



# Clean & Green Quarterly

## Springfield Green Society News

Mayor Timothy J. Davlin

### Area Businesses Honored at Garden Bistro BBQ

Mayor Timothy J. Davlin honored Springfield Green supporters at the Illinois Green Industry Association's (IGIA) 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Garden Bistro BBQ"—a fundraiser for gateway beautification projects. The presentation took place in the IGIA Amphitheatre in Conservation World on the Illinois State Fairgrounds August 11.

"Springfield Green's success is a direct result of the generosity of our community's supporters," said Mayor Davlin. "As an initiative that continues to grow, I couldn't be happier to see that we're able to put their donated dollars to work and beautify our community, improving the appearance of our major gateways and corridors and inspiring others to follow suit with our landscaping examples."

The awards were as follows:

#### Gold Certificates

- **Ameren** For outstanding support of tree planting projects, volunteer projects and outstanding dedication and service to the advisory committee
- **Illinois Green Industry Association** For outstanding service and dedication to advisory committee, including hosting Garden Bistro BBQ and luncheon with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley
- **Illinois Times** For outstanding support and dedication to the advisory committee including Springfield In Bloom and Yard to Yard Challenge
- **Insight** For outstanding Springfield In Bloom program support through advertising and public service announcement campaign.

#### Silver Certificates

- **Carrollton Bank** For outstanding sponsorship of Wabash Avenue gateway beautification
- **CopperTree Outdoor Lifestyles** For outstanding support to Springfield In Bloom as well as outstanding support and dedication to advisory committee including city container and gateway designs
- **Hilton Springfield** For outstanding support of Adopt-a-Street litter campaign.



Guests at the barbecue included (L to R) Jill Powell, Laurie McWilliams, Rich Powell and Elaine Peoples who visited with Springfield Green Chairman Todd Renfrow.

- **Mid-America Advertising** For outstanding advertising support dedicated to tree-planting campaign
- **Mike & John's Godfather's Pizza** For outstanding sponsorship of South Grand Avenue gateway beautification project
- **Pleasant Nursery** For outstanding support and dedication to advisory committee for Wabash Avenue Gateway beautification project with the continued donation of plant material for median project
- **Simplex** For outstanding support and dedication for the Wabash Avenue Gateway beautification project
- **Springfield Clinic** For outstanding sponsorship of South Grand Avenue gateway beautification project
- **Springfield Pepsi-Cola** For outstanding sponsorship of South Grand Avenue gateway beautification.
- **White Oaks Mall** For outstanding support and dedication for the Wabash Avenue Gateway beautification project

The IllinoisGreen Industry Association, formerly known as the Illinois Nurserymen's Association, hosted the event and is a nonprofit association, which has been providing representation and professional and business development opportunities to members and businesses of Illinois' nursery and landscape industry since 1925. For more information about the IGIA, visit [www.gardenillinois.com](http://www.gardenillinois.com).

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## Society Announcements

Thank you to our recent new and renewing Springfield Green members!

### Orchids

Insight  
KBV Springfield Power Partners *NEW!*

### Coneflowers

Springfield Electric *NEW!*

### Roses

CopperTree Outdoor Lifestyles LLC  
Green Family Stores  
Illinois Association of Realtors  
Illinois National Bank

### Tulips

E & F Distributing  
Ellinger-Kunz Funeral Home  
& Cremation Service  
HDR Engineering, Inc.

### Daylilies

Bank of Springfield  
Dale & Cathy Becker  
Buraski Builders, Inc.  
Crawford Murphy & Tilly, Inc.  
Downtown Springfield, Inc.  
Hanson Professional Services  
Heartland Credit Union  
Hurwitz Enterprises, Inc.  
IBEW Local Union 193  
Lincolnland Properties, Inc.  
Near North Village  
Sangamon Towers  
Throop & Son Tree Service, Inc.  
Frank Vala

### Daisies

Ace Sign Co.  
Jim Ackerman  
Cliff Baxter *NEW!*  
Michael & Ann Boer  
Joseph & Joan Bollinger *NEW!*  
Capital Area Association of Realtors  
Patrick Coburn  
Brandt Consolidated, Inc.  
Michael & Connie Dicenso *NEW!*  
Ralph Brookens  
Buckley Growers, Inc.  
Albert O. Eck  
Evans Recycling, Inc.  
Michael & Mary Beth Farmer

