

“talk” — a group of more than 50 houses sending signals to the node house, which downloads to EWEB. Googlemap your neighborhood, to the resolution of 50 or more homes. Imagine a line going from each home to one selected one. Notice the intersections and heavy coverage. That is RF microwave smog, going constantly about 6 feet off the ground. These meters will give you that unknown exposure, and in return you get TOD — time of day pricing. That means use the most electricity at night or you get a much bigger bill. We should expect more from “our” public utility than a \$33 million cost, unknown increases in RF microwave radiation and a bigger bill. Call EWEB for your commissioners’ name and number.

Michael Lee
Eugene

TO THE RESCUE

I wanted to compliment the excellent response time and conduct of two officers from EPD and the Cahoots crew who responded to my 911 call on behalf of a woman and her friend near the UO campus last week. I was flagged down as I was driving near the Bijou by a screaming woman standing over a second fallen woman who was apparently having a medical crisis on the front lawn of the Bijou.

My call to 911 lasted approximately three minutes, at which point EPD officers Stewart and Dewitt arrived, at around the same time a Cahoots response team got there. The 911 operator was also very helpful initially in conveying instructions to me on how to make certain the unconscious woman was breathing and in a safe body position while awaiting the emergency personnel, but the officers got the situation under immediate control upon their arrival, dismissing myself and the growing throng of onlookers, and took to providing care for the young woman and calming her friend in advance of the ambulance.

I’m a frequent critic of EPD (at least in my social circles), so I feel obliged to recognize good work from two officers and Cahoots as first responders.

Connor Salisbury
Eugene

GIVE BEES A CHANCE

I am a beekeeper and I live in the River Road area. My bees fly up to five miles in search of pollen and nectar and that pretty much covers all of Eugene.

With all the new information coming out how harmful pesticides are my greatest fear is my bees will travel to one of my neighbor’s yards that are using these chemicals and poison my bees.

They have proven Roundup is not inert. It and other harmful pesticides are being found in our water, food and the air we breathe. These pesticides are wreaking havoc on our environment and poisoning our country.

As a beekeeper I offer my services freely but it comes at a huge cost to my bees. If the pesticides don’t kill them immediately then the bees bring the poison home and poison their family slowly.

My bees are in your yard working hard to pollinate your plants, veggies and fruit trees. I hope you all respect that fact and treat them kindly. Remember, we all eat the honey and it is amazing.

We are all stewards of the land and it is so important we protect the ones we love. The next time you see a bumblebee, honeybee or any other flying insect remember without their pollination services we would all perish.

For the sake of all future generations I am asking my neighbors to all take a stand and stop the sale and use of pesticides. Give bees a chance.

Doug Hornaday
Eugene

STUDENT DISCONNECT

This is a call for reform of the Eugene city government, specifically of the City Council and mayoral positions. We currently have eight council members (twice that of Portland), yet as a student of the UO, I feel deeply disconnected from the city government and that we the students are under represented and undervalued by the city.

The police force rarely solves a robbery; it patrols the streets looking to give parking violations and citations to underage drinkers and looking to outside investment to revitalize the city’s downtown. The lack of good police work has created a dependency of the city on the funds received from the continued issuing of petty crime citations, while also inflating the police’s crime stats.

In addition, the parking meters near campus make a fortune, but don’t make sense when discussing social equity, as I see no parking meters in the residential areas of south Eugene. The tension between students and police, combined with little incentive for students to stay in Eugene past graduation, goes against the social equity and sustainable economic development that all the City Council members and mayor have listed under their “special interests and concerns” on the city website.

I challenge the city to prove me wrong. Mayor Kitty Piercy, show me otherwise, because until then we will continue to be misrepresented in government, with no real long-term investments in the city and the college students will continue to pay the price for the city.

Aidan R. Smith
Eugene

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