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Willamalane Park and Recreation District is raising funds to replant trees affected by the spread of a fungal infection in the orchards where Oregon's hazelnut industry was born. George Dorris started the nation's first commercial filbert farm on South Second Street in 1903. The trees flourished in fertile Willamette Valley soils, and Oregon now produces 99 percent of the nation's crop.

Eastern filbert blight creates raised sores on limbs, and trees die within eight years of infection. Most of the trees planted at Dorris Ranch, now a National Historic Preservation Site and popular public park, were of the ‘Barcelona’ variety—a variety highly susceptible to a fungal infection called eastern filbert blight. The blight infects and kills trees over a period of years.

Willamalane, along with orchardists throughout Oregon, has fought to counter the blight with selective pruning and other methods. But the best way to battle the infections, according to experts at Oregon State University, is to replant orchards with blight-resistant cultivars. The Oregon State Historic Preservation office has approved a plan to remove trees from affected Dorris Ranch orchards and replant with new varieties, such as ‘Jefferson,’ which shares many of the same qualities of ‘Barcelona’ but is resistant to eastern filbert blight.

Willamalane plans to replace the orchards in stages over the next 18 years, at a total cost of $300,000 to $400,000. Some of the funding will come from revenues derived from the filbert harvest.

In addition, Willamalane is asking the public for help in a campaign called “Fight the Blight.”

“As stewards of Dorris Ranch, we need to do everything we can to protect and preserve the historic elements and commercial operation of the orchard,” said Michael Wargo, assistant superintendent for recreation, strategic planning and resource development. “You can help Willamalane preserve Dorris Ranch for future generations by contributing to our Fight the Blight campaign. As the new trees grow and produce filberts, so will the community’s investment in this Springfield icon.”

Contributors to the campaign may sponsor a single tree ($25), a group of five trees ($100), 30 trees ($500), an acre ($2,500) or an entire orchard. Eleven separate orchards are to be replanted at Dorris Ranch. Money raised from this campaign will go into a dedicated fund for Dorris Ranch. Those interested in more information or in making a donation may contact Kate Reid, resource development coordinator, at 541-736-4520 or kater@willamalane.org.

This spring, crews will clear 1,237 trees from the Cannery and Walnut orchards. Approximately 1,400 to 1,600 new trees will be planted in the fall, including ‘Jefferson’ and the pollinating varieties ‘Yamhill’ and ‘Eta.’ Willamalane will nurse the young trees over the next three years, and then will prepare for another stage of removal and replanting in adjacent orchards as eastern filbert blight infection spreads.

While most of the filbert trees at Dorris Ranch will be replaced over the next 18 years, Willamalane plans to preserve four acres of historic ‘Barcelona’ trees in the Road Orchard, near the barn, where George Dorris’ legacy will live on. Maintenance in the Road Orchard will include the use of anti-fungal sprays and selective removal of branches from blight-infested trees.
Meet Springfield’s ACE Award winners!

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS | Each year, the Springfield, Eugene and Bethel chambers of commerce collaborate to produce ACE, or A Champion in Education, awards to honor outstanding supporters of our schools. Each school district selected one administrator, one teacher, one classified employee and one volunteer who each received a check for $1,000 for their school and were honored at a special ceremony at the Hult Center on April 19.

ACE Classified: Tim Ranger, Library Educational Assistant, Mt. Vernon Elementary School
Tim, who was also named classified employee of the year by the Oregon School Employees Association in March, has been with the district for eight years, the last three as Mt. Vernon’s librarian. Tim’s colleagues praise his efforts above and beyond his part-time salary, his leadership of the school’s Oregon Battle of the Books and in instructional technology, recruiting parent volunteers and “Red Jacket” student volunteers to encourage students who love reading and spending time at the library, and parents who are more actively involved in their children’s education. Said his principal, “Tim has transformed our library and created a vibrant and rich space with books, technology, drama, teamwork, student leadership and more, all to support and promote the love of reading.”

