

Southeast Neighbors News

We care about the quality of life in our neighborhood and we work together to maintain and improve it.

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The purpose of the printed "Southeast Neighbors News" is to distribute information to Southeast Neighbors members and to provide a forum for free expression of opinions by members on issues of interest to the neighborhood. Advocacy positions may be included in the newsletter in an editorial format. The newsletter shall clearly indicate editorial material and guarantee space for timely printing of differing viewpoints.



Contact Southeast Neighbors on Facebook, Twitter, at southeastneighbors.org and by phone at (541) 782-8736.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled at Good Sam from 7:00pm to 8:30pm: February 10 (General Meeting), March 8 (Board Meeting), April 12 (Board Meeting), and May 10 (General Meeting).

Amazon Creek Headwaters Renamed as "Erin Noble Headwaters Park"

by Mary Beth Llorens

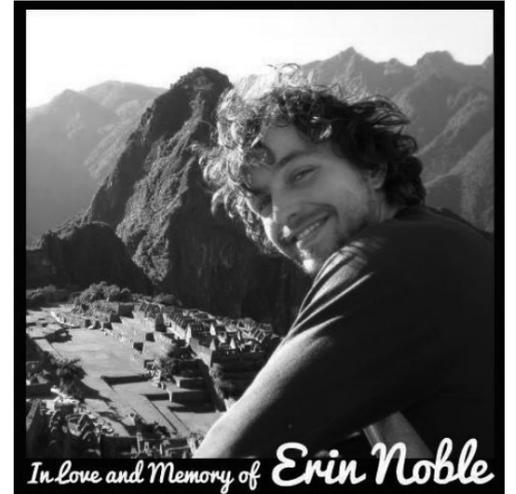
Before he died, Erin Noble pledged to help his parents save the Amazon Creek Headwaters property from development. This 15-year campaign led by his mother, Deborah Noble and others, has finally been realized two-and-one-half years after Erin's tragic death. His parents were catalyzed by the loss of their only child to secure his dream of preserving this unique ecosystem. Deborah and Peter began the Be-Noble Foundation dedicated to that goal as a legacy to Erin.

Erin's untimely death was a profound loss to the Eugene community at large, as evidenced by the tremendous outpouring of grief from family, friends, community builders, Country Fair workers, and those Erin had met briefly on the Ridgeline Trail or in a coffee shop or yoga class. Hundreds, including many politicians as well as family and friends from across the country, attended

Erin's memorial at Mount Pisgah. The testimonials from those who had known him for a month were as inspired as those lucky enough to have shared his lifetime.

Erin was a source of inspiration for both his parents, even in his death, buoying them to continue living fully on his behalf and fighting to save a piece of the natural world he loved. Naming this watershed after Erin continues the conversations he began: those asking important questions about why we are here and what we can do to live a meaningful life and preserve our planet.

Renaming this property the Erin Noble Headwaters Park will keep alive the memory of a young man who exemplified the best Eugene has to offer as well as honoring the family whose efforts saved this precious corner of our greenway.



The City of Eugene Government City Council on Tuesday unanimously passed the naming of "Erin Noble Headwater Park" on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Winter Neighborhood Meeting: Focus on Transportation

by Heather Sielicki

Southeast Neighbors will host the 2016 Winter Neighborhood Meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at Good Samaritan on 3500 Hilyard Street.

A social half-hour begins at 6:30 PM until 7:00. Please come and enjoy light refreshments and mingle with other residents in a casual and informal atmosphere.

Neighbors and community organizations are invited to bring literature to share.

When: Wednesday, February 10th from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm (social at 6:30pm)

Where: Good Samaritan, 3500 Hilyard St.

Find out what's happening in the community and learn how the Eugene 2035 Transportation System Plan (TSP) will affect all transportation projects and spending for the next couple decades.

Kurt Yeiter from Eugene's Public Works Department will focus in on how we will be impacted in Southeast Eugene.

New items include better bike facilities and sidewalks and forecasts for increased traffic congestion. Will the TSP accommodate

growth in a manner appropriate for our neighborhood? Bring your questions and concerns. Free child care is available.

All meetings are open to the public and begin with a public comment session for citizens to express opinions, raise issues, and provide information to the Association.

