

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## AROUND THE CITY

### Primary Election Season Underway

The next regularly scheduled election in Eugene is the May 18, 2010, Primary Election. The May Primary is a qualifying election that will determine which names appear on the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot. For each ward or EWEB Board office, the candidate who receives more than 50 percent of the total vote will have his or her name placed on the November ballot. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the May primary, the names of the two candidates receiving the most votes will be placed on the November ballot.



Completed nominating petitions for the following offices will be accepted by the City Recorder's Office until 5 p.m. on March 4, 2010:

- Eugene City Councilor – Ward 3
- Eugene City Councilor - Ward 4
- Eugene City Councilor - Ward 5
- Eugene City Councilor - Ward 6
- EWEB Commissioner - Wards 4 and 5
- EWEB Commissioner - At-Large

An information packet for prospective candidates is available on the City Recorder's Office web page at [www.eugene-or.gov/elections](http://www.eugene-or.gov/elections). The packet contains a calendar of important dates and deadlines, instructions on how to file, links to resource information, and sample forms required for filing.

For more information, contact Acting City Recorder Beth Forrest at 541-682-5882 or [beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us).

### Valentine's Day Events Emphasize Companionship



Older adults and individuals with developmental disabilities can find companionship at one of two Valentine's Day events being held by the Recreation Program. Speed Dating, for adults age 50 and older, confirms that it's never too late to find companionship. At this event on February 9, 6 - 8 p.m. at Campbell Center, attendees can socialize with other older adults who want to connect with someone special. Whether looking for love or just friendship, this is the perfect place to re-enter the dating scene. Speed dates are four minutes long and include

refreshments and snacks. For more information, please contact Rayna Luvert at 541-682-6394.

Also on February 9, adults age 18 and older, who are experiencing developmental disabilities, are invited to a night of music, dancing and refreshments, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Hilyard Center. For more information, please call Carly Schmidt at 541-682-8837.

**Left Coast Sax Quartet to Play Free Concert at Library**

The Left Coast Saxophone Quartet will play a free concert at the Downtown Public Library on First Friday, February 5, at 6 p.m.

The quartet pools the talents of Rich Berg, Charlene Decker, Annalisa Morton, and Jonathan Neher to play everything from ragtime to baroque, classical to klezmer, not to mention Latin and jazz. Local audiences will recognize these expert musicians from the Eugene Symphony, Oregon Mozart Players, Swingin' Marmalukeys, and more. But, the group says, "You've never heard us like this!"



For more information, please contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

**City of Eugene and 4J Schools Awarded "Safe Routes to School" Infrastructure Grant**

Recognizing the need for safer pedestrian crossing facilities and improved bicycle infrastructure, Oregon's Department of Transportation recently announced a \$495,000 award of federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for the City of Eugene.



Eugene's grant is one of only eight awarded statewide for the 2010 and 2011 SRTS grant cycle. In a collaborative effort, faculty and parents from seven elementary and middle schools, 4J's SRTS coordinator, and Eugene Public Works staff worked to develop a number of safety improvements designed to create a safer and more bike- and pedestrian-friendly environment for children walking and biking to school. Projects include crosswalk enhancements, path and sidewalk improvements, new bicycle parking facilities, and way-finding signs. Design and construction will occur between 2010 and 2011.

For more information, please contact Associate Transportation Planner, David Roth at [david.f.roth@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:david.f.roth@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-5727.

**Improving Safety One Helmet at a Time**



Over the past three years, the City of Eugene's Transportation Planning Team has donated more than 100 helmets per year to the community at targeted events such as the annual Project Homeless Connect and to children at a number of affordable housing developments. Carrying on and expanding this tradition of providing free safety equipment for bicyclists, the Transportation Planning Team recently received a grant to fund the purchase of additional helmets to reach even more people in need. Grant funding is made available through the Association for Community Traffic Safety (ACTS), based in Salem. For more information, contact Lindsay Selser at [lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-5094.

**NEXT WEEK**

02/08	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/08	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
02/09	Tu	5:30pm	AZ	Joint Planning and Sustainability Commissions	Sloat Room
02/10	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/10	W	1:00pm	AO, GP, BT	IGR	McNutt Room
02/11	Th	5:30pm	GB, MC	Police Commission	Sheldon Cmnty Ctr

**UPCOMING**

02/16	Tu	5:30pm	All	Joint Meeting with EWEB Board	EWEB Board Room
02/16	Tu	7:30pm	All	Council Public Hearing	Council Chamber
02/17	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/22	M	5:30pm	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/22	M	7:30pm	All	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
02/24	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room
02/26	F	Noon	All	Eugene/LC/Springfield JEO	Springfield City Hall
03/10	W	Noon	All	Council Work Session	McNutt Room

**COUNCIL BREAK: MARCH 11 – APRIL 12**