

# River Road Park

## December 2022 *The BUZZ*

Welcome to "*The Buzz*" ~ River Road Park's monthly newsletter designed to keep you up to date with park news and more in touch with your community.

*Blast from the past...*



Winter hours will be 8a-4:30p  
December-February.

### It's a holiday breakfast! **Santa's Smorgasbord**

**Where:** Emerald Park  
1400 Lake Drive

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 10th

**Time:** 8:30 - 11 am

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, juice & coffee!

Join us for this community celebration!  
All ages young & old welcome.

Santa Claws!

holiday music!

festive activities!

Donations accepted or bring 2 cans of food for food bank.





## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

John Potwora was born and raised in our beautiful state. He grew up in Eugene, in a large family with six kids. He has a fraternal twin who is also local. John attended and graduated from the University of Oregon with a BS in Liberal Arts and a minor in Art Education. He's always loved Eugene but dreams of living on the coast one day.

On a personal note, John has been married for eleven years. He and his wonderful wife live outside of town on 18 acres. They love to garden and work on their home sanctuary. They are huge pet lovers. They have four chickens, who eat better than most humans, and four cats they adore. John is also an artist and makes amazing pottery. He's an outdoorsy person, who enjoys camping, fishing, crabbing, and hiking. He loves books and food. I mean really loves food! If you ever need John to do something, just offer him pizza or donuts and you're golden. Lol, I know from personal experience!



John has worked for the park the last 13 years as our Building Maintenance Supervisor so chances are, you've probably met him but hopefully now you have learned a bit more about him. His favorite part of his job is chatting with the patrons, instructors, and his wonderful co-workers! Be sure to say hi when you run into him.

“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.” –Hamilton Wright Mabie

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Most River Road Park and Recreation District users will recognize Tam Tran as a regular user of the Fitness Center and a friendly face around River Road facilities. Tam has been frequenting River Road Park and Recreation District facilities for a long time and is a resident of the River Road community himself. He says he loves the community aspect, family atmosphere, and hospitality that he feels when utilizing the amenities.

Tam was born and raised in Saigon and came to the United States in 1975 via a church program operated out of Springfield, Oregon. Tam is a TSA Officer at Mahlon Airport in Eugene and has worked there for 20 years. Tam also enjoys raising Koi in his pond surrounded by his finely manicured landscaping and his fancy bonsai creations.

Be sure and say hello and Congrats to Tam next time you see him around and congratulate him on being our spotlight member of the month.



## 55+ DAY TRIPS

### Dinner & Pentacle Theater

Canceled.  
12/9 F 3:15-11:30p \$89

### The Grotto's Annual Christmas Festival of Lights

Full.  
12/14 W 1-11:30p \$84

### Grub Club Dinner~Bill & Tim's Barbecue

A few spots remain.  
12/29 Th 4:30-7:30p \$30

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## YOUTH

### Winter Break Camp

Grades K-4. Join us for a week of fun and adventure as we turn winter vacation into an experience to remember! We'll play games, work on art and crafts and participate in sports activities. 4 DAYS ONLY. Must register for all 4 days. No daily care available. Drop off as early as 8 am.

Dec 19-22	M-Th	8a-5p	\$170
Dec 27-30	Tu-F	8a-5p	\$170

### Holiday Gymnastics Camp

Ages 6-12. Open to girls of all skill levels, these camps promise a full range of exposure to gymnastics and serious FUN. Skills will be taught on all gymnastics apparatus under the supervision of our coaching staff. Please wear comfortable exercise clothing.

Session 1 12/19-22  
Session 2 12/27-30  
M-F 9a-1p \$108 ID/\$120 OD per session



### Park Hours

Sunrise to sunset

### Main Office

1400 Lake Dr.  
Eugene, OR 97404  
541-688-4052  
info@rrpark.org  
M-F 8a-5p

### Pool

1400 Lake Dr.  
Eugene, OR 97404  
541-461-7777  
M-F 6a-9p  
Sa 6a-1:30p

### Fitness Center

1400 Lake Dr.  
M-F 6a-9p  
Sa 6a-1:30p

### Gymnastics

30043 Leghorn Rd.  
(Prairie Road & Leghorn)  
541-688-8955  
gymnastics@rrpark.org  
M-F 9a-12p and 1p-6p  
Sat. 8:30a-12:30p

### River Road Annex

1055 River Road  
Hours vary.

# Thank you to our partners for supporting River Road Park District



## A New Salon & Style

Full Service Salon  
1021 Maxwell Road  
541-688-7155

[www.aneusalonandstyle21.com](http://www.aneusalonandstyle21.com)  
The salon is open 5 days a week 10a-5:30p. (Tu-Sa)



	<b>River Road Community Organization</b> <b>Organización Comunitaria de River Road</b>
	Is your way to: <i>Es su manera de:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• connect with your neighbors</li><li>• conectar con sus vecinos</li><li>• have a voice in local policy and planning</li><li>• tener voz en la política local y planificación</li><li>• get involved to improve your neighborhood</li><li>• involucrarse para mejorar su vecindario</li><li>• access resources • acceder recurso</li></ul>
<b>Community meetings Second Monday every month at 7 PM (currently on zoom)</b> <b>Reuniones comunitarias El segundo lunes de cada mes a las 7 p. m. (en zoom)</b>	
Subscribe to the monthly e-news to get meeting information, calendar, and reports on neighborhood happenings: <a href="http://bit.ly/RRCOnews">bit.ly/RRCOnews</a> Suscríbese a las noticias electrónicas mensuales para obtener información sobre reuniones, eventos e informes sobre nuestro vecindario. <a href="http://www.riverroadco.org">www.riverroadco.org</a> <a href="mailto:cochair@riverroadco.org">cochair@riverroadco.org</a>	



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Smorgasborg on 12/10.