

# UO COMMUNITY CONNECTION

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026



## 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  
12/19/2025.*

Visit [goducks.com/calendar](https://goducks.com/calendar)  
for the most up-to-date  
UO Athletics information.




### KEY

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




### Sunday, December 28

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Omaha, 5:00 pm.  
  |  5,000




### Monday, December 29

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Michigan, 6:00 PM  
  |  3,000




### Thursday, January 1

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Northwestern, 2:00 PM  
  |  3,000




### Thursday, January 8

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Ohio State, 7:30 PM  
  |  7,500




### Sunday, January 11

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Michigan St., 2:00 PM  
  |  3,000




### Thursday, January 15

*Matthew Knight Arena: Stand-Up Comedy*  
Nate Bargatze, 7:00 PM  
  |  8,000




### Saturday, January 17

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Michigan, 1:00 PM  
  |  10,000




### Tuesday, January 20

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Michigan State, 6:00 PM  
  |  10,000




### Wednesday, January 21

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Minnesota, 6:00 PM  
  |  3,000




### Saturday, January 24

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Penn State, 2:00 PM  
  |  3,000




### Wednesday, January 28

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. UCLA, 8:00 PM  
  |  10,000




### Sunday, February 1

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Iowa, 5:00 PM  
  |  5,000




### Wednesday, February 4

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Illinois, 6:00 PM  
  |  3,000

### Sunday, February 8

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Ohio State, 12:00 PM  
  |  3,000

### Saturday, February 14

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball*  
Oregon vs. Penn State, 12:00 PM  
  |  9,000

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

### **Tuesday, February 17**

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball  
Oregon vs. Minnesota, 7:30 PM*

| 5,000

### **Thursday, February 19**

*Matthew Knight Arena: Women's Basketball  
Oregon vs. Nebraska, 6:00 PM*

| 3,000

### **Wednesday, February 25**

*Matthew Knight Arena: Men's Basketball  
Oregon vs. Wisconsin, 8:00 PM*

| 5,000

### **Friday, February 27**

*Jane Sanders Stadium: Softball  
Oregon vs. Stetson, 3:30 PM*

| 1,000

*Jane Sanders Stadium: Softball  
Oregon vs. Idaho State, 6:00 PM*

| 1,000

### **Saturday, February 28**

*Jane Sanders Stadium: Softball  
Oregon vs. Stetson, 3:30 PM*

| 1,000

*Jane Sanders Stadium: Softball  
Oregon vs. Samford, 6:00 PM*

| 1,000

## OREGONNEWS

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## QUACK-TIVITIES

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

### Eugene History Pub Lecture Series

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM**  
**September through May**
- **Whirled Pies, 199 W 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene**

Eugene History Pub Talks is a monthly event series cosponsored by the UO Department of History and Lane County History Museum. History scholars and experts are invited to present talks on historical events, concepts, and research in a setting with local beer, wine, and food. Events are open to everyone and free to attend.

On January 12, join UO Department of History Professor Charisse Cheney to discuss “Blacks against Brown: The Intra-racial Struggle over Segregated Schools in Topeka Kansas.”

On February 9, join UO Assistant Professor of History Naomi Sussman to discuss “The Indians are a Nation: Indigenous Self-Determination in Early Twentieth Century California.”

The **UO School of Music and Dance** offers events and performances throughout the year as well as an archive of performances online.

More at [musicanddance.uoregon.edu/events](https://musicanddance.uoregon.edu/events).

### ReEnvisioned Exhibit Opening Night

@ the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH)

- **Friday, January 16, 2026 @ 7:30 PM**
- **1680 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene**

Enjoy a reception celebrating the MNCH’s newest exhibit: *ReEnvisioned: Contemporary Portraits of our Black Ancestors* by Jeremy Okai Davis.

Meet Oregon’s early Black pioneers through colorful portraits that commemorate their role in shaping our state. Artist Jeremy Okai Davis illuminates their lives and asks us to consider how we remember our collective history.

Light appetizers and refreshments will be available, as well as a cash bar. Included with regular admission; free for MNCH members and UO ID card holders. Show your Oregon Trail or other EBT card for an admission discount.

