

new precedent for Eugene planning policy decisions by inviting real involvement early for citizens without letting decisions be hijacked by expensive out of town consultants and architects like usually happens.

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RECHARGE US

With public awareness and interest growing for electric vehicles, and with hundreds of electric scooters, bicycles and other small electric vehicles already in use around Eugene and Springfield, there is one simple and inexpensive step local government and business can do to

encourage and support these choices.

Locate and identify with a small iconic sign the many hundreds of electrical outlets available to the public around the community. Most public buildings, many commercial buildings and parking lots already have outside accessible 110v outlets for service and maintenance. In some cases these are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to be available for electric wheelchairs. These and many more could be identified and marked for use by electric vehicles.

Almost every electric vehicle (EV) produced today can be charged on a normal 110v outlet safely and conveniently. The cost of electricity is minimal: about 25

cents for an electric car, and far less for an electric scooter which uses less than a cent per mile of electricity. Most EV's would just "opportunity charge" while shopping. Ray's Food Place and other businesses are already encouraging EV charging to draw customers to their stores.

Such a program is cost effective, stimulates the economy and a cleaner, greener future for us all.

*Mark Murphy
Creswell*

SCARY TREES

In Eugene, we all get used to the sight of trees all along our downtown streets, but is it really a smart choice? Maybe big cities

have the right idea by letting trees grow in forests where they belong.

These trees are not as harmless as some may think: their roots ruin the same pavement that our hardworking Americans built, they tempt our children to climb their hazardous limbs, and they throw their leaves on the ground for us to slip on and then expect us to clean them up? And the fear of getting hit by a deadly loose branch on windy days can be nerve-racking.

A lot of people will say that my complaining is unhealthy for this period of time when major climate change is becoming a popular concern, but people must see how dangerous these things really are! These few trees are not an appropriate solution to the problems they cause. Yes, trees provide oxygen, but does anyone even really know how much? Are these "scraps" of fresh air required for the fate of humanity? And isn't this the 21st century? It seems to me that the dependency on oxygen is a little out-dated.

What will happen when these wooded monsters get so big that they devour the same streets that they are now welcomed on? What will happen when they decorate us on their holidays with lights or kill us to make houses and structures out of our flesh? I say we suck it up and cut all these trees down before it's too late!

*Kelvin Glownia
Eugene*

WHO'S TO BLAME?

I have been following the issues and problems concerning Lane County public safety from the beginning of time. As a concerned citizen and business owner, I can't not help thinking why humans will not address the real problems causing so many, which is also the core creating so many problems with this public safety issue.

The key word here is money, which is based upon the economy and monetary system. Until the economy gets better, this problem is only going to get worst. When people have nothing to lose, then they go to great lengths to do nothing more than trying to survive in a society that forces you to pay so much for simple things as drinking water.

Humans are forced to pay in order to live on a planet that they were born to. You are also trapped in the corruption of your own political and social structure. Let's face it, when the economy and standard of living is raised, the planet is trashed.

This problem with public safety is a prime example of the political, social, and religious boxes that you are in where greed, corruption and ego are leading you nowhere. Until humans address the real problems on this planet, you have lost all rights to complain about anything politically, socially, economically, religiously and above all anything environmentally. You have only yourselves to blame.

This problem with Lane County public safety is a prime example of what is taking place worldwide and not just within Lane County

Go ahead! Humor me as to what excuse you will come up with in turning it into something that it is not!

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Florence*

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