



Volunteering in Springfield

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Summer Fun

Summer is here, the weather is warm... and the events Volunteers are assisting with are plenty and we are THANKFUL for our amazing team of VOLUNTEERS!

What's been going on? More projects and programs than you would believe! Over the past two months, the City of Springfield has teamed together with ARC of Lane County as well as Lane SES Inc. Keeping in mind the City's goals of inclusion and diversity, we are working to bring a diversified group of individuals who volunteer with the City. This includes individuals with disabilities. Currently we have volunteers from ARC and SES who help with mail and courier projects as well as providing customer service and information for citizens who visit City Hall.

We're growing... We now have volunteers working in many different departments providing outstanding service to the Citizens of Springfield. There are not many places you will go in the City of Springfield where the people behind the scenes are volunteers. With Summer events kicking off... we are in full volunteer swing and loving every crazy day.... If you are looking to help... give me a call or drop me an email. We can use your help.... Check out the Opportunities page in the newsletter for a listing of volunteer events.

Website... In addition to events our ongoing Volunteer Opportunities are listed on line. Go to the City of Springfield's webpage at: <http://www.springfield-or.gov/> Select "I want to"... "Volunteer" On the Volunteer web page you will find a multitude of opportunities to be involved with, as well as applications, forms and descriptions of opportunities... Have a great Summer and we hope to see you making Springfield better by being a part of it by Volunteering. Thanks again for all you do...
KarLynn Akins—Volunteer Coordinator



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Special points of interest

- Be Prepared... CERT recommendations and opportunities
- K-9 Competition Saturday June 13th at Silke Field
- Nextdoor.com—Connect with your neighbors in your neighborhood.



National Night Out Kick-off Event



Springfield Neighborhood Watch and the Springfield Police Department are hosting the 32nd annual National Night Out event; in association with Willamalane Park and Recreation District, as part of Springfield Summer Fair, this year's Kick-off event is being held Saturday, July 11th at Island Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be lots going on. For the children there will be carnival games, inflatables, and goody bags. For the adults there will be a silent auction and raffles to benefit Neighborhood Watch. For everyone there will be safety information booths, police/fire vehicle displays, police K9 demonstrations and of course McGruff.

The Kick-off event, 'Let's Give Crime and Drug Abuse a Going Away Party,' is to encourage people to participate in National Night Out in Your Neighborhood Park, Tuesday, August 4th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Six parks throughout the city have been designated to host the In Your Neighborhood Park party. Police command staff, K9s and McGruff will visit each of the parks. There will be snacks, games, and prizes for everyone. This is a great place to meet your neighbors, and learn more about the Neighborhood Watch program.

If you want to know more about National Night Out or Springfield Neighborhood Watch, or would like to volunteer at either event contact Tana Steers, SPD Crime Prevention, ph: 541-726-3731 or tsteers@springfield-or.gov.

ARC of LANE COUNTY and the Police Department Team Together..



Meet Bert.... Bert is one of the original ARC volunteers who are teaming to volunteer with the Springfield Police Department. Bert and his counter parts enjoy serving the citizens of Springfield by picking up and delivering the daily mail between the Police Department and City Hall. **“You made my dream come true... I always wanted to work for my Police Department.”**

Though Bert and his partners aren't employees they are volunteers who work with the Police Department... What they do is life changing for everyone involved. These individuals make an impact on everyone who comes in contact with them. Employees have shared how it “makes their day” to see them excited to deliver and pick up the mail. This truly is a partnership that works for everyone.

Arc shares that their mission is to advocate the dignity, expand the opportunities and protect the rights of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Lane County has been providing programs and services to people with disabilities since 1953. Arc strives to share the message that individuals with disabilities are capable of self determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life including competitive community based employment. Arc believes giving everyone, especially those with disabilities purpose and dignity helps achieve independence. Those of us who have the privilege to work with Bert and all of the ARC volunteers say thank you for what you teach us each day!!! We are privileged you are on our team and volunteer with the City of Springfield. (written by KarLynn Akins, information on ARC provided by ARC)

Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them. --Harriet Naylor



Carol Dickenson



Carol Dickenson has been a volunteer for the Springfield Municipal Court since September 2014. She is AMAZING! Carol volunteers about 11 hours per week.

