

City of Eugene

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InMotion is a monthly e-newsletter produced to help communicate with Eugene's biking and walking enthusiasts. Each month you will find information about upcoming local events and advocacy opportunities that pertain to all forms of active transportation. Please feel free to forward this great community resource to anyone you think might enjoy it.

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*May is national bike month! To recognize the role that bicycles and bicycle infrastructure play in creating a balanced transportation system and a livable community, the City of Eugene's Transportation Planning Team is holding a contest with 4 opportunities to win great gift cards for local eateries and cafés. To participate, all you have to do is post a photo taken on your bike commute to or from school or work to our Facebook page – it's that easy! Each Friday during the month of May, our three-judge panel will select a winning photo. Post your photos **HERE**.*

For more info on national bike month, go to <http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bikemonth/>

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All City sponsored meetings and workshops listed are open to the public and wheelchair accessible. For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, an interpreter or FM assistive listening system can be provided with 48 hours notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for these services for any of the City workshops listed above, please contact City staff at (541) 682-5291.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers Needed for Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

Bicyclists and Pedestrians: As you know, our community is making a great effort to make Eugene a more walkable and bikeable city. We need your help to count bicyclists and pedestrians along our paths and streets. Your help is critical in measuring existing use and evaluating the progress made over past years. Counting bicyclists and pedestrians is a great way to help out with the city's overall effort to make Eugene a great city for walking and biking with a small time commitment -- and you even get to be outside! Volunteers from previous years said it was fun, educational and passing walkers, runners and bicyclists were very excited that counts were happening.

We are looking for people to do weekday and Saturday counts on a sunny day in May. Weekday AM counts are from 7 - 9 AM and PM counts from 4 - 6 PM. Saturday counts are from 12 - 2 PM.

If you are interested in doing a bicycle/pedestrian count (or even two), please contact Lee Shoemaker at 682-5471 or at lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us for more details. If you haven't previously volunteered to count pedestrians and bicyclists, there will be a short 15-30 minute to go over the count forms and general instructions.

Training times will be held in our office at 99 W. Broadway on the 4th Floor Garden Room of the Wells Fargo Building at Broadway and Oak.

- Thursday, May 6 @ 12 pm
- Friday, May 7 @ 12 pm

****Lee will also make time to meet with individuals at other times.****

Bike Parking in Eugene – Bike Corrals Coming Soon

How can we improve the pedestrian environment, increase parking capacity in front of local businesses and improve visibility – all at a relatively low cost? One way to accomplish these

often competing goals is to install a new type of bike parking facility called a bike corral. These on-street bike parking facilities help improve the pedestrian environment by opening up space that may have been used previously for bike racks installed in the sidewalk. And, they increase parking capacity by fitting up to 14 bikes in the space that was occupied by a single automobile. For some businesses, that's a huge increase in customer parking!

The City of Eugene's Transportation Planning Team is currently working with partners from City Parking Services, Permitting and Traffic Operations to develop a program to manage the installation and maintenance of bike corrals in Eugene. Modeled after other successful examples, Eugene's bike corral program will rely on a collaborative partnership between interested private businesses and the City of Eugene. Businesses interested in adding additional bike parking should contact Associate Transportation Planner, David Roth at (541) 682-5727 for more information.

Eugene Earns Top Five Ranking in List of Most Bike-Friendly Cities in America

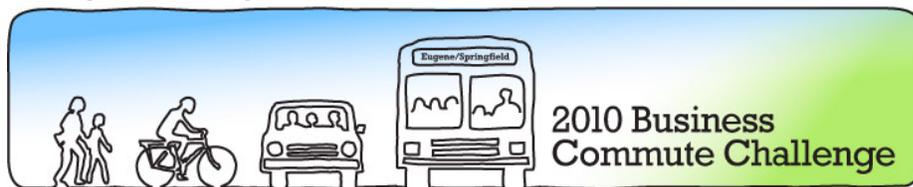
Ample bike parking, lit bike paths, and the Smart Ways to School program are just three of the reasons Eugene has been named the No. 5 most bike-friendly city in America by *Bicycling* magazine. The world's largest bicycling magazine today announced its ranking of the 50 most bike-friendly cities in the U.S. The top five, in order, are Minneapolis, Minnesota; Portland, Oregon; Boulder, Colorado; Seattle, Washington; and Eugene.

