

Voting if you have been evacuated

The following is advice from the League of Women Voters:

We're already being asked how voters will get ballots if they aren't at home because of wildfire evacuations and possible mail disruption. This can be easily fixed if voters know where they will be when ballots are mailed, starting on October 14th. The easiest way is to use Oregon's "[MyVote](#)" voter registration website.

Register to vote

Check and correct voter registrations if need be

Add a separate forwarding address

Include an email address to be notified when your ballot has mailed out, when it is received back and when it is being processed. If you have further questions, contact your County Clerk.

Voters can login by following prompts for their name, birth date, and Oregon drivers' license number. They can update information with a "mailing address" so their ballots can be forwarded to where they expect to be when ballots are mailed out.

VOTE!

Please share this information widely. Regardless of your political party or your political perspective, it is quite likely that this election will be the most consequential in many years.

On October 1 there will be 34 days until election day. You may check on whether you are registered to vote at [My Vote](#). In Oregon, you may register to vote in the general election until October 13 at [Register to Vote](#). On that page you may choose to register in a language other than English. If you have special circumstances (e.g., are a student, are unhoused or have a disability or other special needs), you may get assistance at [Special Voting Circumstances](#).

Ballots will be mailed beginning October 14 and should all be mailed by October 20. If your ballot does not arrive, check with the County Clerk's office immediately. Please check your ballot carefully and sign the ballot envelope with care. The Secretary of State reports that about 0.35% of ballots are returned unsigned, and ballots where the signature does not match the registration signature will be rejected. Voters will be notified of the problem and given an opportunity to cure the deficiency.

Your completed ballot may be mailed to the county election official or returned in special secure ballot return boxes. A list of those ballot return boxes will be included with your ballot when it is mailed to you.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SPRINGFIELD CITY CLUB WILL EXPAND ITS PROGRAMS TO WEEKLY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER SO THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE THE VARIOUS LOCAL ELECTION RACES. THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE PRESENTED LIVE ON ZOOM. IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE CITY CLUB MAILING LIST.

WE ARE ALSO COOPERATING WITH CITY CLUB OF EUGENE, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND KLCC TO PRESENT PROGRAMS FOR SOME FEDERAL AND STATE RACES. THESE LATTER PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED ON FACEBOOK, AS SHOWN BELOW.

October 1 – Black Unity Speaks

October 8 – Oregon House District 12

October 15 – Oregon House District 7

October 16 – US House District 4 (**Facebook**)

October 22 – Springfield Council Ward 4

October 29 -- Oregon Secretary of State (**Facebook**)

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

October 5, 2020

Work session 6:00 p.m.

Body worn cameras update

Development Code Update

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

IGA for Human Services

PH: Crest Lane LID

October 12, 2020

Work session 5:30 p.m.

Transportation Policies

October 19, 2020
Work Session 6:00 p.m.
West D Bicycle Upgrades
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
Crest Lane LID
PH: Supplemental Budget
PH: Marcola Meadows Plan Amendment and
Zone Change

October 26, 2020
Work Session 5:30 p.m.
Budget Update – General Fund Forecast
Housing and Infrastructure

Lane County Board of Commissioners

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

October 6, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
COVID-19 Update
Holiday Farm Fire Update
Elected Officials Salary adjustments
PH: Floodplain Code
October 13, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Appoint member to AOCC (tentative)
October 14, 2020 – Noon
Joint Elected Officials meeting with Eugene
October 20, 2020
evening public comment
PH: Floodplain Code
Recording of Local Access Roads
PH: Legalization of a portion of Gilham Road
October 27 – 9:00 a.m.
Design Concept, Gilham Road Sidewalks
Design Concept North Park Avenue and Maxwell
Sidewalks

Lane Transit District

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

October 7, 2020
Budget Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
October 21, 2020
Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

School District 19 Board of Directors

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

October 12, 2020 --0 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting
October 26, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
Work Session

Springfield Utility Board

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

October 14, 2020 – 6:00p.m.
Board Meeting

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

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

October 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting

Lane Regional Air Protection Authority

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

October 8, 2020 – 12:15 p.m.
Board Meeting

RECENT MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 24 – FIRE LEVY

The Springfield City Council has placed renewal of the existing Fire Levy on the November 3 ballot. On September 24, Springfield Ward 1 Councilor Sean VanGordon, Interim Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief Chris Heppel, and Local 855 IAFF President Mike Caven providing a briefing to City Club members on the levy.



