

A report on activities of interest to SUB customers

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Guess Who's coming to Springfield?

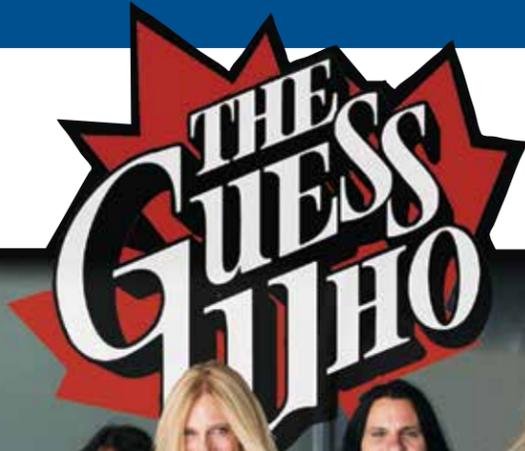
The Guess Who, that's who!

Spend your July 4th holiday with Springfield Utility Board rocking the holiday in beautiful Island Park! Our 15th annual Light of Liberty Celebration has something for everyone.

Like live music? Join us at the north end of the park, where local country and blues bands will entertain our guests throughout the evening, culminating in a high energy performance by The Guess Who at 8 p.m.

If you're of a certain age, you know this Canadian band swept the American music charts with more than a dozen hits during the 60s and 70s, including *American Woman*, *No Sugar Tonight*, *No Time (for a Summer Friend)*, *These Eyes*, *Undun*, and more. Don't miss your chance to see them live!

Got kids? Get their wiggles out before the fireworks! All activities in our giant kids area are free with admission, and include pony rides, animal exhibits, crafts, magic shows, live music, games, and more.



Hungry? We have a dozen food vendors in the park, serving up everything from burgers to barbecue, and plenty of sweet treats, too. For our adult guests, we offer a beer and wine pavilion.

Love pyrotechnics? We've got the biggest and best fireworks display in Lane County, set to music and reflected over the Willamette River. Our show starts promptly at 10 p.m.

Best of all, SUB donates all ticket sales and event proceeds to Project Share, a charity that helps low- and fixed-income Springfielders with wintertime heating emergencies.

And thanks to our sponsors, ticket prices are low – just \$5 in advance and \$8 at the gate, with kids under 5 and Springfield veterans free (see program for details). Our goal is to make sure families can have a fun, affordable place to celebrate the holiday together.

So pack up your sense of fun, along with a little sunscreen, and celebrate summer, honor our nation's history and help your neighbors-in-need at SUB's Light of Liberty Celebration!



SUB's 15th Annual Light of Liberty Celebration
Wednesday, July 4th at Island Park
subutil.com

A very special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Jerry's Home Improvement Center, who has partnered with SUB for all 15 years of our event!



Going on Vacation?

