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AROUND THE CITY

Public Works Enters Clean-Up Phase Following Late Winter Storm

Public Works operations are now entering a massive clean-up phase following 24 hours of emergency response to the heavy snow storm that hit the area early Wednesday, making streets treacherous for drivers, bringing down hundreds of trees, and knocking out power to thousands of homes.

Effective immediately, the emergency parking ban on priority ice-snow routes has been lifted. The ban was established early Wednesday morning to ensure that emergency vehicles and Public Works plows and tree crews could travel safely around the city.

Three plows worked through the night, and by Thursday morning all priority routes had been plowed at least once and bare pavement was reported in most locations. However, streets remain wet, and black ice was noted in a number of places, particularly on higher-elevation streets and local bridges and overpasses. Public Works crews responded by applying liquid deicers and sand; however, motorists are encouraged to be cautious. Public Works continues to assess and clear priority onstreet bike lanes. The safety of the public and City crews is the number-one goal as Public Works manages the event.

Two Public Works crews worked through night and were able to respond to service calls in more than 60 locations in addition to more than 120 high-priority service calls handled during Wednesday's day shift. That still leaves about 300 calls for service that Public Works will get to as soon as possible. A priority for today's operations will be to assess and clear rights-of-way, including sidewalks, and the city's bike path system.

Public Works reminds property owners that they are responsible for dealing with broken trees and limbs and other storm damage on private property. Woody debris can be taken to commercial recyclers, including Lane Forest Products and Rexius.

For more information, contact Public Works Maintenance Director Jeff Lankston at 541-682-4800.



Public Works staff track tree calls at Emergency Command Center

Community Input Sought on Draft Eugene Transportation System Plan

A series of community forums and an online survey will give the public opportunities to comment on Eugene's transportation future. Proposed goals, objectives and a list of potential transportation projects – all elements of Eugene's draft transportation system plan (TSP) – will be available for review at six community forums that also include the Envision Eugene project. Community members also can review the transportation materials online and provide feedback at www.EugeneTSP.org between March 20 and April 30. The website includes a survey, interactive maps, opportunities to post editorial comments, and many background materials.

Eugene's transportation system plan will define how local transportation systems should change to meet the needs of Eugene's residents, businesses, and visitors now and extending out to the year 2035. A long list of potential transportation projects will be tested and narrowed against the draft goals and objectives. It is important that the goals and objectives truly reflect community values and that the list of potential projects includes all the significant projects and programs that should be tested.

The TSP is being coordinated with Envision Eugene, Lane Transit District's long-range transit plan, the Eugene Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, and other long-range plans. Through coordination with community members and affected public agencies, the transportation plan will identify needed improvements for all modes of transportation in Eugene, including the roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit, and rail networks. The plan will also include a transportation improvement and financing plan.

The community forums kicked off on Tuesday, March 20. The remaining Envision Eugene/TSP community forums are:

- **Tuesday, April 3**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Churchill High School (1850 Bailey Hill Road)
- **Thursday, April 5**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Studio at the Hult Center (1 Eugene Center)
- **Tuesday, April 10**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sheldon Community Center (2445 Willakenzie Road)
- **Thursday, April 12**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the South Eugene High School (400 East 19th Avenue)

For more information about the transportation system plan or the community forums, please contact Senior Transportation Planner Kurt Yeiter at 541-682-8379 or visit the project website at www.EugeneTSP.org.

Spring Break Fun at Eugene Public Library

Come in to Eugene Public Library for free fun while school's out! Special events for kids and family start with the "Top Secret Show" by Slightly Illusional. This clever performance features secret agents, spy gadgets, magic, puppets, and lots of laughs, all pointing children towards discovery through reading. Catch it on Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheldon Branch or 3:00 p.m. at the Bethel Branch. "Top Secret" will be at the Downtown Library on Sunday, March 25, at 3:00 p.m.



"Mz. Pearl's Variety Show" is a delightful clown show with juggling, magic, dance, and a hands-on circus. See it on Wednesday, March 28, 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel Branch, 2:00 p.m. at the Sheldon Branch, or at the Downtown Library on Thursday, March 29, at 1:00 or 3:00 p.m. (at the Downtown Library, pick up free tickets starting 30 minutes in advance).

Plus, for teens, drop in for a hot film and cool snacks on Tuesday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m., with a showing of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1."

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library: 541-682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Lifeguarding Class is Source for Summer Jobs

Every spring, Recreation's Aquatics program offers American Red Cross Lifeguarding classes for youth ages 15 and older. To enroll in the class, participants must be a good swimmer and pass a water skills pre-test. Participants who successfully complete the intensive class may apply for summer jobs at the City's pools.

The class teaches participants how to recognize and rescue a person in distress or a drowning situation and to understand professional lifeguard responsibilities. Over the course of the week-long class, they practice and review lifeguard skills.



The popular class offered over spring break is filled, but additional classes are offered April 30 - May11 and May 14 - 25. The Aquatics program typically hires between 15-25 lifeguards for the summer season. For more information, contact Rich Fay, 541-682-6336.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL BREAK: March 15, 2012 - April 9, 2012

APRIL

04/09	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/09	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
04/11	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/16	M	7:30pm	All	Council Public Hearing	Council Chamber
04/18	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/18	W	5:30pm	All	Budget Committee Meeting	Council Chamber
04/23	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
04/23	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
04/25	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room

MAY

05/01	Tu	5:30pm	All	Boards and Commissions Interviews	McNutt Room
05/02	W	5:30pm	All	Boards and Commissions Interviews	McNutt Room
05/09	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
05/14	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
05/14	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
05/16	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
05/21	M	7:30pm	All	Council Public Hearing	Council Chamber
05/23	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
05/24	Th	Noon	All	JEO Meeting	B/T Room
05/29	Tu	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
05/29	Tu	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
05/30	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room

JUNE

06/11	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
06/11	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
06/13	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room