According to the magazine, the rankings pay homage to cities that have shown real innovation, as well as local government support and a vibrant bike culture. "This year's list is evidence that a much-needed, far-reaching pro-bike movement is in full swing, all across the country," said Loren Mooney, Editor-in-Chief of *Bicycling*.

To compile the list, *Bicycling* editors considered cities with populations of 100,000 or more. They used factors such as cycling-friendly statistics (numbers of bike lanes and routes, bike racks, city projects completed and planned), changes in these statistics and a city's future plans since the last survey. They also took into account the bike culture (number of bike commuters, cycling clubs, cycling events, renowned bike shops). Editors also referenced the *Bicycling and Walking in the United States 2010 Benchmarking Report* prepared by the Alliance for Biking and Walking, the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly America project, and interviews with national and local advocates, bike shops, and other experts.

Eugene has 153 miles of paths, bike lanes and bike routes and a well-developed City bicycle education program, including the Eye-to-Eye traffic safety campaign and a well-organized Safe Routes to Schools program. In 2009, those factors helped Eugene earn a gold-level bike designation by the League of American Bicyclists. For the complete top 50 list or for more on *Bicycling's* Best Bike Cities, visit www.bicycling.com or pick up the May issue of *Bicycling*, on newsstands April 6. For a slideshow of each of the top 50 cities, plus information on the best small and best foreign cities for biking, go to www.bicycling.com/topbikefriendlycities.

FEATURED NEWS



Get Ready - Get Set - Get Commuting!

The 2010 Business Commute Challenge (BCC) is right around the corner- May 15th – 21st!
It's Free – It's Fun – It's great for our community!

What is it? The Business Commute Challenge is an annual week-long, friendly competition between area businesses. The BCC encourages Eugene/Springfield commuters to try a commute mode other than driving alone to work; such as walking, biking, riding the bus, carpooling, vanpooling, or teleworking. It's an opportunity to promote new ways to get to work that are healthier, better for the air, and help ease traffic congestion - not to mention you can win PRIZES!

Last year, 1,173 people, representing 85 businesses, took the Commute Challenge! We reduced 45,976 drive-alone miles and we want to DOUBLE that total this year!

One keen BCC competitor stated that, "The Business Commute Challenge has been a key part of raising awareness at [9Wood](#), Inc. for different methods of getting to work. After participating in the BCC for two years, we recently polled employees for the *100 Best Companies to work for in Oregon* survey. Our employees gave us a perfect score for the category, 'Company's support for commuting by bicycle, walking' and a top score for the category, 'Company's support for public transit, carpooling, telecommuting.' Thanks, BCC! - Vjera Thompson, Business Management."

Sound like fun? Learn more by visiting www.commutechallenge.org. Registration will be open in early April.

The 2010 Business Commute Challenge is an event coordinated by *point2point Solutions, City of Eugene and City of Springfield*. For more information: Call Marcia Maffei, *point2point Solutions*, at 541-682-6206

May is Walk + Bike Challenge Month!

Adults aren't the only ones getting in on the "[Commute Challenge](#)". Twelve local area schools and more than 100 from throughout Oregon are competing against one another in the [Walk + Bike Challenge Month](#) throughout May. This statewide event is a friendly competition that encourages students to walk and bike to school for the whole month of May. In 2009, 60 schools and over 4,000 individuals participated in the event. For the first time this year Eugene schools are competing and the competition has also opened to high schools and universities. Older students have access to the online trip-tracking system used for the BTA's Bike Commute Challenge, which allows them to compare mileage and challenge their friends.

School coordinators at elementary and middle schools help students track their trips on the Challenge poster or scorecard and the the school with the highest percentage of walking and biking in the Eugene/Springfield area will win \$500 for their schools P.E. program or active transportation projects.

Check out WalknBike.org to find out if your school is registered!

Valet Bicycle Parking – Volunteers Needed for Summer 2010

Valet Bicycle Parking (VBP) for summer 2010 is underway and seeking volunteers. VBP, a project of the Center for Appropriate Transport, sets up at Eugene/Springfield area events to provide secure parking for large numbers of bicycle commuters. Throughout the summer we will provide service to Cuthbert events, Art and the Vineyard, the Eugene Celebration and much more. In 2009, we parked over 10,000 bikes! VBP volunteers get the chance to meet fellow riders and create a bike-friendly community.

Most events provide free admission to our volunteers. Our next event is the three day US Track and Field Championships at the UofO, June 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Please call 541 344-1197 or email bikevalet@catoregon.org for information on volunteering or scheduling VBP for an event.

