

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## AROUND THE CITY

### **Eugene Park Stewards Join 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Willamette Cleanup**

More than 200 volunteers took time last Saturday, Oct. 6, to "Get Dirty for Good" by helping to clean up the urban stretch of the Willamette River from Island Park to Beltline Road.



Eugene Park Stewards partnered with Willamette Riverkeeper, REI, the City of Eugene Outdoor Program, University of Oregon (UO) Outdoor Program and Willamalane Parks and Recreation to organize this successful event. Volunteers from the community, HIV Alliance, Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club and UO Holden Center participated in this regional project as part of a 187-mile effort stretching through the entire Willamette Valley from Eugene-Springfield to Portland.

Local volunteer teams picked up more than 22 cubic-yards of trash including tires, sleeping bags, a swimming pool, shopping carts and other debris from along the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail and Willamette River in an effort to restore the urban riverfront from Island Park in Springfield to the

Beltline Bridge in Eugene. Volunteers completed their day at Maurie Jacobs Park in Eugene with a free lunch provided by Oakway Catering and celebration with Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy. For more information, contact Eugene Park Stewards South Region Volunteer Coordinator [Carrie Karl](mailto:carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us) at [carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us).

### **City of Eugene Accepting Applications for Anticipated Ward 6 City Council Vacancy**

With an anticipated vacancy on the Eugene City Council caused by the pending resignation of Ward 6 City Councilor Pat Farr, applications are now being accepted for his interim replacement. If elected in November, Farr will begin serving on the Lane County Board of Commissioners in January 2013.

The interim appointment will be made in January 2013, when Councilor Farr's resignation becomes official. The interim councilor will serve January – June 2013. A special election will be held in May 2013, for a Ward 6 representative to complete the remainder of Councilor Farr's term. The person who receives more than 50 percent of the vote at this special election will be sworn in on July 1, 2013, and serve until January 2015.

The online application and supplemental questionnaire are available at [www.eugene-or.gov/bcc](http://www.eugene-or.gov/bcc). Applicants must reside in Ward 6, be a legal elector under the laws and constitution of the state, and be a resident of the city for one year immediately before being elected or appointed to the office. Interviews with Mayor Kitty Piercy and the Eugene City Council will be scheduled in early December. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9.

For more information, please contact Beth Forrest at [beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us).

### **New Police Headquarters from Custodians' Perspective**

Now that the Eugene Police Department has officially concluded its move from City Hall to its new headquarters at 300 Country Club Road, it's a good time to consider some facts about their new home, as seen from a custodial perspective.

- 300 Country Club Road is 73,000 square feet (some of which is set aside for future use) as compared to City Hall which had a total of just under 56,000 usable square feet of interior space.
- The new facility has about 47,000 square feet of carpet, the equivalent of 1.08 acres.
- The core custodial personnel who work their entire regular weekly schedule at the facility are Carlos Casco, Hugh Hughes, and Tavo Sotelo.



Pictured are Hugh Hughes, Tavo Sotelo and Carlos Casco.

For more information, contact Facilities Supervisor Kevin Mooneyham at 541-682-5207.

### **Kim McManus Recognized for Fitness Leadership**

The Oregon Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports presented the 2012 Fitness Leadership Award to Recreation Program Supervisor Kim McManus. In nominating her for the award, Mayor Kitty Piercy noted that



McManus was a primary contributor to, and driving force for, the development of Youth Legacy Projects during the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Track and Field Trials, specifically targeting the rising youth obesity issue.

"Kim has clearly demonstrated her skills in creating Youth Legacy Projects that inspire youth of all ages to participate and get involved. Kim has proven her organizational skills in aligning many different agencies locally, statewide and even nationally to work together in creating opportunities for youth to participate in healthy lifelong activities. Finally, Kim has shown the individualized dedication and commitment it takes to have such a significant impact on the lives of thousands of youth," Mayor Piercy said.