The proposed levy would impose a property tax of \$0.38/ \$1,000 assessed valuation on properties within the City, beginning July 1, 2021. It replaces a levy which now imposes

a tax at the rate of \$0.36/\$1,000 and is the successor to a series of levies that first began in 2002. The current levy expires in June of 2021. The average assessed valuation of homes in Springfield is \$164,000, which would result in an annual tax of \$62.32. (Councilor VanGordon pointed out that the typical assessed value is about one-third of the actual market value of homes.)

Mr. Caven said that the need for the levy was based on an increase in demands for service by over 900 percent in the past decade, with no significant increase in resources. Chief Heppel added that neither department had expanded its fleet significantly in over 20 years. When questioned about the cause of the additional demands for service, Mr. Caven said that it was mostly in the area of emergency medical services, not fire suppression. He pointed to growth in population, as well as an aging population which has significantly more complicated medical issues. The failure of the health system to provide adequate service for all members of the community is also a concern, since it means that many people have limited access to health care, making emergency services their last and only resort.

Much of the questioning from the audience revolved around the cost of providing emergency medical services. Typically, the response to an emergency medical call involves one ambulance and one engine. Mr. Caven said that in some cases of cardiac arrest and motor vehicle accidents, two fire

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

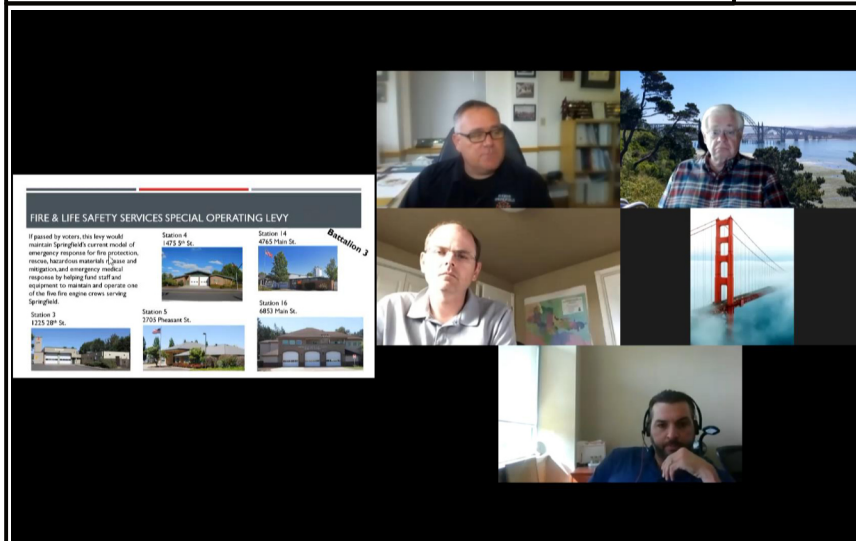
To listen to SUB Board meetings:

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>



trucks (one engine and a ladder truck) will respond. He said that response was called for because of the complexity of managing individuals in cardiac arrest and the need, at times, to use complex extraction equipment. He said that the additional equipment and personnel did not result in additional cost, because the personnel are already in paid status. In fact, he said, the operational merger of the two agencies, which began several years ago, actually resulted in savings because when additional calls for service arose, it was much less likely that a department would need to recall additional firefighters on overtime. He said that the increased level of response had resulted in a survival rate for

