

NEIGHBORLY NEWS...

Nov 15, 2009

Open House: West 11th Corridor Study



An open house to provide information about the West 11th Avenue Corridor Study is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Bascom Room of the Eugene Public Library, 100 W 10th Avenue.

The W11th Avenue Corridor Study is an endeavor by the City of Eugene to seek short-term remedies for transportation problems in west Eugene. The development of the study follows removal of the West Eugene Parkway from area transportation plans. The corridor study takes a look at existing conditions in the corridor and identifies strategies to enhance travel through improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, corridor safety, management of accesses, changes to traffic signal timing and intersection modification projects. If implemented, these strategies will yield improvements to safety and mobility in the corridor.

Other long-term solutions will be needed to address increasing travel demand to and through the corridor as the area's population and employment continues to grow. The West Eugene Collaborative (WEC) vision for a multi-way boulevard and the West Eugene EmX Extension (WEE) transit project are other efforts to identify long-term solutions to meet the community's transportation needs.

For more information, contact Chris Henry, Transportation Planning Engineer, at 541-682-8472.



City of Eugene staff, partnering organizations, and members of the local public (in other words, YOU!) are working together to develop a plan to reduce our consumption of/reliance upon fossil fuels, and to prepare for future effects of climate change. You are invited to become involved in the process, get informed, and help make a difference!

Approximately 80 community members gathered on Nov 5th to help inform the creation of Eugene's first Community Climate and Energy Action Plan on the topic of Food and Agriculture. There was a tremendous amount of energy in the room and great information was gathered.

To view the Food and Agriculture Topic Discussion Preliminary Actions go to:

http://www.sustaineugene.com/eugeneclimate/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Food_Ag_list.pdf

To view the community forum (blog) for Food and Agriculture go to:

http://www.sustaineugene.com/eugeneclimate/?page_id=38

To sign up to receive email notifications for upcoming events and information on the Eugene Climate and Energy Action Plan, please register at www.sustaineugene.com/eugeneclimate



Building Our Next Economy: A Regional Prosperity Summit



Maximizing opportunities and creating innovative strategies to move our economy forward

Thursday, November 19, 2009 – 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Hilton Hotel, 66 E. 6th Ave., Eugene Oregon

**Key Note Speaker – University of Oregon
President Richard Lariviere**

For more information, contact or Robin Scott, Lane Workforce Partnership, at 682-3800 or Lacey Risdal, City of Eugene, at 682-8351

Interactive Break Out Sessions will include:

- Growing Local Opportunities
- The Creative Economy
- Talent for Tomorrow
- Basic Needs of Business
- Developing Key Industries

Public participation is welcome and encouraged at this free event.

21st Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The non-profit, Whiteaker Community Dinners is again bringing volunteers, organizations, and businesses together to provide the 21st annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

As in years past, it will be held at the Whiteaker Community Head Start Center located at 21 N Grand in Eugene. Dinner is from 11 AM to 3 PM .

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please call the Volunteer Hotline at **(541) 485-8179** to register to volunteer to help out with this year's

event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Notice of Road Closures:

I-5 On-Ramp and
Franklin Blvd

Please be advised of the upcoming ramp closure; effecting the 1-5 southbound on-ramp from Franklin Boulevard. The closure will take place Monday, November 30,2009 at 7:00 am and remain closed until January 22, 2010. At that time, we would open the ramp by midnight of January 22, 2010.

Also please note the upcoming road closure; effecting Eastbound and Westbound traffic on Franklin Blvd. The closure will take place Friday, November 20,2009 at 8:00 pm and open back up by 7:00 am on Monday November 23, 2009.

Please reference the detour route plan and traffic control plan also provided in the Neighborhood Leaders Packet from last week (11-8) titled "**Detour Routes/ Traffic Plan: Franklin & I-5**".

"Building Healthy Communities" Grant Program from Home Depot

Home Depot requests applications for **the Building Healthy Communities Grant Program**. This program supports community improvement projects that include, but are not limited to: Improving energy efficiency and sustainability; landscaping and planting native trees; community facility improvements; and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Individual awards are not to exceed \$1,500.

Responses due 12/15/09. For more info, go to: <http://corporate.homedepot.com/wps/portal/Grants>. (Foundation Center RFP Bulletin 10/23/09)

UO Students—Takin' it to the Streets!

Monday, November 9th University students participated in a very successful *Takin' It to the Streets: Student Day of Services in Campus neighborhoods* event! This was the UO's inaugural event to connect students to service projects in all three neighborhoods adjacent to campus. Despite less-than-stellar weather and the realization that many, many students have class Monday afternoon, there was a total of 44 students, neighborhood volunteers, and City and university staff that participated!

Here are a few facts and highlights of the day:

In the **West University Neighborhood**, 12 students, two neighbors (in all fairness, WUN chair Jackson Hite counts as both a student AND a neighbor), Morgan St. Jean from the UO and Lorna Baldwin with the City of Eugene weeded the entire park and picked up more than five bags of trash from the surrounding blocks. They even recruited two residents of the apartments right next to the park to come out and help! Drix and Lorna Baldwin shared the history of the park with the students. The City provided all the tools and brought snacks and the neighborhood association got Subway to donate two big sandwiches.

In the **Fairmount Neighborhood**, a total of 11 students, neighbors Sandra Austin and Martin Sage, Jason Blazer with the City of Eugene and Karen Hyatt from the UO removed ivy from a hillside at Hendricks Park. Jason coached students on how to pull ivy while explaining the benefits of removing invasive species. The City provided gloves and tools, and neighbors provided cookies and coffee.

In the **South University Neighborhood**, 10 students, Regan Middleton-Moreland from the UO, neighbors Janet Heinenon and Jody Miller, and Jeff Lanza from the Eugene Tree foundation planted trees and picked up litter on five predetermined routes. Once again, recruitment of students living across the street from the tree planting area

proved successful! Neighbors provided cookies and apple cider, and trash bags. Central Lutheran Church provided their parking lot and alcove for organizing purposes. The City folks brought over the trees and provided gloves and litter grabbers.

The UO Office of Communications filmed footage at Hendricks Park and created a short video that is currently posted on the UO homepage. Here's a link:

http://www.uoregon.edu/featuredstories/2009_10/streets



English Ivy: a non-native invasive species—removed during the Day of Service.



Save the Date: 2010 State of the City



The 2010 State of the City address from Mayor Kitty Piercy is scheduled for January. Stay tuned for program information. Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

5:30 PM

Hult Center (7th and Willamette)

Please share this information with others that might be interested in attending.

KVAL Downtown Solutions Forum

KVAL News is hosting the KVAL Downtown Solutions Forum to give the people who live, work and play in Downtown Eugene a chance to ask questions of their leaders and discuss ways to make our city center a better place.

The Downtown Solutions Forum is Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Bascom/Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library. The discussion starts promptly at 6 p.m.

Panelists include Eugene mayor Kitty Piercy, police chief Pete Kerns, Downtown Neighbors Association chairman William Kennedy, White Bird Clinic director Chuck Gerrard and a downtown business owner.

If you would like to attend or ask a question of the panelists, please RSVP by e-mail to jtierney@kval.com with your name and questions for the panelists. Panelists will not be shown questions in advance.



The goal of this forum is to discuss and propose solutions to the problems we face in Downtown Eugene. All participants in the forum must follow these guidelines. If you violate the guidelines, KVAL reserves the right to exclude you from the discussion. The discussion will be broadcast on KVAL-TV

- Be respectful of the panel and audience members
- No vulgar language
- No speaking out of turn. The audience moderator will determine the order of questions
- No signs are allowed



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