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Applying For A Job?

New User-Friendly Recruitment System Online Soon

The City of Albany Human Resources Department will soon offer a new, user-friendly online job application and recruitment system called NEOGOV Insight Enterprise (NEOGOVI). With the NEOGOV system, applying for a job will be easier than ever.

Applicants logging on to the City's NEOGOV system for the first time will be asked to create an applicant account and an online application. Once created, an applicant will be able to modify the application for different positions without having to create a new application from scratch.

Here are just a few benefits for applicants:

- Apply anytime! Submit a job application 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Apply anywhere with Internet capabilities including your home, your business, public libraries, state of Oregon Employment Offices.
- Easy application completion at your convenience. If you are completing your application, and are called away, you will be able to stop, save your application and complete it later.
- Ability to create and store multiple

application versions that you can review and reuse.

- Apply for multiple jobs without re-entering application information.
- Instant on screen and/or e-mail notifications each time you apply.

- More information!

You can receive updates on your application status at any time by logging into your account. You may choose to be notified by e-mail of your application status.

- Complete job interest cards to receive automatic e-mail notification of positions that you are interested in as they are advertised.

Applicants will be able to:

- apply online for job opportunities,
- check the status of applications,
- create job interest cards, and
- store and update employment information.



City Human Resources staff expect the new system will result in a virtually paperless recruitment process, faster processing of applications, and easier access to applicant information for hiring supervisors.

The City anticipates having the NEOGOV system up and running by early June. Check the City's job listing page at www.cityofalbany.net/jobs/ for updates.

If you would like additional information about employment at the City of Albany, visit the City's HR Web page at www.cityofalbany.net/hr/.



River Rhythms Set for 24th Season

Albany Parks & Recreation will host the 24th season of River Rhythms on Thursdays through July and August, opening July 5, 2007, at Monteith Riverpark in downtown Albany.

Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. The blanket seating area opens at 4:00 p.m. Concert-goers who want to sit in chairs can set them up earlier in the day.

No pets are allowed in the park during the performances. Limited handicapped parking is available.

Concerts are free, though donations are encouraged. Several local

vendors offer a variety of food for sale during the concerts.

For more information about the acts, visit www.riverrhythms.org.

2007 Lineup:

- July 5:** Pat Green, *Country*
- July 12:** The Coats, *A Cappella Pop*
- July 19:** Eddie Money (at the Linn County Fair), *Rock*
- July 26:** Curtis Salgado, *Soul/Blues*
- August 2:** Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie, *Zydeco*
- August 9:** The Fabulous Thunderbirds, *Blues/Rock*
- August 16:** Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, *British Pop*



Celebrate Reading This Summer at Albany Public Library

Puppets and pythons, carnivals and comics, and history and fantasy are all part of the free Summer Reading Program at Albany Public Library beginning June 1.

Kids up to 12th grade may register and count the hours they read or listen to books this summer to win prizes, food coupons, or tickets to an end-of-summer swimming party at COOL! Swanson Park Action Center.

Kids of all ages may enter weekly guessing contests for prizes at both Albany libraries, earn money at the Parking Lot Sale, or perform on stage to win cash at the Albany Idols V Talent Show.

Special events are scheduled throughout the summer for school-age kids, along with four weekly story times for kids of all ages.

For a full schedule of summer events at the Library, visit library.cityofalbany.net.

If you have questions, call the Children's Room at the Main Library at 917-7583 or at the Downtown Carnegie

8th NW Art & Air Festival August 24-26

Planning is well underway for the eighth annual Wah Chang Northwest Art & Air Festival, scheduled August 24-26, 2007 at Timber-Linn Memorial Park.

An added feature at this year's Festival is the American Heritage Classic and Orphan Car Show, scheduled for Saturday morning, August 25, below the Oregon Amphitheater berm on Price Road at the northwest corner of the park. The show is cosponsored by Willamette Studebaker Club.

Admission is \$15 per car; raffle drawings will be held throughout the day. The show opens at 8:00 a.m. Awards will be presented at 3:00 p.m.

Continuing favorite features of the Festival include more than 70 artists displaying and selling their wares; hot-air balloon launches at the park each morning at dawn, weather permitting; displays of vintage aircraft and free Young

Eagles flights for kids at Albany Municipal Airport; live music; art activities for kids; art demonstrations; and food.

