

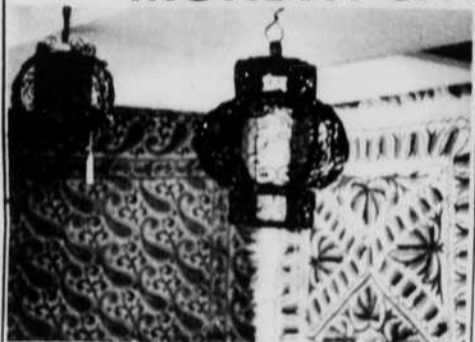


Parks offer something for all ages.

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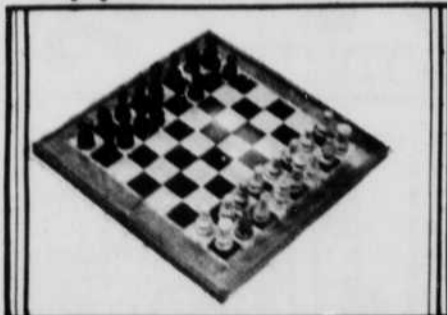
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*City's
parks
aren't
just
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By DAVE HARMS
Of the Emerald

The Eugene Parks and Recreation Department is a friend for all seasons.

If you were here this summer and took advantage of the many programs offered, you can expect more of the same for fall. If you're new to this area, you can be assured there is something offered for you, regardless of your age or interests.

Programs are offered for children, teens, adults and families in areas including indoor and outdoor sports such as swimming, hiking, bike riding, basketball and volleyball, and indoor activities such as hobbies, crafts, dances and music. Instruction in all these areas and others is available. Special programs for the handicapped or retarded are also available.

Organized activities of all kinds can be found at the three community centers in Eugene. The Celeste Campbell Senior Center at 155 High St. offers a variety of activities for those 55 years of age or older. The center is open Monday through Friday with no charge to all seniors.

The Westmoreland Community Center at 1545 W. 22nd Ave. offers activities for children, teens and adults, as does the Sheldon Meadow Center at 2445 Willakenzie Rd. Both centers offer classes in many areas including gymnastics and ballet for children, ceramics, painting, leather crafts and fitness programs for teens and adults, and special activities such as dances, and drop-in activities such as ping pong and swimming. Center classes begin the week of Sept. 25 and run until the end of November or early December, depending on the class.

According to Sue Douglas, information coordinator at the Parks and Recreation Department, a new community center is being planned. The center, to be located at Amazon Park, will be known as Amazon Community Village. The center will be made up of three small buildings initially, and offer activities such as arts and crafts.

Douglas said site preparation is being done, and that bids for construction work are expected this month. She added that hopes are for a completion date of next summer. Also being planned are tennis courts in the area of Churchill High School, and more improvements at Echo Hollow Pool.

For the swimmer, or potential swimmer, two Eugene pools offer a complete program in swim instruction, recreation and competition. The fall season of activities at the Echo Hollow and Sheldon Meadow pools normally begins early in September and continues to early January. The goal of the swim program is to "provide every individual with the opportunity to learn how to swim or to improve his water skills so that he may have a safe and enjoyable experience in, on and around the water."

The fall parks and recreation program also includes competitive and instructional activities in several other areas. The activities include flag football, soccer, volleyball, badminton, tumbling and gymnastics, table tennis, boxing and open gym drop-in activities.

The activities are offered for both men and women, young and old. The Parks and Recreation Department emphasizes that the activities are designed for all ages and levels of skills.

At the same time it is not designed to compete with other on-going community programs such as the Eugene Boys Athletic Association (EBAA).

In keeping with the interest in the environment and the outdoors, the Parks and Recreation Department offers fall programs dealing with the outdoors for children and adults. Activities deal with hiking and rock climbing, outdoor equipment, conditioning for skiing and ecology. There is also a special program recommended for hunters featuring basic hunting, ecology, map and compass methods and survival. There are also special programs for women, some camping trips and a ski school. (See story page 16.)

The full range of parks and recreation activities for fall and winter is available in the Department's "Fall Program 1972," or by calling 342-5221, ext. 346. The free program guide can be obtained by going to the department's office in City Hall. Also, for those moving into dormitories, look for a Parks and Recreation "flyer" in the dorm packet.

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