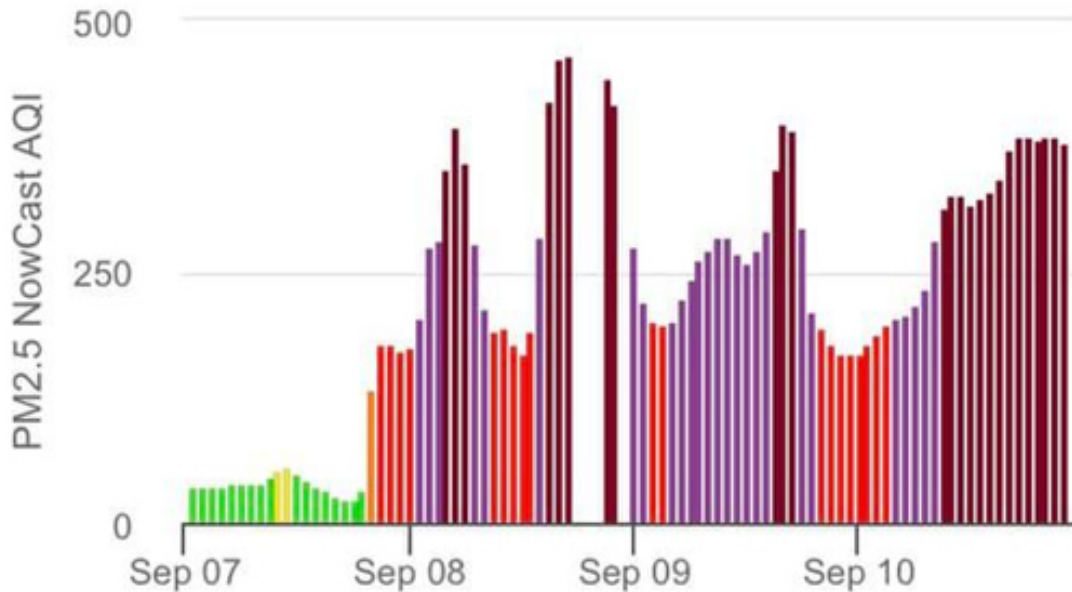
cardiac events increasing from the low teens to over 50 percent.

Councilor VanGordon said that for several years the City had been attempting to move off a serial levy to incorporate more fire costs into the General Fund budget. He said that the first attempt was thwarted by the recession of 2008, and that the most recent study had been undermined by need to respond to the pandemic. The goal, he added, remains an interest of the Council. He said the Council is not presently looking at any attempt to move the fire service to an independent district, although Mr. Caven said that, from a labor perspective, that could be seen as a more efficient approach.

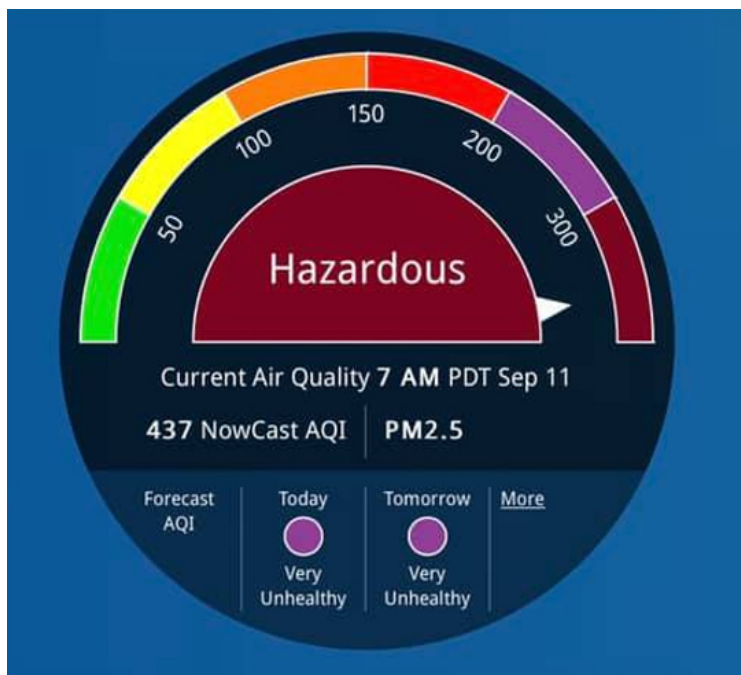
Worst Wildfire Smoke Impacts in Oregon

Wow, what a week. And it's not over yet.

