

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Because of scheduling issues, Springfield City Club will offer only one program in November. That program, on November 14, will feature Joe Berney, the Springfield member of the Lane County Board of County Commissioners will discuss his first year in office.

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change. For current information, click on the agency name which will redirect you to the appropriate web site.

City of Springfield Council

225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)726-3700

November 4, 2019

Joint Work Session with Lane County – 6:00 p.m.
Springfield TSP

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Joint PH with Lane County (Springfield TSP)

November 12, 2019

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Main Street Safety Project

November 18, 2019

Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Recruitment

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Council Operating Policies

Transportation Funding

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Abatement Warrant (2nd Reading)

PH Wiechert-Osage Annexation (1st Reading)

November 25, 2019

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

Animal Control Update

Lane County Board of Commissioners

125 Eighth Avenue
Eugene OR 97401
(541)682-4203

November 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Joint Public Hearing: Springfield TSP

November 5, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Eugene Town Square Update

Armitage Campground Discussion

Stormwater Permit Compliance Changes

November 12, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Award to RAIN

RCP Amendment – Add Quarry site

November 18, 2019 – No MEETING

NOVEMBER RANDOM THOUGHTS ON SPRINGFIELD

The City of Springfield is accepting applications for three citizen vacancies on the Community Development Advisory Committee. **The deadline to apply is 5 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2019.** Application forms are available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 225 Fifth Street and at <http://www.springfield-or.gov/city/city-managers-office/boards-commissions-and-committees/>. The City Council is scheduled to interview applicants starting at 5:30 p.m., November 12, 2019 with appointments made at a subsequent Council meeting.

The McKenzie Cider and Craft Beer Festival will fill the Bob Keefer Center on November 8 and 9 with cider, beer, music and fun. More info here: www.mccbf.com

The city's leaf pickup program begins on December 2 west of 28th Street and December 9 east of 28th Street.

- Place leaves in medium sized garbage bags. Bags are to contain ONLY leaves. If bags contain other yard debris, they can't be used for compost and will not be picked up.
- Place bags at the curbside, not in the street, by 7 am Monday of the week your neighborhood is scheduled for pick up. Not all bags will be picked up first thing Monday; it may take several days. Severe weather may cause delays.

As an alternative, you may place leaves in the Sanipac yard debris container at any time.

"The oldest and coldest" Christmas parade is in its 67th year and on December 7, 2019, will follow the same parade route as in the past - 21st St and Olympic St, down Mohawk Blvd to Main St. Santa Claus has promised to visit, escorting the finish of the parade and ushering in the holiday season. See decorated cars, horses and floats of all kinds. Start the day with the annual Tuba Concert, also in Springfield, at noon!

For those of you who wonder if anyone has noticed the change in downtown, here are two references from the past month:

The Register Guard's Blue Chip Magazine covered women owned businesses in Springfield in October

<https://www.registerguard.com/special/20191001/bluechip-women-business-owners-eager-participants-in-springfields-downtown-surge>

The Eugene Magazine, in its most recent issue, highlighted downtown Springfield:

<https://eugenemagazine.com/feature-stories/downtown-dreamers/>

*Len Goodwin,
Secretary*

Lane Transit District

3500 E. 17th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97403
(541)687-5555

November 20, 2019 – Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

School District 19 Board of Directors

640 A Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 726-3201

November 12, 2019 – Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board

250 A Street
Springfield OR 97477
(541)746-8451

November 13, 2019 -- Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

320 S. 32nd Street
Springfield, OR 97478
(541)736-4544

November 13, 2019 – Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

1010 Main Street
Springfield, OR 97477
(541)735-1056

November 14, 2019 – Board Meeting 12:15 p.m.

affordable housing structures, on lots zoned for single family residences. That was followed, in the current session, by Sent Bill 608, which City Club discussed in September. That bill regulates the rental housing market by imposing restrictions on tenant evictions and limits on rental rate increases. House Bill 2001 takes the process a step further, she said, be providing for increased density on areas zoned for single family residences. Although the bill started out as an attempt to allow all forms of housing on land zoned for single family residences, as ultimately approved, the law takes two major steps:

- 1) In all cities outside of Portland Metro with a population between 10,000 and 25,000, (medium cities) duplexes will be allowed “as of right” in all single-family zones; and
- 2) In cities over 25,000 (large cities) all middle housing types (duplexes, triplexes quadplexes, cottage clusters and townhouses) will be allowed.

October 3 – HB 2001: Single Family Zoning

The 2019 session of the Legislative Assembly made a sharp change to the land use laws in Oregon. IN adopting HB 2001, the legislature, in perhaps overly simplistic terms, prohibited large and medium cities from restricting residential zones to one single family dwelling per lot. Over the next few years, these cities must adopt rules which permit duplexes, and in some case triplexes and quadplexes, in areas now zoned for single family housing.

The legislation, which intentionally overrides local planning rules, was, and is, controversial. No place illustrates this better than the Springfield/Eugene metropolitan area, where the Eugene City Council on September 9, 2019, approved a motion to direct the City Manager to seek repeal, while the City of Springfield has already begun to move proactively to implement the legislation.

The October 3 Springfield City Club program focused on the law, its impacts, and how Springfield is moving forward. Our panel consisted of Kaarin Knudson, an architect whose is a founder of Better Housing Together, an organization lobbying for more affordable housing, Mark Rust, a Senior Planner for the City of Springfield who is leading the City’s update of its development code, and Laurie Hauber, a legal aid attorney who represents clients on housing issues.

Ms. Knudson explained that HB 2001 was the latest step in a package of legislative actions to address the crisis in affordable housing that exists in Oregon today. In the 2017 session, the legislature approved bills requiring that cities allow for the placement of “auxiliary dwelling units” – relatively smaller and more



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The new rules become effective in stages. For “large” cities implementation must occur by June 30, 2022. For “medium” cities implementation must occur by June 30, 2021. While cities may adopt clear and objective



standards to regulate siting and design, these must not discourage the development through unreasonable cost or delay. While there is a process for getting an extension on implementation to address inadequacy of infrastructure. Mr. Rust said there was no reason to believe Springfield would wish to take advantage of that process.

In fact, he added, since Springfield is already in the midst of a complete update of its land development code, the City hopes to be proactive in working to implement the rules, and has offered to be a source for the model code which Department of Land Conservation and

Development staff must develop by December 31, 2020. That model code, when created, will become mandatory for cities who have not created their own ordinances.

The panel agreed that even though the changes are major, it is unlikely that there will be rapid massive shifts in housing types. Redevelopment is a slow piecemeal process, and unless an existing single-family dwelling becomes derelict, there may be little incentive to remove it and replace it with a denser form of housing. More rapid development could occur in greenfield areas, when new subdivisions might be expected to take advantage of the new rules to build denser housing (which would probably prove to be more profitable for developers). Ms. Hauber observed that not only is there concern among some cities who seek to reverse the intrusion into their local decision making on land use and housing, but even supporters of the legislation continue to have some concerns. For example, a mandate in the bill to consider waiver or deferral of systems development charges (which are often a significant additional cost in residential construction) is at cross-purposes with the mandate of the law authorizing SDCs, which demands that those charges be constructed to match the allocation of cost among units of construction – meaning any waiver results either in inadequate funding for capital or use of general fund dollars to backfill. Also, there is some concern that applying the new rules has the potential to displace vulnerable populations, who now occupy low cost rental housing (or mobile home facilities).

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