

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### **City Staff Receives Regional Award for Leadership in Green Building**

As part of the International Living Future Institute and Cascadia Green Building's annual conference, Jenna Garmon of the City of Eugene Planning and Development Department (PDD) was recognized for her work on promoting greener buildings. Jenna received Cascadia's Annual Branch Leadership Award at the conference held earlier this month. Branch leaders are individuals whose service to their local green building communities has substantively advanced the movement throughout the region.

Jenna is the City's Green Building Analyst and the program chair for Cascadia's Eugene branch. Since 2008, she has been the primary staff person responsible for developing and implementing the City of Eugene's Green Building Incentive Program (GBIP). She provides technical assistance and trainings to a variety of stakeholders, including designers, builders and homeowners.

Located within the Building and Permit Division of PDD, the Waste Prevention and Green Building Program has the goal of making waste prevention and building green the norm for the community.

To find out more about the Green Building Program, visit [www.eugenerecycles.org](http://www.eugenerecycles.org). For more information on the award, or to give Jenna a virtual high five, contact her at [jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us).

### **"Oh, the Places You'll Go" Theme of We Are Bethel Celebration**

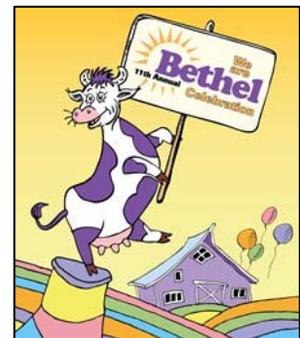
The 11<sup>th</sup> annual We Are Bethel Celebration is June 2, noon - 6 p.m., at Petersen Barn Community Center. The event celebrates Bethel and west Eugene neighborhoods with fun for all ages.

There will be free music all day, including the featured band, Nuestras Raices Collective Project at 2 p.m., and performances by bands and vocal groups from local schools. There will also be a carnival for kids, community booths, and interactive art.

The recipient of this year's "Milk Toast," which honors a neighborhood leader, will be Aleta Miller, a member of the Active Bethel Citizens and the Bethel Neighborhood Farmers Market. For more information, contact Peter Chavannes at 541-682-5521.



Above: (from left to right): Outreach & Advocacy Manager for Cascadia Green Building Council Nicholas Hartrich, Jenna Garmon, City of Eugene, and Outreach & Advocacy Director for Cascadia Green Building Council Joel Sisolak.





### **Pre's Rock Walks at Track Town 12**

During the Olympic Trials, Recreation staff will lead walks to the memorial for Oregon track legend Steve Prefontaine. The walk winds through shady neighborhoods near Hayward Field. Eugene's track history and the part Pre played in that history will be discussed during the walk.

Walks depart from the Starting Block at the Olympic Trials Festival Area outside Hayward Field and are free. The round trip walk is two-miles with some hills, and takes about an hour. The walks are on June 23, 8:30 a.m.; June 25, 2:30 p.m.; June 28, 2:30 p.m.; and, June 30, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mel Mann at 541-682-5318.

### **Let's Move! Eugene Helps Families Start Summer by Getting Active**

Summer's right around the corner and what better way to kick it off than with a free swim at Amazon Pool. Recreation Services, Eugene School District 4J and Lane Coalition for Healthy, Active Youth (LCHAY), and Vend Natural are presenting the free, **Let's Move!** Recreational Swim from 2 - 6 p.m. on June 20.

**Let's Move!** is the national program begun by First Lady Michelle Obama to solve the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation. In Lane County, 60 percent of adults and more than one in four children are overweight or obese.

Eugene is a **Let's Move!** city, and Recreation Services has been working to help youth lead healthier, more active lifestyles all year long. Through a partnership with Eugene District 4J, Recreation has provided in-school and out-of-school physical activities for more than 700 youth over the past three years.



LCHAY, whose mission is to prevent childhood obesity through advocacy and action, is partnering with Recreation to reduce childhood obesity in the community through policy change and nutrition education.

During the free swim at Amazon Pool on June 20, kids can play games and win prizes, while adults can learn about healthy snacks, buy produce at a farmer's market, and visit community information booths. There will also be activities recognizing the City's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. For more information, contact Sandy Shaffer at 541-682-6348.

### **Starting Block Returns to Olympic Trials**

The City of Eugene has once again teamed up with Nike to create experiential opportunities for youth and families to connect with the Olympic Trials at The Starting Block. Originally created as a Legacy Program of the 2008 Olympic Trials, The Starting Block's continuing objective is to increase youth awareness and participation in track and field events while promoting health and fitness that builds strong bodies and minds. The Starting Block will be located in the Track Town 12 Festival Area and is free. It will include these eight activity areas:



- The Track and Field Circuit offers youth a chance to set their "Personal Best" in sprints, hurdles, long jump, broad jump and vertical leap.
- At I'm A Track Fan, fans of all ages can test what they know about track and field with the "Wheel of Knowledge." Participants may also have a button made of their favorite track and field athlete to wear with pride.
- In the Warm-Up area, participants will have fun playing games on iJoy Boards and other balance apparatus to get warmed up prior to starting the Track and Field Circuit.
- The Tech Tent offers movement games such as Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect for techno fans.
- Participants will see a display of track and field implements such as hammers, hurdles, starting blocks, etc., at the World Records tent and can check out the World, American, Olympic and Junior World records of 22 track and field events.
- In the Chill Zone fans can rest and watch a live feed of the activities from Hayward Field. Competing athletes will also be scheduled to come to the Chill Zone to sign autographs and talk about their track and field experiences.
- In the Photo Cut-Out area, the public can put themselves in the race by superimposing their faces on large, life-size photos of world-class athletes. This is a great photo opportunity for families.
- The Little Sprinters area is for athletes age five and younger. They'll do activities similar to those for the older kids and have lots of fun.

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