

TEAM Springfield

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Downtown Springfield Shines under New Lights

City of Springfield | The scene, as they say, was electric.

On March 13, hundreds of Springfield residents, business owners and supporters came out to celebrate the official turning on of new lighting in Downtown Springfield. Several musical acts entertained eventgoers, and shoppers flocked to downtown stores that stayed open late. At dusk, Mayor Christine Lundberg flipped the switch, and the crowd cheered.

The new lighting grew out of a downtown circulation project that identified the need to install decorative posts with LED light fixtures along several blocks to improve safety, visibility and aesthetics.

The first phase included a three-block area downtown. The next phase of new lighting will include full blocks on Fourth Street and Fifth Street and half a block on South Sixth Street and South Fourth Street. Survey and mapping of City and SUB electrical assets, and preliminary designs are underway. Additional phases have been identified for future installation.

For more information about the project and future phases visit: ourmainstreetspringfield.org.



Champion Runner Drawn to 'Unbeatable' Springfield Trails

Willamalane Park and Recreation District | When two-time Olympian Nick Symmonds isn't racing against the best middle distance runners in the world, competing on "American Ninja Warrior" or helping manage his business, Run Gum, you might just find him enjoying time in Springfield.

"I love Springfield," said Symmonds. "I always felt home in Springfield."

Symmonds, a Boise, Idaho, native, is currently training up and down the West Coast in preparation for USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships this summer in Eugene. But he is excited to be coming back to a place he feels he can call home.

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City Offers 27th Annual Spring Clean Up

City of Springfield | With spring officially here, consider taking advantage of the City of Springfield's free annual Spring Clean Up event available to Springfield residents within the city limits.

Spring is a great time to consider what you could get rid of around the house and yard to help beautify your neighborhood. Do you have an old freezer or refrigerator that no longer runs? Scrap lumber or metal that you don't need? Brush left from trimming trees and shrubs? These are just some

Spring Clean Up
Saturday, May 16
8 a.m.-4 p.m. • 1600 S. B St.

of the items that can be recycled during this free community event.

What started out as a brush collection program has evolved into a recycling and reuse event. Here's a brief timeline of how we got to today:

- 1983—Started as brush collection program facilitated by the Promote Unique Springfield Happenings facilities committee to promote a Springfest Clean Up in the downtown and Mill Street area. The event took place as a partnership between the City of Springfield, Neighborhood Watch volunteers and residents in the area.
- 1988—City of Springfield took the lead and renamed it "Spruce

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Nick Symmonds

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What especially stands out to Symmonds is the quality of the running trails in Springfield.

“I think Dorris Ranch is probably unbeatable in the whole area. It is just a really beautiful park and now the fact that they’ve connected Dorris with Clearwater is really, really nice,” said Symmonds. “Any given day I might start in Springfield or Eugene and vice versa and crisscross between the two cities half a dozen times in a given day of training.”

Symmonds knows each trail intimately. From a pavement run with a view of the river to a trail run through the forest, Willamalane Park and Recreation District trails offer a little bit of everything.

While the trails brought him to Springfield, what kept him here was a city that embraced him for the small-town boy that he is. He first encountered the area when, as a Division III runner at Willamette University in Salem, he competed at Hayward Field.

“I had been a kid from Willamette [University] who had come down and beat up on Ducks and I always felt an outsider until that community really welcomed me,” said Symmonds. “And that really helped. It played a major, major part in me making the teams in ’08 and ’12.”

After graduation, Symmonds made the move to Springfield in preparation for the 2008 Olympic Trials. And after he made the ’08 Olympic team (in one of the most exciting races of the Trials) he extended his stay in the area. He continued training here and again made the team in 2012.

Symmonds says he appreciates Springfield and all it has to offer—from its trails, to its friendly people, to pre-race meals at Bai Khao Thai on Centennial Boulevard. “Springfield just felt like my kind of people.”

—Zachary Silva

SAVE THE DATE! **Nick Symmonds Springfield 800**
Saturday, Sept. 26 • 10 a.m.
Register at springfield-or.gov

The City of Springfield invites all to run with five-time 800 meter U.S. champion, two-time Olympian and Springfield resident Nick Symmonds as the only “straight 800” meter road race returns to Springfield. The fourth annual race will take over Fifth Street, starting at the City Hall Fountain Plaza. Everyone can participate in the 800, which is a distance of about a half-mile. Several waves of skill levels will be available, and all runners are chip timed for the most accurate 800 possible. The race is sanctioned by USATF. Call City of Springfield, 541-726-3700, with any questions.

Schools Partner with Parents in Students’ Education

Springfield Public Schools | Last month’s comprehensive parent survey was the latest effort in a campaign to encourage parents to get more involved in their children’s education. The district will use the information gained to improve the ways that schools connect with families.

“We know that children who have families that are engaged and involved tend to be more successful,” says Devon Ashbridge, district communications specialist.



