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Safe Routes to School Project Nearing Completion

The 2014 Safe Routes to School project is nearing completion. To date, widened sidewalks and ramps upgraded to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have been installed in the 22nd and Chambers school zone for the Arts & Technology Academy (ATA)/Family School. A majority of planned wayfinding signs have been put in around the city and bike hoops have been installed at ATA, as well as at Malabon and Irving elementary schools. All legends and striping have been placed at locations around the city. In addition, the path to Malabon Elementary from Ellsworth Street has been constructed.



Schoolchildren express their appreciation for the improvements at 22nd and Chambers

Elements still to be completed include installation of the rectangular, rapid-flashing beacons at 18th and Friendly, and at 22nd and Jefferson, which is scheduled for the week of Dec. 15. Two bike shelters for Irving School should be installed by Dec. 12 and speed-reader signs on Royal Avenue will be installed soon as well.

Knife River Corp., working under contract for the Eugene Public Works Department, is the general contractor for the projects with a total cost at approximately \$575,000. The project has been funded by a federal Safe Routes to School grant administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

For more information, view a [news release online](#), or contact Project Manager Chuck Mueller at 541-501-0370 or 4J Safe Routes to School Coordinator Shane MacRhodes at 541-556-3553.

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Learn About Low-Cost and Free Health Insurance at Eugene Public Library

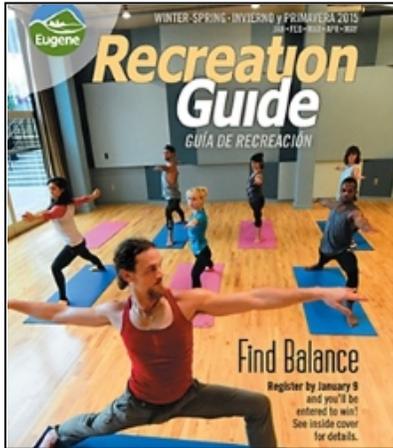
Community members can find out about low-cost and free health insurance options at a workshop at the Downtown Eugene Public Library, led by specially trained staff from White Bird Clinic. Choose between sessions on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 12 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 12 p.m.

Participants will learn the meaning of insurance terminology, the differences between public and private insurance, who qualifies for which kind of plan, what's covered by various plans, and how to apply. The presentation will cover the Oregon Health Authority's free, state health insurance, as well as qualified health plans available for purchase. White Bird staff will also be available for individual meetings to help people understand their options and to sign them up for insurance.

For more information, visit www.eugene-or.gov/library or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.

Fun, Fitness, and Friendships in Winter/Spring Eugene Recreation Guide

Where can a woman over 50 learn self-defense or a teen learn fashion design or how to make a stop-motion film? Want to play self-officiated volleyball, learn how to ice skate or cross country ski? Want to meet people with similar interests?



All this, plus so much more, can be found in the City of Eugene Winter/Spring Recreation Guide now available online. The cover of the 80-page guide features a yoga class held in the Hult Center's Studio. Eugene Recreation offers yoga and many other land and water fitness classes for a range of abilities. Not sure which class to take? Try a class for free Jan. 4 - 10 during "Try for Free" fitness week. Enroll in one of the classes and try it out for free, before enrolling for the entire series.

Check out the virtual Recreation Guide now at www.eugene-or.gov/receenroll or, in a few days, pick up a paper guide at City community centers, pools, libraries and many other public locations. Those on the Recreation's mailing list should receive a guide this week.

For more information, contact Library, Recreation, and Cultural Services Communication Manager Kathy Madison at 541-682-6342.