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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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#### **City 'Good Earth' Booth Focuses on Healthy Home, Healthy Water, Healthy Rivers**

Outdoor activities around homes and yards can have a negative impact on the health of local waterways. Some residents may not realize that runoff from yards or business properties can carry lawn chemicals, pressure washing debris, soap suds, oil and more into the stormwater system and ultimately into Amazon Creek or the Willamette River.

Attendees who stop by Booth 607 at this year's Good Earth Home, Garden and Living Show can learn about healthy choices that benefit children, pets and the environment. Booth visitors who want to test their knowledge and answer a question from a spinning wheel are able to participate in a drawing for a yard, auto or canine gift basket.



The Good Earth Home and Garden show starts this Friday, Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide handouts. The booth is a collaborative effort between Eugene's Public Works Stormwater Management Program and Springfield's Environmental Services Department. For more information, please contact Stormwater Information Specialist Kathy Eva in Public Works Administration at 541-682-2739 or [kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us).

#### **Visiting Archaeologists at Eugene Public Library**

Through a partnership with the Eugene chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America and the University of Oregon Classics Department, the Eugene Public Library offers the community a series of free talks by world-renowned archaeologists. These visiting experts' presentations have been enormously popular.



The latest installment is coming up on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m., at the Downtown Library, with Dr. Mark Aldenderfer's illustrated talk "Silk Route and Diamond Path: The Archaeology of Tibetan Buddhism." He is currently the only western archaeologist conducting research in the Tibet Autonomous Region. He is dean and professor at the University of California at Merced and has conducted fieldwork in Tibet, Nepal, Peru, Argentina, Ethiopia, and at sites throughout the United States.

Dr. Aldenderfer's work explores the substantial material expression of Tibetan Buddhism that is tied to pre-Buddhist political institutions, imperial expansion and collapse and subsequent transformation into the monastic and temple tradition found on the plateau today. He will discuss the intimate connections of historical and cultural influences between Buddhism and Tibet, as well as the changes they have undergone in the modern political climate.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

### **(sub)Urban Projections Lights Up Downtown Eugene**

(sub)Urban Projections lights up three venues in downtown Eugene with a fusion of light, color, digital projections, music and dance. This free festival is a collaboration between the City of Eugene Cultural Services Division, the University of Oregon Arts Administration program, and artists coming together to create a vibrant and colorful environment fostering conversation and appreciation for contemporary art and new media. Through multi-media arts, (sub)Urban Projections champions original art, cultivates community, and generates vibrancy in downtown.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., at Oregon Contemporary Theater (OCT), 194 West Broadway, Ballet Fantastique and Jeremy Bronson collaborate to explore the rich legends and myths of Japan. The work brings to life ancient legends of samurai adventure, romance, and the supernatural through dance, video, and motion graphics. This is an intimate performance, bringing the audience close to dancers bathed in projection, and the opportunity to talk with the artists afterwards.



Thursday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m., at the Hult Center Lobby, Harmonic Laboratory uses staircases, walls, hallways, ceilings and spaces-in-between to re-invent public space. Dance, sound art, music, sculpture, large-scale kinetic installation, interactive body tracking, and visual art all come together as artists push the margins of their field to create new works made possible only through collaboration.

Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m., at Ninkasi Brewing Company, 272 Van Buren, celebrate community, collaboration, artistry and creative exploration at a reception for the (sub)Urban Projections team and featured artists. Join them for good brew, good conversation and a chance to make an artistic mark with digital graffiti on the Ninkasi patio during Last Friday Art Walk.

All three of these events are free. For further information, contact Cultural Services 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).

### **Leaf Pickup Service Ends for Season**

Eugene's leaf collection program has ended for the season. A news release reminds residents that no new materials should be placed in the streets and that they are responsible for removing leaves and other debris left in the streets in front of their homes or businesses. Residents with leftover leaves or other yard debris can recycle them in home compost piles, take them to Lane Forest Products or Rexius Forest By-Products, who recycle leaves and woody debris for a small fee, or contact their local solid waste haulers for information on the curbside yard debris pickup program.

Approximately 18,600 cubic yards of leaves were collected by loaders and leaf vacuums over the course of the 11-week collection program. Of that total, more than 13,700 cubic yards (nearly 75 percent) of leaves were delivered to residents, with the rest going to community gardens and local recyclers. None of the leaves went to the landfill.

The 2013-14 leaf program finished on schedule despite losing a week to the snowstorm in early December, when crews and equipment in that event were reassigned to emergency ice and snow operations. Now that leaf season is over, the maintenance crews and equipment will switch to concrete curb and street repair work. During summer and fall these crews also do asphalt street repairs.

A debrief session has been scheduled for staff to discuss lessons learned during this year's leaf program and how best to apply them to the program in future years. For more information about Eugene's annual leaf program, contact Public Works Surface Maintenance Supervisor Damon Joyner at 541-682-4835.