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Rest Stop Veterans Continue Caring for Eugene's Parks

On a recent fall day, veterans living at one of two rest stops in Eugene could be found at Owen Rose Garden placing 20 yards of chips in tree wells. This isn't the first time they've lent a hand. Since last spring, rest stop veterans have been working with the City's Eugene Parks Stewards (EPS) Program and volunteering for three-hour shifts twice a month.



Their projects range from painting light poles in Skinner Butte Park to removing invasive species in natural areas. Executive Director of Community Supported Shelters Erik DeBuhr says, "It gives the volunteers the ability to view themselves in a positive way in their community, which is the beginning of them improving their life situation."

While access to the appropriate rain gear and places to dry off during the winter months may be somewhat challenging, the EPS program is working to find a solution and hoping this team of volunteers will be continuing their efforts.

For more information, contact West Region Volunteer Coordinator Lorna Baldwin at lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-4845.

Shows by and for Kids at Eugene Public Library

This month, kids take to the stage at the Eugene Public Library. On First Friday, Dec. 5, enjoy a delightful free concert of holiday favorites and jazz standards performed by Shasta Session Jazz Choir. The choir is an award-winning ensemble of 7th and 8th graders from Shasta Middle School in the Bethel School District.

Also in December, all locations of the Eugene Public Library will host free opportunities for children to learn about and enjoy the classic Nutcracker ballet as performed by the Eugene Youth Ballet. Costumed dancers will visit Family Storytimes at the Sheldon Branch on Friday, Dec. 5, at 10:15 a.m., and at the Bethel Branch on Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:15 a.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the full troupe will perform The Nutcracker: Short & Suite, a child-size version of the ballet, at the Downtown Library at 4 and 6 p.m. Travel the globe with these dancers and dream of sugarplums all night.



For more information, please visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.

Volleyball League Offers Fun and Chance to Bend Rules

Eugene Recreation's co-ed, self-officiated volleyball league offers players fun, competitive games, an easy way to exercise, and an opportunity to bend the rules.

Each team consists of six players age 14 and up, with a minimum of two women and two men. In these games, team captains call major faults, either on their own players or on a member of the opposing team. Disputes are solved between the captains, but the gym supervisor can be called upon to settle the matter or rule the point be replayed.

One very different twist to this league is that, with the mutual consent of the two captains, any of the rules may be modified to ensure all players have a fun experience.

The City of Eugene will accept registrations for its co-ed, self-officiated volleyball program from Jan. 6 - 9, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Athletics Office, 2700 Hilyard Street (in the Amazon Center). League play begins Thursday, Jan. 29, and continues through March.



Registration is currently underway through Dec. 26 for winter ultimate and soccer. For more information about City adult sport leagues, contact Athletics Manager Dave Battaglia at 541-682-5212.

Input Sought for Transportation Safety Action Plan Update

The Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) envisions a future where Oregon's transportation-related death and injury rate continues to decline. It envisions a time when days, then weeks and months, pass without a single fatal or debilitating injury. The TSAP works in conjunction with the state's overall guiding plan, the Oregon Transportation Plan. The TSAP establishes goals, strategies and initiatives that address the core transportation safety challenges and opportunities facing Oregon. It was last updated in 2010, and is available to [view online](#).

The public is invited to offer ideas for improving the "4 Es" (enforcement, engineering, education, and emergency medical services) of traffic safety in the community. A public input session is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Eugene Public Library, 100 West 10th Avenue.

The meeting will include an outline of the transportation safety planning process, an overview of transportation safety-related data, including statewide data and data specific to the local area, and a discussion of statewide and local safety challenges and opportunities. Those interested in providing input, who cannot attend the meeting, are encouraged to contact Walt McAllister at 503-986-4187 or email walter.j.mcallister@odot.state.or.us.

For further information or questions, please contact Chris Henry, Policy Advisory Committee member, at 541-682-8472 or chris.c.henry@ci.eugene.or.us.

International Human Rights Day Celebration: December 10

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the Human Rights Commission will join communities around the world in hosting an event to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a focus on the intersection of racism and rights. The celebration will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Hult Center Studio.

This event will feature a proclamation from Mayor Kitty Piercy, a keynote address by Human Rights Commissioner Ken Neubeck, and exhibits exploring local issues of race, identity, history and community. Entertainment will be provided by NAACP ACT-SO student Asia Wooten. Dessert will be served following the program.

The International Human Rights Day Celebration is free and open to the public. Elected officials and City staff are encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit eugene-or.gov/hrc or contact Equity and Human Rights Analyst Lindsey Foltz at Lindsey.m.foltz@ci.eugene.or.us or call 541-682-5619.