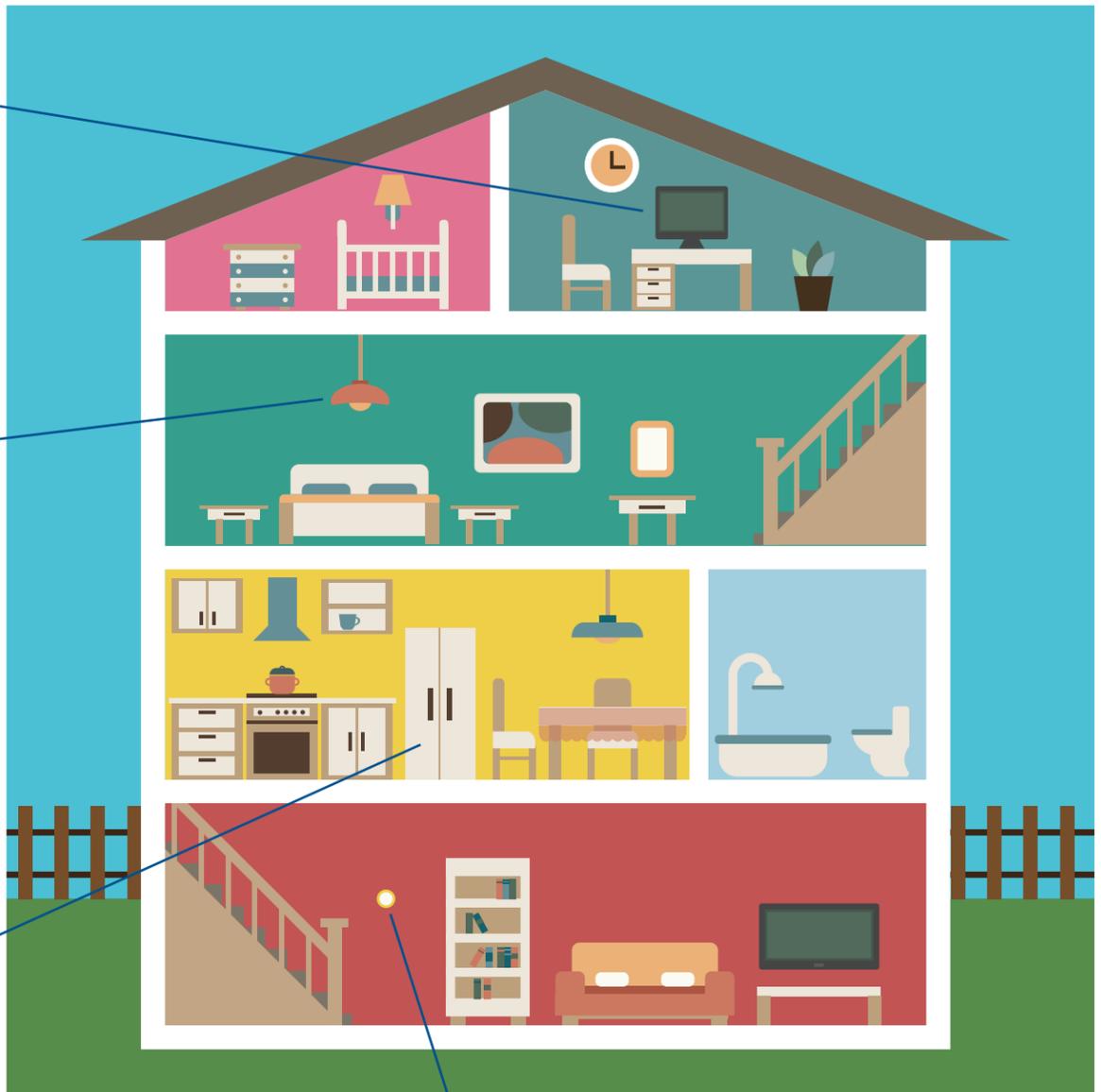
Power Down before Heading Out!

If you are leaving home for a week or more, it pays to take these precautions before heading out. You'll not only save money on your electric bill, you might avoid a costly mishap like a water leak, which Murphy's Law tells us will only happen while you're away.

- Unplug small appliances. Computers, coffee pots, TVs, radios and other appliances often use power when plugged in, even if they are turned off.

- Light rooms with timers. Most people turn a house light or two on so burglars don't realize the house is empty. But lights that stay on all the time are unnecessary and drive up your electric bill. Buy an inexpensive timer at a home store, and plug lights in those instead.

- Unplug any extra freezers or refrigerators that are not needed.



- Set your thermostat a little higher. The goal is to keep your house cool enough to protect wood floors, house plants, pets and anything else sensitive to heat without cooling it to comfort levels you need while occupying the house. If you normally cool your house to 72 degrees, try setting it five to ten degrees higher while you are out.

MEET the Board

SUB's water and electric services are provided under the direction of SUB's Board of Directors, five Springfield citizens who are elected to four-year terms, and who serve at-large and without pay. The Board meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in SUB's Boardroom, across from our main office. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in these meetings.



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Where are the water hogs around your home?

Lawns

According to the EPA, about 30 percent of residential water use goes toward watering our lawns and gardens. If you're looking for places to save on your water bill, do a quick audit of your landscape watering habits.

- **Check sprinkler heads** to make sure they are watering your grass and flowers, not the sidewalk!
- **Use a Green Grass Gauge**, available at SUB and at select garden centers, in conjunction with weekly summer watering recommendations to optimize your watering efforts. Sign up for watering recommendations by going to subutil.com/conservation and following the links for saving water in your home.
- **Choose and place plants wisely.** Native plants are adapted to our local conditions and usually need less supplemental watering. If you do have specialized plants, group together those with similar watering needs.