Tire & Tube recycling UPDATE from Jeff Willensky

Three shops are currently recycling their used tires & tubes:

- WheelWorks
- Blue Heron
- Arriving by Bike

It costs the shop between \$.50 and \$1.00 to recycle the tire. The shops are also accepting tires & tubes from non-customers, for a recycling fee.

Another development is that a local tire company, The Tire Factory, Eugene is taking bundled tires & tubes, for a fee, and putting them on their trailer to Portland to get recycled (RB Recycling). This is an important component, as it reduces the cost of transporting the tires & tubes I covered in my previous trips to Portland. I am very pleased to have found a partner in this program! For more information contact Jeff Willensky at jwillensky@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed for BTA Bike Education in the Schools – May & June

My name is Clare Gordon and I am the new Bicycle Transportation Alliance Bike Safety Educator for the Eugene/Springfield area. I am super excited to get things started and get involved with the bike community here in Eugene. For those of you who are not familiar with the program, I will be teaching the BTA's Bike Safety curriculum to 5th-8th grader classes here in Eugene. At the end of each two week class, we will be going on community rides with the students to practice all the things we cover in the class! These rides are where the community can really get involved. We will need volunteers for the rides as we will have 25-35 students on each community ride. The volunteers are a critical piece of making the rides fun, safe, and successful! We can also use volunteers during our intersection practice days, to help students with stops and right and left turns. On average, I hope to have 2-5 volunteers for each community ride and 1-2 volunteers for each of the intersection days.

Our upcoming volunteer opportunities are:

Monroe Middle School:

- May 19th for an intersection day
- May 20th for an intersection day
- May 21st for a community ride

Hamilin Middle School:

- June 1st for an intersection day
- June 2nd for an intersection day
- June 3rd for an intersection day/ short community ride
- June 4th for a community ride

I hope to meet many of you soon. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering please send me an [email](#) and we will connect soon!

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

[EWEB Riverfront Master Plan: Open House Celebration - May 12](#)

5 to 7 p.m. at EWEB, 500 East 4th Avenue

Enjoy refreshments, listen to marimba music by Zambuko, participate in a site tour, and discuss the design with Rowell Brokaw Architects. Tours will run at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. and include a peek inside the historic Steam Plant. Register by emailing eweb@rowellbrokaw.com.

How has the Master Plan changed since the March 3 public event?

Click this link for an update on building heights, LEED construction, river access, site ecology, and cultural history: [Plan Update](#). To view the plan presented on March 3, [click here](#). For more information on the project, visit eugeneriverfront.com.

Open House: Eugene's Draft Community Climate and Energy Action Plan – May 17

Over 500 community members and over 70 topic experts worked with City staff to develop recommendations for how Eugene can prepare for climate change and volatile oil prices. Get a look at the Draft Climate and Energy Action Plan during an open house held in the Bascom/Tykeson room of the Eugene downtown library on May 17 from 4pm to 7pm. Drop in any time during the open house to get a firsthand look at what will be included and provide comments. A short presentation on the plan will be given at 4:15, and repeated at 5:15 and 6:15pm, and staff will be available to answer questions. For more information contact City of Eugene Climate and Energy Action Coordinator Matt McRae at (541) 682-5864 or matt.a.mcrae@ci.eugene.or.us

West Eugene EmX Open House – June 3

Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 4 - 6 p.m.
Eugene Public Library, Singer Room (second floor)

As part of the West Eugene EmX Extension Design Options (“WEEEDO”) project, the City of Eugene and Lane Transit District are hosting an open house to present potential site specific conceptual designs for several areas along the proposed West Eugene EmX Extension routes. The public is invited to hear the details of the project and provide input on the designs.

The WEEEDO project explores possible site-specific design enhancements that can be incorporated into the West Eugene EmX project, such as pedestrian and bicycle crossings, and streetscape enhancements. These enhancements were suggested through public input on the project. The WEEEDO study area does not include the entire West Eugene area; it is limited to the area between the Eugene LTD Station on the east and Garfield Street on the west. The WEEEDO project does not modify the routing options.

For further information on the WEEEDO project, please contact Kurt Yeiter, Transportation Planner, City of Eugene, at 541-682-8379, or by email at kurt.m.yeiter@ci.eugene.or.us.

LCHAY RiverBend Run Needs Your Help!

