

pm Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Alton Baker Park's small shelter near the duck pond. A community potluck begins the evening, followed by a program at 8 with drumming by Eugene Taiko, traditional Japanese Obon dancing, and a call to action by MC Bob Watada, father of Iraq War protester Lt. Erin Watada.

The event will close with the floating of candle lanterns on the duck pond to remember those who died. Each lantern is also a symbol of a personal commitment to create peace in this world. During the lantern ceremony, Japanese Koto master Mitsuki Dazai will play music.

"We cannot let the memory of Hiroshima fade and allow our leaders to make this grave mistake again. We are gathering to remind Oregonians of the horrific consequences of nuclear weapons and to urge our lawmakers to take action to abolish these horrific weapons," says Michael Carrigan of CALC, one of the event organizers.

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MORE MONEY FOR MULCH

Finding that clean and natural looking bark to strew around your flowerbeds and shrubs throughout your landscape won't be hard to find, but the money you'll have to spend on it might be.

Bark-o-Mulch is a premium bark, which comes from Douglas fir trees. It comes in

many different grades and sizes and is mainly used in or around flowerbeds as well as around bushes. According to Rexius, a local landscape company, Bark-o-Mulch is screened for a clean smooth appearance and is longer lasting than most mulches. It also maintains moisture and creates a protective blanket for shrubs.

The product is widely used, but competing uses and price increases might change this. One reason for the rising cost is that companies have to travel farther to obtain this product. Jack Hoeck, vice president of environmental services at Rexius, says that wood products production has been dropping and therefore, so are the residual products, such as Bark-o-Mulch.

"It's not a matter of not being able to get it; it is just more difficult to get it in a local area," says Hoeck. Hoeck doesn't feel that the supply of fir bark is decreasing at a rate to worry about, yet.

The increased use of hog fuel is another reason for the upsurge in bark mulch prices. According to Lane Forest Products, hog fuel is an unprocessed mix of barks and wood fiber that is used as mud control on farms and ranches. The same products used to create hog fuel will potentially be used to create biomass fuels. As the price of energy goes up, so do the products that accompany it.

Hoeck says that the price of bark mulch has been steady in the last year and that the increase is mainly tied to lumber production.

So there won't be a problem finding the ever-useful bark mulch, it will just cost a little more.

Hoeck puts it into perspective: "When we go to a gas station there's gas there; it's not that the gas station doesn't have gas, it's just much more expensive than it was two years ago." — Courtney Jacobs

ACTIVIST ALERT

• The second annual **West Coast Convergence** for Climate Action that began July 28 continues this week at River's Turn Farm outside Coburg (see News Briefs last week). Civil disobedience and other protests are planned for Monday, Aug. 4. Visit www.climateconvergence.org

• A new **environmental documentary** from Green Fire Productions will be shown at 7 pm Thursday, July 31, at the Eugene Public Library Bascom-Tykeson Room. Common Ground: Part II focuses on the rich, diverse marine ecosystems of Oregon, and includes interviews with state policy makers,

local elected officials, marine scientists and fishermen on solutions for protecting and restoring Oregon's marine habitat.

• **Unitarians in Eugene** are planning a community vigil and short service to commemorate the shooting deaths and injuries that happened at their sister church in Knoxville, Tenn., last Sunday. The gathering is planned for 7 pm Friday, Aug. 1, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 477 East 40th Ave.

• Eugene **neighborhood bike tours** that began July 26 (see News Briefs last week) are continuing with the second tour scheduled for 1 pm Aug. 9 at the Friendly Market, followed by 10 am Aug. 23 at 2755 Kincaid in the Amazon Neighborhood, and 11 am Sept. 6 at the Red Barn in Whiteaker. The tours highlight local grass-to-garden projects, reclaiming parking spaces, rainwater catchment, solar design and more. For details and updates, visit www.eugenepermacultureguild.org or call 686-6761.

Lane Area Herbicide Spray Schedule

- Correction for last week: **Near Marcola/Mohawk schools:** Weyerhaeuser (741-5211) will aerial spray starting July 30 (#55545).
- Near **Jackson-Marlow Road:** Oregon Forest Management Services (896-3757) will ground spray 108 acres for Transition Management (484-6706) starting Aug. 5 (#50609).
- Near **Lorane:** Weyerhaeuser (744-4600) will ground spray Tahoe 4E and other herbicides on 583 acres near South Fork of the Siuslaw River starting Aug. 1 (#50602).
- Near **McKenzie River:** M Three Timber (767-3785) started ground spraying Arsenal on 78 acres on July 22 (#55569).

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