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# City Council Newsletter



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### Amazon Pool Opens for Lap Swimming May 23

Spend this summer like an Olympian at Amazon Pool, the only 50 meter outdoor pool in Eugene. Amazon Pool opens for lap swimming on May 23 and has a lane for everyone no matter what their skill level. Lap lanes are available for slow, medium and fast swimmers.

Swimmers can take this opportunity to start their lap swim routines before the full schedule starts on June 18. The Summer Season Pass grants access to the spa, fitness center and recreational swimming from June 17 to Sept. 5. The \$200 Amazon Pool Lap Swim Pass grants unlimited lap swims through the end of the season in October. The pass is for adults only, is not prorated and is not valid for other programs. For friends and relatives visiting Eugene over the summer, 10 visit and 30-day passes are available as well.



More detailed rates, as well as other information and a virtual tour, are available on the Amazon Pool [website](#).

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## Public Works Day is Nearly Here!

Thousands of children and adults are set to venture into Public Works' Roosevelt Yard, taking part in what has become an annual tradition: Public Works Day. The fun-filled event is scheduled for Thursday, May 19.



Children will strap on their orange vests, peer into the sprawling underground sewer system, and climb onto heavy machinery. It's a day set aside to teach children and adults alike about the many services provided by the Public Works Department.

There are more than 1,800 people signed up to attend this year's free event. Tour guides, including Mayor Kitty Piercy, will lead the visitors around to the different displays. Special guests at Public Works Day include Eugene Police and Eugene Springfield Fire.

Councilors are also invited to attend the event. For more information call Kim Mast at 541-682-5548.

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## 942 Olive Opening Supports Growing Downtown Tech Cluster

In February of 2015, the Eugene City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, agreed to sell the building at 942 Olive to the University of Oregon (UO) for one dollar. In turn, the University agreed to renovate and convert the underutilized structure into a space that would support RAIN, the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network, and bring the UO's Tyler Innovation Greenhouse and Product Design Launch Lab downtown. Together, that partnership has created a dynamic entrepreneurial hub that opened on May 10, building on the on-going revitalization of the city's center and bolstering the growing downtown tech industry.

"Companies that get their start here will become the next generation of innovators and manufacturers - ultimately creating the businesses and jobs of our community's future," said Mayor Piercy. "The City of Eugene is deeply committed to continuing to develop a thriving tech sector and innovation district downtown. This building will play a key role in that future, bringing together creators, designers, students, faculty, mentors, and local businesses."

As part of the downtown tech cluster, 942 Olive will help drive economic development. The building will provide space for meetings, co-working areas, and classrooms, along with the addition of synergistic programs from the University. The location helps connect RAIN start-ups with LCC's Small Business Development Center and other technology initiatives within the downtown core.



The RAIN program is a consortium of government, higher education, and the business community.

Mayor Kitty Piercy is a co-convener of RAIN and serves on the board of directors along with

the Mayor of Corvallis, and representatives from the UO, Oregon State University, Business Oregon, and the private sector.

With support from state and local partners, RAIN advances the formation of high-growth innovative startup companies throughout the South Willamette Valley and Mid-Coast region. It provides networking support, capital formation assistance, and advisory services like mentors and training or physical assets such as incubator space and wet labs to entrepreneurs and start-ups.

RAIN accelerators work directly with entrepreneurs to launch local companies. The Innovation Network, works with the communities to help coordinate the community resources that are necessary for companies to grow and thrive in the region. To date, 62 companies have graduated from the RAIN accelerators in Eugene and Corvallis, creating over 100 new jobs, and generating almost \$2 million in revenues.

Bringing RAIN Eugene Accelerator to 942 Olive directly supports the Eugene Downtown Plan by contributing to an active, economically vibrant downtown, enhancing the development of local businesses and strengthening the cluster of creative industries in the community and throughout the region.

To learn more about RAIN visit the website: <http://oregonrain.org>. For more information, Laura Hammond at [laura.a.hammond@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:laura.a.hammond@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-6021.

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## Rocky Mountain Institute Helping Eugene Increase Community Resilience



At the end of April an inter-agency team from Eugene attended Rocky Mountain Institute's eLab Accelerator, an intensive three day program for communities that are working to make significant changes within the electricity sector to increase community resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program brings together community teams and national thought leaders to focus on collaborative innovations that can help overcome barriers to change within the electricity sector.

Eugene's team included staff from EWEB, the City of Eugene, 4J School District, and the University of Oregon. The team came back with clear next steps and motivation to work together to achieve multiple mutual goals.

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## Delegation from Boulder Visits Eugene

On April 26th, over 30 representatives from the City and community of Boulder visited Eugene to meet with Elected Officials, staff, and local experts on the topics of housing, homelessness, transportation, and town/gown relationships. The delegation included Boulder Mayor Suzanne Jones, members of their City Council, the City Manager and department heads, as well as a number of Boulder homelessness, climate, and housing experts.

During a morning meeting, the group met with Mayor Piercy, Councilors Taylor and Pryor, as well as the City Manager and staff from all City departments, to discuss how our two cities are addressing the topical areas for the visit. In the afternoon, the delegation split into two teams, with one visiting the Catholic Community Services safe spot camping area, the Lindholm Service Center, and Opportunity Village. The second group travelled by EMX to meet with University of Oregon officials, tour Walnut Station, and meet with LTD staff. The day ended with social hour sponsored by the City of Boulder at Hop Valley on 1st Avenue, an opportunity to showcase Eugene's craft brewery industry, which is a growing economic sector in Boulder as well.



The visit was reported by local media [here](#), and by the Boulder media [here](#). For more information contact Ethan Nelson at [ethan.a.nelson@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:ethan.a.nelson@ci.eugene.or.us) or (541) 682-5245.

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