



SAVE THE HEADWATERS

A treasured resource for our city lies at the foot of West Amazon where the Amazon Headwaters Trail starts to climb towards Spencer Butte.

Strolling along the canyon beneath majestic trees we hear the sounds of forest denizens and Amazon Creek. There is no place in town that is as accessible and yet seems so remote from the cityscape.

Protecting the headwaters of Amazon Creek is vital to the environmental health of the whole watershed. As the only remaining place to complete an ecological corridor between the Amazon Greenway and the headwaters of Amazon Creek, this site was identified by the Army Corps of Engineers Metro Waterways study as a priority for open space acquisition.

Concerned citizens have struggled to preserve this area while developers have

brought forward multiple plans to create multiple residential lots and new roads since 1998.

Now yet another PUD application is in process. The proposed Deerbrook PUD envisions 75 residential lots, extends West Amazon south to connect with Fox Hollow, and includes several new streets.

A public hearing to address the PUD application is scheduled for 5 pm Thursday, June 28, in the City Hall Council Chambers. The public hearing is our opportunity to submit factual information or raise issues.

Attend the hearing and state your concerns or submit a written statement to the Hearings Official c/o Associate Planner Becky Taylor, Eugene Planning Division, 99 West 10th Ave, Eugene 97401. Or email Becky.G.Taylor@ci.eugene.or.us

Save the Amazon Headwaters!

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HEARTS & MINDS

I am excited to hear about the upcoming 50th gathering of Occupying the Heart and Mind, a silent interfaith meditation/prayer circle to cultivate love and compassion for the oppressed. The Occupy movement may not be getting the attention in the press that it did months ago, but please do not be fooled into thinking that it is not growing. The social challenges that led to its inception have yet to be overcome.

As long as our people go unhoused, denied access to education and health care, while the wealthy elite continue

to ravage the environment, there will be a movement. As long as there is a movement, meditation and prayer will be at its heart (and mind). It is no accident that Malcolm X, Mother Teresa, Thich Nhat Hanh, Mohandas Gandhi, and so many of our other most prominent social leaders, activists and educators shared the practices in common.

When we come together as a community to create and hold sacred space in silence, when we take the time to listen deeply to our own hearts and minds, we come to know the interdependence of life. Through the cultivation of this awareness we find the strength and guidance needed to move forward in love and compassion.

As Martin Luther King Jr. has so eloquently said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." May we all come to know with ever increasing clarity the truth of these words. May we continue to be open in our awareness of the divine nature of our own hearts and minds.

*Taylor Pierson
Eugene*

A GIFTED JUDGE

The American Bar Association says that a trial judge should require that every proceeding before him or her be conducted with "unhurried and quiet dignity," and should establish surroundings that are appropriate to the administration of justice. The opinion of the Cottage Grove City

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