ACE Certified: Karen Babcock, Librarian/Media Specialist, Ridgeview Elementary School
Ridgeview’s librarian/media specialist for six years, Karen previously worked at both Riverbend and Page elementary schools. Karen is well known for going “above and beyond” to support students and make the school and district a better place. She is highly involved in district and school activities and committees, encouraging student reading through the Read-A-Thon and the highly successful Oregon Battle of the Books program, overseeing the school’s talented and gifted program and Destination Imagination teams and managing the computer lab. Said her principal, “Karen’s efforts at the school and district level are bringing the role of media specialist to the forefront of curriculum and staffing discussions to support education.”

ACE Administrator: Kevin Wright, Principal, Hamlin Middle School
Kevin is in his eighth year with the school district. He has been principal at Hamlin for three years, having previously served as assistant principal at Thurston and Briggs middle schools. At Hamlin, Kevin has played in a key role in the school design committee as construction begins on the new bond-funded Hamlin Middle School. Kevin’s colleagues say he is a champion for his students, and fosters a spirit of collaboration that empowers and inspires staff to be their best. Kevin’s willingness to embrace new ideas have improved school culture and inspired healthy work habits for students around effort, grit and growth. Said a colleague, “Kevin always puts the needs of others first, making everyone he comes in contact with feel valued and appreciated.”

ACE Volunteer: Frank Koch, Thurston High School
Frank, a consultant and former Chevron executive, pours his knowledge, energy and time into Thurston High. He works with incoming freshmen in the Summer Bridge program and is co-advisor of the Decision Understanding Club, teaching students effective decision-making skills they can use for the rest of their lives. He also helps lead college and career readiness workshops at the school. Said a staff member, “Frank’s humor, life experience and interesting stories have made Frank the class favorite. His work will improve the lives of our young people by empowering them with effective decision skills.”

City of Springfield Offers 28th Annual Spring Clean Up

What is TEAM Springfield?
“We at SPS are in the business of shaping Springfield’s future citizens. The unique TEAM Springfield collaboration of agencies provides us with an unparalleled network of support and opportunities for our students.”
—Sue Rieke-Smith, Ed.D, Springfield Public Schools Superintendent

City of Springfield | With spring officially here consider taking advantage of the city of Springfield’s free annual Spring Clean Up event available to 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 of the items that can be recycled during this free community event. City leaders are committed to using Spring Clean Up as a way 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. Spring Clean Up is truly a community event which thousands of enthusiastic residents have taken advantage of throughout the years. Please note that this free event is exclusively for city of Springfield residents within city limits. Proof of residency will be required. No businesses, please.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 8 AM to 4 PM
1600 S. B Street in Springfield
For more information about Spring Clean Up, visit springfield-or.gov/dpw/SpringCleanup.htm or call 541-726-3637. You can also email your questions to springcleanup@springfield-or.gov

Recycle large and hard-to-recycle items at Spring Clean Up.

History of Springfield’s Spring Clean Up
What started out as a brush collection program has evolved into a recycling and reuse event. Here’s a brief timeline of how the program grew:
• 1988 – City of Springfield took the lead and renamed it “Spruce 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.
• 2003 – Event was given its current name, Spring Clean Up, and additional items started being accepted.
• 2016 – The event expanded by offering recycling and reuse collection services free of charge.
Keep the ‘Green’ While You Spring Clean

SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD | With our beautiful spring weather comes a desire to open windows, airs out the house and peer into the recesses of our cabinets and closets to see what’s piled up over the dark winter months. But without a little planning, a clean house can make for a toxic environment. Springfield Utility Board offers these tips to keep the earth—and our drinking water—sparkling as you get your house in order!

Cleaning out your medicine cabinet? DON’T FLUSH YOUR OLD MEDICATIONS! Toilet and sink water flows to the water treatment plant and eventually our local rivers. Protect water quality by gathering your expired or unwanted medications and taking them to a MedReturn drop box instead. There’s one at the Springfield Justice Center at 344 A Street in downtown Springfield and two in Eugene, one at the Police Department (300 Country Club Road) and one at the Sheriff’s Office (125 E. 8th Ave.) The box accepts over-the-counter and prescription medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements, samples and pet meds. Visit mwmcpartners.org/drug_take_back for exclusions, other locations and additional information.

