



Clean & Green Quarterly

Springfield Green Society News

Mayor Timothy J. Davlin

Wabash Gateway Takes Shape

Wabash Avenue from Veteran's Parkway to Stanford Avenue to the Sixth Street intersection represents Springfield Green's most complete gateway beautification project to date.



In post-tornado season, the area is looking cleaner and greener, particularly west of Chatham Road where an irrigated median bed was installed along with six cream colored planters. Tree plantings and other landscaped beds near the MacArthur intersection also complete the look.



Other businesses along the way are setting a great example of how landscaping can cause a "wow" factor. Bank of Springfield at the corner of Wabash and Koke Mill has been turning heads since 2005 when its sweeping landscaping was added and other businesses are beginning to follow their lead.

Those on the Springfield Green advisory committee will tell you that it took patience, community support, permits and lots of inter-governmental agreements to get it done, but the finished project is well worth the wait. Special thanks for Wabash work goes to **Pleasant Nursery** for donating all the plant material for the median project, **Simplex** and **White Oaks Mall** for sponsoring the gateway, and the **Springfield Civic Garden Club** for purchasing one of the pots.

Gateway Sponsorships Available

South Grand & Wabash Avenues top the list

Springfield Green's Project & Design Team is making plans to dress up 11 city gateways with your support. Each city entrance will feature a landscaped bed of perennials, including Springfield Green's signature knock-out roses, grasses and other showy perennials to sustain season-long color and interest. A one-year gateway sponsorship with signage is available for \$2,500 at the following gateways: Veteran's Parkway; Wabash Avenue; Jefferson Street; J. David Jones Parkway; Peoria Road; Sangamon Avenue; Clear Lake Avenue; South Grand Avenue; Stevenson Drive; South Sixth Street and the future MacArthur Boulevard extension.



Working together with local business and residents, teams made up of landscape architects, master gardeners, engineers, state and city officials, these teams will be drawing up multi-phase design plans to improve the landscape. They will also be surveying the areas for new green space, trash pick-up, infrastructure improvements and more. Businesses and residents who have properties in these areas may be contacted for their involvement. Support for materials, labor and maintenance will all help boost these projects forward. Call Project Manager, Amber Sabin to sign up for your support, 789-2116, ext. 529.

Bistro BBQ A Great Success

Mayor Timothy J. Davlin and the Illinois Nurserymen's Association hosted their 2nd annual "Garden Bistro BBQ," a fundraiser for Springfield Green gateway beautification projects opening night of the Illinois State Fair at the INA Amphitheatre in Conservation World .

Nearly 400 guests attended as Mayor Davlin presented Springfield Green awards for outstanding support and participation for the 2005-'06 season to **Simplex; Illinois Nurserymen's Association; Tom Cullen; Tony Leone; Pleasant Nursery; and Coppertree Outdoor Lifestyles**. Guests enjoyed live music from the Dixie Daredevils and barbeque from renowned 17th Street Bar & Grill . The event, which raised over \$10,000, was co-sponsored by Tom and Lori Cullen, Downtown Springfield, Inc., E & F Distributing, Illinois Times, Qik-n-EZ, R.W. Troxell & Company and U.S. Bank.

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Downtown Green

In 2006, Springfield Green, embarked upon a four season look for the downtown pots, using new plant varieties and placing at eye-catching heights. The plants for this year were selected by Springfield Green's Project & Design Committee to maximize season-long color and interest. The downtown plant project, which is fully funded by Springfield Green donor funds and maintained by City of Springfield personnel and Springfield Green volunteers, has yielded dramatic results.

There are 52 planters in the vicinity of the Old State Capitol Historic District and Municipal Center Complex. Plant material in the fall design includes: Purple Fountain Grass; Black Beauty Peppers Black Pearl; Indian Summer Rudbeckia; Red Sedum; Kale and Copper Mums. The winter look will be installed the week before Thanksgiving.



Summer 2006 Downtown planters included Chocolate Cannas; Lantana; Angelonia; Copper Sun Coleus and sweeping Marguerite Sweet Potato Vine

Congratulations to this year's Yard to Yard Challenge Winners

Illinois Times Contest yields nearly 100 entries!

BUSINESS

- 1st Place: Route 66 Walleye Stop, N. Peoria Rd.
- 2nd Place: Springfield Family Restaurant, S. MacArthur Blvd.
- 3rd Place: Best Self-Storage, Bunn Ave.
- Outstanding Achievement:** Bank of Springfield, Wabash Ave.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

- 1st Place: Clementine Memorial Church, N. 11th St.
- 2nd Place: Ball-Charter Elementary, E. Ash St.
- 3rd Place: Jaycee Park by Owen Marsh E. Jackson St.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- 1st Place: Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association
- 2nd Place: Leland Grove Neighbors
- 3rd Place: Oak Ridge Neighborhood Association

RESIDENTIAL

- 1st Place: Kelly Rhodes, 209 E. Main St., Rochester
- 2nd Place: Richard & Deborah Moldenahuer, 14 Tophill Ln.
- 3rd Place: Alex Rodriquez, 1201 E. Ash St.

Outstanding Achievements:

- Rachel Mills, 2112 Augusta Dr.
- Patsy Bethard, 2612 S. Pasfield St.
- Sherri Khile, 732 Woodland Ave.
- Tom and Theresa Ganci, 2612 Arrowhead



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