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Handy says that theoretically, MUCs concentrate a "critical mass of residential and commercial density that attract food shopping and retail opportunities with infrastructure improvements that prioritize transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation options."

But to date, he says, Eugene has seen mixed results with MUC planning. In north Eugene, the Harlow neighborhood participated in the Chase Garden MUC planning to gain a retail food store as trade-off for the additional residential density. "Medical office buildings materialized instead of a local outlet to shop for staples, resulting in an increased amount of automobile traffic congesting the neighborhood," he says. And the Walnut MUC design, east of the UO, is still seeking approval from Fairmount neighbors wishing to forge density and commerce along Franklin Boulevard while preserving the character of the existing residential neighborhoods.

The Raser Park area has been the scene of development pressures in the past. "Proposed plans for the traffic-inducing Valley River Bridge and an asphalt-sprawling indoor soccer facility along the Willamette Greenway were rejected by the community," says Handy. Instead, neighborhood-led native oak savannah habitat is being re-created in Raser Park, and "riparian restoration projects along

the Willamette river add to attraction of the Greenway multi-use path for the community and tourists alike."

"River Road needs to be engaged by the city as a partner in growth, not as subservients to be colonized," says Handy. "The city needs a special area plan for this commu-

Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

• Near Doak Creek in the **Fox Hollow** area: Washburn Contract Services (503) 831-1593 will ground spray 175 acres with Arsenal, Triclopyr Ester, Chopper, Sulfometuron, Hexazinone, and Glyphosate herbicides for Transition Management, Inc. (484-6706) starting Jan. 18 (#781-50042). For more information call Robert Johnson, Stewardship Forester, Western Lane District Office of the Oregon Department of Forestry at 935-2283.

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CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

The City of Eugene is now accepting applications for the newly created Civilian Review Board. The Civilian Review Board has been established to review completed complaint investigations involving sworn police employees, and to provide comment about whether the complaint was handled fairly and with due diligence. This important advisory board will work closely with the Police Auditor, to increase transparency and accountability in local government. The members of this new board will also develop standards and protocol to guide future operations of the Civilian Review Board.



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