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Solar & Green Building Tour Spans from Crescent to Crescent

The City of Eugene and the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) will host an extensive solar and green building tour in Eugene as part of the world's largest grassroots solar event. The Solar & Green Building Tour offers participants the opportunity to tour eight sites spanning from Crescent Village in North Eugene to Crescent Ridge in the South Hills. The tour will highlight how solar energy, energy efficiency, and other sustainable approaches can reduce monthly utility bills and help tackle climate change. It will showcase a variety of building types, technologies and local firms. Two projects are LEED platinum-certified, the highest rating by the U.S. Green Building Council. The tour will include new construction, residential remodels, a 'mother-in-law cottage' infill project, and mixed-use development.

Eugene's green building and solar tour is part of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) National Solar Tour where over 150,000 people in 3,000 communities will participate in open house tours of solar powered and energy efficient homes (www.nationalsolartour.org). Attendees will be able to explore green buildings first-hand and talk directly with the builders, solar contractors and homeowners. Lane Community College (LCC) will also introduce its new solar/electric vehicle charging-station project.

The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. at EWEB, 500 East 4th Avenue, with a kick-off presentation by Mayor Kitty Piercy. Self-guided tours will include eight sites in areas throughout the city. To minimize driving times, participants will choose from a 'north loop' or 'south loop,' each touring four different buildings. A biking tour of three central sites is another option. A reception at La Perla Pizzeria, at 1313 Pearl Street, will be held at the end of the tour.

To participate, please register at SolarTour@eweb.org. For more information, contact Jenna Garmon at Jenna.R.Garmon@ci.eugene.or.us or 682-5541.

Fall Family Fun and Fitness Comes to Sheldon Pool and Community Center

Often imitated, never duplicated, Family Fun Night at Sheldon Pool and Community Center had more than 300 people in attendance on September 18. The event celebrated Sheldon Pool's reopening and the beginning of the



fall season. The athletically themed event included obstacle courses, Wii fitness games, arts and crafts, and the movie "Monster House" to draw the crowd. Along with a donation of milk from Lochmead Farms, the event also fed attendees a dinner of spaghetti and salad – all for free.

Family Fun Nights are always a favorite in the Sheldon area and are one of the many ways the Recreation Division supports and builds community. Planning is already underway for the next one on December 4. For more information, call Craig Smith at 682-5334.



Bilingual Family Fiesta at Eugene Public Library

Bilingual Family Fiesta means free fun in Spanish and English at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. Bring the whole family on Saturday, October 3, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., to enjoy songs, dances, and snacks with The Children of Bethel Ballet Folklórico, led by Mago Gilson. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 682-5450 or visit www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Expert Help for Job Hunters

Looking for work? On Saturday, October 10, the Eugene Public Library will offer two free programs to help. At 10:00 a.m., learn to research opportunities and create an effective résumé at "Job Search & Résumés", a hands-on computer class. Try free Library tools including Microsoft Word's Résumé Wizard, the Oregon Career Information System, and LearningExpress. Find out more about Internet resources such as Craigslist, Monster.com, and the Oregon Employment Department website. Internet experience is required. Pre-registration is also required and may be done by calling 682-5450 (press 2).

At 3:00 p.m., get guidance and information from the professionals of the Oregon Employment Department and Goodwill Industries at "Finding a Job." Drop in for this panel presentation covering topics ranging from locating jobs to preparing for interviews. Also, learn about the latest in employment resources and services available at the Library. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 682-5450 or visit www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Recreation Staff Member Honored

The Oregon Recreation and Parks Association (ORPA) presented Recreation Program Assistant Aimee Goglia with the first annual ORPA Environmental Impact Award in recognition of her creative programming with the Recreation Division's Urban Outdoor Adventures and Project Full Moon Rising.

Aimee pioneered a trial program at the Arts and Technology Academy at Jefferson (ATA) last year, in which she and two other staff members took first-graders on weekly field trips to introduce them to the natural world and outdoor recreation. One parent of a first-grader in the program wrote, "We are a very outdoorsy family, but the [Outdoor] program at ATA offered experiences to our first-grader that we, as a family, cannot."

The ORPA award identifies recreation professionals and programs that have made significant contributions to connecting people with outdoor/environmental opportunities and resources. In addition to these local programs, Aimee has also worked to elevate the value of outdoor recreation on the state level and at national conferences.



The Recreation Division was recently awarded a three-year, \$430,000 grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, to expand current after-school enrichment programs, including Aimee's outdoor program. For information, contact Craig Smith at 682-5334.

NW Regional Water Polo Tournament at Amazon Pool

Some 500 spectators and team members are expected to attend the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Northwest Regional tournament at Amazon Pool this weekend. Seven teams will compete in this, the first of two tournaments, to determine the standings for the regional tournament to be held later this month in Florida. The tournament is a good opportunity to see talented local players.

The event is hosted by the University of Oregon, in partnership with the City Aquatics Program. The UO has rented the facility and will staff the event. Amazon Pool is a favorite for competitive swimming events because of its

design. The competition runs all day on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The last match on Sunday is a “civil war” between the UO and Oregon State University, scheduled to begin at 1:10 p.m. For details on the tournament schedule, click [here](#). For more information, contact Rich Fay at 682-5331.

Fire & EMS Preparing for Fire Prevention Month

October is National Fire Prevention Month, and Eugene’s Fire & EMS Department is again making preparations in partnership with other local agencies to help keep everyone safe from fire. This coming Sunday, October 4, the department is teaming up with the Oregon Pacific Chapter of the American Red Cross, Bi-Mart, and the University of Oregon Greek Life to canvass door-to-door in Eugene’s Trainsong Neighborhood, urging families to check their smoke detectors, providing fire prevention information, and providing free smoke alarms and replacement batteries. That initiative will begin with kickoff ceremonies at 1:00 p.m. at the Oregon Pacific Chapter office at 862 Bethel Drive. The Mayor and members of the City Council are invited, along with local media.



Throughout October, as is the practice every year, Fire & EMS crews will be visiting every second-grade classroom in Eugene (4J, Bethel, and private) to present fire safety information to students and invite them to share it with their families. In addition, Fire & EMS will be

participating, along with a number of local safety agencies, in a fire safety exhibition and demonstration at Lowe’s Home Supply, 3595 West 11th Avenue, on October 24. That event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In October, and throughout the year, the Fire & EMS Department is always prepared to provide fire safety information and instruction to any group or individual. For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Marshal Sandra Johnston at 682-5420.

Schools Get Opportunity to “Discover Public Works”

Local schoolchildren will have an opportunity to “Discover Public Works” through a new video currently being distributed to area schools.

The Public Works Department worked with Metro TV to produce the 11-minute video, which is geared to elementary- and middle-school-age children. The video is narrated by two students from Kennedy Middle School and includes fun facts and action video from each of the department’s six divisions: Airport, Administration, Engineering, Maintenance, Parks and Open Space, and Wastewater.



The focus of the first round of video distribution is teachers who in the past have brought their classes to Public Works Day, an annual event typically held on the third Thursday in May. Last May, the Public Works Department decided to defer the event to 2010 in response to budget concerns. A number of local teachers subsequently asked the department to find some way to teach children about how public works services are provided in our community. The video is intended to address those requests.

A streaming video version of “Discover Public Works” can be downloaded at www.eugene-or.gov/pw (click on the graphic link in the right column). For more information about the video, contact Eric Jones, public affairs manager for the Public Works Department, at 682-5523 or eric.r.jones@ci.eugene.or.us.