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September Luncheon
Greg Anderson
Springfield Police
Resource Management and
Recruitment Officer

September 9th
11:30AM to 1:00PM
DoubleTree Hotel
Cost: \$12

Save-the-Date
October 14th Luncheon

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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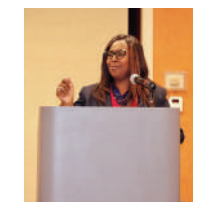
On Lettuce, Turnips, Squash and Dill

A good rule to follow when delivering a public speech is to begin with the end in mind, but the end to the Annual State of Schools Address was so good we're leading with this garden vegetable thought - "lettuce, turnip, squash and dill - lettuce be kind; turnip when it comes to students needs; squash the rumors, and remember wearing masks is no big dill:-) This was the parting thought shared by Dr. Grenita Lathan, Springfield Public Schools new Superintendent during our August luncheon at the DoubleTree.

Her remarks included discussion about the progress of the bond issue, school safety, access to nutrition for students, ensuring educational attainment in the face of a pandemic and about the misunderstanding concerning equity and diversity. Lathan stated, "The districts process is based on the Missouri standards for staff." She went on to mention, "Equity and diversity is not intended to cause division in the district or community, it's about meeting students where they are and helping them to become college and career ready."

In her opening remarks, Lathan shared the importance of understanding, "Where we are as a district, where we are headed and

To view the entire presentation visit the NSBA YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/KF9PJtpLHcl>



Grenita Lathan the new SPS Superintendent delivered the Annual State of Schools Address for our August Luncheon.

what we need to do collectively as a community to make sure our children receive the best education possible!

Playing off the theme of "Keep on Growing" Lathan shared 5 points for cultivating a good educational harvest.



For over 20 years NSBA has been a supporter of Springfield's north side elementary schools. Recently Cindy Webster was recognized as a Distinguished Principal by the State of Missouri. NSBA member Andy Simmons, pictured above left, presented Webster with a certificate of recognition for this achievement. Webster is the Principal at York Elementary School.

BE A PART OF OUR FUTURE!

The Board of Directors of North Springfield Betterment Association have some exciting plans for the future or our association. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNWXZTY> - your input is valuable to the vibrancy of NSBA!

NSBA Notes


Become an NSBA Member Today!
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Retired Individuals: \$25
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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.

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



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

NSBA presented Matt & Lydia Paasch the Residential Betterment Award at our August Luncheon. NSBA member Helen Voltaw, right presented the award.



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



Meet NSBA Board Member Jordan Cannefax

When did you join NSBA? I joined NSBA in August 2018

Why do you support NSBA? I am a supporter of NSBA to bring joy and happiness to North Springfield. I feel that NSBA has a strong message and if valuable to the North Side.

Favorite NSBA memory? My favorite memory of NSBA was working the cotton candy stand at the Attendance party. There is nothing more that I enjoy then showing kids how cotton candy is made, its magic!

Why should others join? You should join NSBA because it is a great opportunity to help out North Springfield, not only the businesses, but also the people in North Springfield. This side of town has really changed in the past few year and continues to grow every day!

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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



It is hard to believe we've already started school for the fall and summer will soon be memory. We were pleased to host Springfield Public Schools' new superintendent, Dr. Grenita Lathan, at our August luncheon/meeting for an update on our school district. She provided a solid message and asked us all to "Keep on Growing" with Team SPS as they plan to do this academic year.

NSBA is looking forward to a renewed direction with your help. If you were unable to attend in August, we asked all members to complete an online survey. A link was sent out shortly after the meeting. This feedback covers a wide variety of topics and the voice of all members is very important to us. You can participate at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNWXZTY> If you complete this survey before we meet on September 9th, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a door prize. Please provide your honest input. Our board also approved small changes to our bylaws for the membership to consider in September.

If you attended in August and brought a visitor, please encourage them to join us again. We have many things to offer those who support the concern and wellbeing of North Springfield.


It is an honor to serve as your NSBA president.

Sincerely,
Matt Hudson

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