

UO COMMUNITY CONNECTION

MAY – JUNE 2026



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UO GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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This bimonthly publication features upcoming events and activities at the University of Oregon's Eugene campus that may impact or interest the local community.

Please note that information is subject to change.

This list is accurate as of 4/24/2025.

Visit goducks.com/calendar for the most up-to-date UO Athletics information.

KEY

- Estimated attendance
- Traffic
- Parking
- Sound amplification
- Lights
- Fireworks

Tuesday, May 5

PK Park: Baseball
Oregon vs. Grand Canyon, 6:05 PM
 | 2,000

Wednesday, May 6

PK Park: Baseball
Oregon vs. Grand Canyon, 6:05 PM
 | 2,000

Friday, May 8

Hayward Field: Track & Field
Oregon Twilight, All Day
 | 5,000

Thursday, May 14

PK Park: Baseball
Oregon vs. USC, 6:05 PM
 | 2,000

Friday, May 15

PK Park: Baseball
Oregon vs. USC, 6:05 PM
 | 2,000

Saturday, May 16

Matthew Knight Arena:
UO Law Commencement, 3:00 PM
 | 1,500

PK Park: Baseball
Oregon vs. USC, 3:05 PM
 | 2,500

Monday, June 5

First Day of Spring Term Finals

Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9

Residence Hall Move Out

5,000+ students will move out of on-campus residences. Expect heavy traffic and parking around campus residence halls.

Wednesday, June 10

Hayward Field: Track & Field
NCAA Track & Field Championships, All Day
 | 7,000

Thursday, June 11

Hayward Field: Track & Field
NCAA Track & Field Championships, All Day
 | 7,000

Friday, June 12

NCAA Track & Field Championships, All Day
 | 7,000

Saturday, June 13

Hayward Field: Track & Field
NCAA Track & Field Championships, All Day
 | 7,000

Want to receive future editions of UO Community Connection by email?



Reach out to Karen Hyatt at khyatt@uoregon.edu.

UO Softball and UO Baseball may also host **NCAA tournament games in May** at Jane Sanders Stadium and PK Park, respectively.

More at: goducks.com/sports/softball/schedule
goducks.com/sports/baseball/schedule

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Monday, June 15 UO Commencement

Thursday, June 18 – Monday, June 22

Hayward Field: Track & Field
Nike Outdoor Nationals, All Day

| 5,000

Monday, June 22 Summer Term Classes Begin

Saturday, June 27

Autzen Stadium: Exhibition Baseball
Savannah Bananas, 5:00 PM

| 40,000

Sunday, June 28

Autzen Stadium: Exhibition Baseball
Savannah Bananas, 1:00

| 40,000

Monday, June 15 UO Commencement

Main Ceremony

9:00 AM, Autzen Stadium

Department Ceremonies

11 AM - 8 PM, Matthew Knight Arena
and other campus venues

| 30,000

Pedestrian and car traffic expected near Autzen and the main campus.

All participants are encouraged to park at Autzen; shuttles run all day between Autzen and main campus.



Eugene Emeralds Baseball

The Eugene Emeralds home season continues at PK Park, running through at least September 7.

Games begin at 1:05 PM, 4:05 PM, 5:05 PM, and 6:35 PM.

For more information and the full schedule, visit: www.milb.com/eugene

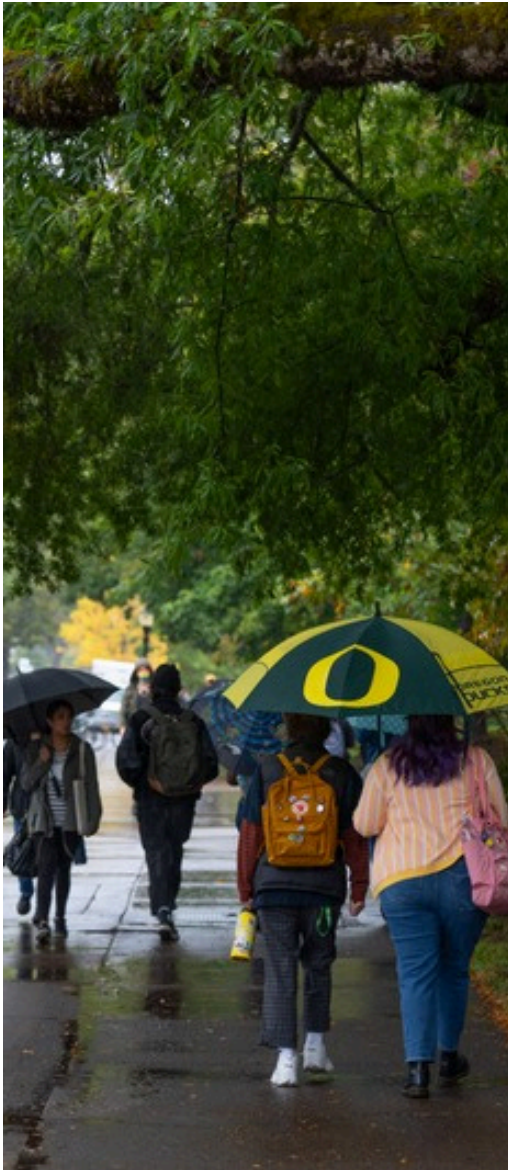


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UO GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The University of Oregon is proud to be a good neighbor. If you would like our help addressing a specific UO-related issue in your neighborhood, please email goodneighbor@uoregon.edu.

