

Eugene web site profiles candidates, voting issues

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The voters' pamphlet for the March 12 election is available on-line on Eugene's World Wide Web homepage.

One of the issues before the voters in the March election is whether to impose a 1 percent tax on utility consumption to fund affordable housing.

This measure is described on the city's homepage, which is at:

<http://www.ci.eugene.or.us>. Citizens who do not have access to computers can use the Internet Public Access Center on the second floor of the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th Ave. The access center hours are Monday, from 2 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday through Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

It offers free use of computers and high-speed links to the Internet. Volunteers provide instruction to inexperienced users at the center.

Phil Weiler, public information analyst for Eugene, said the reason the city put the voters' pamphlet on the Web was to provide the people with another medium to get information.

The city's homepage, which has been available since May 1990, also contains: "Hot Topics" like Hyundai, special events, news and public notices, city leadership information, boards, commissions and standing committees, city services, community resources and other Internet resources.

To find information on the Web about the Lane County Public Safety Levy, which is also on the March ballot, look under the Lane County Sheriff's Office homepage. That address is: <http://www.efn.org/~sheriff/>.

Federal grant enables Oregon to create jobs for flood victims

Oregon residents who lost their jobs because of the recent flood can seek temporary employment in disaster recovery operations under a \$4 million grant to the state from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The funds will be used to create about 500 temporary positions in the clean-up efforts throughout Oregon.

Lane County has been awarded \$331,670 of the disaster relief funds, which will provide about 50 positions in Lane County, said Valerie Pichel, employment specialist for the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council.

"First priority is for those who have lost jobs from the flooding," Pichel said. "Second priority is for dislocated workers."

The funds will be contracted

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to Lane County Public Works, which will create the jobs, she said. The different positions that will be available soon will involve working on public land (including parks), as well as road and utility restoration.

The participants work for either a maximum of six months or earn \$12,000, she said.

For more information, call 984-7278.

Local FEMA center to help flood victims fill out relief packets

The FEMA Mobile Recovery Center will be in operation for residents of Lane County and surrounding communities

Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Payless, 2130 Marcola Rd., Springfield.

The FEMA center will provide help people turn in or fill out their federal relief packets. Personnel from various federal and state agencies will also be available to assist in the processing of these application packets and to answer questions.

For more information, call 726-2536.

Dump flood-damaged hazardous waste for free on Saturday

The Lane County Waste Management Division will be collecting flood-damaged hazardous materials from households and small businesses on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glenwood Transfer Facility, 3100 E. 17th Ave., near the Lane

Transit District main office.

Flood victims are urged to separate flood-damaged chemical wastes from regular debris and garbage from their home or business. Improper disposal may contaminate the county's landfill or threaten the quality of drinking water.

Samples of hazardous materials that may be contaminated and should be dumped include: paint, thinners, pesticides, poisons, cleaners, spot removers, aerosol cans, and automotive products such as oil, gasoline, degreasers, transmission fluid, antifreeze and batteries.

Flood-damaged hazardous waste will also be accepted at the county's rural transfer sites in areas through Friday.

Flood victims will need to sign a disclaimer confirming their status before they can dump materials.

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