The popular hot-air balloon Night Glow begins at dusk on Friday night; and a free concert on the main stage in the Oregon Amphitheater will begin at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, followed by fireworks. Visit the Festival Web site, www.nwartandair.org, for the name of the concert act and for more detailed information about this year's event.

Admission to the Festival and the concert is free, though donations are encouraged and prime parking spots are available for a small fee.

The Wah Chang Northwest Art & Air Festival is presented by Albany Parks & Recreation Department and the Albany Visitors Association and sponsored by dozens of local businesses and individuals.

Summer Events Need Volunteers

June Rogers makes sure she has her place each year during the River Rhythms concert series as a volunteer. She is always at one of the entrances to Monteith Riverpark sitting in a chair watching people as they come in. Her volunteer job is to count the number of people who attend by using a counting device. Each year, she calls Albany Parks & Recreation Department to put her bid in to be a crowd counter; the series wouldn't be the same without her smiling face and willingness to help out.

Parks & Recreation is looking for other people like June to volunteer this summer during River Rhythms and the Northwest Art & Air Festival. We need volunteers to work as crowd counters, both sitters, assist with artist check-in, monitor the handicapped parking lot during the daytime, pass the basket, and help with children's crafts. We also need greeters. Most shifts are 2-4 hours and involve sitting.

If you are willing to share your time and energy to help make this event a success, call Lynne Jamison at 917-7760.

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Learn about Tools, Art, Adventure at Summer Camp

Albany Parks & Recreation has organized a variety of camps this summer for youth ages 6-18. Themes include art, drama, extreme adventure, and Rosie the Riveter.

Most camps last for four days and vary from three hours a day to overnight. Each offers young people opportunities to explore new interests, meet people, and develop new skills.

Rosie the Riveter Camp is designed for girls in grades 6, 7, and 8, intended to build self-esteem, physical confidence, leadership skills, and introduce them to nontraditional trades. Offered for the first time in 2006, the camp showed girls how to use a variety of tools, make a toolbox, and weld. They participated in a landscaping project and two construction projects.

The girls met several local women who have nontraditional jobs and four original "Rosies" who helped with the war effort in the 1940s. Parks & Recreation will offer two week-long Rosie camps this summer.

Wearable Art and Amazing Art are two camps for children ages 6-13. Campers will be able to explore several art mediums and put their creativity to use.

For grades 9-12, Extreme Adventures focuses on the great outdoors. This three-day camp is in central Oregon, where they will learn about team building as they climb rocks, ride bikes, and go rafting.

Ten Reasons to Send Your Child to a Summer Camp

Summer camps give your child a chance to grow and experience opportunities that he or she may not get during the school year. They help your child build new skills, enhance their leadership ability, self-confidence, and knowledge.

Need more reasons to send your child to camp? Here are ten:

1. A sense of belonging
2. Meaningful inclusion
3. Feeling of empowerment
4. Opportunities to learn appropriate social skills
5. Exposure to intellectual, physical, and emotional skills
6. Communication skills
7. Listening skills
8. How to be a member of a team
9. Positive peer and adult models
10. Learning that is fun, physical, and out of the ordinary.



For a complete listing of camps, see the Summer 2007 Albany Parks and Recreation brochure. If you have questions, contact Debbi Richards at 917-7755.



Let's Go Play Outside

When the sun shines more often, we want to go play outside. Albany Parks & Recreation invites you to play outside with us this summer – take your kids to the neighborhood park, come to a free concert at Monteith Riverpark, take a ropes course, or go whitewater rafting.

Our Park Maintenance staff prepares and maintains 28 neighborhood and regional parks in Albany. They open

restrooms and make sure the parks with shelters are ready to rent for family reunions, birthday parties, company picnics, or other events. Reservations can be made up to 13 months in advance by calling 917-7777.

Recreation staff is pulling together a variety of outdoor programs for summer. In addition to Mondays at Monteith concerts, the award-winning River Rhythms concert series and the Wah Chang Northwest Art & Air Festival, Parks & Recreation will offer summer camps, Fun in the Park, pre-concert art, and adult softball leagues.

