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Eugene Sunday Streets (ESS) Friendly exploded with activity this past Sunday, Sept. 20. Eugene Sunday Streets Friendly surpassed previous neighborhood ESS events with over 3,100 participants. Combined attendance for the two ESS events in 2015 was a record 7,100.



**Sunday Streets Friendly participant walks a slack line**

Whether on foot, unicycle, wheel chair or trike, the almost two-mile Friendly neighborhood route allowed access to four dynamic activity centers, each buzzing with its own flavor. The involvement from Friendly area neighbors, including those who live on the route, as well as The Friendly Market & Deli and route businesses, helped make this possible.

With no specific end or beginning, the route meandered from Friendly Park (27<sup>th</sup> & Friendly) to the Common Ground Garden (21<sup>st</sup> & Van Buren). The streets that joined the activity centers were dotted with neighbors having garage sales, lemonade stands, fruit pressing and crafts. The Common Ground Garden welcomed participants to experience composting, garden tours, and treats from their bake sale. The food, garden and neighborhood theme carried throughout this route hub, with Eugene Veg Education Network, Love Food Not Waste and the Friendly Area Neighbors historical booth. This was the first Eugene Sunday Streets that focused on creating a waste-free event with help from master recyclers and use of compostable service ware.

Adams Elementary and Friendly Park were filled with vendors offering free massages, brain games, soccer instruction, helmet decorating, live music and more. A big hit at Friendly was the free fitness offerings from Oakway Fitness Center, including a Zumba class that filled the streets with dozens of participants clapping and dancing in the afternoon sun. Local bicycle shops – Arriving By Bike and Eugene Electrical Bicycles – offered participants an opportunity to ride the route with pedal-assist bikes, making hills easy and hauling cargo simple.

Looking ahead to Eugene Sunday Streets 2016, community input is greatly appreciated. An online survey at [www.eugene-or.gov/esssurvey](http://www.eugene-or.gov/esssurvey) lets respondents indicate where they would like the next event to be, what bands they would like to hear, and other preferences.

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