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Celebrate Drinking Water Week!
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Each year, the water community celebrates National Drinking Water Week during the first week of May. Drinking Water Week is a time to recognize the value of water by learning about the critical role water plays in our daily lives and in the quality of life that we enjoy.

To commemorate the occasion, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is participating in a variety of community events and educational initiatives. The Commission joined in the city-wide cleanup event on Saturday, May 3 with a group of employees cleaning along both sides of Wilbraham Road near Watershops Pond. On Saturday, May 10, the Commission will hand out glasses of Springfield's own water to guests at The Spirit of Springfield's annual Pancake Breakfast. In addition, educational displays have been set up at six of the Springfield Library branches as well as the Hubbard Memorial Library in Ludlow.

The Commission invites the community to join the celebration. Here's how you can participate:

- ✓ Learn about the importance of drinking water and water-related issues by visiting <http://thevalueofwater.org/> and <http://www.waters-worth-it.org/>.
- ✓ Use water wisely by practicing water conservation.
- ✓ Support efforts to upgrade underground infrastructure.
- ✓ Learn about your local water system.
- ✓ Support efforts to protect drinking water.
- ✓ Join the conversation about drinking water on social media with the hashtag [#valueofwater](#).

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