

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### ***Celebrate Eugene@150 at Eugene Public Library***

In October, the Downtown Eugene Public Library continues to host many events inviting all ages to learn about and celebrate Eugene.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m., David G. Turner, author of a book of historical Eugene photographs for the “Images of America” series, will give an illustrated talk about photographs and photographers documenting the city for the past 150 years (pictured).

Writer and director Tim McIntosh will present an original play, “Our Town, Eugene,” on First Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. Unfolding as the city changes over the years, it tells a story of competing ideals and clashing hopes under one roof, with a cast featuring Jay Hash, Nancy Hopps, Richard Leebrick, Jorah LaFleur, Dan Pegoda, Andrew Poletto and Haley Washington.

Each Sunday at 3 p.m., the Downtown Library’s Family Fun series will focus on various aspects of Eugene. On Oct. 7, kids and family are invited to make a mural imagining a future Eugene with Sharon Kaplan of the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. Esther Stuzman will tell Kalapuya stories, traditional tribal tales of the original inhabitants of the Willamette Valley, on Oct. 14. Lauren Willis and the marionettes of the University of Oregon’s Museum of Natural and Cultural History will be entertainingly educational on Oct. 21. And, on Oct. 28, join a folk song sing-along with Adam Miller, a renowned American folksinger and natural-born storyteller.



For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

### ***Oregon Facilities Authority Comes to Eugene***

The Oregon Facilities Authority (OFA) is the state agency that helps nonprofit §501(c)(3) organizations access low-cost financing for the purchase, construction and renovation of facilities, and refinancing of debt for those purposes. OFA will hold an informational session to help nonprofits and bankers learn more about its program in Eugene on Oct. 3, 2012.

Oregon Facilities Authority has several programs for nonprofits. The Small Nonprofit Accelerated Program (SNAP) Bond program is of special interest to both nonprofits and bankers. This is a low-cost, streamlined way for nonprofits to access bank real estate loans at low-interest rates and for banks to serve their nonprofit customers with attractive rates. The average SNAP Bond amount is about \$2 million. OFA also has other financing programs that can help nonprofits save on interest costs for larger or different types of projects.

The information session will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon's new Regional Health and Education Center, 3579 Franklin Boulevard, which was financed in part through SNAP Bonds. Other area nonprofits that have benefited from SNAP Bond financings are the Pearl Buck Center and the Ridgeline Montessori Charter School. Nonprofits, bankers, and others interested in attending the program should contact Tillie Hasson at 503-802-2137 to reserve seats at the presentation.

Following the information session, OFA will hold its regular monthly business meeting in the Bascom/Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library, at 1 p.m. The City's Finance Director Sue Cutsogeorge has served on the OFA board since 2005, and was instrumental in the development of the SNAP Bond program. For more information about OFA, contact Cutsogeorge at 541-682-5589 or [Sue.L.Cutsogeorge@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Sue.L.Cutsogeorge@ci.eugene.or.us).

### ***Great Summer in the City Reported***

This year, Summer in the City kicked off with Celebrating Eugene@150 featuring Abbey Road LIVE and Fred Crafts' Radio Redux, attended by more than 800 people. There were 46 free events around town. Library, Recreation and Cultural Services, and Public Works have been



working together for the past three years to market six series of events under one Summer in the City umbrella. Some highlights included Disco Dodgeball, which was a huge hit; and the popular Get Your Chops Back event when 15 musicians responded to the call to "dust off your instruments and come make music with us." The new Sunday Jam: Dancin' in the Park series was also very successful, with almost 600 people attending the three jams at Sladden Park.

Ninkaski Brewing developed Commonwealth Ale to honor Eugene's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and it was served at several events on Kesey Square. Proceeds were shared with FOOD for Lane County and Cultural Services to assist with costs for the 150th birthday celebration activities.

In addition, a new Park for Lunch program debuted this summer. The Eugene Police Department, with assistance from Recreation and Cultural Services, successfully changed the environment downtown during lunch time by bringing events and activities to the Park Blocks on 35 days.

For more information on Summer in the City, contact Community Events Manager Billie Moser at 541-682-6347 or [billie.r.moser@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:billie.r.moser@ci.eugene.or.us)