We will collect donations for the sock drive and toiletries for the First Place Family Center at the door during the meeting. Your donations can also be delivered to First Place, 1995 Amazon Pkwy, Eugene, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

LTD Service to Airport and Expanded South Eugene Bus Service

by LTD

The new Airport Connector is a one-year pilot service to the airport in partnership with Lane Transit District, Eugene Airport and Lane Community College. Passengers wishing to use the Airport Connector must simply ride LTD's Route 95 – Junction City from downtown Eugene and transfer at

Highway 99 & Airport Road. The Airport Connector is free to ride with valid LTD fare paid on the connecting Route 95 bus. It will also serve the Lane Aviation Academy.

Over the fall, Southeast Eugene bus service was expanded. Trip times and Major Stop

adjustments were made along the following two routes; 24 Donald – Weekday/Saturday/Sunday and 28 Hilyard – Weekday/Saturday/Sunday.

For an up to date bus schedule, visit LTD.org or call the LTD Customer Service Center at 541-687-5555.

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Second Thursday
January - May 2016

- JAN. 14 **The Danger of a Single Story:**
The Complexity of Cultural Identity
- FEB. 11 **Oregon's Cracked Foundations:**
Our History of Racial Exclusion
- MARCH 10 **A Thousand Cuts:**
Reducing Micro-aggressions and Understanding Privilege
- APRIL 14 **Uneven Playing Fields:**
Systems of Inequity
- MAY 12 **Don't Just Dream It. Be It:**
Concrete Actions for Change

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
EWB Community Room
North Building, 500 E. 4th Ave., Eugene
Light dinner provided at 5:30 p.m.
Conversations begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Please RSVP at: NAACP.LaneCounty.org (space is limited)
We are committed to holding barrier-free events. To arrange for child care, translation, interpretation or other public accommodations please contact 541-682-5419 or email us at least one week in advance.



Join us on nextdoor.com

Community Sock Drive

by David Hazen

Two sock drives for the local homeless population are happening early in February. Please donate new wool or other synthetic socks that wick moisture away from the foot, for men in a variety of sizes, as well as women and children's sizes; white cotton socks that are helpful for healing foot infections; and diabetic socks.

The **Emerald Compassionate Action Network** is organizing a sock drive from Feb. 1 to 7 for the World Interfaith Harmony Week Compassion Games. Please announce this to your faith congregation and set up a basket or barrel for the socks at your church or temple. Contact David Hazen at 541-520-6621 for pick-up. Socks will be distributed to White Bird, Occupy Mical, edSaint Vincent de Paul and Catholic Community Services.

The sock drive organized by THRIVEugene is for two weeks, Feb. 1 to 14. Simply drop off at the St Vinnie's collection vans open every day 8:30am - 7pm at First Place, 1995 Amazon Parkway, or the 76 station, 29th & Willamette. Questions? Call Emily Farthing 305-202-3171.

Everyone has a deep need to contribute to the lives of others. Sometimes we need a little nudge to act on that inner impulse.

This is your invitation to both give and receive those nudges! Report acts of kindness for the Emerald Compassionate Action Network Map at www.ecan.today.

Will You Receive An Emergency Notification?

Cell phone and VoIP users will only receive Lane County Community Emergency Notifications if they are registered. Go to www.lcog.org/alertme to register your VoIP or cell phone number.

Citizen Driven Planning Process for South Eugene

by Council of South Eugene Neighborhoods

The Council of South Eugene Neighborhoods (CSEN) was established in November 2015 to work together on issues of multi-neighborhood concern. It is comprised of the following four neighborhood organizations: Friendly Area Neighbors, Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association, Southeast Neighbors, and Amazon Neighbors. A charter document was approved in January to serve as guidelines for working together when collaboration among communities may better serve the greater area. All decision-making authority will rest with each recognized neighborhood association.

Multi-neighborhood working teams are being formed around community issues. One has been created to address the South Willamette Special Area Zone (SW-SAZ). The team drafted a letter to the City Council asking for a citizen-driven planning process for the South Willamette St. area. It was approved by Friendly Area Neighbors, Southeast Neighbors, Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association and Amazon Neighbors and submitted to the Mayor and City Council in January. The letter is reprinted below:

The four city-chartered neighborhood associations that encompass or abut the South Willamette area are committed to a constructive, collaborative engagement regarding the future of all our neighborhoods, including the South Willamette area.

