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THE Best of Eugene

THOSE WHO GIVE THE "CARE BEAR STARE"

BEST POLITICO

1. **Peter DeFazio**
2. **Kitty Piercy**
3. **Pete Sorenson**

BEST NONPROFIT

1. **FOOD for Lane County** www.foodforlanecounty.org
2. **Planned Parenthood** www.plannedparenthood.org
3. **Greenhill Humane Society** www.green-hill.org

"There is a very deep commitment in Lane County towards feeding hungry people. It goes deep and it has for a long time," FOOD for Lane County Executive Director Beverlee Hughes says. Established in 1984 with just one staff member and one volunteer, FFLC has grown over the past quarter century to be the powerhouse nonprofit we know and trust. The vision remains: eliminate hunger in Lane County. And while distributing 7.5 million pounds of food every year makes a massive difference, FFLC is not stopping there. "Because our food supply has been limited and the number of

people who need our services is greatly increasing, we've turned to our local economy and we've turned to local farmers and have asked them to start growing crops for us," Hughes says, noting that this past year six farmers switched from grass seed to grain crops to help out and the project was a huge success, one they'll continue into the future as they strive to keep besting their bests.

BEST ENVIRO ORGANIZATION

1. **BRING Recycling** www.bringrecycling.org
2. **Cascadia Wildlands** www.cascwild.org
3. **NextStep Recycling** nextsteprecycling.org

Voting for best environmental organization in Eugene is like voting for the best fish in the ocean. Green groups are ubiquitous here, and we love all of them. If you haven't yet been to BRING, then head on over and be prepared to pick through something that's kind of like The. Best. Garage. Sale. Ever. Kitchen sinks, art, nails, chairs, windows, doors, toys ... it's all there. Cascadia Wildlands howled into second with its efforts to save wolves, trees, small potato-shaped birds and stop coal trains from fouling our wild places as well as our lungs. For their electronic needs, readers chose NextStep with its cool computers and programs to help people who don't always have a lot of cash to throw at getting a computer in this cyber-heavy world.

BEST HELL-RAISER

1. **Occupy Eugene**
2. **Lefty Kelleher**
3. **Day Owen**

In one short year Occupy Eugene went from a march to a camp (or five) to loud and proud advocates for the homeless, the disenfranchised and those who are tired of getting beaten up by Wall Street. We saw street folks working with businesspeople and homeless street kids getting politicized. We like it and so do our readers. The Occupation continues.

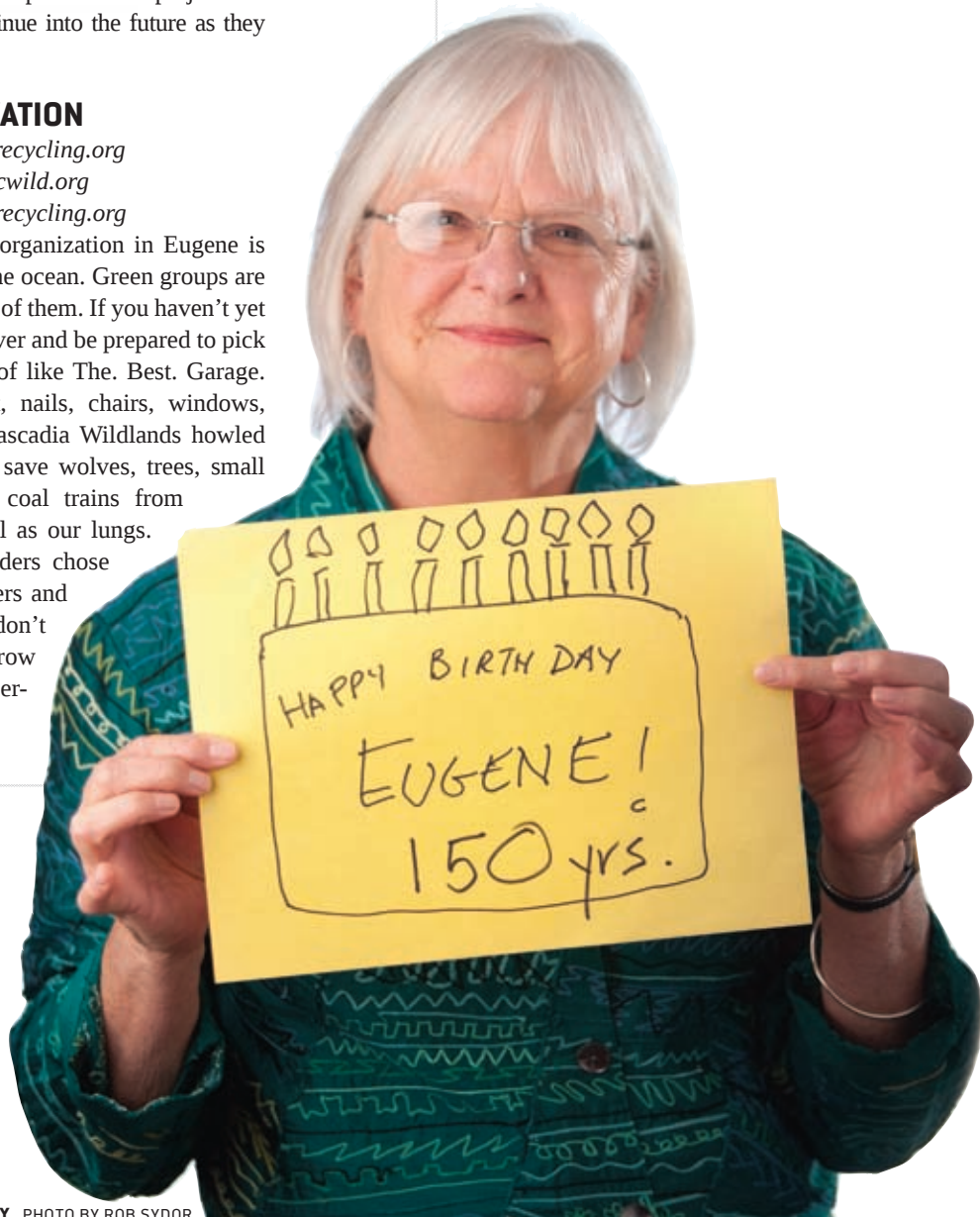
BEST UPROAR

1. **Occupy Eugene**
2. **West 11th EmX**
3. **Pitchfork Rebellion Mock Trial**

PERSON OF THE YEAR

1. **Kitty Piercy**
2. **Chip Kelly**
3. **Peter DeFazio**

You dirty hippies sure do love your Democrats, don't you? Looks like Rep. Peter DeFazio can count on "best politico" voters to support him in his race against Oregon's favorite purveyor of the crazy, Art Robinson. He's got a lot of local momentum, plus one of the best political *Onion* articles of all time: "Last Remaining Politician Must Rebuild Entire Government Following Bloodiest Midterm Election in American History." Person of the year Kitty Piercy knocked it out of the park in May's election, winning 63 percent of the votes for Eugene mayor. That's a lot, even for "we should all agree" Eugene.



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