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Springfield National Public Works Week Event

The City of Springfield will be hosting Springfield Public School District 19 third grade classes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25 as part of National Public Works Week. Students will learn about what services the Development and Public Works Department (DPW) provides community members. All Springfield School District 19 third grade classes were invited to attend this year's event to be held at Springfield City Hall. Children and parents visiting the Springfield Public Library those two days are also welcome to join in the festivities.

Students will spend 75 minutes rotating through 11 booths at the "carnival" in the City Hall lobby. The booths are based on classic carnival activities, but with a Development and Public Works twist. For example, the traditional bean bag toss has been transformed into "red light, green light". Students earn up to three bean bags by answering roadway safety questions then attempt to toss the corresponding colored bean bag into a traffic light in order to win a small prize. New this year to carnival is a development game where students will use foam blocks representing housing, businesses, parks, etc. to create their ideal neighborhood.

Students will also spend 45 minutes outside at the equipment rodeo learning about four pieces of equipment Development and Public Works staff use to maintain infrastructure within the City such as wastewater and stormwater pipes. Also, new this year is the addition of Sanipac to the festivities. Sanipac will be bringing their "Duck Truck" to the rodeo portion of the event and will have a recycling game as part of the carnival activities.

Background

The 2017 National Public Works Week (NPWW) is May 21-27. National Public Works Week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women around the United States who provide and maintain the public infrastructure that communities rely on and is an opportunity to raise awareness about the type work they do.

What: Springfield's National Public Works Week event

Who: Springfield Public School District third grade classes; approximately 450 students

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25

Where: City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, Oregon

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