

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL 4 MCKENZIE WILLAMETTE MEDICAL CENTER Nate Carter, the Chief Operating Officer of McKenzie Willamette Medical Center will discuss the recent renovation of the entire facility. McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center has evolved over the last 10 years to a full-service hospital, The recently completed construction project will bring the facility and capabilities up to the standards that the community and patients deserve.

APRIL 18 MAIN STREET SAFETY PROJECT Main Street is consistently ranked as one of the most unsafe city streets in Oregon based on the severity and frequency of traffic crashes. The City of Springfield and the Oregon Department of Transportation have launched the Main Street Safety Project to address this safety problem **TO SAVE LIVES, REDUCE INJURIES, AND LESSEN PROPERTY**

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Public Calendar

All items are tentative and subject to change

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[Springfield City Council](#)

225 Fifth Street, Springfield

April 1, 2019

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Recruitment

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

PH Annexation

PH Include Truancy in Municipal Code

April 8, 2019

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Library Survey Results

April 15, 2019

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Master Fees and Charges

ADU Waivers for SDCs

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

PH 2020-2024 CIP

PH Metro Plan Amendment and Zone

Change

April 22, 2019

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Regional Wastewater, Local Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Scenarios

CDBG One Year Action Plan

Springfield Look Update

The party is over, LRAPA celebrated its 50th year, and now we are focused on the next 50!

We are very encouraged by the rapid deployment of low-cost sensors to report air quality in neighborhoods and schools. About 18 months ago, we were able to get on the front edge of this movement and collocated inexpensive PurpleAir monitors at all seven of our fixed monitoring sites. This allowed us to evaluate their performance and develop calibration curves. The worldwide PurpleAir website (www.PurpleAir.com) now has a dropdown LRAPA correction option based on our correlation results. These units cost about \$250 compared to \$20,000 for a federal reference monitor and provide a very cost-effective addition to the fixed monitoring network.

A major part of LRAPA's work this coming year will be the implementation of Clean Air Oregon, also affectionately known as CAO. Governor Kate Brown launched the Cleaner Air Oregon rule making process in April 2016 in response to community concerns about exposure to potentially harmful metals, chemicals and other pollutants from industries and other sources. The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (the policy-making board of directors for the Department of Environmental Quality) adopted CAO rules in November 2018 to close the regulatory gaps remaining after implementation of federal air toxics regulations. LRAPA will now integrate Cleaner Air Oregon into our permitting rules during the first half of 2019.

How Would Cleaner Air Oregon Work?



Report air toxics

Companies to report use of 600 pollutants to state regulators



Assess risk

Facilities calculate potential health risks to people who live, work, and go to school nearby



Regulate to reduce risk

Companies would have to act if the levels of air toxics they emit exceed health risk action levels (RALs)

CleanerAirOregon

The CAO regulations require facilities to report air toxics emissions, assess potential risks, and reduce risks that exceed health-based action level set in rule. We expect CAO to further improve our permitting process for both new and existing businesses.

April 23, 2019
Special Executive Session 4:30 p.m.

Lane County Commissioners

125 E. Eighth Avenue, Eugene

April 2, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance eliminating curfew on butterfly lot and establishing curfew on lot acquired from City.

April 9, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

April 16, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

April 23, 2019 – No Meeting

April 30, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Lane Transit District

3500 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene (Glenwood)

April 17, 2019 – Board meeting 5:30 p.m.

Springfield School Board

640 A Street, Springfield

April 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

320 S. 32nd Street, Springfield

April 10, 2019 – Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board

250 A Street Springfield

April 10, 2019 – Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

1010 Main Street, Springfield

April 11, 2019 – Board meeting 12:15 p.m.

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damage. Community engagement is vital to inform the selection of infrastructure solutions that help to ensure safe, accessible transportation for everyone, whether by foot, bike, mobility device, bus, or car!

Molly Markarian, a Senior Planner for the City of Springfield, will provide an overview of the project, a summary of community input and technical analysis completed during round one of community engagement, and seek your input on the draft goals and objectives as part of round two of community engagement.

MAY 2 SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Three Positions are up for election on the Springfield School board, and each of them is contested. Incumbent Laurie Adams faces challenger Todd Mann for position 1, Naomi Raven and Jessica Adams face off for position 4 and incumbent Michelle Webber faces Karen Hunter for position 5

THE BOARD WILL APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE THIS MONTH TO SEEK CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP. THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL BE NOMINATED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT LEN GOODWIN AT LOCALCITIZENOR@GMAIL.COM

MARCH 14 PROGRAM – JULIANA V. UNITED STATES

The first week of June could be a climactic point for the future of the “climate Kids” litigation, Juliana v United States. That is the time when a panel from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in Portland, will hear oral arguments both on a motion to appeal the District Court’s denial of a motion to dismiss brought by the defendants, and a motion for a preliminary injunction, which would bring a temporary halt to a large number of activities the plaintiffs allege breach the government’s duty to stop damaging the environment.