Doing some light cleaning around the house? Try making your own cleaners out of natural ingredients like lemon, vinegar and baking soda. Check out the infographic, at right, for ideas, or go to SUB’s website at subutil.com under our water quality tab for even more ways to go green.

Making room in the garage? NEVER dump chemicals hazardous to the environment down drains. Instead, gather up items that can pollute groundwater and streams like old motor oil, paint, gasoline or pesticides and take them to the Glenwood Central Receiving Station at 3100 E. 17th Ave. There is no charge to drop off up to 35 gallons from households (no businesses, please). The fine print: They accept household hazardous waste on Thursday and Saturday mornings only, and you’ll need an appointment, which you can make by calling 541-682-4120. And you’ll need an appointment, which you can make by calling 541-682-4120.

Springfielders live and work on top of our drinking water supply, which comes primarily from underground aquifers. By using the following recipes – all made from natural ingredients that are easy on our drinking water sources and tough on dirt – you’ll not only save money, you’ll reduce pollution from chemicals found in many brand named cleaners. Pick one and give it a try. Once you get started, using these natural cleaners will become second nature!

Car Washing Right for the Fish

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD! Whether you’re washing a single car or a fleet, take steps to ensure that the dirty water stays out of the storm drain system. Common activities like washing your car really can have an impact on the health of our rivers.

When you wash your car on a paved surface such as a driveway or parking lot, the soapy, grimy water flows into a storm drain and into our watersways without treatment. This means the dirt, soap and oil coming off your car is reaching our rivers where it can be harmful to fish, plants and water quality. If you’re washing your personal car, wash it on a lawn or take it to a commercial wash.

Planning a fundraiser? The City of Springfield has Fish-Friendly Car Wash kits available to use for free that help protect local waters by keeping the soapy, dirty water from entering the storm drain system. Email WaterResources@springfield-or.gov to reserve a kit or visit www.springfieldstreams.org for more information. Springfield staff will show you how to set up and use the kits before your next car wash or car wash fundraiser. Reserve a kit and do your part to help keep local rivers clean and healthy!

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What is TEAM Springfield?

“TEAM Springfield is the model of how local governments should work together to do what is best for their community. I am so proud of our joint efforts to make Springfield a great place to live, work and play.”

—Bob Keefer, Willamalane Park and Recreation District Superintendent
Business Successes
The strides the city has made publicly are matched by the business community.

• When a fire destroyed Swanson Lumber in 2014, mill owners could have closed up shop or relocated. But Swanson Group chose to invest more than $44.8 million in a new facility that will employ about 190 workers in Springfield.

• At its mill on North 42nd Street, International Paper has embarked on a $101.6 million upgrade.

• The makeover of the Gateway Mall is nearing completion. The Rose Corp. is spending $45 million on The Shops at Gateway, which is attracting new retailers and restaurants. Mall anchor Cabelas is expanding as well.

• Springfield is home to two regional hospitals.

What to Watch: MWMC Video Series

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD | Have you ever heard of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission? Did you know it is a regional partnership of Springfield, Eugene and Lane County that works to effectively treat used water, or wastewater, in the metro area?

If you answered ‘no,’ you’re not alone. The MWMC has been quietly providing wastewater services for more than 30 years. To help raise awareness about what the MWMC does, how it does it and what everyone can do to help protect local water quality, the MWMC has developed a short video series. You can view the series at www.youtube.com/c/MWMCPartners or on the MWMC’s home page under “News and Events” at www.mwmcpartners.org.

What is TEAM Springfield?

“TEAM Springfield is about hardwiring communication among government agencies and officials into our regular process. Why? It’s a way to make sure priorities are aligned to work better in the same direction to benefit Springfield. Some communities may decide that operating in silos works for them, but in Springfield, we’ve shown that working together produces amazing results.”

—Jeff Nelson, General Manager, Springfield Utility Board

Progress Paints Bright Picture for Springfield

WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT | When Jodie Davaz was studying at Oregon State, she pictured herself moving on to bigger things in Portland. Instead, her fiancé Kenny Wallace, a computer programmer, landed a job in Eugene when they graduated in 2015.

