

MEETING CALENDAR

March 2 – Our Water Future

Greg Miller, Springfield utility Board Water director, Jeanine Parisi, Eugene Water and Electric Board Community Outreach coordinator and Wall McCulloch, EWEB Water Engineering Supervisor will discuss water issues.

Eugene Water & Electric Board currently has a single source of drinking water - the McKenzie River. EWEB is pursuing another source of drinking water from the Willamette River to provide a backup option in case a human-caused or natural disaster impacts this source or the filtration plant. The new intake is on the Willamette River in Glenwood, just downstream from the confluence of the Middle and Coast Forks. A small, modern filtration plant, built to current seismic standards is also part of EWEB's plan to increase drinking water resilience for our area. Springfield Utility Board (SUB) will also outline its current and future drinking water sources. Both utilities have received Outstanding Performer designations from the Oregon Health Authority and, time permitting, the utilities can discuss what they do to achieve that designation.

March 16 – Mayor Christine Lundberg will review the state of the city and comment on other current issues in Springfield, such as the planning for a future library.

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

March 6

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

City wide work plan

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – 19th Street Annexation

Library Needs Assessment Approval

March 13

Work session 5:30 p.m.

Mid year budget meeting

March 20

Work Session 6:00 p.m.

Affordable Housing Strategy

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Indigenous People's Day Resolution

Public Hearing Withdrawal of Territory

from Goshen 'fire District

Cascade Wellness Clinic

March 27

JEO Team Springfield Members 5:30 p.m.

Lane County Commissioners

March 6

JEO with City of Eugene 5:30 p.m.

Eugene Transportation System Plan

March 7 9:00 a.m.

Travel Lane County Report

March 14, 9:00 a.m.

Third Reading Tobacco Ordinance

Fifth Reading and Deliberations RCP

Amendment (Hazeldell Quarry)

March 21 9:00 a.m.

March 28 NO MEETING

Lane Transit District

March 15 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

March 8 7:30 p.m.

School District 19

March 13 7:00 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board

March 8 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

February 16- News, Fake News and Alternate Facts

Logan Molen, Publisher and CEO of the Register Guard, was joined by Lisa Hayamoto and Todd Milbourn, both Journalism instructors at the U of O, in a discussion of how people can keep themselves informed in a time where traditional sources of information have rapidly been replaced by on-line social media.

Milbourn described the issue as a classic “wicked problem”: one where there are so many interrelated variables that it becomes impossible to fashion a solution without affecting other parts of the problem. One issue is how

people consume news. Not that long ago it me” – while on the treadmill, riding in a bus, waiting in line, etc. As a result people don’t absorb details, but only small bites of information. At the same time, the number of outlets providing information has expanded exponentially. was an intended activity. One sat down to read the paper, or watch or listen to a newscast. Now information is consumed in “downtime.”

Part of the impact is the decline in the quantity of the written press; there are half as many reporters employed as there were 10 years ago.

One myth in the current scenario is that the traditional press are not trusted and respected. It is true that the media, like all institutions, has less credibility and trust than in the past. But when one dives into the details, and separates the traditional written press from the loud voices with a narrow viewpoint, the tabloids, the social media and websites, you get a much different picture. The traditional press is much more highly respected and trusted.

Mr. Molen sees hope for the future of the press, but says it will be “bloody” for a while and that the traditional press will have to evolve. For example, he sees the Register guard increasingly focusing on local news rather than national or international. That, of course, leaves a great question: how is a local reader to be informed on those issues? All presenters suggested that readers go to a variety of online version of the traditional press: the Wall Street Journal, the New York times, the Washington Post. They also suggested visiting Reuters, and sites like Vox (www.vox.com), which provides detailed background on current topics, but not up to the minute news.

The key, they agreed was for readers to view a wide variety of sources so they can make up their own minds about the accuracy of the information they receive.

Springfield City Club Board Meeting

Wildish Community Theater

January 3, 2017

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President	Chris Kline
Joe Leahy, President-elect	Steve Moe
Mike Eyster, Immed. Past President	Carolyn Miller
Dan Egan, Secretary	Len Goodwin

1. Call to order: The meeting began at 11:35 a.m.
2. Approval of the previous minutes: The previous minutes were approved through a motion by Mike Eyster and a second by Len Goodwin.
3. Financial Report: There was no financial report.
4. Membership: There was a discussion about purging and correcting the membership listing depending on payment of dues and accurate business and individual listing.
There was a motion approved (motion by Len Goodwin and second by Mike Eyster) to allow domestic partners to join City Club at a \$125.00/year rate.
5. Programs: Mike Eyster will introduce the next program speaker – Ward Wimbish of Greater Eugene Inc. It will be the first City Club meeting at the new location of the Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield. The program after Ward Wimbish will be the re-scheduled meeting concerning the Malheur take-over of federal land and installations. Mike Eyster will verify that SKYPE will be available at the Hilton Garden Inn.
The Board discussed other ideas for programs: SUB/EWEB Water Projects; Springfield housing stock; Mayor/Council Goal-Setting; after Obamacare; Homelessness in Springfield.
6. Public Relations: There are no changes with the website; Len will write the next newsletter article.
7. New Board Member/Officer Election: Terry will set this agenda item for election in May.
8. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:45 p.m.