Professor Mary Christina Woods and Coreal Riday-White updated Springfield City Club on the litigation on March 14. The lawsuit alleges that the federal government, for many years has failed to protect residents by administering environmental and other laws in a way which adversely changes climate and endangers citizens and their life, liberty and property.

The lawsuit was initiated in 2015, naming then-President Obama, and officials of his administration as defendants. In 2017, the current President and administration officials were substituted in their official capacities. According to the presenters, the lawsuit raises four basic claims. The most novel of the claims is based on work by Professor Wood who is often credited as the originator of the application of the public trust doctrine to environmental claims. That doctrine, which asserts that all government derives its power from the citizens, and that it was given that power in a way that established a public trust, obliges the government to act in ways which protect the people. The claim is raised in this case in a somewhat novel

way, asserting that the affirmative acts of the government – environmental management, permitting, etc., have created harm. This approach is interesting because it simplifies the plaintiffs’ burden. They do not assert that the government has failed to act (which would require them to prove a duty to act before moving on to claim damages have resulted). Rather they assert that actions that have admittedly occurred create the damage and that the environmental laws are being administered in a way which encourages what they should be designed to prevent. This approach means the plaintiffs only need to prove that damage has resulted. It is the application of the public trust doctrine, which is a long established legal principle, that is the subject of the motion to dismiss that was appealed.

The lawsuit makes three other constitutional claims, all based on the Fifth Amendment:

1. That the government knew of the danger that its activities on environmental regulation were causing and failed in its duty of care to protect plaintiffs from harm;
2. That the administration of the environmental laws has deprived plaintiffs of life, liberty and property without due process of law; and
3. That the administration of environmental laws has denied plaintiffs equal protection of the laws because of the disparate impact that the laws have on the variously situated plaintiffs.

These claims are not directly involved in the appeal to be argued in June, although any decision on that appeal might have an impact on those claims.

Apparently, the litigation has inspired a large outpouring of friend of the court briefs, many in support of the plaintiffs, who ranged in age from 8 to 19 when the litigation was filed.

Members of the audience asked what can be done by ordinary citizens. Profess or Wood responded by pointing to her own history when her mother became one of the vast number of “victory mothers” who spoke around the nation raising the alarm to the rise of Nazi Germany. “We need victory mothers” speaking today for the climate, she said. She also urged taxation of carbon, rather than a cap and trade approach, which still allows for substantial CO₂ emissions. The approach should rather be to keep it in the ground.

One questioner noted that the planet will survive (even though life on it will not). The planet can heal itself. He was, perhaps, referring to the third mass extinction in earth’s history, which occurred at the end of the Permian Era, about 350 million years ago and was, interestingly, also caused by climate change. In that case volcanism lasting a million years released frozen methane gas, killing 95 percent of all species existing on the planet.

MARCH 21 PROGRAM – THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD SPREADING KINDNESS CAMPAIGN



Perhaps you have seen the newest lawn signs in town. Signs that do not promote a political candidate or promote or oppose a ballot measure. They simply say, “Choose Kindness.” Stan Paine and Doug Carnine, the leaders of the Eugene-Springfield Kindness Campaign explained the signs at the March 21 City Club Program. “We must promote our message of kindness more vigorously than the messages of anger, hate and distrust Paine said, when asked how they plan to counter the negativity that seems to infect much of public relationships today. The Eugene-Springfield Campaign is in its infancy, starting about four months ago. Their first goal is to make the public aware of how much kindness is actually being shared today. Mr. Carnine said they want to

assemble a list of over 100,000 acts of kindness that have happened recently before November 3 celebration. He is convinced they are well on their way, based on the few organizations who have responded to his request for documenting the kindness that goes on.

Minutes

Board of Directors

Springfield City Club

February 5, 2019 – LRAPA offices

Present:

Merlyn Hough	Kristin Denmark	Joe Leahy	Bob Fondren
Len Goodwin	Terry Beyer	Therese Lang	Carolyn Miller
Nick Nelson			

Absent: Mackenzie Karp

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Therese announced that she is no longer associated with LTD.

Merlyn noted two corrections to the January minutes. On a motion by Bob, seconded by Carolyn, the minutes, as amended were approved unanimously.

Bob presented the financial report. He noted that we ended calendar year 2018 with revenue \$300 more than 2017 revenue.

On motion by Len, seconded by Carolyn, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Len presented a resolution setting membership dues. He noted that the only change from the current structure was that business members would now have four badges for admission rather than three.

On motion by Bob, seconded by Merlyn, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Memberships were reviewed, and a list of potential and current members to be contacted by the Board to remind them to renew was discussed.

