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Busy Weekend in Eugene with Traffic Implications
Don’t Be Delayed - Know the Closures

SUMMARY: This weekend Eugene will be busy with community events; know the traffic implications and plan your route accordingly.

Saturday August 24, Eugene will once again be bursting with flair and character as the Eugene Celebration Parade will march and dance through downtown streets. To avoid having your travel impacted know the closures and plan ahead.

Organizers will have parade entries staged on East Amazon and East 19th Avenue beginning at 7:30 a.m. the Parade route which will leave north on High Street from East 18th through East 11th and then make a U-turn on East 11th Avenue to return back south down Pearl Street to East 19th Avenue. Street closures for the parade route will begin around 9:00 a.m. and will remain closed until the completion of the parade estimated at around 12:00 p.m. For more information about the Eugene Celebration Parade or other Celebration events check out: www.eugenecelebration.com.

On Sunday, August 25, the annual Eugene Women’s Half Marathon will begin its 13.1 mile route between East 4th Avenue and East 5th Avenue in Eugene at 8:00 am.

The 13.1 mile course begins in downtown Eugene and heads north to East 4th Avenue and west to Shelton McMurphy where it continues to East 3rd Avenue and Washington Street. It then heads north to West 1st Avenue, east to Madison Street, and north for the first two miles until it reaches the banks of the Willamette River. Participants then cross the river on the Owosso foot bridge, cruise through the Delta Ponds Park by way of Good Pasture Island Loop Road and continue east along the river into Alton Baker Park. Just before mile 11 race participants cross the river again on the Knickerbocker foot bridge for the final 2 mile push along Franklin Boulevard at Onyx Street, then onto Hilyard Street and E. 6th Avenue toward the finish line at the 5th Street Public Market. The 6th Avenue off-ramp from the Ferry Street Bridge will be closed during the entire race.

Motorists can expect heavy congestion and some road closures in the area surrounding the start and finish lines for about 4.5 hours and should plan accordingly. For detailed information about the race course and other race information, go to the Eugene Women’s Half Marathon website at: http://www.eugenewomenshalf.com
During both events Eugene Police officers, crews from City of Eugene Public Works, and volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic and assist participants and ensure a safe and enjoyable weekend!