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## NEXT GENERATION HOUSING

Over the next 20 years, the University of Oregon plans to build 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 to be built on the southeast side of campus, between 17th & 19th Avenue and Columbia & Villard Street.**

The first residence hall is scheduled for completion in fall 2027, and the second in fall 2028.

### ***Code Amendment, Refinement Plan Amendment, and Zone Change (as of October 28, 2025):***

In preparation for the Next Generation Housing Phase 2 Residence Hall, located south of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Columbia Street and Moon Lee Lane, the UO 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 construct the residence hall and additional future university housing identified in the Next Generation Housing Development Plan.

The Eugene Planning Commission held a hearing on October 21 and a work session on November 18, 2025, during which commissioners voted 4-0, with one abstention, to forward the recommendations to the Eugene City Council.

- [Land Use Application Materials and Public Testimony.](#)
- [Eugene Planning Commission Meetings and Recordings](#)
- [Eugene City Council Working Agenda](#) (regularly updated)

Application materials can also be found on the City of Eugene website by searching for “*East Campus University of Oregon*” in the city’s land use planning database: [pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse](http://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse)

A Eugene City Council hearing on the proposed land use changes is scheduled take place at Eugene City Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 5:30 p.m. The council is scheduled to vote on the proposal during their 7:30 p.m. meeting on Monday, February 9.

### **For more information, visit:**

[gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing](http://gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing)



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## A LETTER FROM UO COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dear near-UO campus neighbors,

I hope you had a good holiday season and a bit of well-deserved rest as we look ahead to a fresh start in 2026.

As the UO moves forward with construction and future plans for the East Campus Next Generation Housing project, I want to reach out personally to share that we are listening carefully to feedback from neighbors who live nearby, and, where possible, adjusting our plans to better reflect neighbors' concerns and hopes. Our goal is to be a good neighbor and to strengthen—not detract from—the character, value, and livability of the surrounding community.

We recognize that portions of the East Campus Next Generation Housing project are impactful, and it can be challenging to adjust to the idea that the eastern edge of campus meets the western edge of Villard Street, especially given the university's long history of developing primarily west of Agate. The properties we are now planning to develop were acquired over many decades, and we have spent several years studying options and engaging with both the campus community and our neighbors as we developed this plan.

The Next Generation Housing Development Plan prioritizes student housing on these properties, including high-quality, attractive, and sustainable multifamily housing along the western edge of Villard that aligns with current city zoning. The plans also include more open spaces between buildings, which reflect the university's commitment to the outside physical landscape. Just as importantly, we are committed to creating a thoughtful transition between campus and neighborhood, including improvements to the streetscape along Villard to make that edge feel more welcoming and cohesive for everyone.

We also know that traffic, parking, and neighborhood circulation are long-standing concerns. We take those seriously and are committed to working closely with the City of Eugene to seek practical solutions that reduce impacts and improve safety and flow for everyone in the area.

The bottom line is that we share many of the same values for this area: a vibrant, attractive, and traversable neighborhood for students and long-term residents alike.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the Next Generation Housing project or current UO-related construction in the neighborhood. For the latest updates on current work and future plans, visit the UO Next Generation Housing website at [gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing](https://gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing).

Thank you for your engagement, patience, and partnership.

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## CONSTRUCTION CORNER

### UO Next Generation Housing Phase 1 Residence Hall

South of 17th Avenue between  
Columbia Street and Moss Street

Expected completion in summer 2027

A tower crane is currently in place. Current work includes the installation of footings and columns, 2nd-floor concrete floor decks, below-ground utilities, concrete, and walls. Forklifts, excavators, and trucks will be operating on-site and traveling to and from the site.