Do you enjoy event planning and promotion? We're looking for a committed volunteer or intern to help with the October 16, 2010 LCHAY RiverBend Run/Walk; a family-friendly 5k race with an emphasis on fun, personal best fitness and community participation. Get more information about this exciting opportunity [here](#).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Paving in the City

Paving projects around town will start as early as May and continue through the summer. Currently, there are 24 signs that identify local gas tax and street bond-funded rehabilitation or reconstruction projects. The idea to place signs far in advance of the work came from the

citizen Street Repair Review Panel. This is one way for people to take a closer look at the streets that are getting fixed before they're under construction.

Paving signage will also serve as a reminder to area residents that they may want to consider alternate routes once roadwork begins. Paving details in Eugene are available on the city's website at www.eugene-or.gov/pw or for those who use twitter at www.Twitter.com/EugenePW . For more information about pavement preservation projects, contact Public Works Civil Engineer II Matt Rodrigues at 541-682-6036.

I-5 Willamette River Bridge Construction Update

Weekly construction update - Activities for the week of May 3, 2010

- I-5 northbound off-ramp to Franklin Boulevard closed through July 1.
- Canoe Canal Path under I-5 is re-opened for east/west path users.
- North Bank Path under I-5 is closed to east/west path users.
- Erection of the falsework for the bridge arches continues this week on the north bank of the Willamette River.
- The outline of the arches should start to be seen in the next few weeks.
- Watch for flaggers and expect delays on the South Bank and North Bank Paths.
- Watch for increased construction traffic in and around the park as materials are delivered and construction occurs at various bridge locations.
- North Walnut Road located west of I-5 is closed to the public for the duration of the project so that crews can use it as an access road. Walnut Road in Eastgate Woodlands in the Whilamut Natural Area is closed at the junction with the North Bank Path on the east side of I-5.
- Bicyclists are subject to the same rules as other motorists; this includes doubling of fines in construction zones for not obeying flaggers or riding on a closed road or path. Closures and delays are necessary for the protection and safety of people using the paths, as well as construction workers.
- The fenced area near the bridge in Alton Baker Park is a staging area for contractors.
- Roadside work crews and construction vehicles will enter and exit the travel lanes at the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Jenkins Drive.

To see ongoing construction activity updated every 30 minutes, check the project's [Web cam 1 and Web cam 2](#). To hear weekly project update information and/or leave a question or comment, call project phone at (541) 868-1070.

Fern Ridge Path Rehabilitation – Summer 2010

The Fern Ridge Path Project will rehabilitate/reconstruct major portions of the Fern Ridge Path between Chambers and Van Buren St. (W-E) and between 16th and 18th avenues (N-S). There will also be construction on the path connecting 22nd Ave. to the Arts and Technology Academy. The City plans to conduct this project in July and August of 2010, while the 4J schools are on summer break. During construction, major sections of the path will be closed (there are convenient detours available). The project is currently in the design phase and therefore construction phasing and scheduling have not been determined. It will be our intent to keep path closures as short as possible, but construction will significantly impact path uses this coming summer. Visit the project website for more information: www.eugene-or.gov/pwprojects > click on Fern Ridge Path Project.

AREA EVENTS

[Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness - Every Wednesday](#)

Try *Bike Riding for Fun & Fitness*. Senior bike riders depart from Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., for in-town rides every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-noon beginning Jan. 13. It's free. Helmets are required; weekly attendance is not. The Rides vary in length and time depending on ability.

For more information, call 541-682-5318.

Learn How to Ride and Get the Many Benefits of a Glidecycle™

The City of Eugene Adaptive Recreation program is offering Glidecycle™ training. A Glidecycles provide enhanced mobility for everyone with virtually zero impact. This makes the Glidecycle excellent for people who are permanently disabled or recovering from an injury who want have the sensation of walking or running. Training is by appointment. Cost is \$30. For more information or to make an appointment, call 541-682-5311.

City of Eugene Recreation Services Program offers 3 FREE Walking Opportunities this Spring
Walk with Us to better health walks from Petersen Barn Community Center (meet in the lobby), 870 Berntzen Rd., on Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Walk'n'Talkers is a self-led group that walks 3-5 miles at a quick pace every Friday from Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The route varies and may have hills or rough pavement.

Walk a Bit to help you get out and get in shape. These new walks are at a moderate pace for one hour. The routes are 2 -3 miles, generally flat on sidewalks or bike paths. The walks leave from Campbell Community Center, 155 High St., every Monday at 9:00 a.m., beginning April 5. Please check with your doctor if you have not been exercising.

