



# Picture Your Parks



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## Envisioning the Next 10 Years of Eugene's Parks and Recreation Spaces

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**P**ARKS and REcreate is an 18-month effort to establish a plan that will guide the development of Eugene's parks and recreation facilities through the next decade. The resulting Parks & Recreation System Plan will create an achievable set of actions to guide services for the next decade - outlining priorities, informing policy-making, guiding decision-making and defining a program of investment. And, we can't do it without you!

Step 1: **Picture** the possibilities

Step 2: **Plan** places and spaces

Step 3: **Play** for years to come!

**What will be included in the plan?** Parks, pools, trails, natural areas, community centers, sports fields and more. We all benefit from a strong history of parks and recreation in Eugene. This is our chance to build on that legacy for future generations.

**What challenges do we face?** Our parks and recreation facilities must evolve to address new demands and ongoing challenges:

- Additional facilities are needed to provide equitable services across the city and to keep up with our growing community.
- Aging parks and recreation facilities in need of rehabilitation and upgrades are costly to maintain and do not have the capacity or the flexibility to meet growing and changing recreational needs.
- Operational funding has not kept pace with park acquisitions and development. Additionally, societal problems such as graffiti, vandalism and illegal camping are taxing the system.

**How can I be heard?** There are several ways for you to share your ideas. From online surveys to social media, to spontaneous Pop-Up Parties, you can share your thoughts in informal yet meaningful ways. *Find out more on page 6.*



We want to hear from you!



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## NEW RIVERFRONT PARK

After years of planning, conversation, thinking and imagining, design work is underway in earnest on a new Riverfront Park on the banks of the Willamette River in downtown Eugene. This 3-acre park will be a vital component of a new riverfront neighborhood district slated for the now-empty 20-acre Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) operations site. Eugene's water and electric utility occupied this riverfront site for nearly 100 years, and while EWEB's administrative buildings and functions remain at the river's edge, EWEB operations moved to west Eugene in 2010.

In anticipation of this move, the EWEB Riverfront Master Plan was created over a two-year period as EWEB, the City of Eugene, and planning professionals worked closely with broad community input to develop a bold vision for the redevelopment of the site. This redevelopment presents a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a legacy project transforming this former industrial site on our riverfront into a landmark destination that contributes to community vitality, and strengthens downtown Eugene

and the local economy. The approved master plan vision includes a mix of development types, including housing, office, retail, and restaurants, all within the framework of an extended green infrastructure that connects downtown with the river. The park along the banks of the Willamette forms a critical piece in making this vision a reality.

EWEB has agreed to donate the land for this project to the City of Eugene along with \$500,000 for park maintenance over a 10-year period. In exchange, City of Eugene Parks and Open Space

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has committed to spend at least \$3 million to finalize plans and construct the park by 2018 in coordination with the redevelopment expected adjacent to the park. EWEB and the City of Eugene will continue to collaborate on plans for the park and green space even though the initial development team led by the UO Foundation recently decided to pull out of the project. The City and EWEB will continue to partner on the park development and other supporting work with a new private development team once they are identified.

When flooding was prevalent in our community, the Willamette River was viewed as a threat, and land near the river was often in harm's way. Today, the Riverfront Park is poised to become an important place where people come to see and appreciate the river, its ecology, and habitat; move through the new district on bikes or on foot; eat at restaurants and enjoy the view; gather for community events; and re-engage with the heart of our city in a new way. The park will also be a key catalyst to envisioning broader green connections, not only into our downtown, but across the Willamette to Alton Baker Park and north and south along the banks of the river. ■



### Got Park Photos?

We need more photos of people using Eugene's parks and natural areas. You need a \$100 gift certificate to REI. Share your favorite photos with us on facebook and be entered to win.

facebook.com/EUGparks



#### STAFF QUOTE

When I have out of town guests, I like to take them on a tour of the park projects I've worked on. Seeing these spaces through their eyes, I'm reminded how lucky we are and how easy it is to take our incredible access to nature for granted. I take great pride in doing my part to help make Eugene a great place to live, work and play.

— Carrie Peterson, Resource Development Manager

## The Future of Eugene's Trails

Trails are more popular than ever, and we have seen a notable increase in their use locally. In fact, a recent Oregon Parks and Recreation survey shows walking on streets and sidewalks, and walking on trails and paths as the top two activities for residents statewide. We have spent the past year developing a Trails Plan to help guide and coordinate decisions about the use, development, maintenance and management of our soft-surface trail system.

