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***SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION HONORS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH***

Several displays highlight Springfield's history

The Springfield Historic Commission will meet on **May 24, 2011 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at Springfield City Hall (225 Fifth Street) in the Jesse Main Room. The public is welcome to attend.

In honor of Historic Preservation Month, the Springfield Historic Commission will display several projects focusing on Springfield's history. **Photos and architectural drawings of properties from the Washburne Historic District and Downtown** will be available for viewing during the meeting, as will **four interpretive signs from LTD** illustrating Springfield's history. **Historic preservation consultant Liz Carter** will present her research on local settlement era historic resources.

What: Springfield Historic Commission Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Jesse Maine Room, 225 5th St. Springfield, OR

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Background:

In February, several commissioners toured the Washburne Historic District and Downtown, looking for properties in need of minor alterations to return them to their original character. With the backing of property owners, the houses were photographed in their current state while architectural drawings were produced to illustrate the suggested changes. After the meeting, both will be displayed until May 31.

In addition to this, Lane Transit District produced four interpretive signs that honor Springfield's history. The signs will be installed at Gateway EmX stations during Historic Preservation Month.

The Springfield Historic Commission was established in 1977 to educate the public about the importance of historic resources, promote the use of these resources within the community, and stabilize property values.

The Commission oversees the use and preservation of all buildings and sites in the Washburne Historic District and the City Landmark Inventory. Major and minor alterations, building relocation, and demolition of structures are reviewed by the Commission. The Commission consists of seven members who meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as needed.

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