

HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR EUGENE CITY HALL?

Eugene’s City Hall, shuttered since August 2012 due to the loss of steam heat and earthquake concerns, is up for a new historic designation that could help protect it. On Dec. 22, Otto Poticha, a local architect and leader in the fight to save the building, submitted an application to give the building a City of Eugene Historic Property Designation.

City Council voted in January 2013 to rebuild the award-winning 1964 City Hall block in a way that preserves the council chamber, public art and as much parking as possible. Poticha says that so much flexibility is written into the council’s direction that too much of the building could be torn down. “This is not to be contradictory to what the council selected,” he says. “It’s just to make sure the building gets the credentials that it should have.”

Even buildings on the National Historic Registry, such as Civic Stadium, can be torn down. “It doesn’t do anything except put a star next to it so people have to deal with it very, very carefully,” Poticha says.

The democratic ideals embodied in the current City Hall, like easy access to local government, are part of what Poticha likes about it, in addition to the integration of public art that was planned from the very beginning of the design process. He says the new building made a huge impression on him when he moved to Eugene as a young architect. “I was blown away by how this really represented democracy, the openness of city government itself,” he says.

While Poticha acknowledges that many people don’t like mid-century modern architecture, he says that design is unique. “There isn’t a person, a city, a place in the world that would build a one-story concrete building on legs covering a whole city block,” he says. “You couldn’t make that pencil out.”

Even though a new building in that style isn’t an economical option, he says, “The framework of that building is such that it can be anything it wants to be. It’s very flexible functionally.” Poticha participated in the study of the tear-down and rebuild options for City Hall, and he says that while many systems of the building have to go, it’s structurally sound and can be rebuilt efficiently. “When we had these two studies done, you got two to three times the bang for the buck by the rebuild,” Poticha says.

The city manager’s office did not respond to an inquiry before press time. — *Shannon Finnell*

WHOVILLE FOCUSES ON BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

As the Eugene City Council’s winter break progresses, Whoville campers are focusing on their relationships with businesses around the camp to show that giving homeless people a place to rest can improve things for everyone. Whoville is one of several protest camps seeking a legal place for homeless people to sleep.

“Communities like this can live in harmony and peace with communities like theirs,” says Tzedakah Bat Eliyah, a Whoville camper who has been checking in with local businesses. She says that seven of nine nearby businesses she’s checked with report no negative effects from Whoville.

“7-11 respects us for evicting the criminal who stole from them,” Eliyah says. “Café Yumm says their business has increased.” She says that since Whoville opened,

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LYN GILMAN-GARRICK

“I was a professional girl scout,” says Lyn Gilman-Garrick, describing a childhood in Salisbury, N.C., devoted to hiking and camping. She studied biology at Guilford College in Greensboro, a Quaker school and hub of anti-war and environmental activism. “We celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970,” she recalls. After two years researching fish populations off Montauk Point on Long Island, she came west to continue at OSU. “I decided I wasn’t really a biologist,” says Gilman-Garrick, who instead entered law school at Lewis and Clark, where she met her husband, Paul Garrick. She practiced juvenile law in

Portland for 10 years, representing kids in court and advocating for children’s issues. Her husband, a bankruptcy lawyer, found work in Eugene. After years of commuting, she left the law and took a job as office manager at Pacifica Veterinary Services. In 1998, she and vet Doreen Hock started Pro-Bone-0, a nonprofit free vet clinic for pets of the homeless. She also got into cycling, and, after a cross-country ride in 2008, left Pro-Bone-0 to volunteer for Friends of Buford Park and Mount Pisgah. “I’ve organized the tour program for three years now,” she says. “The goal is to bring people out, to get them hiking and to see the work of the Friends, the large-scale restoration projects.” Learn about upcoming tours at bufordpark.org.



Tsunami Books at Willamette and 25th is organizing a fundraising day and event Saturday, Dec. 28, in support of Lane Arts Council and Friends of Civic Stadium. Customers are asked to “refrain from the usual discounts on new books, special orders, etc., on this day only,” says owner Scott Landfield. Instead, 20 percent of sales will be split between the two nonprofits. The day’s events will include free live music from 5 to 8 pm by Nancy Wood, Paul Safar, Sean Brennan and Mike Hatgis. Call 345-8986 or find Tsunami on Facebook.

The former **Goodwill store on River Road** is still empty. *EW* ran a Viewpoint by Jan Spencer Oct. 9 concerning the future of the building and we hear from Spencer that he’s had a dozen or more responses. “The ideal is to create some kind of neighborhood-friendly use for the building,” he tells us. “A great number of people in River Road would like to see some kind of natural food store, bakery, bookstore, small business incubator, place where people can come and hang out, small retail, bike store, performance place.” Goodwill leased the building for many years but relocated to a larger building out on River Road near Fred Meyer. “The owners of the building are sympathetic for something creative and positive to happen with the space,” Spencer says.

Real estate values in the metro area continue to grow, according to a Regional Multiple Listing Service market report issued Dec. 11 and passed along to us by Sally Nunn of Prudential Real Estate. Leading the pack is the McKenzie Valley at a 20.5 percent increase over November last year, but that number could be skewed by just a sale or two since not that many homes are on the market up the river. Springfield numbers came in second at an 18.6 percent increase, followed by the Hayden Bridge neighborhood at 16.4 percent and southwest Eugene at 16.3 percent. Down near the bottom are Mohawk Valley, west Eugene, south Lane County and west Lane County. Average time on the market has also gotten better: Last November it was 131 days; this November it was 102 days. Get the report by emailing sallynunn@pruep.com or other realtors.

Eugene **massage therapist Jenya Lemeshow** is now offering farmer discounts. Yep, if your muscles are all bunched up from digging taters and planting garlic, Lemeshow will get to the root of your problems and squash those knots. (*Sorry about the corny puns. Sometimes they leak out.*) Lemeshow is offering \$15 off her usual hour rate of \$60 for farmers, and \$10 off for first-time clients. Email her at synergymassageeugene@gmail.com or call 684-0066.

A **free legal clinic for veterans**, the first of its kind in Oregon, will be held at 5 pm on the last Wednesday of the month. The next will be Jan. 22. The Eugene clinic is a partnership of the VA Roseburg Healthcare System and Access the Law (ATL), a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of legal services on a sliding-scale basis. “ATL attorneys and other volunteer attorneys have years of criminal defense and civil litigation experience to support justice-involved veterans,” says Marc Friedman, executive director of ATL. Email friedman@accessthelaw.org or call 686-4890 for an appointment.

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Roseburg Resources Company (541) 935-2507, plans to ground spray glyphosate, imazapyr, triclopyr amine and/or triclopyr ester on noxious weeds on its forest lands in townships 18S 06W, 18S 08W and 19S 06W, a countywide notification. See ODF notice 2013-781-00163-C.
- Roseburg Resources plans to aerial and ground spray atrazine, clopyralid, hexazinone, metsulfuron methyl, sulfometuron methyl, glyphosate, imazapyr, non-ionic surfactant, triclopyr amine and/or triclopyr ester on 57 acres near Sturtevant and Wolf Creeks. See ODF notice 2013-781-00163-C.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The photo accompanying “Grog and Toad” in our Dec. 19 issue, page 32, should have been credited to *Stainte Photography*. In addition, Toad in the Hole musician Tiffany Holliday’s last name was incorrectly stated as Kettel.

A statement was incorrectly attributed to Tzed Eliyah in our 12/19 Whoville story; see an updated version at wkly.ws/1nt