But the couple was looking for a city that wasn’t a college town—a place where they could put down roots. Plus, as Beavers, they couldn’t bring themselves to live in yellow-and-green Eugene. “Within a week of moving here, I’d fallen in love with Springfield,” says Davaz, 22. “It’s got this community feel, that, growing up in North Idaho, I didn’t have.”

Davaz’s story is becoming more common. As Springfield’s population grows, the city is overcoming negative stereotypes by attracting business, fighting crime, building schools and investing in parkland.

That success is visible in the bustle of a Friday evening in downtown Springfield, where crowds hop between stops on a Second Friday Artwalk; enjoy craft beers at Plank Town Brewing Co., the Growler Underground and the Claim 52 Abbey; shop for local veggies and pick up meals at Sprout Food Hub and take in a show at the beautiful Wildish Community Theater.

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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD | The city of Springfield is designing a cross-laminated timber parking structure as a showcase building in our Glenwood Riverfront Area. Glenwood is a special area where our vision for innovation and sustainability overlaps with characteristics that are uniquely Springfield to create a place of community pride that expands our horizon from what is typical today to what can be accomplished tomorrow.

The city is proud of the values of hardworking entrepreneurs and industry leaders. Following the establishment of our first plywood mill, Springfield has grown to become a timber-manufacturing leader in Lane County, the leading timber county in Oregon. While the economy has evolved over time, Springfield still boasts a strong hold on the timber industry. The city is committed to partnerships and responsible stewardship of the industry, striving to promote sustainable practices and development that further showcase the opportunities in our community, and advanced wood products like CLT can be the catalyst.

Our community has invested more than a decade of time and effort into Glenwood for re-development, particularly along the riverfront. Like the CLT parking structure, Glenwood is intended to be a showcase of what is possible when excellence in planning and economic development are combined with innovation and forward thinking community leaders and industry pioneers. In recognition of the limited and valuable resources in Glenwood, the city adopted policies encouraging structured parking rather than surface parking, thereby generating demand from the development community. Understanding this need, we see enormous opportunity for a truly unique parking structure using the newest wood technology. The Glenwood CLT parking structure is designed to be beautiful yet unpretentious, showcasing without apology the natural beauty of the structural CLT and glued laminated timber (glulam). Our structure will be an open “laboratory” for advanced timber manufacturing.

Over the next three years the city will work with community partners to develop the Glenwood Riverfront to showcase the Oregon timber industry; encourage opportunities for living, working and playing; and provide the region with an exciting and beautiful tourist destination. The city of Springfield is proud to be an advocate and leader for the timber industry, setting the pace by modeling innovative construction.

Mayor Lundberg touring the first CLT building in Portland.

Science Factory’s New Exhibit: “Tapping Into Clean Water”

The Science Factory is located south of Autzen Stadium in Alton Baker Park at 2300 Leo Harris Parkway. See www.sciencefactory.org for times and admission.
**Summer Event Calendar**

**Vineyards & Violins**
Saturday, May 7, 5-8 p.m.
Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St.
$20 in advance; $25 day of event

Browse a huge array of silent auction items including weekend getaways, restaurant gift certificates, golf, entertainment, gifts and much more. Listen to violin music from members of the Eugene Symphony while enjoying a buffet of delicious hors d’oeuvres and desserts accompanied by wine or sparkling cider. 541-736-4444 willamalane.org

**Mother’s Day Tea**
Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Dorris Ranch barn
$5 in-district; $6 out-of-district

Spend the afternoon honoring that special lady in your life. Enjoy sweet and savory treats in the historic Dorris Ranch barn. Pose in our old-time photo booth while listening to live music, and at the end of the day take home a special craft. Register in advance at willamalane.org. 541-736-4544

**Downtown Springfield Second Friday Artwalk**
May 13, 5-8 p.m., free

History Spoken Here!
Dorris Ranch
May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.

Join us the second Saturday of each month, when Living History staff will be available for tours and walks through the ranch and its historic structures. Free. All ages. 541-736-4544 willamalane.org

**SAFE Kids Coalition Safety Fair**
Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Willamalane Center, 250 S. 32nd St.

