

The Springfield Education Foundation was created to enhance student opportunities and “empower student success through community involvement”. We do this by investing in programs to inspire learning through our Innovative Educator Grants and by supporting a variety of other programs. Since its inception in 1994, more than \$2,400,000 has been invested in Springfield students.

The Foundation has three main grant programs for Springfield educators; the **Innovative Educator Grant**, encouraging innovation, the **Frank Sherman Grant** promoting physical activity and health education, and the **Social Emotional Learning Grant**, facilitating social – emotional learning.

While the world and the Foundation Board were coming to terms with the Corona Virus the donors and supporters of the Foundation stepped up allowing us complete two grant cycles, one in the Spring of 2020 and the other in the Spring of 2021. These grants will increase student engagement, improve attendance, aid in serving underserved populations, improve graduation rates, and promote career opportunities and college connections. In this time period SEF awarded 31 grants totaling of \$65,319.

While distance learning altered the needs of our teachers and students, resourceful Springfield Educators found ways to implement SEF grant funded projects for music, science, literacy and Social-emotional learning in the virtual environment,

Fall is now here, marking 18 months since educators were required to reshape how they connected with their students. Through out this time, teachers, administrators, staff and Students in Springfield Public schools have shown perseverance, patience, creativity and strength.

The Foundation is ready and excited to support our students as they transition back to in-person learning. To help us do that we invite you to our annual fundraiser. Please join us on October 21st for this year’s **Night of 11,000 Stars Gala & Auction** presented by International Paper and Timber Products. Our annual Fundraiser, which supports the nearly 11,000 students attending Springfield Public Schools, this year will again be a virtual experience.

For more information:
springfieldeducationfoundation.org
Or Terry Beyer at terrybeyer@comcast.net

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2 – LANE COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Lane County has adopted a multi-phase approach to addressing the climate crisis. Phase one was to develop an internal climate action plan (completed October 2020). Phase two and three include conducting a county-wide greenhouse gas mitigation plan (draft anticipated by November 2021) and resilience and adaptation plan (anticipated by the end of 2022). Mark Nystrom, the Climate Strategist for Lane County will discuss the current state of the plan and the next steps.

Mark lives in Eugene with his wife Stephanie and his dog Juniper. His son Sam is a freshman at Colorado College. Mark enjoys running, hiking, and mountain biking in his spare time. Mark is also an occasional instructor at the School of PPPM at the University of Oregon.

SEPTEMBER 16 – BETTER HOUSING TOGETHER

Kaarin Knudson, a local architect and Board member of Better Housing Together, will discuss the organization’s program.

Better Housing Together is working collaboratively to increase housing affordability, diversity and supply in Lane County. It is the only multi-sector, community-led organization working to address Lane County’s housing crisis.

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.

Many boards continue to meet online as the County emerges from the restrictions on activity. Please see the guide on page 3 for information on how to connect.

[City of Springfield Council](#)

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

September 7, 2021 (Tuesday)

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Library Hours
Quarterly Development Code Update
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
PH: Marcola Meadows Plan Amendment
PH: Deadmond Ferry Road Annexation

September 13, 2021

Work session 5:30 p.m.
Citywide LED Street Light Upgrade
ARPA Funds
7:00 p.m.

September 20, 2021

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Charter Amendment Discussion
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
Urban Renewal Plan Amendment Ratification

September 27, 2021

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Housing Update
LRAPA Committee Interviews

October 4, 2021

Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Fire Governance Model Update

Lane County Board of Commissioners

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

September 7, 2021 – No MEETING

September 14, 2021 – No MEETING

September 21, 2021 9:00 a.m.

IRC Bylaws
Homes for Good governance
PH: Floodplain Combining Zone and District
Evening Public Comment – 5:30 p.m.

September 28 9:00 a.m.

Lane Transit District

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

September 15, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

School District 19 Board of Directors

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

September 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Board Business Meeting

September 27, 2021 8:00 p.m.

