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Breakfast with Santa at Community Centers

Ho ho ho! Santa will be attending breakfasts at Petersen Barn and Amazon Community Centers in December - join the fun and don't forget to bring a camera!

Kids of all ages are invited to sit down to breakfast with the jolly old elf himself. He'll be at Petersen Barn Center on Dec. 8, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. On Dec. 15, he'll visit two breakfasts at Amazon Center, one from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and another from 10:30 - 11:30. Each breakfast costs \$5 per person.

Pre-registration is required and should be done soon because this event usually fills up fast. For more information, call Janet Whitty at Petersen Barn Center at 541-682-5521 or Gina Tafoya at Amazon Center at 541-682-5373.



Human Rights Commission Co-Hosts Celebration

The City of Eugene Human Rights Commission, in cooperation with the Lane County Network for Immigrant Integration, will be hosting an International Human Rights Day Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Atrium. The theme of this year's event is Immigrant Rights = Human Rights.

Everyone is invited to participate in this community-centered event featuring a proclamation from Mayor Kitty Piercy, remarks from Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg, keynote address by Ibrahim Hamide, a video premier showcasing local immigrant voices, and the first annual Human Rights in Action youth awards. Local service agencies will also be available and there will be music and appetizers.

For more information, contact the Equity and Human Rights Office at 541-682-5177.

Stock Up for Winter: Used Mystery Novel Sale at Public Library

Mystery lovers: it'd be a crime to miss the Friends of Eugene Public Library's Used Mystery Novel Sale on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Downtown Library. All proceeds will go to support Eugene Public Library programs.



Choose from thousands of popular, gently used detective stories and spy thrillers. From classics to current bestsellers, hardcovers to paperbacks, each book is priced at just \$1.00. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Hult Center Continues Eugene's Birthday Celebration

Kick off the holiday season with the release of the 30th birthday signature Pinot Noir by King Estate Winery and Eugene Concert Choir's Spirit of Christmas.

The wine will make its debut on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Eugene Concert Choir (ECC) Spirit of Christmas Concert. Relish the soft tannins, lingering fruit and medium long finish of this signature pinot. The Hult Center offers this commemorative wine for purchase at \$5 a glass.

Celebrate with the Hult Center and ECC at pre-concert festivities in the lobby starting at 7p.m., then kick off the holiday with ECC's heartwarming concert of songs from classics to jazz at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at HultCenter.org or call 541-682-5000.

The Hult Center will continue to serve its 30th birthday beer, Pearl Red, throughout the season while supplies last. This fabulous hoppy red ale is brewed by Eugene's very own Oakshire Brewing.



Also, be sure to stop by the Hult Lobby and visit the Post-It Wall. Installed as part of the 30th birthday celebration, the wall serves as an invitation to post memories and wishes for the Hult Center for the next 30 years. Pens and post-its provided!

For more information, contact Hult Center for the Performing Arts Outreach Manager Libby Tower at 541-682-8380 or Libby.j.tower@ci.eugene.or.us.

Newsletter Highlights Flood Risks, Drug Disposal Options and Leaf Program

Recent downpours and piles of leaves wreaked havoc in intersections and along low-lying roads and driveways and parking lots in November. Those disruptions are a reminder that along with winter rains comes the possibility of localized flooding. Several pages of the fall 2012 stormwater program newsletter, *Stormwater Connections*, covers flood insurance, safety tips, flood risk and a floodplain map of Eugene.

Residents who want to dispose of leaves or find better ways to use them will find the 2012-13 leaf collection schedule and suggestions on how to integrate them back into the landscape. After all, decomposed leaves have the ability to hold 300 to 500 percent of their weight in water.

Those who have pondered the best way to dispose of outdated or no-longer-needed pharmaceuticals can find a listing of several drug take-back drop box locations and the best methods of disposal.

Other informative topics include the latest findings about the levels of zinc found in water and soils, the sometimes disastrous consequences of unsecured loads on trucks and other vehicles and a retrospective look at water quality and the seemingly innocuous products that can compromise river health.



The focus of *Stormwater Connections* is educating and informing community members about stormwater pollution and ways to protect the local waterways. Articles in *Stormwater Connections* typically address seasonal or current issues and include one page of interest for younger readers.

Copies of the newsletter are now available electronically at www.eugene-or.gov/happyrivers. Eugene residents can also expect to receive the newsletter delivered via mail next week. For more information or additional copies of the newsletter,

contact Public Information Specialist for the Stormwater Management Program Kathy Eva at 541-682-2739 or Kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us.