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## **~ M E D I A   A D V I S O R Y ~**

### **Springfield National Public Works Week Event**

*Roadway Safety a Focus*

The City of Springfield will be hosting Springfield Public Schools 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes today and tomorrow as part of National Public Works Week. Students will learn more about what services the Development and Public Works Department provides city residents.

All Springfield School District 19 third grade classes were invited to attend this year's event to be held at Springfield City Hall. Each class will spend seventy five minutes rotating through ten booths at the "carnival" in the City Hall lobby. The booths are based on classic carnival activities, but with a 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.

#### **Background**

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. Our local NPWW is not only a celebration of Public Works (staff and projects), but also an opportunity to raise citizen awareness regarding the variety of roles that Public Works plays in the community.

**What:** Springfield's National Public Works Week event

**Who:** Springfield Public School District 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes; approximately 450 students

**When:** Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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

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