The current practice of using Len's cell phone to process payments at programs was discussed. While it was agreed that the risk of loss was minimal, it was agreed that that risk could be reduced by purchasing a card processing machine. On motion by Bob, seconded by Len, Len was directed to pursue the purchase with Banner Bank.

The schedule of upcoming programs was reviewed. Programs for this month are set, with Emily David from the Springfield Library presenting on February 7 and staff from Lane County presenting on the replacement of the Court courthouse on February 21.

The March 14 program is set with Prof. Mary Wood, of the U of O Law School discussing the "climate kids" laws suit. The March 21 program is presently scheduled to be a discussion of an initiative led by Stan Paine, to focus on kindness in relations with others.

On April 4, Nick has secured a commitment from McKenzie Willamette Medical Center to discuss their recent renovation, and on April 18, Len will confirm with the City that they will present a program on the ongoing Main Street Safety Study.

The Relief Nursery has suggested that City club present a program at their facility which will focus on their work with children. That program could occur on one of the dates where the Hilton Garden Inn is unavailable because of previous commitments. Terry will explore that suggestion further.

The January 17 program was reviewed. Callie reported she had received comments that those attending had wished to have more time to ask questions from the tables. Len explained that the format, which had a moderator asking most of the questions, which had been pre-prepared, was agreed to among the state-wide clubs offering the program. It was agreed that in future programs we should act to ensure that there is more opportunity to ask questions from the table. It was also noted that some attendees expressed concern that it was hard to hear in the room.

Carolyn Miller will prepare a newsletter article for the March newsletter. It will discuss the Springfield Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary

City Club Board of Directors

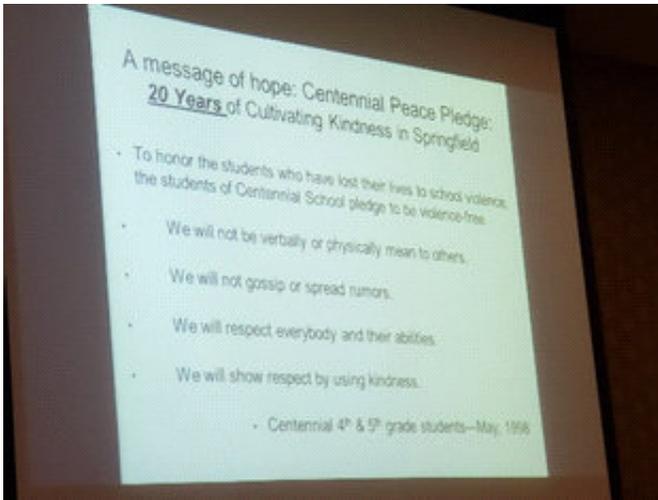
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The campaign's vision is to make kindness a part of everyday life; to recognize that acts of kindness are not unusual, but routine in everything that people do. They believe that by demonstrating how widespread and common acts of kindness make the example of demonstrating kindness easier to follow. They hope that a plethora of the simple yard signs they are distributing will remind people to be kind and, in doing so, cause kindness to spread throughout the community. The campaign had its origin in Anaheim, California, where the Mayor, Tom Tate, started a campaign to lift the face of his city. It has, they say, been so successful that while the city remains mired in poverty, it has a public safety rating of A-



Mr. Carnine pointed to numerous benefits from increased kindness, noting that kindness is important in all relationships and is an important predictor of success in long-term relationships. Both speakers agreed they are seeking a culture change which will have long term benefits for the society.



Mr. Paine pointed to one notable demonstration of success that happened a generation ago, in the wake of the Thurston High School shooting. He was spontaneously approached by a group of fourth and fifth grade students who wanted to "create a pledge." Their efforts, shown here, have been recited weekly at Centennial Elementary School ever since.

The campaign is reaching out to community leaders and elected officials in its effort to touch every resident of the area. More information is available at the campaign's web site:

<https://www.spreadingkindnesscampaign.org/>

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As we all know from reading the news, these are polarizing times for so many important issues. Each January, I participate on a panel to report on the State of the State of the Environment in Oregon; this year, after reporting on low-cost sensor progress and the upcoming CAO implementation, I focused on the need for civil discourse among the diverse environmental perspectives. I reviewed the history of a simple 24-word philosophy, born in the 1930s in the rough and tumble world of business, that guided a troubled cookware company through the severe economic times of the depression. Years later, it was adopted by Rotary, a wonderful network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The Rotary 4-Way Test is still unchanged from the 24 words authored by Herbert Taylor of Club Aluminum Cookware Company in the 1930s:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

These principles of truth, justice, friendliness and helpfulness are more important than ever in these contentious times. I ask that we all commit to these four principles in the year ahead.

Merlyn L. Hough, P.E., BCEE, LRAPA Director