Campbell Center walk information: 541-682-5318, Peterson Barn walk information: 541-682-5521.

Go Take A Hike!

Let the experienced leaders of the City of Eugene Outdoor Program show you the way in a day spent hiking a regional trail. Hikes include the beach, Brice Creek, Finley Wildlife Refuge, Tamolich Pool, and Kentucky Falls. These hikes, for adults, will get you up close and personal with the natural world. Transportation Provided from Campbell Community Center. For more information, fees, or to register, go to www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll or call 541-682-5813.

Trains and Tales at the Library – May 6

On Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m., author James McCommons will give a talk based on his book "Waiting on a Train." Subtitled "The Embattled Future of Passenger Rail Service – A Year Spent Riding Across America," the book is a fascinating blend of travel narrative, personal memoir, and investigative journalism.

Walk and Talk – and Maybe See – Skinner Butte's Eagles – May 7

City of Eugene Recreation Services invites everyone to learn about the pair of bald eagles that nest on Skinner's Butte. First, you'll watch a DVD presentation of the 2007 eagles' nesting season at Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. Then, the group will walk to Lamb Cottage in Skinner's Butte Park to see the nest and hopefully spot the eagles and their young. The next walk is on May 7, 1:30-4 p.m. The cost is \$13 and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 541-682-5318 or browse www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll.

University of Oregon Showcases Local Music Acts Powered By Bike – May 7 & 8

Join the EMU Outdoor Program Saturday May 8th, 10am - 4pm in the EMU Amphitheater for the debut of Oregon's first bicycle-powered stage! Bike Music Fest will feature pedal-powered musical and entertainment acts, a free repair station, tabling by local organizations, and a live-on-bike musical performance & bicycle ride. Bike Music Fest is a celebration of music, bicycles and alternative energy generation. Bike Music Fest is the main stage of the Willamette Valley Music Fest, the 40-year long running event.

As a precursor to BMF, there will be a Pedal Power Workshop with Paul Freedman of Rock the Bike Friday, May 7th at 7pm in Agate Hall to educate the community about how the system works.

Mayor Piercy and Representative Nathanson to Speak at National Train Day – May 8

Mayor Kitty Piercy and Oregon State Representative Nancy Nathanson will speak at the Eugene Amtrak Station in celebration of National Train Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature model trains from the Willamette Cascade Model Railroad Club, exhibits, information, and railroad author and photographer Jesse Burkhardt who will be on site signing copies of his books. Don't miss out on the celebration of the third annual National Train Day.

Confident Cycling for Families – May 15

Traffic Skills for Parents and Kids: Bike Education Classes

May 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (ATA/Family School-1650 West 22nd Avenue)

Class attendees will not only learn about basic traffic skills but also learn how to perform a bicycle safety check, how to properly fit a helmet, how to size a bicycle for a child, and how to properly carry things on a bicycle. Information will also be provided about gear and clothing, proper lighting, use of lights, and locking a bike. The majority of the course will be conducted indoors but the last portion will be held in the parking lot where drills and a final ride on neighborhood streets will be conducted.

This class is geared towards children ages 5 – 13 and their parents. It is free and open to all families but registration is required: <http://eugenesrts.org/events/streetskillsforfamilies>

Kidical Mass – May 15

Join us on this family fun ride held every third Saturday of the month at 3pm. The next Kidical Mass ride will meet May 15th at Emerald Park (off River Rd. and Horn Ln.) at our usual time (3rd Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.).

We'll have a fun, safe, legal, and celebratory ride to another park and we always end with some special treat. It's a great time to get together with other families, kids, and kids-at-heart to enjoy a good ride around Eugene. See the [Kidical Mass](#) website for some FAQs.

Ride of Silence – May 16

When: Sun, May 16, 6:45pm – 8:00pm

Where: Erb memorial union, UO ([map](#))

Description: Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves. In 2003, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The Ride of Silence is a free ride that asks its cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees. The ride, which is held during National Bike Month, aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The ride is also a chance to show respect for those who have been killed or injured.

I love a parade! – May 21

Have some fun on May 21: dress in costume for the “Random Act of Funness” Neighborhood Parade at Petersen Barn community Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. It’s free! For more information, call 541-682-5521.

