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Hundreds of Youth Participate in Spring Track and Field Event

The clouds parted and the rain stopped for the 2011 Run, Jump, Throw Clinic at historic Hayward Field on March 19. University of Oregon (UO) and Oregon Track Club Elite athletes greeted more than 250 participants, aged five – 12, who sprinted, threw a turbo javelin, long-jumped, and hurdled. They also received their own Oregon Preview bib, ribbon, snack and autograph session. The event was sponsored by the City of Eugene, Oregon Track Club, and University of Oregon Track Club. Elite coach Harry Marra designed the clinic activities.



UO Associate Athletic Director Vin Lananna called the youth clinic “an excellent way to open up another exciting track season at Hayward Field...just the first of many youth offerings this spring.” He added that throughout the year, the collective efforts of the City of Eugene, UO program, and Oregon Track Club Elite “are exposing thousands of kids to amazing role models, fun activities and the benefits of an active lifestyle.”

Families who attended the clinic were invited to stay for the meet and had additional opportunities to run, jump and throw in the Starting Block. This youth activity area is organized by Senior Recreation Programmer Kim McManus and encourages

youth to be active while learning about the legacy of Track Town. The Starting Block activities are held at each UO track meet. For more information, contact Kim McManus at 541-682-6343.

Volunteer Power Workshop at Eugene Public Library

The Downtown Eugene Public Library will host “Volunteer Power,” a workshop for volunteer coordinators, on Tuesday, April 12, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Admission is free.

Most non-profits depend on the active involvement of community volunteers. This workshop for new and experienced volunteer coordinators will offer tips and insights for effectively engaging volunteers for success. Topics will include recruiting and matching the right volunteers for each job, giving them constructive feedback, and providing appropriate appreciation.

The workshop will be led by the Library's Customer Experience Manager LaVena Nohrenberg, certified in volunteer administration (CVA), who has 20 years of experience managing volunteers in social services and health care settings. She has taught widely in the northwest and nationally.



For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Active Bethel Residents FEAST on Sunday

FEAST stands for Food Education Agriculture Solutions Together – a program of the Oregon Food Bank designed to assist local communities in becoming more food self-sufficient. The FEAST event is part of Active Bethel Citizens' efforts to address food access and security issues in their neighborhood. The program works to connect area farmers, distributors, and consumers to create better access to local, affordable food. Partners include the Active Bethel Citizens neighborhood association, Bethel School District, Community and Schools Together (CAST), Environmental Center of Sustainability (ECOS), South Town Rotary, Lane County Food Policy Council and City of Eugene Neighborhood Services. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, participants will gather at Petersen Barn to learn about local food issues and initiatives, local farming, and steps to creating a community-based food plan. The neighborhood association will collaborate with Neighborhood Services on a SNAP (Strategic Neighborhood Assessment and Planning) project this summer that will focus on these issues.



For more information, contact Neighborhood Planner Rene Kane at rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-6243 or Aleta Miller, co-chair of Active Bethel Citizens, at farmconnection@att.net or 541-543-9103.

Annual Neighborhood Leader Orientation Not Just Fun and Games

"Bob's Rules," "Acronyms R Us", and "Get to Know Your Neighbors" were three Neighborhood Jeopardy categories that failed to stump neighborhood and community leaders last week. Twenty-three participants representing 10



Pictured are Mark Koenig (River Road Community Organization), Bill Randall (Planning Commission), Rebekah Hanley and daughter (South University Neighborhood Association), and James Manning (Police Commission).

neighborhoods and the Planning and Police commissions attended a three-hour orientation for neighborhoods, City government, and Neighborhood Services programs. Staff led participants in a full and fast-paced evening that included Jeopardy and a version of speed-dating - rapid conversations with multiple people - about engaging neighbors and working effectively with City staff. Participants received an updated *Toolkit for Effective Neighborhood Leadership* which is available on the City's website at www.eugene-or.us/naleaders. The neighborhood leader orientation is a key component of the training program provided by Neighborhood Services. A total of 147 leaders have attended seven trainings since July 2010 (FY11) on topics from meeting facilitation to community engagement.

For more information about trainings offered by Neighborhood Services or the *Toolkit*, please contact Rene Kane at 541-682-6243 or rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us.