We seek to have land use, infrastructure and transportation planning produce outcomes that have broad community support as appropriate plans for future evolution of the established residential neighborhoods and businesses in this area. To aid in achieving this goal, and with the endorsement of our neighborhood association boards, CSEN will recommend a South Willamette Planning Team.

To ensure that residents, business owners and property owners within and around the south Willamette area develop shared goals, objectives and implementation recommendations for their community, we respectfully request City Council to take the following steps:

- Take no action on the proposed SW-SAZ plan as currently proposed.
- Direct that planning for the South Willamette area be a community-based public process, which requires meaningful involvement of a cross-section of affected citizens in all phases of the planning process. We do not support initiating a facilitation process before residents, business owners, and property owners within and around the South Willamette area have had the opportunity to develop a community proposal for goals, objectives and implementation recommendations.
- Direct that planning for the South Willamette area fully and faithfully conform to the Envision Eugene Pillars, especially Pillar 5: Protect, repair and enhance neighborhood livability.
- Consider a process by which a South Willamette Community Planning Team recommends goals, objectives and implementation steps.
- Consider that this process result in the adoption of a refinement plan for the South Willamette area.

Multi-neighborhood working teams are needed to address other community issues/needs in addition to the South Willamette Special Area Zone (SW-SAZ). Some that have been suggested include public health and safety, parks and recreation, housing, transportation/traffic and economic development.

Please contact us if you would like to get more involved in planning the future of South Eugene. It takes diverse and wide participation at the neighborhood level to improve our community. Visit councilsoutheugene.wordpress.com for more information about the Council of South Eugene Neighborhoods.

Village School Moving to the Former Dunn Center in 2016

by Holly McCrae



The Village School is pleased to announce that it is moving to 3411 Willamette St, the former Dunn Center, in the fall of 2016. Since 2000, our instructional program has promoted an arts-integrated and environmentally conscious curriculum aimed at encouraging the healthy development of the whole child. The new Village School location will enhance recreational opportunities for the neighborhood as we develop a nature inspired playground and a substantial organic garden.

We are hoping to improve traffic safety around the school, including crosswalks and potentially signals for Willamette and Donald access points. We promote active transportation (walking / biking) among our students. We believe that safe transit will benefit our students but also children in the neighborhood as we develop the grounds into a fun play area.

We welcome your insights. Email us at village@4j.lane.edu.

Logo Contest for Southeast Neighbors

by Lealan Swanson

The Southeast Neighbors board is looking for a logo that will distinguish our neighborhood. We are inviting all our talented and interested neighbors out there to submit their ideas for our emblem. Our new symbol will be used in the newsletter and on correspondence, so it should represent something which identifies our unique part of South Eugene. What are we known for?

Submit your idea for a chance to win a \$50.00 prize to be awarded at our annual Picnic/Festival in September 2016.

Qualifications for Entries:

- 8 X 11.5 format (plain paper is fine)
- black and white reproducible media preferred; for instance: ink, paint, brush pen, marker or computer generated
- all lettering and drawings must be original
- neatness, legibility and appropriateness will be considered

Please include a short (one paragraph) explanation of your design. (Why did you choose it? What does it mean? How does it symbolize Southeast Eugene?) Submit entries to Lealan Swanson at lealan.swanson@gmail.com or 4550 Larkwood Street, Eugene, OR 97405. The contest is open from February 1 to August 1, 2016. All entries must be received by August 1, 2016. Entries will be judged by the Southeast Neighbors Board before the September Picnic/Festival. Entries not selected will be returned at the Picnic/Festival on September 10, 2016.



Parks and Recreation Community Workshop

Eugene's population is growing, aging and becoming more ethnically diverse. Many Eugene families are struggling economically. Eugene and Lane County residents are suffering health consequences of inactivity. Safety and security in parks is a growing concern. The effects of climate change will have impacts on parks and the community.

The City is working to set priorities for the next 10-plus years of Parks and Recreation in Eugene. Five themes have emerged to guide this work:

- **Serve the entire community.** Provide equitable and welcoming access to parks, recreation facilities and programs regardless of geography, culture, ability or income.
- **Care for what we have.** Ensure that basic amenities are provided and

that they are safe and clean. Be responsible stewards of current assets and infrastructure by making the best possible use of what we have.

