Jim Link, Public Works Director
City of Ballwin
200 Park Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011

Congratulations, Jim! The City of Ballwin has earned a Silver Shovel award! We are pleased to celebrate your commitment to natural gas pipeline awareness and safe digging!

At Spire, we believe energy exists to make people's lives better. We help more than 1.2 million families and business owners in Missouri fuel their daily lives through our natural gas. To fulfill our mission to "answer every challenge, advance every community and enrich every life through the strength of our energy," we need strong partnerships with the municipalities we serve.

And since safety is one of our core values, we created the Silver Shovel award to recognize municipal public works departments that safely excavate and work carefully around our gas facilities.

To be awarded, a municipality is required to:

1. be located within Spire's service territory,

2. utilize the Missouri One Call System, and adhere to its statutes, and

3. have no "at fault" damages on a gas facility in the calendar year of 2019.

We are happy to share that The City of Ballwin has reported more than 227 jobs in 2019 without any "at fault" damages.

A Spire representative would like to present this award to you and your team at an upcoming council meeting. Please contact me at Tod.Fagan@Spireenergy.com by August 3, 2020, to confirm a date and time for the presentation.

We are excited to celebrate your commitment to natural gas pipeline awareness and safe digging! The dedication and coordination of your public works team helps our communities thrive.

We hope this Silver Shovel acknowledgment will shine a light on your work and inspire other municipalities to continue their commitment to safe excavation!

Congratulations Again,

Tod Fagan
Manager, Right of Way

Alan Meyer
Manager, Damage Prevention

CC: Mayor Tim Pogue; Bob Kuntz, City Administrator