Kim's work on Youth Legacy Projects included organizing over 25 local non-profit youth organizations to form the Youth Track Coalition – "Run, Jump, Throw" to promote the sport of track and field. She initiated "The Starting Block," an interactive area for youth to learn about track and field events and test their skills. (Watch a video on [The Starting Block](#).) And she made significant changes to the 2012 Youth Leadership Camp that was created for the 2008 Olympic Trials. More than 100 high-school-age youth came to Eugene during the 2012 Olympic Trials for an experiential camp where they heard from world class athletes, coaches, and leaders in Track and Field.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Fitness Leadership Award recognizes Oregonians who promote physical activity and wellness through awareness and events, and recognizes achievements and practices that contribute to the health and well-being of Oregonians. For more information, contact Craig Smith at 541-682-5334.

### **Celebrate the Hult's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Ballet and Brew**

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Hult Center is kicking off its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration with Ballet and Brew. The Hult will debut a special 30<sup>th</sup> birthday beer, Pearl Red, brewed for the Hult Center by Eugene's own Oakshire Brewing. What better time and place to celebrate than at the Eugene Ballet Company's performance of Dark Side of the Moon with the Floydian Slips?

The Hult Center, Oakshire Brewing, the Eugene Ballet Company and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Grill created a great partnership to celebrate the Hult's birthday and debut this fantastic red ale. Dark Side of the Moon pairs well with beer; of course, other beverages may be ordered as well. And, for the first time, beverages may be taken inside the Hult Center hall and enjoyed during the show. This option will continue for select shows, so please ask the café or usher personnel if beverages are allowed for any particular show. On Saturday night, raise a glass and celebrate 30 years of memories, moments and magic!

For information, contact Hult Center Events Manager Theresa Sizemore at 541-682-5242 or [theresa.j.sizemore@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:theresa.j.sizemore@ci.eugene.or.us)

**“Fruit of the Sixties: The Founding of the Oregon Country Fair” at Eugene Public Library**

The Downtown Eugene Public Library will continue the Eugene@150 celebration with an illustrated talk by author Suzi Prozanski, based on her book “Fruit of the Sixties: The Founding of the Oregon Country Fair,” on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m. Admission is free.



Prozanski will share images and stories about the fair, its deep roots in the huge societal changes of the 1960s, and the event’s evolution from a small fund-raiser in 1969 to a full-fledged nonprofit arts and cultural festival. More than just a gathering, the fair became an event that nurtured the values of change-agents who were experimenting with cooperative ways of living and learning.

They may have turned on and tuned in, but most didn't drop out. Instead, many became activists who helped create community organizations nationwide, including Eugene’s own Saturday Market. The story also features legendary icons of the counterculture, including Oregon author Ken Kesey, the Grateful Dead band, and pioneers of the New Vaudeville movement.

A journalist for more than two decades, Prozanski has worked for the *Houston Post* and *The Register-Guard*, and has taught as an adjunct instructor at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. She has attended the fair since 1984, participated as a volunteer since 1989, and researched this book by interviewing more than 300 fair participants and exploring archived newspaper files, early fair records, and other sources.

This Eugene@150 event is co-sponsored by the Eugene Public Library, Friends of Eugene Public Library, and Eugene Public Library Foundation. For more information, contact the Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

**City Sports Leagues Offer Fun and Exercise**

Each year, Recreation’s Athletics Program registers more than 100,000 residents for one or more of the sports leagues offered throughout the year. It’s a great way to meet new friends, have fun and get exercise. One study even says playing in sports leagues can increase one’s income.



Registration for the City of Eugene men’s and coed winter basketball leagues is Oct. 23 - 26 at the Athletics Program Office, 2700 Hilyard Street. Basketball games in the nine-week season begin Dec. 10 and are played Sunday - Thursday.

Individual “hat draw” registration for coed winter ultimate and coed winter soccer is Nov. 15 - Jan. 4. Registration for women’s and coed volleyball is Dec. 4 - 7. The Athletics Program also offers softball, outdoor soccer, and sand volleyball in the spring and summer.

For all of the latest schedules, scores and standings for the current leagues, go to [www.eugene-or.gov/athletics](http://www.eugene-or.gov/athletics).