Laundry and low-flow devices

- **Consider switching to a high-efficiency washing machine.** Most use only 15 to 30 gallons per wash load (and some ultra-efficient washers use less than 5 gallons!) compared to up to 45 gallons used by many older washers. And you get an added benefit – efficiency washers don't leave clothes soaked meaning they spend less time in the dryer, so you save on water and electricity!
- **Install low-flow devices.** Low-flow showerheads reduce flow from about 4 gallons per minute to about 2 gallons. Low flow toilets can reduce a flush from 3 gallons to about 1.5 – but check with your plumber or home supply store experts. The plumbing of some older homes don't do well with low-flow toilets, and might need to be flushed twice.

Leaks

A **routine check** of your toilets, faucets and outdoor sprinkler systems is well worth the time. Even slow leaks add up. For example, a faucet leaking one drop of water per second wastes 60 gallons of water per week, or almost 200 gallons a month!

How much water do we use?



Source: Water Research Foundation, Residential End Uses of Water, 2016



Summer water rates now in effect!

Water use skyrockets in the summer as we all turn on the tap to water our lawns and fill our pools. All that extra use can stress water systems, so each year SUB enacts summer water pricing to help manage use during this peak season, beginning with bills rendered on or after June 1.

For most residential water users inside the city limits, the first 13 units of water (a unit equals 748 gallons) is \$1.838 per unit all year, and increases to \$1.991 per unit from June through September. Full rate schedules can be found on SUB's website at subutil.com/rates-and-policies.

Independent spirit. Low rates.

The Springfield Utility Board is a customer-owned municipal utility operated independently from the city and responsible only to its ratepayers. We deliver exceptional service, and some of the very lowest utility rates in Oregon!

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2017 Water Quality Annual Report now available

Every year, water utilities across the nation issue a report to their customers, called the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), detailing the quality of the drinking water delivered to homes and businesses in their service area. Want a sneak peek at the results? Water sourced, treated and delivered by SUB meets or exceeds all state and federal standards!

Read all about it in this year's CCR by visiting our website at subutil.com/ccr or by calling the Water Service Center, which can provide you with a printed copy.



Springfield Night at PK Park

Whether you are a baseball fan or a Springfield fan or both, come to PK Park on August 19th as the Eugene Emeralds don Springfield-themed jerseys for the game! Springfield residents who show valid ID at the box office get \$7 walk-up admission, and your ticket includes entry to pre-game activities. SUB's mascot Subbie will be on hand to entertain the crowds as well. Come on down for a night of old-fashioned community fun!

Thrill to the chill of a Free Fill!

Bring your water bottle to SUB's Lane County Fair booth and refresh with free, ice cold water

Make the most of all the sun and fun the Lane County Fair offers by staying cool and hydrated. We'll help!

Drop by SUB's water comfort station and fill your water bottle for free. Don't have a water bottle? No problem – we have cups you can use and water fountains to sip from.

And while you're chill-axing with your ice cold water, stay cool by taking a spin under our giant misting tent.

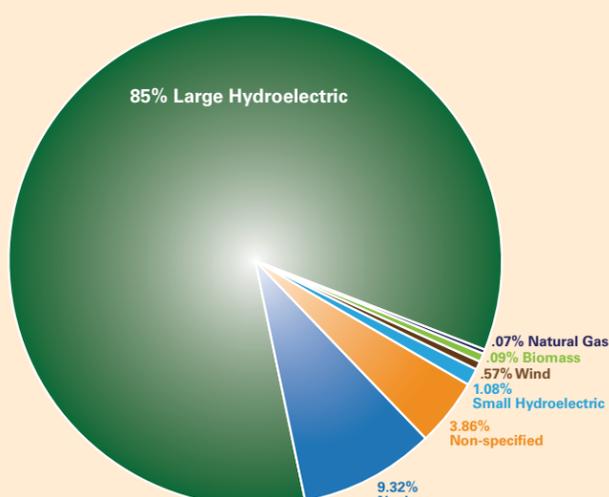


Serving up tap water at the Fair is a great reminder of all the ways tap water serves us. We use it not just for drinking, but for household chores, irrigation, fire fighting, and for fun when we fill a water balloon or a backyard pool. And all for about a penny a gallon. Talk about a thrill!

Because water knows no boundaries, SUB hosts the booth with our two regional water partners, EWEB and Rainbow Water District. Our common goals of protecting the quality of our water sources, conserving this important resource, and encouraging preparedness in the case of emergency, mean we work together on a variety of water projects throughout the year.

The Lane County Fair starts Wednesday, July 18 and runs through Sunday the 22nd. Drop by and say hi!

Where SUB's power comes from



Electric Rate Comparison

Based on 1,500 kWh
Point-in-time June, 2018

