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On The Agenda

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

JUNE 14TH

11:30 TO 1:00

SPEAKER: AARON OWEN
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In The Future

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

JULY 12TH

TOPIC: MODOT PROJECTS

11:30 TO 1:00 PM

COX NORTH

FOUNTAIN ROOM

Local Author Pens History of Springfield's Own North-South Battle

Springfield native Angela Wingo-Miller has been interested in the idea of north Springfield since she was old enough to know there was such a thing as “north” Springfield, and she has always been curious about why? Speaking at the NSBA luncheon in May, Wingo-Miller, a former teacher and history major, talked at length about how two distinct communities eventually resulted in a division across class lines.

Wingo-Miller spoke about how in the early days of North Springfield's settlement, along with the arrival of the railroad, was a very

City of the Midwest” said Wingo-Miller.

Eventually, the two cities incorporated but the rivalry persisted between the

Springfield newspaper clippings throughout the 1870's indicate a bitter relationship between Springfield and North Springfield (aka New Town or Moon City)

“Since the wealth and people of influence were on the south side, those on the north side seemed to acquire an inferiority complex but at the same time maintaining a spirit that they did not intend to be imposed upon or pushed around”

(from a 1972 speech by long-time northside businessman Paul Harris)

Public Square and Commercial street, and once the passenger depot at Benton and Commercial was closed, it really became about a class issue of more prominence to the south and working class to the north - something the author proposed still exists today amongst the residents.



Angela Wingo-Miller (pictured above) with a copy of the book *Springfield's Urban Histories*.

grand idea for a major city, “that’s why Commercial Street is wide, it was planned that way from the beginning to lure development and become the New York

You can learn more about the “Retail Rivals: Springfield’s Commercial Street versus the Public Square” in the book, *Springfield’s Urban Histories*, a collection of essays, which strives to define the unique culture of Springfield, Missouri.

A synopsis of the book is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

June Meeting at Ozark Empire Fairgrounds!

Summer is here and the fair is near. Join us for our June luncheon in the E-Plex at the fairgrounds. We'll hear from Aaron Owen about plans for the upcoming fair and celebrate past year accomplishments for NSBA. Hope you can attend!

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NSBA Betterment Award Winners



NSBA recognized Farm to Counter with our Commercial Betterment Award in May. Clockwise from the top, being presented by NSBA member Rita Silic is Paul Allen owner of Farm to Counter, and Robert & Deborah Baldwin (lower left) were recognized with the residential award for their home on north Douglas street in Woodland Heights. A special thanks to Rita Silic for her service over the years to the Betterment Award project. She is stepping aside and NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap will assume those duties.

Who We Are



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Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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Letter from the NSBA President



This is my last letter as President of NSBA. Oh, I'm not going anywhere - I plan to continue on the Board of Directors and as a member. NSBA is such a great organization for the great things we do and support in Springfield and especially North Springfield. We are one of the top networking organizations and I'm proud that our membership has grown substantially during my tenure as President! We've gotten more "tech-savy" by taking debit/credit cards for lunches and dues. We've expanded our service projects by cleaning up and planting at the Glenstone islands, participating in Dirt Days, and other events in north Springfield neighborhoods. I've even given presentations about NSBA to many other organizations to draw members (handy to be in marketing!).

What I'm most proud of is that we've celebrated 20+ years of the Attendance Party where we are able to give away more and more bikes and prizes for the those deserving kids in the 13 north Springfield elementary schools (special thanks to Kim Yocom for heading that up the entire 20+ years!). If that party encourages only one child to stay in school and graduate, then it is worth the time, energy, and fundraising put into it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I've truly enjoyed being the voice and face of NSBA for the last 3 years!

As always, it's a great time to work, live, and do business in north Springfield...

Marcy Dolens, NSBA President

Nate's Notes



Congratulations to the more than 400 students who qualified for 99% or better attendance during the 2017-2018 school year. Nate says, "I am so proud of all the effort the students put into making their education a priority" and he is especially proud of the parents who reinforce the importance of good school attendance in the lives of their children.

NSBA Notes

Become an NSBA Member Today! Membership Dues

- Retired Individuals: \$20.00
- Neighborhood Associations: \$20.00
- Single Membership: \$65.00*
- Corporate for 2 individuals: \$100.00
- Corporate for 3 individuals: \$150.00

Plus 3-person Corporate Memberships will get to present a 10-minute company profile at an NSBA General Monthly Meeting.

Contact any board member for more information.

*A Single Membership is one person, with or without a company affiliation, who wants to join NSBA.

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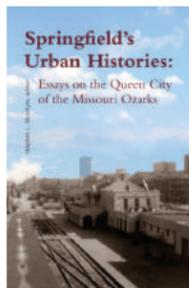
1. the act or process of improving something.
"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
"a betterment charge"



The eleven essays included in this volume offer the most authoritative account yet published of the distinctively urban history of Springfield, Missouri - the largest city in the Ozarks. Essays on early history include "Quinine and Courage: The Battle of Springfield, January 8, 1863," by William Garrett Piston and John C. Rutherford. Post-Civil War histories include "Retail Rivals: Springfield's Commercial Street versus the Public Square, 1870-1945," by Angela Wingo Miller, and "Memories of Walter Majors: Searching for African American History in Springfield," by Richard L. Schur. Post-World War II histories conclude with Holly A. Baggett's "Creation of a Community: A History of Gay and Lesbian Springfield, 1945-2010."



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