Parents as Partners

Getting started: With full-day kindergarten beginning this fall, the district encourages parents to help their children get ready to start school. You can visit your child’s school and pick up a copy of the new publication, “A Parent’s Guide to Kindergarten.” The guide talks about what to expect in kindergarten and gives tips on how you can help give your child a good foundation of skills.

Early literacy: Reading to your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed. We’ve posted a list of great resources at www.springfield.k12.or.us/jumpstart.

Staying involved: We encourage families to get involved with their children’s education.

- Get to know your child’s teacher. Take time to chat before or after class, or at events. Send a note if you have questions about what your child is doing in school.
- Get to know the school. Meet the staff. If you don’t have time to volunteer, try to attend the open houses, family nights and other school events.
- Talk to your child about school. Celebrate successes and help navigate anxious times.
- Take advantage of teacher conferences to find out how your student is doing in school and how you can help.
- Log in to the district’s ParentVue system frequently to check on assignments and progress.
- Explore local opportunities, including low- or no-cost resources such as the Science Factory, University of Oregon museums and more.

School Skills Don’t Have to Fade in the Summer Sun

Springfield Public Schools | Many parents may sympathize with their kids’ cries for a respite from school-work, but most educators agree that the long summer

break typically represents a learning setback — of a month or more, in many cases, according to studies.

This list can help you figure out some ways to sneak learning experiences into fun time and avoid that “summer slide.”

Keep reading. Make plenty of time for trips to the library. The Springfield Public



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Library has lots of activities geared around motivating kids to read. The Summer Reading Program and Willamalane offer trips to Splash! at Lively Park or Camp Putt as incentives. The library also has story times for the younger set, Spanish story times, and even teen storytelling workshops. Some schools open their libraries in the summer for families. There’s also the Summer Reading Spots program through the United Way in conjunction with Willamalane’s summer playground program.

Practice math in creative ways. Math skills in particular tend to suffer over the summer through lack of use. Try to make math part of your daily routine. If your kids are young and willing, see if you can get them to do a sheet of practice problems every day to keep up basic skills. You can find plenty of practice worksheets online. You can also try to integrate math into your summer activities—cooking, for example, or travel. Kids can practice math skills in building projects, or in reviewing sports stats, or in card or board games.

For one-stop shopping for summer activities in Springfield, bookmark www.springfield.k12.or.us/summer.

Keep up with other skills. Younger kids can practice writing skills or keyboarding by writing or emailing notes to friends or family. Older kids can keep a journal or write book reports. Play word games in the car while you’re traveling. Day camps, such as the ones offered by Willamalane, can give kids a chance to work on social and sports skills.

Learn new stuff. Summer is a great time to take advantage of kids’ natural curiosity. Use hikes to

teach about the natural world. Learn how plants grow while tending the garden. Find out why boats float before you head to the lake. Read up on astronomy and look at the stars together. Read about tides before your trip to the tide pools. Talk about the water cycle while you’re fishing. Look up the history of fireworks together and learn how they’re made. Build your own Rube Goldberg invention or a go-cart or a LEGO robot. Build a volcano or a weather station or a mini-Stonehenge in the backyard. The research is half the fun!

Most importantly, take this opportunity to do things together as a family. To all our Springfield Public Schools families, have a great summer!

Volunteer for Summer Reading Spots!

The United Way needs volunteers this summer to read to children at Summer Reading Spots. All it takes is one hour a day. Find out more at: unitedwaylane.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Camps for Every Kid at Willamalane

Willamalane camps promise days stuffed with active play and a healthy dose of adventure. Willamalane offers:

Camps for all ages and interests.

Willamalane has sports camps, nature camps, climbing camps, dance camps and many more camps sure to ignite creativity. See the full list at willamalane.org.

Quality care. Caring, experienced staff is trained in education and recreation. They receive ongoing training in child development, behavior management, quality environments, creative programming, active supervision, health and safety. We maintain a staff to student ratio of 1-to-15 for older children, and 1-to-8 for preschoolers. All staff are trained in CPR and first aid.

Active play, engaged kids. Staff members work hard planning programs to make sure kids play hard. Activities may include:

- Field trips and swimming
- Games and sports
- Music, nature, crafts and drama
- Special guest speakers

Extended hours! Many Willamalane camps open as early as 7 a.m. and run as late as 6 p.m. Unlike many competitors, we include extended hours in camp fees to better serve the needs of working families. Other camps, especially sport-specific camps, run for just part of the day.

Online registration: Most families no longer have to come in to Willamalane Center to register kids for day camps. Just visit willamalane.org.



Free Lunches, Free Playground Activities for Kids

Willamalane Park and Recreation District | Healthy eating habits and physical activity are on the menu at park playgrounds in Springfield this summer, thanks to a partnership between Willamalane Park and Recreation District and FOOD for Lane County.

Willamalane's free Summer Playground Program offers organized activities for kids and nutrition education at 10 parks and at Riverbend Elementary School. The program runs Monday-Thursday, June 22-Aug. 20.

