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## On The Agenda



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**  
**DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**  
**5:30PM TO 8:00PM**

*Live Music*  
*Silent Auction*

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## In The Future

### NEW LOCATION

**JANUARY LUNCHEON**  
**TOPIC: ALL ABOUT NSBA**  
**JANUARY 10TH**  
**11:30 TO 1:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**

**LUNCH WILL BE \$12**

## NSBA Introduced to New City Manager

He was born and raised in Missouri and is excited to be back and to live in Springfield. Jason Gage our newly hired City Manager spoke at the NSBA luncheon and thanked the crowd for their time, effort and investment in our community.

Gage talked about Springfield's Council Management form of government and it's resemblance to the private sector with his role "to carry out what the council wants, and supervise department functions and the annual \$365M budget."

It was while attending Missouri Southern University in preparation for a law degree that Jason was encouraged to take a class on City Administration, and from there he never looked back.

His journey has been to manage cities of progressively larger size, having just come from Salina, Kansas to address the

the challenges of a city the size of Springfield.

At the heart of his presentation, Gage talked about a personal approach and stressed the need for listening and to lead by "courage and caring".



Jason Gage, our new City Manager, shared a brief history of his career and his vision for leading the city of Springfield.

Under his leadership he hopes to make Springfield the most desirable place in the region by putting emphasis on the concept of Placemaking. He said, "There is considerable competition between

communities to attract residents. People look for a sense of place and they feel comfortable. This includes considering things like walking, biking, enjoying nature."



The importance of creativity and innovation and the concept of 'Placemaking' were some of the talking points discussed by new City Manager, Jason Gage, at our monthly luncheon.

Gage replied, when asked by NSBA member TJ Loudis if coming from Salina there were any big surprises or roadblocks, "the challenges are the same and I've even seen many similarities." He concluded by saying he wants to be seen as approachable, "so please don't think you are bothering me."

### \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

While construction is underway at the Cox College of Nursing, NSBA is temporarily relocating. Starting in January our monthly luncheon will be held at the Double Tree Hotel on north Glenstone, and the cost will increase to \$12. Bring a friend and we'll see you on the 10th at 11:30 a.m.

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## The Biggest Party in Springfield

Thursday night, December 13th the Double Tree Hotel is the place to be this holiday season; for our annual Christmas Party. Happy hour begins at 5:30 with Guitarist Vincent Nolden, followed by a plated Honey Glazed Chicken Dinner and entertainment provided by Springtown Heroes. Bid on silent auction items and savor the treats offered in Santa's Sweet Shoppe. A cash bar is available and tickets are available now from any NSBA Board Member for \$35

### 10 ways to stay focused and maintain your productivity during the holiday's

**Take a few days off.** If you have a few vacation days available, take the time to do a little shopping or enjoy a day with your loved ones.

**Clear your mind.** Get your tasks and projects, both personal and professional, onto paper and out of your head. Once you see all your commitments and want-to-do's, decide which to drop and which could wait until the new year.

**Avoid multitasking.** Try to avoid working on personal and work-related tasks at the same time.

**Start working on year-end projects and personal tasks early.** The holidays don't creep up on us! Start your holiday shopping earlier than you have in the past, and get a head start on any upcoming projects at work.

**Don't take your work home.** We all have family obligations during the holiday season.

**Watch out for distractions.** While at the office, don't try to cram in shopping at lunch or buy gifts online. At work, focus on work.

**Take care of yourself physically.** Exercise more, not less, even if it's just a walk around the block. Sleep more, not less, just thirty minutes more a night can make a big difference.

**Don't over-commit.** With all the office parties, client events, and secret Santa exchanges it can be tough to stay focused on work. Be sure to prioritize and balance your holiday activities with your work obligations.

**Remind yourself to stay focused at work.** The trick is to forget about "seasons" and focus on "today." Is today a holiday? If not, behave as you would in September.

**Remember what the holidays are all about.** Keep in mind the holiday season is for celebration. This should be a joyful time of the year.



NSBA member Helen Votaw (far left) presented the Residential Betterment Award in November to Nathanael and Randi Blackard and Amber Coppinger. If you see a commercial or residential property that's deserving of this recognition, let us know, we'd love to honor

### 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



Here Comes Santa Claus and Deck the Halls with Jingle Bells! I love the holiday's, as I'm sure you do too! With Thanksgiving now behind us it'll be a blur until we ring in the New Year. There is so much to do, places to go, people to see, meals to enjoy; all wrapped up in the joy of gift giving.

One of the highlights for me each year is the NSBA Christmas Party. Not just because we have a great time at the best party in Springfield, but we manage to do so much good as the result of the silent auction we conduct. The proceeds from this auction directly benefit the kids at our Annual Attendance Party in May. At the heart of NSBA is the desire to help build resilient kids in our community, and our way of doing this is to encourage and inspire students to attend school. The results of even a small percentage of absences is consequential to learning (see Nate's Note's below). So, please donate an item to the silent action, come join us at the party, and help us celebrate the coming year!

As always, thank you 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?

- 90% attendance means that a child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of 1/2 day every week.
- Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school 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.**

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