



# THE STATE OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD

*SPRINGFIELD, IL*

BY MAYOR MISTY BUSCHER



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# A Year That Tested Us. **A City That Endures.**

2024 brought heartbreak and historic challenges to Springfield. But in the face of every trial, we did what Springfield has always done:

**We came together. We stood strong. And we moved forward, together.**

**This is the State of Springfield**





# WE REPAIRED . WE REBUILT . WE REOPENED .

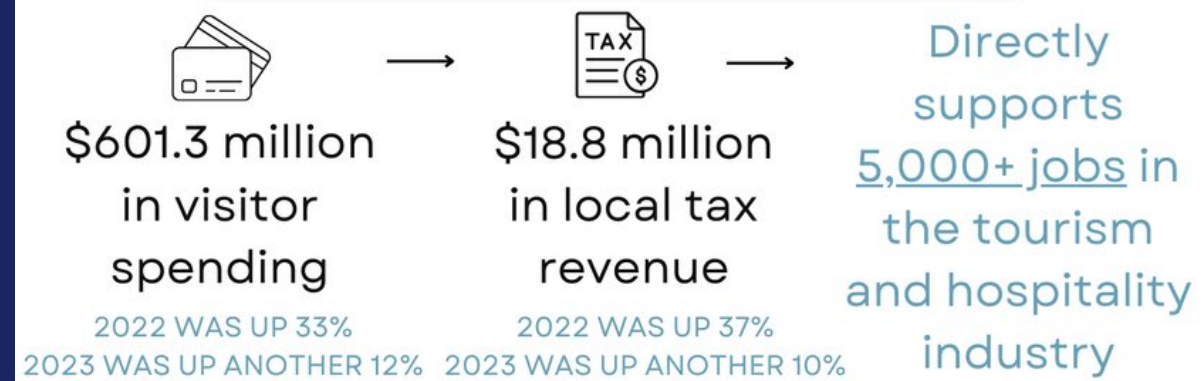


- WE LAUNCHED NEW PROGRAMS, BROKE GROUND ON MAJOR PROJECTS, AND INVESTED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
- CITY DEPARTMENTS STAYED FOCUSED ON SERVICE; ENSURING CLEAN WATER, SAFE STREETS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT.



# 2023 TOURISM NUMBERS

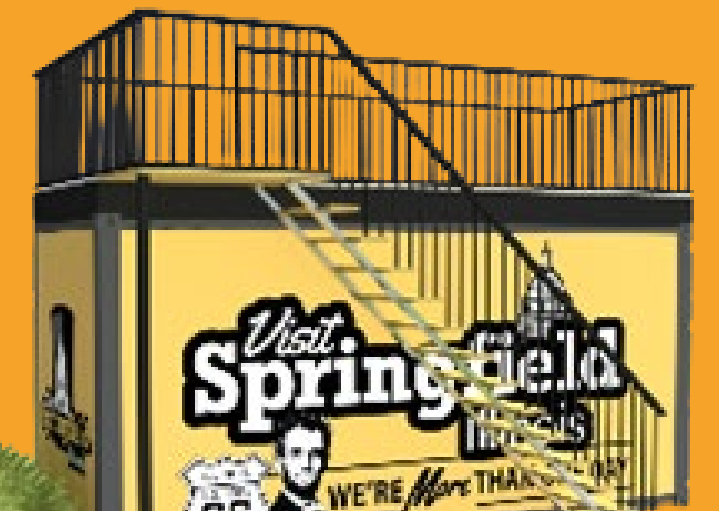
## SPRINGFIELD & SANGAMON COUNTY



# ON THE MAP & IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SPRINGFIELD'S TOURISM MOMENTUM

*Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau*

- Scheels Sports Park Opens Summer 2025
  - \$25M boost expected from sports tourism. Visitor Dugout ready to welcome teams!
- Route 66 Centennial (2026)
  - Major attractions, exhibits, and global fans celebrating 100 years of the Mother Road.
- United States Semiquincentennial
  - It marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which will be celebrated on July 4, 2026
- Old State Capitol Revived
- Horseshoe Trail Launch: 2024





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# LELAND HOTEL SITE HORSESHOE PLAQUE

## SITE OF THE LELAND HOTEL



Home of the  
**ORIGINAL SIGNATURE  
HORSESHOE SANDWICH**  
created in 1928 at the Leland Hotel by Chef Joe Schweska.

The name "horseshoe" was derived from the shape of the cut of ham used in the original sandwich. The French fries represent the nails of the shoe, and the sizzle platter represents the hot anvil.

This culinary delight can be found at almost any Springfield eatery with a variety of creative options to choose from.

