations are planned. Link Stations are shelters with amenities such as benches, water fountains, bike racks and lockers. This will allow residents to ride a bus to The Link and continue their trip on foot or by bike. All City Utilities' buses have easy to use bicycle racks on the front, so this adds to the convenience of traveling by bike.

The Link, like the greenway system, will take a number of years to complete. Not all of the funding is available. A Concept Plan is being developed for the routes shown on the City's concept map with designs for signage and infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, pavement markings, traffic signal modifications, lighting, storm water improvements, link stations and landscaping. Find the details and map at [www.springfieldmo.gov](http://www.springfieldmo.gov)



*Ozark Greenways executive director, Terry Whaley, was honored in December as the Transportation Professional of 2010, by the Ozarks Chapter of International Transportation Engineers, for his work to promote alternative transportation options in Springfield.*



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Greenways*

**In This Issue...** Support the future of Ozark Greenways by helping us gain 200 new members in 2011.

**Greenway Party!**

**20th Annual  
Ozark Greenways Membership Meeting**  
Sunday...April 3...1PM to 5PM (1:30 brief program)  
Galloway Station—Food, Drinks, Live Music, Open to the public  
You can use the trail before or afterward, because it's casual  
Free for members, discounted membership will be available

**see you there.**

### Board members to be elected

It's a tradition—for Ozark Greenways to elect new board members each year at its annual meeting (details on left). If you're interested in serving, please let us know. This year we're welcoming the following additional volunteers to the OG board of directors: (Thank you, all board members.)

- Mike Chiles
- Jesse Livingston
- Barbara Lucks
- Gene McKeen

**A very special thank you to  
Steve Brady, Anderson Engineering**  
For his decade as  
board secretary