Carol is such a dedicated volunteer that if she misses any of her regular volunteer hours, she will work longer on another day to make up for her missed time. Carol is very hard working and an incredible asset to the Springfield Municipal Court. “Any task we throw at her she competes quickly, accurately, and with a friendly smile on her face.” She has done a number of tasks from filing traffic violations, to a whole reorganization of court files.

Many of the tasks Carol takes on are those that our Clerks do not have time to do. For example, one of the big projects she helped us complete this year was getting all of our old cases alphabetized and organized. Before Carol took on this project, staff had to search several different places for files. This was labor intensive and took tons of time. Carol went through hundreds of cases and alphabetized, organized, filed, and neatly labeled everything for us. Thanks to all her hard work, staff no longer has to spend time searching for cases. They are right there! But that is not all... Carol also goes meticulously through each of our dockets and makes docket reminder calls to all Attorneys and Defendants three weeks prior to their scheduled court dates. This is a huge service we provide to the Citizens of Springfield. Plus it allows the court to operate much more efficiently.

Carol became LEDS certified while working with the Court, this helps make it possible for us to have her work on so many different tasks. Carol is just starting to tackle our next big project of entering and possibly scanning in hundreds of fingerprint cards into the Court computer system. Again a project that staff just doesn't have time to do. The Springfield Municipal Court cannot thank Carol enough for all of the time and hard work she has put in over the last eight months.

This article was written by Ali Sederlin—Senior Court Clerk)

K9 Competition... Saturday July 13th... Don't Miss It!

Come, Watch.... Free to the Public

Officer Keetle and K-9 Officer Flex

This is our 20th year of hosting the Springfield K9 competition. The Springfield Police Department was the first department in Oregon to host a K9 competition. Since that time, and two others, Washington County and Bend, now host competitions that pattern ours.

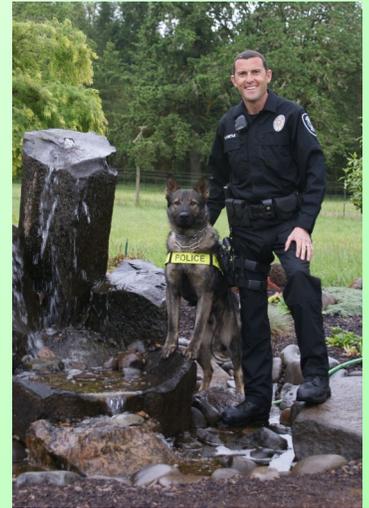
On Saturday, the skills of the dogs and handlers are on display as each team competes in five timed events. The competition is also used as a fundraiser for the K9 unit. The money raised along with money donated by citizens, groups and business is used to purchase police dogs, their equipment and K9 related equipment in the police cars. The last six dogs who cost approximately \$10,000 each have been purchased with citizen donations. Thank you Citizen's of Springfield!

The most recent addition to the K9 unit is K9 Flex. Flex, a 23 month old German Shepherd, was trained in April and has been on the street for one month. His partner is Officer Brian Keetle who suffered the loss of his K9 partner Troll in December. Flex along with the other three Springfield patrol dogs will be participating in the competition against dogs from other police departments including; Corvallis, Roseburg, Douglas County and Washington County.

There will also be a demonstration by our new drug detection dog, Danner. Danner is handled by Officer Eric Sorby. A special thank you to all of the fantastic volunteers who work this event.

Mark your calendars, bring your family, join in on the fun! We hope to see you on Saturday!

(This article was written by Sgt. Charboneau and edited by K.arLynn Akins)



MEET LEILA

Stop into Administrative Services and say hello to Leila.

Leila is one of the newest Volunteers working to provide more services to Citizens of Springfield at City Hall. Leila volunteers Monday through Thursday in the mornings. She is responsible for greeting the public, answering questions, providing directions and escorting citizens to different departments in City Hall, as well as delivers packages and mail to the mail room.

Leila will track down the department and employee by phone or in person. She goes the extra mile. But that's not all.... Leila helps with just about anything we need.... She tackles any small task we give her.... With all the testing and hiring the City has been doing, she has sharpened hundreds of pencils for Michelle in HR allowing her to do other tasks. She has saved countless hours of time.

