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***City Booth Focuses on a Healthy Garden for Everyone***

The City's booth at this year's Good Earth Home, Garden and Living Show provides plenty of tips about composting, soil, beneficial bugs and lawn care. It will also feature the Love Food Not Waste commercial compost program and product. Plants, children and pets all benefit from a healthier place to grow and play, and using fewer chemicals reduces runoff from yards and business properties into the stormwater system and waterways.



Visitors to the City booth who answer a question from the spinning wheel can participate in a drawing for some great garden-themed products.

The Good Earth Home and Garden show starts Friday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m., and runs through Sunday, Jan. 24, until 5 p.m. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide handouts. The booth is a collaborative effort between Eugene's Public Works Stormwater Management Program and the Planning Department's Waste Prevention and Green Building Program.

For more information, contact Stormwater Information Specialist Kathy Eva in Public Works Administration, at 541-682-2739, [kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us) or [www.happyrivers.org](http://www.happyrivers.org).

***Details Finalized For South Willamette Street Improvement Project***

The project that will reshape parts of Willamette Street is beginning to materialize. Brown Construction will start work on Feb. 1. The project calls for permanent changes, including the widening of Willamette Street north of 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> avenues. Crews will also add a new traffic signal at the Woodfield Station driveway north of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The changes implement a pilot study of a three-lane Willamette Street from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> avenues. The road will be restriped to three lanes with one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street. In the vicinity of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the restriping study will include two southbound lanes, as well as the other changes.

Daytime traffic impacts are expected to be minimal, but may include some lane shifts or partial closures. A portion of the work will be completed at night. Businesses in the area have been notified about the upcoming work and access will be maintained during business hours.



Contracted construction costs for the improvements are \$743,232, with funding coming primarily from transportation system development charges. Costs of monitoring the pilot study are \$150,000.

Crews expect to have all of the work, including the restriping, completed by mid-April, weather permitting. Following the yearlong pilot study, staff will report back to the Eugene City Council with an evaluation, likely in the summer of 2017.

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