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Public Works Picnic: Planning and Purchasing Prevents Waste

The Public Works annual picnic was a success! Employees enjoyed good food, and great fun with a minimal waste footprint. Public Works staff partnered with the Waste Prevention program to plan for waste reduction opportunities well in advance of the event. In order to do this, Public Works rented ClearStream Recycling bins from the internal Zero Waste program, allowing for quick and easy separation of recyclables, compost, and garbage by event attendees.

Additionally, picnic organizers clearly labeled food waste and compostable ware collection bins; carefully purchased certified compostable plates, utensils and bin liner bags, plain paper portion cups and standard waxed paper cups - all of which were collected in the compost bins and then transported to Public Works food waste collection point at Roosevelt Yard after the picnic.

PW Civil Engineer Patrick Cox led the mission to make certain that truly compostable products that comply with Love Food Not Waste were purchased. "We used compostable everything. The waste bins only received things like the plastic wrap used on cases of canned goods for the picnic and small amounts of garbage that folks brought with them." Public Works also connected with Lane County Waste Management's Master Recycler program for assistance monitoring the waste stream at the event, and to ensure that Zero Waste efforts were a success.



For information about the Internal Zero Waste program, please contact Waste Prevention and Green Building Program Coordinator [Deveron Musgrave](mailto:Deveron.Musgrave@cityofeugene.org) at 541-682-6842.



Humor and Youth Talent Show at Library

Learn to laugh stress away at a free talk by Ned Hickson, author of "Humor at the Speed of Life." Join in the fun on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m., at the Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Hickson claims, "In this age of distraction and multi-tasking, humor is an instant ticket to less stress and a healthy sense of perspective. Plus, everyone can do it!" A humor columnist for Siuslaw News, Hickson has been awarded "Best Local Column" by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and the Society of Professional Journalists. His syndicated weekly column appears in dozens of U.S. newspapers.

On Thursday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m., everyone's invited to the Downtown Eugene Public Library to enjoy Eugene's Got Talent, a free variety show performed by kids and teens. Auditions for the show will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

MovingAhead Team Seeks Input on Transportation Corridor Concepts

The City of Eugene and Lane Transit District thanks everyone who participated in the MovingAhead workshops in May or who provided input online. More than 200 community members attended MovingAhead workshops, and many others submitted comments or spoke with project staff at a community event or meeting.

At the workshops, participants tested different combinations of bike lanes, sidewalks, lanes for autos, and lanes for buses. Using the input gathered at the workshops, the project team has developed [14 concepts](#) for how transit, sidewalk, and bike facilities could be improved in each corridor.

More opportunities to provide input are available for people to comment on the concepts, including an online survey at www.MovingAhead.org and an open house at the Eugene Library on Sept. 14, from 4 - 6 pm. Submit comments now to help shape the future of key corridors: Coburg Road, River Road, Highway 99, Amazon Parkway to Lane Community College, Valley River Center and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.



Community Workshop

For more information, contact Terri Harding at 541-682-5635 or Chris Henry at 541-682-8472.