FOOD for Lane County offers free hot lunches at 19 sites for all children up to age 18 between noon and 1 p.m., Monday-Thursday, with a cold lunch on Friday.

Although children can drop in at summer meals, parents will need to sign up their children in advance or register at the park sites for the Summer Playground Program.

The free out-of-school meals program run by FOOD for Lane County serves more than 60 sites through rural and urban locations.

"An average of 1,500 kids each day in Springfield and 2,600 total in Lane County receive a hot or cold meal during this summer meal program," said FOOD for Lane County Program Manager Karen Roth.

Summer Playground Program sites:

Douglas Gardens Park	3455 S. Redwood Drive
Gamebird Park	1500 Mallard Ave.
Jasper Meadows	South 57th Street
Jesse Maine Park	South 69th Place
Meadow Park	851 Mill St.
Pacific Park	Shadylane Drive
Quartz Park	2300 S. 60th St.
Riverbend Elementary	320 51st St.
Royal Delle Park	401 Blackstone St.
Thurston Park	6329 F St.
Willamalane Park	1276 G St.

FOOD for Lane County Meal Program sites:

Brattain House	1030 G St.
Centennial Elementary	1315 Aspen St.
Douglas Gardens Park	3455 S. Redwood Drive
Gamebird Park	1500 Mallard Ave.
Guy Lee Park	755 Harlow Road
Jack B. Lively Memorial Park	6100 Thurston Road
Jasper Meadows	South 57th St.
Jesse Maine Park	South 69th Pl.
Maple Elementary	2109 J St.
Meadow Park	851 Mill St.
Pacific Park	Shadylane Drive
Pride Park	277 S. 34th St.
Riverbend Elementary	320 51st St.
Royal Delle Park	401 Blackstone St.
Two Rivers-Dos Ríos Elementary	1084 G St.
Thurston Park	6329 F St.
Tyson Park	3405 E St.
Volunteer Park	4350 Mt. Vernon Road
Willamalane Park	1276 G St.

Spring Clean Up

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Up Springfield" to help reduce nuisance code violations by allowing residents to clean up their yards and dispose of debris in one convenient location free of charge.

- 1993—Event was given its current name, Spring Clean Up, and additional items started being accepted.
- 2003—The event expanded by offering recycling and reuse collection services free of charge.

Spring Clean Up is truly a community event. Thousands of enthusiastic residents have taken advantage of the program throughout the years. At the heart of Spring Clean Up rests a commitment from city leaders to say thank you to residents by giving back at this annual event. It is an opportunity to recycle large items and hard-to-recycle materials in one convenient place.

Please note that this free event is exclusively for City of Springfield residents within city limits. Proof of residency is required. No businesses, please.

This community event could not be possible without support from many local businesses and nonprofits. This year's event supporters are: Sanipac, Lane County Waste Management, St. Vincent de Paul, Lane Forest Products, Next Step Recycling, Cascade Metal Recycling, Habitat for Humanity ReStore and Lane County Master Recycling Program.

For more information about Spring Clean Up, visit springfield-or.gov/dpw/SpringCleanup.htm or call 541-726-3637. You can also email questions to springcleanup@springfield-or.gov.

Springfield Emeralds Return to PK Park

Springfield stomps back into PK Park on August 15 when the Eugene Emeralds once again team up with the City of Springfield and Springfield Utility Board for Springfield Community Night. Springfield residents who show a valid ID at the box office will receive Box Seat tickets for only \$5 (a \$5 savings per ticket). Come early and check out the fifth annual Springfield pre-game exhibition softball game between the Springfield and Eugene Police Departments. The softball game will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the Emeralds game beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Emeralds will be sporting all-new Springfield-themed jerseys, sponsored by SUB. The player jerseys will be auctioned off after the game with all proceeds going to benefit Project Share, a fund that helps low-income Springfield families with wintertime heating bills.

Mayor Lundberg and special guests will be there for the first pitch ceremony, including a special joint mascot appearance with Sluggo and SUB's Subby!

Tickets to the August 15 Emeralds game will get you in to the pre-game exhibition softball game earlier that day. Residents of Springfield will need to show their ID at the PK Park Box Office to receive their \$5 tickets. Find more information online at Springfield-or.gov or Subutil.com.

School Bond Improvements Proceed Full Steam Ahead

Springfield Public Schools | Bond improvements are being made across the district. Already, each school has received upgrades and the work is scheduled to continue through the summer with projects that require more time or safety precautions.

Bond Progress

Safety Improvements

What's done: Lock replacement at all schools

What's coming up: Perimeter gate replacement

Bond Basics

What's done: lighting replacement at Guy Lee; carpet replacement in Springfield High library; Thurston High concrete improvements (north side); fencing; gates

What's coming up: finish siding replacement at Thurston High; electrical service upgrade at Guy Lee; Thurston High bleacher addition and bleacher cover; Page parking lot improvements; WALTERVILLE parking lot improvement; various asphalt repairs



New door locks on all classrooms will allow teachers to lock the doors from the inside for improved safety.