Soft-surface trails are not paved, but rather have natural surfaces such as bark, gravel and native soil. These include trails in the Ridgeline Trail system, trails in parks such as Hendricks and Skinner Butte, running trails like Pre's Trail and 'water trails,' which are designated routes on rivers or streams that are suitable for non-motorized boating, such as the Willamette

River Water Trail. To develop the plan we conducted an open survey and a random sample survey, held several workshops, and consulted with a number of stakeholder groups, and staff involved in maintaining the existing trail system. Guiding Principles include providing outstanding

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The Eugene Trails Plan identifies and prioritizes a large number of future projects, including those on existing land and those that will require additional land acquisition before implementation, as well as a number of needed compatibility/feasibility studies. Our ability to implement the projects will be highly dependent not only on available funding, but on our ability to work cooperatively with user groups to build and maintain an expanded system. To view the plan and maps visit [eugene-or.gov/trails](http://eugene-or.gov/trails). ■



## The Natural System Value of Parks and Natural Areas

We recently released *Nature's Value – An Economic View of Eugene's Parks, Natural Areas, and Urban Forest*. The study, done by the non-profit Earth Economics, is the first-ever valuation of the economic benefits people receive from our parks, natural areas, trees and waterways. Eugene's natural capital provides a stream of nature's benefits or ecosystem services that include clean air, clean water, reduced flood risk, and recreation. According to *Nature's Value*, the annual value of key ecosystem services in Eugene is on average \$42.4 million.

the amount of pollution flowing into our water. These areas also help protect our community from flood damage by absorbing and intercepting heavy rains. In addition, the study looked at the amount of energy savings and climate protection provided by the cooling effects of Eugene's urban forest, the increase in property value for homes near parks and open spaces, and the value people derive from the diversity of recreation opportunities offered in Eugene. An overview of the study is available at [eugene-or.gov/parks](http://eugene-or.gov/parks). ■

#### STAFF QUOTE

I see the community engage with each other and the conduit is our parks, the gathering place to learn and have fun.

— Carrie Karl, South Region Volunteer Coordinator

Earth Economics found that Eugene's parks and natural areas, including green spaces along waterways, provide natural filtration and reduce

# STAFF GARDENING TIPS

When someone says, “Your yard looks like a park!” it’s a great compliment. Here are some tips to keep your yard looking park-like all summer long from staff members who take pride in making our parks welcoming and beautiful.



“Always apply a nice layer of mulch after weeding. It’s like that saying ‘a stitch in time saves nine.’”  
– Josiah Sheehan



“To be a good gardener, the key is to be a good observer because you can find things before they get to be a huge problem. We have invasive species or insect pests we deal with, and if we are observant and catch the problem early, we save ourselves from harder work. You learn a lot from observation. You learn what works well, and when I learn what works well, I want to repeat the good.”  
– Emily Aune

“Don’t prune rhodies until after they bloom, and then only cut 1/3 of it that year. When pruning a rhody, approach it the way you would a tree — take dead wood first, then diseased, then any crisscrossed branches.”  
– Bruce Cook



“The answer to so many questions is ‘add compost to build soil.’”  
– Ken Wofford



“June is usually the prime bloom month for roses. For ones that repeat bloom all summer, they are ready to be deadheaded when they are just finishing their first large display. If you treat deadheading like a summer pruning, you can really encourage good health in your plants. Cut to outward facing buds at least three-to-five leaves down on the cane to encourage your rose to grow into an open vase shape. This allows for good air circulation inside the plant, discouraging disease. It also discourages canes from growing and crossing internally, which can result in them rubbing and damaging each other. Deadheading your roses regularly through the season will give you blossoms all summer long.”  
– Clay Manders



**STAFF QUOTE**  
I like having the opportunity to perform work that makes our community a better place to live.  
– Scott Altenhoff, Urban Forestry Lead Arborist

## Park Ambassadors Coming to Riverfront

Beginning in early June, the park ambassador pilot program will begin focusing on creating a welcoming user experience in Eugene’s most-visited park area. The over 700-acre riverfront park system features 12 miles of paved path, four miles of running trails, the RiverPlay destination playground, the Cuthbert Amphitheater and much more. Situated right next to the system is the new WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza, which is drawing all ages and offers a variety of outdoor sports.

Park ambassadors will help enrich the experience of park users by providing information around park amenities, recreational activities, history, rentals, rules, park hours and more. In addition, they will help park staff identify

and mitigate hazardous conditions and provide social service information to park patrons as needed. The two ambassadors will work together Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. They will cover the riverfront corridor from Maurie Jacobs Park to the I-5 Willamette Passage Bridge crossing the Willamette River, as well as the WJ Skatepark. The pilot program will run until September 8 and complements the three-year-old Park Watch program in the goal of creating a welcoming and safe park environment for park users. ■



## Connecting Our Rivers to Ridges

Imagine if you could hike through protected natural areas on a seamless network of scenic trails all the way from Fern Ridge to Mt. Pisgah and over to the Thurston Hills in Springfield. Along the way you would walk through prairies filled with wildflowers and under stands of majestic oak, get stunning viewpoints from the top of Spencer Butte and Mt. Pisgah, and view an amazing diversity of wildlife such as bald eagle, osprey, great blue heron, river otter, and beaver along a healthy Willamette River.

