

- **Eugene Neighbors Inc.** is planning a “show and tell about neighbor-initiated projects” beginning at 5 pm Thursday, May 30, at Davis Restaurant, 94 W. Broadway. Call 345-3306 for more information.

- Climate scientist **Michael E. Mann** will present “The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Frontlines,” describing his role as a major player in the climate change conversation, at the third annual Scientifically Speaking event and auction from 5:30 to 9 pm Thursday, May 30, at the Eugene Hilton. The event may be sold out. See sciencefactory.org.

- The year's first free **Breakfast at the Bridges** event to encourage bike commuting and walking is from 7 to 9:30 am Friday, May 31, at 24th Avenue and Amazon Path, sponsored by Arriving by Bike. See commutechallenge.org for more information. The events are held on the last Friday of every month through October.

- Longtime Eugene peace activist Peg Morton and retired Circuit Court judge Darryl Larson will be honored by **City Club of Eugene** at noon Friday, May 31, at the Hilton 12th floor Ballroom. The club's annual “Turtle Awards” recognize people who have “stuck their neck out” for important civic causes. The Raging Grannies will also perform. \$5 for non-members. See cityclubofeugene.org.

- The next **Conestoga Hut** for the homeless will be assembled at 1870 Hayes St. in Eugene at 2 pm Saturday, June 1. At 1 pm, volunteers can meet at the Community Supported Shelter shop at 1160 Grant St. Eugene to help load materials. Email c.s.eugene@gmail.com to get involved.

- Eugene city **Budget Committee meetings** will continue at 5:30 pm Tuesday, June 4, and 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 5, at the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Eugene Public Library downtown.

## LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Walton Hylomorphia plans to ground spray 175 acres near the **Siuslaw River** with Glyphosate, Triclopyr Ester and Glyphosate Amine.

- ODOT spring spraying plan: the week of May 13, the **Veneta** section including 126 west of Eugene, Hwy. 36 and Territorial Highway; the week of May 20, the **Florence** section of Hwys. 126 West, 36 and 101. Spraying began at the beginning of May, call Tony Kilmer at ODOT District 5 (Lane County area) at 744-8080 or call (888) 996-8080 for herbicide application information.

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## PROTESTERS BOOTED FROM PUBLIC PARK

Although city parks are generally considered open to the public, Tamara Barnes of No Kill Lane County alleges that two officers from the Eugene Police Department (EPD) told her and three others to leave Alton Baker Park at Greenhill Humane Society's Bark in the Park benefit on May 19, raising the question of whether a permit holder for an event can have protesters removed from an otherwise public area.

According to Barnes, she attended the event to hand out fliers in the parking lot and advocate a no-kill policy for Lane County. Barnes says that Greenhill employees asked her to leave the event. Barnes alleges she felt threatened and says she called EPD, who then told her to leave the park and parking lot. Barnes has been critical about Greenhill's management of the county and city's First Avenue Shelter in emails to Greenhill, the media and elected officials and has protested Greenhill in the past over its euthanasia policies.

Barnes alleges the police told her that the event was considered private because Greenhill had a special event permit, which allowed Greenhill to control who attended the event and who entered the event area, including the park and parking lot. “Had I known I could ask for the ordinance, I would have,” Barnes says.

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- SASHA ELLIOTT, GREENHILL

According to Eugene's 2013 Park and Open Space Rules, a special event permit is required if an event has controlled admission or is advertised as a public event, but it is unclear whether this gives the permit holder permission to refuse entry to the park.

Sasha Elliott, communications and events manager for Greenhill Humane Society, says that she acquired a special event permit for Bark in the Park. She says that more than 1,000 community members participated in the 5K run/2K

walk, and pre-registration was required to attend the event. Elliott says that Barnes did not register for the event, and Barnes and three others were asked to leave, first by Greenhill staff and then by two EPD officers. Elliott says she was not present during the conversation between Barnes and the police officers. “This was a small blip in a happy and successful event,” she says.

The Greenhill webpage says the event raised more than \$65,000 for homeless animals.

EPD did not provide information on the incident because the case is currently under investigation due to an associated complaint. — *Amy Schneider*

## HOW MANY DOLLARS FOR THE DALAI?

It came to a grand total of \$550,000 to bring the Dalai Lama to Portland in May, but what it cost to bring him to Eugene is not yet known. His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, spent most of his Oregon visit in Portland, with a stop in Eugene for his May 10 lecture, “The Path to Peace and Happiness in the Global Society.”

UO spokesman Phil Weiler says the UO has not yet done a final accounting of the Eugene event, with some big-ticket expenditures still coming in, but that the UO's “expectation from the beginning was that expenses would exceed revenues.”

According to the Dalai Lama's official website, “As a long-standing policy His Holiness the Dalai Lama does not accept any fees for his talks. Where tickets need to be purchased, organizers are requested by our office to charge the minimum entrance fee in order to cover their costs only.”

A ticket to the Eugene event was \$20. A full day at the Portland May 9 interfaith dialogue and public talk ranged from \$25 to \$175, and a half day was \$15 to \$100. A ticket for the May 11 environmental summit, public lecture and Red Hot Chili Peppers performance in Portland was \$21.25 at the low end and \$1,272 for a “class A” VIP ticket, which included optional “public recognition” and a gift bag. Earlier that week on May 7, the Dalai Lama

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## THOUSANDS MARCH AGAINST MONSANTO

“I feel very strongly that if we don't stop GMOs it will be the end of humanity,” says Lizzy Cwynar. She had never organized a protest before, but her concerns over genetically modified organisms (GMOs) led her to organize Eugene's part of the worldwide March Against Monsanto. Eugene police estimate that about 2,500 people participated in the May 25 event. At least two million people are said to have participated in marches nationwide.

The Eugene march kicked off at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza with songs and performances by the Raging Grannies, Jasun Plaedo Wellman and others, all focusing on biotech giant Monsanto and concerns with GMO-altered foods as well as the pesticides, such as Monsanto's Roundup, that often accompany them. Melissa Wischerath of Eugene's Center for Sustainability Law spoke on “the unprecedented control by Big Gene and Monsanto of our seeds and food products” and the rise of alternatives to GMO domination such as farmers markets.

Cwynar, who was joined in her organizing by Sabrina Siegel of GMO Free Oregon, Michael Weed and Cicely Shave, used social media and

help from the worldwide March Against Monsanto webpage to get the word out about the march. The anti-GMO march wound from downtown, over the Ferry Street Bridge and culminated at Skinner Butte Park with more performances and speakers, Cwynar says. Eugene's protest was mentioned in *USA Today* and other national publications, but didn't get local coverage in *The Register-Guard*.

Cwynar says GMO seeds and “the poison inside them” came to her attention when she was pregnant with her daughter. She wants people to know that “We do have the power locally to take action.” She says that now is the time to call legislators and voice opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 633, which opponents have called an Oregon “Monsanto Protection Act” because it would prevent local governments from banning GMO crops. SB 633 passed out of the Senate and moved to the House earlier this month. May 31 is the deadline for policy committees to move legislation that originated in the opposite chamber.

Cwynar is part of the group Food Democracy Lane County, which is working on local food initiatives. She says that Monsanto has infiltrated the federal government and courts, and it's overwhelming for people, but, “We have power in our state and our county.”

To get involved email Cwynar at [lizzycwynar@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzycwynar@hotmail.com). — *Camilla Mortensen*

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