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## Infrastructure Highlights

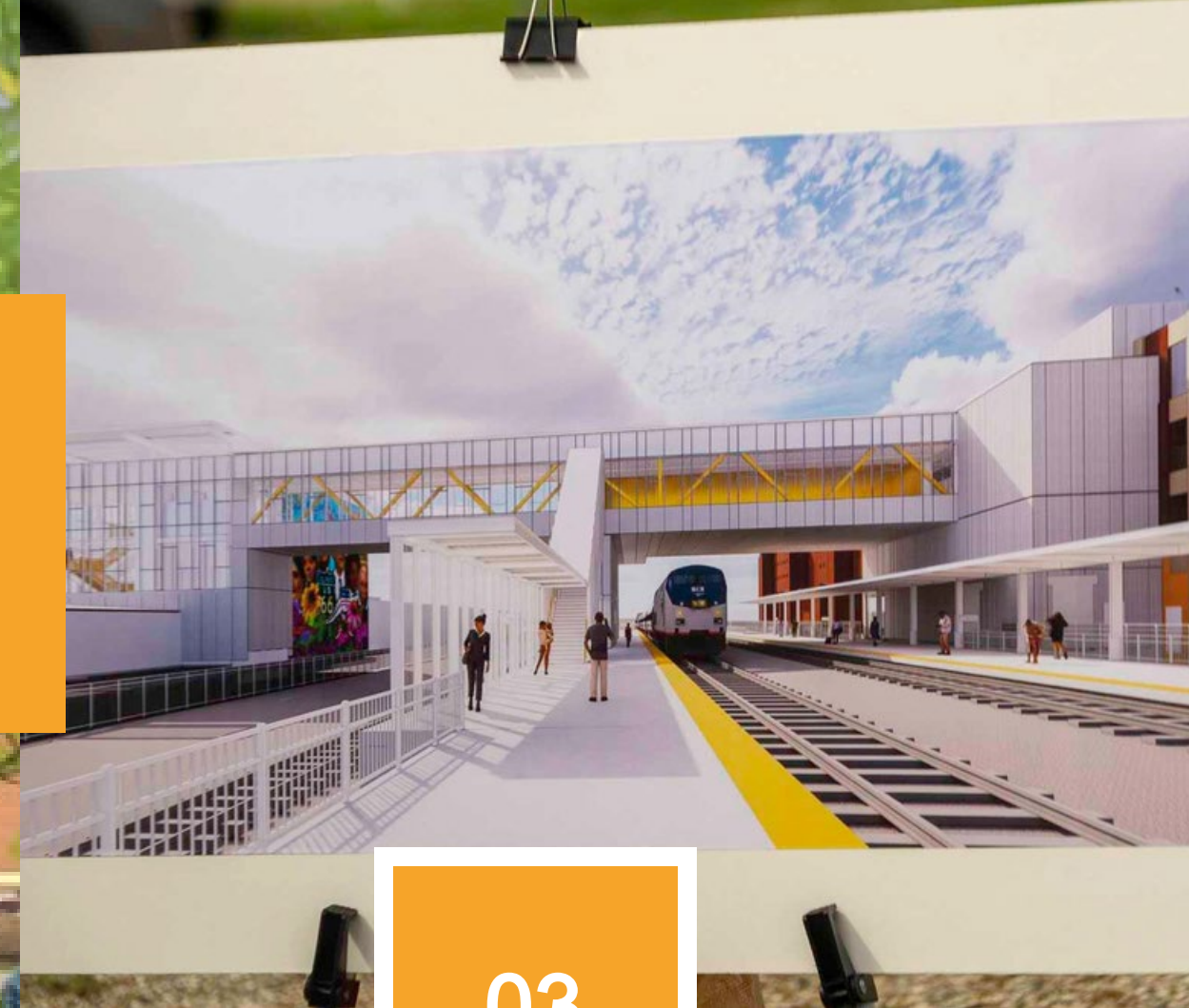
- Madison & South Grand Underpass
- Cook & South Grand Underpass
- Stanford Ave. (11th to Fox Bridge)
- Eighth St. Bridge Rebuild
- N.E. Sewer Pilot Rehab



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## Infrastructure - Looking Ahead

- The Linc – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Tracks
- Safety & corridor projects in pipeline
- Adloff, Wheeler, Lenhart Roadwork
- North Grand Ave. Underpass & Overpass
- Major sewer system upgrades citywide
- New pedestrian access covers at Old State Capitol



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## Springfield Rail Improvements Project

- U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, and U.S. Representative Nikki Budzinski announced \$157,126,494 in federal funding has been allocated by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the final phase of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project (SRIP).



