

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

people who discovered each other in the public engagement forums. Some of it will be pressuring various city officials and offices — and helping other city officials. Some of it will be envisioning and birthing entirely new — and potentially better — ways to be a functioning community, in a world with different energy and a different climate. It is a gigantic problem with gigantic opportunities written all over it.

If you'd like to see and comment on a blog post about all this, see [bit.ly/zWkeq](http://bit.ly/zWkeq)

Tom Atlee  
Eugene

### WAITING FOR AN APOLOGY

In response to Dane Smith (letters, 9/24), I have to say that, no you don't owe me health care, although you would seem like much less of a jerk if you didn't blatantly state that you don't CARE that I (don't) have health care. However, although you don't owe me health care, you owe me, and thousands of others like me, a sincere and humble apology if your obvious arrogance permits such.

You see, as is typical, you have decided that anyone without health care must be lazy, unemployed and/or uneducated. I am 38 years of age. I started working at age 11, and the only serious stretch of unemployment I have had since then is from when my father refused permission, legally necessary at 15, to allow me to work during my freshman year of high school. I have been simultaneously uninsured and employed since 19. This means for half my

life I have had no health insurance, in spite of having full-time jobs. I have worked hard all my life and even own property now, but I still cannot afford health coverage.

You can tell me how sorry you are for assuming the uninsured are lazy, unemployed folk driving Cadillacs purchased with their welfare checks, right here. I'm waiting.

Jamey Davis  
Elmira


### NEW AMAZON BIKE PATH

Thanks to everyone at the city of Eugene responsible for funding and implementing the Amazon Bike Path upgrades this summer. It was tough going without our premier south Eugene bike path all summer, but the wait was worth it.

Project manager Doug Singer and his team did a fantastic job of replacing the ancient, cracked bike path with a beautiful new one. In the process, the crossing at 31st Avenue was realigned and marked to greatly improve safety. This is a real contribution to making Eugene a great place to live.

Let's preserve this investment by keeping heavy vehicles off the bike path. Most of the damage to the old path was caused by dump trucks and backhoes used by city contractors. The path is not built to road standards and lacks any reinforcing materials such as rebar. A single heavy vehicle could cause cracks the entire length of the path in just a few minutes.

Eben Fodor  
Eugene



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