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City Council Newsletter



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Centro Latino Draws Inspiration from Celebrated Artists for Whale Painting



In May, Centro Latino Americano's Mentores para Jovenes (Youth Mentorship Program) let their artistic energy flow as they painted the whale and stingray sculptures at Skinner Butte Park.

The group looked at the painting *Portrait of Martín Luis Guzmán* by Diego Rivera, an interpretation of Frida Kahlo's *Tree of Hope* by Arturo Martinez, and a hand-woven, Incan embroidery for inspiration. These art pieces influenced their use of geometric shapes and a bright color palette that resulted in a fun design for the well-loved play area.



The mentorship program serves teens ages 11-17 who need additional support by increasing their involvement in the community, developing pro-social skills, developing self-confidence, and connecting them with additional resources (i.e. mentoring, counseling, employment opportunities, and more).

This event ties into a broader focus on equity in the Parks Volunteer Program. We recognize the complex historical ways Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) relate to the outdoors and specifically parks. By partnering with more BIPOC-led organizations, we aim to increase the overall engagement in parks by the BIPOC community, and cultivate a sense of belonging in our park system.

Earlier this year we partnered with the NAACP to plant trees on MLK Day with more planned and we look forward to partnering with the Kalapuya tribe this summer for the Great Willamette River Festival as we honor Kalapuya ilihi, the ancestral homeland of the Kalapuya people.

For more information about the volunteer program, contact Molly Monette, Community Engagement Supervisor, mmonette@eugene-or.gov or 541-682-4814.

Working Towards Zero Traffic Deaths

The City of Eugene's 2019 through 2020 [Vision Zero Progress Report](#) is now available online. It reports on progress towards the City of Eugene's **Vision Zero goal of reaching zero traffic deaths and life changing injuries by 2035**. The report provides information on recent crash trends, as well as updates on City efforts to improve transportation safety across multiple departments, including work on: street design projects, public education and enforcement around dangerous behaviors (such as speeding), DUII mitigation, and community engagement.

While the report includes a range of information, one finding rises above the rest: we still have more work to do on our journey towards zero traffic deaths. During this time period, our community lost lives in nine fatal traffic crashes, and saw severe injuries result from an additional 17 crashes. Of these incidents, half impacted people walking and biking in Eugene.



These recent crash trends are an important reminder that our community's continued commitment to improving transportation safety is critically important. [Read the full Vision Zero progress report here](#), and please continue to stay engaged in the City of Eugene's transportation safety projects and programs. For more information visit: eugene-or.gov/VisionZero.

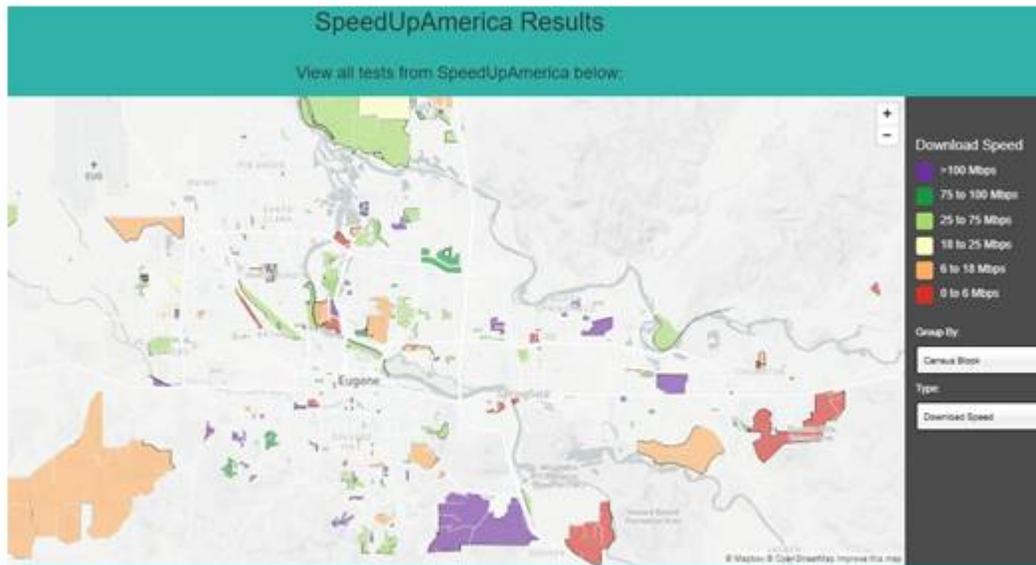
Broadband Awareness Week



Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Local partners Seek to Raise Awareness of Internet Speeds Across Lane County and Participation in [Broadband Benefits Program](#) and Webinar

The COVID-19 pandemic created a shared understanding of how important affordable and fast Internet services are to accessing education, health care, and employment. More federal, state, and local funding is available than ever before to increase equity of Internet access in our community. Local partners are joining together the week of June 7th, 2021 as part of “Broadband Awareness Week”, an effort to raise awareness of areas in Lane County that need targeted investments in their Internet Infrastructure, and to increase applications for internet service discounts through the [Broadband Benefits Program](#). The EBB has [enrolled 2.3 million households to date](#), but Oregon only 18,000 Oregon households have enrolled so far.