Hamlin Replacement

What's done: Middle school ed specs, architect selection

What's coming up: design beginning in spring 2015; construction from spring 2016 to September 2017

Classroom Additions

What's done: Design and groundbreaking at 5 schools (Maple, Mt. Vernon, Ridgeview, Riverbend and Yolanda)

What's coming up: Construction over summer/fall with move-in scheduled for January 2016

Technology Upgrades

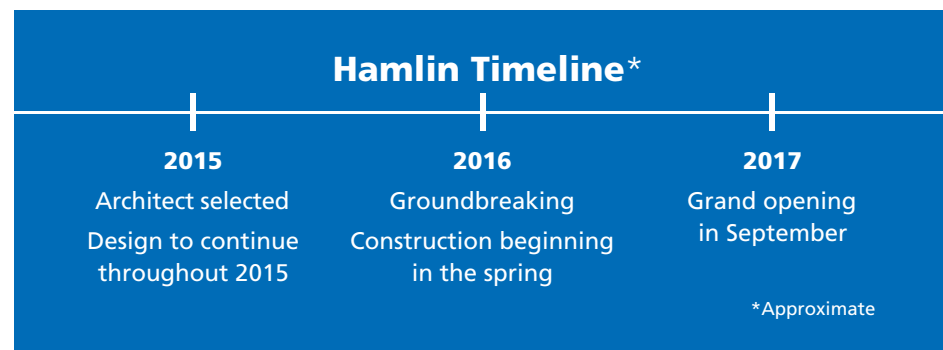
What's done: District firewall; Agnes Stewart computer lab; Thurston High computer lab

What's coming up: Installation of ceiling-mounted projectors across the district will begin in summer 2015 and continue over two years.

Hamlin Construction Update

The first step in the project was to create the Middle School Educational Specifications document, better known as Ed Specs, which will dictate planning for all future middle schools. The Ed Specs committee first established the district's values around curriculum, then visited middle schools both in our own district and in other districts.

The Ed Specs process was followed by architect selection. The School Board, assisted by a group of staff and community members, has selected BBT Architects Inc. of Bend to design the new Hamlin. Before selecting BBT, board members remarked on their desire to hire an Oregon firm, how impressed they were by quality construction when visiting other schools designed by BBT and their certainty that the design would reflect the Springfield community.



Stay up-to-date on bond progress, including details about what's happening at each school, at www.springfield.k12.or.us/bond

What is STEAM curriculum?

Hamlin will be designed as a STEAM school. STEAM is an expansion on the more commonly known STEM concept—encapsulating Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and adding an Arts component. But STEAM is more than the sum of its subjects. STEAM education provides opportunities to integrate various content areas, and provides inquiry-based tasks that allow students to practice their analytical and critical thinking skills. The goal is to learn and achieve proficiency in a holistic, well-rounded curriculum.

“You will hear more of the phrase, ‘project-based learning’ as we continue to expand our focus on the whole child,” says Acting Superintendent Susan Rieke-Smith.

“In the real world, people don't solve problems by attacking them one subject at a time. By teaching kids how to identify and solve real-world problems, we are not only helping them learn the tools they need, but they also can easily see the relevance of what they're learning. Students are more intellectually engaged when they are active learners. Teachers have the opportunity now to work with students in many different and engaging ways beyond simply lecturing from the front of the room.”

The old way of thinking about classrooms is done, too. We're now looking at combinations of learning studios, discovery labs and maker spaces as a ‘learning community,’” says Rieke-Smith. “Spaces need to be flexible enough to adapt to the changing needs of education.”

The point of project-based, integrated learning is not just to prepare students for high-tech careers. Other examples could be using math to learn about budgeting and financial decision-making.



Project-based learning allows students to practice critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Breaking Ground for Classroom Additions

Springfield Public Schools | Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in April at the five schools—Maple, Mt. Vernon, Ridgeview, Riverbend and Yolanda elementary schools—that are receiving classroom additions with bond funds. The additional space will help the crowded schools accommodate full-day kindergarten, which begins in the district this fall.

Construction will take several months, and the district plans to work to minimize the disruption to those neighborhoods.

“It's going to be a little cramped at the beginning of the school year,” said Devon Ashbridge, district communications specialist. “But we look forward to the new spaces being open to staff and students in January 2016.”



Even out Your Monthly Bill with SUB's Average Payment Plan

Springfield Utility Board | If you like the idea of knowing in advance what your monthly heating bills will be, sign up for SUB's Average Payment Plan. With the program, you build up a credit in spring and summer that helps pay down higher heating costs in the late fall and winter.

The result? No more big wintertime heating bills – something you'll especially appreciate when those holiday bills start rolling in!