Leila is willing to take on any project that City of Springfield employee may need assisting with.... Leila tells me, "I'm here, I will do my best... Bring it on." Leila catches the bus about an hour before her shift begins. She loves to read, write stories, ride horse and play on the computer. One reason she is off on Fridays is so she can ride horses. One of her goals in volunteering is to learn some job skills to help her with future employment.

Thank you Leila for all you do!





City of Springfield's Clean Water Trailer

Calling all Citizens... The Clean Water Trailer Is Now Available to YOU!

Springfield is a great place to live, work, and play. Part of what makes it great is the health of our environment and the dedication of our Springfield Citizens.

It's every day actions that can help maintain and improve our environment and local waterways. Throwing away trash in garbage containers, planting native plants, and keeping pollutants out of streams are just a few ways to make a difference.

The City of Springfield is now offering a new resource to Springfield community groups interested in **VOLUNTEERING** to improving local water waterways – **THE CLEAN WATER TRAILER**. The trailer is full of useful tools for community projects and it is **FREE!**

The Clean Water Trailer is available to homeowners associations, neighborhood groups, businesses, and community groups that want to improve habitat and water quality in Springfield. Projects can be along bioswales, local rivers and streams, and more. **Simply put a volunteer group/work party together and reserve the trailer... It is that easy!**

Springfield staff will drop off the Clean Water Trailer at the project site and pick it up. The Clean Water Trailer includes: shovels, gloves, garbage grabbers, garbage bags, loppers, clippers, hand tools, rakes, a wheelbarrow, and pitch forks.

Reserving the trailer is easy! Call 541.726.3694 or email WaterResources@springfield-or.gov with the project leader's name, project summary, and preferred date to reserve the Clean Water Trailer. Please send a reservation request at least two weeks before the project begins. Clean Water Trailer reservations must be made by Springfield residents 18 years of age or older.

(This article was written by Amber Fossen and edited by KarLynn Akins)

Happy Birthday Volunteers

May

Kerry Barbero
Tanner Bazer
Robert Beaver
Barbara Butzer
Paula Charboneau
Idasotera Ciganek
Felicia DeLorme
Kenneth Dickenson
Richard Dunaven
Nelson Farrier
Jan Fornachiari
Pamela Freeman
Matthew Grimes
Paula Guthrie
Bert Larue
Dominik Luna
Nancy Martin
Nha Nguyen
Dennis Nowak
Katelyn Obie
James Steers
Julianne Stermer
Eddie Tidwell
Ron Vincent
Jonathan Waisman
Roger Wood

June

Tessa Barone
Shawna Davis
Carol Dickenson
Beverly Harman
Kelsy Kangail
Francesca Kinsinger
Joseph LeCoe
Peter McClosky
Charlene Miller
Sheri Moore
Barbara Nichols
Dianne Petersen
Pat Reilly
June Shelby
Linda Sleutel
Brynne Webb
Margaret Young

July

Faye Brabham
James Carr
Kai Dugan
Michael Dunn-Bernstein
Carol Ford
Janice Friend
Kim Gillispie
Dan Grimes
Gabrielle Hill
Dixie Huffman
Michelle Khanthanh
Gary LeClair
Vincent Martorello

If your name is missing from this list contact KarLynn Akins
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Volunteer Program CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Disaster Time frames for service recovery under present conditions.
Source: The Oregon Resilience Plan

Critical Service	Zone	Estimated time to restore service
Electricity	Valley	1 to 3 months
Electricity	Coast	3 to 6 months
Police/Fire Stations	Valley	2 to 4 months
Drinking water/ sewer	Valley	1 month to 1 year
Drinking water/ sewer	Coast	1 to 3 years
Top-priority highways (partial restoration)	Valley	6 to 12 months
Healthcare facilities	Valley	18 months
Healthcare facilities	Coast	3 years



The City of Eugene sponsors CERT training to citizens within the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area. CERT trains citizens to be prepared to respond to emergency situations within their communities. Trained CERT members are able to give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members may also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of a community.

NEXT NEWSLETTER...
Do you have a GO bag?
What should be in my GO bag?

DISASTER AWARENESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Why Volunteer with the Eugene/Springfield CERT?

