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### **"The Love Bug" Kicks Off Birthplace Of Route 66 Festival**

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board helps kick off Springfield's Birthplace of Route 66 Festival Friday evening by screening the 1969 classic film, "The Love Bug," at Founders Park.

Classic car owners are scheduled to cruise from the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven into downtown Springfield Friday night, 7:30 p.m. The cruise will pass down Water Street, in front of Founders Park. The festival continues Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a car show, live music and other activities on Park Central Square. The festival concludes Saturday evening at the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven, celebrating its 75th anniversary.

"The Love Bug" is part of the outdoor Movies at Founders Park series, a modern version of the drive-in theater, held Friday and Saturday evenings, July 5- Aug. 24, at Founders Park. Free advance movie tickets are available at Mediacom Ice Park, Busch Municipal Building, Mediacom Communications Offices and the Chesterfield, Dan Kinney and Doling Family Centers. Admission is \$5 at the gate. Participants are advised to bring lawn chars or blankets.

The film, the first in the "Herbie" series, is about a Volkswagen Beetle with a mind of its own, who has dreams of making it big on the racetrack. The movie begins at dusk.

For more information about movies at Founders Park, call Mediacom Ice Park at 417-866-7444 or visit [www.springfieldmo.gov/founders](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/founders)

For more information about the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, call Rusty Worley, Festival Co-Chair, at 417-569-8866 or visit [www.itsalldowntown.com](http://www.itsalldowntown.com)