Here's how it works:

When you sign up for APP, SUB continues to read your meters every month. But instead of billing you for your actual usage, SUB bills you each month for the average of your previous 12 months' charges. This kind of billing, called a "rolling average," reflects your average use and SUB's current rates.

Then, each April, you'll get a "catch-up" bill. If you used more electricity during the year than predicted, SUB will bill that amount on your April statement. If you used less, SUB owes you and will automatically apply the credit to your account!

You can participate in SUB's APP if:

- Your account is paid in full, and
- You've been at your current address for at least one year.

Enrollment for this popular program ends June 1, so be sure to get your application in soon. You can download a form off SUB's website at www.subutil.com, or if you have an online account, you can enroll electronically.

(And if you don't have an online account, it's easy and fast! Just click on the SUB "log in" link on the front page of our website, and follow the instructions to "register my account.")

Of course, if you'd like more details, just call SUB at 541-746-8451. We're happy to help!



Swings are for playgrounds, not utility bills.

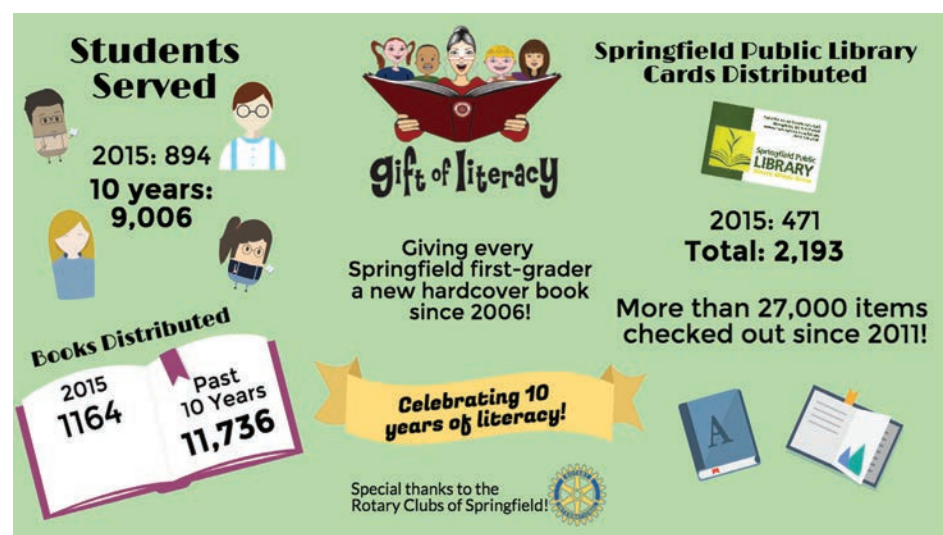
Gift of Literacy Celebrates 10th Year

Springfield Public Schools | This year's Gift of Literacy celebration on May 27 at Lane Community College marks the 10th year that Springfield Public Schools and the Rotary Clubs of Springfield have handed out books to every single first-grader in the district. This means that the cute kid to the right is now a sophomore in high school!

We'd like to thank all of our sponsors and the thousands of volunteers over the years who have stuffed bags, blown up balloons, served lunch, handed out books and read to students. Thanks also to the Springfield Public Library for partnering with us to give free library cards to all first-graders, including students living outside of city limits who would normally have had to pay for the cards.

Three cheers for all of our partners in literacy!

To read more about Gift of Literacy, visit www.giftofliteracy.org.



Be a Leak Detective! Save Money by Cutting Down on Water Loss

Springfield Utility Board | If your household is like most, at one time or another, your plumbing will spring a leak.

You might notice it when you hear the toilet running, or maybe after detecting the incessant drip, drip from a faucet.

Or you might notice it once you get your monthly utility bill—your oddly high utility bill.

Why do water leaks cause high bills?

First, even a common problem, like a bad valve in your toilet, can result in hundreds of gallons of water literally going down the drain. That's water you just bought, but didn't even get to use! In fact, a toilet leak can waste 200 gallons of water per day.

And remember, wasted water hits your wallet twice—first you pay SUB for the water delivered to your home, and second, you pay the City of Springfield for the water that went into the sewer system.

That's why it's important to examine your water bill and sewer bill each month.

(Although SUB provides your water service and the City of Springfield provides your sewer service, both charges come on your utility bill. SUB puts the City charges on your monthly utility bill to cut down on the number of mailings you receive, and to provide customers with the convenience of writing just one check.)

So, if you suspect a leak, where do you start?

First, locate your water meter. It should be in your front yard, probably close to the street or sidewalk.

Write down the numbers shown on all the dials. (For a more detailed look at how to read water meters, see SUB's website at www.subutil.com.)

Second, don't use any water for at least two hours, more if possible. Then check the meter again. If the meter dials have changed, you may have a leak.

The next step is to determine whether the leak is inside or outside your home. You can do this if your particular plumbing system has a water shut off valve



for your house, usually located either on an outside wall where your waterline enters the house, or near the water heater. (This is different from the valves on your water meter, of which there are two: the street-side valve, which is managed by the utility, and the dwelling-side valve, managed by the customer.)

