

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS...

January 15, 2010

*Kick Off the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Planning Process at the*



## **4th Annual Walking and Biking Summit**

*Sheldon High School  
2445 Willakenzie*

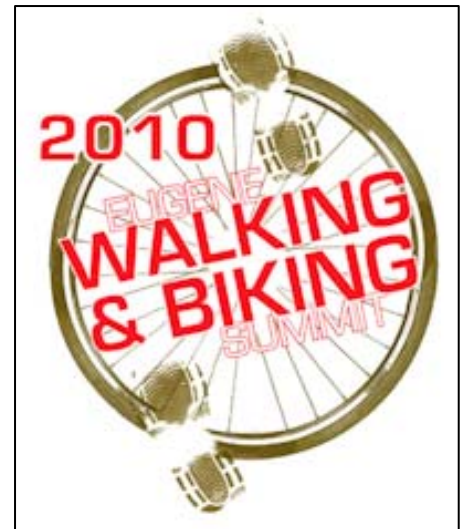
*Saturday, January 23  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
(doors open at 8:30 for  
Registration)*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Walking and Biking Summit will be held Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sheldon Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Road. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for registration.

This year, the summit will help kick off Eugene's new pedestrian and bicycle master planning process. Speakers include Mayor Piercy, pedestrian expert Ellen Vanderslice with the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, and Bill Nesper of the League of American Bicyclists. Nesper will present Mayor Piercy and the City with the Bicycle Friendly Community - Gold Level Award.

A fun fashion show will highlight local walking, biking and skating gear, and many area organizations and businesses will be on hand to showcase their goods and information. Free childcare will be provided for children over two-and-a-half years-old (please RSVP to Tracy at 541-682-5291).

Free valet bike parking will be provided on-site along with breakfast and light refreshments for all participants. For more information, please see [www.eugene-or.gov/walkbike](http://www.eugene-or.gov/walkbike) or call Lindsay Selser at 541-682-5094.



## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards to be Presented*

The Human Rights Commission recently selected the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Leadership award winner. The award presentation will take place January 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hult Center Lobby.

In addition to the presentation of the award, the Lane County celebration will include guest speaker, Damali Ayo, as well as music and dance.

The event promises to be fun and a great way to honor one special, local individual and the incredible mission and work of Dr. King

For more information, go to <http://mlkcelebrationlaneco.org/> or contact Holly LeMasurier at 541-682-5619.

**January 18**

**6:00—7:30 PM**

## Leaf Pickup Service in Eugene Ends for Season

Eugene's leaf collection program is finished for the season. The last official day of the leaf pickup program was Tuesday, January 12, and residents have been advised via a news release that no new materials should be placed in the streets. Residents are responsible for removing leaves and other debris left in the streets in front of their homes or businesses.

Approximately 17,200 cubic yards of leaves were collected by loaders and leaf vacuums over the course of the 11-week collection program. Of that total, almost 10,000 cubic yards of leaves were delivered to residents, with the rest going to community gardens and local recyclers. None of the leaves went to the landfill.

A key focus for this year's program was keeping leaves out of bike lanes, and the City continues to remind residents that no debris, including leaves, should be placed in bike lanes. Residents with leftover leaves or other yard debris can recycle them in home compost piles, take them to Lane Forest Products or Rexius



Forest By-Products, which recycle leaves and woody debris for a small fee, or contact their local solid waste haulers for information on the curbside yard debris pickup program.

For more information, contact Surface Maintenance Supervisor Damon Joyner at 541-682-4835.



## Recreation Swims Fill the No-School-Day Gap



While schools are closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday this Monday, the Aquatics program will be in full swing with a no-school-day Recreational Swim at Sheldon Pool from 1:40 - 3:40 p.m.

Sheldon Pool will also hold no-school-day swims on Eugene School District 4J no-school days: January 29, February 15, March 22 - 26, and April 16. Echo Hollow Pool will hold special recreation swims from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., on Bethel School District no-school days: January 29, March 22, 24 and 26, and April 9.

The cost is \$3 for youth, ages 3 - 17; and \$3.75 for adults, age 18 and older. Family passes can be used. For more information, call Rich Fay at 541-682-5331.



## *Thousands Respond to Neighborhood Survey!*

More than 4,600 community members responded to the recent Eugene Neighborhood Survey, providing useful information about what they like in their neighborhoods and what they would like to improve. Conducted during the summer and fall of 2009, the survey was developed in partnership with neighborhood associations. Neighborhood associations, as well as City staff and other community groups, distributed the survey with a special emphasis on reaching under-represented groups. Through their combined efforts, fourteen neighborhood associations conducted outreach via email, going door-to-door and at neighborhood events, accounting for 38% of the surveys collected citywide. These efforts paid off, as results indicate that survey responses are a good representation of the city population in terms of age, income, race/ethnicity, gender, and home ownership.

Overall, respondents had positive views of the quality of life in Eugene's neighborhoods. When asked about what they would like to improve, safety was by far the most frequent response, followed by traffic, biking/walking, parks and natural areas, and neighborhood appearance.

Just over half (54 percent) of respondents had not participated in their neighborhood association, but 38 percent expressed an interest in being con-

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nected. When asked what would encourage them to become more involved, the top answers were knowing other people who attend meetings and events, and receiving more information about their neighborhood association.

Neighborhood surveys are considered a best practice in neighborhood planning initiatives. The survey provides a wealth of information for neighborhood associations and the City of Eugene, as they work to increase involvement and participation in neighborhood associations and improve neighborhood livability. The full results of the Eugene Neighborhood Survey will be posted online at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoodsurvey> and neighborhood-specific reports will be provided to each association as they become available.

For more information, please contact Lorna Flormoe at 541-682-5670 or [lorna.r.flormoe@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.r.flormoe@ci.eugene.or.us).

## *Citizens for Public Accountability: Public Forum on Use of Force*

On Tuesday, January 19 at 7 PM, Citizens for Public Accountability will host a public forum on police use of force accountability and alternatives at the W.O.W. Hall located at 291 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401.

The forum will feature expert panelists representing a wide range of viewpoints on recent controversies regarding police use of force practices in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. The public will be invited to participate directly in the discussion. Featured panelists include:

Rick Brissenden: *Municipal Court Judge for Cottage Grove and Florence, and former chair of the Civilian Review Board ;*

George Brown: *Eugene City Councilor ;*

Geoff Colvin: *Author and researcher on violence prevention;*

Chuck Gerard: *Coordinator, White Bird Clinic Counseling Program;*

Lauren Regan: *Attorney and Director of the Civil Liberties Defense Center ;*

Juan Carlos Valle: *Vice-Chair of the Police Commission ;*

Kate Wilkinson: *Attorney and current member of the Civilian Review Board*

This event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact: Mike Quillin at (541) 206-3333 or [cpaevents@comcast.net](mailto:cpaevents@comcast.net)

## Community Corner:

### **Martin Luther King Day Service Opportunity at Common Ground Garden**

Join Friendly Area Neighbors for two hours of service at the Common Ground Garden on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll be digging pathways and moving leaves to prepare the garden for spring planting. This 40 by 80 foot garden will grow food that will improve neighborhood food security with excess food going to FOOD For Lane County. Tended by neighbors while growing food for neighbors. This garden will showcase sustainable practices while educating the community about food production, processing, and preserving. See how an underutilized city right-of-way can be used to grow food and build community in this neighborhood.

When: January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon

Where: Common Ground Garden located at 21<sup>st</sup> and Van Buren

What to Bring: Shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, gardening boots, and your smiling spirit!

Contact: Anne Donahue- Daytime (541) 682-5542, Eves: (541) 485-2160



### **Volunteer Projects Wanted**

The University of Oregon Service learning Program is looking for volunteer projects on January 18th, MLK Jr. Day of Service. This is the first year the UO is participating in the national day of service and already over 200 students, faculty, and staff have volunteered. The goal of the day is to provide people with opportunities to honor Dr. King through service and join together as a community to tackle pressing social issues. Current projects range from feeding the homeless, sorting clothes for foster children, raking leaves to removing ivy. In order to ensure everyone has the opportunity to volunteer, the Service Learning Program needs to identify more projects. If you have a project or would like information on how to volunteer contact Morgan St. Jean, [mstjean@uoregon.edu](mailto:mstjean@uoregon.edu), 541-346-1153.



### *Mark Your Calendars! Important upcoming dates and events*

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards — *Jan 18*
- Good Earth Home Show—*Jan 22-24*
- Climate & Energy Action Plan Workshop: Health & Social Services—*Feb 4*
- Asian Celebration—*Feb 20-24*
- Neighborhood Leaders Training—*Feb 27*
- Climate & Energy Action Plan Workshop: Natural Resources—*Mar 4*
- Project Homeless Connect—*March 18*
- Human Rights/Dept. of Justice Public Forum on Hate Crimes—*March (TBD)*
- Human Rights Summit—*April 10th*
- Neighborhood Volunteer Recognition Celebration—*April (TBD)*
- Neighborhood Summit—*May (TBD)*