



Neighborhood Services



Property Crimes Initiative Targets those on Spring Break

EPD is placing a focused, intensive Property Crimes Initiative project in the West University Neighborhoods, to help students and neighbors become "harder targets" for the usual, anticipated spring break crime spike.

These efforts will include operating a mobile police station in various locations in the area and contacting residents, door-to-door, offering crime prevention information and services. The team's main prevention focus will relate to burglaries, thefts from vehicles, and thefts of vehicles.

Unfortunately just when students are taking a break from their studies, criminals hit the streets - hard at work taking advantage of the increase in vacant homes and vehicles. The Eugene Police Crime Prevention Unit is hoping their pre-emptive educational approach will help make residents more difficult to victimize. Staff would also like one outcome of the outreach events to be a rise in awareness of property crime issues and avenues to report suspicious behaviors.



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211Lane is Lane County's one-stop resource for social services and volunteer opportunities

211Lane is the result of an ongoing collaboration between local professionals and community volunteers. This active partnership provides updates and enhancement to the 211Lane website with a mind towards its database being used as the information and referral resources for a future "2-1-1 Call Center" in Lane County.

What you can do:

- **Agencies:** Provide timely updates on the services you provide and agency information as well as providing keywords people use to search for your services. List your volunteer opportunities and other agency needs such as in kind donations.

- **Companies:** Sponsor the maintenance, enhancements and/ or marketing of 211Lane.org and have your logo & Website accessible to hundreds of people every day.
- **Everyone:** Use the site, tell others about it, put a link on your desktop, save it in your favorites. The more people use 211Lane.org the more powerful it becomes and the healthier our community becomes.



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SAVE the DATE! Human Rights Summit Planned for April 10

Mark your calendars and save Saturday, April 10, to participate in a community-wide Human Rights Summit. This unique event is co-sponsored by the City of Eugene and the Community Coalition for Advancement of Human Rights. The summit will address human rights principles as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and their relevance to local human rights issues. Participants will have the opportunity to explore ways in which individuals, groups, and institutions can work together to respect, protect, and fulfill human rights at the local community level. The event features keynote speakers and facilitated discussion, followed by a wide variety of workshop choices in the afternoon.

How can you participate? One way is to simply commit to attending the event. Neighborhood Services will cover the \$10 registration fee for all individuals sponsored by their neighborhood association to attend the summit. Each neighborhood association is asked to submit a list of attendees (include name, email, phone, and physical address) to the Neighborhood Services office by April 7th. Please indicate if you would like lunch.

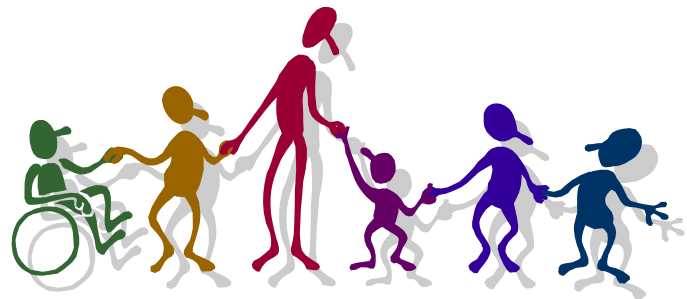
Neighborhood leaders are also invited to partici-

pate in the planning and presentation of a summit workshop. Neighborhood Services is collaborating with neighborhood association leaders and members of the Human Rights Commission to present a workshop on encouraging greater participation in neighborhood associations as a means of civic involvement. Please let us know if you are interested in participating at this level as soon as possible. We will be convening a group to begin planning as early as next week.

The April 10 all day summit will be preceded by an evening kickoff event at Studio One in the Hult Center in downtown Eugene from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8. For more information or to register your participation, contact Michael Kinnison at 541-682-5009 or

Michael.j.kinnison@ci.eugene.or.us.

www.humanrightscity.com



Police and Wastewater Staff Host Medicine Take-Back Event



Police and Wastewater staff are partnering with other local agencies to host a one-day medicine take-back event on March 13, 2010, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The goal of the event is to collect unwanted drugs for proper disposal and, at the same time, educate the public about the proper disposal of medicines to prevent accidental poisonings, drug abuse and contamination of the rivers. The public is encouraged to bring unwanted and expired medicines from households to the event. Only prescription and over-the-counter medicines, preferably in their original containers, can be brought in by citizens.

This event is part of a statewide event initiated by the Oregon Medical Association, the Oregon Medical Association Alliance and the Oregon Partnership. Locally, this event is made possible by the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB), Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield. Medicines can be turned in at the following locations: EWEB, 500 East 4th Avenue, and Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. For additional information, contact Sharon Olson at 541-682-8625.

Spring Home Show Touts “It All Comes Back to You” Message



Visitors stepping into the Expo Hall at the Lane County Home Show this week will notice the colorful, showcase display titled “It All Comes Back To You.” The purpose of the display is to provide information to area residents about steps they can take to save money, reduce pollution and protect the local environment. The booth focuses on the yard, the home and the street. An information station has take-away hand-outs on a range of topics such as healthy lawn care tips, safe use and disposal of hazardous household products, water efficient plants and more. Sustainable living messages are posted throughout the display and staff will be available to answer questions. Participating visitors who pledge to make a few earth-friendly choices will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing with multiple prizes donated by local businesses and several agencies. On Saturday from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., there will be a guest appearance by children working on a light-it-forward project.

This interactive booth is created and staffed by the Pollution Prevention Coalition - a group that works together to share information and inform and educate residents about pollution prevention tips. These agencies include the City of Eugene Stormwater Program and Wastewater Management Program, City of Springfield Environmental Services, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Lane County Public Works - Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Programs, Springfield Utility Board (SUB), Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), Department of Human Services - Drinking Water Program and Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB).

For more information, please contact Public Information Specialist for the Stormwater Management Program Kathy Eva at 541-682-2739 or on the web at www.eugene-or.gov/happyrivers. The City’s Stormwater Management program focuses on a commitment to protect local waterways while promoting environmental stewardship.

Music to “Feel/Hear”

Children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing had an opportunity to “feel/hear” music recently through a hands-on music performance. After a parent noted that children with hearing impairments seldom get the opportunity to participate in music events, Adaptive Recreation Programmer Patty Prather contacted David Helfand, a musician who teaches the program’s Joy of Music class.

David, in turn, contacted several musician friends and brought them together to give the children an opportunity to play several instruments, including bass guitar, piano, harp and hand drums. One of the highlights of the evening came when the children played in a drum circle with two Native Americans and participated in a Round Dance. For more information, contact Patty Prather at 541-682-5311.

