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### Human Rights Listening Project Update

In April, the Human Rights Commission and Equity and Human Rights Center staff embarked on the Human Rights Listening Project. This project is aimed at exploring the strengths and limitations of the current structure of the commission, and the Human Rights Ordinance, and their relevance to the current needs of the community.



Staff and Human Rights Commissioners coordinated a series of public outreach tools and events including listening sessions, a community survey, stakeholder interviews, and tabling at community events. This effort is the first phase of an ongoing process that will culminate in the fall. The project also includes extensive research examining other models for municipal programs and human rights commissions. Outreach to-date has included over 637 participants. Information about recent efforts can be found at [www.eugene-or.gov/diversity](http://www.eugene-or.gov/diversity).

The last phase of the project involves analyzing the information collected from the community outreach and translating it into possible recommended changes in the structure of the Human Rights Commission and the City Human Rights Code. This will involve the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop performing an

independent analysis of the information collected and bringing together local experts to form a "think tank" to help refine the information. Initial options and ideas will be passed on to the Human Rights Commission and City staff to develop draft recommendations. The process will span August, September and most of October, culminating with final recommendations being presented to the City Council on October 24. The Human Rights Commission will also be using the information from this project to develop its next work plan which will be presented to the council for approval in November.

For more information, please contact Raquel Wells at [Raquel.C.Wells@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Raquel.C.Wells@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-8439

### "Get Rec" Differently this Fall

The City of Eugene's 72-page Fall Recreation Guide is brimming with ideas on things to do, see and learn for all ages and abilities from September - December, and, now, it will be distributed in a more sustainable way.



The fall guide cover features several adults enjoying a water aerobics class. The guide lists dozens of opportunities to recreate in water and land fitness classes and sports leagues, at social events, by hiking, biking, kayaking, skiing and participating in other outdoor activities on the water and snow, and by having fun with the whole family. Many activities are free and scholarships are available. Registration is underway for most activities.

Previously, Recreation Services mailed a copy of the guide to every Eugene household. However, beginning with the fall guide, residents can now "Get Rec" three ways: a virtual guide is available at [GetRec.org](http://GetRec.org); users may request a free, mailed subscription; or a copy can be picked up at many public locations around town, including all City

community centers, pools, libraries and offices, and many new locations, including the LTD Downtown Station, Eugene Water & Electric Board lobby, Centro Latino Americano, First Place, and more.

For information on how to “Get Rec” electronically, by subscription, or for a complete list of distribution locations, go to [GetRec.org](http://GetRec.org) or call 541-682-6864. For more information about the distribution change, contact Kathy Madison at 541-682-6342.

**Learn about eBooks and More: Computer Classes at Eugene Public Library**

Now is the time to sign up for free September and October computer classes at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. Pre-registration is required for limited spaces; call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450, press 2.

At **Intro to eBooks**, learn why electronic books are so popular and how to borrow thousands of titles free from the Eugene Public Library. Several brands of eReaders will be on hand to compare, or participants may bring their own (not required). This single-session class will be held four times, on Mondays, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, and Oct. 17, all at 5 p.m.

What’s the big deal about Twitter and Facebook? And what’s the difference? Find out at **Social Networking** on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. Learn about options for keeping in touch with friends, family, and colleagues online. Set up a free email account in class then explore these easy ways to exchange messages, share photos and videos, and more.



The **Store and Share Digital Photos** class will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, or Saturday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m., offering a user-friendly introduction to uploading, downloading, and emailing photos, as well as creating online albums. Get started researching the family tree at **Genealogy** on Thursday, Sept. 29, or Thursday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.

Beginners are encouraged to sign up for **Intro to Computers – Part 1** on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m., and **Intro to the Internet** on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m.

These computer classes have been designed for adults, but teens are also welcome. For more information, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.