

Eugene mall second of its kind in country

Newcomers to Eugene will immediately notice the pedestrian mall which graces the downtown area.

The second of its kind in the country, it offers a chance for shoppers to do business without fighting traffic, and can give the feeling of the town squares found in older cities.

The mall is the work of the Eugene Renewal Agency (ERA) which, with the help of federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, purchased downtown sites and of-

fered them for sale to developers. Plans for the construction had to be approved by ERA and the Eugene Planning Commission — the same process used today for the few remaining downtown sites.

"We're 85 per cent finished," says ERA Administrative Assistant Bev Delaney. "And we expect to finish the remaining 15 per cent of the work in three to five years."

The proposed transit terminal at Eighth and Willamette streets is already under construction. It will offer a variety of shops and park-

ing space, as well as a transfer point for Lane Transit District buses.

Other sites include office space for local businesses and a proposed Sheraton Hotel at Sixth and Willamette streets. A preliminary plan to finance the project fell through earlier this year, but ERA says that a survey of prospective developers shows there is still interest in building a hotel on the site. The hotel, planners say, will compliment the mall business.

Just what kind of businesses

are on the mall? Just about every kind in the 150 stores found there. There are restaurants, clothing stores, jewelers, sporting goods, book stores, "five and dimes," as well as playgrounds, telephones,

a "mini-post office" and rest room facilities. There are also over 300 covered parking spaces in the overpark, and Lane Transit District offers regular bus service.

by Rick Bella

Pet restrictions range wide

Animal restrictions for household pets in Lane County range from extremely tight with severe punishments to extremely lenient.

The lenient cases are mainly cats. Of course some landlords and zoning restrictions will bar both cats and dogs from places, but cats still remain relatively free to roam wherever they wish. As Everett McVicker, director of the Lane Humane Society, puts it: "There's no such thing as a stray cat." Cats are not licensed in Lane County.

Dogs are an entirely different story. Dogs in Lane County are required to be on leashes or under leash command, even in parks. Dogs are not allowed in any buildings (including dorms) except for seeing-eye dogs.

Lane County requires dog

owners to get licenses by the dog's fifth month birthday, or 30 days after the owner gets the dog or 30 days after the owner and the dog move into Lane County.

Licenses are available at the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. 8th Ave. Room 20 in the basement. Licenses are \$9.50 a year or \$4.75 a year for spayed or neutered dogs. To get a license, the owner must present a rabies certificate (a rabies shot is required every three years.) A spay or neuter certificate is required for the discount. Dog owners wanting more information can call 687-4155.

Should Rover be wandering loose and get picked up by the Dog Control, the reclaiming process is both "hectic and expen-

sive," according to McVicker.

The owner must go out to the Humane Society on Greenhill Road (which is the current "dog pound") to locate the pet and pay \$3 to \$3.50 a day in boarding fees. And before the dog is released, the owner must go down to the county courthouse to pay a \$20 fine, show proof of a rabies shot and buy a license if the dog does not have one.

McVicker urges dog owners to reclaim their pets if they disappear. Only one-third of the total stray dogs brought into the society are ever reclaimed by their former owners. And after the 73rd hour of the holding period, stray dogs can either be put up for adoption or "humanely destroyed."

by Anne Kern

For fresh, cheap food residents work, shop at Grower's Market

Eugene residents with a fetish for fresh, inexpensive foods frequently shop at Grower's Market, located downtown at 4th and Willamette streets. The market features fresh fruits and vegetables, plus flours and grains, beans, fish, nuts, cheese and dried fruits, all sold at approximately 10 per cent above wholesale cost.

To purchase food at the market, simply turn in an order form on Wednesday before 7:30 p.m. The food is purchased early Thursday morning from local wholesalers and delivered to the market, where it is sorted into individual order boxes. Orders may be picked up on Thursday between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Grower's Market is operated entirely by volunteers. One hour of work is required for each order, and volunteers are needed all day Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday mornings.

Another food co-op where an hour of work can shrink your food bill is the Willamette People's Co-op, 22nd and Emerald streets. It is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The University has its own food co-op, designed specifically for fraternities, sororities and living co-ops, as well as the individual buyer. It is open Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In most cases, buyers place their orders two or three days in advance and pick them up at 1535 Agate St.

by Kathy Craft



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