

been a top priority because it is currently being resurfaced as I write this letter. I live on Roosevelt and travel it every day.

It wasn't bad enough to warrant a top priority. There are many others that are much worse and could have been fixed before taking on a project of this magnitude.

It must be very high priority because a great deal of the work is being done between 9 pm and 6 am when most people are sleeping and have to work the next day.

I don't know about everyone else in the area but to speak for myself, all night jackhammering, dump trucking, heavy equipment operating and concrete cutting doesn't do a lot to help me to achieve my finest slumber!

The more I think about it, could it be just a coincidence that the new EWEB facility is being built on Roosevelt near Beltline?

Maybe the city ought to think about having EWEB foot part of the bill for this all night circus. Because they're just going to keep raising our rates anyways.

*Michael Milosevich
Eugene*

PARK & BARK

I know there are many, many things going on out there in the world, but this is one small thing that I at least just want to vent about to someone.

This is actually a letter to the people who use the Park and Ride Parking lot at Amazon Park while they are at the dog park:

Please let the people who need to use it for the bus use it for that purpose. It is so frustrating to need to park to catch a bus there and see people parking and walking their dogs to the park. I have to leave work, drive to the Park and Ride and catch a bus to a class at UO all within the time span of 10 to 15 minutes, depending on whether or not the bus is late. I have to circle and hope that someone leaves. In a perfect world I wouldn't have to worry about the time, but I don't plan the time UO offers classes and don't have a lot of choice about my work hours — I am fortunate that I can leave five minutes early to try to catch the bus. Parking there is limited to start with (as well as at UO, which is why I am trying to take the bus in the first place). I have no problem with people playing with their dogs, and I don't dislike dogs, it's just that people trying to catch the bus are on a timetable that doesn't wait for Fido. I would just ask for some consideration for people who are trying to use the Park and Ride for its intended purpose.

*Wendy Clements
Eugene*

PUP POOP POLLUTION

Thanks for your recent edition (8/28) devoted to animals and pets. Especially the story about ways to dispose of waste. Many people, especially those who don't clean up after their pets, don't realize what a serious problem this is.

I direct my remarks to the 50-ish bearded man who walks his large black dog along East Amazon Drive every morning, next to the creek, at about 7:30. He represents a lot of people. I've observed him for over a year and a half as I bike to work in the morning. I've never seen him clean up after his dog nor seen him carry any equipment needed to do so.

He also walks his dog in the early evening. This dog produces at least a pound of you know what every time he gets walked. Never been a math whiz, but I think that's 730 pounds of you know what deposited along the creek yearly. In three years that's more than a ton from one dog. Multiply that times the thousands of dogs in south Eugene, many of whose owners don't clean up after them. Then there's the rest of Lane County.

Think of the toxic bacteria from all those piles that is migrating when it rains into nearby creeks and catch basins that direct wastewater to rivers; flowing through the city and the countryside, into water plants where drinking water is processed. The number of individual particles of gemy, disease-causing bacteria is a number so large that I'll bet a name for that number doesn't even exist!

Come on people! Clean up! You have a responsibility to your fellow citizens to not pollute community water sources.

*Gary Cornelius
Eugene*

DOORS FOR DEMOCRACY

I saw a most inspiring thing today. Moments ago (Sunday, 11/2) my doorbell rang, and when I opened it I found two young girls, no older than 15, standing in the rain. With bright smiles (and chattering teeth) they asked if I had voted yet. I said that I hadn't but that I was almost done filling out my ballot and that I would take it to a drop box the next morning. Festooned with buttons and stickers proclaiming their proud presidential choice, they asked who I was supporting. I told them, and they smiled.

As we stood there chatting, I couldn't help but have a sense of pride and admiration for these girls who had ventured into the inhospitable world of door-knocking to ensure democracy. I thought about the war, the financial crisis and a whole host of things that weigh on us as we make these decision. But to see

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