



Springfield is the third largest city in the U.S. state of Missouri. It is the county seat of Greene County. On July 1, 2008, the estimated population was 156,206. Springfield is near the population center of the United States, about 80 miles (130 km) to the east.

Springfield's nickname is The Queen City of the Ozarks. It is also known as The Cultural Center of the Ozarks, The Gateway to the Ozarks, and The Birthplace of Route 66.



Mayor James O'Neal

James O'Neal was elected Mayor of Springfield in April 2009. Previously, he served as General Councilman from 1987 to 1994. As Mayor, he serves as an ex-officio member of the four Council standing committees.

As a life-long resident of Springfield, Mayor O'Neal's professional career is much like a classic story – but an accurate one. Approximately 28 years ago Jim O'Neal began O&S Trucking with nothing but an old desk, phone and a chair. Now, O&S Trucking is a full service truckload carrier with a tractor fleet of over 350 tractors and 750 trailers, handling dry and temperature-controlled freight. Since its inception, O & S's ESOP has earned a 400% increase in stock value – of which 30% is in the employee trust.

In recognition of the importance of community involvement, O&S contributes not only 10% of revenue to various charities and community efforts, but also the valuable commodity of time.

While Jim has won numerous service awards and recognition, he considers his most notable accomplishment to be that of marrying his lovely wife Debbie, and helping raise their four children. They are currently enjoying their four grandchildren.



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Environmental Issues

[Recycling Services](#)—Springfield's voter approved Integrated Solid Waste Management System is funded by revenues generated from tipping fees at the City's Sanitary Landfill, as well as several revenue sources, including the sale of yard waste compost and mulch products, grants, honor system fees, and donations.

[Choose Environmental Excellence](#)—CEE is a partnership of business, government and private citizens all acting together to improve our environmental awareness and actions in the daily choices we make. Each participant is asked to make a simple commitment to do a better job.

[Show Me Yards](#)—Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods is an educational program designed to raise awareness about the role urban storm water runoff plays in the water quality of nearby streams, creeks, rivers, and lakes.

[Brownfields Redevelopment](#)

"Creating a better environment through economic redevelopment"

[Green Building Resources](#)—Green building trends are on the rise in Springfield and nationally and provide numerous opportunities to improve the impacts of buildings on the environment and health. The benefits are even greater when green buildings are located on a former brownfields site where there is access to existing infrastructure, eliminating the need to use greenspace on the outskirts of town.

[Storm Water Services](#)—Roads, rooftops, parking lots and other impervious surfaces create an increase in storm water runoff which can negatively impact our streams, rivers, and lakes. Minimizing these impacts requires careful storm water management. The Storm Water Services Division administers a variety of programs and projects to meet the storm water management needs of the community and protect area waterways.

[Watershed Committee of the Ozarks](#)

Help us build Missouri's first Watershed Center

"Every drop of rain that falls is precious—a resource to be safeguarded, not wasted." That is the philosophy of the Watershed Center, where there will be myriad opportunities to see, feel and touch water protection demonstrations, discuss aspects of sustainable design and living, work with other people who care about water, examine working examples of water conservation and green building features, and learn how every person can take responsibility as a curator of our precious water supply. In short, we want to connect people to their watersheds.

