

# Safety Urged as Summer Vacation Begins

Drivers warned to beware of kids crossing streets and riding bikes

With schools already out for summer break, transportation safety officials are reminding drivers that children will be crossing streets and riding bikes in different areas than they do during the school year. Those changing habits have the potential to contribute to a tragedy.

"You do not want to hit a child with your car. Imagine hearing the crash, feeling the impact and seeing a little kid on the pavement," said Rick Waring, pedestrian and bicycle safety coordinator for the Oregon Department of Transportation. "That would be a horrible, wrenching experience you'd live with for years to come."

Children's travel habits change when school is out. They will be going to and from parks, playgrounds, shopping centers, convenience stores, neighborhood centers, swimming pools and other places where motorists have not seen as much foot traffic for the last nine months. Some schools are in session or host events during the summer, so drivers still must heed school crossings and school zone



Laura Hill (right) of Legacy Emanuel Hospital distributes bicycle safety helmets to two mothers with young children. To promote safety, the health system recently sponsored a summer sale of helmets at discounted \$5 prices. Kids could also bring their own helmets for correct fitting and adjustment during the event. Additional helmet sales at Legacy health centers are scheduled for July 27, Aug. 14 and Sept. 15

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signs.

Waring said it is up to the driver to "expect the unexpected from kids."

Drivers should anticipate kids rushing into the street to get a

stray ball or to cross against the traffic signal. "Kids sometimes do unpredictable and unwise things," he said. "As adults we must be aware of this and drive very cautiously."

# Tri-Met Adds Service for July 4<sup>th</sup>

Tri-Met is adding MAX and bus service on the 4th of July to get people around to area events.

Trains and buses will be on Sunday schedules for the holiday, but service has been added

for busy events.

For example, extra MAX trains and buses will run after the Waterfront Park fireworks, downtown.

The Interstate Line 5 bus will connect to the 7th Street Transit Center in Vancouver with three

buses added to the route late Thursday to help people returning from the Vancouver fireworks.

Tri-Met will have extra MAX trains for the fireworks at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro.

# City Parks Cut Services, 31 Staff

Portland's neighborhood parks will look different this summer—longer grass, fuller garbage cans and restrooms that close earlier than usual. The changes are due to the Portland Parks and Recreation decision to cut 31 staff positions and reduce services in order to cut \$2.2 million from its budget.

People who participate in some recreation and after-school programs will also feel the belt tighten as community schools close along with indoor swim pools at Buckman and Multnomah Learning Center schools.

"These service cuts are required because of a shortfall in city funds. And, after years of taking on more responsibility, we are squeezed to the point where direct services will stop or be cut back severely," said parks director Charles Jordan.

A measure on the May ballot to reinstate the services and further restore and renovate the park system received 70 percent voter support, but failed to pass because the required 50 percent voter turn out was not met.

Voters will have another opportunity to vote on this measure in November.

# Deadline Set for School Custodians

A timeline for reaching a labor agreement with custodians in the Portland School District is apparently running out.

"Absent an agreement with SEIU (Service Employees International Union), the board is expected to vote on whether to subcontract for custodial services at their July 8 meeting," Jim Scherzinger, interim superintendent for the district, said last week.

The board has adopted a budget for 2002-03 that includes \$36 million in cuts.

Scherzinger stated that a savings of \$4.5 million in the first year and \$5.3 million in the second year could be attained if the district significantly reduced the rate it pays for custodial services.

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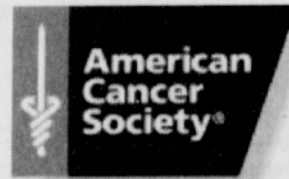
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