

Acknowledging the many challenges surrounding us at this time, I am excited for what the year ahead will bring for Springfield City Club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your new president. I want to thank Kristin for the leadership and grace that she exhibited this year. Our world changed quickly and we adapted with it. Through a virtual format, we were able to bring community members together to meet candidates for local offices and hear about recovery efforts in our area. These are not easy topics but solutions will only be found through information sharing and collective work.

Looking ahead, City Club will continue to tackle impending issues for the citizens of Springfield. Our board is working on an excellent slate of speakers for the coming months. We are open to your ideas about programming, feel free to reach out to me directly at heatherm@casa-lane.org or send them to the City Club address at information@springfieldcityclub.org.

We will continue to offer our programs virtually for the foreseeable future. In August, we will welcome journalist, Mark Garber and Springfield School District Superintendent, Todd Hamilton. We hope that all of you will join us and we encourage you to invite others to attend and consider membership.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the board members who have agreed to serve and work behind the scenes to keep the online programs running smoothly. I hope to meet many members this year and truly appreciate the commitment that each of you bring to Springfield.

Warm regards,
Heather Murphy,
President

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PRINT MEDIA – AUGUST 6

It comes as no surprise that local print media is facing a challenging future. The rise of online media has forced all print media to reinvent itself. Even in the largest cities in the nation, where historically there were multiple print media outlets, only a single newspaper exists. In smaller cities around the nation, local newspapers have closed, consolidated, cut production frequency, and sometimes just completely disappeared.

Where will this trend end? Mark Garber, president and publisher of the Pamplin Media Group, has been a central figure in much of the consolidations. Since 2001 he has been involved with an organization that publishes the Portland Tribune and 24 newspapers serving smaller cities in the northwest.



Previously, Mark was publisher of the daily East Oregonian in , with responsibility for several publications owned by EO Media Group. He also has served as publisher of the Springfield News and affiliated publications in Lane County. He has been a reporter, editor, or publisher at various newspaper companies since 1979. He is also a past president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR – AUGUST 20



In late July, the Springfield school district released its plan for the coming school year. The [Return to Learn Plan](#) has two options — one for fully online learning and a second which is a hybrid model involving both online and in class learning. Todd Hamilton, District Superintendent, will update the community on the plan in anticipation of school beginning on September 9.

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
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On recess until September 8, 2020

RECENT MEETINGS

JULY 16 – DISTRICT ATTORNEY PATTY PERLOW

The criminal justice system in Lane County is struggling in efforts to deal with the pandemic, District Attorney Patty Perlow told the Springfield City Club on July 16. Trials are now limited to one a week, and only for major felony defendants who are in custody. Arraignments, where defendants have the first opportunity to learn the charges against them, are also limited to in custody defendants and held at the jail. “COVID-19 has hijacked the system,” she said. She hopes to get to having two trials a week, but since each trial takes three courtrooms – one for the parties, one for the public to watch the trial and a third to hold the jury pool until a jury is selected, that will be a challenge. The situation is made even worse by the need to retry almost 80 cases where the original jury verdict was not unanimous, a recently rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court.



Perlow hopes that as the community begins to recover, she can focus, in her next and final term, on expanding some of the more innovative approaches she has brought to law enforcement – community court, treatment court and other processes that focus more on treating and resolving issues than in incarcerating people.

Fortunately, the pandemic has not had a major impact on the County jail. Just last week the jail had its first case of a positive test for a local inmate. That inmate is being isolated. The jail is continuing to release those who do not pose a danger to the community to prevent further spread of the virus.

Use of force by the police was a topic that generated many questions from the audience. District Attorney Perlow explained that lawful use of force is that level of force which is necessary and appropriate to resist an attack by another – whether that person is a civilian or a public safety officer, although an officer may use force to effect an arrest. Unlawful force is that force which initiates an attack or escalates a situation.

She explained there is an established process for investigate all uses of force by a public safety officer. A committee, made up of representatives of all area law enforcement agencies, conducts the process. The agency whose use of force is under investigation cannot participate but can “shadow” the process. The investigation is conducted as a criminal investigation would be. Once the investigation is completed, the result is turned over to the District Attorney, who decides on whether to convene a grand jury to consider if criminal charges should be filed. Once that decision is made, she said everything is made public. She did note that local media have not been reporting on these investigations, and that in fact there are two files waiting for someone to pick them up and report on them.