Board Work Session

Springfield Utility Board

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

September 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

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

September 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

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

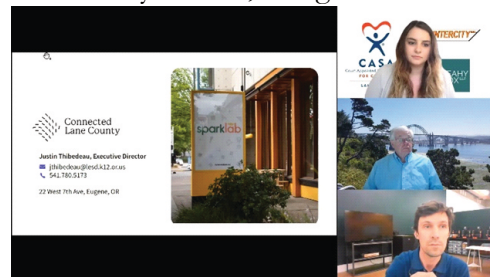
September 9, 2021 12:15 p.m.

Board Meeting

AUGUST 5 – SPARKLAB

As part of its services to 16 school districts in Lane County, the Lane Education Services District has created SparkLab, a facility designed to bridge the gap between underserved students and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. Jason Thibodeau, the Connected Lane County Project Coordinator gave Springfield City Club an overview of the program on August 5.

SparkLab is not a replacement for district programs providing STEM education, nor is it something that suggests that the districts are not doing a good job in providing that education, Thibodeau said. Rather, he said, it is designed to involve students who have historically been not exposed to science and technology, or have been steered away from it, and give them a chance to explore



the options that sort of education can offer. It is also not necessarily focused on interesting students in academic

pursuits, but on Career Technical Education (CTE).

Thibodeau focused on one particular program that SparkLab offered recently – a five-week invention camp, to demonstrate how the program involves education and industry partners to help youth 14-22 learn what opportunities they might want to explore during the regular school year. Students spent a five week course in the new SparkLab facility in hands on work that resulted in inventions with real world impact. In particular he described a CO₂ monitor designed and created by the students, who work as paid interns, that can be put into practical application in buildings and offices today.

The students used the equipment in the lab – including a collaborative robot, several 3D printers (some of which the students built themselves) and other small machines to take a concept from design to construction. It is important that the students be paid as interns, because otherwise they would need, in most cases, to find summer jobs to help support themselves and their families. The idea, he said, to offer real world work experience and not force students to choose between work and learning.

Overall, SparkLab hopes to serve about 300 students during a year and hopes to serve more if it can find resources to open remote facilities. They are looking to find a site for a facility in Springfield and hope, in time, in cities like Florence, Cottage Grove, and Oak Ridge. They would like to find a location near some sort of transit

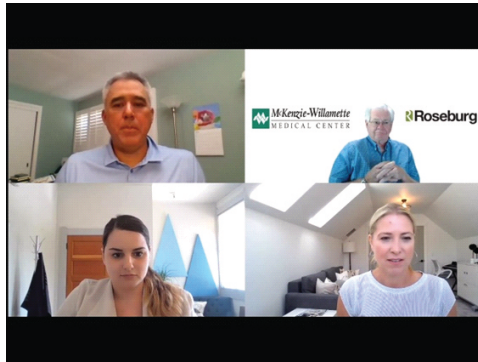
service of about 3,000 to 4,000 square feet in each city. When asked to estimate the cost of creating a remote facility, Mr. Thibodeau was cautious, noting that in establishing the Eugene facility at 22 W. Seventh Avenue, they had come up against the unexpected surprise of having to create separate sets of bathrooms for the interns and for staff – which turned out to be the major cost item.

Other ongoing expenses for the program include one or two staff at each location, transportation for students (including in some cases gas cards for those who live distant from the lab), and meals. Right now, breakfast is provided by 4J and lunches provided by catering funded by industry partners.

More information on the program can be found at the [Connected Lane County web site](#).

AUGUST 19 – THE SPRINGFIELD DRIFTERS

Baseball is coming to a Springfield location near you. Jamie Christopher, the general manager of the new Springfield



Drifters baseball team, gave City Club members and friends an early look at what plans to be a new opportunity to see quality baseball coming next year.

