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CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



We care about the University of Oregon's nearby neighbors!

Campus neighbors live and work near a world-class educational institution which benefits the community in so many ways. Along with these benefits, neighbors can be affected by campus activities and events.

The UO Campus Neighborhood News is an annual publication that provides information about issues of mutual interest to the university and nearby neighbors.



FOUR WAYS NEIGHBOR, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE TO NEAR-CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY

1

Community Welcome

Each fall, 100 community and university leaders, led by Eugene's mayor, UO president, and student body president, walk door to door in near-campus residential neighborhoods to welcome UO students back for the year and encourage them to be good neighbors. Leaders visit more than 1,000 households and distribute the Your Neighbors and U brochure. The 2015 Community Welcome takes place the afternoon of Tuesday, September 29.

2

UO Day of Service in Campus Neighborhoods

Each year, UO students engage in community service throughout the area, including Day of Service events in campus neighborhoods. Hundreds of students and neighbors have worked together to maintain parks, pick up litter, and complete other projects that improve the community. In 2015, 494 students, staff members, and community partners participated in two Day of Service events in January and April.

3

CommUniversity Program

CommUniversity assistants are students who live in student-populated neighborhoods and know firsthand the issues students face. They work to make their neighborhood a safer and healthier environment where students can study, have fun, and thrive. CommUniversity assistants provide information to students about community living, safety, and other issues specific to their neighborhood. For more information, visit uodos.uoregon.edu/Programs/Off-CampusLivingandCommUniversity.

4

Neighborhood Livability Letters

When residents in neighborhoods near campus are visited by Eugene Police Department officers and warned or cited for illegal behavior related to noise or loud parties, the UO and the City of Eugene send a letter to the residents and property owner. This letter details the incident, encourages good neighbor behavior, and provides resources. Between September 1, 2014, and August 1, 2015, 167 letters were sent.



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Your issues, concerns, and ideas are important to us! Contact the Government and Community Relations staff at 541-346-5351 or gcr@uoregon.edu.

Seven things neighbors can do to improve neighborhood livability

1 **Get to know your student neighbors.** Introduce yourself. Assume students want to be good neighbors. Share your expectations and experiences. Show students what it means to be neighborly. Seek help if a conflict arises. For more ideas, check out Your Neighbors and U at gcr.uoregon.edu/community-relations.

2 **Report illegal behaviors, including noise, underage drinking, and public urination** to the Eugene Police Department and to the University of Oregon if you believe UO students may be involved.

- When an incident is in progress, call the Eugene Police Department (911 for emergencies, 541-682-5111 for nonemergencies). Call even if you think the issue isn't large enough to warrant immediate attention; the report will be on the record and the EPD can track patterns.
- Within 24 hours of the incident, if you believe UO students may have been involved, report the incident by e-mailing the following information to goodneighbor@uoregon.edu:
 - Brief description of incident
 - Time and location (including address)
 - Names of any UO students, if known

3 **Report land-use concerns.** To report illegal nuisances such as cars parked on lawns, garbage or discarded indoor furniture on private lawns, or overgrown vegetation, complete the confidential land-use complaint form at www.eugene-or.gov/lucomplaint.

4 **Report down or missing traffic and street signs.** Call City of Eugene Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800.

5 **Report abandoned furniture in the right of way.** St. Vincent DePaul will pick up reusable abandoned furniture. Call 541-345-0595. City of Eugene Public Works Maintenance will also clear debris in the right of way. Call 541-682-4800.

6 **Get involved with your neighborhood association!** To find out more, visit eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods or call 542-682-6243.

7 **Report excessive noise from UO events and facilities.** The University of Oregon values neighborhood livability and recognizes the impact events and activities on campus can have on near campus neighbors. UO Government and Community Relations acts as a conduit between neighbors and operators of UO facilities and events.

If you are experiencing noise that interferes with conversation outside or can be heard through closed windows and doors inside, please share the following:

- 1) The date and time at which the noise can be heard
- 2) Your location when hearing the noise
- 3) The type of noise (Music? Announcements? Machinery?)

Government and Community Relations staff members will share specific details with the operators of the event or facility. While we hope the situation can be remedied as soon as possible, please report subsequent issues if you experience them; this helps us track and document the offending noise more effectively.

Report excessive noise to Karen Hyatt, director, Local Community and Neighborhood Relations, khyatt@uoregon.edu, 541-346-5351



COME AND JOIN US AT THE UO!

There are many lectures, concerts, museums, sporting events, and other great things to do at the UO. Here are just a few campus events in which the community is invited to participate:

ASUO Street Faire

Twice a year, the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) puts on the Street Faire on East 13th Avenue between Kincaid and University Streets. The street is lined with food, artisan, and other vendor booths. The 2015 fall Street Faire takes place October 12–16.

Homecoming

You don't have to be an alumnus or alumna to enjoy Homecoming at the UO. Take a campus tour, watch the parade and pep rally. Homecoming activities take place November 5–10, 2015. Visit homecoming.uoregon.edu.

Mother's Day Powwow

The Native American Student Union sponsors a powwow every Mother's Day weekend. Look for more information next spring.

Find many more public events at calendar.uoregon.edu.



CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The *UO Campus Community Contact* newsletter is published every two months. It lists UO events and activities on campus, such as commencement, move-in day, athletics events, construction projects, and other activities that bring large numbers of people to campus and/or may affect

neighbors because of associated traffic, parking, amplification, or lighting. Neighbors can find the *UO Campus Community Contact* by

- reading it on the Government and Community Relations website at gcr.uoregon.edu/community-relations
- subscribing to the e-mail distribution list by e-mailing gcr@uoregon.edu
- reading the publication on their neighborhood association's website. To find out which neighborhood association you belong to, visit eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods

Off-campus student services
541-346-3216

University of Oregon Police Department
(on campus)
541-346-2919

Eugene Police Department (off campus)
(nonemergencies)
541-682-5111

City of Eugene Neighborhood Services
541-682-6243

City of Eugene Parking Enforcement
541-682-5729
eparkeugene.com

E-mail to report inappropriate behavior involving UO students in nearby campus neighborhoods
goodneighbor@uoregon.edu

DID YOU KNOW?

City of Eugene's Unruly Gathering Ordinance

Since its implementation in spring 2013, the City of Eugene's Unruly Gathering Ordinance has been instrumental in curbing out-of-control parties with multiple illegal behaviors. The citation has been issued by Eugene Police Department officers 40 times at 14 separate incidents.

The UO and the City of Eugene have worked together to educate the public about this ordinance that holds hosts legally responsible for unruly gatherings at which alcohol and at least two illegal activities are present.

The ordinance includes an affirmative defense to those who seek help from the police in shutting down a party. Call 541-682-5111 to report an unruly gathering or for police assistance with uninvited guests if a party becomes unruly.





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