

January 10, 2019

# City Council Newsletter



## In This Issue:

- Hummingbird Wholesale is the 2019 Mayor's Bold Steps Award Winner
- Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Receives HUD Funding to Preserve Affordable Housing for Seniors
- City of Eugene Parking Sponsors Collaborative New Year's 'Safe Rides Home' Program

## Hummingbird Wholesale is the 2019 Mayor's Bold Steps Award Winner

At the State of the City address on January 3rd, Mayor Lucy Vinis announced this year's winner of the Bold Steps Award, Hummingbird Wholesale. This award is given annually to organizations that incorporate the triple bottom line in their business decisions. Award winners are celebrated for providing healthy workplaces for employees, implementing environmental stewardship and sound economic decision making, and for taking bold and innovative steps toward sustainability. We are pleased to congratulate Hummingbird Wholesale on their award.

Hummingbird Wholesale is a local, family-owned organic food manufacturer and distributor that chooses their product line based on the sustainable farming practices, wholesome ingredients, and nutritional value of each item.

Hummingbird contracts with Oregon farmers for a variety of crops and distributes and sources organic staple ingredients.

The Hummingbird Wholesale team is also the driving force behind the new Mahonia Building—Eugene’s newest food and community hub which

features an innovative and sustainable design, up-cycled building materials, and environmentally friendly landscaping while also providing warehouse, production, office spaces, and restaurants and community meeting rooms.



Bold Steps Winners receive a professionally produced video, ads, and marketing support from the City of Eugene. To be considered for this award businesses must be located in Eugene, fill out an application, and be certified through [BRING’s rethink Business](#) program which provides free, on-site consultations that help businesses reduce waste and save money. To find out more about the [Bold Steps Award program](#), contact Waste Prevention Analyst, [Deveron Musgrave](#), at 541-682-6842.

Thank you again to the 2019 award finalists, Summit Bank and Yogi Tea, and congratulations to Hummingbird Wholesale--a community leader in sustainability.

## **Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Receives HUD Funding to Preserve Affordable Housing for Seniors**

On December 21, 2018, the City of Eugene closed its largest Rental Rehabilitation loan to date, lending \$1,500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to benefit Ya-Po-Ah Terrace Retirement Apartments. This marks the culmination of three years of preparatory and regulatory processes which included a visit from Governor Kate Brown in 2017.

Ya-Po-Ah Terrace is locally owned by Evergreen Union Retirement Association and was constructed in 1968. It is the tallest building in Lane County. Located



at the base of Skinner Butte, Ya-Po-Ah Terrace's illuminated Peace on Earth sign is well known throughout the community this time of year. What may not be widely known by the community is who lives in Ya-Po-Ah Terrace. Since 1968, the building has provided 222 units

dedicated to seniors aged 62 and older. 210 apartments are for seniors with very low incomes who pay no more than 30% of their income as rent. The average resident is over 76 years old and has an income of \$15,910 per year. The federal program that supported its construction and additional rent subsidies have allowed the units to remain affordable to seniors for nearly 50 years. The rehabilitation of Ya-Po-Ah Terrace will allow the continuation of federal subsidies to preserve these units as affordable housing for current and future residents.

The City dedicated \$1,500,000 in CDBG funds to help support the substantial rehabilitation of this Eugene landmark. Preservation of Ya-Po-Ah Terrace is part of a City goal to rehabilitate at least 350 units of affordable housing for low-income persons. This goal was established through the [2015 Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan](http://www.eugene-or.gov/hudconplan) (<http://www.eugene-or.gov/hudconplan>).

The State of Oregon, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), are providing critical financial resources for this project through multiple programs. The total construction project is nearly \$30 million dollars and includes:

- Replacing the building's skin with highly-insulated roof, walls, and windows
- Updating the interior LED lighting, plumbing fixtures, and mechanical systems
- Creating additional ADA parking spaces and route to the building's entrance

During the rehabilitation, tenants will be temporarily relocated to another unit within the building or to a comparable unit off-site at no cost to them. All residents will return once phased work is complete, and no one will be permanently displaced as a result of the project.

Rehabilitation will begin in early 2019. This project not only extends the life of the building, but also preserves the long-term affordability of the federal rent subsidies for future, aging Oregonians. May Ya-Po-Ah's Peace on Earth sign shine brightly for many holiday seasons to come.

For more information contact [Nicole Stehlar](#), 541-682-5309.

