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Eugene Neighborhoods Win National Awards

On May 24, two Eugene neighborhood associations were recognized for their outstanding work at the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Harlow Neighbors was selected as the top pick in the Social Revitalization – Neighborliness category and the overall Neighborhood of the Year grand prize winner! The neighborhood was nominated for the work of Feed Hope, which is one



of the outcomes of Harlow's Strategic Neighborhood Assessment and Planning (SNAP) project supported by the City of Eugene's Neighborhood Services. As 2013 NUSA Neighborhood of the Year, Harlow receives a check for \$1,400 to support neighborhood activities. Congratulations to Jennifer Yeh, chair of Harlow Neighbors, and Aaron Box, pastor of North Park Community Church and a member of the Harlow Neighbors Board, and all the other neighbors and partners who participated.

Feed Hope, a joint project between the neighborhood association, area churches, Bertha Holt Elementary School and Food for Lane County, served the needs of many elementary school children who, although qualified to receive free or subsidized breakfast and lunches during the school year, had limited access to healthy daytime meals during school breaks. With over 300 volunteers, Feed Hope coordinated donations, and packaged and distributed 4,500 healthy, nutritious meals to children in the Harlow neighborhood.

The Santa Clara/ River Road Outreach and Learning (SCROLL) project received second place in the Multi-Neighborhood Partnership Projects category. The SCROLL project was led by members of the Santa Clara and River Road community organizations and supported by Neighborhood Services through the SNAP process. SCROLL engaged neighborhoods in community conversations about the challenges of governance and service delivery amidst a mosaic of City- and County-owned property. SCROLL has helped identify community priorities and provided a strong foundation for future work around the issue of annexation. Congratulations to Jerry Finigan and the SCROLL team for this recognition.

This is exciting news for Eugene's neighborhood associations, and is especially notable because Eugene will host the next Neighborhoods USA national conference on May 21 - 24, 2014. Plans are underway for three days of informative workshops, exciting tours and engaging speakers.

For more information, please contact Michael Kinnison, Neighborhood Services, at 541-682-5009 or Michael.j.kinnison@ci.eugene.or.us.

Northeast Neighbors: Connecting People to Places

This fall, Northeast Neighbors (NeN) began working with Neighborhood Services staff on a Strategic Neighborhood Assessment and Planning (SNAP) project. The project "Connecting People to Places" focuses on bike, pedestrian and traffic safety and connections to amenities in northeast Eugene.

The SNAP project supports Envision Eugene pillars and allows the City to pilot the Climate and Energy Action Plan's 20-Minute Neighborhood concept in an actual neighborhood, while providing direct service to the neighborhood; the process will serve as a template to implement the concept in other Eugene neighborhoods. Project collaborators include the neighborhood association; City staff from Neighborhood Services, Planning, Sustainability, and Transportation Planning; local businesses; schools, and other community groups. Project outcomes will include prioritized actions, supported by NeN members and City staff, and improved safety and bicycle and pedestrian connections that neighborhood leaders can use to advocate for viable solutions.



Community outreach for the project is underway. Staff and neighbors developed a survey to gather input on safety and connections in the neighborhood. The survey is available online and is being implemented face-to-face in various strategic neighborhood locations. The 2009 Eugene Neighborhood Survey served as a survey model and the 2011 Neighborhood Analysis is helping to ensure a demographically representative response across age, income and tenure. The survey went live two weeks ago, resulting in 170 responses to date; it is expected to close in July. Help get the word out!

To take the NeN SNAP survey, go to <http://tinyurl.com/northeast-survey>. For more information, please contact Lorna Flormoe, Neighborhood Services, at 541-682-5670 or lorna.r.flormoe@ci.eugene.or.us.

Envision Eugene Wins State Award

The City of Eugene received the Professional Achievement in Planning Award for its work on Envision Eugene from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) in Portland on May 30. The OAPA Awards Committee praised the project for its collaborative approach to building a shared vision for future growth of the community.