On the morning of Monday, June 1 many Oregonians were still not aware of the unfolding events in our geographical neighborhood. It was off the Oregon Coast. And it wasn't 'just one', but a continuing series of 8 or more earthquakes (only 4 as of the morning of the 1st) with the largest recorded being a 6 on the Richter scale.

The table to the left shows the response to areas of the State in the wake of a 'regional major earthquake' (magnitude 8+ Cascadia-rupture-event) published by the State of Oregon in the Oregon Resilience Plan.

Because we are not required to be prepared to take care of ourselves in the event of a local or regional disaster or emergency, most people shrug it off. Being prepared is important... Being a CERT Volunteer is important... We want to encourage everyone to get informed and better yet... Join a fantastic team of Volunteers.... The CERT—Community Emergency Response Team. The City of Springfield is expanding it's program and is holding local meetings in addition to the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area trainings.

The CERT program in Springfield is growing... Do you live or work in Springfield? Would you like to be more active in your community? The Springfield CERT team of professionals are now meeting monthly. Email Isa or Ken for additional information on how you can be involved. (See below for email addresses)

Remember... EARTHQUAKE or otherwise, the security of you and your family will be better because you planned for it NOW. House fire, local flooding, wildfire, windstorm, severe winter conditions... whatever is personal to you and your family, choose to be ready to care for yourselves. The worse the disaster, as the table illustrates, the longer the wait. Do what you can to be prepared today.

For information about CERT go to the Eugene/Springfield CERT Volunteers website:
<http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=382>

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For information about Emergency Preparedness

Springfield Emergency Management
<http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/DPW/EmergencyManagement.htm>

**Did you know the City of
Springfield has a Volunteer
CERT program for you to be
involved in?**

**Contact Ken Vogeny or
Isa Avid for additional
information...
casagalor@msn.com
kvogeny@springfield-or.gov**

**CHECK OUT [NEXTDOOR.COM](http://nextdoor.com)
AND CONNECT TO YOUR
NEIGHBORS.**

Facilitated through Neighbor-
hood watch. Contact
Tana Steers @
tsteers@springfield-or.gov

OPEN POSITION ON THE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Springfield Police Advisory Committee

The Springfield Advisory Committee provides citizen input to the Chief of Police regarding public safety matters and neighborhood livability issues, and assists the Council in implementing the adopted Long Range Strategic Plan for Police Services. The Committee generally meets on the first Thursday night of each month.

SPAC Members Include

- 4 At-Large Representatives
- 2 Business Representatives
- 1 Willamalane Representative
- 1 School District Representative
- **1 Faith Community Representative
- **1 Minority Community Representative
- 1 City Council Liaison



**Currently recruiting for these positions

For more information on how to apply, please contact:

Tim Doney, Chief of Police
230 4th Street
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(541) 728-3729
TDoney@Springfield-OR.gov

Michael Harman, Staff Liaison
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MHarman@Springfield-OR.gov



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Opportunities—Happenings in Springfield

City of Springfield

VOLUNTEERS

Qualifications

16 years of age or older
Good moral character
Good driving record
No felony convictions
Pass background check

Requirements

Good people skills
Enjoy your time
Attend meetings
Volunteer at least 4 hours per month
Maintain a positive attitude
Present a professional appearance

Police Department
Reserve Officers
Courts

Fire and Life Safety
Library

Development and Public Works
Administrative Services
City Manager's Office

June 13th: K-9 Competition - Silke Field (No volunteers needed, just a good time for everyone. Don't miss it)

July 11th: Summer Fair in the Park... National Night Out Kick-Off Event—Island Park, 11 a.m.—4 p.m

Over 50 Volunteers are needed to facilitate games and activities

August 4th: National Night Out in Your Neighborhood Park, 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Volunteers needed in 6 different parks throughout Springfield

September 12th: Springfield Justice Center Open House, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Volunteers needed

September 26th: Nick Symmonds Springfield 800—Looking for Volunteers

City Hall Kiosk: LOOKING TO STAFF WITH VOLUNTEERS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8AM TO 4PM.

Springfield Police Department Explorer Program: Interested individuals should email Ryan Stone at rstone@springfield-or.gov. Watch for the program coming soon.

You can Email KarLynn for more details on any of the opportunities above. kakins@springfield-or.gov or give her a call at 541-726-4652

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