- **Grow responsibly.** Understand where growth of the system is required to meet the needs of the community. Focus on quality of life and build on existing strengths.
- **Integrate with other systems.** Make regional connections and recognize the inter-dependence of Parks and Recreation with public health, transportation, land use, green infrastructure, education, art and culture and economic development.
- **Invest in partnerships.** Continue to leverage Eugene's assets and expand services to the community through effectively partnering with

public agencies, non-profits, the private sector and community volunteers.

With this collective vision in hand, they are creating proposals for the future of the parks and recreation system.

South Eugene has an opportunity to be part of the conversation and provide input on those proposals.

A workshop sponsored by Parks and Recreation in Eugene will be held at the Hilyard Center at 2580 Hilyard St. to share feedback on draft recommendations on **Saturday, February 13th** from 10:30-noon.

Childcare and food will be provided so we hope you'll join us. Visit www.eugparksandrec.org for more information.

Now Recruiting

Neighborhoods thrive when many different people get involved in the community. We welcome the unique interests and contributions of all who wish to make our neighborhood a better place to live for every member of our community.

Newsletter Editor: We are recruiting a volunteer to help us continue to provide a printed newsletter to share information about what's going on in the neighborhood, community resources, and upcoming events.

- **Time Commitment:** 10 hrs. per newsletter.
- **Job Description:** Produce 4 newsletters a year for Southeast Neighbors residents.
- **Job Duties:** Soliciting information/article/stories from members of the community, editing submitted content, and layout/design.

This is a good opportunity for someone who would like to be involved in neighborhood issues and help out on their own schedule. Work may be done independently or in teams. For more information, please contact Heather Sielicki at sielicki@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Picnic/Festival Planners: Our annual neighborhood picnic/festival will take place on **Saturday, September 10**. It's not too early to start with preparations. Contact us at (541) 782-8736 to get involved with obtaining raffle donations, and scheduling entertainment, activities, and food carts.

Land Use Committee Members: Reviews housing and transportation projects, code improvements, and zoning issues. Contact us at southeastneighbors@gmail.com for meeting information.

Discussion Host: Facilitate conversations over coffee/tea on topics of interest to gathered neighbors. For more information, please contact sielicki@gmail.com.

Opportunity to Serve the Community: Annual Recruitment Drive Underway for Boards, Committees, and Commissions

The City of Eugene is now recruiting for City boards, committees and commissions. Serving on a board or commission can be a rewarding way for community minded citizens to participate in the functioning of local government and deepen understanding in an area of interest.

Members of boards and commissions advise the City Council and City staff on a wide variety of subjects by making recommendations on important policy matters. Without the assistance of the various boards and commissions, the City Council could give many complex and significant matters only a limited review.

The City is recruiting to fill vacancies on the

following groups; Budget Committee, Civilian Review Board, Cultural Services Advisory Committee, Human Rights Commission, Library Board, Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, Planning Commission, Police Commission, Public Art Committee, Sustainability Commission, Toxics Board, Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee.

Interested persons must complete an application including supplemental questions. For certain groups, members must meet mandated eligibility requirements. Below are key dates in this process.

- **January 19, 2016:** Recruitment begins
- **March 31, 2016:** Recruitment ends

(deadline for applications is March 31)

- **May 3, 4, and 5 - beginning at 5 p.m.:** Candidate interviews
- **June 13, 2016:** City Council action on appointments
- **July 1, 2016:** Terms begin

APPLY ONLINE: <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/csboardapplicants/>

Application Deadline: All application materials must be received no later than **Thursday, March 31**.

Applications should be submitted online; assistance is available by contacting 541-682-5010.

Map Your Neighborhood for Disaster Preparedness

by Devonne.X.Maxey

Are you prepared for a disaster? For many of us, the answer is "kind of". And that's good. 'Kind of' is a giant step forward from "not at all". Many of us have taken steps to prepare our families for disasters such as winter storms, and maybe even bigger disasters such as a large earthquake.

What about your community? Is your community prepared as a whole?