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**STREETSCAPE OVERLAY  
PROJECT**



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# DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD MASTERPLAN







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# MY FIRST HOME

*Office of Community Relations*





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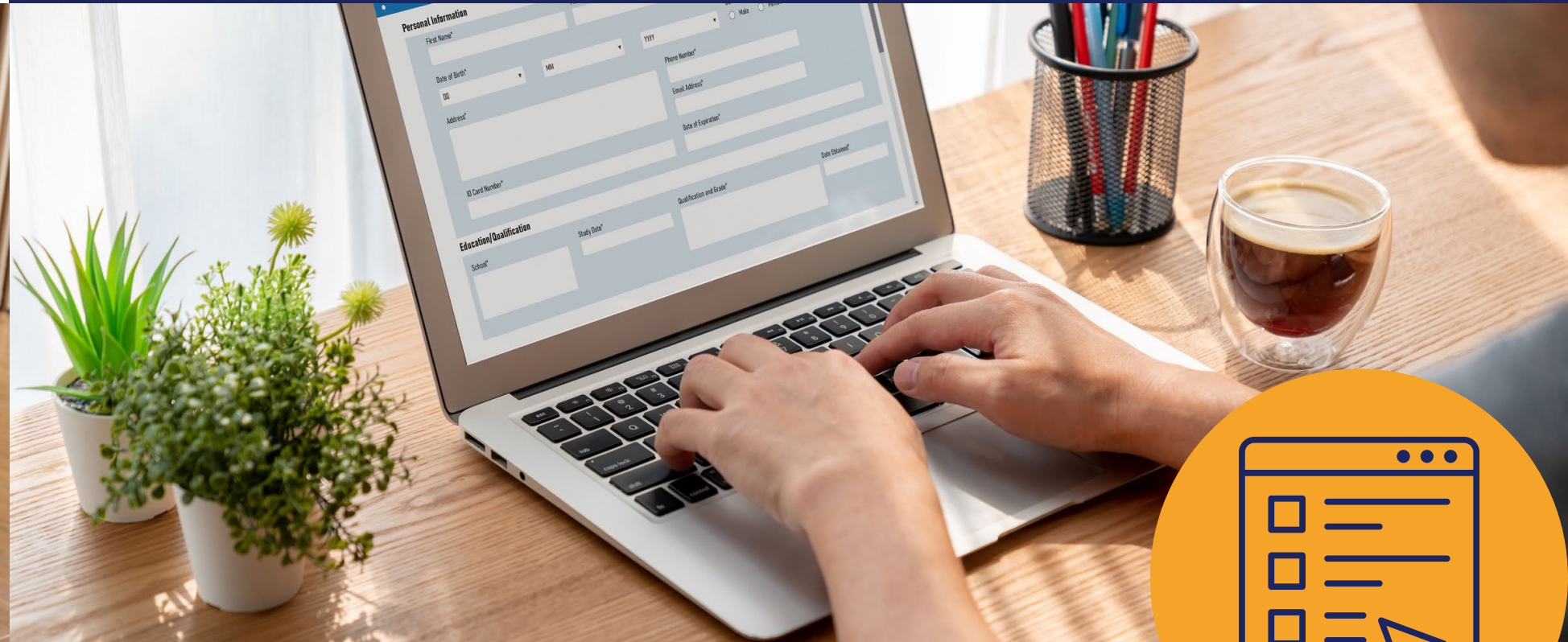


OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

- **SEECLICKFIX**

A customer relationship management solution that empowers residents to report issues, identify repair needs, share feedback

# PUBLIC SAFETY



- **NEW ONLINE PERMITTING FORMS**



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# ADAMS STREET FIRE REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS



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THE *400 BLOCK OF EAST ADAMS STREET* IS

**NOW OPEN**

TO TRAFFIC!

PLEASE NOTE: TEMPORARY OR PARTIAL CLOSURES MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ONGOING WORK SAFELY.





# DID YOU KNOW

The Office of Planning and Economic Development has Facebook and LinkedIn?

### Keeping you informed on:

- Grant Opportunities
- Training Programs
- Business Support Services
- Upcoming Community Projects & Events