### Daisies (cont.)

Terry Farmer Photography  
David & Laurie Farrell  
Bruce Ferry  
Charles & Kim Finnell *NEW!*  
Ann Frescura  
Ellen Schanzle-Haskins *NEW!*  
Ron & Marie Havens  
Carolyn Brown Hodge *NEW!*  
Illinois Audobon Society *NEW!*  
Illinois Forest Products Co. *NEW!*  
David Kiliman  
Tom & Marillyn Kushak  
Jim Langfelder  
Jill Leka *NEW!*  
James Lestikow  
Steve & Connie Matrisch *NEW!*  
David Maxwell  
Jim Melka Landscaping  
Jill Morgenthaler *NEW!*  
Mike & Jean Murphy *NEW!*  
Steve & Terri Myers  
M.G. & Donna Nelson  
Terry Nelson *NEW!*  
Mike & Marsha Norris  
Paul & Lynne O'Shea  
Mike & Monica Patterson  
Charles Joseph Pell Architects  
Jack & Carmen Pfeiffer  
P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc.  
Phoenix Collision  
Polly Poskin  
Gail Savidge *NEW!*  
Robert & Maureen Schaaf  
Jack Schaddel  
Bernie Segatto  
Karen Seitz  
Solomon Colors, Inc.  
Sparc *NEW!*  
Springfield Civic Garden Club  
Springfield Racquet & Fitness Center  
Mike Rapps  
Stratton & Reichert  
Patti Roseboom *NEW!*  
Tim & Mary Jo Sheehan  
Ernie & Ruth Slottag  
David Vaught *NEW!*  
D. Wade Velten *NEW!*  
Bob Vose  
Wal-Mart  
David & Janet Wavering *NEW!*  
Elizabeth Wirtz

## Downtown Planters Coming Soon---Extras Available To Public

Coming to a downtown street near you: the City of Springfield is getting new plant containers. These containers will replace what is currently downtown, three-fold with the addition of 150 that will be placed on city streets in Spring 2008.

Not only will the city's downtown historic district will be decorated with seasonal plantings in more areas of the downtown, but extra planters are available to public for purchase. An extra inventory of planters and container water systems, which can be painted in the purchaser's color of choice, were acquired by Springfield Green from the manufacturer.



Call 789-2116 ext. 2629 for pricing and availability on planters for your property. Discounts apply for Springfield Green members and civic groups for city right of way.

### Tool Donations

If you have some items in the garage collecting dust that Springfield Green could use, consider a donation to the program. Call John Buscher to arrange delivery or pick up at 891-1146. The clean and green mission can always use any of the following:

- ◆ Garden Tools
- ◆ Shovels
- ◆ Rakes
- ◆ Wheelbarrows
- ◆ Garden Carts
- ◆ Work Gloves
- ◆ Coolers
- ◆ Trash Bags
- ◆ Yard Waste Bags

## Adopt-a-Street Pays Off For Sunrise Rotary Club

Local rotarians find a gift in an unexpected way.

Going down in the record books for most valuable Adopt-a-Street find of the year, a member of the Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club, found a \$100 bill while picking up litter along their assigned area on South Grand Avenue in 2007.

The club adopted South Grand Avenue from Taylor Avenue to Dirksen Parkway and has since collected over 42 bags of trash for disposal. During a normal clean up, most of the trash collected by the group had been an assortment of miscellaneous items: paper debris, broken bottles, and the occasional losing lottery ticket. This wasn't the case when rotary volunteer and local orthodontist Dick McDaniel was working his route and uncovered a crisp new \$100 bill. For a club charged with raising money for charities this was quite the find. At a later meeting, the members of the club decided they would use that money toward its mission of helping disadvantaged youth in the Springfield area.

"We feel badly for whomever lost the money. I can only hope that person feels better knowing they helped local kids at risk and that we appreciate it," said Rotarian Brian Barstead.