This bold vision is steadily becoming reality thanks to the foresight and enduring commitment of the City of Eugene and many partner organizations in the Rivers to Ridges Partnership. Since endorsement of the Rivers to Ridges Vision in 2003, the City and its partners have been steadily advancing the vision through actions in the following three categories:

**Protect.** By acquiring land with high habitat quality for fish and wildlife, the partners are protecting your community’s natural and scenic treasures and clean water resources for now and the future.

**Connect.** By acquiring lands that are connected to other protected lands, the partners are maximizing the benefits for fish and wildlife by protecting sufficient habitat for populations to thrive. In addition, by connecting the habitat, it provides opportunities to connect trail systems for compatible, passive outdoor recreation such as hiking, trail running, nature study, fishing, and, if specifically designated, bicycling.

**Enjoy.** Through the partners’ work to protect and connect natural areas and trail systems, the entire community has the opportunity to enjoy the unique beauty and natural wonders of our region. We have options to paddle or float on the Willamette River, Alton Baker Park canoe canal, and McKenzie River right through the heart of our community and have limitless possibilities for amazing hiking and biking right out our back door. For more information visit [rivers2ridges.org](http://rivers2ridges.org). ■



## ADOPT YOUR PARK

Neighbors, community groups, and local businesses are invited to have some fun together while helping keep their neighborhood park healthy and safe through park adoption. The road to adoption involves working with a City of Eugene volunteer coordinator to plan four volunteer work parties each year over a two-year period. Volunteer coordinators also provide instruction, materials, tools and even snacks. To learn more, contact [eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us) or call 541-682-4845.





**PARKS AND RECREATE**  
PICTURE. PLAN. PLAY!



PHOTO BOOTH



CHATTER BOX



PEDAL POWERED MUSIC

## POP-UP TOUR: COMING THIS SUMMER

Look for the nostalgic trailer during the PARKS and REcreate Pop-Up Tour this summer. The trailer will pop up at 25 locations—in parks, along sidewalks, in grocery store parking lots, at community events and more—from June to September.

FREE activities include:  
Chatter Box Recording Station  
Picture Your Parks Photo Booth  
Parks & Recreation Information  
Public Input Opportunities  
Pedal Powered Music  
Kids' Activities  
Ice Cream



[EUGparksandrec.org](http://EUGparksandrec.org)

### Pop-Up Tour Schedule

#### JUNE

Amazon Pool – Summer Kickoff – June 19, 2 – 5 p.m.  
Bi-Mart, River Road – June 25, 4 – 6 p.m.  
Breakfast at the DeFazio Bridge – June 26, 7 – 9:30 a.m.

#### JULY

Art in the Vineyard – July 3  
Campbell Center – July 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Target on W. 11th – July 10, 4 – 6 p.m.  
Washington Jefferson Park – WJ Urban Plaza Food Cart Festival – July 16, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Washburne Park, Concert in the Park – July 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Bi-Mart, 18th & Chambers – July 23, 4 – 6 p.m.  
Kesey Square – Sunday Streets – July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Awbrey Park – Concert in the Park – July 30, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

#### AUGUST

Whiteaker Block Party – Washington Jefferson Park – Aug 1  
Churchill High School Sports Field – Concert in the Park – Aug 13, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Sheldon Community Center – End of Summer Party – Aug 21  
Cal Young Park – Concert in the Park – Aug 27, 6 – 8 p.m.



ICE CREAM

### Take the Survey and Win!

To say thank you for completing a 15-minute online survey, we'll enter you into a monthly drawing for one free recreation program registration. You will also be entered to win the grand prize: a free customized recreation experience for you and 10 friends, such as rafting, pottery, paddle boarding or a maybe even an outdoor ropes course lesson, tailored to you.

Go to [EUGparksandrec.org](http://EUGparksandrec.org) to take the survey and learn more.

## PARKS AND RECREATION BENEFIT US ALL



**Health and wellness** – Spending time outdoors, staying active and connecting to others promotes physical, mental and community wellness.



**Personal growth** – Recreation is more than fun. Many programs address social ills and provide positive influences, life skills, job skills, mentoring and employment opportunities.



**Economic prosperity** – Eugene is a more desirable place to live and locate businesses in because of its parks and recreation opportunities.



