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Assistant City Manager Sarah Medary Receives Top National Leadership Award

Assistant City Manager and Planning and Development Executive Director Sarah Medary was presented with the Assistant Excellence in Leadership Award in Memory of Buford M. Watson Jr., from the International City-County Management Association (ICMA) at the Dec. 10 City Council meeting. Junction City City Manager, Kevin Watson, who is the grandson of the award's namesake, presented the award along with Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz.

The award commemorates former ICMA President Buford M. Watson Jr. and honors a local government management professional who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership as an assistant to a chief local government administrator or department head.

City Manager Ruiz, who nominated Medary for the award, appointed her to the position of Assistant City Manager in February 2009. "Excellence is a habit for Sarah. She finds mediocrity unsatisfying and consistently seeks ways to encourage and contribute to cultures of excellence in the City organization and the community," said City Manager Ruiz. "Her dedication to what is possible is refreshing, and has contributed to the City's ability to thrive during this complex and challenging era in local government."



Medary joined the City of Eugene organization in 1996 and gained a wide range of experience and increasing responsibility through her work in the Parks and Open Space and Engineering divisions of Public Works, and with the Library, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, rising to Recreation Division Manager prior to her appointment as Assistant City Manager. This experience has given her a thorough knowledge of the organization as a front-line service provider, as well as a supervisor, manager and leader.

"The best part about winning a leadership award is bringing attention to the excellent work being accomplished by the team," noted Medary. "I am fortunate to work with a very talented group of City employees, elected officials and community partners. I'm honored to have been selected and I'm proud of the successes we have achieved during some very difficult years."

For more information, contact Laura Hammond at 541-682-6021 or laura.a.hammond@ci.eugene.or.us.

Grant Helps Eugene Fire & EMS with Purchase of Critical Equipment

This month, the Eugene Fire & EMS Department will put into service new, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to replace its aging fleet. The department received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$1,079,750 for the replacement of the SCBAs. The grant is paying 80 percent of the total cost at \$863,800 and the department is paying the 20 percent match, as well as funding additional needed pieces of SCBA equipment not funded by the grant.

During fiscal year 2012, the department developed an extensive request for proposal (RFP) process that included input from key stakeholders; evaluations from shift operations, special teams, and maintenance personnel; an evaluation of the accountability components; training requirements, and reference review. During the process, the top four companies provided equipment for hands-on evaluation by the fire crews.



The self-contained breathing apparatus is a critical piece of equipment because it provides breathable air to firefighters in an IDLH (Immediate Danger to Life and Health) atmosphere. The department plans to donate the older equipment. For additional information, please contact Deputy Chief Joe Zaludek at 541-682-7103 or Joe.S.Zaludek@ci.eugene.or.us.

Governor's Award for Leadership by Example

In November, the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) received the Governor's Award for "Leadership by Example." The Public Work's Wastewater Division operates the regional treatment plant as the City's partner of the MWMC. The award recognizes leadership by "sharing their energy efficiency progress and knowledge with others and thereby influencing broader awareness of energy efficiency inside and outside their organization." Several factors were considered in evaluation of the award, including:

- Wastewater Divisions' International Standards Organization (ISO)-14001 certification for the Environmental Management System;
- MWMC environmental policies;
- Participation by MWMC in a Sustainable Energy Management Training Program for Wastewater facilities, especially Wastewater Operations Supervisor Bob Sprick's presentation about the great things done at the plant;
- MWMC outreach and engagement; and
- Coordination with the Oregon Chapter of Association of Clean Water Agencies (OrACWA) to provide information to others in the industry and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The award nomination by Project Manager Greg Watkins included information on all these factors. Specifics included the use of cogeneration – using the gas produced in wastewater treatment to generate electricity and heat - to use for approximately 65 percent of the plant's energy. The history of plant power usage (showing a decline over the years because of energy efficiency efforts while at the same time increasing hydraulic capacity) and discussion of improvements in the last 10 years that have resulted in 1,133MWh annual savings. For more information, please contact Michelle Cahill at 541-682-8606.