Outdoor adventure programs offered by Albany Parks & Recreation are

steadily growing. The goal is to provide a well-rounded outdoors program that is enjoyable, exciting and challenging, and foster stewardship of the natural environment. Outdoor activity is also good for your health. People are more physically active when outdoors, have lower blood pressure, and feel better.

Summer 2007 adventures include bicycling, ropes, whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, stargazing, and hiking.

To learn more about these programs, read the 2007 Albany Parks & Recreation Summer Activity Guide, call 917-7777 or visit www.cityofalbany.net/parks.

Improvements at Albany Senior Center

Forty years ago, the Albany Senior Center shared a home with the youth ministry of First Christian Church in a Civil War-era building next to the church. Now, that age's teens are turning 50 and becoming Senior Center users.

The existing Senior Center was dedicated in September 1975; with community support, it doubled in size in 1988. The *Albany Democrat-Herald* reported that the 1998 rededication featured a large crowd who enjoyed music by the "Geritol 4."

In 1968, 80 was very old and people in their 60's were often headed for the rocking chair. Today, vibrant, active people live well into their 90's while people in their 60's are taking care of their parents and don't have time to slow down.

At the Senior Center, our challenge is to provide experiences, activities, and information that meet people where they are — for the 50-year-old who wants to study retirement planning, the 60-year-old taking care of elderly parents, the 70-year-old who wants to stay active, the 80-year-old who likes to travel, and the 90-year-old who wants a good cup of coffee and people to share it with.

We are thankful for good thinking and planning behind the building and furnishing of the Senior Center and recognize the ongoing commitment to keeping the facility relevant and useful to new generations of users.

The Center and its furnishings have held up well since its last makeover. This

year, we needed to freshen up the decor and replace worn out furnishings. We replaced the roof and carpet, changed lighting to be more modern and cost-effective, purchased new round tables and a more portable stage. Tile flooring in the large multipurpose room will be replaced this summer.

The Senior Center also needs to replace 250 multipurpose chairs that are used for everything from wedding receptions and banquets to just a place to sit. Cost is estimated at \$20,000, and the Center could use some help in raising that amount. Individuals, businesses, or others who would like to contribute to chair replacement effort or want more information about the Senior Center should call 917-7760.

The Legacy Forest at Lexington Park is a commemorative tree planting program designed to perpetuate the memory or work of individuals and organizations. These trees will provide not only lasting memories, but significant environmental benefits for our community.

See www.cityofalbany.net/parks/urbanforestry/legacyforest/index.php for details.



Indoor Summer Swimming at Albany Community Pool

Though located on the campus at South Albany High School, the Albany Community Pool is what its name implies – an indoor pool that is open to everyone.

For 28 years, ACP has offered a variety of programs including youth swimming lessons, adult lap swims, and senior fitness classes. The facility includes a 50-meter, Olympic-size pool and an 8-person hot tub. Each year, about 79,000 people use the pool.

For more information on the programs below, call the pool office at (541) 967-4521.

Lap Swims: Monday – Saturday, various times throughout the day. A therapy lane is open mornings and afternoons for people recovering from injury or surgery who need to do water exercises.

Senior Fitness: Two classes offered four mornings a week for people who prefer aerobic exercise without getting their hair wet. You need not be a senior citizen to participate. The 7:15 a.m. class has a vigorous pace; 8:15 a.m. is slower. Each focuses on cardiovascular exercise and range of motion.

Water Aerobics: Evenings twice a week. Taught in four feet of water and great for people who prefer water to land aerobics. It has the same effect on the cardiovascular system with less impact on joints.

Aqua Jogging: Evenings twice a week. Taught in 12 feet of water with a flotation belt. Provides cardiovascular exercise without impact on the joints. Especially suited for individuals with injured backs, hips, knees, or ankles.

Youth Lessons: Year-round, following American Red Cross standards. The preschool program is designed for ages 3 to 5 and Level programs for ages 6 years and up. Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the school year; mornings and evenings Monday through Friday during summer.

Parent/Child: For ages 6 months to 3 years. Designed to introduce your baby or toddler to the water with the comfort of a parent in the water with them.

Teen Nights: 8:00-11:00 p.m. June 27, July 25, and August 22, for ages 12-18. Music, food, games, and swimming. Check the City's Web site, www.cityofalbany.net, for added special features.

Senior Nights (55 and over): 8:00-9:30 p.m. July 11 and August 8. Deck games, water games, exercise classes, and snacks.