Go another two hours without water use. If your meter is still whirring away, your leak is likely outside the home, probably in your sprinkler system. Check for standing pools of water near sprinkler heads, or soggy sod between heads, which could indicate a leak in one of the irrigation lines.

If your meter doesn't move, your problem is likely inside the house—most likely a faucet, showerhead or toilet.

For a quick check, put paper under your faucets before you leave for work and see if they are wet when you come back—that will catch even slow leaks, which can still add up!

For your toilet, put a few drops of food coloring in your tank. After fifteen minutes, see if it ends up coloring the water in your bowl. If it does, you might have a bad flapper valve. If you have a fill valve leak, the dye test won't catch it. See SUB's website for more detailed instruction on how to determine if this is a problem, and how to fix it.

SUB's website has lots more information on leaks, water conservation and other tips, so the next time you have a few minutes, click on www.subutil.com and learn how to save money on your water bill!

Summer Event Calendar

Living History Open House

Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Dorris Ranch, free

Visit the living history village as costumed interpreters guide hands-on activities for all ages. Learn what it was like to live as a pioneer and gain a better understanding of the history of Dorris Ranch. All ages welcome. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org.

Spring Clean Up

May 16 (see related story on p. 1)

Stop, Drop & Read

Tuesday, May 26, 1-1:15 p.m.

Join in on a communitywide reading break. We challenge you to STOP what you are doing, DROP everything and READ for 15 minutes. Post a picture of your participation to the Springfield Public Library Facebook page! We'll give you a free book if you come to City Hall to participate.

Festival Latino

Saturday, May 30, 12-7 p.m.
Sprout Food Hub, 418 A St., free

A benefit for Huerto de la Familia. Enjoy children's games, local food and drink, a salsa cookoff and salsa dancing! Visit huertodelafamilia.org for information.

Plank Town Presents SpringFilm: "Being There"

Thursday, June 11, 6:30-9 p.m.
Wildish Community Theater, free

Second Friday Art Walk

June 12, 5-8 p.m., downtown Springfield, free
www.nedcocdc.org

Play: 'Much Ado About Nothing'

Saturday, June 20, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 21, 2 p.m.
Island Park, free

Presented by the Roving Park Players. Bring a chair and picnic in the park. 541-554-9686



Summer Solstice Dash & Bash Presented by Bi-Mart

Sunday, June 21, 5:30-8 p.m.
5K starts at 6:21 p.m.
Dorris Ranch
541-736-4544

This Father's Day, challenge your dad to an epic race! Run or walk a 5K at beautiful Dorris Ranch to benefit Umpqua Bank's Snack Pack program, distributed by FOOD for Lane County. Then, kick back and enjoy music from The Cheeseburgers, Eugene-Springfield's tribute to Jimmy Buffett and his island philosophy. Plus, enjoy food from concessionaires, free family activities and a beer garden.

Details for the Dash:

- Kids 10 and under are free
- Advance registration: \$20 for the run only; \$30 for the run and a short-sleeved tech shirt.
- Register by 5 p.m., June 19. After this time participants must register at packet pickup.
- Day-of registration: 4-6 p.m. at Dorris Ranch. \$25 (without shirt)
- Packet pickup: Sunday, June 21, 4-6 p.m. at Dorris Ranch.
- Visit electedgeracing.com to register.



Groups encouraged! Prizes for top three finishers in each age group. Finishers receive a complimentary beverage!

Plank Town Presents SpringFilm: 'The Searchers'

Thursday, July 2, 6:30-9 p.m.
Wildish Community Theater, free

Light of Liberty Celebration

Saturday, July 4
Gates open at 4 p.m., fireworks begin at 10 p.m.
\$5 in advance; kids 5 and under are free

Springfield Utility Board presents fun, food and fireworks in this annual celebration by the river. Kids will enjoy the children's area. 541-744-3794



Second Friday Art Walk

July 10, 5-8 p.m., downtown Springfield, free
www.nedcocdc.org

Movie in the Park: 'Despicable Me'

Friday, July 17, Douglas Gardens Park, 3455 S. Redwood Drive, free
Minion hunt at 7:30 p.m.;
Movie begins around 8:30 p.m.

Help us see how many Minions we can get together in one place! Come dressed in your Minion best for a fun photo. We'll also hide mini Minions throughout the park for a giant Minion hunt at 7:30 p.m. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org.

Concert: The Men from S.U.R.F

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m., Lively Park, free

Surf and hot rod music featuring hits from The Ventures, Dick Dale and The Beach Boys—plus tunes from bands such as Jimmy Buffett and Los Straitjackets.

Movie in the Park: 'The Princess Bride'

Friday, July 24, Royal Delle Park, 401 Blackstone St., free
Witness a swashbuckling sword-fighting demo at 8 p.m. before the showing of this classic fairy tale. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org

Midsummer Cleanup at West D Street Greenway

Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Aspen Street parking lot

Help keep green spaces clean and safe by picking up litter along the path and riverbank. Willamalane will provide tools, gloves, water and snacks. To sign up, contact Vanessa Young at vanessay@willamalane.org or by calling 541-912-4548.

