

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### **City of Eugene Named Among Top 10 Healthiest Employers in Oregon in 2011**

For the second year in a row, the City of Eugene was named one of Oregon's top 10 healthiest employers of its size by the *Portland Business Journal*. The mission of the Healthiest Employer Program is to reward companies which demonstrate innovation and leadership in their workplace wellness initiatives. The City's comprehensive Health & Fitness Program includes on-site fitness facilities, fitness classes, health and wellness workshops, health risk appraisals, biometric health screenings, smoking cessation programs, and employee flu clinics, and featured the City Manager's Activity Challenge this summer. The goals of the program are to improve employee health and productivity and help control health care costs.

Organizations were assessed in seven key areas of workplace wellness: culture and leadership, commitment, foundational components, strategic planning, communications and marketing, programming and interventions, and reporting and analysis.

For more information, contact Health & Fitness Director Steve Auferoth, Risk Services/Central Services Department, at 541-682-5610.



### **Sunday Is Fun Day for Kids and Family at Eugene Public Library**

Kids and family are invited to drop in for free, fun activities Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. All About Birds with Susan O'Donohoe of the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest is on Oct. 23; on Oct. 30, hear Claire Ribaud perform Slightly Scary Halloween Stories.



On Nov. 6, storyteller Kelly Terwilliger will share Tasty Tales about funny feasts, clever cooks, and stirring adventures. On Nov. 13, join a Colonial Tea, with games, crafts, and tea in the style of British colonists before the Revolutionary War.

Make a recycled art garden of flowers and bugs with MECCA (Materials Exchange Center for the Community Arts) on Nov. 20. During Thanksgiving weekend, on Nov. 27, get moving with Science Fun on the Run, hands-on learning about motion with the Science Factory.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

### **Recreation Services Offers Halloween Events for All Ages**

The City of Eugene is offering a variety of fun activities with Halloween themes this month for families, adults and seniors.



The Adult Services program invites seniors to a spectacularly bewitching, delicious luncheon they won't forget, from 11:59 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oct. 26, at Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Road. Lunch will be not as it appears. Scary, scary stories will provide the goose bumps and laughs. Dressing in costume is optional but attendees are encouraged to wear something decorative/funny. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative attire. For more information about the luncheon, call 541-682-5521.

The Youth and Family Program invites families with children ages 1 - 11 to drop in to the free Boooo Barn, from 5 - 8 p.m., Oct. 28, at Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Road. Join friends and neighbors celebrating the fall season with games, fall crafts and much more. It will be a fun-filled evening for the whole family. For more information about the Booo Barn, call 541-682-5521.

The Adaptive Recreation Program presents an evening of dancing, music, snacks, crafts, and friends from 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Oct. 28. This event is designed for individuals with developmental disabilities. For information about the Halloween dance, call 541-682-5311.

### **Hazardous Material Train Derailment Exercise Set for November 3**

The City of Eugene and response partners will be conducting a hazardous material train derailment full-scale exercise in Eugene on Nov. 3, 2011. The specialized training and exercise, developed in cooperation with the Center for National Response, will target response and mitigation of hazardous chemical spills.



The training will allow Eugene-Springfield Metro Fire personnel, Region 1, 2 and 5 Hazmat Emergency Response Teams, Oregon National Guard Civil Support Team (CST), first responder agencies, and Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facilities, to train and drill together to ensure a comprehensive response in the event of a hazardous chemical release.

The exercise will help evaluate the ability of the City of Eugene and partners to work collaboratively to ensure the hazardous materials release is rapidly identified, victims exposed to the hazard are rescued, decontaminated, and treated, the impact of the release is limited, and responders and at-risk populations are effectively protected.

For additional information, please contact Stacy Burr, City of Eugene Emergency Management, at [stacy.m.burr@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:stacy.m.burr@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-5860.