The Economic Value of Parks and Recreation Services

City of Albany employees pave streets, fight crime, and put out fires. What about parks? Parks and recreation programs make a community a great place to live, but what is their economic value?

Monteith Riverpark, once a dumping ground for old building materials, is a vibrant part of downtown, a centerpiece for upcoming waterfront development and host to a nationally recognized (and much copied) summer concert series.

COOL! Swanson Park Action Center builds up the surrounding neighborhood.

Over 300 people currently participate in fitness classes sponsored or cosponsored by Albany Parks & Recreation. National statistics show that, on average, a person who stays fit saves \$200 a year in health premiums.

Albany boasts one of the best senior citizen centers in Oregon. Programs allow over 200 frail seniors to keep living in their own homes while being checked on daily. It gives baby boomers and recent retirees opportunities for education, service, and community connections.

Maple Lawn Preschool has given thousands of children a great start for education and is now enrolling children of former students. Its focus on early intervention has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by giving children with special needs a boost in social and academic skills.

The Northwest Art & Air Festival attracts 30,000 people to Albany on the last weekend in August. As this event's reputation grows, more out of town guests stay in our hotels and do business with local merchants.

National studies show that houses located near parks sell, on average, for six percent more than other houses. Our 28 parks spread out throughout the city add resale value to a large percentage of Albany homes.

Albany Parks & Recreation works closely with the Albany Visitors Association to support events and opportunities for tourism.

The citizens of Albany faithfully support parks and recreation services. We take your trust very seriously and strive each day to give you good economic value while continuing to make Albany a great place to live.

Be COOL! At Swanson

COOL! Swanson Park Action Center (COOL! Pool) offers swimming experiences for all ages.

Small children are excited about the Parent / Tot swim time. Offered Monday through Saturday, noon to 1:00 p.m., the pool is open to children ages 6 and under with their parents. The shallow area has a play structure with a small slide, geysers, a net "ramp," and other features; this area and the "lazy river" are available. Water entry in the play area is similar to a beach (without the sand) and ranges to 18 inches. The area is ideal for children who cannot yet swim but love to play in the water.

The "lazy river" is three feet deep with a current. Children and adults can walk through, float, or swim. All ages like to see how fast they can swim with the current pushing them through the water.

Every day at 1:00 p.m., COOL! opens for recreational swimming. Children under age 6 must have a parent with them. The play area and "lazy river" are available. The big yellow slide opens then; you are sure to see it as you cross the Pacific Boulevard overpass into downtown.

The rectangular lap pool includes basketball hoops, swimming, and splashing. No diving is permitted; the deepest water is 4 feet, 6 inches.

Adults and youth are all welcome in the "River Current" aerobic fitness class offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00 a.m. to noon or Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Lap swimming is open during the Parent / Tot swim.

Recreational swimming is at 5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Family Swim is at 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; children under the age of 16 must bring an adult with them.

Swim lessons are scheduled in half-hour intervals from 10:00-11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Ten lessons cost \$38. Youth classes are offered from preschool through Red Cross Level 4. Class times vary. The first session is scheduled to begin June 18.

Users may pay a daily fee, purchase a 10-visit punch card, or a seasonal pass. Visit the pool Web site, www.swansoncool.com, for prices.

Small Businesses Make A Big Impact

As one steps into Browsers Books or Frogs & Pollywogs, it's easy to feel the charm of days gone by. The owners greet you with warm smiles and a willingness to help in any way. As small business owners and people new to the area, they are far from being Fortune 500 companies; but what matters most to them is being a part of their community.

Both businesses decided to make a difference this year by being sponsors of the Children's Performing Art Series. It was important to each to use their marketing dollar wisely and to connect with their target market. These businesses wanted to connect with children in a way that would bring business awareness as well as a return on their investment.

Browsers Books, 1425 Pacific Boulevard SE, was founded in 2001 in Corvallis and opened their Albany branch last year. The Albany and Corvallis stores are heavily involved with helping their respective public libraries. The Corvallis branch has

worked with the school district's libraries and raised approximately \$2,000. Browsers Books is working with Allied Waste of Albany-Lebanon to start a recycling program for out of date text books and other unwanted books. Owner Scott Givens is excited about providing this service to our community.