Statistics show that the more prepared a neighborhood is as a community, the more likely they are to be prepared individually, and the better equipped everyone is to bounce back from a disaster.

Did you know that there are steps you can take right now to help your community become more resilient? You can participate in a program called Map Your Neighborhood.

This program is designed to help neighbors help neighbors, and guides you through simple steps to help enhance your preparedness for any emergency.

In an area-wide disaster, emergency services will be overwhelmed, and we will need to help ourselves for a period of time. Learn what you can do to help yourself, your neighbor, and your community.

Contact your local CERT District Leader through the Eugene/Springfield CERT website, or call 541-682-5640 to learn more about how this program can help you help your neighborhood.

Already CERT or Map Your Neighborhood trained? Take your involvement to the next level by joining our SE CERT team. Our next meeting will be held **Saturday, March 12 from 10am to 12pm** at the Hilyard Community Center. We will review the Southeast Neighbors Disaster Plan and discuss implementation plans.

donated to the Springfield School District.

The project should be completed by December 2015 and is partially funded by the 2012 Pavement Bond Measure with substantial contributions from city stormwater funds.

Please contact me with any questions at reed.c.dunbar@ci.eugene.or.us.

What's Happening at Amazon Pkwy and 29th Avenue?

by Reed Dunbar

You may have already noticed some changes to the path and sidewalks at the 29th Avenue and Amazon Pkwy intersection. The project will rebuild and widen the sidewalk from Ferry Street to Amazon Pkwy.

Concrete was added to provide a more natural transition from the 29th Avenue sidewalk to the southbound Amazon Path west of

Amazon Pkwy, including a more gradual curve transition as opposed to the previous 90-degree angle.

The trees, which were not healthy, were removed to provide room for a larger stormwater swale and planter beds that are more appropriate for stormwater processes. The existing bike shelters were also removed and

The Toxics Board is interested in helping the Southeast Neighbors learn about the EUGENE TOXICS RIGHT-TO-KNOW PROGRAM, which was created to provide the public, industry and the Toxics Board with accurate, complete and timely information about hazardous materials used by manufacturers in Eugene. Please visit <http://www.eugene-or.gov/toxics> for information.

Longtime South Eugene business JIFFY MARKET has closed its doors after 52 years. Jiffy market was purchased by neighboring marijuana dispensary, Amazon Organics.

You can report a POT-HOLE at 541-682-4800.

Many Southeast neighbors volunteer at our neighborhood schools through the SMART READER and the MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTOR programs. Thank you for your commitment and care for the children in our community!

Do you frequent UNIVERSITY PARK? The South University Neighborhood Association is looking for ideas to restore it's vitality at www.sunaeugene.org.

SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE Benefits Advisors are available for one-on-one appointments to answer questions about Medicare, health insurance coverage, etc. By appointment only. Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street. For more information, please call 541-736-4421.

For daily AIR QUALITY updates and WOOD-BURNING advisories and restrictions, please see the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) website at www.lrapa.org/

On NEXTDOOR.COM, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join this free, private social network.

Friends of the FARMERS MARKET is looking for VOLUNTEERS, call 541-521-2512 for details.

South Willamette Street Restriping Project

by Chris Henry

The South Willamette Street Improvement Pilot project is taking bids this winter. Assuming a bid is chosen, a contract could be awarded in early 2016. Weather permitting, work to implement the pilot project will be completed in April 2016.

As part of the contracted work, a new traffic signal will be installed at the Woodfield Station driveway north of 29th Avenue. Willamette Street will be permanently widened to accommodate a turn lane at the new signal. The street will be permanently widened north of 24th Avenue to tie in to the bikeway system and leave enough space for a left-turn lane for southbound traffic on Willamette at 24th Avenue. In the vicinity of 29th Avenue, the pilot project restriping will include two southbound travel lanes, a center turn-lane, one northbound travel lane, and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street. North of the 29th Avenue area, the pilot project restriping will include one travel lane in each direction, a center turn-lane, and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.

Following construction and adjustment to the new striping, the pilot study is planned to run for a year. It will likely wrap up in the fall of 2017. At that time, staff will report back to the Eugene City Council with analysis of the pilot study to inform their decision on how to stripe the street for a pavement preservation project in 2018. The City of Eugene has secured \$2 million in grant funds to supplement the pavement preservation project in 2018 to replace sidewalks and add pedestrian-scale amenities along the street.