FREE Coffee on Bike to Work Day! - May 21

May is National Bike Month, and Friday May 21st is Bike to Work Day. Grab a free cup of Joe at either of two participating coffee shops close to bike paths: Eugene Coffee Company at 18th and Chambers or Gary's Coffee at 525 High. With support from BikeLane and GreenLane, each will have hot cups of coffee all day for anyone with a bike, helmet and reusable container. For more information go to www.bikelanecoalition.org <<http://www.bikelanecoalition.org/>>. If you would like to help sponsor the event, call Jim at 541-543-5986 or email: jim@bikelanecoalition.org.

Willamette Valley Vineyards Bike Ride Event & Hill Climb Challenge - May 23

Enjoy a scenic 50 mile, 25 mile, or 10 mile bike ride through the beautiful central Willamette Valley on Sunday, May 23, 2010. Ride times start at 8:00 a.m. (50 mile), 9:00 a.m. (25 mile) and 10:00 a.m. (10 mile) at Cloverdale Elementary School located at 9666 Parrish Gap SE Turner, OR. Finish the day at the winery enjoying Willamette Valley Vineyards' delicious and sustainable wines accompanied with an incredible fajita buffet (vegetarian options available).

Registration is \$30 and includes ride, souvenir t-shirt, wine tasting, Riedel wine glass, lunch, coupons and discounts, support vehicle and staff, prizes and bragging rights. An extra prize will be awarded to riders who ride their bike up our infamous hill for the Hill Climb Challenge. Guests are welcome for wine tasting lunch at an additional charge that can be purchased online or at the door the day of the event. Space is limited to first 200 registrants. Please register online at www.wvv.com. _Event Sponsors: Travel Salem and Bike Peddler

Walkin' and Rollin' through the West Eugene Wetlands - May 29th

10am-2pm

Celebrate American Wetlands Month and explore the West Eugene Wetlands by biking or walking the Fern Ridge Bike Path between Bailey Hill and Greenhill Rd. Along the way, local experts and organizations will have educational displays highlighting the many wonders of the wetlands. Learn about wetland plants, animals, recreational opportunities, and restoration projects. Participants also receive a Wetland Passport they can have stamped at each booth for a chance to win prizes in a drawing. For more information, visit www.wewetlands.org, or email info@wewetlands.org.

The Fold Bike Club Ride – May 30

The Fold Folding Bike Club rides again Sunday, May 30th at 11 AM. Bring your folding bike or show up to learn about folding bikes at Gary's Coffee, 525 High Street. We'll visit over coffee with pastries provided by BikeLane, and then go for a short ride. For more information call Jim at 541-543-5986. Or go to the link at: http://www.bikelanecoalition.org/html/the_fold.html

Bike Mechanics Classes at Center for Appropriate Transport - May

Bike Maintenance and Repair Classes are offered to the public through Eugene Bicycle Works at the Center for Appropriate Transport. The classes offer instruction in basic maintenance and preventative care, tools and components, advanced maintenance and repair and the knowledge to repeat the process.

Class costs are \$45 for three sessions and includes a 10% discount on parts purchased during class and a Eugene Bicycle Works/CAT membership. Classes will meet in May on Saturdays, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 9AM to noon. Participants must register, either in person or by phone, and pay class fees in advance. For more information or registration, please call Justin at Eugene Bicycle Works, (541) 683-3397, Tuesday-Saturday 12-6PM.

2010 Oregon Bike Summit – June 4, Portland

Join Cycle Oregon in June for a streamlined, one-day gathering that will keep you up to date and fully involved in Oregon's cycling world. [Registration](#) is available now for the fifth annual Oregon Bike Summit, at only \$50 per person.

Learn all you need to know on topics including national and state legislative issues, active transportation and health care, growing cycling tourism in Oregon and what lies ahead for biking in our state. And choose from afternoon breakout sessions on involving bike businesses in advocacy, bringing bike activism to underserved communities, how to use social media in advocacy efforts, and making the connection between transportation and recreation.

Your registration includes breakfast, lunch and an evening reception, plus the chance to network with some of the most involved bicycling advocates around. There's also a group bike ride the next morning, led by [Portland Bicycle Tours](#), who can provide you a rental bike. Get all the event details at the [Oregon Bike Summit Web site](#).

2010 Oregon Bike Summit

June 4, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

World Trade Center, Portland

121 SW Salmon, Tower Two

Attendees \$50; Vendors \$30

Host Hotel: [Hilton Portland and Executive Tower](#)

P.S. – Our friends at the [Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation](#) at Portland State University are hosting a Bikeway Facility Design workshop on June 3. This highly interactive event covers planning and designing on-street bikeway facilities and how to integrate them into new and existing collector streets and arterials. Get more information [here](#).

