

called, "The Forest Family Feud! Politics with a Twist," to be held at 6 pm Thursday, Jan. 26 at Cozmic Pizza downtown. The free event for all ages will be hosted by Joseph Calbreath of KMTR-TV.

Organizers say the event promises "plenty of learning and laughs to be had, so anyone looking for a good time and to expand their understanding of environmental issues in Oregon should attend."

## FRUSTRATING CITY WEBSITE

Back in August, Eugene City Manager Dennis Taylor called the city's new website "another example of the city's commitment to open government and enhanced access to public information," lauding the web portal's "convenient access" to a wide range of city information.

But Taylor must not have used the website much before he spoke. Last week Taylor admitted the website has been subject to "frequent complaints" for its slow-loading pages and will have to be fixed.

Jan Wilson, a local environmental activist, complained to the City Council Jan. 23 that with the city's new web portal "almost never am I able to get what I want." Unlike other city and county sites, the Eugene website is tedious to use and frequently crashes her computer, she said.

"Your voice joins a chorus of constituents," Councilor David Kelly replied.



**'The City's website is another example of the city's commitment to open government and enhanced access to public information.'**  
—DENNIS TAYLOR

Kelly, a computer consultant, said he's even heard complaints from city staff. "Navigating it is very challenging," he said. To fix the problem "will take some significant work."

Unlike most other government and commercial sites, the city website uses an automated portal that makes outside links to inter-

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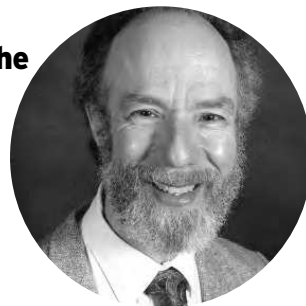
nal pages of the website impossible. Such links are key to the usefulness of the Internet. The site also relies heavily on slow-loading, cumbersome and difficult to search document image (pdf) files and has had trouble working well with Internet Explorer, the most common web browser, and with dial-up modems, the most common way to connect to the Internet. —Alan Pittman

## FUNDING FOR CLEANER AIR

A group of local and federal agencies, nonprofits and businesses are partnering to

encourage Oakridge residents to improve energy efficiency in their homes.

The Oakridge Warm Homes project will direct residents toward funding from agencies such as Lane County Rural Development, Lane Electric Co-op, Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA), the Oregon Department of Energy, Oregon



Housing and Community Services, the USDA, the EPA and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The consulting firm Good Company is facilitating the program with support from the American Lung Association.

The agencies involved in the Warm Homes project represent a spectrum of interests, from low-income housing to energy conservation, but one likely end result is cleaner air in Oakridge, where particulates

from wood burning have compromised the air quality. "Their agenda is different from our agenda, but everybody wins," said LRAPA spokeswoman Kim Metzler. "A lot of people in Oakridge use wood stoves when it's cold. If the air is stagnant, [pollution] really builds up in the community."

Funding could subsidize homeowners for changing out catalysts on wood stoves, replacing wood stoves with other heat sources, insulating, re-wiring homes and repairing roofs, all of which can improve energy efficiency. The help could come in the form of rebates, grants and no-interest loans, Metzler said.

Oakridge residents interested in the Warm Homes project can attend an informational meeting and fill out an application for funding at 9:30 am Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Middle Fork Ranger Station on Highway 58. Applications are also available at Oakridge City Hall. —Kera Abraham

## PORTER HONORED

A community memorial service for former Congressman Charles O. Porter will be held at 2 pm Monday, Jan. 30 at First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd Ave. in Eugene. The Rev. Greg Flint will speak, along with numerous other community leaders.

Porter died in Eugene Jan. 1 at the age of 86 from complications of Alzheimer's dis-

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