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Chimney Rock plan returns in front of P&Z

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A new subdivision has caused plenty of controversy for Galloway-area neighbors and the city of Springfield since it was initially proposed late last year. The subdivision, which was approved by council and is at the center of a legal dispute regarding a referendum petition, returned to Springfield Planning & Zoning Commission on Thursday, Aug. 14,

where a plan that includes lower housing density and other changes ultimately received unanimous support. The proposed development, dubbed Chimney Rock, initially included plans for 40 single-family residential lots across 8.7 acres at 3040 S. Arcadia Ave., abutting the existing Chimney Hills and Chimney Hills Place subdivisions. The initial plan, due to the higher density, included two access points, with one

road stemming off Arcadia where the road currently ends in a cul-de-sac. Neighbors vehemently opposed this initial proposal, highlighting the significantly higher density compared to nearby subdivisions and raising concerns about traffic and stormwater runoff. Thursday night, P&Z was presented with a revised plat for the subdivision that includes only 29 lots and does not connect the subdivision street with Arcadia's cul-de-sac. In the revised plan,

the smallest lot would be 7,500 square feet, or 0.17 acres, with the largest at nearly 18,900 square feet, or 0.43 acres. Most lots are on the lower side of this range. The project is being pursued by JCRS Development LLC, registered to Jeff Childs, commercial realtor, according to the Missouri Secretary of State business database. **See PLANS, Page 5A**



The Queen City Shakespeare Company rehearses "The Tempest" at the J.O.B. Public House's pop-up space on Aug. 14. NATHAN PAPES/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

Springfield theater aims to make Shakespeare accessible

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The first production by Springfield's newest theater company has a little bit of everything: Shipwrecks, revenge, sex jokes, magic, comedy and puppets. Oh, and the play is by William Shakespeare. Queen City Shakespeare Company will be performing "The Tempest" Aug. 21-23 and 28-30 at the J.O.B. Public House's pop-up space, 317 E. Walnut St. Performances will be 7:30 to 9 p.m. each day, with a 2 to 3:30 p.m. show on Aug.

23 and 30. Tickets are available online at www.qcshakespeare.org. The company aims to make the Bard more accessible to audiences and its cast through experimental productions, said Amy Newsom, QCSC executive director. It was established in January and began as a "passion project" among those who previously participated in a Shakespeare in the Park production. "We know that Shakespeare is a niche community," she said. "A lot of people are intimidated by it, so that's something we talked about, trying to break down those barriers for people."

Not your English class's version of Shakespeare

While some folks may have only encountered Shakespeare's works in high school English class and came away with the idea that the plays are only for intellectuals, the reality is that his plays were made for the working class, especially "The Tempest." "This is for people like us who are in the lower economic status, so we understand the workplace struggles, we understand the stress of relationships,

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Senior apartments proposed for South Springfield

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An undeveloped piece of land on the south side of Springfield could soon see construction of a senior housing community, if City Council agrees to rezone the roughly three-acre property off South Campbell Avenue. The lot at 5585 S. Robberson Ave., next to the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, is currently zoned for general retail use. At the Springfield Planning & Zoning Commission meeting Thursday, Aug. 14, the property was proposed to be rezoned for a Planned Development. Planned Development is a more unique zoning district that allows for a mix and match of other districts and the addition of more strict limitations. The main reason for the rezoning was to allow the development of a senior multi-family housing project, dubbed Seville Square Senior Villas. While multi-family housing is allowed under general retail zoning, any housing must be behind or above commercial uses. Geoff Butler, representative of the property owners with Springfield Land & Development Company LLC, said a buyer is interested in the property and is hoping to develop senior apartments using Missouri Housing Development Commission funding for the project. In order to utilize the funding, only multi-family housing can be developed, which would not be possible under the current zoning. Why not go with a straight rezoning

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