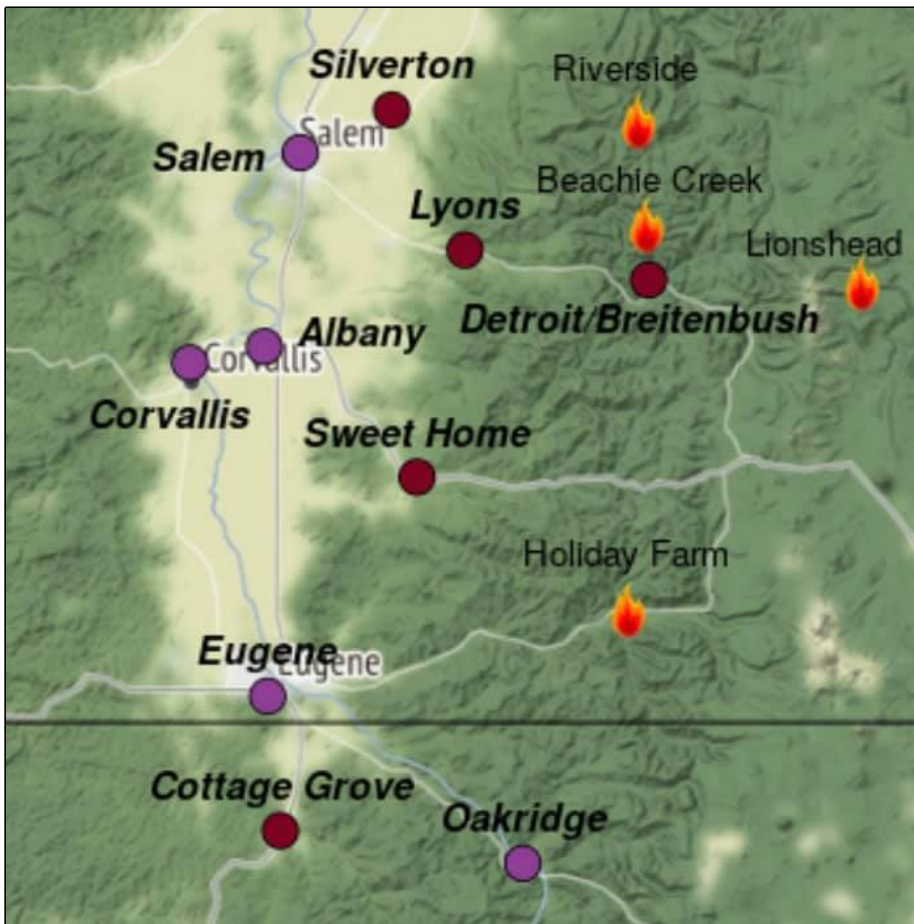
On Labor Day, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Eugene was Green ("Good") for most of the day, but wildfire smoke from the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fires steadily increased the AQI in the evening hours to Yellow ("Moderate"), then Orange (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups), Red ("Unhealthy"), then Purple ("Very Unhealthy"). By Tuesday morning, September 8, 2020, the AQI in Eugene was Maroon ("Hazardous") as extreme winds and historically challenging fire conditions fueled multiple wildfires across the region. "The fire weather forecasted is extremely rare and occurs only a few times a century," said Eric Johnson, Deputy Fire Staff for Northwest Oregon Fire Management.



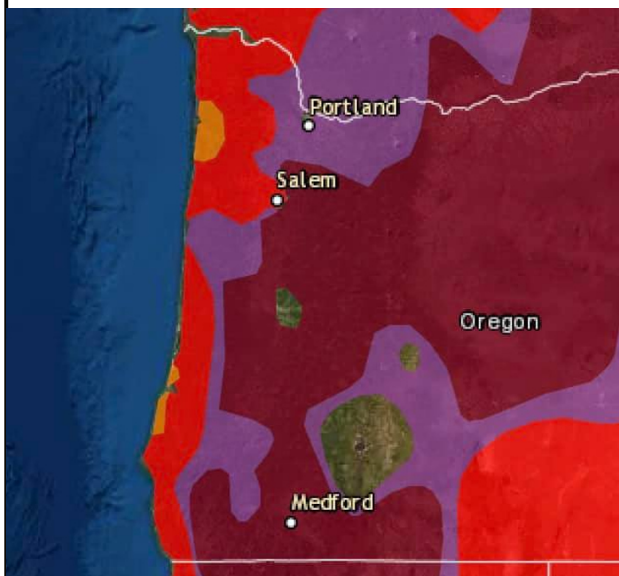
Smoke impacts (measured as fine particulate matter, or PM2.5) in Eugene and Cottage Grove on Thursday-Friday were the worst ever recorded in the 52 years of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA).



