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## **ECA Breaks Ground on Civic Park**

This week, Eugene Civic Alliance (ECA) broke ground on Civic Park. The initial work will include grading and site preparation for the new sports and recreation facility. Chambers Construction will serve as General Contractor for the project and will oversee construction of Civic Park. Over the next three months, passersby of the site will see grading and leveling work, utility installation, and soil stabilization taking place. ECA's board of directors voted to move forward with this early work package to avoid increased costs and take advantage of the dry weather. The board also voted to approve early procurement of some construction materials most at-risk of escalating in cost if not purchased this fall. The main item included in this procurement is the steel needed for the Kidsports Fieldhouse.

ECA is inviting the entire community to celebrate this milestone in the Civic Park project at a Groundbreaking Celebration on Sunday, October 7th. The event will take place at 2:00 PM at the Civic Park site. Guests are encouraged to bring their own shovels and participate in the official groundbreaking ceremony.

The event will begin with a commemoration of the site by ECA team members and community leaders. Following the commemoration, guests will have the chance to spread out across the site and help break ground on Civic Park. Guests can choose from key site features such as the outdoor turf field, the Kidsports Fieldhouse, the Civic Stadium home plate memorial, and Court IX.

"Civic Champions" will escort guests to each of these locations on the site. Civic Champions are local athletes and coaches who have been identified as leaders in their respective sports and in their dedication to our community. These Champions include: Mary Brorby, Nate Jaqua, Jordan Kent, Karen Meats, Becky Sisley, and Bev Smith.

After the official groundbreaking, kids will have a chance to dig for commemorative Civic Park coins. Food and beverage vendors will be on-site and Pedal Power Music will provide entertainment. Guests will have a chance to submit ideas for items to include in a Civic Time Capsule which will be buried on the site later in the construction process. Kidsports, Healthy Moves, Chambers Construction, and other community organizations will have booths set up for guests to visit and learn more about their programs and services. Construction equipment will also be available for children to walk around and observe in action.

More information about the event can be found at the event webpage <https://eugene-civicalliance.org/save-the-date-civic-park-groundbreaking-celebration/>

ECA, founded in 2014, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation established to redevelop the historic Civic Stadium property into an inclusive, self-sustaining community sports and entertainment venue, operated primarily to benefit the children of the community.

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