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Adult Sport Leagues Ready for Summer

It looks like it will be a great summer for City league sports. One of the summer leagues starts play next month, registration for three more leagues will be held in May, and participation at the new disk golf course has exploded!

Softball play for 182 men, women and coed teams in the City Adult League will begin on May 19. Meanwhile, 40-45 coed and women's teams are expected to register for volleyball May 7 - 10, for games that begin June 17. Registration for co-ed summer soccer will be held from May 14 - 17, and is likely to top 25 teams. Men's basketball could draw as many as 20 teams. City staff anticipates 100 individuals will register for summer Ultimate from June 1 - 24, with those games beginning on July 2.

Each year, the Athletics program records more than 100,000 participants in adult sports leagues, and this summer is likely to see an increase in that number thanks to the new disk golf course at Alton Baker Park. Since the new course opened on April 1, it has drawn 300 rounds a day and may add up to 8,000 - 10,000 rounds per month this summer.

For more information about Summer Adult Leagues, call Dave Battaglia at 541-682-5409.

City Singers Perform at Eugene Public Library

Join the City Singers for a delightful free concert on First Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m., at the Downtown Eugene Public Library!

Composed of City of Eugene employees, this talented choir sings everything from 16th century madrigals to doo-wop to folk songs, in many languages. Directed by Mo Robeson, the group includes purchasers, 911 call-takers, urban foresters, librarians, court administrators, and more, creating beautiful music together outside the bounds of their "day jobs."

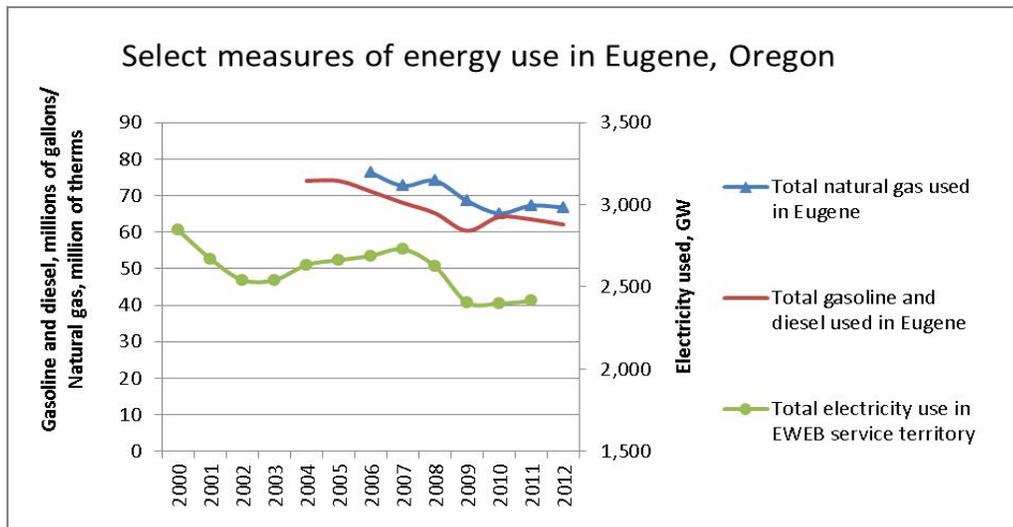
Accompanying the choir for this concert will be Shamwari Marimba of Kutsinhira Cultural Arts Center, a non-profit dedicated to learning and sharing the music of Zimbabwe.

The Downtown Library stays open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.



2013 Climate and Energy Action Plan Progress Report

The City of Eugene has released the [2013 Community Climate and Energy Action Plan Progress Report](#). The report contains an in-depth discussion of community energy use, provides national and local context, and highlights progress made in 2012. The report also includes an update for each of the recommendations outlined in the [Community Climate and Energy Action Plan](#).



The report describes the continued decline in Eugene's total energy consumption even with rising population in the area:

- Electricity use is down 15 percent since 2000
- Natural gas use is down 12 percent since 2006
- Gasoline and diesel consumption is down 16 percent since 2004.

While local trends are headed in the right direction, there are important developments at the national and global level.

The year 2012 was the hottest on record in the United States. It saw the lowest area of Arctic sea ice since satellite records began over 30 years ago and global greenhouse gas emissions in 2011 were up more than three percent, setting a new record high for annual emissions.

After reviewing the 2013 Progress Report, City Manager Jon Ruiz noted, "I'm pleased to see that as a community, we continue to reduce our use of electricity, natural gas and transportation fuels – all important indicators of both a smaller carbon footprint and reduced dependence on fossil fuels....We're moving in the right direction but there is much still to do. Local agencies across the region are facing budget constraints and reduced staffing resources. We need to come together to find new ways to collaborate and advance this work."

To learn more about the City's work to address climate change and energy use, contact Matt McRae at 541- 682-5649 or Babe O'Sullivan at 541-682-5017 or visit <http://www.eugene-or.gov/sustainability>.