**Building community** – We make social connections when we spend a morning at Saturday Market, an afternoon at a community festival or an evening at the Cuthbert Amphitheater.



**Environmental health** – More than 3,700 acres of natural areas and over 100,000 trees contribute to clean water and air and offer wild places for plants, animals and people to grow.



**Livability, community identity and sense of place** – Our unique landscape, history and culture are preserved and enhanced in our parks.

# 2006 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Bond Measure Update

The City Council adopted the Eugene Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan in May 2006, which laid out direction for future development of the park and recreation system in Eugene. Six months later, in November 2006, Eugene voters passed a \$27.5 million bond measure for Parks and Open Space acquisition and development. Fifty-nine percent of Eugeneans who voted supported the Bond Measure and its slate of projects, which are organized into five categories:

- **Community and Neighborhood Park Acquisition**
- **Golden Gardens Park Expansion and Development**
- **Natural Area Park Acquisition**
- **Synthetic Surface Athletic Field Development**
- **West Eugene Wetland Education Center Development**

Below is a brief summary of the accomplishments to date under each of the five categories.

## Community and Neighborhood Park Acquisition

These projects aim to acquire land to expand existing parks and to create new future park sites.

- Acquired a 17-acre parcel in the Santa Clara neighborhood to be added to approximately 19 acres previously purchased under the bond measure for Santa Clara Community Park on River Loop 1.
- Acquired two lots adjacent to Amazon Park in December 2007.
- Acquired a 1.3-acre future neighborhood park site in west Eugene (west of Chambers and south of 18th), with hopes of adding an adjacent parcel in the future. (Warbling Creek Park)
- Acquired 3.4 acres for a future neighborhood park site in the Cal Young area south of Beltline Road and east of Delta Highway. (Wildwood Park)
- Acquired 4.9 acres for a neighborhood park west of Bailey Hill Rd on the south side of Amazon Creek. (Sam Reynolds Park)
- Acquired eight undeveloped residential lots totaling just under one acre in the south Santa Clara area. (Ruby Park)

## Golden Gardens Park Expansion and Development

In 2007, the City acquired 170 acres of property adjacent to Golden Gardens Ponds. The bond measure also funded needed improvements at the site, including grading the banks of the ponds to improve safety, a new trail system around the ponds, and improvements to plant and wildlife habitat. The City also purchased a 1.5-acre parcel that will improve future access to the park when it is developed.



SOUTH EUGENE MEADOWS



GOLDEN GARDENS PARK

## Natural Area Park Acquisition

Since passage of the 2006 Bond Measure, the City has purchased more than 1,400 acres of ridgeline properties for the Ridgeline Trail system, utilizing bond funds along with significant funds from other sources. These properties provide key linkages and sites for future expansion of the highly popular Ridgeline Trail system along the Ridgeline corridor and also provide substantial natural resource and scenic value. Donations were received from four of the sellers, totaling \$1.4 million.

- Purchased 56.5 acres in the Amazon Headwaters area, providing new trail connections, while protecting portions of Amazon Creek and adjacent plant and wildlife habitat.
- Purchased a 193-acre ridgeline parcel now called South Eugene Meadows. This purchase was supported by more than \$2,000,000 in grants and donations and a state/federal grant provided almost \$200,000 for three years of maintenance.
- Acquired 516 acres next to the Lane Community College campus, which connects to the existing Mount Baldy natural area owned by the City. The new site is now called Suzanne Arlie Park, and it has been identified as a site for future mountain bike trails.
- Purchased seven additional ridgeline parcels totaling about 140 acres, mostly adjacent to Wild Iris Ridge in west Eugene. Next year, a new trail is planned at this site to expand hiking opportunities in the west part of town.
- The City shared costs with School District 4J to replace the artificial turf fields at North Eugene, South Eugene, Sheldon and Churchill high schools.
- The City and School District 4J shared the cost of constructing new all-weather sports fields at Cal Young, Madison, Jefferson, Spencer Butte, and Kelly middle schools.
- The City and School District 52 shared the cost of constructing new synthetic sports fields at Willamette High School and Meadowview School.

