

BIKE PANEL BACKS EMX

The city of Eugene's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee issued a statement Feb. 10 in support of the West Eugene EmX Extension (WEEE).

"The WEEE is very important to the LTD's bus rapid transit system and to creating a better city for walking and biking," reads the statement. "Transit is essential for a walkable community and to the reduction of vehicle miles driven. There are real benefits for all of Eugene."

The statement goes on to talk about how LTD has "worked hard to mitigate most of the impacts to business and residential access," says EmX will become "self-supporting over time."

"We oppose the No Build Option and do not think it takes into account the long-term needs of our community," reads the statement.

The document is signed by Tom Schneider, Shane McRhodes, Holly McRae, Ted Sweeney, Harriet Behm, Jennifer Smith, Rex Redmon, David Gizara, Rex Fox and Sue Harshbarger.

ACTIVIST ALERT

• The **League of Women Voters** of Lane County is planning a special free program on domestic violence deaths at 12:15 pm Thursday, Feb. 17, at Mallard Hall, 725 West 1st Ave. in Eugene. The Stop Violence Against Women Clinic Project will be discussed and speakers will include Merle Weiner and Pat Vallerand. A buffet lunch will be available for \$12. For reservations, call the League office at 343-7917, or e-mail league@lwvnc.org for reservations.

• UO's OSPIRG chapter is hosting a panel on **21st century transportation** from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Feb. 17, at the John E. Jaqua Center, Room 101, at East 13th and Agate. The discussion involves the benefits of high-speed rail. Speakers include Mayor Kitty Piercy, planning professor Robert Young and OSPIRG's Frank L. Yen.

• The annual **Economic Forecast** sponsored by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce is from 2:30 to 5 pm Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Hilton. Keynote speaker is Duncan Wyse of the Oregon Business Council. More information at www.eugenechamber.com

• Cold weather is upon us again and the **Egan Warming Centers** are on standby for Thursday and Friday nights this week, Feb. 17-18. Check www.eganwarmingcenter.com for details. Donations of warm clothing, sleeping bags, etc. can be made at any St. Vincent de Paul store. Meanwhile Project Homeless Connect is preparing for its fifth

annual event March 17 at the Fairgrounds.

• New Lane County **Commissioner Jay Bozievich** will be hosting three "community conversations" Thursday, Feb. 17. The first is from 9 to 10:30 am at Frank's Place in Mapleton. Next is from noon to 1 pm at the Florence Chamber forum at Driftwood Shores. The last is from 4 to 5:30 pm at the Bridgeport Market on Harbor Street in Florence.

• Vandana Shiva will be one of the featured speakers at the **Food Justice Conference** Feb. 19-21 at UO, sponsored by the Wayne Morse Center for Politics & Law. See www.localfoodconnection.org and <http://wkly.ws/115>

• An OSU **Food for Thought** lecture will be on "Food's Footprint: Agriculture and Climate Change" by Jennifer Burney of Stanford University, at 7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis.

• The **Coburg Transportation System Plan** is hosting an update and a first open house from 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Coburg Fire District Building, 91232 N. Coburg Rd. See www.coburgtsp.org for information, email planning@ci.coburg.or.us or call 682-7858.

• Activist, attorney and author **Randy Shaw** will speak about "Winning Real Change in Tough Times" Thursday, Feb. 24. He will speak first at 1 pm in Building 17, Room 309 at LCC, and again at 7 pm the UO Law School, Room 175. Donations are welcome. For more info, call Progressive Voices at (541) 484-9167.

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Any Catholic who needs the new iPhone app named "Confession" to keep track of his or her sins might want to make contingency plans for the afterlife.

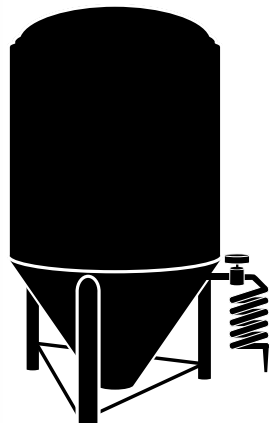
— Rafael Aldave, Eugene

LANE COUNTY SPRAY SCHEDULE

• **Railroad spray through Eugene:** Union Pacific Railroad notified the city of Eugene that it will begin railroad track spraying between Feb. 21 and March 7, weather and train movement permitting. The spray pattern will be 24 feet wide, 12 feet on each side from the center of the tracks. The following herbicides will be used: Payload (a fluoride herbicide, EPA # 59639-120), SFM 75 (sulfometuron methyl, EPA# 72167-11-74477) and if necessary, Glyphosate to address emerged weeds. Contact: Jan Bohman, city community relations manager, 682-5587.

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Saturday, February 19th
11:00am-4:00pm



ZWICKELMANIA
OREGON BREWERY TOUR
oregonbeer.org/zwickelmania

2011 President's Day weekend, almost 60 of Oregon breweries and brewpubs will open their doors to visitors for the state's 3rd annual Zwickelmania — a free statewide event that offers visitors a chance to tour Oregon's breweries, meet the brewers and sample their favorite beers.

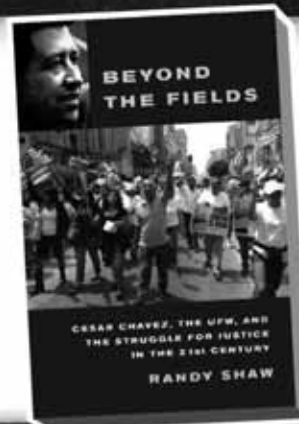
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Thursday, February 24



1 PM Lane Community College
Bldg 17, Room 309

7 PM University of Oregon
Law School, Room 175

FREE! Donations Welcome!

Sponsors: Community Alliance for Lane County, Eugene Media Action, Eugene Weekly, Lane Peace Center, UO Labor Education & Research Center and UO Multicultural Center
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