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City Council Newsletter



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Finalists Announced for 2020 Mayor's Bold Steps Award

The Mayor's Bold Steps Award celebrates businesses that implement triple bottom line practices which benefit the environment and the local economy while supporting employees and promoting work/life balance. This award is supported by The City of Eugene and Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis, in partnership with [BRING's rethink business program](#).



Three Eugene businesses have been named finalists for the 2020 award: [Yogi Tea](#), [Feynman Group](#), and [Marley's Monsters](#).

Feynman Group is committed to using their business resources to serve the community. Their annual Feynman Charity Golf Marathon has raised almost \$150,000 for local nonprofits, and staff has donated 290 hours of volunteer time to community partners. A certified B Corp, Feynman Group models sustainable business by ensuring that reusable giveaways are sourced for trade shows and are using electric vehicles and bicycles as they phase out gas powered vehicles from their fleet.

Yogi Tea/East West Tea Company creates herbal tea blends and supports social responsibility. Yogi Tea ensures environmentally preferred practices and organic farming practices in their supply chain. Employees have volunteered more than 500 hours to local nonprofits and staff actively support workplace preparation programs in local schools. One of four local B Corp certified companies, East West Tea Company recently hired a sustainability manager as part of their commitment to sustainable local business practices.

Marley's Monsters manufactures locally made reusable products that replace single-use disposables for common household items. Marley's ships their products using zero plastic and works with their suppliers to do the same. This business has developed beneficial waste reduction partnerships with local nonprofits to ensure that scrap material is reused and supports their staff through job trainings and fair wages and works to educate the by providing free low-waste-living classes taught in their studios.

Finalists will be recognized on December 5th at the Bold Steps Finalist Event which is open to the public. Register to attend here: <https://greenlane-sbn.org/event/december-greenlane-event-bold-steps-award-finalists/>

The 2020 winner will be announced in early January at the Mayor's State of the City address. For more information about the Bold Steps Award program, please visit www.eugene-or.gov/boldsteps or contact Waste Prevention Analyst, [Deveron Musgrave](mailto:Deveron.Musgrave@eugene-or.gov) (541-682-6842).

City of Eugene Announces Partnership with ToolBox Project on Fix It Fair Events

The City's Waste Prevention and Green Building program is excited to announce a partnership with Eugene's tool lending library, the [ToolBox Project](#), to continue the City's popular Fix It Fair repair events and workshops through 2020.



The ToolBox Project is a nonprofit organization that lends home and garden tools to residents, providing access to building and home improvement tools to maintain and repair homes, businesses, and neighborhoods. The City has hosted several [Fix-It Fair](#) events since 2017, and is committed to providing reuse and repair education to community members. Repairing broken items reduces waste, and repair education empowers residents while increasing the resiliency and sustainability of our community. This partnership will support this ongoing work to provide repair resources to Eugene residents.

The next Fix it Fair event is scheduled for November 24, 2019 from 12-3 PM at Lane Events Center and will be coordinated by ToolBox Project staff. Free repair services and coaching will be available at the event for a variety of items like appliances, furniture, clothing, and home and garden tools. More information about this upcoming event will be available soon from ToolBox Project and on our [webpages](#).

For information on the City's repair and reuse programming, contact Deveron Musgrave at DMusgrave@eugene-or.gov or at 541-682-6842.

Citizen Input Requested for MovingAhead Open House, Public Hearing

People are encouraged to weigh in on a project that will help shape the future of transportation in Eugene. The City of Eugene and Lane Transit District will host an open house and joint public hearing on October 21 for the MovingAhead project. People can share feedback on the updated investment packages for five key corridors: Highway 99, River Road, 30th Avenue to LCC, Coburg Road, and MLK Jr Blvd.



The open house is scheduled for 5–7 p.m. at the Lane County Public Services Building, Lobby. The public hearing in Harris Hall will follow the open house and starts at 7:30 p.m. People can also comment by email or the project website until November 4.

MovingAhead is all about helping people safely get around, whether walking, biking, driving, using a mobility device or riding a bus as our community grows. Public input and detailed technical analysis shaped the investment packages. The options range from safer bike lanes and crosswalks, to increased transit service via enhanced corridors or EmX service. A decision about where to make investments over the next 10 years is expected next year.

For more information about the MovingAhead project, visit www.movingahead.org or contact [Chris Henry](#) – 541-682-8472.

City of Eugene Seeks Public Input for E-Scooter Pilot Program

The City of Eugene is working to create and implement an E-Scooter Pilot Program. There are several things that need to happen first before the program can officially launch. This includes potentially making changes to city code to include a new class of vehicle – Micro-mobility Devices – and allowing electric-powered micro-mobility devices to operate on shared-use paths. After that, the City will publish a formal Request for Proposals, review submitted applications from e-scooter companies using pre-determined evaluation criteria informed by public input and select which company(ies) may operate in Eugene. Currently, the program is predicted to launch in spring or summer 2020.



Before a pilot program is initiated, City staff want to know what the community thinks about e-scooters and how they may potentially operate in Eugene. The feedback will be used to help inform how we review e-scooter operators' permit applications and ultimately which company(ies) are selected to operate in Eugene. Additionally, it will be used to generate terms and conditions of scooter company operations in Eugene. Examples of this include the need to enforce helmet use, proper scooter riding and parking behavior, and geographic distribution requirements. To participate in the survey, go to <https://engage.eugene-or.gov/escooters>. The survey closes on November 17. To learn more, contact Karen Mason at KMason@eugene-or.gov or at (541) 682-5260.

EUGfun Coffin Races This Saturday

Ghoulish thrills are in store this Saturday, October 19 at the second annual EUGfun Coffin Races! Come on out from 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. to cheer on 36

hand-built, coffin-themed racecars as they speed down Lincoln Street from Skinner Butte columns to 3rd Ave.

In addition to the white-knuckle spectacle of the races, friends and families of all ages can get creative at one of many incredible craft booths, enjoy locally brewed cider and beer by Wildcraft Ciderworks and The Wheel Apizza Pub, and eat their hearts out with local food and coffee while cheering on their favorite teams.

For more information, visit eugene-or.gov/coffinraces or contact Sarah-Kate Sharkey, Community Engagement Manager, 541-682-6342 or sksharkey@eugene-or.gov.



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