Winter Break Fun Coming Up at Eugene Public Library

While school's out, kids and teens are welcome to get warm and have fun with free events at the Eugene Public Library. Mad Science's show "Fire and Ice" is amazing, amusing, hot, and cool! Kids love this fun and exciting science show filled with dazzling demonstrations of the powers of fire and ice. See it at the Downtown Library on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 1 and 3 p.m. (pick up free tickets starting 30 minutes before each show); at the Bethel Branch on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2:30 p.m.; or at the Sheldon Branch on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 4:30 p.m.

The Teen Book Group will get together on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 4 p.m., at the Downtown Library to talk about "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, then watch "Easy A," the popular movie based on the classic story. Visit the Downtown Teen Desk anytime to pre-register and pick up a copy of the book. The Downtown Library will also host a free screening of "The Hunger Games" for teens on Friday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m., with popcorn and candy included.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or see the Library's online calendar for all ages at www.eugene-or.gov/library.





Residents Can “Get in the Swing” with New Recreation Guide

The new Winter/Spring Recreation Guide offers healthy, entertaining activities from January through May. The cover of the new guide features a young couple dancing and calls on readers to “get in the swing” of all the fun things to do which are listed inside. Recreation provides dozens of social activities such as dances, meals, family activities, and more, all year-round.

In addition to social opportunities, the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide contains hundreds of events, classes, activities, health and wellness programs, and sports for all ages and abilities. It’s not too early to enroll a child in one of the spring break camps offered by the City for children and youth in kindergarten through age 17.

Check out the 72-page virtual Recreation Guide at www.eugene-or.gov/recrenroll or pick up a paper guide at any City community center, pool, library, and many other public locations. Those on the mailing list should receive a guide this week. Registration is underway for most activities.

For more information, call Kathy Madison at 541-682-6342.

Recreation Offers Winter Break Fun for All

Eugene Recreation has lined up several activities to help beat the dark days of winter. For the kids, there’s swimming, breakfast with Santa, or Winter Break Camp. The whole family can try indoor rock climbing or have fun at the First Friday Family Fun Night. For the kid in the grown-ups, there’s a trip around town viewing holiday lights.

Echo Hollow and Sheldon pools will be on a holiday schedule from Dec. 23 -Jan. 6, with afternoon recreation swims at Echo Hollow held 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., weekdays and Sundays, and at Sheldon from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., weekdays and 12 -2 p.m., on Saturdays.

There is still space available for the Breakfast with Santa at Amazon Center on Dec. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Call 541-682-5373 for more information. The Sheldon Winter Break camp, Dec. 26 - Jan. 7, for youth ages 6 – 11, also has space. Call 541-682-5312 for more information or to register for one or all days.



Do something unusual with the whole family ages four and older at the Community Climb Time at the Arts and Technology Academy on Dec. 17, or meet new friends at the First Friday Family Fun Night at Petersen Barn Center on Jan. 4. The indoor climbs are from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. and cost \$5. Call 541-682-5329 for more information. The Friday Fun night, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., is free and includes games, crafts and dinner! Call 541-682-5521 for details. Both events are drop-in; registration is not required.

Adults age 18 and up will feel like kids again as they tour the town viewing the best holiday light displays on Dec. 19. The trip costs \$10. Registration has begun at Petersen Barn Center at 541-682-5521.

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City Hall Council Meeting Rooms - Recording Electronics Repurposed

On Dec. 11, the Eugene Planning Commission held its first live cable-broadcast from the Sloat Room in the Atrium. Steve Loges, Facilities staff, and Robert Lewis, Metro TV staff, oversaw the removal of cameras, audio equipment, and associated electronics from the McNutt Room prior to the closure of City Hall in August, and repurposed it for the Sloat Room. Funding for the project and ongoing cable-casting of public meetings is made available through a provision in the City’s public rights-of-way use agreement with Comcast.

For more information, please contact Telecommunications Manager Pam Berrian at 541-682-5590 or pam.c.berrian@ci.eugene.or.us.