Enjoy demos on topics ranging from bike safety to ATV safety, and greet representatives of the Eugene/Springfield Fire Department, Life Flight and more.

**Downtown Springfield Second Friday Artwalk**
June 10, 5-8 p.m., free

Summer in the City
Saturday, June 4th

Kick your summer off in downtown Springfield. Discover something new, exciting and fun around every corner! Brunch, beer, wine, live music, shopping, tour the murals, sweet treats, demos, lawn games, face painting, yoga and beer event, door prizes. Free.

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**
Saturday & Sunday, June 18-19, 6 p.m.
Island Park, 200 W. B St.
The Roving Park Players present the Shakespeare classic adapted and directed by Laura Robinson. Run or walk a 5k through beautiful Dorris Ranch to support Umpqua Bank’s Snack Pack Program, distributed through FOOD for Lane County. After the race, sit back and enjoy a free community concert by Sugar Sauce and choose your dinner from one of our vendors.

Advance registration is $20 for the run only; $35 for the run and a short-sleeved tech shirt. Finishers receive a complimentary beverage. Teams compete for prizes. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Summer Solstice Dash & Bash**
Monday, June 20, 5–8 p.m.
Dorris Ranch
Run or walk a 5k through beautiful Dorris Ranch to support Umpqua Bank’s Snack Pack Program, distributed through FOOD for Lane County. After the race, sit back and enjoy a free community concert by Sugar Sauce and choose your dinner from one of our vendors.

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**Movie: Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark**
Friday, July 8
Island Park, 200 W. B St.
Rated PG. 115 minutes. Presented with Spanish subtitles. 7:30 p.m. activities: Play archaeologist with representatives of the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History. We’ll also have a photo opportunity to document you and your adventure gear. Movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Tommy Hogan Concert**
Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.
Jesse Morningside Park, South 68th Place

Hogan delivers a power-packed punch of authentic rockin’ and soulful blues, funk and Americana. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Movie: Big Hero 6**
Friday, July 15
Douglas Gardens Park, 3455 Redwood Drive
PG, 102 minutes. Presented with Spanish subtitles. 6:30 p.m. activities: Baymax isn’t the only awesome inflatable thing coming to Douglas Gardens. Take a turn on a 55-foot inflatable obstacle course! Movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**South Hills String Band Concert**
Wednesday, July 20
Douglas Gardens Park
This contemporary four-piece walks the line between early bluegrass and Ozark-style string band music. Influences range from Cajun to swing, bluegrass to early blues. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Movie: Hook**
Friday, July 22
Royal Delle Park, 401 Blackstone St.
PG, 144 minutes. It’s a treasure hunt! Before the movie, pick up a map (or download one at willamalane.org) and navigate your way to hidden treasure in the park. Don’t worry, you won’t have to fight Captain Hook for these goodies. If hunting for treasure isn’t for you, you can still join in on the fun by singing along to pirate songs. The movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Coupe de Ville Concert**
Wednesday, July 27, 6:30–8 p.m.
Lively Park, 6100 Thurston Road
From doo-wop to rockabilly and Elvis to ZZ Top, this band covers all of the artists and the songs you love to dance to and sing along with. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

**Movie: Toy Story**
Friday, July 29
Ruff Park, 1161 66th St.
Rated G. 81 minutes. Presented with Spanish subtitles. 7:30 p.m. activities: Be a cowboy, just like Woody! The Eugene Pro Rodeo Kids Club will lead a roping demonstration. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org
Children’s Celebration and National Night Out Kick-Off Event
Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Island Park
Families will enjoy this new twist on an old favorite! Experience hands-on activities from more than 60 community exhibitors. Free with a canned food donation for FOOD for Lane County. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Hailey Verhaalen Band
Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. • Dorris Ranch, 205 Dorris St.
Verhaalen, who has performed at Oregon’s biggest rodeos and in Nashville, Tennessee, delivers tightly crafted, catchy songs that lift her above the norm of today’s pop country. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Movie: Cool Runnings
Friday, Aug. 5 • Fort Park, 300 58th St.
Rated PG, 98 minutes. 7:30 p.m. activities: Get into the Olympic spirit with the Willamalane Games! Events start at 7:30 p.m., so be sure to arrive early if you would like to compete. The movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Cabela’s Family Campout
Aug. 5-6, 5 p.m.-8 a.m. • Clearwater Park
Load up the gear and bring the family down for a good time in the outdoors. Cabela’s will be on hand to provide fun and games for the kids. No food provided. Register in advance at willamalane.org; space is limited. $5 per person. 541-736-4544

