

ACTIVIST ! LERT

- Basic Rights Oregon will combine eating and equality in its annual **Bites for Rights** fundraiser. On Thursday, June 20, eat at Cornbread Café, The Divine Cupcake, Poppi's Anatolia, Sweet Life Patisserie and Whirled Pies Pizzeria in Eugene or Interzone, Les Caves Bier & Kitchen or Squirrel's Tavern in Corvallis to show your support.

- Walk, bike or ride the bus Thursday, June 20, for **Dump the Pump Day**. Who knows, you might just get addicted.

- "The Future of **Oregon's Natural Resources**" is the topic of a three-part series at City Club of Eugene beginning at noon Friday, June 21, at the Hilton 12th Floor Ballroom. Speaker will be Brett Brownscombe, Gov. Kitzhaber's natural resources policy advisor. \$5 for non-members. The next week, June 28, will be on "Oregon's Growth Management Experience" with attorney Richard P. Benner. See cityclubofeugene.org.

- **Mayor Kitty Piercy's** "One-on-One" next public session will be from 5 to 6 pm Tuesday, June 25, at Albertson's, 311 Coburg Road. Ward 4 Councilor George Poling will also be on hand to meet with interested citizens. Piercy holds these meetings in a different neighborhood each month. Call 682-5010 for more information.

- "**CAHOOTS** and Community Services" will be the topic at the Lane County Consumer/Survivor Advisory Council meeting from 1 to 3 pm Tuesday, June 25, at Lane County Behavioral Health Services, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Brenton Gicker of CAHOOTS will speak at 2 pm.

- The Eugene Police Commission is hosting a **State of Public Safety Forum** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday, June 27, at the Eugene Public Library. Panelists will discuss the state of public safety, issues of importance and their thoughts about the future of public safety in our community. Panelists include Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns, Lane County Sheriff Tom Turner, District Attorney Alex Gardner, Police Auditor Mark Gissiner, Municipal Court Presiding Judge Wayne Allen, and St. Vincent de Paul Executive Director Terry McDonald. Contact number for the event is 682-5852.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

- In our Summer Guide issue June 6, we listed a wrong date for the **Blackberry bRamble 2013**. The correct date for the bike rides is Sunday, Aug. 4. A dinner, speaker and film showing will be Saturday, Aug. 3, and the big ride and celebration are Sunday, all at the Hilyard Community Center. See eugenegears.org for details and registration.

- We listed the wrong number in our Chow! story last week for **Kung Fu Bistro**. The number was correct in our restaurant listings. The correct number is 968-9258.

- We found out this week that **Friendly Street Market** is getting a new owner and will not be closing for remodeling as we reported in Chow! last week.

- A Chow! story misidentified part-owner of Willie's Lebanese and Northwest Cuisine Moses Kimbell as manager.

NEWS

OMOT SUES FEDS OVER EMX FONSI

In objection to the planned West 11th EmX extension, perennial bus-rapid-transit-opponents Our Money Our Transit (OMOT) filed a lawsuit against the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) June 11, calling for the project to be halted pending further review. The suit claims that the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that the FTA issued after reviewing the expected effects of the LTD project's impact was improper, but LTD says that it thinks the FONSI will hold up in court, and there's not much chance that the EmX extension will be delayed.

LTD spokesperson Andy Vobora says that there wasn't much new information contained in the lawsuit, and LTD believes the FONSI was meticulous. While the EmX extension is still in the engineering phase, he says the project's construction, expected to begin in 2015, probably won't be held up by the lawsuit. The main effect he predicts from the suit is the resources that LTD will have to devote to documentation and materials. "We'll obviously be spending a lot of local dollars and time by staff putting those documents together as part of the background information for the FTA legal staff to present their case," he says.

"FTA's FONSI is based on faulty and incomplete information that does not provide a clear and concise explanation of the agency's decision-making process and ignores FTA's duty to independently review and evaluate environmental documents," the lawsuit alleges.

The document also states that the FONSI should have reviewed the selection of 6th and 7th avenues as connectors to West 11th. LTD's preferred alternative was a connection via 13th Avenue, but City Council voted for the 6th/7th option after considering factors such as the need for economic development on the 6th/7th corridor and its better potential to connect with a future River Road corridor EmX route. "That's one of the interesting parts about the challenge," Vobora says. Early in the process, LTD was considering 58 different alternative routes.

Local pro-EmX group Better Eugene-Springfield Transit (BEST) says it doesn't have much to say about the lawsuit. "What we can say is that, regardless of the lawsuit, we are interested in making sure that West Eugene EmX is designed and constructed with as few negative impacts on businesses and residents as possible," says BEST member Rob Zako. "We will be watching LTD and its consultants, and working with local businesses, to help make sure this is so. And we continue to believe that West Eugene EmX is a critical component of a better regional transit system that will help people get from where they live to where they work, shop, learn and play."

A spokesperson for FTA says that the agency can't comment on pending litigation. — Shannon Finnell

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HAPPENING PEOPLE

BY PAUL NEEVEL



KALLEN KORIN

"I decided I was going to be a nurse when I was 5," says New Jersey native Kallen Korin, who grew up in Burlington, earned a bachelors from Rutgers College of Nursing in Newark and married Joel Korin of nearby Camden. They lived there for 35 years and raised two sons in Haddonfield, where he was a trial attorney and she was a public health nurse. "Since 1978, I've been a childbirth educator, working in doctors' offices and hospitals," she says. "I've taught classes on early pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding, as well as classes for siblings, fathers and grandparents. I've been very involved with perinatal mood disorders." Korin has also worked as a doula for 12 years, and she was trained and certified as a lactation consultant in 2010. A year later, she and newly retired husband Joel left New Jersey to join their son Steven, his wife, Sarah, and their granddaughter Ayla in Eugene, where she quickly launched her new business, Willamette Valley Lactation Consultants. "I work a little less than half time," says Korin, who shares the load with co-worker Kirsten Stock. "A home visit takes about two hours. We set up a plan of care, then follow up by phone or a second visit, as needed." Korin also volunteers with WellMama and Baby Connection support groups. She serves on the board of Ballet Fantastique Dance Studio and regularly babysits granddaughter Ayla.