



## *Project Homeless Connect Seeking Volunteers*

People who are homeless struggle daily with the repercussions of unmet basic human needs for safety, food, stability and shelter. Last year 11,784 individuals were homeless and received services from our local continuum of care (Lane County, 2008). On any given night in Lane County, nearly 2,684 people are homeless on the streets or living in temporary shelter. (Lane County One Night Homeless Count 2009).

### **Project Homeless Connect**

Thursday, March 18

*Lane County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall*

Project Homeless Connect is an event to provide homeless people with critical services in a “one-stop” venue and bringing together a wide range of community agencies and professionals to provide homeless people with access to health care, social services, warm food, blankets and more—all within a caring and safe environment. Our entire community is brought together for this powerful event that generates awareness and provides solutions that work toward ending homelessness.

Your donations are needed! All professional services will be donated, but funds and in-kind donations are needed for food, child care, service supplies, housing assistance and basic necessities like hygiene items. Also needed are backpacks, sleeping bags, clothing, jackets, and other essentials – clean and in good condition. Donations may be brought to any St. Vincent de Paul store locations.

Another way to help out is to volunteer at the event. For more information on the opportunities to volunteer go to [www.homelessconnect.org](http://www.homelessconnect.org).



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### *Subscribe to Neighborhood Publications Online!*

Community members may now subscribe to receive publications electronically from any of Eugene’s neighborhood associations as part of a Telecom grant funded project to enhance neighborhood communications. The project includes the creation of an online subscription service for the electronic delivery of newsletters or other publications from the neighborhood associations that is available through the City of Eugene’s website. As part of the grant, notices will be sent to all non-resident property owners inviting those interested to subscribe to receive the communications published by the neighborhoods

where they own property or have other interests.

Those interested in subscribing to receive electronic notices of neighborhood publications may go to any of the neighborhood association web pages by visiting [eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods](http://eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods), locating the neighborhood association of interest, and entering their information directly on the page. All information shared will be kept confidential.

Phase two of the project includes researching and implementing a way for community members to opt-out of receiving the paper copies and only receive

electronic notices consistent with the City’s sustainability goals.



I would like to receive the Downtown Neighborhood Association newsletter electronically

Name:

E-mail:

Please sign me up

## **EPA Grant Allows SmartTrips Eugene Program to Expand Into More Neighborhoods**

A new project that will promote environmentally friendly commutes in Eugene will receive financial support from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). SmartTrips Eugene is designed to reduce drive-alone trips and increase biking, walking, and public transit in targeted geographic areas of the city. A pilot project will start in the Harlow neighborhood this summer. The EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant will provide the City of Eugene \$104,126 to continue this program into 2011, making it possible to offer it to the Trainsong, Jefferson/Westside and Whiteaker neighborhoods. The 2011 SmartTrips program will provide customized outreach to approximately 12,000 residents.

The Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program is administered by the EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Program, which provides technical assistance, tools, and guidance to help state, local, and tribal governments implement policies and programs to mitigate climate change. The carbon dioxide emissions savings from the program equals 19,797 gallons of gasoline. SmartTrips Eugene incorporates an innovative and individualized marketing program that hand-delivers packets of information to residents who wish to learn more about all of their transportation options including transit, walking, bicycling, carpooling, and combining trips. Key components feature biking and walking maps and organized activities that get people out in their neighborhoods or places of employment to shop, work, and discover how many trips they can easily, conveniently, and safely make without using a car. SmartTrips programs in other areas have achieved a reduction in vehicle miles traveled up to 13 percent in each neighborhood it has targeted.

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"It's great to see a city make it easy for citizens to use environmentally-friendly ways of getting around," said Michelle Pirzadeh, deputy regional administrator for the EPA. "We're excited to support this initiative - it's a big step in the right direction to energy efficiency."

Most of the Harlow neighborhood and a portion of the Cal Young neighborhood will be included in the 2010 pilot program. The SmartTrips Eugene pilot program is funded by a separate federal grant from the Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant program. Close proximity to the downtown area and the University of Oregon, and a good pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure make this an ideal neighborhood to start the SmartTrips Eugene project.

For more information about the Climate Showcase Communities program, visit <http://epa.gov/statelocalclimate>. For more information, please contact *SmartTrips Eugene* Program Manager Lindsay Selser, at 541-682-5094 or [Lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us).



## *Music Provides Uplifting Environment Outside of Library*

Patrons and passers-by are now being treated to music near the entrance of the Eugene Downtown Public Library. The music is another step the library has taken in the past several months to ensure safe and welcoming access to the library for the entire community.



