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City Council Newsletter



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2022 Bold Steps Award Application Process is Now Open

Area businesses are encouraged to apply for the 2022 Mayor's Bold Steps award which recognizes companies that inspire, innovate, and support the environment and the community through triple bottom line decision making.

To apply, a businesses must be based in Eugene, complete a free certification though BRING's [Rethink](#) program, and fill out a short online application at www.eugene-or.gov/boldsteps. Applications are due by 5 PM, September 24.

Each Bold Steps business finalist receives a professionally produced video highlighting their company's sustainability efforts. The winning business also receives marketing support from the City of Eugene and a locally made finial engraved with their company logo to display atop the Bold Steps trophy at their business for one year.

The 2021 award winner, [Marley's Monsters](#), was announced at the annual State of the City address in January and was celebrated alongside the 2021 award finalists, Summit Bank and PakTech.

For more information about the Bold Steps Award or with questions about applying, please contact Waste Prevention Analyst [Deveron Musgrave](#) at 541-682-6842.

Kids Return to an Unused Neighborhood Park



Gilbert Park is a small city park tucked away in the Bethel neighborhood that features a shady grove of trees, lawn and a play area. Despite being surrounded by many households with children, Eugene Parks and Open Space (POS) staff and neighbors rarely saw any playing there. Now, a joint effort between POS and local neighbors is turning things around.

Last year, a POS survey to the surrounding neighborhood showed that 80 percent of respondents never or rarely go to the park due to illicit activity taking place there.

The results from the survey prompted many changes in the park to make it safer, including: making the park alcohol free, updating park rules signs, increasing safety team visits, and adding fencing to the back of the park. On July 26, 2021, the POS Volunteer Program hosted the first volunteer event at Gilbert Park, inviting families and neighbors into the park. 18 volunteers repainted the playground equipment, removed blackberries, weeded the

landscaped beds and gathered for a neighborhood meeting. Neighbors shared their ideas and dreams for the park.

One outcome from the meeting was neighbors started a “First Fridays, Family Day” every month to activate the park. The first family day on August 6 was a huge success with 41 people including 16 kids. One sight that was new to see was kids riding by on their bikes, stopping at the park to play—because it felt safe to do so. Two neighbors have decided to officially “adopt” Gilbert Park, which will sustain these types of events into the future.

However, our work is not done yet to truly activate Gilbert Park. Park Ambassadors will continue to increase their patrols of the park. Neighbors look forward to starting a mom’s group, hosting workshops and playing live music. POS will be planting trees in the park this fall in line with our long range planning goals to reduce heat island effects in the Bethel neighborhood, which according to TreeEquityScore.org has a lower tree canopy coverage than more affluent parts of Eugene.

One neighbor, Amie, shared, “Thank you so much for loving, inspiring, and leading the way for Gilbert Park's refresh. We are super excited for all that is yet to come.”

While we know that parks build community, it is truly inspiring to see community in action.

For more information please contact Danielle Klinkebiel, Parks Volunteer Coordinator, at dklinkebiel@eugene-or.gov.

Path Etiquette Campaign Launches

The City of Eugene launched a path etiquette campaign this summer promoting courteous and safe behavior on our shared-use paths. Distinctive blue signs along popular paths remind community members:

- **Paths are for everyone** — walk, bike, wheelchair, skate, or scooter, all are welcome
- **Travel a safe speed** — bikes and e-bikes should only go the max speed (20 MPH) when no other users are present
- **Stay on your side** — stay right, pass left, don't take more than your half
- **Give warning when passing** — call "passing on your left" or ring a bell
- **Keep dogs on a short leash** — 6 feet or less and allow for passing
- **Use lights at night** — see and be seen, use a front white light and red rear light

Eugene's shared-use paths are popular and well loved. With over 45 miles of paths, there's options for everyone! Since the pandemic, there's been an increase in the number of people and the variety of wheeled devices on our paths, including e-bikes, scooters, skateboards, one-wheels and more. With the increase in usage, there has also been an increase in speeding. The City wants to remind path users that — while 20 MPH is the maximum legal speed on paths — all users should travel a safe 10 to 12 MPH whenever others are present.

The City's path etiquette campaign educates community members, highlighting best practices for travelling on crowded paths. The campaign launched in July and includes temporary path signage, community outreach, education and media.

The first phase of the campaign focused on outreach, education and surveys. The second phase of the campaign kicks off this



month with temporary path signage, print and online media, and continued data collection. Keep an eye out for City staff placing signage and recording speeds on the busiest shared-use paths!

For more information, please contact Kelsey Moore at kmoore@eugene-or.gov

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, Save Lives 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: 1. To watch the meeting live:
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/221077/Planning-Commission-Webcasts>
2. To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/joinus/221077/221077>
3. To listen to the meeting from your phone:
United States: 971.247.2310 or 855.588.6260 (Toll Free)
Webinar ID: 999.9925.1936

Agenda:
1. Public Comment
2. Work Session: Middle Housing Update - Town Meeting
3. News from Commission and Staff
Contact: Town Meeting, 541-682-3575, TownMeeting@eugene-or.gov

City Council Work Session
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: 1. To watch the meeting live:
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/221077/Workshop-and-Working-Committee-of-Council-Channel-1>
2. To listen to the meeting from your phone:
United States: 971.247.2310 or 855.675.4999 (Toll Free)
Webinar ID: 999.9925.2965
Access ID: 1046289

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR
For the Week of June 13, 2021

[Tentative Council Agenda](#)

| Day | Time | Topic | Agenda Item | Staff Contact |
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| September 2017 | | | | |
| 19 Sep | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0001 Public Hearing - 2017-0002 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |
| 20 Sep | Thursday | 5:30pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0003 Public Hearing - 2017-0004 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |
| 21 Sep | Friday | 7:00pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0005 Public Hearing - 2017-0006 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |
| October 2017 | | | | |
| 19 Oct | Monday | 7:00pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0007 Public Hearing - 2017-0008 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |
| 20 Oct | Tuesday | 7:00pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0009 Public Hearing - 2017-0010 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |
| 21 Oct | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Public Hearing - 2017-0011 Public Hearing - 2017-0012 | Michael Wood, 3036 Mike DePinto, 2300 |