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City of Springfield Summer Event Calendar

*The 'Springfield' Emeralds, Nick Symmonds, Ken Kesey and more
As part of our 2015 Summer Events*

The City of Springfield has a full calendar of summer events planned! For even more Springfield events, visit our partners at willamalane.org and subutil.com.

June 12 – Second Friday Downtown Artwalk - Join us every second Friday of the month to celebrate local artists, musicians, and merchants in Downtown Springfield!
Venues and artists change monthly.

June 16 – Summer Reading Kick-Off

Dive into Summer at Springfield Public Library with a favorite annual tradition: Summer Reading Kickoff! Join us for a circus-inspired performance by Portland's own Heather Pearl. Then sign up for the Summer Reading Program and grab your free book while enjoying ice cream and playing on the city's Fountain Plaza. All ages are welcome to attend; you are never too young or too old to enjoy the wonders of a great story.

***June 21 – Willamalane's Summer Solstice Dash & Bash @ Dorris Ranch.** This Father's Day, run or walk a 5K at beautiful Dorris Ranch. Info at Willamalane.org

***July 4 – Springfield Utility Board's Light of Liberty @ Island Park** - Fun, food and fireworks in this annual celebration by the river. Kids will enjoy the children's area. Gates open at 4 p.m.; fireworks start at 10 p.m. Info at www.subutil.com/

July 10 – Second Friday Downtown Artwalk City Hall Gallery is open 5-7pm. Featured artists, live music & refreshments – free!

***July 10-11 – Willamalane’s Summer Fair Featuring The Daddies, Stone in Love and “The Simpsons Movie”! Info at willamalane.org**

**August 14 – Second Friday Downtown Artwalk
City Hall Gallery is open 5-7pm. Featured artists, live music & refreshments – free!**

August 15 – Chalk Art Festival - The Second Annual Chalk Art Festival returns to the streets of Downtown Springfield on Saturday, August 15. Brought to you by the Eugene/Springfield Art Project and the City of Springfield. 509 Main St – Free.

August 15 – Springfield Emeralds - Springfield Night returns to PK Park with new Springfield uniforms and special \$5 tickets for Springfield residents. Tickets include entry for the annual pre-game exhibition softball game between the Springfield and Eugene Police Departments. Presented by The City of Springfield and Springfield Utility Board

Week of August 23 – Ken Kesey Mural Install – Join us for a week-long celebration on Main and 4th Streets as artists install the long awaited Ken Kesey Mural. A community party will wrap up the event.

**September 11 – Second Friday Downtown Artwalk
City Hall Gallery is open 5-7pm. Featured artists, live music & refreshments – free!**

September 26 – Nick Symmonds Springfield 800 Bigger and better, the NSS800 returns! Run with five-time 800 meter U.S. Champion, two-time Olympian and World Record Holder Nick Symmonds as the only “straight 800” meter road race returns to Springfield Oregon on September 26. Join Nick, other elite athletes and community members for this one-of-a-kind road race and community party.

October 3-4 – Mayor’s Soccer Tournament – A celebration of the international language of Soccer. Adult tournament in partnership with Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

**Events with asterisks are presented by our partner agencies.*