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As You Like It, the Oregon eco-sex shop, is now offering services as consultants to wedding and event planners in Eugene who are interested in bringing eco-friendly products and knowledge to their clients as well as offering "EcoSex Product Parties." Shop proprietor Kim Marks says "EcoSex Product Parties are interactive product demos and a great way to spend an evening with your closest friends. Ask the questions you're most curious about in a safe intimate environment and learn about the many ways you can bring your passion for the environment into the bedroom." Email info@asyoulikeitpdx.com for more info.

Goody's is a new store at Fifth Street Public Market, offering chocolate, candy and ice cream on the market's second level near the bridge. Grand opening is 10 am to 9 pm Friday, June 8. The business supports the Children's Miracle Network hospitals. The Oregon-based franchise (goodyschocolate.com) has stores around the Northwest, including Sunriver, Redmond, Prineville and Boise.

Delacata Food Truck at 7th and Olive in Eugene, which specializes in Southern soul food dishes, recently conducted a "Cooking for a Cause" fundraiser to benefit Relief Nursery. Check out facebook.com/delacata and facebook.com/reliefnursery

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LANE AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- ODOT has sprayed the following highways in the Eugene-Springfield area in the last two weeks: Belt Line, 99, I-5, 126, I-105. Other highways may be sprayed. For more information call (888) 996-8080.
- Rosboro LLC, (541) 746-8411, plans to spray Garlon 4 and glyphosate on 500 acres of roadsides near the **McKenzie River** and the following tributaries: Doris Creek, Ennis Creek, Quartz Creek and Sugar Creek. See ODF notice 2012-771-00433.

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WHIT SUPER CLEAN-UP HEROES

If you're headed through the Whiteaker on June 10, there's a good chance you'll run into masked and caped avengers sweeping through to pick up trash.

This Sunday will be the fifth annual Whiteaker Clean Up and Community Celebration, an idea generated by Wayne Love. "It started out with me being on the community council and just wanting to make a really fun, cool clean-up," he says.

While on the Whiteaker Community Council, Love made contacts and networked with Sanipac and community business owners who were interested in cleaning up the neighborhood. He now receives donations from them every year to help out in the clean up. Love estimates that nearly 200 volunteers will participate this year.

Since the event's inception, Love thought wearing costumes would make for a more fun and celebratory approach. The costume types vary from year to year. He got the idea for superheroes this year after missing out on

a superhero-themed party. But he also sees the inherent similarities between those who come out to clean up and dress up as crime fighters.

"It makes sense because we really are superheroes," he says. Love estimates they found about 80 used needles strewn about last year and pounds upon pounds of recycling and trash were picked up. "It really is a superhero thing when you come out," he says. "A lot of people want to do something good and it makes it kind of fun for them to do."

The event starts at noon at Scobert Gardens Park with food to gear up for the day and a speech before groups will be divided up and assigned areas. Costumes are not required but encouraged. There will be live music and a raffle with prizes from local businesses including a gift certificate to Izakaya Meji and coffee from Wandering Goat. More info at <http://wkly.ws/1am>

Meanwhile, planning is well under way for the sixth annual Whiteaker Block Party from noon to 11 pm Saturday, Aug. 4. The big event has a Facebook page with 2,346 "likes."

— Ted Shorack

IT'S ABOUT TIME

BY DAVID WAGNER



This is the greenest time of year. All the trees and shrubs have expanded their leaves. The leaves have not yet fully toughened up so most of them retain the bright, spring green that's my favorite color. Still, the lowlands are drying out. The licorice ferns have turned yellow-brown and are falling off the tree branches. Only the ground dwelling colonies in damp, shady spots are keeping their green for a few more weeks.

We notice that very few birds are coming to the feeders. Migrations are over and the nesting season is in full swing. The birds are protecting their territories so they don't gather at feeders. We will see them again with their fledglings.

The biggest surprise for us is the chickadee family using an old decorative nest box which was gifted to us many years ago. Corn cobs, millet heads and lichens were glued to make it attractive to birds but they hardly ever came to feed off it. Just as we were about to take it down because it was falling apart, chickadees started exploring it and now are feeding young. Unlike other nestlings I've known, these are very quiet to avoid bringing attention to themselves.

Vandals scratching the educational signs along Delta Pond trails brings a sad note to our walks. If they don't like nature, why don't they just stay away? No *Azolla* in the ponds this year but there are lots of poppies. They will bloom summer and into fall with occasional rainfall.

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