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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### AROUND THE CITY



#### **Local Celebrities Campaign to License Four-Legged Eugeneans**

It's estimated that of Eugene's approximately 40,000 dogs, only 40 percent are licensed. With the help of local celebrities, the City of Eugene animal services program has launched a licensing campaign aimed at increasing the number of licensed dogs. Local celebrities and their pooches posed for pictures as part of the campaign and are encouraging community members to license "their Eugenean."

Celebrities include Bev Smith of Kidsports, Storm Kennedy and Steve Tannen of KUGN, staff of Ninkasi Brewing, the former reigning Slug Queen Marie Slugtoinnette, UO Alumni Director Tim Clevenger, and Eugene Chamber of Commerce President Dave Hauser. The campaign also includes a 30-second public service announcement airing on local TV stations. For more information contact Interim Animal Services Manager Kelly Darnell at 541-682-5748 or [kelly.a.darnell@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:kelly.a.darnell@ci.eugene.or.us). For more information about dog licensing, visit [www.petdata.com/eugene](http://www.petdata.com/eugene).

#### **End-of-Year Recital Features Dancers Big and Small**

Recreation's dance programs at Amazon and Petersen Barn Community Centers will present a dance recital on Saturday, June 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Cascade Middle School, 1525 Echo Hollow Road. The recital is the culmination of a year's work for the dancers – including tots, teens and adults. It will give dancers the opportunity to demonstrate their new skills. The recital will also highlight the variety of dance classes offered regularly at the centers. The recital is open to the public; the cost is \$2 for adults at the door; children are free.

The Dance Recital will feature dancers in these programs: Dance Tots, Pre-ballet Youth Pre Dance, Youth Hip Hop, Youth Jazz, Youth/Adult Ballet, Adult Tap, and Adult Belly Dance.

The classes featured in the recital are taught by Ruby McConnell and Lindsey Shields. At the event, Tara Barnes will give a Zumba demonstration with audience participation and Jeff Leung will give a Tai Chi demonstration.



For more information, call Michael Cole, 541-682-5373, or Oliver Redig, 541-682-5521.



### **Fun Shows Kick Off Summer for Kids at Eugene Public Library**

Children and families are invited to start summer with a smile at Eugene Public Library. Henrik Bothe will perform his zany physical comedy show, "Yes, You Can," at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Tuesday, June 18, at the Downtown Library. Admission is free.

At all Library locations, entertainer Habiba Addo (shown) will bring traditional animal stories to life with words, song, and dance at "Tales of Africa." A native of Ghana, she performs exciting, funny tales that often teach as well as delight. Join Habiba at Bethel Branch Library on Wednesday, June 19, at 3 p.m.; at Sheldon Branch Library on Thursday, June 20, at 3 p.m.; and at the Downtown Library on Friday, June 21, at 1 and 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Also at all locations, children can sign up for Summer Reading and get a free book to keep, and parents can sign up for Summer Reading for Adults and get a free coffee at Novella Cafe or \$1 off on a purchase at Second Hand Prose Book Store.

For more information, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.

### **Opening of Amazon Pool Marks Beginning of Summer**

Summer unofficially begins at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17, when the City of Eugene's Amazon Pool opens for the first recreational swim of the season. This favorite summer site annually draws more than 150,000 visits from June through September. Amazon Pool will hold the annual Summer Kick-off Free Recreational Swim on Friday, June 21, 2-6 p.m.

The facility includes a 50-meter, eight-lane pool with an accessibility ramp, two 1-meter diving boards, a 3-meter diving board, a 5-meter diving platform, a shallow, multipurpose pool, a 112-foot water slide, water play features, a 15-person spa, and a bath house with three family changing rooms.



From June 17 through September 2, recreation swims at Amazon Pool will be held Monday through Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parent/child swims (one adult must be in the water with children) will be held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Monday –Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lap swimming, swim lessons, and water fitness classes are also offered at Amazon during the summer months.

The City's two other pools, Echo Hollow and Sheldon Pools and Fitness Centers offer lap and recreation swims, swim lessons, competitive swimming, water fitness, as well as complete land fitness centers, all year around.

For more information on activities and classes offered at any of the City's pools, contact Rich Fay, Aquatics Section Manager, 541-682-5331.

### **Art The Box: Calling All 2D Visual Artists To Inundate Downtown Eugene**



The Art The Box project hopes to bring a smile to people's faces and encourage community interaction through artistic expression. The City of Eugene's Public Art Committee (PAC) on behalf of the Cultural Services Division wishes to engage visual artists to inundate downtown Eugene with compelling 2D artwork on traffic control boxes.

This project strives to meet numerous City goals including the public art plan's call for more art in everyday objects and more opportunities for 2D artists. Side benefits include more art and color in our downtown, engaging visual artists in our public space and helping minimize tagging on traffic control boxes.

There are two contests; a juried contest and a people's choice contest.

## **Juried Contest**

Three artists will be chosen to apply 2D artwork on three to five boxes each. These awards will be selected by a jury and painted in downtown locations. Locations are pre-determined by the jury.

## **People's Choice**

One artist will be chosen to create artwork on one box through a people's choice award via City of Eugene Cultural Services Facebook page.

## **Eligibility**

All 2D visual artists are invited to apply. Artists must be able to fulfill all requirements before applying.

For more information, contact Isaac Marquez at 541.682.2059 or visit [www.eugene-or.gov/publicart](http://www.eugene-or.gov/publicart) and [EugeneAGoGo.com](http://EugeneAGoGo.com) for the full Call To Artist.

## **WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza Coming Soon!**

*A small volunteer project makes a big statement, kicking off construction of a new world-class skatepark in Eugene.*

Eugene Park Stewards volunteers including local skaters, McKenzie Commercial, the Rotary Club of Eugene, and the Eugene Parks Foundation broke ground at Washington Jefferson Park last Saturday. More than 30 volunteers carefully dismantled and removed the 40-year-old play structure in preparation for construction of a new 1.2 acre skatepark. The well-preserved timbers were delivered to the Highway 99 Shelter Care to be repurposed by McKenzie Commercial for a donated bike storage shelter. Other play structure components were salvaged as spare parts to extend the life of the Charnel Mulligan Park play structure. The unsalvageable metal was recycled at Schnitzer Steel with proceeds going back into the skatepark project.

The WJ Skatepark is at the heart of this urban park rehabilitation project, which is intended to breathe new life into Washington Jefferson Park. Construction is set to begin in mid-July and will continue through the end of the year. Work on the skatepark component of the project is expected to start mid-August. Upon completion, the custom-designed 23,000 sq. ft. skate facility will be the largest covered and lit public skatepark in North America, allowing the rare opportunity to skate year-round in Eugene.

The new skatepark will be complemented with additional renovations including a new restroom in a much more visible location along Jefferson Street; an urban plaza catering to parents and other park users; vendor pads to accommodate food carts and events; accessible pathways; bike racks; benches and drinking fountains; energy efficient lighting throughout the park; and carefully selected landscaping that will open up sight lines and increase the sense of safety.

For more information about Eugene Park Stewards contact [Lorna Baldwin](#), West Region Volunteer Coordinator. For more information about the Washington Jefferson Park rehabilitation contact project manager [Emily Proudfoot](#).

Local media coverage before and during the event can be viewed here:

[WJSkateparkUpdate-KEZI-6-7-2013](#)

[WJSkateparkPlaygroundRemoval-KEZI-6-8-2013](#)



*EPD Lieutenant Sam Kamkar helps the volunteers with some of the heavy lifting.*