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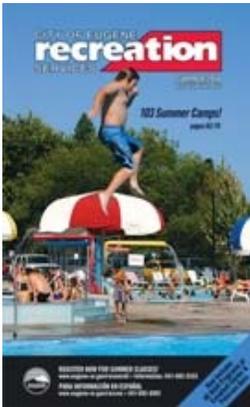
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Summer Starts at 2 p.m. Monday



Calendars denote June 21 as the first day of summer, but in the Recreation Division, the official summer start *time* is 2 p.m., when Amazon Pool opens for the first recreational swim of the season. This favorite summer site annually draws more than 100,000 visits. One of those visitors is featured on the cover of the Summer Recreation Guide.

The facility at 2600 Hilyard Street includes a 50-meter, eight-lane pool with an accessibility ramp, two one-meter diving boards, a three-meter diving board, a five-meter diving platform, a shallow, multi-purpose pool, a 112-foot water slide, water play features, a 15-person spa, and a bath house with three family changing rooms.

Beginning Monday, June 21, through September 6, recreation swims at the Amazon Pool will be held Monday through Sunday, 2 - 5 p.m., and Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Family swim times (one adult must be in the water with children) will be held Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Monday - Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Lap swimming and swim lessons are also offered at the Amazon Pool during the summer months. For more information, contact Rich Fay at 541-682-5331.

Eugene Airport Runway Rehabilitation Update

The runway rehabilitation project at the Eugene Airport has reached the half-way point. Construction crews have been working 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, since June 1. This week (June 15 - 19) crews will lay 3,800 tons of asphalt per day. Wildish is the lead contractor on the job and is employing about 180 workers on this project (including sub-contractors).

Even with rain delays early in the project, the majority of the work is expected to be complete in late June or early July. The main runway will then reopen for commercial and general aviation traffic. Finish work on the project will be completed by the end of September. For more information, contact Director of Marketing and Public Relations Cathryn Stephens at 541-682-5430 or cathryn.e.stephens@ci.eugene.or.us.



Create and Relax at the Library

Who says Summer Reading is just for kids? Adults can sign up for free, fun classes and workshops at the Downtown Library, too.



Classes include **Watercolor Basics**, Tuesday, June 22, 10 a.m.; **Pastels & Pencils**, Tuesday, June 29, 10 a.m.; **Watercolor: Color Mixing & Theory**, Tuesday, July 20, 10 a.m., and **Paper Batik**, Tuesday, July 27, 10 a.m.

Connect with words at a **Spanish Café** gathering to practice the language on Tuesday, July 13, 3:30 p.m., or attend **Writing: Wilderness Without & Within**, a workshop led by Nan Phifer on Sunday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required; call 541-682-5450.

Relax on Tuesday, July 6, with **Qigong** at 12:30 p.m. or Tai Chi at 1:30 p.m. Try **Therapeutic Yoga** on Tuesday, August 3, 12:30 p.m. This gentle blend of yoga, breathwork, and guided meditation reduces stress and is designed especially for those recovering from, or living with, injury or illness. Pre-registration is required by calling 541-682-5450.

Drop in for valuable expert advice at **Starting a Small Business** on Saturday, July 17, at 3 p.m., or **Grant Writing & Research** on Saturday, August 28, at 3 p.m.

There's a new activity to go with this year's Summer Reading theme, Make Waves! Join **Rafting for Readers** to enjoy an easy float-and-paddle along the scenic Willamette River, with readings and conversation. Led by City of Eugene Library and Recreation staff, each trip is only \$20. The **Environmental Stewardship Float** is Sunday, July 25; the **Historic Willamette Float**, Sunday, August 15; and **Poetry on the River Float** is the evening of Friday, August 20. For more information and to register, call 541-682-5329.

Coming up: talks, concerts, computer classes, and more. See the complete schedule at www.eugene-or.gov/library. For more information, call 541-682-5450.

Eugene Airport Top Twitter Airport

Forbes Managing Editor Carl Lavin recently cited the Eugene Airport (EUG) as number two on a list of the top 10 airports using Twitter, based on a ratio of followers to total passenger numbers. To read the article go to <http://blogs.forbes.com/wheelsup/2010/06/09/top-airports-on-twitter/>.

EUG uses Twitter, and other social media tools, to communicate happenings at the airport, promote fare specials, and address customer questions and concerns. For more information, contact Airport Director of Marketing and Public Relations Cathryn Stephens at 541-682-5430 or cathryn.e.stephens@ci.eugene.or.us.

Summer in the City 2010 Begins with a Splash of Color

Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce President David Hauser were among the officials who kicked off the 2010 "Summer in the City" on Wednesday with the unveiling of a colorful temporary artwork, "Spirit of Summer," that will be displayed on the Parcade at 8th and Willamette Streets downtown throughout the summer.

Summer in the City is Eugene's free, summer-long, family-friendly series of events throughout the city, including events every Wednesday downtown at Broadway Plaza. The artwork, created by Matt Wiggins, a local artist and a graphic design student at Lane Community College, was selected as the winner of a Spirit of Summer art contest sponsored by the University of Oregon's Ethos Magazine, Ninkasi Brewing, and the City of Eugene Public Art and Parking Programs.



