

November is here, and with it the rain. But things are still happening in Springfield.

It seems that the annual Christmas parade may have been safely for this year by a new group of volunteers. Hopefully these folks can work with those who have helped make the parade a reality for over 30 years so that it can continue as an institution into the future.

The first phase of the Franklin Boulevard renovation is wrapping up as the construction season winds down. Progress appears to be ahead of schedule and, although it has been an inconvenience for some, it holds great prospects for the future of Glenwood.

Now is also the time to renew your commitment to Springfield City Club. You should all be receiving invoices for next years dues. Our dues have not changed since the Club began in 2011, and we are able to hold the line for at least one more year. I hope you will respond promptly. I hope you will also reach out to your friends and colleagues to encourage them to join, and that you will consider a business sponsorship for your firm.

Finally, at the October 21 meeting Representative Peter De Fazio helped President Joe Leahy present an award to Terry Beyer thanking her for serving as President last year.



## MEETING CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2 – GROWING YOUR BUSINESS IN SPRINGFIELD

Joe San Fillipo of Urban Lumber and Richard Boyles of Sycan B and Hotel Insight have both been very successful in growing local businesses. Join them to learn how they have succeeded and learn how your business can also grow and how the community will prosper.

### NOVEMBER 16 – HEALTH CARE: TODAY AND TOMORROW

Kristi Kernutt from PacificSource, Chad Campbell from McKenzie Willamette, and Lisa Gardner (CEO) from Planned Parenthood discuss the future of health care in Oregon.

## PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

### SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL

November 6

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Development code Update

Affordable Housing strategy

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

November 13

Work session 5:30 p.m.

Committee Interviews

Strategic Plan Follow-up

November 20

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Main Street Safety and

Transit Study

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Committee Appointments

November 27

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Committee Interviews

Library Architect Presentation

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**LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

November 7 9:00 a.m.  
PH: smoke and Tobacco Free Facilities  
Revision Florence 10:00 a.m.  
West Eugene Enterprise Zone  
Deliberations Ordinance 1355/1356  
November 14 NO MEETING  
November 21 NO MEETING  
November 28 9:00 a.m.

**LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT**

November 14 Board Executive Session 5:00 p.m.  
November 15 Special meeting/Work Session 2:30 p.m.  
November 15 Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BOARD**

*The agenda for scheduled board meetings can be found at [www.springfield.k12.or.us/boardmeetings](http://www.springfield.k12.or.us/boardmeetings) the Thursday before the meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

November 13 Fall Planning Meeting 4:00 p.m.  
November 13 Regular Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

November 8 Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

**SPRINGFIELD UTILITY BOARD**

November 8 Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

**OCTOBER 5 GLENWOOD: THE DEVELOPERS VIEW**

The October 5 City Club program was a rare look into the minds of the development community as they contemplate the revitalization of Glenwood, the “diamond in the rough” that lies between the hearts of Springfield and Eugene. But it was also a reminded of an old French joke. Two gentlemen approach the door of a theater simultaneously. One says: “After you, Alphonse.” To which the other replies, “No, after you, Gaston.” The two go back and forth several times until they look up and notice that the door to the theater has been locked. Neither will get in.

Steve Wildish, a leader of the Wildish Company, Steve Roth, The owner of Roaring Rapids Pizza on the Willamette River, Dan Hurley, the Manager of the Lane County owned transfer station, along with Courtney Griesel, the city’s Economic Development Manager, discussed the next steps forward, now that the City has completed a multi- million dollar sewer project along McVay Highway, bordering the Wildish Properties, and is well into construction of the also multi-million dollar first phase of the Franklin Boulevard renovation, which improves access to Mr. Roth’s property.

Mr. Wildish was direct. There is no reason for us to go first. We would prefer to wait for just the right development. Mr. Roth perhaps less so, noting that until internal circulation in the area north of Franklin boulevard is settled, it is difficult to plan a major new development. Mr. Hurley was perhaps the least direct, simply noting that the huge cost of relocation of the transfer site made it difficult to plan.

A uniform response from the developers: the City needs to spend more. Mr. Wildish says the City must find a way to make it possible to relocate residents of the several mobile home parks. Mr. Roth says the City needs to fund



construction of interior streets and to make it possible for him to put commercial properties that do not have housing fronting Franklin (a plan that a City planner at the meeting says has already been approved). Mr. Hurley was again less direct, simply noting that it would take \$30 million to relocate the transfer station, and that the County is now putting away \$1 million a year.

Ms. Griesel observed that a major planning effort over the last five years had provided developers with much better certainty for them to rely on when planning their developments and, in particular, that the rehabilitation of Franklin Boulevard provider property owners with “a great driveway” to their property. Mr. Roth agreed, but urged that the next step would be for a public acquisition of land near his property that the ‘Refinement Plan designates as parks and open space.



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Mr. Wildish pointed to the difficulty of catalyzing development in Glenwood. He noted that while his company had built the Franz Bakery and the services required, it do not stimulate development. One major reason, he said, was the choke point created by the railroad trestle on McVay Highway. While the City has, for many years offered to work with Union Pacific to rate a partnership to address that trestle, the railroad has always demurred, asserting that to raise the trestle to improve truck passage would require increasing the track grade for many miles, making the cost prohibitive.

One bright spot all participants pointed to was the decision by the University of Oregon to build the night Campus on Franklin Boulevard. All participants agreed that spin-off from that development should, benefit Glenwood greatly.

#### OCTOBER 21 REPRESENTATIVE \*PETER A. DEFazio



Representative Peter A. DeFazio held a question and answer session with Springfield City Club members on October 21.

Mr. DeFazio, a Democrat, said he disagreed with those who saw a great split in the Democratic Party. He noted that he and Senator Sanders were the founders of the Progressive Caucus and said there remained much common ground. He urged the party to focus on people's basic needs, but acknowledged that it is important to develop new leaders.

He said that very little progress had been made in the Congress this session, and believes that improvements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act were one of the few bright spots to date. He added, however, that the failure to reauthorize the CHIPs program was a striking example of failure. He reported that although an extension had been approved by the House Commerce Committee it had not been brought to the floor.

He expressed concern that the issue would be coupled with the healthcare crisis and become a part of the conflicts that could result in a government shutdown in December.

Mr. DeFazio was asked about his position on that portion of the SHARE Act which would have made it easier to purchase silencers for weapons. While he was initially willing to support that provision, recent events had persuaded him to withdraw his support. He indicated support for a number of proposals to attempt to reduce gun violence. These include closing the Internet sales loophole, moving to universal background checks, improving checks for mental illness, and banning "bump stocks, or anything else like them." More specifically on semi-automatic and automatic weapons, he said he saw no real use for those weapons.

He continued to support improvements in the federal forest plan, but said that while there might some interest in the House, there seemed to be no interest in the Senate. He said the Forest service clearly had inadequate resources to deal with fires, noting that all their funding went to fighting fires and little or nothing to management.

Ask a final question about what was his greatest fear, he responded that the risk of starting a nuclear war, saying his only solace was in the presence of General Mattis and General Kelly.

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