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Positive Changes in Whiteaker Neighborhood Include Volunteer Project at Sladden Park

Todd Glenz, owner of McKenzie Commercial, a local Whiteaker neighborhood construction company for almost 30 years, contacted the Eugene Park Stewards Program of the Parks and Open Space Division about replacing the double-walled, aging, wooden backboard at Sladden Park tennis court. The backboard was deteriorating at its base and was continually being tagged and re-painted.



Volunteers from McKenzie Commercial prepare to install a new tennis backboard.

On a recent Saturday, the backboard came down and was hauled to Lane Forest Products for recycling. Natron, a local plywood mill, donated marine-grade plywood for the new backboard, and installation on the existing frame was completed by nearly 15 McKenzie Commercial field and office staff and their family members.

At a pre-project tour, Todd Glenz voiced excitement about the positive changes happening in the Whiteaker neighborhood. Gifts from McKenzie Commercial and Natron to Sladden Park and the neighborhood are certainly part of that change.

For more information about this project or volunteering in parks in the Whiteaker neighborhood, contact Lorna Baldwin at 541-682-4845 or lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us.

Camp at Olympic Trials Provides Legacy of Leadership

The City of Eugene, in partnership with Nike, is making it possible for 102, ninth -12th grade students, to attend a leadership camp during the Olympic Trials held at Hayward Field, June 22 - July 1. The camp, a continuation of the 2008 Olympic Trials Legacy Program, is intended to provide a lasting benefit of the national event.

Students in the Leadership Camp will be housed on the University of Oregon campus and receive leadership training from coaches, Nike executives, and former athletes. They will also work at the meet, serving as part of the operations team that places hurdles and assists athletes in the warm-up area.

The students were selected for the Leadership Camp through an open application process. Each student answered essay questions about how the camp would support their leadership goals. They also submitted a letter of recommendation from a mentor. Students do not have to be athletes to attend, but must exhibit a sincere interest in track and field.

This year, 387 students applied for the 102 slots available. They come from cities and rural areas: 90 are from Oregon, 12 from out-of-state, and one student is from China. They bring a wide diversity to the camp in terms of ethnicity, background, age, size of school, interests, ability, experiences and areas of competition (throwers, distance runners, sprinters, etc.). For more information, contact Kim McManus at 541-682-5312.