Celia Formiller, owner of Frogs & Pollywogs, remembers a small shoe store in her hometown. The shoe store used crazy fun house mirrors for customers to see the shoes as they tried them on. In Frogs & Pollywogs, Celia wanted a store that would make customers feel comfortable in bringing their children without worrying about breaking anything. She enjoys families who just want to play because she knows they will be back when they need a gift for someone.

Frogs & Pollywogs held its grand opening on April 6, 2006, and is located downtown, inside the historic Flinn building at 222 First Avenue SW.

The Art of Pre-Concert Time

It's late afternoon on a Thursday during the summer. You're at Monteith Riverpark awaiting an evening of musical entertainment. You ran to the blanket area and got your spot, the kids have been to the playground, twice, you've walked them down to the riverfront and back and then fed them dinner. And you've still got an hour or more before the concert starts. The kids are starting to get bored. What to do?

That was ten years ago. Now, every Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. before the River Rhythms concert starts, Albany Parks & Recreation staff host free art activities on the patio at the adjacent Albany Senior Center for the young and young-at-heart. As many as 100-250 children participate every week with parents, grandparents, or older siblings joining in.

The drop-in, free-flowing activities are designed for preschool through elementary age children. Every event includes at least four activities; participants can do one or all of them. Volunteers and staff assist the children in making their crafts. The creativity oozes out, the concentration shows, and the smiles abound as the children leave with their creations.

Volunteers are a vital part of the pre-concert art team. If you are a responsible teen or adult who enjoys working with children, contact Theresa Johnson a 917-7767.

Activities would not be possible without the support of sponsors. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring pre-concert art, contact Joy Gilliland at 917-7772.



Bike Safety Rodeo June 23

The 2007 Bicycle Safety Rodeo, sponsored by the Albany Police Department, Kiwanis Club of Albany, Albany Fred Meyer, Albany Fire Department, and Joe's, will held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2007, in the Joe's parking lot, 2000 14th Avenue SE.

Activities include bicycle skills testing, bicycle safety inspections, and bicycle identification engraving. In-line skates are welcome; helmets are required for all participants.

A drawing will be held at 1:30 p.m. for bicycles, helmets, and bicycle-related items. Participants must be present to win.

Law enforcement personnel, including bicycle officers with the Albany Police Department and Oregon State Police, will show young cyclists and skaters how to ride skillfully and safely. The purpose of the Bicycle Safety Rodeo is to increase child safety through educating children about rules, bicycle skills, and helmet use.

For more information, contact Sandy Roberts, Community Service Officer, at the Albany Police Department, (541) 917-3206.



Join Your Neighbors for National Night Out August 7



Neighborhoods throughout Albany are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, for the 24th annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

From about 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will host special events such as block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anti-crime rallies.

If you would like to organize a Neighborhood Watch group or simply support local crime prevention efforts and participate in National Night Out, this is an excellent opportunity to organize your neighborhood to reduce crime, get to know your neighbors and host a neighborhood celebration. If you live within the Albany city limits and want more infor-

mation regarding National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, or to register your neighborhood event, contact Community Service Officer Lynn Hinrichs, at 917-3208.

Registered neighborhoods are eligible for prizes and visits from the police and fire departments. Please register prior to June 22, 2007.

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and cosponsored locally by the Albany Police Department and Target, will involve over 35 million people from all 50 states.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Sign up for Police Citizens' Academy

The Albany Police Department is accepting applications for the Fall Citizens' Academy. The Academy runs from September 4 – November 13, 2007, each Tuesday evening and two Saturdays.

The Citizens' Academy is offered free to Albany citizens 18 years of age or older and who pass a criminal background check. It is designed to develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of the Police Department in the criminal justice system and the community.

Twenty citizens will be selected to attend 30 hours of interactive classroom and hands-on instruction. Topics include police officer selection, training, and duties; investigation skills; tactical operations; canine procedures; firearms use; narcotics investigations; communications; crime scene processing; emergency vehicle operations; and crime prevention. Students will be actively involved in a variety of interesting and educational activities.

To reserve a seat for the fall class or to learn more about the Academy, call Community Service Officer Sandy Roberts at (541) 917-3206.

Reduce Your Water Bill, Help the Environment

The City of Albany offers a free outdoor water audit to residential customers in Albany and has expanded the program this year to include industrial and commercial customers.

