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November Luncheon
Greg Anderson
Springfield Police
Resource Management and
Recruitment Officer

November 11th
11:30AM to 1:00PM
DoubleTree Hotel
Cost: \$12

Save-the-Date
December 9th

Northside Gift Swap
We'll set tables of 8 for a White Elephant style exchange. Bring a gift valued at \$10-15 OR purchase gift cards (while supplies last) from a Board Member to help support the NSBA mission.

Watch Facebook for all the details!

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Northsider

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Your Consideration is Appreciated

The time has finally changed and we've rolled our clocks back so hopefully you are not still starting your morning in the dark if you are headed to work, school, or to sip a cup of coffee. I don't like that it gets dark so early in the evenings now, but I do appreciate the break it causes from doing outdoor chores.

We've had a very busy fall, and there is so much more in store for our wonderful organization in the coming months. Your NSBA Board is hard at work to engage you as members in our standing committees so you can get more involved.

Many of you who took the recent survey indicated you are interested in joining a committee. Please reach out to the committee chair if you are interested in volunteering. We have many opportunities to serve, and can accommodate your schedule to give you as much or as little engagement as your schedule allows.

You can either contact the committee chairs shown in this article, or simply add your name to the shared document at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/>

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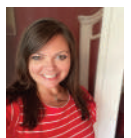
Chair: Jordan Cannefax
Organizing and/or hosting activities that earn dollars for NSBA programs, events, and operations.

Public Communications/Awareness




Chair: Misty Schmitz
Post content to Facebook and Twitter, take photographs as historian, provide website content, prepare news releases, advocate and promote NSBA projects. Organize quarterly social/networking activities as requested by members.

Program



Co Chairs: Kim Rippey & Brent Gilstrap (pictured below)
Securing monthly speakers, sending confirmation and acknowledgements and setting up A/V for speakers at luncheon/membership meetings.

School Partner Engagement/Attendance




Chair: Andy Simmons
Working with SPS school partners/leadership to recognize and promote consistent and regular student attendance & student recognition.

Betterment




Chair: Rita Silic
Monthly recognition awards and/or community programs to recognize north side betterment, sending thank you notes or other acknowledgements on behalf of NSBA.

Membership



Co Chairs: Matt Hudson (top) & Brent Gilstrap (below)
Recruiting new members, follow up with perspective members, monthly door prize drawings, processing member invoices, invoicing membership dues, membership database maintenance.

Glenstone Islands



Chair: Rick Fay
Working to beautify our MO DOT medians at Glenstone & Kearney, organizing volunteers, securing materials for island improvement.

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

Contact any board member for more information.

Minorities in Business was presented the Commercial Betterment Award during our October luncheon. Pictured receiving the plaque is Darline Mabins, Executive Director (far right) with NSBA member Brent Gilstrap, presenting the award.



Pat & Chuck Johnson turned an inherited property into an Airbnb on the northside. This converted residence in Woodland Heights is perfect for short and long term stays. Pat, left, is seen accepting the award from NSBA member Helen Votaw.

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

Meet NSBA Board Member Misty Schmitz who works for Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation.

When did you join NSBA?

I officially joined in 2019 with COVID it didn't feel I was in full swing until 2020 and started serving on the Board of Directors in 2021.



Why do you support NSBA?

As a Family Advocate I serve

families in North Springfield. It was important to me to see first hand resources available within the North Springfield Community and help enrich quality of those services.

Favorite NSBA memory?

I volunteered several years ago at the attendance celebration. It was a blast and I saw the excitement of the kids who were earning gift cards and bikes. They worked all year to get to come to this party.

Why should others join?

I believe it takes a village! The North Springfield Betterment Association is an amazing opportunity to leave your mark in North Springfield for many generations to come.

Connect with Misty mschmitz@oac.ac



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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Whitney Mann, a Public Health Information Specialist with Springfield/Greene County Health Department, spoke at our October luncheon about the importance of having a conversation regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

Whitney Mann's primary role is vaccine outreach and education. In early October nearly 51% of Green County residents age 12+ had been vaccinated against COVID-19. Mann shared that while talking about this subject is important from a public health standpoint, she is aware that for some it is a difficult conversation.

According to Mann, there are many reasons a person is apprehensive about getting vaccinated including, being watchful of side affects, cost anxious about possible loss of work time, distrust of the system, and for religious reasons. This is a complicated subject to navigate and Mann offered some helpful tips for those who engage in this discussion; don't argue, don't assume, abandon blame, and have your feelings - but most of all be kind and polite.

If you are interested in learning more about the COVID-19 vaccination you can contact whitney.mann@springfieldmo.gov. The Health Department Vaccination Clinic is open at 1425 E Battlefield Road and offers COVID-19 vaccinations from 9 am to 4 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged.

7 Ways to Give Back to Your Community During the Holidays

1. Sponsor a family in need.
2. Visit a nursing home.
3. Volunteer during inclement weather.
4. Donate Blood.
5. Donate clothing in good condition.
6. Send a care package to the troops.
7. Deliver a pet to a new home.

To read the full blog on [mentalfloss.com](https://www.mentalfloss.com) visit the link below.
<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/516382/7-ways-give-back-your-community-during-holidays>

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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.