Also officiating at the artwork unveiling were Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns and City of Eugene Community Events Manager Billie Moser. For more information, contact Billie Moser at 541-682-6347.

Ridgeline Trail Repair at Mount Baldy

Beginning this week, a contractor will be rerouting the Ridgeline Trail segment on the southwest side of Mount Baldy. The trail is being rerouted to improve the trail's accessibility and to reduce erosion and vegetation impacts to Mount Baldy. The current trail alignment is very steep and has become heavily eroded and difficult to maintain. Trail realignment will create a more gradual and sinuous trail that offers improved views of Spencer Butte and south

Eugene. Because the trail is being realigned, the steep southwest Mount Baldy Trail will be closed during construction. The more gradual, east side, multi-use trail will remain open during construction. Informational signs will be posted at the trailheads accessing Mount Baldy. Work is scheduled to occur between mid-June and the end of July. Following construction, the old trail will be obliterated and seeded with native plants.

This project is part of an ongoing effort by the Parks and Open Space Division to maintain and improve Eugene's popular Ridgeline Trail System. In the past three years, more than \$300,000 of City and grant funds has been spent to maintain the system. Projects have included trailhead and signage upgrades, trail realignments, new trail construction, access improvements, replacement of aging infrastructure with sustainable features, and gravel resurfacing. Staff has noticed an increase in trail runners and mountain bikers in the system. The increase in year-round use of the trail system, along with the presence of heavy clay soils in the park, have combined to place a higher demand on the maintenance needs of the park. For more information, please contact Natural Resource Specialist Jesse Cary-Hobbs at 541-682-4843.

New Group of Fire & EMS Recruits in Training

The eight members of Fire & EMS Recruit Class 13 have been selected and hired, and are already beginning the department's rigorous 13-week fire, rescue, and training regimen. The projected graduation date for this class is September 3, after which they will be placed on the line, replacing firefighters lost due to normal attrition. Photos and brief bios of the class members have been posted on the Fire & EMS website, www.eugene-or.gov/fire. Also on the website is a link to a 13-minute documentary video on Recruit Class 12, the all-female academy whose recent graduation marked the successful transition of employees from the department's discontinued single-medical program to regular dual-role Firefighter/Paramedics. For more information, please contact Acting Training Chief Matt Ennis at 541-682-7131.

Internships Demonstrate Value of Business/Education Partnership

Oregon's Civil Engineering Cooperative Program (CECOP) demonstrates the value of an effective business/education partnership. This program pairs students from Oregon State University (OSU), Portland State University (PSU) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) with local agencies and companies, providing internships and real-world experience for the students, engineering resources for local agencies, program depth for universities and better-trained graduates for the engineering profession. This year, the Public Works Department is continuing its longstanding relationship with CECOP by bringing in three CECOP interns.



Partnerships at work: (left to right) Michael Corrie, Nichole Gifford, Eric Goodall

Eric Goodall is a senior at OSU studying civil engineering. His hometown is Bend. This is his second internship through the CECOP internship program. His first internship was with David Evans and Associates in Portland. He will be an Engineering team member through December and will get a mix of construction inspection work this summer and design experience this winter.

Nicole Gifford just finished her junior year at Oregon State University. She is also studying civil engineering, and her hometown is Roseburg. This is her first internship through the CECOP program and she will be with the Engineering Division for the summer. Her internship will focus on construction inspection.

The third CECOP intern is Michael Corrie, a senior at OSU. This is his second internship. He is from the Portland area. He started in April with Traffic Operations and recently moved over to the Engineering Division where he will spend the summer as a construction inspector and then return to OSU to complete his senior year.

The Transportation Planning Team in Public Works Engineering has two summer interns from the University of Oregon. Andrew Crampton and Lauren Wirtis are working on the new program, *smarttrips: Eugene*, delivering personalized travel information to residents in the Harlow neighborhood by bicycle. These positions are fully funded through a U.S. Department of Energy grant that is funding the rest of the 2010 *smarttrips* program.

For more information, contact City Engineer Mark Schoening at 541-682-5243.

Smarttrips: Harlow Kickoff Event This Saturday

Harlow area residents are invited to the smarttrips: harlow program kickoff event on Saturday, June 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The kickoff event will be held at Oakmont Park on Oakmont Way in Eugene and includes free lunch, bike safety checks, prizes and more. Harlow area residents are encouraged to drop by to learn more about transportation options in their neighborhood.

Smarttrips is a unique program with a comprehensive approach to promote alternatives to driving alone. Participants in the 2010 Harlow neighborhood target area are provided with free informational literature, prizes, fun events and organized programs designed to increase bicycling, walking, public transit ridership, carpooling and car sharing. Funding for the smarttrips: Eugene program is provided through a Federal Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant.

For information, contact Lindsay Selser, program manager, at 541-682-5094 or Lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us. To learn more about the summer events schedule for the smarttrips:harlow area, visit www.smarttripseugene.com/events.