Support South Eugene Schools with Box Tops

by 4Jparents@googlegroups.com



If you're looking for a way to help out a school in our neighborhood, start clipping Box Tops for Education. BoxTops are small pink coupons that are on many household items. For every Box Top you clip, a school will receive 10 cents. That may not sound like a lot, but it adds up quickly, especially if enough neighbors help with the collection. Participating companies and product lines include Annie's, General Mills, Green Giant, Ziploc, Hefty, Betty Crocker and many more. Once you've finished with the product, clip the Box Top before you recycle and save.

You can drop off your donated box tops to the office at Camas Ridge, Edgewood, Ridgeline, and Charlemagne or any other school in the neighborhood. Visit www.boxtops4education.com for more details about the program and for bonus offers. Thank you for supporting our schools.

Expanding Our Neighborhood Response to Homelessness

by HRNI

Providing safe housing to all city residents is a desperate social need. City staff are meeting with neighborhood associations to find more temporary housing options across all Eugene neighborhoods. Neighbors are being asked to consider how their area may be able to support locations for the specific legal camping programs summarized briefly below. Eugene Code 4.816 provides the specific provisions for legal camping. Decision makers will vet all options. Additional rules and restrictions may apply.

Camping at a Single Family Residence One family may sleep overnight in a backyard tent or in a driveway vehicle or camper of a single family residence in a residential zoning district, with permission of the owner and tenant of the residence.

"Car Camping" Program Overnight sleeping in up to six vehicles (includes cars, tents, campers, or Conestoga huts) in a parking lot of a religious institution, place of worship, business or public entity with permission of the property owner. The City partners with St. Vincent DePaul to manage this program: <http://www.svdp.us/what-we-do/homeless-services/overnight-parking-program/>

Rest Stops Pilot Program 20 persons may sleep overnight in cars, tents, campers, or Conestoga huts on property owned or leased to the City of Eugene, a religious institution, a non-profit organization, or commercial/industrial business. Sites cannot be in residential areas or close to schools. Current sites are managed by Community Supported Shelters and Nightingale Health Sanctuary.

"Dusk to Dawn" Pilot Camping Program Allows for establishment of additional sanctioned places to sleep outside between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 am during the winter months. Similar siting restrictions and rules as the Rest Stop Program. Overnight campers are expected to vacate site in morning with possessions.

Egan Warming Center Provides safe, warm shelter on nights when temperatures drop below 30 degrees. Currently 11 religious institutions provide sites. Managed by St. Vincent de Paul with hundreds of volunteers, many of them Southeast Neighbors. Thank you neighbors!

To get more involved in the effort to secure safe shelter and provide more community support for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, visit www.thriveeugene.org.



The Conestoga Hut emphasizes keeping people dry and secure.

Approaching Deadlines

By Monday, February 15, Skipping Stones Magazine and the Asian Celebration invite Lane County K-12 students to submit nature-themed HAIKUS, a traditional Japanese form of poetry, for a chance to be displayed at the festival and featured in the magazine. Send haikus to Skipping Stones, 166 West 12th Avenue or email to editor@skippingstones.org For more information, please see <http://skippingstones.org>.

By Thursday, February 18, provide public comment on the Draft Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan influences walking and biking policy across the state. It is a Statewide Policy Plan and serves as an element of the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), which covers all modes of transportation in the state of Oregon. See <http://odotbikepedplan.publicmeeting.info>.

Through Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00pm, applications are accepted for individual COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS in one of six community gardens in Eugene. For more information, please see <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?nid=496>.

By Friday, April 15 at the Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 East 15th Avenue: deadline for applications from ARTISTS who want to exhibit their work during the 2017-2018 season. For more information, please call 541-345-1571.

By Friday, April 15, deadline for application for UKES FOR KIDS PROJECT, a Mele 'Ohana (Song Family) of Oregon award of 'ukuleles to schools in an effort to enhance and enrich the love of music in the classroom, both in HAWAIIAN and contemporary 'ukulele. For more information, please see <http://www.meleohana.net/> or contact Ed Barnett at ebarnett@comcast.net.