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# City Council Newsletter



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## Eugene Marijuana Tax Took Effect on January 1

The City's 3% tax on the retail sales of recreational marijuana items takes effect January 1, 2017. The tax that was approved by voters in the November elections requires marijuana retailers to begin collecting the tax at the point-of-sale for all recreational marijuana items. City staff are working to finalize Administrative Order No. 44-16-05 prior to the new year to provide clarity on the details of the tax including collection and remittance guidelines, tax payment deadlines, record keeping requirements, customer receipt information, and other tax-related rules for marijuana retailers and consumers.



City staff are also working to complete an intergovernmental agreement to have the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) provide Tax Administrator duties including tax collection. The City's Finance Division has developed a helpful [web page](#) with more information on the City's Marijuana Tax Program including an FAQ, a link to the administrative order and other

additional links. Questions regarding the local marijuana tax can be emailed to [EugeneMarijuanaTax@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:EugeneMarijuanaTax@ci.eugene.or.us).

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## City HOME Funds Support Housing Opportunity for Homeless Teens in South Eugene



With the help of federal HOME funds from the City of Eugene, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc. (SVDP) acquired a former church building at 3350 Willamette Street which will be converted into 15 studio apartments for transitional housing for homeless high school students aged 16-18. The SVDP Youth House will serve this extremely vulnerable population that often faces challenges in finding stable housing. By offering the units as transitional housing, the youth will be able to stay up to 24 months and greatly increase their likelihood of completing

high school.

SVDP was contacted in May 2016 by the Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association and the Council of South Eugene Neighborhoods Vulnerable Populations Working Group about the vacant church building for sale. The zoning of the property was residential, and the neighborhood members hoped the church building could be converted into housing. The location is close to stores, job opportunities, and public transit. Student residents will be able to continue to attend their current high school while living at the facility. Hosea Youth Services will provide on-site property management, case management, and supportive services in partnership with the McKinney-Vento homeless student liaisons at 4J, Bethel, and Springfield school districts.

The City of Eugene provided \$640,000 in federal HOME funds for the acquisition of the property, in addition to Systems Development Charge exemptions, and a 20-year Low-Income Rental Housing Property Tax Exemption. The rehabilitation of the building will create common space including a study area, a communal kitchen, an office for a case manager, a computer lab, and a laundry room. SVDP will use bank financing to assist with construction costs and will seek donations, grants, and other financing to reduce loan costs. SVDP and Hosea Youth Services will also raise funds for operations through donations and grants.

For more information, contact [Ellen Meyi-Galloway](#) at 541-682-5532.

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## Green Building Program Helps Fund Sustainable Homes Professional Course in 2017

Eugene's first Sustainable Homes Professional (SHP) course concluded last year and will be offered again starting January 27 & 28. This six-month series is an Earth Advantage accreditation program with a longstanding reputation for depth, applied learning, and outstanding quality. SHP is a comprehensive, interactive, experience-driven education program for residential and multifamily building and design professionals looking to take their work to the next level of quality. Instructor Bruce Sullivan of Base Zero guides participants through the entire spectrum of high performance buildings and shared practical insights in the following six modules:



- Green Building Intro and Integrated Design
- Building Science Fundamentals
- High Performance Building Envelopes
- Mechanical Systems and Performance Testing
- Health, Materials, and Water
- Final Presentations and Certification Exam

Each module provides participants with an opportunity to gain valuable insights and eliminate common barriers to high performance building techniques. Eugene now has a core group of SHPs, including architects, contractors, engineers, and real estate appraisers. Funding and incentives for this program are made possible by the City of Eugene's Green Building program. **Early bird registration ends January 13.** For more information, including costs, course outline, and dates, visit [Earth Advantage's website](#) or contact [Stephanie Scafa](#) at 541-682-5652.

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