

# Community Service Week promises improvements

■ **EVENTS:** Volunteers can assist with gardening and programs for senior citizens and children

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Students will have four different opportunities to volunteer in the community during the second annual Community Service Week, which begins today.

ASUO Community Affairs Coordinator Carl Yeh, who organized the event, hopes to attract students who volunteered in high school but haven't found the time to do so in college.

"I think it's good with all these community service groups [on campus], to have more of an emphasis on these people," he said.

Anyone is eligible to volunteer, however, Yeh said. And while he would like interested students to contact him first, any help is welcome.

"I don't think there's anybody

we can say can't volunteer," Yeh said.

Students should meet at the ASUO office in Suite 4 EMU before each event in order to car-pool, but volunteers can come at any time if there are time constraints, Yeh said.

"We'll take anyone," he said. "We're just trying to make it easy [for students]."

The volunteering begins today with a clean up at Hendricks Park at 12:30 p.m. Yeh said there is plenty of ivy and trash to pick up in the Eugene recreation area.

"This [clean up] is a big service to Eugene," he said.

On May 23, students will help in "School Museum Day" at Patterson Elementary (1510 W. 15th Ave.) from noon to 2 p.m. Students should meet at the ASUO office at 11:30 for transportation.

The declining Whiteaker neighborhood will get a boost on the same day when students garden the area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will begin at the

Whiteaker Public Safety Building (5th Avenue and Blair Street). Students are to meet at 9:30 at the ASUO office.

To end the event, volunteers will do yard work and read to senior citizens at Churchill Estates at 1919 Bailey Hill Road. Yeh said the event should last a few hours, and, like all the events, he hopes it will lead to future activity.

"If [students] really like what they're doing, they can continue their involvement," he said.

Yeh plans on being at the Estates from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. but hopes to stay longer if the number of volunteers is high. Anyone interested can meet at the ASUO office at 9 a.m. to take a bus to the retirement home.

Yeh said all four events, each sponsored by a different campus program, give students an opportunity to do a variety of things.

"All the events are very nice," he said. "It just depends on what your interests are."

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## Sensor traffic lights will be installed

Two new traffic signals at Barger Drive and Terry Street and at West 18th Avenue and Hawkins Lane are scheduled to be put in Thursday.

Both signals will be "traffic-actuated," using in-pavement vehicle sensors and "pedestrian-actuated" with push-buttons.

As part of the city's commitment to reduce emergency-vehicle response time, sensors are being installed at both intersections to detect approaching fire trucks on emergency runs and give them a green light as quickly as possible.

West 18th Avenue and Hawkins Lane will have left-turn arrows to allow a "protected/permissive" turn from westbound 18th Avenue to southbound Hawkins Lane.

This means motorists can turn left on a left-turn green arrow while the opposite-direction traffic is stopped. Due to a relatively small number of motorists making left-turns at Barger Drive and Terry Street, this signal will not have left-turn arrows.

Lantz Electric of Pleasant Hill is installing the signals under a contract with the city.

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