## West Eugene Wetland Education Center

The construction of the West Eugene Wetland Education Center is on hold pending future fundraising and partner funding from other agencies and organizations.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We continue to work hard at acquiring land for neighborhood and community parks to fulfill the goals of the 2006 Bond Measure. Now that the economy is recovering, property owners that have been waiting out the recession are finally beginning to put their properties on the market. This is already creating some new acquisition opportunities, and we are currently working on additional park acquisitions in the Santa Clara and Bethel neighborhoods. ■

# SEASONAL TREATS IN OUR PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS



SPRING

- Take a family-friendly walk up the backside of Skinner Butte. Located just across from RiverPlay Playground, this short trail through native plants and trees offers sweeping views of Eugene at the top.
- Sign up and start planting your community garden plot. [eugene-or.gov/communitygardens](http://eugene-or.gov/communitygardens)
- Celebrate Mother's Day in the Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden.
- See the Camas wildflowers in bloom along the Amazon running trail.
- Get familiar with native plants and roast marshmallows at Awbrey Park's wildflower celebration.
- Look for herons' shaggy breeding plumage and Western Pond Turtles at Delta Ponds.



FALL

- Take a mushroom tour with Joe Spirack November 1st. [friendsofhendricksparkeugene.org](http://friendsofhendricksparkeugene.org)
- Bike through fall color on the Ridgeline's new Dillard Connector Trail.
- Explore the Fern Ridge Loop of the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. [oregonbirdingtrails.org](http://oregonbirdingtrails.org).
- Check out Nearby Nature's fall offerings.
- Explore South Eugene Meadow's big oak trees, sweeping views and quiet solitude. Take Blanton Road past the Blanton Ridge Trailhead on the Ridgeline Trail. Continue to follow Blanton Road as it curves right and crests a small hill. There is a small gravel strip with parking pullouts on the left side of the road.



SUMMER

- Rent a canoe, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard in Alton Baker Park through Northwest Canoe Tour on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. [canoetour.org](http://canoetour.org)
- Cool off in the spray play areas at Skinner Butte Park's RiverPlay Discovery Village, Oakmont Park, or Washington Park.
- Take a walk through the roses at Owen Rose Garden.
- Join the Ridgeline Celebration on National Trails Day.
- Play a round of disc golf at Alton Baker or Westmoreland Parks.



WINTER

- Skate under cover of the bridge at WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza.
- Hike Spencer Butte to find the sun on a foggy day.
- Take a run on the Pres, Adidas, or Rexus soft surface trails.
- Volunteer to plant trees with Eugene Park Stewards.
- Welcome the new year with a holiday walk along the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System.

**Fun For All**  
Monday through Friday • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Every Monday through Friday, June 29 - August 21

**Eugene**

A free, drop-in playground program for youth ages 5-18. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible party aged 15+.

**Locations:**

- Petersen Park
- State Street Park
- Trainsong Park
- Churchill Sports Park
- Washington Park
- Monroe Park

[Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

## STAFF QUOTE

We like how effective and efficient we can be when it comes to removing invasive vegetation so natives have a better chance to thrive, and thus birds, insects and fish do too.

– Brennan McCommon, and Josh Shrader, *Park Specialists*



Help make our parks safe by reporting information related to park safety!

Easy mobile reporting at [eugene-or.gov/parkwatch](http://eugene-or.gov/parkwatch)

**where FOOD meets FUN!**

[www.eugene-or.gov/wj skatepark](http://www.eugene-or.gov/wj skatepark)

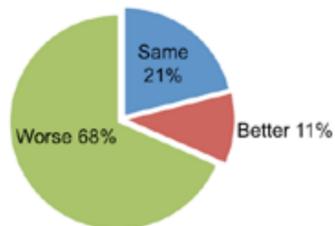
Grab a bite and enjoy the action at WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza this summer!

## State of Eugene's Parks

Over the past 16 years, Eugene has shown tremendous support for expanding its much-loved parks and natural areas through the passing of two bond measures. The positive outcome of these measures can be seen in the form of new neighborhood parks, natural areas, trails, sports fields, and a system that has almost doubled in acreage.

However, in recent years, reductions in the general fund and growing wear and tear on park infrastructure, combined with an increase in illicit activities such as vandalism graffiti, and illegal camping, have led to a mounting

**2009 to 2014 Park Conditions Letter Grade Change**



Every two years, a team of parks and open space staff from diverse work areas come together to rate the conditions at developed parks. In addition to showing parks in need of repairs or renovations, this assessment provides valuable data on the overall health of Eugene's developed parks.

gap between the needs of the park system and our ability to provide the appropriate level of operations and maintenance (O&M) to keep it healthy. The effects are degrading the park system and users are feeling the effects.

