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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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#### **Volunteers Continue Century of Support for Hendricks Park as Labor of Love**

Hendricks Park is Eugene's first public park and like many other special places, the park has its devoted visitors and volunteers who help care for it. Over the past decade, care of the park has been a partnership between Parks and Open Space and the Friends of Hendricks Park, a volunteer organization founded in 2001 to provide stewardship for Hendricks Park through education, restoration and community support. This group of volunteers performs regular maintenance in



many areas of the park and has helped establish the Native Plant Garden, Oak Knoll Trail, overlook bench, Moon Terrace, new entryway signs and kiosks for the Rhododendron Garden and forest.

Since it was established in 1951, many rhododendrons and compatible ornamental species have been planted in the Rhododendron Garden, a

major attraction for visitors from all over the world. The "Tuesday Morning Regulars" meet there every Tuesday morning for 37 weeks, spring through fall. This year alone, these tenacious gardeners have contributed more than 1,000 hours of volunteer labor removing weeds, planting trees and shrubs, and spreading mulch.

The 65-acre forest is host to many volunteer work parties, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service each January. This year, 85 community members came out in force. The Friends and Eugene Park Stewards also host monthly work parties, focusing on removal of ivy from the trees and forest floor, Herb Robert removal, continued restoration in the Oak Knoll and trail maintenance.

Hendricks Park is an island of open space surrounded by neighborhoods and bisected by city streets. As the park evolves, the need for restoration and management becomes more acute. The continued commitment of volunteers, visionaries and dedicated staff will ensure the park is preserved for generations to come. Individuals, clubs and business volunteers who like to work outdoors can find their place with the Friends of Hendricks Park or Eugene Park Stewards. To join or learn more about the Friends please visit [www.friendsofhendrickspark.org](http://www.friendsofhendrickspark.org). To learn more about Eugene Park Steward volunteer projects and park adoptions, contact South Region Volunteer Coordinator Carrie Karl at [carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-4850.

### **Holiday Songs and Sugar Plums – Tis' the Season at Hult Center**

The Hult Center is brimming with holiday activity. Give the gift of entertainment to that favorite someone – gift certificates are available in fixed amounts [online](#) or at the Ticket Office; staff is happy to help with ticket or gift certificate purchases.

Concerts fill the calendar - browse the [Hult Center website](#) and find a special show. The Resident Company performances include the Eugene Concert Choir's presentation of Handel's Messiah with a sing-along "Hallelujah Chorus" encore. Eugene Symphony brings Pink Martini to town with songs and sounds of the holidays and, of course, right before Christmas, the Eugene Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker with live music by OrchestraNEXT. Finally, the Eugene Opera rings in the New Year with La Traviata.

For further information, contact Hult Center Marketing and Public Relations Manager Libby Tower at 541-682-8380 or [libby.j.tower@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:libby.j.tower@ci.eugene.or.us).



### **Annual Campbell Bazaar Draws 500**

Campbell Center's annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 9, was one of the center's most successful. More than 500 people attended the event which featured sale items hand-crafted by patrons and a silent auction of items donated by individuals and local businesses. The proceeds will be used to support adult and senior activities at the center. Campbell staff estimate the event brought in more than \$6,750, including two prize items.



Two footballs were silent auction items deemed so valuable that the bidding for them was continued until Monday, Nov. 25. The footballs, one signed by Eli Manning and the other signed by his big brother, Peyton Manning, both quarterbacks in the National Football League, were brand new balls with tags still attached and were donated by Mike Reddy, a regular presenter at Campbell Center, who personally obtained the autographs. The balls sold for \$205 each.

For more information, contact Recreation Manager Diane Sconce at 541-682-5318.

### **Nutcracker for Kids at Eugene Public Library**

In December, all locations of the Eugene Public Library will host free opportunities for children and family to learn about and enjoy the classic Nutcracker ballet as performed by the Eugene Youth Ballet.

Costumed dancers will share a taste of the Nutcracker at Family Storytimes at the Bethel Branch on Friday, Dec. 6, at 10:15 a.m., and at the Sheldon Branch on Friday, Dec. 13, at 10:15 a.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the full troupe will perform The Nutcracker: Short & Suite, a child-sized version of the complete ballet, at the Downtown Library at 4 and 6 p.m. Travel the globe with these dancers and dream of sugarplums all night!

Admission to all events is free of charge. For more information, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.



### **Comments Sought on Bicycle Connections between UO Campus and Downtown Eugene**

The City of Eugene will hold a public open house on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Eugene Public Library Bascom-Tykeson Room, 100 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to discuss route preferences for people who ride bicycles from the University of Oregon campus to downtown Eugene.

City staff will facilitate discussions on the operation and comfort of 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> avenues for people who ride bikes between campus and downtown. Ideas for improving these routes for people who walk or ride bikes will also be sought. The public input received at this open house will be used to develop alternative design proposals for discussion at a second open house scheduled for early 2014. For more information about the open house, contact Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Lee Shoemaker at [lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-5471.