

NW Natural, Red Cross, Community Partners Host Free Public Event

NW Natural and the American Red Cross are teaming up during National Preparedness Month to help Oregonians prepare for a natural disaster or emergency. During the month of September, Get Ready events will be held in the 10 communities of Portland, Vancouver, Salem, Eugene, Hood River, The Dalles, Vernonia, Astoria, Lincoln County, and Coos Bay.

The events are free to the general public. The first 100 families will receive free Red Cross emergency kits. Safety demonstrations, kids' activities, and materials from local emergency groups will be provided. There is no need to register: attendees can just show up.

Additionally, NW Natural will donate \$2,000 to the American Red Cross Cascades Region at nine of the 10 events for a total of \$18,000 from its Corporate Philanthropy fund.

"We want to go beyond just making a financial contribution, so we're partnering with local emergency groups

within our service territory to educate the public on how we can all Get Ready before a natural disaster strikes," said Von Summers, NW Natural corporate community affairs manager.

Here are the details on who will be joining NW Natural and the American Red Cross Cascades Region at the Vernonia event:

Get Ready Vernonia, September 14 - Vernonia School from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, joined by Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, Columbia County Emergency Management, and the Public Health Foundation.

"These events are an engaging way to bring people together and get them to think or talk about the ways they can prepare for a natural disaster," said Francisco Ianni, director of preparedness for American Red Cross Cascades Region. "We thank NW Natural for taking a leadership role in helping us all get ready."

About NW Natural

NW Natural (NYSE:NWN) is headquartered in Portland, Ore., and provides natural gas service to about 689,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Oregon and Southwest Washington. It is the largest independent natural gas utility in the Pacific Northwest. Additional information is available at www.nwnatural.com.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or join our blog at blog.redcross.org.

Be the First to Ride the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway Date of Official Launch and Inaugural Ride Set

Be among the first to ride the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway during a celebration and launch of the route, Monday, September 16, 2013. Festivities start at 9:00 AM at The River House at Rood Bridge Park (4000 SE Rood Bridge Road, Hillsboro, OR) with a ribbon cutting and unveiling of the bikeway signage. The Banks-Vernonia State Trail is part of the newly designated Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway which runs from Hillsboro to Vernonia.

The public is invited to ride the route during a self-guided, self-paced ride, which starts at 9:20 AM from Rood Bridge Park. Refreshments will be available along the route. There is no cost to participate in the day's activities; however, pre-registration is requested.

EVENT DETAILS:

WHAT: Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway Inaugural Ride

WHEN: September 16, 2013

TIMES: 8:30 AM: Ribbon Cutting and Sign Unveiling,

9:20 AM: Inaugural Ride Begins (recommended for intermediate/advanced cyclists)

11:00 AM: Opening statements

and unveiling of scenic bikeway directional signage at the Banks trailhead of the Banks-Vernonia State Trail

11:20 AM: Banks-Vernonia Ride Begins (recommended for all skill levels)

COST: Free

REGISTRATION:

<https://tvscenicbikeway.eventbrite.com/>

The ride is a self-guided, self-paced ride, and cyclists may join the ride at their leisure, and may return, at their own pace, to their point of origin. Riders must provide their own transportation to and from their point of origin. All riders must carry: a helmet, spare tube, patch kit, pump, tire irons, tools and water bottles.

About the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission formally approved the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway as the tenth designated bikeway in the state in May. The bikeway features the best of the northern Willamette Valley, from friendly downtowns to fertile farmlands and lush natural areas.

Set in the heart of Washington County and traveling into Columbia County, the Bikeway runs more than 50 miles one way, and includes the Banks-Vernonia State Trail. Learn more about the bikeway and download maps from RideOregonRide.com.

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