Broadband Speed Mapping

Community members are encouraged to check their internet speed and contribute to the anonymous broadband survey at speedupamerica.com. The website collects and maps anonymous Internet speeds, highlighting

underserved neighborhoods in need of better services. This map will help inform future broadband investments.

Free Webinar

On Thursday, June 7 at noon, learn about the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program that provides up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband internet service and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a new laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. The event will discuss who qualifies for the program and how you can apply with providers including Comcast and Verizon. Come get your questions answered directly from the Federal Communications Commission, who administers the program. Register for the free webinar at: <https://onwardeugene.org/event/emergency-broadband-benefit-program-2/>. The event will also provide a live Spanish translation.

For more information, please contact Jeff Petry at jpetry@eugene-or.gov

Waste Prevention and Composting Education During Remote Learning

Waste prevention education in 4J and Bethel School districts is funded by the City of Eugene through grants that support composting, recycling, and waste reduction curriculum and activities.

To better reach students participating in full or partially remote learning over the past school year, waste prevention education modules were modified for a virtual learning environment. Educators in both districts and education partners, such as [School Garden Project](#), worked to create waste prevention and composting education video series, virtual field trips, environmental education webpages and other resources for students and teachers.





In addition to supporting digital waste prevention learning opportunities, City Waste Prevention staff partnered with Lane County Waste Management and both Eugene school districts to create and deliver at-home waste prevention education materials. Bilingual recycling and residential food waste program information in Spanish and English were distributed to 5,672 student households across both districts in April and May of 2021. These materials, in the form of refrigerator magnets, reusable produce bags, and more, align with existing waste prevention curriculum in local schools and highlight City programs, such as Eugene's curbside recycling

and residential food waste collection services.

To learn more about how the City supports waste prevention and composting education, or for more information Partners in Education programming contact [Waste Prevention Analyst, Deveron Musgrave](#) , 541-682-6842.

Links to Eugene City Council Resources

[Mayor & City Council Webpage](#)



Public Meetings Calendar

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**CITY OF EUGENE
PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF June 13, 2021**

All meeting locations are subject to availability. For the hearing required, an interpreter can be provided with 45 hours notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for these services, contact the telephone number or email address listed for the meeting.

NOTICE: Due to Governor Brown's Stay Home, Stay Local Executive Order to combat the spread of Covid-19, most public meetings are being held remotely using virtual meeting technology. See access details for each meeting in the public meetings calendar below.

**SUNDAY, June 13, 2021
NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

**MONDAY, June 14, 2021
Planning Commission Regular Meeting**

Time: 5:30 pm
Location: 5. To watch the meeting live:
<https://www.eugene.or.gov/22077/Planning-Commission-Webcast>

- To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://www.eugene.or.gov/22077/22077>
- To listen to the meeting from your phone:
Eugene News: 503.247.2125 or 800.540.4262 (Toll Free)
Webcast: 503.585.2925 #EUG

Agenda:

- Public Comment
- Work Session: Middle Housing Update - Town Meeting
- Business Commission and Staff

Contact: Town Meeting: 541-462-3675, TownMeeting@eugene.or.gov

City Council Work Session

Time: 5:30 pm
Location: 5. To watch the meeting live:
<https://www.eugene.or.gov/22077/22077/Workshop-and-Working-Committee-of-Council-Channel-2>

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Tentative Council Agenda

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Meeting Location: North Hall, 221 S 4th Avenue unless otherwise noted

Month	Date	Time	Topic	Agenda Item #	Staff Contact
September 2017	19 Sep	Wednesday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	20 Sep	Thursday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	25 Sep	Monday	5:30pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	26 Sep	Tuesday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
October 2017	1 Oct	Monday	5:30pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	2 Oct	Tuesday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	3 Oct	Wednesday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO
	4 Oct	Thursday	7:00pm	Public Hearing - 2017-2018 Budget (Open Meeting)	Michael Moore, CFO