

Begg Park Played Host to Disc Golf Championships

The 2008 World Disc Golf Championships, which were held at a number of courses throughout the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo area, provided some great entertainment at Springfield's Begg Park. The 18-hole public course at Begg Park played a vital role in the contest, hosting events on five days!

The event, which was sponsored by Bell's Brewery out of Kalamazoo, ran from August 10th through August 16th, and featured more than 1,000 disc golfers.

There were golfers from all over the United States and Canada present, and a quick survey of Begg Park's parking lot

showed vehicles from Vancouver, California, Washington, Texas, Florida, New York, and many other out-of-town areas. A lot of people traveled long distances to enjoy our park, and I'm sure they were not disappointed!

Events like this should show us that our community is a great place to live and visit. We have a number of beautiful parks, a wonderful farmers market, an enjoyable linear path that connects us to Battle Creek, a state-of-the-art city-wide wire-

less internet system, and many other amenities that greatly improve our quality of life.

It's a great time to be in Springfield! Tell your friends and family how great it is!



WiFi is Finally Here!

After more than a year of anticipation, *Springfieldnet* is finally ready to go live . . . and has actually done so in a number of areas in the City!

Springfieldnet is a joint partnership between the City of Springfield and ACD Net, a local internet service provider, to blanket the City of Springfield in wireless internet, and provide the service to residential customers for only \$10.00 per month!

Overall, everyone seems ready, excited, and optimistic about this great, affordable service that is expected to give us another option from AOL, Comcast, and AT&T. There has been some concern published in the opinion section of the *Enquirer* by an out-of-

state organization, but we assure you that this is a great opportunity for our City. No local tax dollars have been invested to date, and no local tax dollars are expected to be spent on the service!

For more information on the WiFi service, or to sign up, please contact ACD at 877-4-ACDNET or visit them online at www.acd.net

Enjoy the high speed internet . . . Try it out in beautiful Begg Park!



*** Please Respect our Parks! ***

In case you didn't notice, the restrooms at the Farmers' Market have been closed on a number of occasions this summer. The closures are all related to vandalism. They are currently closed, and will only be opened for special events; they will not be opened to the public for daily use for the remainder of the season.

Please speak to your children about respecting this wonderful community resource. More than \$700,000 of taxpayer funds have been invested in the facility, and we do not want it to be destroyed.

It's a great place to get together with our friends and family! Let's keep it as a great gathering spot for a long time! Thanks!

General Election

The November 4th General Election is fast approaching. Here's some important information to keep in mind:

- You must register to vote by October 6th
- Absentee Ballots will be available very soon
- On Saturday, November 1, The Clerk's Office will be open to hand out absentee ballots from 8a to 2p.
- Voters will have some work to do . . . we will be electing representatives for US President, US House and Senate, State House, County Commissioner, Sherriff, Clerk-Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, District Court Judge, Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Michigan court of Appeals Judge, State Board of Education Representative, U of M Board of Regents, MSU Board of Trustees, and Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Summer is Winding Down

As the summer draws to a close, we have a few things to remind everyone about:

1. Please have your swimming pools properly closed for the season as soon as you're done utilizing them. All temporary pools should be removed from your yard and properly stored until next summer. Please help us keep our neighborhoods looking great!
2. Do not rake/blow your leaves into the street! Your Green Refuse Bin can be used for yard waste through the last Monday in November. After that, we will not be conducting any leaf or grass pickup until Spring.
3. Beginning December 1, you can use your Green Refuse Bin for regular garbage.
4. It is going to start getting dark earlier, so if you notice a street light out, please contact the City Clerk's Office.
5. During snow times, please try to park in your driveway. This will help us keep the streets clean and safe for all to use.
6. Please do not let your dogs bark . . . Just let them inside the house and they'll probably be happy!

Bob Ray Will be Missed

The City of Springfield lost a great member of our community this summer. Robert Ray served on a number of local boards and commissions, and was a Springfield resident most of his life. He was always willing to volunteer for our community to help make this a great place to live, work, and visit. He was a true *Springfielder*, and his actions will have an impact on Springfield for many years to come.

In honor of Bob's commitment to Springfield, the City Council has renamed 84 Lumber Way to ROBERT B RAY LANE. This is just a small token of our gratitude to Bob and his family for their many years of service.

Utility Bills will soon go EFT

Beginning with the next utility billing cycle, all residents and businesses will have the option to have their utility bill (water, sewer, refuse) debited directly from their checking or savings account through an electronic fund transfer. This move will be at no cost to the customer!! Each day, we strive to provide better services to our residents in an efficient and affordable manner . . . We hope everyone finds this service useful! If you have any questions, please contact the Utility Billing Department.

New Office Hours are Made Permanent

It's official, our office hours have permanently changed as follows:

Monday-Thursday: 7 AM to 6 PM
Friday-Sunday: Closed

For holidays that fall on Friday or Saturday, we will not be closed for an additional day. For holidays that fall on Sunday, we will be closed on the following Monday.

Thank you for working with us as we strive to provide you with your public services in the most efficient, cost-effective, and convenient manner possible. We hope that you find the new office hours to be beneficial.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the City Manager's Office.

* * * Community Clean-Up Events Are Planned * * *

We are planning three separate community clean up events for the City of Springfield this Fall. The City will be divided into three segments, and we will accept trash, rubbish, recyclables, etc. that our residents would like to get rid of.

This is a perfect opportunity to clean your yard of any trash, old household items, building materials, recyclables, etc.

Please take some time to survey your property now and make arrangements to have some helpers. Dumpsters will be placed in out neighborhoods and staffed by volunteers.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
September 26-27	October 17-18	October 24-25
<u>Dumpster Location:</u>	<u>Dumpster Location:</u>	<u>Dumpster Location:</u>
City Offices	Corner of N 14th and Lafayette St	Corner of 27th and Frisbee
<u>Neighborhoods/Areas Served:</u>	<u>Neighborhoods/Areas Served:</u>	<u>Neighborhoods/Areas Served:</u>
West Lake Woods Harmony Area Avenue A MHP Arcadian Oaks MHP Upton Avenue Neighborhood Ave A/B/C West of 20th Harmonia Rd	Hamblin/Parish Area Jackson Street Area Ave A/B/C East of 20th Upton Ave East of 20th	Orchard Hills Springfield Heights East Airport Helmer Rd Goghuac East of 20th Carl Ave

Help Keep our City Clean!! Volunteers will be available to assist elderly and handicapped residents. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the City Manager's Office!