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Amazon Pool Reduces Food Waste



Amazon Pool is a community resource with play areas, picnic tables, healthful snack options, and a variety of pools that receive thousands of swimmers every summer. Managing the streams of wrappers, bottles and snacks that arrive with visitors is an ongoing challenge, and one that the facility staff have taken bold steps to reduce.

The pool has added food waste collection bins to the public areas of the facility, and worked with the facility's on-site food vendor, Ume Grill, to provide compostable food service ware. These changes have significantly reduced the amount of landfill

bound waste generated at the site.

Krista Chapman, the Amazon Pool Office Coordinator, says that the feedback from visitors about the pools' participation in the City of Eugene's Love Food Not Waste commercial food waste collection program has been positive.

For more information about the Love Food Not Waste commercial food waste collection program, please contact [Deveron Musgrave](#), Waste Prevention and Green Building Program Coordinator at (541) 682-6842.

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National Recognition for Public Works Wastewater Division



High praise for the Public Works Wastewater Division. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) recently awarded the division a Platinum Peak Performance Award. The award is given to facilities which had 100 percent permit compliance over a consecutive five-year period.

This is the fifth consecutive year the Wastewater Division has received this award for the quality of the water it discharges to the Willamette River, meaning it has been 100 percent compliant for nine years running. The effluent limits are set by Oregon DEQ which issues and oversees permits. The award was announced at the NACWA Awards Ceremony in July. For more information on the award call Dave Breitenstein, acting Wastewater Division Manager, at (541) 862-8611.

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City Ramps up Historic Landmark Applications

Planning Department staff have teamed up with University of Oregon students and community members to identify and nominate four new additions to the Eugene's City Landmark Inventory. The properties include three residential buildings and Pre's Rock. In a few weeks, the citizen-comprised Historic Review Board (HRB) will review the landmark applications. Landmark status encourages protection and recognizes the significance of historic community resources. Additionally, the landmarks should increase community and visitor awareness of Eugene's history. Staff and the HRB hope that these new landmarks will also encourage more awareness and support for the Historic Preservation Program.

This year, the current landmark nominations are a product of staff's proactive approach. Staff reviewed a recent historic resource survey of the West University Neighborhood and identified a number of historic properties. Staff also reached out to owners of these eligible properties and inquired about their interest in the City Landmark program. Through a partnership with the University of Oregon, staff were also able to inform owners that graduate students would be made available to research their property and draft a historic nomination application. Over their winter term, graduate students in the Historic Preservation Program researched and compiled intensive property histories and descriptions. Next, with approval from each property owner, Program Assistant Rodney Bohner finalized the research and filed the landmark applications of those properties confirmed as significant and retaining historic integrity.

Andrew Fisher, Vice-Chair of the Historic Review Board, initiated the historic research for the Pre's Rock nomination. Andrew also compiled the application materials and wrote the narrative

for the City Landmark application. The City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division is the applicant for the proposal as they manage the park land where Pre's Rock is located.

The other potential landmarks include a West University property with an 1880's Italianate house, and three early 1900's cottages. There is also a duplex designed by prolific Eugene architect John Hunzicker, and a craftsman style house on East 11th Avenue. The Historic Review Board will decide on approval at their upcoming meeting on September 1st. They will also consider public testimony and any other materials presented at the public hearing before making decisions on the applications.



For more information contact Erik Berg-Johansen, Assistant Planner, at (541) 682-5437 or Rodney Bohner, Program Assistant, at (541) 682-8385.

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Engineer Hits the Street to Listen to Businesses

The South Willamette Street Improvement Plan Pilot Study is officially underway, and engineer Chris Henry is making sure business owners have opportunity to share their opinions. With the hopes of hearing feedback on the reconfigured Willamette Street, Henry walked from business to business in mid-August.

Construction crews recently restriped Willamette Street from 24th to 32nd avenues. They created travel and bike lanes in each direction, as well as a center turn lane. They also widened the road in several locations and added a traffic signal at Woodfield Station. The changes are part of a study to see how the road should look after it's reconstructed in the summer of 2018.



Now two months since the changes, Henry discovered nearly all business owners and their employees indicated little to minimal impacts as a result of the reconfigured street. They said sales may have wavered during construction, but overall sales didn't seem to be affected. Of the seven businesses contacted, one reported a drop in sales following changes to the street. Most agreed the changes made the street safer for all, especially as people continue to become more familiar with the new design.

The City is working with the Community Planning Workshop of the University of Oregon to collect opinions and data before and after the street restriping. This fall, once school is in session, UO student researchers will conduct additional surveys including transportation data and look at how

people are using the street. The findings of the pilot study will be detailed to City Council in the fall of 2017. For more information on the pilot study call Henry at (541) 682-8472 or send him an email at chris.c.henry@ci.eugene.or.us.

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