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Your City at Work for You

SPRINGFIELD, OH—(April 29, 2016)— City of Springfield resident, Michael Mullins, recently wrote to the city to commend two Springfield police officers.

“On April 27, 2016 Officer Henson and Officer Taylor responded to my residence to help my son,” said Mullins. “They handled the situation with kindness, understanding and above all professionalism. We are new to the area and were very pleased with how they responded.”

Additionally, another community member wrote to the city to recognize Officer Jenkins for his kindness.

The woman had lost her wallet in Goodwill and Officer Jenkins responded to help. He let each of her children pick out a toy and paid for it himself.

“Our city is fortunate to have such a wonderful police department,” said Jim Bodenmiller, the City of Springfield’s city manager. “They go above and beyond protecting the community every day through their actions.”

On April 21, 2016, The Arbor Day Foundation awarded the City of Springfield for 40 years of recognition. The city is one of only three Ohio communities that received this recognition.

The Tree City USA program is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. The program is designed to encourage better care of the nation’s urban forests by recognizing communities that meet four basic standards of a good tree care program. The four basic standards include maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

“I take great pride in the City of Springfield for being one of the original Tree City USA communities,” said James Wills Jr., City Forestry supervisor. “For the past four decades we have made it a priority to invest in a maturing and ever-growing urban forest.”

On April 22, 2016, 11 city employees participated in the United Way’s first Clark County Service Day: a day of caring, a lifetime of hope. Employees that participated volunteered for United Senior Services (USS) and assisted four USS clients with various projects at their homes, as well as, performed exterior maintenance work of the main USS Building “Pitzer Center” in downtown Springfield.

“I would like to extend a special thank you to all city employees who volunteered their time,” said Bodenmiller.

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