If you experience a loud party or other activity in a near-campus neighborhood at which you expect UO students are involved and illegal activities are occurring, please:

1) Call the Eugene Police Department (EPD) non-emergency number (541-682-5111) to report the illegal behavior.

Even if EPD does not have time to respond, this documents the incident and our office receives basic details, including the time of the call, whether EPD responded, and what actions were taken. In certain situations, EPD refers the call to the UO Police Department for response, including off-campus illegal behaviors in near-campus neighborhoods.

2) Provide details of the incident, including location, time, and an explanation of illegal behaviors and impact to the university using the goodneighbor@uoregon.edu email.

This email goes directly to staff with UO Community Relations, the UO Police Department, and the Office of the Dean of Students.

OREGONNEWS

OregonNews is the UO's go-to place for information about the university, its people, and the difference they make in Oregon and around the world. Each Monday, *OregonNews* brings stories of the university's groundbreaking research and world-class faculty and students straight to your inbox.

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QUACK-TIVITIES

Dive into these exciting events and activities open to the community!

Did you know that admission to the **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art** at the University of Oregon is free every first Friday of the month from 11 AM to 5 PM? More at jsma.uoregon.edu.

Engage with the UO Natural Areas Program

This year, the **University of Oregon Natural Areas Program**, alongside 151 dedicated volunteers, has made significant strides in restoring the Willamette River and Millrace natural areas. Together, they have removed more than 530 gallons of invasive plant material and planted 250 native trees, 264 native shrubs, 98 native sedges and grasses, and countless native wildflowers.



The [Willamette River Natural Area \(WRNA\)](#) is a university-owned designated open space south of the Willamette River that showcases the UO's ability to enhance relationships between the natural environment, students, faculty, and community members. Its mission is to conserve, enhance, and restore regionally important habitat within the WRNA to support a diversity of native plant and wildlife species while providing outstanding learning and recreational opportunities for students and community members alike.

The [millrace](#) has a rich and significant history spanning more than 165 years. Interest in revitalizing the millrace has had an almost equally long history, resurging with the opening of the Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact along its banks.

These restoration efforts will increase habitat quality and pollination opportunities and would not be possible without all of the volunteers who showed up, rain or shine, ready to work. This progress would not be possible without the support of key partners, including the Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN), the University of Oregon Student Sustainability Center (UO SSC), Friends of Trees, and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

The Natural Areas team looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing to improve the ecological health of these important community spaces, and you can be a part of it! **Check out opportunities and learn more about the WRNA at cpfm.uoregon.edu/willamette-river-natural-area.**

NEXT GENERATION HOUSING

Over the next 20 years, the University of Oregon is planning more high-quality, learning-centered residential communities on campus that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods, provide a gentle transition between higher and lower intensity uses, and serve our growing student community.

To plan a variety of housing types that meet the needs of first-year students, undergraduates, graduates, and families, the UO is in the process of designing **two 800-bed residence halls that will be built on the southeast side of campus, between 17th & 19th Avenue and Moss & Villard Street.**

The first residence hall is under construction (see Construction Corner, pgs. 6-7) and is scheduled to be completed by fall 2027.

Code Amendment, Refinement Plan Amendment, and Zone Change:

In preparation for the Next Generation Housing Phase 2 Residence Hall, located south of 17th Ave. between Columbia St. and Moon Lee Ln., the University of Oregon submitted a code amendment, refinement plan amendment, and zone change to the City of Eugene on March 21, 2025. A code amendment and refinement plan amendment are necessary to build the Phase 2 Residence Hall and additional future university housing identified in the Next Generation Housing Development Plan.



The Eugene Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 21, 2025 and a work session on November 18, where commissioners voted to forward the recommendations to the City Council.

The Eugene City Council held a public hearing on January 20, 2026 ([transcript](#)) and deliberated on the university's proposed land use changes on March 9. The UO recommended changes to the text of the proposal after conversations with neighbors, and the City Council held a second public hearing on April 20 ([transcript](#)). The council is scheduled to deliberate and vote on the proposal during their May 11 Work Session.

