

THE CHRONICLE SPRINGFIELD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

Mark your calendars

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

● **Eugene/Springfield Tip a Cop**, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Texas Roadhouse, 1060 Valley River Way, Eugene. Hosted by Oregon Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and Springfield Police Department.
● **Please Bother Me Class: Facebook Messenger**, 2 p.m., Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth St., Springfield.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

● **Walk to End Alzheimer's, Alton Baker Park**, 100 Day Island Road, Eugene. Registration at noon, Ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Walk at 2 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

● **The Springfield City Council will meet** for its regularly scheduled work session at 5:30 p.m. in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield. HUD Consolidated Planning Process, Abatement Warrants will be discussed.
● **The Springfield Economic Development Agency (SEDA) will meet** for its regularly scheduled meeting at approximately 7 p.m. in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield for a public hearing and Supplemental Budget 1.
● **A Springfield School Board Business meeting** will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the boardroom of the Springfield Public Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street, Springfield.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

● **Dorris Ranch Ribbon Cutting**, 4:30 p.m. 205 Dorris St., Springfield.
● The Springfield Planning Commission will meet for its regularly scheduled work session at 6 p.m. in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield.
● **The Springfield Planning Commission** will hold a Public Hearing during the regular meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

● **Open Climb, 6 p.m., Bob Reefer Center**, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield.
● **"Thelma and Louise,"** 1 p.m., Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Springfield (R, 1991, 129 minutes). Weekly free movie. Popcorn 50¢.
● **Papier mâché Alebrijes (colorful Mexican folk art sculptures)**. Grades 1/2/3, 3:45 p.m., Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth St., Springfield.
● **The Springfield Governance Committee will meet** from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St., Springfield, to discuss the Springfield Development Code Update Project. The community is welcome to attend.
● **Mossbacks short walk and club meeting**, 6 p.m., Willamalane Adult Activities Center, 215 West C Street in Springfield. <http://www.mossbacks.org>

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

● **Springfilm, 6:30 p.m. Free showing of Jordan Peele's horror film, "Get Out"** (R, 2017, 104 minutes). Watch the film and stay for a short post-film discussion. Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main St., Springfield. Additional Information: Kristen Curé, 541-726-2232, kcure@springfield-or.gov
● **Springfield Kiwanis meets** each Thursday at noon at Sparrow Café, 2080 19th St., Springfield.

BILL LIOIO:



Bill Lioio is a private investigator from Springfield. Lioio was a former Eugene Police officer, and now investigates criminal cases and miscellaneous civil cases. ALIYA HALL/ THE CRESWELL CHRONICLE

Springfield's own *Magnum P.I.*

BY ALIYA HALL
THE CHRONICLE

SPRINGFIELD – For the Oregon Association of Licensed Investigators (OALI) meeting happening on Nov. 2, Springfield P.I. Bill Lioio has been asked to give a talk; the title of his presentation: “The Skeptical, Humble Investigator.”

“Skepticism is important,” he said. “You need to know you weren’t there and you’re relying on what the person is telling you.”

A former officer for the Eugene Police from 1973 to ’77, Lioio has worked as a private investigator in the area since the mid-’80s. He is one of 208 investigators in the state registered with OALI.

Although he has experience working for juvenile court, most of his focus now is on criminal defense cases and miscellaneous civil cases. Over the years, he has helped locate people who have an inheritance and has been involved in investigating wrongful death cases.

“I don’t try to import motives to people; I can’t read minds,” he said. “So I don’t understand why people do certain things, but I can suspect.”

Lioio added that his background as a police officer has been helpful in his private investigations work – especially in recognizing the quality, or lack thereof, of police reports. He said that often the

reports are low-quality, which speaks to the quality of the training officers receive.

“From a defense perspective, it’s not bad because the more holes in the police report, the more holes you can poke in their case,” he said, adding that as an investigator he sees this as a potential benefit, but as a taxpayer, he sees it another way.

Generally, Lioio is called in by attorneys if there’s a case they want to involve him in. There will be an initial meeting, where he finds out what the case is about, and then they establish a plan for what they want to do. They’ll work together to evaluate the strength of the State’s case, and look for the problems and weaknesses. They’ll go through the charging documents, which Lioio said commonly “overcharge” the client, and that’s where most plea deals comes from.

“Sometimes it’s a ‘didindoit,’ where the person says they didn’t do it, and that’s a different angle,” he said. “The client will tell us who we need to talk to to show it wasn’t them, and I track them down. Sometimes it helps, sometimes not.”

He added that frequently the contact information given on the police reports will be outdated by the time it gets to him, which makes tracking people down more of a challenge. He said that he has

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SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Dark skies loom over Patrician residents

Council leans toward rezoning

BY VICTORIA STEPHENS
THE CHRONICLE

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield City Council’s meeting room was packed for the third reading of a controversial proposed rezoning ordinance of the Patrician Mobile Home Park Monday night.

In March, park owner Richard Boyles of Urban Transitions LLC requested the 13.6 acres be rezoned from a low density residential area to a mixed use commercial area. The final decision will be rendered at the Oct. 21 city council meeting, though council deliberation Monday night leaned in favor of rezoning.

Public comment has been closed since Sept. 18, but Patrician residents filled the chambers to get a glimpse of what their future may hold. If the park is rezoned, the 130 primarily elderly and disabled residents of the park are concerned that they will be displaced without reasonable compensation for their homes and left with no place to go.

What it ultimately boils down to, despite the emotional nature of this decision, councilor Sean VanGordon said, is whether or not Boyles meets the criteria to have the park property rezoned, not necessarily what the long term use of the park is.

“I have to sit down and look at it from an objective point of view – as much as it tears my heart out,” Councilor Marilee Woodrow said. “I totally understand and empathize with everything that is going on. But in the position I’m in I have to look at, not only the impact of a decision

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‘Everything is a design decision’

Design awareness colors her world

BY VICTORIA STEPHENS
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SPRINGFIELD – With many irons in the fire, Springfield architect Jenna Fribley goes beyond the standard definition of what an architect is and does.

She and Kelsey Buzzell are co-owners of Campfire Collaborative Architecture & Design, the company responsible for about one third of the renovations in the revitalized 300 block of Main Street in Springfield.

“We have a lot of projects,” Fribley said. “We do a little bit of everything.”

Working from old photographs, Fribley restored rows of transom windows along Main Street storefronts, adding authenticity by recovering elements of the original designs.

Design is something that Fribley delights in. One building’s original porcelain tile was uncovered during the remodeling process and was used as a design element throughout the building, adding unity to that theme.

RESEARCHING AND FINDING THE SOUL

Campfire Collaborative is located in a humble storefront at 341 Main St. Fribley has researched its history as Vern’s Lunch, a diner from the 1940s, to its conversion to

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