The Envision Eugene process included 17 full days of meetings with the Community Resource Group, hundreds of hours of volunteer work by the Technical Resource Group, dozens of community workshops, listening sessions, meetings, surveys, and forums. The project launched innovative engagement strategies including an art contest and on-line open houses. The approach to finding new ground focused on 'best outcomes' is becoming well known in the community, and has set a new standard for planning in Eugene.

The Envision Eugene Recommendation provides a balanced vision for growth centered around seven pillars, or community goals. In June 2012, the Eugene City Council directed staff to begin the process of plan adoption. Over the next year, plan amendments, zone and code changes, a new Urban Growth Boundary, and a Eugene Comprehensive Plan will be brought forward to the City Council.

Visit <http://www.oregonapa.org/awardinformation> for a complete list of award winners. For more information, contact Terri Harding at 541-682-5635. For more information on the Envision Eugene project visit www.EnvisionEugene.org.

Cuthbert Amphitheater Open for Season

With flowers blooming and bees buzzing, the Cuthbert Amphitheater has been brought to life for the 2013 season! Owned by the City of Eugene and operated by Kesey Enterprises Inc. (KEI) of Eugene and Double-Tee Promotions of Portland, a strong partnership is enjoyed by all. Cuthbert is the City's iconic outdoor music venue located in the middle of the city in beautiful Alton Baker Park. The copper-roofed stage is drawing internationally and nationally renowned artists ranging



from silver-haired crowd-pleaser Tony Bennett, on Wednesday, June 12, and the fifth annual free performance by the Eugene Symphony on Saturday, July 20, (tickets required and available on June 11), to the upbeat reggae band, Rebelution, on Friday, Aug. 16.

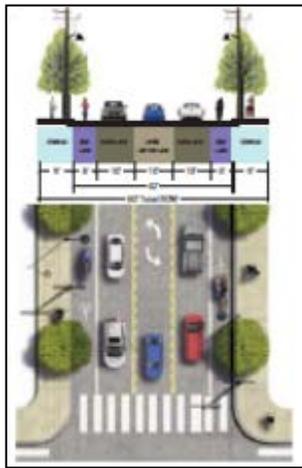
In 2012, the venue hosted 16 events and drew 47,675 people. Over the course of the season, the venue hosted 19,709 visitors (32 percent of the total audience) from outside Lane County who poured an estimated \$1,207,000 into the local economy. This conservative estimate is based on a visitor impact formula provided by Travel Lane County.

When the Cuthbert season is announced, it's a sure sign of summer and great concerts under the stars! Under KEI's management, the Cuthbert's concert schedule is developing into another great season. For the full schedule, check www.thecuthbert.com where new concerts are added. Experience Cuthbert Amphitheater and enjoy an evening of music in the outdoors.

For more information, contact Isaac Marquez at 541-682-2057.

South Willamette Street Alternatives Topic at June 11 Meetings

A community forum to rank and refine a series of options for redesigning Willamette Street from 24th to 32nd avenues will be held in two sessions on Tuesday, June 11, from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the South Eugene High School cafeteria, 400 East 19th Avenue. Two meetings are being held to accommodate the high interest in this project. Interested residents are urged to attend the earlier session if possible, because staff anticipates that many people will choose the later session. Participants are encouraged to RSVP with an indication of which time they prefer by calling 541-682-8472 or e-mailing chris.c.henry@ci.eugene.or.us.



Graphic of potential street design alternative

At the meetings, a project team of City of Eugene staff and consultants will present study results for three street design alternatives including conceptual layouts, cost estimates, projected travel times, and function for cars, pedestrians, bicyclists and buses.

For those unable to attend the meetings, an online survey will be available from June 12 - 18 on the project website at www.eugene-or.gov/SWillametteStreet. A council work session is scheduled for June 19 to review the findings to date.

The public engagement phase of the South Willamette Street improvement plan began last November with two well-attended community forums held to discuss project goals, share the results of traffic studies and begin to explore alternatives for future improvements to the design and condition of Willamette Street between 24th and 32nd avenues. In February, a second community forum was held and feedback was given on a range of street design alternatives to help the project team narrow the alternatives for more detailed analysis. The results of that analysis will be presented on June 11.

