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Your City at Work for You

SPRINGFIELD, OH—(April 22, 2016)—Throughout the year, the City of Springfield is safe and beautiful for all community members and visitors, largely thanks to the dedication of city employees and officials.

On Tuesday, March 22, the City of Springfield's annual street sweeping program began in the northwest quadrant and is progressing in a counterclockwise direction. In total, more than 820 tons of debris was removed from city streets in 2015. In addition to contracted sweeping, city crews operate two street sweepers throughout the year.

"Ohio winters pose many challenges to the Service Department's efforts to make our community better," said Service Director Chris Moore. "The annual street sweeping program is usually our first spring program and a sign that more good things are on the horizon."

In addition to making the community cleaner, street sweeping is necessary to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

Many residents are unaware of the threat storm water pollution poses to local streams. Not all storm drains flow to the wastewater plant for treatment. In fact, many storm drains are connected to waterways, so whatever ends up in storm drains flows directly into local streams. During dry weather, pollutants such as motor oil, antifreeze, trash, and lawn and garden products accumulate on streets, parking lots, and yards. When it rains, the rainwater washes these pollutants into the storm drains.

A complete sweep of the city typically takes about three months, and should be completed by June 30. For more information regarding the street sweeping schedule or general street maintenance, please call the Service Department at (937) 525-5800.

The Springfield Local Police Department has also been doing its part to help keep the city running smoothly.

On April 18, Officer Rick Corey was called to the aftermath of a traffic crash. The accident was caused by a juvenile female driver, and when the driver's mother arrived at the scene, she began shouting abuse at Officer Corey. A witness later called the station to compliment Officer Corey for his calm demeanor throughout the incident.

"I was impressed with Officer Corey's great patience when he was being abused," the witness said. "His courage and fortitude in dealing with a very unpleasant situation should be commended."



Also on April 18, two officers responded to a burglary alarm on Berger Avenue at approximately 1 a.m. The occupants of the residence were on vacation at the time. The couple's son, who lives down the road, complimented the officers on their prompt response. He said that by the time he went to check on his parents' house, the officers were already there. According to official records, the officers received the alarm call at 12:38 a.m. and arrived on the scene at 12:45 a.m.

The City of Springfield has also started a tree nursery on the Snyder Park Golf Course. This project is in collaboration with the Springfield Conservancy District and the National Trail Park and Recreation Department. The project's goal is to plant 100 trees each spring.

For more information on these projects, please visit www.springfieldohio.gov.

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