The Club got involved in the Adopt-a-Street program after seeing a news article in the State Journal-Register for the "Top Ten Most Wanted," streets for litter pick up.

The Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club, which just celebrated its 20th anniversary, is always looking for new members to join them at their weekly meetings at the Springfield Hilton for breakfast each Wednesday at 7 a.m.



Rotarian and local orthodontist Rich McDaniel was cleaning up along his route with his homemade trash collection stick when he discovered a \$100 bill.

## Adopt-a-Street Cleans Up in 2007

Forty-five groups participated in Adopt-a-Street clean-ups in 2007, collecting 824 bags of trash from Springfield city streets. Nearly 1,000 volunteers logged over 1,500 hours volunteering for Springfield Green's litter pick-up program.

Applications for the 2008-2009 Adopt-a-Street season are currently being accepted. Applications can be downloaded from the Springfield Green website, [www.springfield.il.us/green](http://www.springfield.il.us/green) or by calling 789-2116, ext. 2629. Each group is responsible for a half-mile to two-mile section of city street and agrees to remove litter a minimum of four times a year over a two-year period. A sign acknowledging the group and the area that has been adopted is posted in recognition of their hard work. Safety vests, trash bags and free trash collection from the Office of Public Works are provided to each group to facilitate clean-up.



## Butts Are Litter Too

With smoking bans pushing more smokers outdoors, more cigarette filter litter is finding its way outdoors as well. Cigarette filters, which are being cited as the number one source of litter worldwide, contain high concentrations of chemicals that harm the environment. Typically wind and rain carry cigarettes into the water supply, where the toxic chemicals the cigarette filter was designed to trap leak out into aquatic ecosystems, threatening the quality of the water and many aquatic lifeforms.

One website, [www.cigarettelitter.org](http://www.cigarettelitter.org), is offering another solution to this litter problem. Free pocket-sized disposable ashtrays are available from the company while supplies last. The organization will mail you four free ashtrays when you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

CigaretteLitter.Org  
P.O. Box 172  
Culver City, CA 90232

If you know someone you are too shy to approach about their cigarette littering, the website will send an anonymous email on your behalf to them a "friendly and informative" message on the negative affects of this practice.

## Garden Basics Seminar Offered

The University of Illinois Extension Sangamon-Menard Unit and the Springfield Civic Garden Club will sponsor a "Garden Basics" series of seminars. This series is designed to provide basic gardening information to home gardeners.

Seminars begin on Thursday, January 24, and run for five consecutive Thursday's from 6 to 8 p.m.

Topics include: Plant Basics, Soil Basics, Flower Basics, Tree Basics and Pest Basics. Presenters will be University of Illinois Extension Educators.

Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Seminars will be held at the Extension Building #30 on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Since class size will be limited, pre-registration by January 21 is encouraged. Registration fee of \$25 covers the cost of all five sessions and class notebook. Send registration fee to: Sangamon-Menard Extension Unit, 2501 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL 62702. For more details on the seminar, call the Extension Office at 782-4617.



## Spring Tree Selection Assistance

Get a head start with spring tree planting with some assistance from the University of Illinois' Extension's website. This site will help you make knowledgeable decisions when selecting a tree for your landscape. If you already know the name of a tree you are considering and need more information, you can search that tree type on the site for information and a photo on that variety.

If you don't know any tree names, the "Search Trees" page allows you to specify items such as size and special needs (i.e. a tree that tolerates a dry site or one that will grow in alkaline soil). After you have chosen all the criteria that you want your tree to meet, click on the submit button and a list of trees meeting those criteria will be displayed.

You can also search by size, light exposure, use, and tolerance of various conditions. For instance if you know you need a small tree because you have limited space, click on the tab for "Trees by Size" then click on "Small Trees." This will provide a list of smaller trees. Then click on the name of a particular tree and learn more about it.

The City of Springfield offers a recommended tree list for city residents. The list sorts trees by height and also provides options native to Illinois. The list can be found on the City's website, [www.springfield.il.us](http://www.springfield.il.us) under the Public Works link. Other tree questions can be directed to the City Arborist at 789-2428.



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*\* By your name indicates your membership is ready for renewal.*