Outdoor water audits can show a customer how to lower their water bills while

maintaining a healthy landscape, benefit the community through improved water quality, and reduce water production. Proper irrigation also can reduce the amount of fertilizer, herbicides, energy, and labor used.

If you irrigate your property and would like

to know if you are optimizing your water usage or would like additional water conservation information, call Heather Slocum at 917-7600 ext. 4645 or e-mail heather.slocum@cityofalbany.net to schedule a free outdoor water audit.

Firefighters' Golf Tournament July 23

The Albany Firefighters Community Assistance Fund (AFFCAF) plans its seventh annual golf tournament fund-raiser at Spring Hill Country Club Monday, July 23, 2007. The afternoon tournament is a four-person team scramble. The \$420 team fee includes 18 holes of golf, two golf carts, buffet dinner, and the chance to win a number of great prizes.

The tournament also offers opportunities to showcase your business as a tournament sponsor. For more information on team registration or sponsorship, visit the City of Albany Web site, www.cityofalbany.net, or contact the Albany Fire Department at 917-7700. Deadline for team registration is July 6.

Proceeds from the tournament support AFFCAF activities which include assistance to victims of fires and traumatic events; bike helmets for local children; residential sprinkler systems in Habitat for Humanity homes; life safety vests for local water recreation use; and other community needs identified by Albany's firefighters.



Free Loan-A-Life Jacket Program

The Albany Fire Department, in conjunction with the Albany Firefighters Community Assistance Fund (AFFCAF), will again offer the Loan-A-Life Jacket program from Memorial Day weekend (May 26, 2007) through Labor Day, September 6, 2007.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, drowning is the Number 2 cause of death for children under the age of 14. The Fire Department hopes this program will help reduce the risk of drowning in local waterways.

The life jackets will be available on an outdoor display at Fire Station 11 on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Lyon Street. Individuals may borrow the life jackets on the honor system, but borrowers are required to sign a life jacket agreement, available at the display. Signs posted with the life jackets clearly set out rules for use and the requirement to sign the agreement.

The life jackets, for children and adults, were donated through the U.S. Boat Foundation, Legend Homes, and AFFCAF. The program is operating in several other communities with good success.

For more information, contact the Fire Department at (541) 917-7700.



Join FireMed

The Albany Fire Department and its ambulance service are important partners with the local medical community in providing quality emergency care. The FireMed membership plan offers protection from additional out-of-pocket expense for needed ambulance service and helps the Department maintain state-of-the-art service.

A \$50.00 FireMed membership provides emergency pre-hospital medical care and transportation to the immediate family regularly living in the household of the member. The member, spouse, or persons listed as legal dependents for income tax purposes are covered. Others not included in this definition are required to obtain separate memberships.

Membership for air medical services is also available; contact the Fire Department for information and application forms.

Please send me a FREE FireMed membership information packet.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____



Mail to:
Albany Fire Department
P.O. Box 490
Albany, OR 97321

Other Events Coming Soon

Fourth Annual Pump & Run

Combined bench press and 5K run competition

June 16, 2007

Albany Athletic Club, 380 Hickory St. NW

A fund-raiser for the Albany Fire Fighters Community Assistance Fund

Entry forms are available at Albany Athletic Club, City Hall, any Albany fire station, or www.cityofalbany.net/fire/pumpandrun.

For more information, contact Tammy Jordan, 541-917-7700, ext. 5024, or tammy.jordan@cityofalbany.net; or Susan Fox, 541-917-7700, ext. 5010, or susan.fox@cityofalbany.net.

2007 Summer Safety Camps

For children entering grades 4-6 this fall.

June 25–28 or July 30–August 2

South Albany High School Cafeteria,
3705 Columbus St. SE

Includes: Water, boat, electrical, and fireworks safety, Junior Police and Firefighter challenges, fun field trips, lunch and snacks, camp T-shirt, graduation ceremony and family barbecue!

Just \$30! Scholarships available.

Register at the Boys & Girls Club of Albany, 1215 Hill Street SE. For more information, contact Wanda Omdahl at 917-7734.

Sponsored by Albany Fire & Police Departments, Boys and Girls Club of Albany, Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, Albany Community Pool, and Greater Albany Public Schools.