The Springfield Drifters will be a team

made up of collegiate players (including community colleges like LCC) from all over the country seeking to develop and improve their skills as part of the West Coast League, a summer league of amateur players. Team members will be selected by references from collegiate coaches who want their players to improve skills between their college seasons. There is a limit of no more than four players from the same college.

The effort is being led by Mr. Christopher, Kelly Richardson, the owner of Richardson Sports located in Gateway, and Ike Olsen, the former owner of Olsen Electric, who have partnered with Huddle Up, a non-profit organization seeking to support underserved youth, and the Springfield School District.

Plans have been submitted to convert the existing baseball field at Hamlin Middle School to a stadium seating 1500 or more which will serve both the Drifters, Bushnell University (which is trying to bring collegiate baseball back after a 50-year absence), and local high schools whose fields sometimes become unusable during and after rain events. The field will be all turf and should be usable very quickly after any rain event. The stadium will have concession stands and other fan amenities. During the first season, the focus will be on baseball and the fan amenities may grow in the future to meet fan desires. Ticket prices should be in the range of \$6-7 per person. School District 19 will continue to own the land on which the stadium is constructed, Mr. Christopher hopes that the stadium might be used for concerts and other events when no baseball season is running.

The West Coast League consists of 16 teams from the Northwest and Canada and includes the Corvallis Knights (who had to approve the new team, since West Coast League rules require that teams be at least 50 miles apart). It uses wood bats, unlike high school and college teams which use aluminum, and tries to give players a feel for what it might be like to play professionally after college.

All the players are amateurs and receive no compensation other than room and board, which the Drifters hope to provide by

ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

To view Springfield City Council meetings: On the Thursday before the meeting, the Council agenda is posted [here](#). The agenda will contain the information to link to the live stream of the meeting.

To view meetings of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, go to this [link](#) for connection information

To view Lane Transit District Board meetings, go to the [Events Calendar](#) and click on the meeting you want to attend for information on the Zoom link

To view School District 19 Board meetings: on the Thursday or Friday before the meeting go to the [Board Meeting Calendar](#), locate the meeting agenda and you will find the Zoom link to join the meeting.

To listen to Willamalane Board meetings:

On a telephone or cell phone, dial 541-736-4490

When prompted, enter the conference ID: 85238 followed by the # sign

To listen to SUB Board meetings:

Dial in using your phone: Dial 1.978.990.5373

Enter the Access Code: 2355961#

To view LRAPA meetings:

Below are instructions for participation: Click on this link from your desktop: <https://zoom.us/j/2234449160>



West Coast League

- Oregon
 - Bend Elks
 - Corvallis Knights
 - Cowitz Black Bears
 - Portland Pickles
 - **SPRINGFIELD DRIFTERS**
- Washington
 - Bellingham Bells
 - Port Angeles Lefties
 - Ridgefield Raptors
 - Walla Walla Sweets
 - Wenatchee AppleSox
 - Yakima Valley Pippins
- Canada
 - Edmonton Riverhawks
 - Kamloops NorthPaws
 - Kelowna Falcons
 - Nanaimo NightOwls
 - Victoria HarbourCats

placing players with host families. Because the players are college students, the team will follow all NCAA rules. There may be some opportunities for paid internships to help players learn the business aspects of baseball. The Drifters expect to have about a 70-game season starting in June, with approximately 30-35 games at home. (In their inaugural season the schedule might need to be adjusted to accommodate the world track championships which are being held in Eugene.) The league should not have an impact on American Legion baseball, since that program draws mostly high school players.

The leadership team is now seeking sponsors and members of a founder's club to help raise money to support the operation of the team. The team also plans to help develop programs for children supported by some part of ticket sales and sports camps and donations to local food banks working through Huddle Up.

More information is available at the team website Drifters.com or by contacting Jamie at jamiec@driftersbaseball.com or 541-579-1505.

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- Facebook – Springfield Drifters Baseball Club
- Instagram/Twitter - @driftersbball
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- Questions?



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