In order to help stretch limited resources, we continue to work on several fronts to try to ensure many vital services are kept as whole as possible and that the community continues to find joy in and be proud of their diverse parks and natural areas. These include:

- Postponing park capital projects when possible that develop new infrastructure with high O&M needs and targeting funding toward renovation projects that reduce O&M costs or are O&M neutral.
- Reorganizing our structure and moving from having specialist crews with expertise in areas such as irrigation and turf to having regional generalist crews focused on core services such as servicing restrooms, trash collection, litter patrol and landscape.
- Strengthening our partnerships with individuals and community groups such as the Eugene Rotary and Eugene Parks Foundation who have stepped up to lead efforts for park improvements throughout the system.
- Testing creative resource development models that capitalize on national trends such as food cart vending and large events.
- Redeveloping and strengthening our Eugene Parks Stewards volunteer program in order to involve community members in caring for parks and natural areas. ■



Park Condition Rating



Deferring maintenance within an older park infrastructure will ultimately lead to higher costs to bring the system back to optimum condition.

## TEAM UP FOR FIRE SAFETY

Along the Ridgeline and in West Eugene there are areas at risk of fire due to their proximity to forest land.

While wildfire is a natural part of our ecosystem, dry summer weather combined with human-caused sparks means there is always a risk of wildfire in our community. This spring and summer, the Eugene Springfield Fire Department and Parks and Open Space Division are partnering with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on a major effort to reduce the risk of fire in Ridgeline natural areas and West Eugene. We'll be removing dense vegetation in several locations and continuing ecological burns by trained City and BLM fire staff to improve wildfire buffer zones.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

**READY:** Create a defensible space around your home by clearing away brush and using fire resistant landscaping. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those in your home know the plan.

**SET:** Pack your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest fire information from local media and the Eugene Springfield Fire Department.

**GO:** Follow your fire action plan. Get yourself and your family to safety.

**ON THE TRAIL:** Always use caution when driving near vegetation. Be aware and follow regulations in areas where smoking, use of fireworks and recreational fires are prohibited.

### LEARN MORE

The Eugene Springfield Fire Department will be out in our community offering workshops, fire safety materials, and more to help residents in affected areas put a plan in place. For more information on areas at risk and how to get your home and family ready, visit [eugene-or.gov/teamup4firesafety](http://eugene-or.gov/teamup4firesafety)



## PARK PROJECT ROUND UP

Spencer Butte Trail Project



### Spencer Butte Trail

The summit of Spencer Butte was rapidly deteriorating due to high use, and the rare ecosystem found there was being trampled away. Without a clear trail to the top, hikers often dispersed, and impact to the existing rare and sensitive plant community has been significant. In addition, the confusing trail network resulted in several injuries each year to people who are simply lost. This project entails constructing a defined and stable trail bed with a few short sections of constructed basalt rock steps. The trail will maintain a relatively steep challenging grade with a few widened areas that take advantage of spectacular views. The project is expected to be completed in August 2015.

### Skinner Butte Columns Trail Repair

A trail repair project at Skinner Butte near the columns climbing area was recently completed by Ken Baughman, who has been constructing trails for 30 years, including parts of the Pacific Crest Trail and trails in the Sequoia National Forest and Yosemite National Park. The focus of this project was to widen, restore and improve the safety of two short trail sections: an existing trail to the top of the Butte on the west side and an existing trail to the top of the columns, a popular rock-climbing destination.

### Charnel Mulligan

This sweet little park will be getting a new plaza area and looped path, landscape and lawn renovations, and a new enlarged playground. Thanks to many neighbors whose donations have also funded a brand new sand and water play area! This work will improve visibility, safety and play value for all ages. For more information visit [eugene-or.gov/charnelmulligan](http://eugene-or.gov/charnelmulligan).



Charnel Mulligan Park will be enhanced with a sand and water play feature like this one at Friendly Park.

### Amazon Park Playground Renovations

Renovations are coming to Amazon Park Playground! Late this summer you'll see construction equipment and workers move in to the site to remove old and well-used play equipment and the decommissioned wading pool. In their place will arrive new playground structures, improved play area drainage and surfacing, new lawns, walks, trees and park furniture. Happily, our friend the dinosaur will remain to continue marking years of fun at this wonderful playground.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JUNE

**Friday, June 26, 7 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast at the Bike Bridges**  
 Path users and commuters can grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee and learn more about transportation in Eugene. Free bicycle safety checks and tune-ups provided by Blue Heron Bicycles.

**Sunday, June 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – Concerts in the Park: New Horizons Band** – Enjoy our beautiful parks and talented local musicians! Sponsored by Pacific Winds Washburne Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)



Abbey Road Live!

