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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### AROUND THE CITY

#### **Paddlers Have Fun While Supporting Local Veterans**

On July 19, some 200 participants in the “Heroes 2 Oregon” Dragon Boat Paddle Challenge raised more than \$5,000 to support local injured veterans. The City of Eugene Adaptive Recreation program, Eugene, Cascades and Coast Sports Commission, and Emerald City Dragon Boat Club teamed up to organize the event, which was the first dragon boat race in Lane County. It was held on Dexter Lake and sponsored by Guarantee RV Super Centers.



Twelve teams of 10-18 members paddled 40-foot dragon boats on a prescribed 250-meter course. Proceeds from the H2O Paddle Challenge will help send 13 local veterans to the National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic, which will facilitate their recovery by strengthening their bodies as well as overcoming and improving their overall being and sense of self-worth.

The top four finishers were:

1. Oregon Association of Rowers - 01:03.78
2. Community Team/ Wasserdrachen - 01:04.71
3. Adaptive Veterans Team/The Warriors - 01:06.22
4. LTD Elite Fleet - 01:08.19

For more than 40 years, the City of Eugene Adaptive Recreation has provided diverse recreation programs and services that enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. Recently, Adaptive Recreation has broadened its programming to meet the needs of many wounded, injured and ill veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

This zero-waste event met the City’s diversion goal of composting and recycling 75 percent of all waste. For more information about this event, contact Adaptive Recreation Section Manager Andy Fernandez at 542-682-5311.

#### **Free Vision Screenings for Young Children at Eugene Public Library**

In August, the Eugene Public Library and Springfield Public Library will host free “See to Read” vision screenings for children ages three- to seven-years-old. The screenings are non-invasive and take only a few minutes. This service is provided through a partnership among the Oregon State Elks Association, Oregon State Lions Association, and Oregon public libraries.

The drop-in sessions at the Downtown Eugene Public Library will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sessions will also be held at the Bethel Branch Library (in English and Spanish), Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and at the Sheldon Branch Library, Thursday, Aug. 14, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



The Springfield Public Library will host drop-in screenings on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Starting this year, all Oregon children age 7 or younger are required to have their vision screened before starting school or preschool. The purpose is to check for a number of eye diseases that can be treated successfully if caught early.

If the free, initial screening raises concerns, a full eye examination will be recommended. The most commonly found diseases are refractive errors, such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism; and amblyopia, also known as "lazy eye." Early detection provides the best opportunity for effective, inexpensive treatment, which translates to the best chance for successful learning as school begins.

For more information about See to Read vision screenings, please visit [www.seetoread.net](http://www.seetoread.net) or contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library), or the Springfield Public Library at 541-726-3766 or [www.wheremindsgrow.org](http://www.wheremindsgrow.org).

### ***Stretch Out Summer - Register Now for August Summer Camps***

Never mind those "Back to School" advertisements – there is plenty of summer left, as well as plenty of fun camps! Eugene Recreation has openings in 42 camps in August for the very young to the active teenager. Below are just some of the camps that still have openings

Kids ages 3 - 5 will have fun at half-day Magical Make Believe Camp, Aug. 4 - 8, or Tot Soccer Academy, Aug. 25 - 29. For kids ages 4 - 6, both I Spy Camp, Aug. 11 - 18, and Messy Camp, Aug. 18 - 22, are half-day.

Youth ages 7- to 14-years-old can learn to swim and play tennis or improve their ability at Swim & Tennis Camps for beginners or for intermediate/advanced skill levels, both offered Aug. 4 - 8. In addition, there are several two- or four-week learn-to-swim sessions that begin in August.

August 4 - 8, kids nine to 11 will have a great time at Zombie Quest Camp. Also from Aug. 4 - 8, girls age 11 and older will enjoy the Girls Only Kayak Camp Level I. Boys and girls age 12 and older will have lots of fun at Skate Oregon Overnight. Teens age 14 and older can still enroll in Culture Jam, Aug. 3 - 10, and there are openings for youth age 13 and up in the Deschutes Kayak camp.



For the complete listing of Eugene Recreation Camps, search [www.eugene-or.gov/receenroll](http://www.eugene-or.gov/receenroll). For more information about Eugene Recreation Summer Camps, contact Recreation Division Manager Craig Smith at 541-682-5334.

### ***Major Paving Repairs Start on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Monroe and Madison***

Major repairs to three deteriorated streets in the Whiteaker neighborhood start Monday, July 28.

Knife River Corporation, working under contract to the Eugene Public Works Department, will begin work on 1st Avenue between Jefferson and Van Buren streets. Sidewalk access ramps will be reconstructed to federal accessibility standards, the existing pedestrian island at 1st and Monroe will be removed and replaced with a new crossing that includes pedestrian-activated flashing lights, and the deteriorated asphalt driving surface will be ground off and a new asphalt surface will be constructed.

The contractor will then move to Monroe Street between 1st Avenue and Blair Boulevard. Access ramps will be installed or upgraded, and deteriorated concrete panels will be removed and new panels will be poured.

The third street being repaired is Madison Street between 1st and 8th avenues. Access ramps will be reconstructed as will the badly deteriorated asphalt roadway. In reconstruction, the entire structure is removed and rebuilt from the ground up. This type of repair is needed when surface repairs cannot fix the damage to the underlying road bed.

"These streets are in really bad condition," says Project Manager Chuck Mueller. "When this project is completed, conditions will be greatly improved for everyone who walks, bikes or drives in this area."

During construction, at least one lane will be kept open, and access will be provided to all businesses in the project area. People will also be able to walk and bike through work zones although there may be temporary ramps and short detours in active work zones.

The contract calls for all work to be completed by Oct. 3. Total cost of the project is \$2.2 million, primarily funded through a 2012 voter-approved bond measure to fix city streets. For more information, contact Project Manager Chuck Mueller at 541-501-0370