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### \*\*\* Notice \*\*\*

#### November Luncheon

Ladonna Greiner  
"How Gratitude Can Grow  
Your Business"

11/12/2020  
11:30 to 1:00PM  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Cost: \$12

**NOON COFFEE HOUSE**  
The Zoom Coffee House is open each Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Join NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap and his guests for conversations designed to help carry us through our shared experience.

You can find Brent on Facebook and he'll gladly share the Zoom link.

Interested in learning more about the unique history of north Springfield? In a video series called Love Life/Live North, John Sellers, Executive Director of the History Museum on the Square, discusses this "Tale of Two Cities." You can find the video segment here:

<https://vimeo.com/251875313>

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## COLD WEATHER SHELTER!

The O'Reilly Center for Hope (OCH) is an initiative of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) with a mission to work collaboratively to address our most critical challenges of disparity - homelessness and affordable housing.

More than 20 agencies have come together under one roof, the newly renovated Pepperdine School in north Springfield, to provide training, education and connectivity.

According to Michelle Garand, the Vice-President of Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention at CPO, "direct services are only one aspect of OCH, education and advocacy drive a social agenda to increase access to quality housing."

As we prepare for the colder temperature and weather changes this time of year, Garand and her team go into overdrive to make sure our most vulnerable population has safe sleeping conditions for when the thermometer drops below 32 degrees.



Michelle Garand, pictured above, spoke to our October lunch crowd and described the recently launched O'Reilly Center for Hope as the physical site for community wide support and protection against substandard housing and system inequality.

civic and others to adopt a week of shelter nights by committing to volunteer to assist with overnight shelter shifts.

Those who are interested in learning more about how to become involved can contact Adam Bodendieck at 417-225-7499 to learn more.

Currently there are 540 homeless individuals in our community with over 100 under the age of 18.

To help address this need OCH has launched the Week of Warmth to challenge businesses, churches,

## MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know that in addition to a monthly email to RSVP for the meetings, members who are interested can now receive a text reminder to help with meal prep accuracy. Let Dr. Hudson know if you're interested in receiving this text. Also, because we had a 5 month interruption in membership luncheons, a credit will be given to members who pre-paid their lunch costs for the entire year, and the 2021 membership fees will be 50% off for those who renew.

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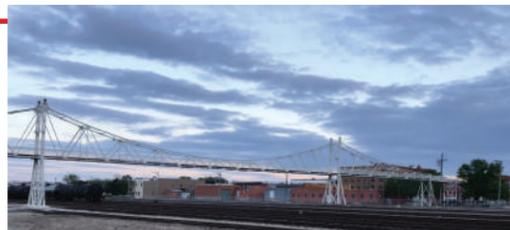
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The Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was built in 1902 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.



It was closed in 2016 after issues with the structure were discovered during routine maintenance.

In early September the Springfield City Council voted to delay the bidding process until early 2021 to allow for some necessary changes to the funding process to cover increased costs.



The NSBA Betterment Award recognizes efforts to improve properties in north Springfield.

If you'd like to nominate a property owner contact NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap.

The O'Reilly Center for Hope provides services from homelessness to homeownership. Michelle Garand, the Vice President of Affordable Housing and Homeless Prevention is pictured receiving the Betterment Award from NSBA Member Brent Gilstrap.



Meet NSBA Member Bret McGowne from VR Business Sales

How many years have you been a member of NSBA? 20 years

Why did you join NSBA?

I initially joined just for the networking opportunities. I've stayed because of the great speakers, delicious meals and the marvelous friends I've made along the

way.

Why do you like locating in North Springfield?

My wife and I live downtown and we appreciate all that is has to offer but recognize all that is still left to be done

Anything else you would like to share with us?

I've served on the NSBA board in the early 2000s and acted as membership chair.

Network with Brent: Cell: 417-818-2759

Email: bmcgowne@vrspringfield-branson.com

## Who We Are



### 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



We are excited to finally host our Annual Membership Awards during our December luncheon. For those new to our association this is a time for us to recognize members and community leaders who go above and beyond to make NSBA shine. We usually host them in June, but like all things, current conditions changed that this year. We hope you can make it!



I wanna say thank you to Marcy Dollens-Rear for heading up our 50th Anniversary Celebration as the committee chair and Jordan Cannefax and Andy Simmons for heading up a committee to modify our Attendance Program through Springfield Public Schools and plan for our annual party next Spring.

As always, thank you to everyone for what you do to make north Springfield a great place to live, work and raise a family!

*Jacquie Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President*

## Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

*One of the most important things a child can do to reach the goal of success is also one of the most basic: attend school every day on time!*

## NSBA Notes

### Become an NSBA Member Today! Membership Dues

Retired Individuals: \$25

Neighborhood Associations: \$25

Single Membership: \$75

Corporate for 2 individuals: \$125

Corporate for 3 individuals: \$150

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

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Here are the various committees you can be involved with: Attendance Party, Betterment, Fundraising, Glenstone Islands, Membership, Program and Public Communication.