## City of Eugene Parking Sponsors Collaborative New Year's 'Safe Rides Home' Program



This New Year's Eve community members in Eugene and Springfield had more safe transportation options to choose from than ever before due to great collaboration between public, private and non-profit organizations. City of Eugene Parking Services was a sponsor of the Safe Rides Home effort along with Lyft, Oregon Taxi and UBER. The Technology Association of Oregon (TAO), Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organized and promoted Safe Rides Home. The Register-Guard recognized this collaborative partnership in a [January 2nd editorial – 'New Years Rides Show Power of Cooperation'](#).

Efforts like this help the City of Eugene move towards meeting its Vision Zero traffic safety goal that no loss of life or serious injury on Eugene's transportation system is acceptable. Over the last four years, Lane County has suffered more traffic deaths than any other Oregon county (there are about six

traffic-related fatalities in Eugene per year). The primary contributors to these deaths are speed and driving impairment.

On New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. on New Year's Day, people were able to receive a \$5 discount on a ride from UBER or Lyft or a \$10 discount from Oregon Taxi using an app code. This promotion was available to everyone in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Please contact [Lindsay Selser](#) (541-682-6021) in Planning and Development with questions or for more information.

## Links to Eugene City Council Resources

[Mayor & City Council Webpage](#)



[Public Meetings Calendar](#)

[Tentative Council Agenda](#)



City of Eugene  
125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
(541) 682-2210  
(541) 682-5414 (FAX)  
[www.eugeneor.gov](http://www.eugeneor.gov)

**CITY OF EUGENE  
PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR  
FOR THE WEEK OF September 10, 2017**

All meeting locations are wheelchair accessible. For the hearing impaired, an interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for these services, contact the telephone number or email address listed for the meeting.

**SUNDAY, September 10, 2017  
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**MONDAY, September 11, 2017  
City Council Work Session**

Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Lane County Public Service Building, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Harris Hall  
Agenda:  
1. Committee Reports and Items of Interest from Mayor, City Council, and City Manager  
2. Work Session: Process Session  
Contact: Beth Forrest, 541-682-3982, [beth.forest@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:beth.forest@ci.eugene.or.us)

**Friendly Area Neighbors Board Meeting**

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Washington Recreation Center, 2025 Washington Street  
Agenda:  
1. Neighborhood Issues  
Contact: Margie James, [margie57@gmail.com](mailto:margie57@gmail.com)

**River Road Community Organization Meeting**

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: River Road Park Annex, 1855 River Road  
Agenda:  
1. Neighborhood Issues  
Contact: Jon Belcher, [jbelcher@ra.org](mailto:jbelcher@ra.org)

**South University Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Telford Elementary School, 1320 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Agenda:  
1. Neighborhood Issues  
Contact: Bill Aspegren, [aspegren@comcast.net](mailto:aspegren@comcast.net)

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR  
For the Week of September 10, 2017

**City Council Tentative Agenda**

Meeting Location: Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Avenue, unless otherwise noted

September-2017					
Date	Time	Topic	Length (in min)	Department Contact	
29-Sep	Wednesday 17:00	MultiTrack Reporting Program (Public Session)	30	Michael Vitek, P50	
		Finalizing Plans Reporting (Public Session)	40	Mia Carliya, CMO	
Expected Absences for 9/29: None					
21-Sep	Monday	5:30pm	Committee Reports and Items of Interest	30	
			Hahn's Home - Creative Recovery (Public Session)	30	Rose to the LREC
		Baker's Estate - Economic Cartography (Public Session)	30	Anna O'Leary, P53	
		Public Forum			
		Approval of Schaefer Associates (A17-7) (Consent Calendar)		Erin Berg-Johnson, P38	
		Supervisors of Public (Public Hearing and Action)		Troyla Miller, IS	
Expected Absences for 9/25: None					
27-Sep	Wednesday 12:00	Executive Session - Present to OIS	45		
		Police Auditor Annual Performance Review (Public Session)	45	Alysa Holmes, CS	
Expected Absences for 9/27: None					

October-2017					
Date	Time	Topic	Length (in min)	Staff Contact	
9-Oct	Monday	5:30pm	Committee Reports and Items of Interest		
			Public Commission Report (Public Session)	45	Caitie Rowley, B73
		Commercial Matters			
		Public Forum			
		Approval of Budget Amendment (A17-8) (Consent Calendar)		Allison Ballou, PED	
Expected Absences for 9/29: None					
11-Oct	Wednesday 12:00	Networks (Public Session)	90	Jon Zaluski, P16	
Expected Absences for 10/11: None					
16-Oct	Monday 7:00pm	YFB (Public Meeting)			
Expected Absences for 10/16: Councilor John Zelenski					
18-Oct	Wednesday 12:00	YFB (Public Session)			
		YFB (Public Session)			
Expected Absences for 10/18: Councilor John Zelenski					