Concert: Briana Renea

Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m., Island Park, free

Country with just a touch of rock 'n' roll. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org

Movie in the Park: 'Jurassic Park'

Friday, July 31, Ruff Park, 66th St., free

Touch and feel some real-life reptiles before the seeing the terrifying giants on the big screen. Zany Zoo will visit at 7 p.m., before the movie begins at dusk. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org

National Night Out in Your Neighborhood Park

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m.
• Guy Lee Park, 890 Darlene St.
• Meadow Park, 851 Mill St.
• Willamalane Park, 1276 G St.
• Tyson Park, 3405 E St.
• Volunteer Park, 4350 Mt. Vernon St.
• Thurston Park, 6329 F St.

Springfield Neighborhood Watch and the Springfield Police Department invite you to come meet your neighbors and police personnel. Meet McGruff the Crime Dog, play games, enter to win prizes and more. Give crime and drugs a going-away party. 541-726-3731

Concert: Satori Bob

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m., Dorris Ranch, free

An Americana band that strays into bluegrass and gypsy tones. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org.

Springfield SummerFair

July 10-11, Island Park

Friday, July 10: The Daddies, 8-9:30 p.m. Stone in Love opens 6-7:30 p.m. Concert admission is \$8/person or \$25/family of four (free for kids ages 2 and under). Gate opens at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 11: FREE family activities starting at 11 a.m. with hands-on fun for kids from National Night Out Kick-off Event, Willamalane and more than 40 community vendors. Enjoy live music, balloon clowns, pony rides, inflatables and more. Stay for "The Simpsons Movie" at dusk as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of our favorite Springfield characters.



Ongoing: Visit willamalane.org for the latest clues to the SummerFair Filbert Hunt. Find the sneaky SummerFair squirrel and you could win prizes! Contest runs June 30-July 10.

541-736-4544, willamalane.org



Summer Event Calendar

Plank Town Presents SpringFilm: 'Do the Right Thing'

Thursday, Aug. 6, 6:30-9 p.m.
Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main St., free

Movie in the Park: 'Frozen' Sing-along

Friday, Aug. 7, Island Park

Meet a real live snow queen and snow princess in the park beginning at 7 p.m. Dress as your favorite princess or prince for a pre-show parade! The movie starts around 8:30 p.m.

Play: 'The Secret Garden'

Aug. 8-9, 6 p.m., Island Park, free

The Roving Park Players present the Frances Hodgson Burnett story, adapted and directed by Bryan Haynes. Bring a chair or blanket and picnic in the park. 541-914-2374

Concert: Calamity Jazz

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m., Jesse Maine Park, free

Calamity Jazz, led by trumpeter Vicki Cox, plays traditional jazz, swing, blues, big band music and more. 541-736-4544

Shana's Jump and Run

Thursday, Aug. 13, 5-7 p.m.

Silke Field at Springfield High School, 875 10th St.

\$5 registration fee

This competition for youths up to age 14 honors the memory of Shana Thomas Barr, a gifted Springfield High School track athlete who died of cancer in 2010. Proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for Springfield High School track athletes and facilities. For event details visit www.shanasjumpandrun.com.

Movie in the Park: 'The LEGO Movie'

Friday, Aug. 14, Pacific Park, Shadylane Drive, free

Play LEGO Bingo and enter to win fun prizes starting at 7:30 p.m. The movie begins around 8:30 p.m.

Second Friday Art Walk

Aug. 14, 5-8 p.m., downtown Springfield, free

nedcocdc.org



Chalk Art Festival

Saturday, Aug. 15, City Hall, free

The Second Annual Chalk Art Festival returns to the streets of downtown Springfield. Brought to you by the City of Springfield and the Eugene/Springfield Art Project.

Concert: Good Luck Joe

Wednesday, Aug. 19, Willamalane Park, free

Rock tunes from the '60s on up, plus jazz and even some punk. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org.

Movie in the Park: 'The Sandlot'

Friday, Aug. 21, Willamalane Center fields, 250 S. 32nd St., free

Take your best shot at the 68-foot inflatable obstacle course starting at 6:30 p.m. Get into the baseball spirit by taking a whack at a Wiffle ball for a long drive contest. The Willamalane Foundation will be selling hot dogs. Movie begins around 8:30 p.m. 541-736-4544 or willamalane.org.

Kidical Mass Bike and Boat Adventure

Sunday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Island Park • \$10 per person

Ride bikes up the Middle Fork Path to Clearwater Park, eat a picnic lunch and float back down the river in a raft! Space is limited. Sign up by contacting Emma Newman, Springfield Safe Routes to School coordinator, at emma.newman@springfield.k12.or.us or 541-744-6373, Ext. 233.

