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Your City at Work for You

SPRINGFIELD, OH — (June 7, 2016) — The City of Springfield will once again be participating in the annual Peace Camp; a program offered to youths, ages four through six, free of charge. This year celebrating its 30th anniversary, Springfield Peace Camp teaches young children hands-on conflict management skills, such as how to deal with bullies. The Community Development Department Office of Mediation Services is a proud partner and presenter at Peace Camp each year. The office assists in training peer mediators, presents classes, and provides information for the Parent/Caregiver classes that are offered during the camp.

Camp will be held from June 13th through the 17th from 9:30 AM to noon at Perrin Woods Elementary School.

Annual Fire Hydrant Repainting Program

The City of Springfield is a vibrant and colorful community, and speaking of colorful, the annual fire hydrant repainting program will be continuing through August. Each year about 500 of the city's 2,957 hydrants are painted due to deterioration from inclement weather. Keeping hydrants freshly painted helps beautify neighborhoods and aids the Fire Rescue Division in spotting hydrants when approaching a fire scene, particularly in rainy or snowy weather. Springfield hydrants are painted a standard yellow, however, the top of the hydrant may be painted a different color if it has been flow tested. This allows the fire and utilities personnel to quickly identify the hydrants amount of flow.

Its important to note that the repainting program only affects those hydrants that are on public property. Any hydrant located on private property is that property owner's responsibility.

CultureFest to Celebrate 20th Year

Another aspect of the community that the city loves to celebrate is diversity and cultural heritage. Planning is currently underway for the 20th annual CultureFest and applications for vendors are being taken now. CultureFest will be held at City Hall Plaza on Saturday, September 24, from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Thousands of people participate in CultureFest each year, so don't be the only one left out. One will enjoy music, dance, food and, most importantly, fun. The event is made entirely possible due to private sponsorships. Take an afternoon to experience the world, without leaving your own hometown. For more information on being a sponsor or on the event in general, contact the Community Development Department at 324-7380 or by visiting us on the web at: <https://springfieldohio.gov/culturefest/>.