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AROUND THE CITY

Firefighters Provide “Trees for Troops”

In true holiday spirit, off-duty firefighters from the Eugene Springfield Fire Department’s Station 2 volunteered their time and efforts last week to provide trees to local military families. The firefighters cut, bailed and loaded 55 trees during



Friday’s snow storm. These trees were donated by a local tree farm owner, delivered to the Springfield Armory and distributed to military families over the weekend.

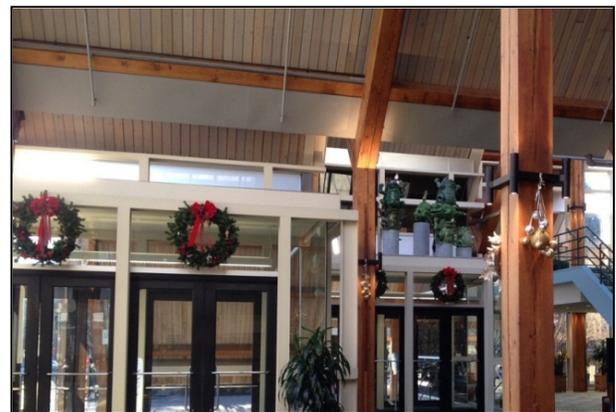
This is the second year that this event has taken place, and it was again a huge success. Eugene International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 851 is working with the Springfield Armory to continue providing trees to local military families who might not be able to get a tree for the holidays this year without this help.

For more information about the “Trees for Troops” event, contact the Eugene IAFF Local 851 Union office at 541-344-4557 or Deputy Chief of Shift Operations Randy DeWitt at 541-682-7147.

“The Show Must Go On”

This well-known phrase in show business could not be more appropriate for the performers, staff and patrons of the Hult Center. Since the big freeze and snow storm arrived last Friday, there have been no performance cancellations and the schedule of events is robust.

This weekend, Eugene Symphony will be joined by Pink Martini for songs and sounds of the holidays. Sunday afternoon, Eugene Concert Choir will present the Holiday Pops Concert. Pre-concert festivities in the lobby include the Oregon Tuba Ensemble and a visit by Santa. In the Soreng Theater, the weekend performances of Comedy Pet Theater and the Nutcracker Remixed are sold out.



The holiday season is not complete without Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker ballet, this year performed by the Eugene Ballet Company, Dec. 20 – 22. To wrap up the season in a nice bow, Eugene Opera opens with La Traviata on New Year’s Eve.

The Hult lobby will be twinkling and bright with holiday decor provided by Hult Center resident companies. Patrons who park in the Hult Center garage may safely enter the building via the third-level bridge and then everyone can warm up with a hot cocoa or a festive show drink from the Hult Cafe before the show.

While the weather outside is frightful, merry festivities are going on inside. To quote Irving Berlin: "There's No Business like Show Business."

For more information, contact Hult Center Marketing and Public Relations Manager Libby Tower at 541-682-8380 or libby.j.tower@ci.eugene.or.us.

New Recreation Classes Encourage Activity and Creativity

Recreation is offering several new classes for winter and spring, including Fashion Design II, a sequel to the popular Fashion Design, in which students ages 10 - 14 create their own clothes. In Sculpture, students, ages 6 - 10, create art while they build fine motor skills and lateral thinking. A new martial arts class will divide students ages 3 to 15 by ability, and help them develop self-control and discipline.

Three other new classes offered for the whole family are Second Sunday Square Dancing, Family Fit Fun and Futbol Para Familias (Family Soccer). Women's Self Defense is a two-day workshop that teaches verbal, emotional, social and physical responses for violence prevention and intervention for girls and women age 12 and older.

Several new classes have intriguing titles. Mischievous Arts and Clandestine Crafts, Balloonapalooza around the World, and Intermediate Mayhem for Beginners are all for 6 - 9-year-olds and are about creativity, science and releasing energy. If Rugby Were a Dance and Fashion at a Glance, for 10 - 14-year-olds, explores the roles fashion, sports, and dance play in this culture. Finding Your Inner Dragon, for those ages 10 - 15, taps into the power of imagination as students embark on a journey of self-reflection and discovery.



These are just the new classes in the Youth & Family Program! Check out all of Recreation's offerings in the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide. Eugene Recreation is building bodies and brains while having fun playing games. For more information, contact LRCS Marketing and Public Relations Manager Kathy Madison at 541-682-6342.

Nochevieja/New Year's Party for Families at Eugene Public Library

The Downtown Eugene Public Library will host a bilingual Nochevieja/New Year's celebration for families on Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m. The party will feature live music and dance with Taller de Son Jarocho. Plus, join in hands-on, creative fun making cards and piñatas with Jessica Zapata of Eugene Arte Latino.

The Downtown Library hosts a different free activity for kids and their adults every Sunday at 2:30. On Dec. 15, enjoy Stories of India told by Arun Toké of Skipping Stones Magazine. On Dec. 22, it's Game Time with Chris Wuebbles.

For more information, visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.