Bike and Boat the Willamette – June 15 Kidical Mass – RSVP NOW

Ride up river then float back down!

June 15, Noon-4, Sladden Park

In celebration of Walk + Bike Challenge Month, Kidical Mass, the end of the school year and the start of Summer we're holding a very special ride in June. We'll be meeting at Sladden park, riding up river and then piling the kids into the boats to float back down the river to Sladden park for a mini-celebration! Registration for the "boat" portion of the celebration is required as space in the boats is limited. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of NW Community Credit Union cost for the float is only \$5/person!

Everyone is welcome to join us back at Sladden for a mini-celebration at 3 p.m. which will include a special treat: Luna & Larry's Coconut Bliss ice cream

(<http://www.coconutbliss.com>)!

Register for the event here: <http://eugenesrts.org/events/bikeboatwillamette>

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CITY RESOURCES

Report a Pothole Program

It's easy to report a pothole to the Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division! There is even a handy online pothole reporting form available at www.eugene-or.gov/pothole! The form will ask for some brief information about the pothole, including its location (if on the path, try to give as much location info as possible). There's also a place for you to provide your contact information. If you would prefer, you can call Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and file the report over the phone.

If you'd like to follow up with the City after making a pothole request, just send an email to pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us with the word "pothole" in the subject line.

(Please remember that Eugene Public Works only repairs potholes on streets/paths in the city of Eugene. We will make a field inspection of every reported pothole within two business days. In many cases we will immediately fill the pothole; however, in some cases we may choose to wait to schedule an alternate treatment such as maintenance overlay. FMI: go to www.eugene-or.gov/pothole)

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Water Bottles to Benefit the Jane Higdon Foundation

Honorary water bottles are being sold, with all proceeds going to help support the Jane Higdon Memorial Fund. The water bottles are \$5.00 and being sold at Newman's Fish Co. at 1545 Willamette Street, Eugene. Jane was an avid cyclist. She wanted to make a difference in the world and focused on ways to make her life more meaningful. She was tragically killed in 2006, when she was struck by a truck while on a bicycle training ride on a beautiful Oregon rural road.

The Memorial Fund supports scholarships and grants to encourage girls and young women to pursue healthy, active lifestyles and academic excellence. The Memorial Fund also makes donations to non-profits that advocate and work for bicycling and pedestrian safety in Oregon. Additional information can be found at: www.janehigdonfoundation.com

Don't Forget to Purchase Your "Share the Road" License Plates



Oregon residents can help support cycling throughout Oregon by purchasing "Share the Road" license plates from the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds go to the [Bicycle Transportation Alliance](#) and [Cycle Oregon](#) to help fund bicycle education and advocacy.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/platenonprof.shtml#share>

GOVERNMENT

[Point2Point Solutions](http://www.ltd.org/cs/csindex.html) promotes and offers transportation options programs to the Lane County region's businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for their employees, staff and students. It is supported by Lane County's jurisdictions and is housed at Lane Transit District. <http://www.ltd.org/cs/csindex.html>

www.eugene-or.gov/bicycles the City of Eugene website contains bike maps and resources for biking in Eugene.

www.keepusmoving.info This site is user friendly and contains regional information about the transportation planning process, current projects, and information about transportation options. The site is maintained by the Lane Council of Governments.

The [Oregon Department of Transportation](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/) (ODOT) website includes links to the [Oregon Bicycle Manual](#) and information on laws and regulations and a list of [bike travel web resources](#).

Smart Ways to School (www.swts.ltd.org) offers free services to parents of K-12 students to help them walk, bike, carpool, or ride LTD to school. We offer a SchoolPool, a free carpool-match service. We can help parents find other students to form a walking or bicycling "school bus." Smart Ways to School also manages the free LTD pass program for students in grades 6-12. Call 682-6212.

UO Bike Program now offers bicycle maintenance classes every term. Call 541-346-4365 or come into the [Outdoor Program](#) office in the basement of the EMU to register.

The [U of O Department of Public Safety](#) strongly encourages bicycling as a way of responsible transportation. With Oregon weather, bicycling in winter months can be discouraging and challenging for those that may not have the proper riding gear. You'll find information in this site about the availability of covered parking, safety recommendations, and a listing of local shops where you may purchase adequate gear for the conditions.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

The Bicycle [Transportation Alliance \(BTA\)](#) is a statewide organization that works to promote bicycle use and safety and to improve bicycling conditions throughout the state of Oregon. In the Eugene/Springfield area, the BTA's Bicycle Safety program brings safety education to middle schools every year. For more information, go to www.bta4bikes.org.