By Thursday, the AQI was Hazardous throughout the Willamette Valley. Deadly windblown wildfires raging across Oregon (and throughout the Pacific Northwest) destroyed hundred of homes, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown warned, "This could be the greatest loss of human life and property due to wildfire in our state's history."



This morning, Saturday, September 12, 2020, the Air Quality Advisory was extended to the entire State of Oregon, with Hazardous smoke levels expanding into much of Central Oregon. Governor Kate Brown said more than 40,000 Oregonians have been evacuated and about 500,000 (of the 4.2 million residents in Oregon) are in different levels of evacuation zones. (Level 1 is Get Ready, Level 2 is Get Set, Level 3 Evacuation Zones are GO NOW!)



The statewide Air Quality Advisory is in effect through at least next Monday afternoon. The Oregon wildfires continue to grow, but not as rapidly as in recent days. Onshore winds from the south are expected to reach the Willamette Valley by Wednesday afternoon, September 16th, according to Rebecca Muesle, National Weather Service meteorologist in Portland. Until we see relief, please follow the health guidelines for various pollution levels.

Air Quality Index (AQI)

Actions to Protect Yourself

● Good	None
● Moderate	Unusually sensitive individuals should consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion.
● USG	People within Sensitive Groups* should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
● Unhealthy	People within Sensitive Groups* should avoid all physical outdoor activity.
● Very Unhealthy	Everyone should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
● Hazardous	Everyone should avoid any outdoor activity.

For updates for your area, please see:

airnow.gov

fire.airnow.gov

Take care and keep safe!

--- Merlyn

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LRAPA
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

Minutes
Board of Directors
Springfield City Club
August 4, 2020 - Zoom

Present: Heather Murphy Bob Fondren Len Goodwin Terry Beyer
Merlyn Hough Mark Molina Nick Nelson

Absent: Kristin Denmark, Callie Elliott

Guests: Joe Leahy

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

On a motion by Bob, seconded by Terry, the minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

Bob presented the financial report. Still looking well on balance sheet. Next month will have Chamber membership to pay. On a motion by Len, seconded by Merlyn, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Terry will check in on Zane and Mary Beth Wilson.

Board vacancies were discussed. Mark and Nick are working on. Len will send a list of current members to Nick.

Upcoming meetings:

August 6, Joe will be introducing Mark Garber

Heather will welcome

Mark will facilitate questions

August 20 Todd Hamilton:

Heather will do welcome and introduce Todd Hamilton

Mark will facilitate questions

September meetings

Paloma Medina

Len met with Eugene City Club. CCE was pretty negative. They suggested using someone local. Heather will put her on hold for now. Heather has had trouble getting local people to come to the table. Maybe we can get someone to fund the cost. Len will forward Paloma's bio.

Have three legislative races that affect the members. John lively, Cedric Hayden and Marty Wilde

Some interest in Cedric Hayden.

Any issues? Redistricting if it makes the ballot. Still unclear what will be on. Should have redistricting before the election if it is on the ballot. Put a marker for October 8 pivot if it doesn't make ballot.

Mark has been in contact with the Black Unity movement. The Board believes it would be wise to consider inviting them. They are well spoken, definitely have a mission and purpose. Potential conflict that seems to follow them. We can manage security in a Zoom session.

Could use September 10 for black unity. It would be good to have a counterpoint. We could do a two-part presentation first black unity and then invite both for a conversation.

Tentative schedule:

Sept 10 Black Unity

Sept 17 legislative race

October 8 redistricting or second black unity (inviting the City as well).

In November consider Prof. Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg on how buildings will change as result of virus.

No statewide update.

Met with CCE board they were unfamiliar with live presentations. Invited them to attend august 6.

Article for September: Mark may mention September 10 and starting a conversation. Need about 26/28 of August.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Goodwin,
Secretary