

a public commitment to supporting businesses that use sustainable practices; establishing a city Office of Sustainability and a Sustainability Commission; adopting the goal of making all city-owned facilities carbon-neutral by 2020; purchasing and using sustainable practices, products and technologies; adopting sustainability criteria for city decision-making; adopting sustainability indicators to assess progress toward sustainability; drafting a plan to achieve zero waste to landfills and incinerators from city facilities and operations by 2020; educating city employees about sustainability; providing incentives for businesses using sustainable practices; and forming partnerships with private, public and non-profit entities to expand sustainability practices, products, and services. — *Kera Abraham*



CPA members get together for a picnic reunion Sept. 17.

## CPA LOOKS TO REVIVAL

One of Eugene's most effective local government watchdog organizations, Citizens for Public Accountability (CPA), is looking at revival after some years of slipping attendance and irregular meetings. The political and environmental action group came together for a picnic and reunion Sept. 17 that drew about three dozen people.

The agenda for CPA will be determined by the group's new steering committee in October, but the suggestion list so far includes reforming Eugene's undemocratic city manager form of government, promot-

ing an independent city performance auditor, supporting local climate solutions and alternative transportation, and backing progressives in local elections.

"We're not going to reform the entire city government overnight," said Cary Thompson, a candidate for the steering committee, "but we can pick a few things to work on where we can make a difference."

CPA has made a difference in the past. The group was formed in 1995 as the primary opposition to back-room deals on tax breaks and wetlands siting for Hyundai/Hynix and later successfully sued the industry for pollution violations. CPA was a key force in establishing Eugene's Toxics Right to Know law, stopping the proposed destruction of River Road agricul-

tural lands for a gravel pit, battling the West Eugene Parkway and other environmental issues. The group also puts on the annual Citizens' State of the City address, calling for increased attention to reform of local government, transparency and accountability.

"We were most successful when we were meeting weekly at South Eugene High School," said Jan Wostmann, another steering committee candidate, "so we're hoping to do that again."

CPA will be using email to announce meetings and organize political action, such as letter writing and testifying at public meetings. To get on the list, which should go active this fall, send a note to [cdt@efn.org](mailto:cdt@efn.org) or call 686-5562. — *TJT*

## Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

• **Near Marcola Elementary and Mohawk High School:** Weyerhaeuser Company (741-5211) will aerially spray a test formulation of Garlon and LV-6 (2,4-D) on 25 acres in Section 13 of Township 16S, Range 2W between Sept. 25 and Oct. 15 (#771-55799). Call Eastern Lane ODF at 726-3588.

• **Near Walterville Elementary School:** Weyerhaeuser is aerially spraying a mix of Glyphosate, Arsenal, Chopper, Escort, Garlon4 and Oust on 266 acres near Little Fall Creek, McKenzie, Taylor, Sturdy, and Gale Creek tributaries from Aug. 14 to Sept. 30 (#771-55762).

• **Near Twin Oaks Elementary School:** Oregon Forest Management Services (896-3757) is ground spraying Garlon 4 with Herbimax and/or Moract adjuvants for Seneca Jones Timber (689-1231) on 47 acres near Spencer Creek Tributary, 100 acres near Hawley Creek, and 91 acres near Pheasant Creek between Sept. 15 and Dec. 30 (#781-51056). Call Western Lane ODF at 935-2283.

• **Lane County Vegetation Management Advisory Committee vacancies:** four openings on VMAC committee. Deadline to apply is 5 pm Oct. 9. Contact IVM Coordinator Orin Shumacher at 682-6908 or see [www.co.lane.or.us/BCC/vacancies.htm](http://www.co.lane.or.us/BCC/vacancies.htm)

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