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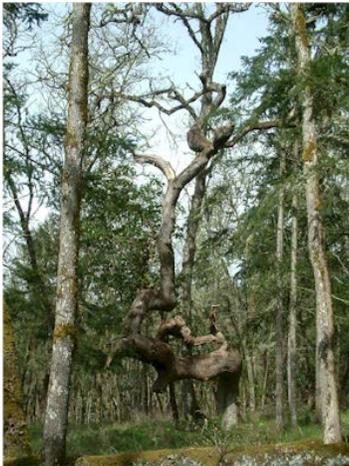
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Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Habitat Restoration Begins at Wild Iris Ridge

Work began this week on a project to remove dense vegetation from an overstocked forest stand at Wild Iris Ridge Park, a 228-acre site in the southwest hills. Once an open oak savanna, this area has become overgrown with Douglas fir and invasive cherry trees. City contractors will remove a subset of these trees and dense brush from a 20-acre portion of the site to improve oak habitat and reduce hazardous fuels.



Oak trees at Wild Iris Ridge

Removing dense understory and other wildfire fuels decreases the chances of wildfire near a residential area and improves the ability of firefighting personnel to respond if needed. The work is being funded by a Community Assistance Grant from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) awarded to the Parks and Open Space Division. The grant is being implemented in partnership with the BLM Eugene District office and the Eugene Springfield Fire Department.

Fuels reduction activities are consistent with the City's habitat management goals for the site described in the 2008 Wild Iris Ridge Management Plan. For public safety purposes, the public is asked to stay out of the restoration site while the project is under way. The site will likely reopen at the end of the month.

For more information, please contact Ecologist Emily Steel at emily.c.steel@ci.eugene.or.us, or call 541-682-4874.

Parking Supervisor Earns Green Garage Assessors Certificate

City of Eugene Parking Supervisor Travis Hargitt has earned his Green Garage Assessors Certificate. Green garage assessors are parking professionals trained by the Green Parking Council on the Green Garage Certification Standard and the certification process.



The Green Garage Certificate is the world's only rating system that defines and recognizes sustainable practices in parking structure management, programming, design and technology. The program strives to provide a more environmentally and economically sustainable parking garage by increasing energy efficiency and performance, reducing environmental impacts, efficiently managing parking spaces, integrating sustainable mobility services and technologies, providing a range of mobility options, and forming stronger community relationships.

As a certified assessor, Hargitt will be able to put his skills to use at City-owned parking garages to help them be more environmentally and financially sustainable. For more information, contact Jeff Petry at 541-682-5079.

Eugene Springfield Fire Department Receives Recognition for Firefighter Grants

The Eugene Springfield Fire Department is currently being highlighted on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website for its work in obtaining Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG). The article specifically discusses the 2012 equipment grant.



The department was awarded \$612,480 to purchase and upgrade high-priority training equipment. Grant funds were used to purchase two high-definition, 3-D, driver-training simulators used to provide driver training and an evaluation for new and veteran personnel. Although some on-street driving is an important component of driver training, the simulators reduce fuel consumption and allow drivers to experience low-frequency, high-risk events that aid in driver development.

AFG grant funding also helped purchase electronic EMS training manikins to facilitate realistic emergency medical training on a variety of skills. The balance of the grant was used to upgrade the existing Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) live fire trainer located at the Eugene Airport. This trainer is used to meet FAA firefighter training requirements.

For more information on the highlights provided by FEMA, please visit its website for the full article at <https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grants-success-stories-eugene-or>. For additional information on this or any other grants, please contact Finance Manager Julie Lindsey at 541-682-7107.

BRING Home and Garden Tour Sunday

The seventh annual BRING Home and Garden Tour, The Art of Sustainable Living, explores the latest in sustainable home design and gardening and celebrates the ingenuity that defines this community. The tour will take place this Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Co-hosted by the City of Eugene and Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB), the tour involves hundreds of volunteers, green builders, designers, businesses, and experts of all kinds.

“Evolution in Action” is the theme of the 2015 BRING Home and Garden Tour. This self-guided tour of 10 homes and gardens creates ideas and inspiration for low-impact living. Enjoy all that Eugene has to offer in the following topic areas:

- Green building
- Creative reuse
- Energy/water efficiency
- Urban agriculture
- Tiny homes
- Outdoor living



[Click here to volunteer and get in free!](#) View all of the sites and purchase tickets (\$9 in advance, \$12 the day of the tour) by visiting the [tour website](#). All proceeds benefit BRING, a nonprofit working to change attitudes and behaviors regarding waste. For more information, please contact Waste Prevention and Green Building Analyst [Stephanie Scafa](#), at 541-682-5652.