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## News Release

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### McCoy Fountain Closed Temporarily for Mechanical Repair

The McCoy Fountain, located between N. Trenton Street and N. Newman Avenue, will be closed temporarily while a crew from the Portland Water Bureau makes a mechanical repair. The fountain should return to service by July 20, 2012.

The McCoy Fountain is one of 19 decorative fountains operated and maintained by the Portland Water Bureau. While the McCoy Fountain is out of service, five of the city's other interactive fountains are available: Salmon Street Springs Fountain, Jamison Square Fountain, Bill Naito Legacy Fountain, Holladay Park Fountain, and Teachers Fountain.

Built in 2006, McCoy Fountain was designed by Murase Associates and is the first decorative municipal fountain in North Portland. The water feature sits at the south end of McCoy Park in the New Columbia neighborhood. The Housing Authority of Portland commissioned the fountain for children of all ages to enjoy.

The fountain re-circulates nearly 8,000 gallons of water. Water spouts at random intervals at heights of up to 6 feet from 35 jets. It is considered a "guessing" fountain. People guess which spouts will erupt next within the 710 square foot oval area bounded by seating ledges.

The Portland Water Bureau is responsible to see that the city fountains are in good working order and safe for public use.

The public is asked to observe a few fountain rules to ensure their safety:

- Look but don't drink the water. The water flowing in decorative fountains is not for consumption. To conserve water, most of these fountains recycle water. The water is chlorinated to a level comparable with swimming pools.
- Be safe. Although people enjoy splashing around in the interactive fountains, there are potential hazards for unattended children.
- Use caution at all fountains. Potentially slippery surfaces, rapidly moving water, and pools of water require careful attention.

For additional information on Portland's fountains, visit  
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