The music is intended to create a pleasant, uplifting environment as patrons enter the library. Music selections will range from classical to light jazz. At other times, poetry readings may be played over the recently installed speakers. All audio selections will be played softly, to change the sound dynamics of the library's exterior without overwhelming conversations or encouraging an audience. The music and readings have been selected from the library's vast collection of audio files. If library patrons wish to put an item they hear on hold for future checkout, library staff can provide information about the selection playing at any particular time.

Other steps taken toward improving the library's exterior environment include a City Council-adopted ban on smoking on the sidewalk that will take effect March 12, more frequent power-washing of the sidewalks to improve cleanliness, "Walk bikes, Carry skateboards" signs to increase pedestrian safety, and increased police bicycle patrols.

## "Unnatural Causes"

LCHAY Film & Forum Event  
Tuesday, March 9, 6:00-8:00PM at the Eugene  
Public Library, Downtown

*Do we all have an equal chance for health?* Please join us for community conversation and screening of the documentary film "Unnatural Causes; Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" to find out. This event is part of The Lane Coalition for Healthy Active



Youth's (LCHAY) "*What the Health?!*" Initiative, a series of films and forums exploring how media, place and policy affect our health and well-being. For more information, please contact: Laurie Trieger, 541.682.4306 [www.lchay.org](http://www.lchay.org)

## *EWEB Riverfront Master Plan— Workshop March 3*

### **Where the City Meets the River— Design Concept**

Wednesday, March 3

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Meeting from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Eugene Hilton, 66 East 6th Avenue

Registration for this event is strongly encouraged. To register now, visit [www.eugeneriverfront.com](http://www.eugeneriverfront.com) or email [eweb@rowellbrokaw.com](mailto:eweb@rowellbrokaw.com). Assisted listening provided. Spanish translation and other accommodations are available with advance notice.

## *Northwest Corridor Rail Summit—March 9*

Come to the Northwest Corridor Rail Summit to help begin a conversation and develop an understanding of the mechanisms needed to allow the Pacific Northwest to work together to implement higher speed rail. Join us March 9, 2010, for the Northwest Corridor Rail Summit and hear from elected officials, industry reps, experts and others. Registration begins at 8:30; the summit begins at 9 AM and is scheduled to finish at 5 PM.

**Key Note Speaker:** Rod Diridon Sr. of the Mineta Institute  
U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio (tentative)



Gail Achterman, Chair, Oregon Transportation Commission  
Kitty Piercy, Mayor, Eugene  
State Representative Nancy Nathanson  
Kelly Taylor, Administrator, ODOT Rail Division  
Annette Price, Port of Portland  
Brock Nelson, Union Pacific Railroad  
Dave Mansen, Vice President, Parsons  
William Phillips, Manager Construction Services, Parsons  
Denis Doute, California HSR BD Manager  
National Policy Consensus Center

Sponsored by: Cascadia Center. Sponsorships are available for continental breakfast and breaks. Please contact Brenda Wilson at (541) 971-2208 if interested.

**EARLY REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED** - TO REGISTER: [http://  
www.lanecc.edu/cml/upcoming.htm](http://www.lanecc.edu/cml/upcoming.htm)



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## Hiking the Oregon Coast Trail at Eugene Public Library

Imagine a national coast trail that would make it possible to walk, pedal, or boat around the entire United States border. Learn more about this idea at "Hiking the Oregon Coast Trail," an illustrated talk by Al LePage, Director of the National Coast Trail Association, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, at the Eugene Downtown Public Library. Admission is free.

LePage will share stories and images of his Oregon Coast Trail hike: 400 miles in 30 days. He has hiked, kayaked, and biked more than 2,500 miles of the envisioned 10,000-mile National Coast Trail. In addition to Oregon, he has hiked the coasts of Washington and California, making him the first person ever to hike both the 1,800-mile West Coast Trail and the 750-mile Great Northeast Trail.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).



## Library Offers Job Search and Résumé Writing Computer Classes

On Sunday, February 28, 4 - 6 p.m., the Eugene Downtown Public Library will hold a free, hands-on computer class to offer assistance with job searches and résumé writing.

Participants will get information and support to help with job hunting, including how to research opportunities and create an effective résumé. Also provided will be information about free library tools such as Microsoft Word's Résumé Wizard, the Oregon Career Information System, and LearningExpress (practice exams), as well as Internet resources including Craigslist, Monster.com, and the Oregon Employment Department website. Internet experience is required. For information, call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 (press 2).

**Plan to attend an LTD Open House or public hearing. View the proposed changes and provide feedback.**

### Upcoming Open Houses

March 1	7 a.m. – 6 p.m.	LTD Springfield Station
March 8	7 a.m. – 4 p.m.	LTD Next Stop Center
April 5	7 a.m. – 6 p.m.	LTD Springfield Station
April 12	7 a.m. – 4 p.m.	LTD Next Stop Center



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