

If I Were A Mayor...

If we were the mayor of Springfield, Oregon we would focus on having a safe environment for everyone. We think safety is important because people need peaceful surroundings and somewhere people feel safe. For example having sidewalks on roads seems like a really small thing but it really benefits our city. Research shows the percentage of incidents resulting in death due to having no sidewalks have gone up forty-five percent in the past decade. This shows that we need to make a change, and that's why we believe we need sidewalks on not only some, but all roads in our city.

We also think that kids should have a safe place to go and have fun with their friends. Many teens spend their free time outside the house at a mall, park, or hanging out with friends; this can be really unsafe in some situations. We want kids and teens to have a place where they can have fun, and socialize with others without having parents worried sick. We suggest a complex full of various games and activities. Kids and teens could go here to have a fun time but also be protected from any harmful things that could be an issue. We would reach out to the local police to make sure there are no problems at the complex. It would even include a small shopping mall!

We firmly believe that homeless people and people in need should have resources that are accessible to them. The people of our city should not have to beg and suffer through harsh conditions, but they should have a place where they can get necessities. Unlike a place with housing and money this would have food, sanitary products, and

local support. Money would not be given out and spent on unnecessary things like drugs and alcohol.

Another thing we would focus on is the amount of trash in our city. We should keep in mind the amount of trash being tossed and left behind. We need to find a way to keep our community clean and livable. We don't want a trashy city. This is why we've come up with an idea we think will help this problem. We recommend patent pending trash nets! These nets can be installed in ditches on the side of highways to catch trash that soars out of moving vehicles. This could also reduce the amount of trash and waste in our rivers. We could also place extra trash cans in places necessary like grocery stores and parks.

In conclusion we believe it is important to have a safe, desirable community for all ages and people, including people in need. We also think that it is important to keep our beautiful city clean.