**Thursday, July 16, 5 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Touch-a-Truck** – The big trucks are coming back to the Barn! Climb into a fire engine, cement truck, backhoe, dump truck, LTD bus, 18-wheeler and more! A free family event sure to please all; food available for purchase. Drop-in; no registration needed. Petersen Barn Community Center

**Thursday, July 16, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun! Concerts in the Park: Abby Road LIVE! & WJ Urban Plaza Food Cart Festival** – Don't miss this premier Beatles cover band, plus food from some of the best food carts in town, face painting, Adaptive Art with the Oregon Supported Living Program and more!  
 WJ Skatepark Urban Plaza  
[Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. – noon**  
**Teddy Bear Picnic** – Join Eugene Public Library in the park for live music and more.  
 Campbell Senior Center lawn

**Sunday, July 19, 5 – 8 p.m.**  
**Skate Competition** – Join us to compete for prizes or just watch the action for free. All ages, all abilities may compete (helmets required when skating)! Register at 4 p.m., \$5/person, and parent must register competitors aged 18 and under. All proceeds will go to fund skateboard programs. Sponsored by Tactics Board Shop  
 Cal Young Skate Park

**Sunday, July 19, 3 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – DJ Dance Party in the Park**  
 Local DJ's will be spinning beats and jams for the whole family!  
 University Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Saturday, July 25, 5 – 9p.m.**  
**Obon and Taiko Festival**  
 This joyous evening festival features traditional Japanese dancing, taiko drumming, crafts, and food.  
 Alton Baker Park  
[eugenelife.com/jaalanecounty](http://eugenelife.com/jaalanecounty)

**Sun., July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Eugene Sunday Streets Downtown**  
 Eugene Sunday Streets events promote healthy, active living by opening the city's largest public space—its streets—for people to walk, bike and roll to discover active transportation in a safe, car-free environment.  
 Monroe Park  
[eugenesundaystreets.org](http://eugenesundaystreets.org)

**Thursday, July 30, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – Pedal Power Concerts in the Park: Eleven Eyes** – Come ready to help power the fun by riding one of the Pedal Power bikes! Eleven Eyes is one of Eugene's most colorful music institutions.  
 Awbrey Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Friday, July 31, 7 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast at the Bike Bridges**  
 Path users and commuters can grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee and learn more about transportation in Eugene. Free bicycle safety checks and tune-ups provided by Bicycle Way of Life.  
 Greenway Bridge - Maurie Jacobs Park, across from Valley River Center

**Friday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Campbell Lawn Games Free Day**  
 As part of National Parks and Recreation Month, cross-country bocce, putting course, corn toss and croquet lawn games are free all day.  
 Campbell Community Center

## AUG

**Saturdays & Sundays only, August 1 – 23, 6 p.m.**  
**Free Shakespeare in the Park presents As You Like It**  
 Bring a picnic, blanket, family, and friends, and join us for an evening of outdoor fun.  
 South lawn at Amazon Park  
 541-682-5373

**Sunday, August 2, 3 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – DJ in the Park**  
 Local DJs will be spinning beats and jams for the whole family!  
 University Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Thursday, August 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – Pedal Power Concerts in the Park: High Step Society**  
 High Step Society is a brand new, all-live electro swing band. What would make a free concert in the park even better? Having the A/V powered by people on bicycles!  
 Churchill Sports Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m. – noon**  
**Breathe Deep Eugene 5k Walk & Fun Run** – The event will take place rain or shine! A 5k walk and fun run to end lung cancer.  
 Alton Baker Park  
[adumelle@lungevity.org](mailto:adumelle@lungevity.org)

Sunday Streets



**Saturday & Sunday, August 15 - 16**  
**City of Eugene Golf Championship**  
 In honor of Al Mundle. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age, and have amateur status with a legitimate USGA handicap.  
 Laurelwood Golf Course  
 541-484-4653 • [golflaurelwood.com](http://golflaurelwood.com)

**Saturday & Sunday, August 15 – 16, 4 – 9 p.m.**  
**The Roving Park Players present The Secret Garden**  
 Enter the beautiful secret garden with Mary, Dickon and Colin, and let the wonder of life-giving nature fill your soul with happiness, in Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden*.  
 Maurie Jacobs Park  
 541-914-2374 • [rovingparkplayers.org](http://rovingparkplayers.org)

**Sunday, August 16, 3 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – DJ Dance Party in the Park**  
 Local DJs will be spinning beats and jams for the whole family!  
 Cal Young Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

**Friday – Sunday, August 21 – 23**  
**Festival of Eugene 2015**  
 Enjoy a free weekend filled with dancing, performing, live music, food, and fun! Express your own creativity and flair, celebrate our local Eugene community and small businesses.  
 Skinner Butte Park  
[festivalofeugene.com](http://festivalofeugene.com)

**Friday, August 28, 7 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast at the Bike Bridges**  
 Path users and commuters can grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee and learn more about transportation in Eugene. Free bicycle safety checks and tune-ups provided by Arriving by Bike.  
 24th Ave & Amazon Path, near Amazon Softball Fields

