



## 2022 Year In Review

In true Springfield fashion, we met 2022 with a spirit of courage as we worked to further Springfield as a Community of Opportunity.

Being a Community of Opportunity is not static. We continue to refine how we do business and provide essential services to make Springfield a community of choice.

Your Springfield Public Library went fine free and launched a mobile app to make it even easier to use the Library.

Eugene Springfield Fire purchased a new fire engine that will improve service in our community and earned a nearly \$460,000 grant to better support multi-jurisdictional response to wildfires.

Springfield Police enhanced leadership training. This is part of the department's commitment to learning and serving with nationally recognized best practices.

In 2022, the milestones continued to stack up thanks to careful planning and dedicated work.

We're proud to announce we've completed all street preservation projects funded through the voter-approved bond measure. This bond measure allowed us to repair highly traveled streets that had cracking, potholes, and grooves.

Projects funded through the general bond were completed THREE years early. Thank you voters for your investment!

This year, City Councilors approved a comprehensive streetlight upgrade to convert all City streetlights to LED fixtures. This lighting is up to 70 percent more efficient and lasts up to 5 times longer.

We also collaborated to plant more than 100 trees throughout the city.

These changes add up to more livable neighborhoods while improving the environment.

It's been another busy year for development in Springfield with several housing developments underway. Marcola Meadows, the largest single mixed use/residential development in Springfield's history is on track. All the public infrastructure and apartments are scheduled to be completed in 2023 and final single-family homes will wrap up in 2024. This development includes about 440 homes, 315 apartments, and commercial sites. This multiyear project brings much needed housing in a tight housing market as well as access to more green space and walking paths.

When we reflect on 2022, a highlight for us – was you! We brought back familiar events and found new ways to celebrate together.

Downtown Springfield hosted to the World Athletics Championships marathons for women and men. The event brought vibrancy to our beautiful downtown – complete with cowbells – as we welcomed athletes and guests from around the world.

Annual event favorites like Dia de los Muertos, the Springfield Police Department’s Open House, and trick or treating at City Hall were in full swing! We’re even working on plans to bring back Spring Clean Up in 2023. While it may look a little different, the same overarching goals will remain: protecting the environment and helping keep Springfield beautiful.

2022 was a year for public art. A new Welcome sign greets visitors entering the Glenwood area of Springfield. We also added new murals for:

Welcome to Springfield

SMART Reading

And UpStream Art murals which create a colorful attraction while offering stormwater education.

Springfield, it has been an honor to serve you for another year full of milestones. Every day we take action to help improve the lives of Springfield residents and we will continue to act with dedication, courage, and compassion as we build a Community of Opportunity.