



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRINGFIELD FORESTRY

Thursday, October 12th

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

(Horticultural Event Tent and Monkey House)

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Light Hors d'Oeuvres will be provided.

Enjoy an evening in Forest Park as we unveil a bronze sculpture honoring past Park Superintendent Theodor R. Geisel in the former Monkey House. Mr. Geisel, the longest serving Park Superintendent, is the father of Ted Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. The Park Department looks forward to showcasing this historic building and sharing the plans for the new Horticulture Center.

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Dee Reilly Performs

Enjoy the music of **Dee Reilly** under the tent (across from the Monkey House)

Pack a picnic or contact the Park Department at **413-787-6435** to order a Delaney Market Meal. Suggested donation for the meal will be \$10.00.

The Springfield Republican's new book, "Over 200 Years of Springfield Parks" will be offered for sale at a special price of \$40.00. All proceeds from the book sales are being donated to the Horticulture Center project.



Friday, October 13th

SENIOR LUNCHEON WITH HIPPTOWN

(Horticultural Event Tent)

NOON – 2:00 PM

Boxed lunches provided for FREE!

Lawn Bowling and Bocce lessons

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Contact **Sandy Federico** at the Raymond Jordan Center, **413-787-6785**.



FREE CAROUSEL RIDES



EACH DAY!

(outside of the Monkey House)

Saturday, October 14th

OPEN HOUSE AT THE CARRIAGE HOUSE AT THE BARNEY ESTATE IN FOREST PARK

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tours will be provided by park staff.

Step back in time with a tour of Everett Barney's last remaining structure he left to the citizens of Springfield. Nestled in beautiful Forest Park, the Carriage House is surrounded by gorgeous estate grounds, and lovingly restored to Victorian elegance.

Refreshments will be available.

Bocce Lessons

(Bocce Court, Adjacent to Zoo Parking)

12:00 PM- 2:00 PM

FREE LESSONS! Come learn the game of Bocce. Fun for the entire family! Join us at the Bocce Court.

Monkey House

Open to the Public

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Information about the Park Department and Forestry Division will be on display in the Monkey House. Visit the new bronze statue honoring Theodor Geisel.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Join Joe Carvalho for a 30-minute presentation and learn about the fascinating connection Dr. Seuss has to Forest Park and how it influenced the amazing Seussian landscapes in his children's books. The famous children's book author Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield in 1904, and spent his childhood in the Forest Park neighborhood. The memories of his childhood in Springfield remained with him, and years later reappeared in a variety of ways in his many books and illustrations.

Horticultural Event Tent

(opposite the Monkey House)

94.7 WMAS-FM LIVE

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Dean Davids Magician presents two shows:

Session 1: 12:00 PM

Meet Linguine the rabbit for a fun, interactive magic show that the children will love!

Session 2: 1:00 PM

Explore your imagination; balloon hat creations.

The Happy Face Painter

NOON – 3:00 PM

Christine Gloster and her talented team will be offering free face-painting for all ages!

Springfield Fire Department and 911 Dispatch

Learn about fire safety and prevention



Fire Truck Display:

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

FREE carousel rides, hot dogs and popcorn

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Forest Park Zoo

Discovery Programs
inside the Zoo

FREE ADMISSION for kids 12 and under at the Forest Park Zoo

Families will have an opportunity to see various animals, including reptiles, small mammals, and birds.

Session 1: 12:00 PM

Session 2: 2:00 PM

FREE ENTRANCE
to Forest Park
each day!



Edward P. Casey Forestry Operations Center

(300 Trafton Road)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Come see our new forestry building. Open for public tours. This state-of-the-art facility will serve to protect the citizens of Springfield and the newly planted tree nursery will provide up to 500 trees to be planted along the miles of streets throughout Springfield.

2:00 PM– 2:30 PM

City Forester Alex Sherman will provide an overview of 125 years of Forestry in Springfield and the importance of maintaining an urban forest.

ECOS at Porter Lake

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ECOS is one of the oldest environmental education programs in the country. Springfield elementary and middle school students have been coming to the ECOS program since the 1970's. Come see the newly renovated Clifford A. Phaneuf Environmental Education Center.

Refreshments will be available.