

River Road Park & Recreation

November 2023

The BUZZ

Welcome to "*The Buzz*" ~ River Road Park's monthly newsletter designed to keep you up to date with park news and more in touch with your community.

Blast from the past...



Back by popular demand...

DRIVE THRU GYMNASTICS MEAL

Wed., November 1

4:30-6:30p

HAWAIIAN MEAL DEAL

\$14

Tumbling Teriyaki Dinner:
Teriyaki Chicken
Yakisoba Noodles
Mac Salad

Please
order by
Mon., 10/30.

Come support
Gymnastics
Northwest!



Pre-sale online:
www.rrpark.org
choose a pick up time
541-688-4052

Thanksgiving Meal Deal

11/21, Tuesday 12-2p

InDistrict \$10

Out of District \$15

MP Room (1400 Lake Dr.)

If you love turkey and all the trimmings then come on over and join us! Your cost includes: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies and dessert. You can dine in or pick up your food to take out. Let us know your preference when you register.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jim P.

Our featured employee this month is Jim P., our Aquatic Maintenance Supervisor/ Pool Operator. Jim has been with River Road Park and Rec. since the late 1970's. He has been involved with the park district since he was little, taking swim lessons and celebrating birthdays in our pool.

Jim enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities but recently has been able to backpack several National Parks including: the Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Yosemite, and Crater Lake. He is still trying to complete a winter snowshoe completely around Crater Lake... maybe this year he will be successful?

What Jim enjoys most about the Park District is the sense of community. The connection with patrons, some who have been here longer than he has, and other new people experiencing the park for the first time. Let's not forget about those patrons reconnecting with the park after a small or long hiatus.



To our Veterans... Thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jim Lockard - Veteran.



After a year of marriage, Jim entered the US Army, where he was in the infantry and often rode on armored personnel carriers. Early into his Vietnam service, Jim was injured twice in the line of duty, earning two purple hearts. He didn't discuss his time in Vietnam often, but to our knowledge he considered himself lucky to have been assigned an armored vehicle as a rifleman rather than a tank. When his company hit landmines on two separate occasions, he was thrown from the vehicles—receiving shrapnel to his head (which remained) and other various injuries. He expressed his gratitude that he was never “trapped” in a tank and contributed his safety to the Lord's protection and supported by the prayers of his mother and new wife. After 6 months of service, Jim met his wife, Cher in Hawaii for a week of R & R. In the midst of those 7 days, his company suffered the most-deadly attack yet, experiencing a high number of casualties, including a very close friend of his nicknamed Mac the Tunnel Rat. While being gone kept Jim safe, he felt the loss deeply. When he returned from his R & R, a company office position came available, and—because of his typing class at SEHS—Jim was assigned as a clerk for the rest of his tour. Returning home in 1970, Jim began working for the City of Eugene Parks and Recreation, and then was hired to be the Superintendent of River Road Park where he worked for 37 years (1972-1999).



55+ DAY TRIPS

Salmon Celebration

11/14 Tu 11:30a-5p \$78

Give Thanks Lunch

11/21 Tu 12-2p \$10 ID/\$15 OD

Season's Greetings from the Painted Lady

11/30 Th 9:30a-5:30p \$79

The park will be closed 11/10 and 11/11 for Veterans day and 11/23 and 11/24 for Thanksgiving.

River Road Swim Team "The Otters" are a fully sanctioned USA and Oregon Swimming Team. They will start competing at local and statewide meets this winter!

TUSCANY, ITALY

Tuscany was a total blast! Incredible place and an awesome group of travelers! Here are a few pictures of our trip. If you'd like to travel with us, call Kat to find out what's coming up.



Jim Lockard Dedication You're Invited!

When: Sunday, 11/5 at 3pm

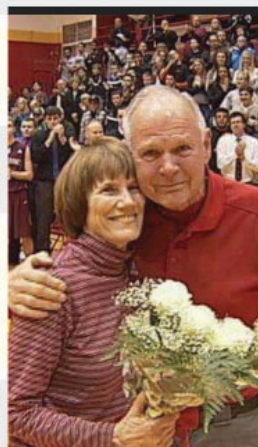
Where: Shelter 1 (1400 Lake Dr.)

