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Fire Captain Deployed to New York City

Eugene Fire Captain Ben Meigs, as a member of the National Disaster Medical System, has been deployed with the rest of his team to assist the residents of New York City in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Captain Meigs, who has almost 17 years of service with the City, is expected to be in New York through the end of November.

The Fire Department is very proud of the work Meigs does and wishes him safe travels and the best of luck in fulfilling his duties on the east coast. He will be a great asset to the people of the region who have lost so much in this disaster.

When responders deploy to large-scale events such as conflagrations or the aftermath of hurricanes such as Sandy, they not only provide a great service to those communities in need, they also bring back valuable experience which is shared with co-workers and applied to the City's response system here at home. In 2005, the Eugene Fire & EMS Department deployed two firefighters to Hurricane Katrina as part of a FEMA 30-day deployment.

For more information, contact Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief Cinimint Harper at 541-682-7115.

"Turkey Burn" Eliminates Thanksgiving Meal Guilt

Enjoy all the courses of that scrumptious Thanksgiving meal this Thursday and on Saturday, Nov. 24, conquer the guilt at the Turkey Burn, a special water aerobics class at Sheldon or Echo Hollow pools. "Turkey Burn" water fitness classes are offered from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at both locations. The drop-in fee is \$5.

Low-impact exercising in the water tones and strengthens through the use of special equipment in the water to resist movement. Participants strengthen core muscles and improve balance while experiencing a workout at the desired intensity. It may also lead participants to take a series of classes!

Sheldon Pool is at 2443 Willakenzie Road; Echo Hollow Pool is located at 1655 Echo Hollow Road. For more information, call 541-682-5314 (Sheldon) or 541-682-5525 (Echo Hollow).

Happy Birthday, Love Food Not Waste

Love Food Not Waste (LFNW) turned one- year-old last week and students at the Village School hosted a great birthday celebration. The Village School is an LFNW participant and prides itself on using food scraps full circle by composting on-site, sending material for commercial composting, and using compost to grow vegetables that are served in the cafeteria. In



a great combo, the LFNW birthday celebration was held on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15. Rexius donated seven yards of finished LFNW compost for the Village School Garden and following the delivery, students celebrated with a ceremonial (and edible) compost cake. Additionally, community partners provided a variety of recycling, reuse, and compost education tables for students while 8th graders hauled the donated compost into the school garden. Event partners included Rexius Sustainable Solutions, The School Garden Project, Partners for Sustainable Schools, M.E.C.C.A., BRING, Lane County Waste Management, OSU Compost Specialists, and Sanipac



In the last year, Eugene businesses diverted over 1,000 tons of food waste from the landfill – roughly equivalent to 100 garbage truck loads. Currently, 95 local businesses participate in the program. LFNW allows participants to reduce waste by sending food scraps (meat, dairy, fruit and veggie scraps, and bakery items) as well as plant trimmings, food-soiled paper, and waxed cardboard to be composted. The City provides free training, assistance, and food waste bins to the businesses that sign up for the composting service with their garbage hauler.

For more information about the event and how to host an America Recycles Day program next year, please contact [Stephanie Scafa](#) or 541-682-5652.

Music and More at Eugene Public Library

The Downtown Eugene Public Library will host a Bilingual Family Fiesta on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. Kids and their adults are invited to watch and learn salsa dancing with Mario and Jenny Mora, joined by the Cuban salsa dance group Dale Tumbao. And every Saturday at 11:15 a.m., enjoy Cuentos y Canciones: Stories & Songs in Spanish, at the Bethel Branch.



The Jarvie & Thomas Classical Guitar Duo (pictured at left) will play a free concert at the Downtown Library for First Friday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. When John Jarvie and Peter Thomas, two of the Willamette Valley's most popular musicians, perform together, they showcase more than double the beauty, grace, and precision each is well known for. Travel with them through time and around the world to enjoy the beautiful music of the renaissance, baroque, classical, and modern eras in England, France, Italy, Spain, and Latin America. On the First Friday of each month, the Downtown Library stays open until 8 p.m.

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