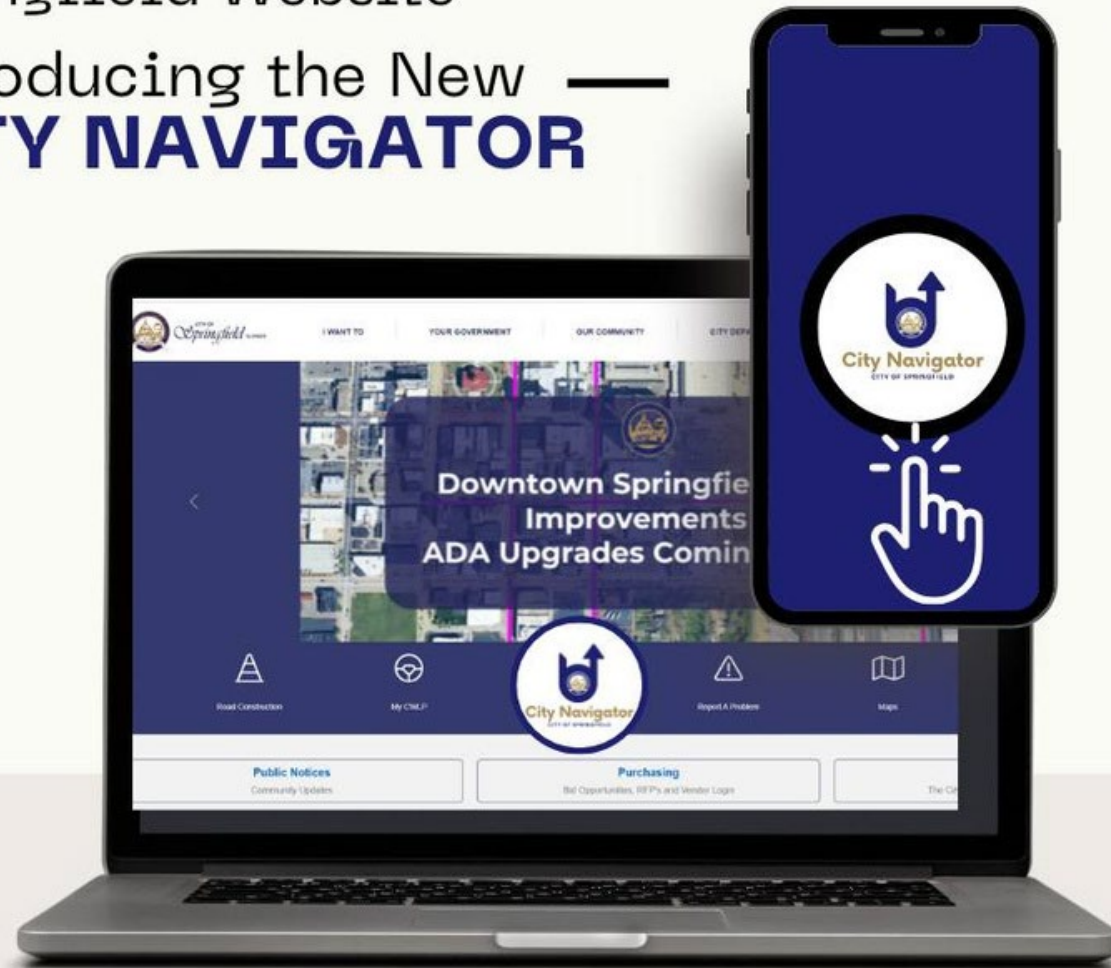
City of Springfield-Office of Planning and Economic Development



<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/office-of-planning-and-economic-development>

## The New City of Springfield Website

### Introducing the New CITY NAVIGATOR



# OPEN HOUSE

MAYOR BUSCHER LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES TO ENSURE YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD AND VALUED, AIMING TO BUILD STRONGER CONNECTIONS.

Save the date for Phase I of the new initiative with departmental Open Houses:



**Springfield Fire Department Open House**  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Station One – 825 E. Capitol Ave.



**Public Works Open House**  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
222 N. 17th St.



**Springfield Police Department (SPD) Open House**  
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
3501 Color Plant Rd.



**City Water, Light & Power (CWLP) Open House**  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
1600 Groth St.

# COMMUNITY ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION



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# NEW BLOG







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# Amazon Warehouse

COMING



SOON





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# PUBLIC SAFETY



## SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Total Calls for Service in 2024:

**27,508**

## SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Total Calls for Service in 2024:

**105,193**



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# NEW LEADERSHIP





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CITY WATER, LIGHT & POWER (CWLP)

## Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

*Modernizing Our Electric Service For CWLP Customers  
Funded by savings realized by refinancing electric bonds*



### Key Benefits of AMI

#### Improved Billing Accuracy

Eliminates manual meter reading errors

#### Operational Efficiency

Remote meter reading reduces field visits

#### Demand Response & Load Management

Allows for real-time pricing & efficiency

#### Customer Empowerment

Provides real-time consumption insights

#### Revenue Protection

Reduces theft and unauthorized usage

#### Outage Management

Faster identification & restoration of service



## 25 MW Solar Diversifying CWLP's Energy Portfolio

- 25 MW for 25 years from a new 100 MW solar farm to be built south of Chatham in Sangamon County
- Energy and capacity
- Situated near CWLP transmission lines
- Represents around 6.5% of City's load
- Secures clean energy at a reasonable cost and reduces what we would purchase at higher market price



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# THE RETURN OF SPRINGFIELD GREEN



Springfield Green

Springfield Green is dedicated to beautification of the Springfield and capital city area, benefitting the environment, improving the quality of life for residents and visitors of our great city.



STATE OF DOWNTOWN

# GALLERY







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FROM THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD