

BEST OF EUGENE 08-09

Is it really that time again? Time for ballots, ballot counting, heated opinions and illegible replies? You bet it is. Welcome to *Eugene Weekly's* Best of Eugene 2008! Once again, dear readers, it's your opinion that counts – and on any number of topics. From bagels to blogs, politics to pizza, we want you to tell us what's best in this town. And please do remember that this is the best of EUGENE; if you vote for non-local folks (or businesses based outside of Oregon), those votes won't be counted. But there's plenty here to opine about, right? So get started! Fill out this here page or head online to ballot.eugeneweekly.com and cast your vote there. We do love it when you vote online ...

civic pride

Best local uproar

Person of the year (and why)

Best local politician

Best public space (indoor or outdoor)

Best activist group

Best eco-improvement project

sex, drugs and rock & roll

Best DJ (live)

Best acoustic musician/band

Best blues band

Best jazz band

Best hip hop ensemble

Best reggae/world band

Best rock band

Best bar

Best bartender

Best happy hour or drink specials

Best locally brewed beer (brewery and style)

Best house drink

Best winery

Best selection of beer on tap

Best live music venue

Best hangover breakfast

Best naughty business

Best body art & mod shop

Bar with the best amusements (karaoke, trivia, pinball, pool, etc.)

Best place to bust a move

Best place to meet someone you'd take home to Mom

Best place to meet someone you'd never take home to Mom

eat your heart out

Best coffee

Best bagel

Best all-you-can-eat buffet

Best burger

Best bakery/sweets

Best locally baked bread

Best pizza

Best veggie options

Best BBQ

Best Mexican/Latin American/Caribbean

Best Thai

Best Asian (other than Thai)

Best Italian/Greek/Mediterranean

Best late-night dining (table service after 10 pm)

Best food cart

Best recession special (meal under \$5)

Best special occasion dining

Best restaurant

Best new restaurant

Best restaurant in Corvallis/Albany

Best restaurant in Cottage Grove

Best restaurant on the coast

retail therapy

Best bike shop/repair

Best outdoors/recreation store

Best independent bookstore

Best record/CD store

Best food producer (farm, business, etc.)

Best environmentally friendly business

Best boutique/clothing shop

Best kids' stuff store

Best pet stuff store

Best downtown business

Best new business

Best personal indulgence provider (spa, massage, salon, etc.)

creative endeavors

Best blog

Best writer

Best performing arts group (dance, theater, etc.)

Best visual artist

Best art gallery

Best non-gallery art space

Best crafter

the kitchen sink

Best all-ages hangout

Best moment in local sports (Aug. '07-Aug. '08)

Favorite roller derby player

Best local TV news

Best radio show or DJ

Best way to improve Eugene

Best thing about *Eugene Weekly*

Worst thing about *Eugene Weekly*

Best category we didn't include (and who'd win it)

DEADLINE: All ballots must be received by **11:59 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17!** Mail or drop off ballots at *Eugene Weekly*, 1251 Lincoln St., Eugene, OR 97401

YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFO (NO SPAMMO):

NAME:

PHONE:



PRINT YOUR ANSWERS CLEARLY (WE CAN'T COUNT 'EM IF WE CAN'T READ 'EM.) YOU MUST VOTE IN AT LEAST 30 CATEGORIES. PLEASE KEEP YOUR ANSWERS LOCAL. ONLY ONE BALLOT PER PERSON! BALLOT STUFFING IS BAD KARMA – BALLOTS MAY NOT BE COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED EN MASSE BY INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES.