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Sheldon and Echo Hollow Pools Offer "Turkey Burn"

Enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and that second helping of dessert. Then, attend the "Turkey Burn" water fitness class to help burn it all off. This one-hour class will introduce the benefits of low-impact, high-resistance water aerobics and provide a chance to win prizes – including a 30-day fitness pass.

Recreation Services offers a variety of water fitness classes several times a week. Classes are held in water ranging from shallow to deep and are suitable for beginners or those with more experience. Certified instructors are happy to tailor any class to meet the needs of the participants.

The Turkey Burn fitness class will be held from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Nov. 27, at Echo Hollow Pool, 1655 Echo Hollow Road, and at Sheldon Pool, 2443 Willakenzie Road. The cost of a single visit for adults is \$4.25.



For more information, call 541-682-5525 (Echo Hollow) or 541-682-5314 (Sheldon).

Oregon Poet Laureate Paulann Petersen at Eugene Public Library

The Downtown Eugene Public Library will host a free reading by Oregon's new Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.



Born and raised in Oregon, Petersen is a widely published poet, with many collections including "The Wild Awake," "Blood-Silk," "A Bride of Narrow Escape," "Kindle," and "The Voluptuary." She has been honored with awards including Stanford University's Wallace Stegner Fellowship in Poetry, two Carolyn Kizer Poetry Awards, and Literary Art's Stewart Holbrook Award for Outstanding Contributions to Oregon's Literary Life.

Petersen has given hundreds of readings in locations as varied as Powell's Books in Portland, Omsania University in India, Ross Ragland Theater in Klamath Falls and the Museum Hotel in Central Turkey, and in virtually every nook and cranny of Oregon. Her poetry is featured on TriMet public transportation in Portland as part of the Poetry in Motion project, and she teaches frequently in high schools, colleges and writers' conferences. Petersen also serves on the board for Friends of William Stafford, organizing the annual William Stafford birthday events each January.

The poet laureate position is a collaborative project of the state's five statewide cultural partners: Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Humanities, and the State Historic Preservation Office. The position is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust and managed by Oregon Humanities.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or <http://www.eugene-or.gov/library>.

Comments Sought on Eugene's Future Transportation System

The future of Eugene's transportation system is open for comment. The Eugene Transportation System Plan will look at all transportation modes, including freight, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, rail networks, airport and personal vehicles, to see what changes could be made to better meet the long-term needs of Eugene's residents, businesses, and visitors. Public involvement is crucial to the success of this project, to understand the goals of the community for the development of Eugene over the next 20 years.



A survey has been created to gather public input about the future of local transportation. The survey, called Central Lane Transportation System Plans, is intended to gather information

to be used by a number of local agencies, including the cities of Eugene, Springfield and Coburg, Lane Transit District, and the Lane Council of Governments. Soon an interactive map will be provided on which comments can be "pinned" directly to a regional transportation map.

A link to the survey can be found on the Eugene Transportation System Plan website at www.EugeneTSP.org. The website also provides background information, links to various transportation planning documents, and places to sign up for email alerts and submit online comments.

For more information about Eugene's Transportation System, contact Transportation Senior Planner Kurt Yeiter at 541-6828379 or kurt.m.yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us.

Winter Storm Update

While most Eugeneans were still in bed early Tuesday morning, Public Works Maintenance (PWM) opened its Emergency Command Center at the Roosevelt Yard and began dispatching crews and equipment to deal with slippery streets and a skiff of snow.

Beginning at 5 a.m., Tuesday, maintenance staff had six sanders and a de-icing truck in operation. Crews worked throughout the day, focusing on priority 1 and priority 2 routes and making some headway on priority 3 streets in the higher elevations. Based on current forecasts, PWM anticipated that crews would continue to sand and de-ice streets overnight and on Wednesday. As of Tuesday afternoon, it was not necessary to declare an ice-snow emergency. However, notice has been provided to residents per the Eugene Code, and staff is maintaining current information on the internet at www.eugene-or.gov/snow.

For more information, contact Surface Operations Manager Eric Johnson at 541-682-4800.

City of Eugene Awarded Grant for University District Streetscape Improvements

On November 16, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced Eugene's successful award in the amount of \$707,000 for pedestrian and bicycle enhancements to streets in the University District area. Public Works Engineering staff sought grant funding to make needed pedestrian and bicycle improvements on Alder Street (Franklin Boulevard to 19th Avenue) and 13th Avenue (Alder to Kincaid streets) in combination with a street reconstruction project scheduled for summer 2011.



Key components of the streetscape improvement project include the construction of a new north and southbound bicycle facility on Alder Street, a new signalized crossing at Franklin and Alder, on-street parking reconfiguration on 13th Avenue, increased bicycle parking capacity, and significant pedestrian enhancements in the small business district. The grant-funded portion of the project is designed to meet social, economic and environmental objectives.

Over the next several months, City staff will complete the final design while continuing to work with stakeholders. Project details and updates are available at www.eugene-or.gov/pwprojects or by calling Associate Transportation Planner [David Roth](#) at 541-682-5727.