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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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#### ***Next Working City Episode: Eugene Springfield Fire's Role at Autzen Stadium on Game Day***

The next Working City episode will feature Eugene Springfield Fire's role at Autzen Stadium on game days, and will be aired on Comcast's cable channel 21 over the course of the next few weeks. Working City segments air on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and before the start of each regular Eugene City Council meeting on Monday evenings.



It may not be well known, but Autzen Stadium becomes the seventh largest city in the state of Oregon on game day. Eugene Springfield Fire provides advanced life support medical care to the more than 60,000 fans, athletes and support staff that pack the stadium, in addition to citizens of the community.

In this Working City episode, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief JoAnna Kamppi shares how the Fire/EMS crews get ready for duty at Autzen Stadium. To view the episode online, go to the City's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). For more information, contact Acting Deputy Chief of Special Operations Matt Ennis at 541-682-7103.

#### ***Public Invited to Weigh in on Urban Growth Boundary Recommendations***

At a work session on Dec. 10, the Eugene City Council heard the preliminary recommendation for expanding the urban growth boundary (UGB) to meet the community's 20-year land need for jobs, parks, schools, and single-family homes.

While Eugene's population is expected to increase by about 20 percent over the next two decades, the proposed expansion only increases the footprint of the community, or UGB, by 3.5 percent during that same time period. The recommendation includes four areas:

- **Clear Lake:** Land for over 3,000 jobs, commercial support services, a 222-acre community park, and a future Bethel school, all master planned and served by a green infrastructure system
- **Santa Clara:** Land for a 35-acre community park
- **Bailey Hill/Gimpl Hill:** 60 acres of land for 135 single-family homes
- **Bloomberg/McVay:** 230 acres of land for 400 single-family homes, existing employment lands, a park and a reservoir



The recommendation provided by City staff is based on more than five years of work that began in 2010 with Envision Eugene – a community process to establish a collective vision for the city's future and determine how to accommodate

future growth. The recommendation must also take into account specific state land use laws that define what areas can be considered by Oregon cities when they need to expand their UGBs.

An on-line open house launched at [www.envisioneugene.org](http://www.envisioneugene.org) on Dec. 12. The website provides information about, and maps of, the proposed expansion areas, as well as an online survey to collect community input. The community is invited to review and provide feedback on the preliminary recommendation.

An in-person open house for community members to ask questions and share feedback will be held Jan. 13 from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Atrium Lobby, at 99 West 10th Avenue. The City Council will also hold a public comment period to hear from community members on the topic in January. For more information, contact Laura Hammond at 541-682-6021.

### **Winter Break for Kids and Teens at Eugene Public Library**

During winter break, kids are invited to all locations of the Eugene Public Library to learn about and meet live exotic animals from around the world, provided by Zany Zoo. Join in the fun on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m., at the Sheldon Branch Library, at 2 p.m., at the Bethel Branch, or on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Downtown Library. (For the Downtown Library only: pick up free tickets starting 30 minutes before each event.)

Teens, come “Create a Hat” on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m., at the Downtown Library. Fiber artist Mari Livie will lead this hands-on workshop to make felted wool hats. Participants will learn how to make and cut the pattern and assemble the pieces, then decorate to their individual tastes.

Starting Jan. 2, middle- and high-school students can apply for the winter session of Teen Team, members of which volunteer at the Downtown Library. This session of Teen Team will meet on Tuesdays, from 4 to 5 p.m., from Jan. 27 through Mar. 17. Teens volunteer together to help staff prepare items for check out, set up craft projects for kids’ programs, create displays, clean and organize books, and more.



Pick up applications at any Library location. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

### **Campaign Invites Planners to “Book an Accessible Venue”**

Travel Lane County (TLC) is currently running a print and television advertising campaign that highlights Eugene’s commitment to accessibility. The ads are aimed at people who plan meetings and conventions, inviting them to learn how Eugene can help them with the all-important accessibility and inclusion issues they face.



Eugene’s Spencer Butte Challenge Course, operated by Eugene’s Recreation Division, is featured in the ads. In one ad, a woman who uses a wheelchair is among a group participating in team-building activities intended to improve the communication skills, trust and functioning of the group. In this 30-second [television ad](#), the woman is hoisted to a high platform among the trees in the Challenge Course. A similar scene is used for the print ads.

The ads invite meeting planners to “Book an accessible venue, build a skilled team, rise to the challenge.” The [TLC website](#) provides more details about Eugene’s accessible transportation, lodging and recreation, and includes a webinar presented by local accessibility experts, City of Eugene Senior/Adult and Adaptive Recreation Services Section Manager Andy Fernandez, with Janis Ross, vice president of convention and sports marketing for TLC.

Organizations, clubs and work groups can book the Spencer Butte Challenge Course for a team-building event designed specifically for their group. Between 70 and 80 groups use the Spencer Butte Challenge Course annually, primarily in the summer, late spring and early fall. Indoor team-building exercises are an option any time of year.

For more information on the Challenge Course, contact Recreation Programmer Robert Brack at 541-682-6324. For more information about TLC, call Janis Ross at 541-484-5387.