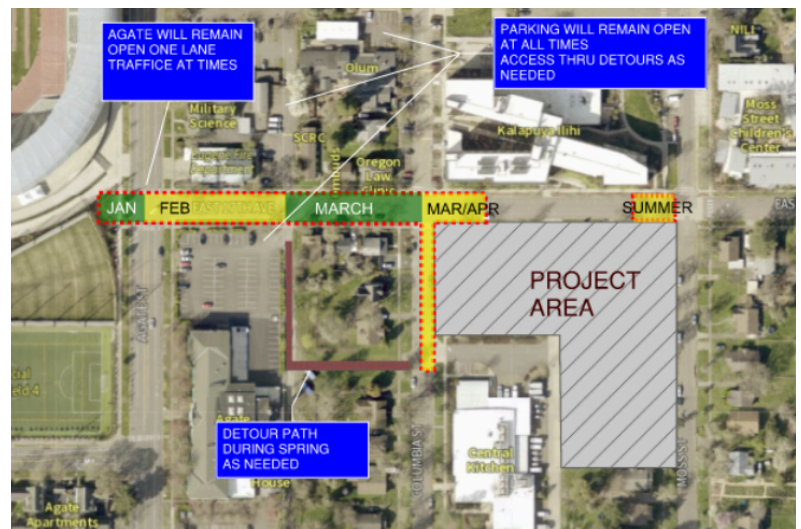
The noisiest activities have been scheduled between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Two to three concrete pours between December and February may happen outside of these hours and will be announced in advance at [gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing](https://gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing). On concrete pour days, work will begin at 7 a.m. to reduce the risk of work going into the late evening. *The next pour is scheduled for December 29, 2025, weather permitting.*

**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.

All construction-related vehicles are provided

instructions on the appropriate roads to take to and from the construction site, which you can view on this [truck circulation map](#) (also viewable at [gcr.uoregon.edu/uo-next-gen-trucking-route](https://gcr.uoregon.edu/uo-next-gen-trucking-route)). If you see construction on nearby neighborhood streets not directed on this map, contact Karen Hyatt, [khyatt@uoregon.edu](mailto:khyatt@uoregon.edu).

**Updates on Temporary Road Closures:** Starting in January, a privately-engineered public improvement project coordinated with the City of Eugene to install new utilities will require 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 [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](https://gcr.uoregon.edu/next-generation-housing) for updates.

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- There will be one-lane traffic on Agate Street at 17th Avenue. The work will be done in 3-4 phases so that activities will never fully close Agate Street or eliminate local traffic access.
- 17th Avenue will have periodic closures east of Columbia Street. Local traffic will still be able to use Columbia Street north and south of 17th Avenue, with access to 17th Avenue from Agate Street.
- Columbia Street from 17th Avenue to the south end of the Central Kitchen will have street work done in small sections on the west side of the street to allow for local one-way traffic with the support of flaggers and regular backfilling.
- 17th Avenue west of Moss Street will be completely closed at times between Agate and Columbia Streets. 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](mailto:khyatt@uoregon.edu) with questions. If you rent from University Housing, please contact Bryson Beck at [brysonb@uoregon.edu](mailto:brysonb@uoregon.edu).

## **Knight Campus Building 2**

*Riverfront Parkway and Millrace Drive*

Exterior landscaping and plantings are nearing completion, along with interior finishes and furniture installations. Final building systems testing continues.

Construction fencing will begin to come down the first of the year, and pedestrian routes around the new building will open for use. The Knight Campus will begin to occupy the building in March 2026.

## **Demolition of Hamilton Residence Hall Complex**

*Corner of E. 13<sup>th</sup> and Agate St.*

Hard demolition of the Hamilton Building has begun, and abatement work continues. Demolition of the four north towers and haul is complete. Abatement work is continuing on the south side of the site ahead of demolition, which will be complete by mid-January.

In mid-January, civil site work will begin on the north side, including laying storm pipe, setting vaults and manholes, and rough grading. This work will continue through February and March, working generally to the south.

## **Canoe Canal Bridge Project**

*Near Leo Harris Parkway and Autzen Stadium*

The footbridge over the Canoe Canal near Autzen Stadium and Alton Baker Dog Park will be closed for repairs from early February to mid-March. Please follow signed detours, which will lead path users to bridges east towards the BMX park or west towards the Cuthbert Amphitheater.

## **For all construction projects on the UO Eugene campus with impacts, visit:**

[map.uoregon.edu/construction-impacts](https://map.uoregon.edu/construction-impacts)