**Sunday, August 30, 3 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**EUGfun – DJ Dance Party in the Park**  
 Local DJs will be spinning beats and jams for the whole family!  
 Cal Young Park • [Eugfun.org](http://Eugfun.org)

## SEPT

**Sat., September 12, 9 a.m. – noon**  
**Soroptimist Walk to Live**  
 The Soroptimist Walk to Live is an annual fund-raising event held by the Soroptimist Clubs of Eugene, Emerald Empire and Junction City. This event raises money for the Soroptimist Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Assistance Fund which provides emergency cash grants to Lane County women who are having financial hardship while undergoing cancer treatment.  
 Alton Baker Park  
[soroptimisteugene.org/projects/walk-to-live/](http://soroptimisteugene.org/projects/walk-to-live/)

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Eugene Sunday Streets** – Eugene Sunday Streets events promote healthy, active living by opening the city's largest public space—its streets—for people to walk, bike and roll to discover active transportation in a safe, car-free environment.  
 Friendly Park • [eugenesundaystreets.org](http://eugenesundaystreets.org)



Movies in the Park



**Friday, September 25, 7 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast at the Bike Bridges**  
 Path users and commuters can grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee and learn more about transportation in Eugene. Free bicycle safety checks and tune-ups provided by Klink Cycles.  
 Delta Ponds Bridge - just north of the river path intersection to Delta Ponds Bridge

**Sat., September 26, Save The Date! National Public Lands Day**  
 National Public Lands Day offers volunteers an opportunity to improve access to and the habitat value of our public lands.  
 Loma.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us

**Sunday, September 27, 2 p.m.**  
**Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis**  
 Take Steps walks offer a wonderful day for family, friends and the community to celebrate all the efforts put forth in raising funds, and walk events are filled with live music, food, kids' entertainment, and educational materials.  
 Alton Baker Park  
[ccfa.org/chapters/northwest/events/take-steps-eugene](http://ccfa.org/chapters/northwest/events/take-steps-eugene)

## OCT

**Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Great Willamette Clean Up**  
 River enthusiasts in communities from Eugene to Portland take part in the Great Willamette Clean Up, a free family-friendly public event, uniting cleanup efforts across 187 river miles.  
 Alton Baker Park  
[willamette-riverkeeper.org](http://willamette-riverkeeper.org)

**Sunday, October 4, 1 – 3 p.m.**  
**CROP Hunger Walk** – The CROP Walk is an annual event that raises money for local and international hunger relief.  
 Alton Baker Park • [cropwalk.org](http://cropwalk.org)

**Saturday, October 24, 5:30 – 9 .m.**  
**Haunted Hike** – Celebrate night creatures! Enjoy a pumpkin-lit hike in Alton Baker Park and meet an entertaining costumed owl, bat, frog, spider, and more. Enjoy crafts, snacks, games, and a raffle as well. Rain or moonshine; members free, non-members \$5/person. Pre-registration REQUIRED: 541-687-9699.  
 Alton Baker Park • [nearbynature.org](http://nearbynature.org)

**Friday, October 30, 7 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast at the Bike Bridges**  
 Path users and commuters can grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee and learn more about transportation in Eugene. Free bicycle safety checks and tune-ups provided by UO Bike Program.  
 Frohnmayer Bike Bridge, formerly known as Autzen Footbridge – south side of river



Eugene Police will register bicycles at all Breakfast at the Bike Bridges events this summer! If you can't make it, register your bikes online for free at [eugene-or.gov/bikeregistration](http://eugene-or.gov/bikeregistration).



## EUGfun! MOVIES IN THE PARK

Family-friendly and free! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnics. • [www.Eugfun.org](http://www.Eugfun.org)

**Friday, July 10, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**D2: The Mighty Ducks (PG)** • Petersen Barn Park

**Saturday, July 11, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Maleficent (PG)** • State Street Park

**Friday, July 17, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Up (PG)** • Awbrey Park

**Saturday, July 18, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Matilda (PG)** • Churchill Sports Park

**Friday, July 24, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Stand and Deliver (PG)** • Trainsong Park

**Saturday, July 25, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Daft Punk's Electroma (NR)** • Monroe Park

**Friday, July 31, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Labyrinth (PG)** • Willakenzie Park

**Saturday, August 1, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**The Rescuers Down Under (PG)** • University Park

**Friday, August 7, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Angels in the Outfield (PG)** • Washington Park

**Saturday, August 8, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Remember the Titans (PG)** • Sladden Park

**Friday, August 14, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Finding Nemo (G)** • Monroe Park

**Saturday, August 15, 9 – 11 p.m.**  
**Finding Nemo in Spanish (G)** • Petersen Barn Park