The goal of the study is to help South Willamette Street become a vibrant urban corridor accessible by bicycle, foot, car and bus. Today, Willamette Street is heavily used to reach many popular destinations, yet it is uninviting to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motorists alike. For years, many residents and business owners have shared complaints about the poor conditions on Willamette Street for walking and biking and the need to do something about it.

The plan aims to support existing businesses and the commercial district's vitality by creating a balanced multi-modal transportation system. It also is intended to further City planning efforts to identify compact growth and redevelopment opportunities and foster a well-informed and involved community supportive of the final outcomes.

For more information, contact Transportation Planning Engineer Chris Henry at 541-682-8472 or chris.c.henry@ci.eugene.or.us, or visit the project web site at www.eugene-or.gov/SWillametteStreet. The web site includes links to summaries of public outreach, technical details, and more.

Summer Reading for All Ages at Eugene Public Library

Eugene Public Library's Summer Reading program helps kids keep their reading skills up while school's out. This year's theme is "Dig into Reading" – and all ages are welcome to join in the fun!



Children, teens, and adults can visit any Eugene Public Library location - Downtown, Sheldon, or Bethel - to sign up and pick up a calendar of free events.

At sign up, kids and teens each get a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Each time they visit the Library, children can also enter a raffle for family passes to City of Eugene pools or local museums.

Adults get a coupon for a free coffee from Novella Cafe or \$1 off a purchase at Second Hand Prose Book Store, both located at the Downtown Library, plus a tote bag, and themed booklists. Adults and teens are invited to enter free raffles to win gift cards by writing book reviews on the Library website.

A full summer of events for all ages will include hands-on arts and writing workshops, live music, author talks, storytelling, the annual Teddy Bear Picnic, and lots more. For more information, visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.

Eugene Recreation's 100 Summer Camps Offer Variety, Experience, Accessibility and Fun

Eugene Recreation camps get underway June 17 and continue weekly through August 23. There are camps for (most) every age: 3 – 18; and camps for (nearly) every interest, including: art, outdoor adventure, wizardry, sports, science, magic,



swimming, canoeing, environmental education, photography, lifeguarding, sailing, archery, biking, tree climbing, fashion design, surfing, mammoth hunting, robotics, zoos, skating, cooking, tennis, and much, *much* more,

With a long, 50+ year history of providing summer camps, and a strong dedication to connecting youth to nature, Eugene Recreation's staff are highly qualified and love having fun and creating an environment in which to imagine, explore, learn, grow, and contribute.

Camp counselors and leaders are trained in group facilitation and asset development, and all have First Aid/ CPR certifications, creating a safe environment for campers. The City of Eugene is a national leader in Adaptive Recreation Services, which provides assistance for those campers who need some accommodations to fully enjoy summer camp.

Accessibility is a primary mission of Eugene Recreation. A scholarship program is available to help eliminate economic barriers and camps are located in neighborhood community centers, local parks and pools, with transportation provided to remote locations.

Best of all – Eugene Recreation Summer Camps are FUN! See the complete listing of all City of Eugene summer camps in the Summer Recreation Guide, available online at www.eugene-or.gov/reccamps or pick up a paper copy at a local community center, pool or library. For more information, call Craig Smith at 541-682-3334.

Police Commission to Host Key Lane County Leaders for State of Public Safety Forum

The Police Commission is hosting key Lane County leaders for a State of Public Safety Forum on Thursday, June 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library. Panelists will discuss the state of public safety, issues of importance, and their thoughts about the future of public safety in the community. Panelists include:

- Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns
- Lane County Sheriff Tom Turner
- District Attorney Alex Gardner
- Police Auditor Mark Gissiner

- Municipal Court Presiding Judge Wayne Allen
- Director of St. Vincent de Paul, Terry McDonald

After the panelists provide their perspectives and thoughts on the state of public safety, they will answer questions posed by members of the audience. Please plan to attend and learn more about public safety in the community.

For more information or questions, please contact Carter Hawley, Police Commission staff, at 541-682-5852 or Carter.r.hawley@ci.eugene.or.us.