Son de Cuba Concert
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6:30-8 p.m. • Meadow Park, 851 Mill St.
This high-energy quartet plays a happy, danceable blend of salsa, merengue, cumbia and Latin jazz. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Movie: Rio
Friday, Aug. 12 • Pacific Park, 220 Shadylane Drive
Rated G, 96 minutes. Presented with Spanish subtitles. 8 p.m. activities: With the 2016 Summer Olympics occurring in Rio de Janeiro, all eyes will be on Brazil. We couldn’t pass up the opportunity to bring a little Rio to Springfield. Before the movie, the park will come to life with music and a samba lesson. The movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

People, Parks & Play
Willamalane exhibit at Springfield Museum
590 Main St.
Exhibit: Aug. 12-Sept. 30, Opening reception: Friday, Aug. 12, 5-8 p.m., during the Second Friday Artwalk Museum hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Eugene Symphony Connect Concert
Wednesday, Aug. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. • Island Park, 200 W. B St.
Eugene Symphony presents Symphonic Connect, a new chamber music initiative that features programming beyond the concert hall. Expect classic sounds with a modern twist. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Park, Trail Construction Picking up for Season
WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT • Construction on Willamalane Park and Recreation District parks and trails is scheduled to take place throughout the city this summer. Meadow Park will get a new playground with new pathways connecting the playground, restroom and baseball fields. Work is also scheduled on the Mill Race Path, a 3-mile walking and bicycling path that will stretch from downtown to the Middle Fork Path along the historic Springfield Mill Race, with access to Dorris Ranch and Clearwater Park. At Island Park, plans call for a new playground with a sand play area, seating and walkways. Staff are also completing the Thurston Hills Natural Area Management Plan and intend to construct the initial trail system this summer. The first trail will begin at a trailhead constructed at the base of the Thurston Hills near the intersection of Highway 126 and 75th Street. The trail, expected to be popular with hikers and mountain bikers, will head south up the hill to the ridgeline. The work is funded in part by the $20 million bond measure voters passed in 2012.

Springfield Car Cruise and Show and Shine
Saturday, Aug. 20 • Downtown Springfield
541-954-0762
Be a part of Springfield's premiere food and drink celebration! Sample small plates and tasty bites from some of your favorite local restaurateurs. Enjoy live, local music throughout the night. All attendees will receive a souvenir glass and taste tickets. Additional taste tickets available for purchase, $15 in advance/$20 at the gate. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

SpringFilm Series
Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main St. 6:30-9 p.m.
The 2015-16 SpringFilm theme is Cult Cinema. SpringFilm is a partnership with the Springfield Public Library and Willamalane. Each showing features a unique introduction by a special guest speaker, and films will be followed by a moderated discussion. Free.

Movie: Grease
singalong
Friday, Aug. 19 • Willamalane Center
Rated PG, 110 minutes. 7:30 p.m. activities: Come dressed in your best 1950s gear for our singalong! You can even learn how to Hand Jive before the movie. Check out the classic cars motoring in for the Springfield Car Cruise on Aug. 20. Movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. 541-736-4544 • willamalane.org

Little Women
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21, 6 p.m. • Island Park, 200 W. B St.
Adapted and directed by Vicki Harkovitch. Share the joys and sorrows of one of American literature's first families in this Louisa May Alcott classic presented by the Roaming Park Players. Rain or shine (canopies provided). Free. 541-914-2574

Team Springfield
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This newsletter is a twice-yearly publication of TEAM Springfield, a unique collaboration of the city’s four public agencies. Together, we share ideas, energy and resources to deliver projects that benefit our community. For more information, visit www.teamspringfield.org.