Who: Everyone who loved and respected Jim.

Why: Jim Lockard was a leader in our community and this sign is a tribute to him.

We will have a ceremony/unveiling to honor and celebrate Jim's legacy and all he did for River Road Park District.

We hope you can make it.



NEW ADULT CLASS

Riptide: Climate Change and Mental Health

The climate crisis is harming our mental health in significant ways. We can feel isolated, doomed, guilty, ignored, anxious, and/or grief. Stress, anxiety, and depression are common and understandable responses to this collective and individual trauma. Led by licensed therapist Mike Meyer, this two-hour session explores education, shared experience, therapeutic tools, and activities to process the impact climate change has on mental health. Trauma-informed information and practical clinical strategies will be shared. The warm and welcoming environment will be safe and accepting with snacks provided. Time is provided for personal reflection, connection, expression of emotions, plus the sharing of resources to further follow up. This is a safe place for expressing feelings and for diverse perspectives. Song clips, poems, and stories will be offered to inspire and move to.

11/13 M 7-9p \$30



It's your Park.
Love it! Live it! Keep it!

River Road Park & Recreation District

What is a serial levy?

A serial levy is the supplemental source of funding for the District, and is passed by District voters every five years.

What are the benefits of passing the serial levy?

- Continued robust programming and community events that we all love.
- The ability to handle increased operating costs.
- Keeping up with minimum wage increases.
- Resources to contend with annexation of District properties by the City of Eugene.
- On-going building and park maintenance/upgrades.

How will this impact you?

Good news! Your tax amount will remain the same. The Park District is asking for a RENEWAL of the current serial levy (\$.47 per \$1,000 assessed value) which was approved in 2013 and 2018.

What can you do to help?

Help us spread the word and encourage all residents to exercise their right to vote in November!

We thank you for your continued support!

"Together we thrive, let's keep it alive!"

Vote on measure 20-346!



Coming next month...

Winter Break Camp

Camp is coming up December 18-22. It's going to be a ton of fun! The kids will be playing fun games such as Gaga Ball and winter themed crafts.



It's a **holiday breakfast!**
Santa's Smorgasbord

Where: Emerald Park
1400 Lake Drive

Date: Saturday, Dec. 9th

Time: 8:30 - 11 am

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, juice & coffee!

Join us for this community celebration!
All ages young & old welcome.

Santa Claus! holiday music! festive activities!

Donations accepted or bring 2 cans of food for food bank.


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1400 Lake Drive, Eugene, OR 97404

**HOLIDAY
EXTRAVAGANZA**

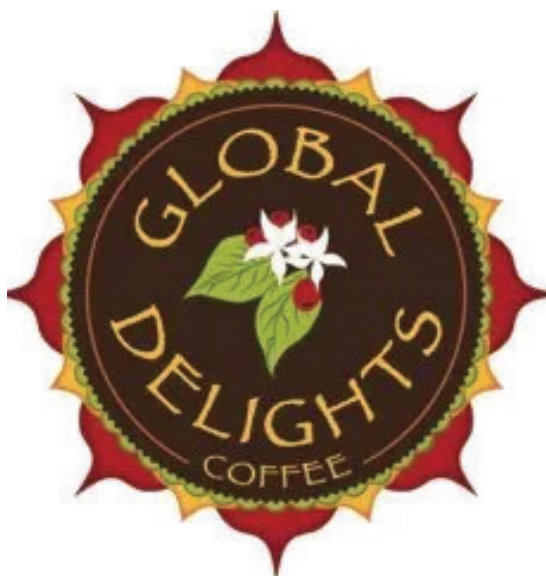
**SATURDAY
DEC. 2
9A-3P**

River Road Park
& Recreation
1400 Lake Dr.
Eugene, OR
541.688.4052

**Holiday
Bazaar**

*Unique handmade holiday gifts.
Come support local artists from our community!*

Thank you to our partners for
supporting River Road Park District



65 & OVER MEDICARE ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD 10/15/23 - 12/7/23
UNDER 65 HEALTH OPEN ENROLLMENT 11/1/23 - 1/15/2024



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