- Land Use Application materials and public testimony can be found at: <https://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse/SearchApplicationDocuments?file=CA-25-0002>
- For the latest updates on City Council meeting agendas, visit: www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5448/Tentative-Working-Agenda

For more information, visit:
gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

UO Next Generation Housing Phase 1 Residence Hall

South of 17th Avenue, between Columbia and Moss Streets

Expected completion in summer 2027

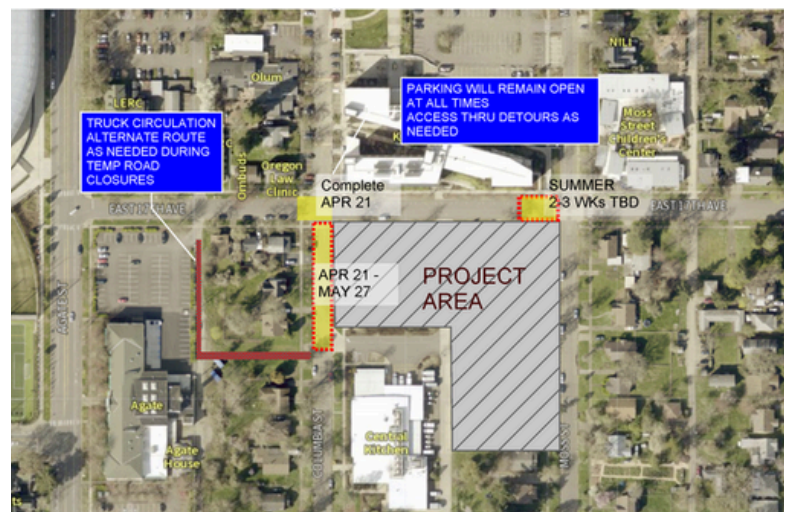
A tower crane is currently in place. Current work includes excavation, concrete pours for floor decks, and the installation of walls, footings and columns, and below-ground utilities. Expect to see and hear forklifts, excavators, and trucks operating on-site and traveling to and from the site.

The construction operation schedule for most noisy activities is 9 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction activities that take place outside of these hours will be announced as often as possible at gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing.

SAFETY NOTICE: We know it can be fun for all, young and old, to watch the big trucks and equipment at work. However, please keep in mind that visibility is often limited for truck and equipment operators. **Please enjoy the view from a safe distance;** watching from across the street can be a great way to stay safe while still enjoying the action. *For a construction map, including entrances to the site where watching from a safe distance is especially important, visit gcr.uoregon.edu/next-gen-housing-safety-map.*

All construction-related vehicles are provided instructions on appropriate roads to take to and from the construction site (map at gcr.uoregon.edu/uo-next-gen-trucking-route). **If you see construction vehicles for this project on nearby neighborhood streets not reflected on this map, please let us know:** Karen Hyatt, khyatt@uoregon.edu.

Update on Temporary Road Closures: A privately-engineered public improvement project coordinated with the City of Eugene is installing new utilities that have required a series of temporary road closures. Timelines for these closures are subject to change due to unpredictable material delivery dates, inclement weather, efforts to mitigate traffic impacts, and the timely completion of prior phases of the project. Roadwork will start at Hayward and work east toward the project area.



Work will progress through the highlighted area depicted on the [street impact map](#) above. Streets will be backfilled regularly and plated to keep public roads open as much as possible. **Visit gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing for updates.**

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- May 2026: Due to street work, a small section of Columbia Street is closed to vehicular traffic from 17th Avenue to the North end of the Central Kitchen. Pedestrians are still able to access the sidewalk on the west side of the street.
- Summer 2026: A small section of 17th Avenue will be closed at times, just west of Moss Street. Local traffic will still be able to access Columbia Street north and south of 17th Avenue from the east.

If you are a near-campus neighbor, please contact Karen Hyatt, Director of Community Relations, at khyatt@uoregon.edu with questions. If you rent from University Housing, please contact Bryson Beck at brysonb@uoregon.edu.

Hamilton Open Space and Beach Volleyball Project

Corner of E. 13th and Agate St.

The demolition of Hamilton Residence Hall is complete, and the project is now well into the construction phase. Work on rough grading, utility connections, underground utility runs, irrigation lines, and site grading is mostly complete. Concrete flatwork has begun on the west side of the project, where sidewalks have been poured to complete the pedestrian connection to Unthank Hall. Concrete foundation work at the beach volleyball venue is underway, and walls are being built for the volleyball restroom and storage building. Other ongoing activities include preparing subgrade surfaces for concrete flatwork, final landscape grading, and drilling and installing light posts, fence posts, and volleyball net bases.

Canoe Canal Bridge Project

Near Leo Harris Parkway and Autzen Stadium

The Autzen Canoe Canal Footbridge has been closed intermittently for repairs and improvements as part of the UO's Hatfield-Dowlin Complex Practice Field Expansion: gcr.uoregon.edu/hatfield-dowlin-complex-practice-field-expansion.

During construction, crews found a deficient girder that must be replaced to ensure the structural integrity of the footbridge. On March 30, the footbridge was re-opened for pedestrian and bicycle traffic during the 8-10 weeks required for the new girder to be built and transported.

Beginning Tuesday, May 5, the footbridge will be closed for about three weeks to allow crews to install the girder and complete work on the bridge. The footbridge is expected to reopen permanently on May 24.

Visit eugene-or.gov/traffic for weekly updates on construction in the public right-of-way or follow @eugenetransportation on Instagram and Facebook.

Removal of Two UO-Owned Houses

1678 Villard St. and 1709 Moss St.

Later in the spring, two UO-owned houses that have experienced fires and vandalism will be removed. More information will be shared as removal dates are finalized.

For more information on construction impacts on and around the UO's Eugene campus, visit:

map.uoregon.edu/construction-impacts