Second Friday Art Walk

Sept. 11, 5-8 p.m., free

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Nick Symmonds 800

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. (see related story on p. 2)

Mural Install—Week of Aug. 23

Join us for a week-long celebration at 4th and Main as artists install the long awaited Ken Kesey Mural. A community party will wrap up the event.

GET GOING THIS SUMMER!

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Ages 18 and Under

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- Lane Transit District buses
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- Museum of Natural and Cultural History
- River Road Park District Pool
- Science Factory
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- Shelton McMurry Johnson House
- Splash! at Lively Park
- Willamalane Center
- Willamalane Park Swim Center

SPECIAL DEALS

- Eugene Emeralds games
- Amazon Pool
- Lane United Football Club

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Save Time, Trouble and Injury: Know What's Below Before You Dig

Springfield Utility Board | Springtime is prime time for digging into landscape projects. Whether you're planting a tree, setting fence posts, building a deck or adding a sprinkler system, if your project involves digging down more than a foot—and many do—give the Oregon Utility Notification Center a call (just dial 811) at least two days before you wield your shovel.

It's free, and it's the law.

"A lot of people are surprised to hear that the Call Before You Dig program isn't just a good idea, but required for projects that excavate more than a foot of dirt," says Ted Jordan, SUB's facilities locator.

The reason is simple. Just about everywhere you go, buried beneath your feet is a web of utility lines—electric, gas, fiber-optic, telephone, cable, water, sewer—all providing critical services. But out of sight should never be out of mind. Hit one of these lines, and you might disrupt vital services to yourself and your neighbors. You could be injured.

"People would be surprised to see the damage a simple shovel can do," says Ted. "And by the time you've hit something, it's too usually late. Call first."

What happens when you call? An operator will ask you several questions to help pinpoint the area of your excavation and determine any utility services beneath. Within the next two days, locators from various utilities will come to your property and mark your services with spray paint. Usually, they will mark it from your house to where your private service connects to the main system. Two days later, you are free to dig! That's it.

So, avoid fines, avoid disruptions and stay safe. A simple call to 811 does it all.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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You can help the **Springfield Education Foundation** support students all across the district. Donations small or large are welcome! You can also donate indirectly through purchases at Amazon.com or Fred Meyer. Learn more at www.springfieldeducationfoundation.org.

City Takes Steps to Improve Pedestrian Safety

City of Springfield | The City has been working to improve pedestrian safety over the past year by collaborating with partner agencies, businesses and property owners and residents.



Recent accomplishments include:

- Four of the eight pedestrian crossings identified in the 2010 Main Street Pedestrian Safety Study have been installed at 35th, 41st, 44th and 51st streets. More crossings are planned this summer at 48th and Chapman, and two final locations to be selected in east Springfield.
- The City launched a pedestrian crossing education campaign in fall 2014 to better inform drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians on how to use the latest types of pedestrian crossings located around the city. The campaign included two educational videos.
- Pedestrian reflectors and an instructional card to improve understanding and safety at crossings are available at City Hall at 225 Fifth St.
- The videos have been introduced into the Springfield Safe Routes to School curriculum for elementary pedestrian safety education in second-grade classes. Students also take home the instructional card and a pedestrian reflector.

The work is not done. The City continues to be proactive on improving pedestrian safety, including work with Oregon Department of Transportation and the City of Eugene to increase education and outreach about how all roadway users can help improve pedestrian safety throughout Lane County. Another educational video is in the works about pedestrian safety in roundabouts. Springfield Police Department has also increased patrols to crack down on driver safety.

We encourage all drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to avoid distractions, obey the rules of the road and be fully aware of their surroundings when using the roadway.



Pedestrians, use the available signals and if possible, try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Students, use the routes identified for your school by the Safe Routes to School program.

More information, including links to some educational videos, is available at www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/Traffic.htm (or scan the QR code). Be careful out there!

Clean Water Trailer Ready for Community Projects



City of Springfield | Everyday actions can help keep our local waterways healthy. But what if you don't have the right tools for your project?

The City of Springfield is now providing Springfield residents with the Clean Water Trailer, which is full of useful tools for community projects that aim to improve local waterways. And it is FREE!

The Clean Water Trailer is available to homeowners associations, neighborhood groups, businesses and community groups that want to improve habitat and water quality in Springfield. Projects can be along bioswales, local rivers and streams, and more.

Springfield staff will drop off the Clean Water Trailer at the project site and pick it up. The Clean

Water Trailer includes: shovels, gloves, garbage grabbers, garbage bags, loppers, clippers, hand tools, rakes, a wheelbarrow and pitchforks.

Reserving the trailer is easy!

Call 541-726-3694 or email WaterResources@springfield-or.gov with the project leader's name, project summary and preferred date to reserve the Clean Water Trailer. Please send a reservation request at least two weeks before the project begins.

Clean Water Trailer reservations must be made by Springfield residents 18 years of age or older.

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