Perlow said that a State legislative committee is considering a number of changes to use of force statutes in Oregon. These include prohibiting the agency being investigated from Any involvement in the investigation, requiring all investigations of use of force by police to go to the grand jury, and empowering the state Attorney General to conduct all use of o force investigations. She said that she would support assigning the role to the Attorney General but thinks the Legislature may not move forward on that because of the cost of providing additional resources to the Department of Justice.

On one specific case – that involving a vehicle accident where Isaiah Wagoner was struck at a protest, she said that federal investigators have asked to examine the case, which is now pending at the grand jury, so they will wait a few days to see if federal officials take any action that might interfere with their ability to proceed locally.

The ongoing protests have caused the Public Safety Coordinating Council to begin examining how law enforcement agencies can be responsive to needs to keep the community safe, but also be more culturally aware of how their responses are perceived. It is an attempt to find ways to do more and work better with what the agencies have.

Lane County Board of Commissioners

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

August 4, 2020 No Meeting

August 11, 2020 No Meeting

August 18, 2020 9:00 a.m.
Redistricting
PH:Annexation to Lane Fire Authority
PH:Annexation to Goshen Fire Protection District
Evening Public Comment

August 25, 2020 9:00 a.m.
Renaming Lane County
Fairgrounds Land Transfer
Wildfire Protection Plan

Lane Transit District

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

August 5, 2020 -- Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
August 12, 2020 -- Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
August 19, 2020 -- Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
August 26, 2020 -- Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

School District 19 Board of Directors

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

August 10, 2020 – Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
August 24,2020 – Work Session, 5:00 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board

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

August 12, 2020 -- Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

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

No meeting

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

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

August 13, 2020 --Board Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

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>



**Minutes
Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
June 2, 2020 – Zoom**

Present:

Kristin Denmark	Heather Murphy	Merlyn Hough	Bob Fondren
Len Goodwin	Callie Elliott	Therese Lang	Mark Molina
Nick Nelson			

Absent: Terry Beyer

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m

On a motion by Nick, seconded by Merlyn, the minutes were approved as presented.

Bob reviewed the financial reports. On a motion by Len, seconded by Merlyn, the report was approved. Bob will provide an update on membership at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the election process and agreed that as in the past the election will be conducted electronically. Merlyn reported the nominating committee recommendation as follows:

President	Heather Murphy
President-elect	
Past President	Kristin Denmark
Treasurer	Bob Fondren
Secretary	Len Goodwin
Director:	Terry Beyer
Director	Mark Molina

Merlyn agreed to serve as the third director now that he has completed his term as Past President. Nick and Callie will consider whether they will accept nomination as President-elect.

Len was directed to prepare a ballot and send it to the membership.

The board reviewed upcoming programs:

On June 4 we will have a panel of local business people discussing how they are dealing with the pandemic. Heather will open with a greeting and Therese will introduce the panel and manage questions.

On June 18 we will have the new City Manager, the Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief and Monica Brown the Springfield COVID-19 response coordinator. Kristin will do the welcome and Heather will introduce the panel and manage questions.

The Board agreed to hold no program on July 2, because of the holiday weekend and to invite Mark Garber to comment on the local press on July 16.

Heather suggested that we have a program on equity, CASA has identified Paloma Medina as a possible presenter, although she typically charges \$1,500 for a presentation. Len suggested he would propose that all of the City Clubs in the state coordinate to do one large program with her using Zoom.

The Board discussed future programming and agreed we may be in virtual mode for some time. Callie asked if we were putting our relationship with the Hilton Garden Inn at risk. Kristin and Len reported that we are keeping in

contact with HGI, and they appear to be prepared to welcome us back when we can have in person programs, although at present their capacity is very restricted. The Board agreed that it is important to keep the capacity to present programs online even when we are back to in-person offerings. Len is exploring some possibilities.

Mark asked to get a written list of our future program dates and possible programs so that he can explore some additional opportunities. Kristin agreed to provide that. Mark said that District Attorney Patti Perlow is looking for opportunities to make community presentations.

Kristin will do a newsletter article for the July newsletter, wrapping up her tenure as President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary

City Club Board of Directors

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