BikeLane Coalition is a local non-profit organization that promotes safe cycling in Lane County. Membership opportunities include the Corporate Membership option: web page for the company, commuting assistance and route planning; and the Premium Membership option that includes membership in the League of American Bicyclists, The League Magazine, Bicycle Magazine, Roadside assistance and the usual benefits of membership such as discounts at participating bike shops. A discount is offered for those already members of other local cycling organizations. For more information go to www.bikelanecoalition.org

[Center for Appropriate Transport \(CAT\)](#) is a non-profit organization committed to community involvement in manufacturing, using, and advocating sustainable modes of transportation. The first organization of its kind, the Center was founded in Eugene, Oregon in the fall of 1992. Since that time the CAT has established a number of projects under one roof designed to further this mission including Pedalers Express delivery service, education and youth programs, Eugene Bicycle Works community bike shop, and more. CAT has also established an

apprenticeship program that focuses on cargo bike frame building. For more information, go to www.catoregon.org

[Eugene-Springfield Mossback Volkssport Club](#) - Volkssports, literally "popular" or "folk" sports, are organized walking, swimming, bicycling, roller skating, and cross-country skiing events providing exercise that contributes to physical fitness. The Mossback Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Willamalane Senior Adult Activity Center, 215 West C Street, Springfield. Please call 726-7169 or 747-6470, to verify meeting location. Club events are listed and described at their website, www.mossbacks.org. For more information contact Carmella at mossbacksclub@comcast.net.

[GEARS \(Greater Eugene Area Riders\)](#) invites the community to join club members on [several weekly bike rides](#). Rides vary in location, distance, and terrain. The main purpose of GEARs is to foster bike riding. All cyclists must wear an ANSI or SNEL/ASTM approved helmet. Riders should also carry a water bottle, tire pump, spare tube and patch kit.

Everyone is welcome to attend Eugene GEARs Board Meetings. For more information or times and location go to www.eugenegears.org/

The Eugene Safe Routes to School Program is a community approach to encourage and enable more people to walk and bike to school safely. We support schools and families in their efforts to increase active transportation choices by supporting individual SRTS committees, growing bicycle and pedestrian education for adults and children, and working to establish policies that encourage healthy, fun, and safe transportation choices.

For more information contact Shane Rhodes at rhodes_sh@4j.lane.edu or 541-556-3553

Nordic Walkers: For more information on Nordic Walking classes and lesson costs contact Barbara or Dan Gleason: 345-0450 or 345-3974 or email them at nordicwalkerbg@comcast.net

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BUSINESS PARTNERS:

[Walk a Smile In](#): Step up, step out, step forward! Avid longtime walker/retired nurse walks one-on-one with clients to support improving personal and planetary fitness. Call or email for details, charges, appointment. Gift certificates available. Call or email Jenny at 541-343-6049, walkasmilein@gmail.com.

The [Eugene Running Company](#) offers a diverse series of walking and running groups for people of all levels from beginner to the hard-core. All groups and training are lead in a fun and supportive atmosphere. For more information on dates and times go to www.eugenerunningcompany.com

Second Summer Tours is a group led by Rob Templin, a local rider in Eugene. Join Rob and friends as he shares some of the 'secret' paths that will challenge you with tough climbs but reward you with deserted, traffic-free riding; and scenery to take your breath away. Tours are based out of Eugene. For more information go to: <http://www.secondsummertours.com/oregon.php>

Spirited Walkers Group Joining the Spirited Walkers marathon training group is a wonderful way to start the new year by making commitment to becoming more healthy and active, whether you actually want to walk a marathon or not. Registered walkers meet once a month for a sit down meeting of guest speakers who cover information about yoga for walkers, nutrition, hydration, clothes, shoes, and mental training techniques. There is a large group walking every Sunday. Beginning and intermediate mileage schedules are available. If you are interested, please contact Kay Porter at 342-6875 or email kayporter1@comcast.net , or go to www.thementalathlete.com for more information on times and cost.

Walk With Me! Walk the World with Tyler Burgess, fitness walking instructor and marathon walking coach for the University of Oregon and Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Tyler walks to see the world, whether it is a big city, foreign country or our own backyard. Free walking tours take place on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Meet at the end of High Street by the Campbell Senior Center. It is free, fun, and for beginners. For more information go to www.walk-with-me.com

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