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On The Agenda

Monthly Luncheon

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH
11:30 TO 1:00 PM
TOPIC: NORTH SPRINGFIELD
PARKS
DIANA TYNDALL FROM SPFD/
GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL
LUNCH \$12

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In The Future

MAY 7TH: ANNUAL ATTENDANCE
PARTY

MAY 9TH: LUNCHEON
TOPIC: SINGLEMOMZROCK
JANELLE REED FROM VICTORY
MISSION

JUNE 13TH: LUNCHEON
NSBA ANNUAL AWARDS
OZARK EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS

Lunch Audience Learns about April Election

By the time the Northsider has gone to print, the outcome of the April 2nd elections will have been determined by the voters, but for those in attendance at the March NSBA Luncheon, we learned about the issues voters went to the polls to decide.

Stephen Hall spoke about the impact the Springfield Public Schools Bond issue called "Prop S" would have on the district. The talking point for the whole

ballot was the quarter-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax proposed by the City of Springfield.

Paula Brookshire with the Public Works Department spoke to the audience about the benefits of asking the voters to decide on extending the sunset period of this tax from 3 years to 20; allowing for the city to better plan long-term for the needs of our community for such things as roadways and water drainage projects.

Stephen Hall Chief Communications Officer with Springfield Public Schools spoke about "Prop S" and the importance of Safer, Stronger Schools.



The primary focus of this proposal, "is to maintain public confidence in the cities ability to plan for the future," said Brookshire.

initiative was "Safer, Stronger Schools" in the district. Hall also recognized the hard work of the Community Task Force on Facilities that began back in May of 2018.

However, it was the need for "secure entrances" at 31 different school buildings district-wide that was the selling point of the whole presentation.

The other issue on the April 2nd

The tax has generated roughly \$10M in annual tax revenue for voter approved projects in the past, and was first passed in 1989 and had been renewed 9 times by voters prior to this election.



Paula Brookshire
Principal Engineer
with the City of
Springfield Public
Works Transportation
Engineering Division
spoke about the Sales
Tax Proposal.

Reminder

Renovations are underway at the Cox College of Nursing, so remember that NSBA has temporarily relocated our monthly luncheons to the DoubleTree Hotel on north Glenstone. We still meet the 2nd Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00 and lunch is \$12. Bring a friend and we'll see you on March 14th.

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Attendance Party 2019

Join us for the 2019 Attendance Party on Tuesday, May 7th at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E-Plex. According to coordinator Andrea Graddy, "there is still time for vendor's to reserve a spot for this special event, and we encourage people to participate as there are some very special plans for this years party."

There are a few ways to get involved, including volunteer opportunities or become an event or food sponsor. Also, the 100 Club is a unique way to make a huge difference. Participants can donate \$100 or a new bicycle for give away the night of the party.

You do not have to be a NSBA member to help us make this event a success. Talk to any NSBA board member about how you can get involved!

Jolene & David Hall (far right) are pictured here accepting the Residential Betterment Award for their home on noth Campbell from NSBA member Helen Votaw. At first Jolene wasn't sold on the house, but David promised a very unique and custom kitchen that would make her proud to call the place home. And the before and after pictures, he delivered!



Michael VanPelt (far right) is pictured here accepting the Commercial Betterment Award from NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap. Michael is the owner of Adventure Trucks, where they customize Global Expedition Trucks. Micheal said this investment was an emotional purchase, but he enjoyed every step of the rehab process of an older building that fits his companies needs.

bet-ter-ment

/ˈbedərment/

noun

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"



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



With a little luck Spring is here (or at least near) and a sure sign is the recent Kearney and Glenstone traffic island clean-up led by NSBA Board Member Kevin Randall.

It's also time, if you haven't already, to renew your 2019 membership to NSBA. We'll be updating our membership file soon and hope to have your involvement. Our attendance party is May 7th at the Fairgrounds E-plex. Contact NSBA Board Member Andrea Graddy to be involved.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out for our yearly Wine Tasting event on April 7th at Macadoodles. It was great to see so many people come out to help support the NSBA mission.

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

Jacque Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President



A special thank you to Andy Simmons (l), Kevin & Ginny Randall (c) and Matt O'Hara (r) for volunteering their time on the islands!

Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Since 1997 NSBA has promoted school attendance and the incentive of a party for those who achieve 99% or better class attendance each year.

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 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.**

New Year, New You - Join a NSBA Committee Today!

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

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