

ACTIVIST ALERT

- The Eugene Budget Committee's **Revenue Team** subcommittee meets from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Atrium Building Sloat Room at 10th and Olive.

- The new **350Eugene** chapter's "Think & Drink" will be from 6 to 7 pm Thursday, Feb. 20, at Hop Valley Brewing at 990 W. 1st Ave. Thursday, Feb. 20. Call 343-5091 or find the group on Facebook.

- **Bob Doppelt** of the Resource Innovation Group will speak on "The Social Costs of Climate Disruption" at 7:30 pm Friday, Feb. 21, at 100 Willamette Hall on the UO campus. Contact Tom Titus of the Eugene Natural History Society at 484-4477.

- **Friends of David Oaks** (FODO) is planning a "living estate sale" Feb. 21-23 in the storefront next to Jasper's Deli at Delta Oaks Shopping Center on Green Acres Road. Find the FODO sale on Facebook at wkly.ws/1os or call 343-8242.

- County Commission candidate **Joann Ernst** will hold a town hall and meet-and-greet between 1 and 5 pm Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Lowell Grange, 51 E 2nd St. in Lowell. Light snacks and coffee will be served. Her campaign manager is Dan Kinkler, [860] 389-1390.

- County Commission candidate **Kevin Matthews** will hold a fundraising event from 6 to 8 pm Sunday, Feb. 23, at Agrarian Ales on West Crossroads Lane in Coburg. Speakers will include John Sundquist, Jerry Rust and Matt Keating.

- Author, educator and artist **Walidah Imarisha** will lead an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project session on "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon?" at 2 pm Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Eugene Public Library. Participants will receive free passes to see the exhibit "Emancipating the Past: Kara Walker's Tales of Slavery and Power" at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art.

- **Eugene City Hall plans** will be shown and discussed at two open house events. The first will be from 4:30 to 6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 24, at the Eugene Public Library. The second will be the same time Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Cal Young Middle School cafeteria, 2555 Gilham Road. Members of the design team will be at both meetings. Email Michael.J.Penwell@ci.eugene.or.us for more information or visit the city website.

- The **Eugene Municipal Court** is conducting a survey to gather public feedback on public safety concerns. The feedback will be used to focus work and gauge support for the inclusion of a Community Court into the current municipal court structure. The survey's aim is to assess the needs of the community based on the public's perception of the most prevalent offenses. Find the survey at Eugene-or.gov or pick up a hard copy at Municipal Court, 1102 Lincoln St. Surveys will be collected March 2.

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to process most land-use applications. According to LandWatch President Bob Emmons, the county's "repeated failures to meet the processing deadline" exclude neighbors from equal participation in the land-use process.

Lane County reviewed the order in March 2012 and responded that it has taken various actions to address the issues, and the county argued that the land-use applications that were cited did not meet the definition of a "pattern or practice."

LandWatch then took the case to the DLCD. Rob Hallyburton, DLCD Community Services Division manager, says this citizen-initiated petition for enforcement "is not a typical thing for us to be working on" or something the agency usually deals with, but that under the law a member of the public can petition for enforcement as LandWatch has done.

Emmons says that delays by Lane County and DLCD have weakened the group's case, and as he wrote in a Summer 2013 LandWatch newsletter, the delays confirmed "the perception that DLCD subverts the public's interest by working in collusion with local governments." Emmons says that under the law only two examples are needed to show a pattern or practice, and LandWatch submitted 47 cases to DLCD, 13 of which he says were deemed inadmissible due to the delays.

"We aren't anti-government by any means," says Lauri Segel-Vaccher of LandWatch, but she says that DLCD is not living up to its principles, and this is affecting efforts to protect land in Lane County.

In March 2013 the Land Conservation and Development Commission held a hearing on the issue, and now in 2014 Segel-Vaccher says a final order, which would allow LandWatch to move to the next step in the Court of Appeals, if it chose to do so, has yet to be issued.

Hallyburton says that the current status of the case "is we are still working on it." He adds, "This case is pretty complicated and has some issues that requires us to work closely with our legal counsel," which is the Oregon Department of Justice. He says the agency is lacking the "ability and time to work on it" and on other orders as well, which he says can take six months to a year to come out. "We don't want to take that long and we don't feel good about it," he says, citing a lack of resources.

Emmons writes that after the commission hearing, "It was clear to the three of us who had traveled to Salem with the expectation of a fair hearing that DLCD exists to facilitate the grasping wastrels of the land and their enablers, not the needs of the environment and community." — *Camilla Mortensen*



LANE UNITED MAKING NOISE AHEAD OF DEBUT SEASON

Lane United FC hasn't pieced together its roster, but the soccer club already has high expectations — and not just on the field. The newest member of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Premier Development League signed a three-year deal with Springfield's Willamalane Parks and Recreation District as its venue, but the Northwest Division's latest under-23 competitor plans to go USL-Pro as soon as it has a more permanent pitch to call home.

David Galas, the club's managing director, says Lane United would love to fill the seats and the win column at a renovated Civic Stadium, but among the many roadblocks standing in the way of this possibility becoming reality is an ownership that doesn't want to own a stadium. "If someone wants to step up and run a facility we would be an anchor tenant and lease the stadium from them for each season," Galas says. "My concern is that it's just going to take a really long time outside our desired timetable for going USL Pro."

Focusing on the present, tryouts are under way, with more upcoming and a wealth of talent expected to lace up cleats from all over the U.S. and abroad once the season begins in May.

David Galas' brother John Galas joins Lane United this spring and helps make the team a tantalizing destination for future players. He has been an assistant coach for women's soccer teams at UO, University of Arizona and Florida State University, while also spending time as a performance analyst for the Portland Timbers and assistant coach for the Portland Thorns FC.

"He has been in very close contact with his coaching network, and so he is getting commitments from college players and from international players," David Galas says. "We're getting high-level, out-of-town players who are committing. And we're trying to supplement that with all the best local talent we can find."

Soccer's international cachet as well as its popularity in the Eugene-Springfield area helps fill tryouts and, in time, will help fill the roster. This summer's World Cup in Brazil will also draw attention to local soccer. "We want to do as much as we can around that in terms of promotion and events and getting our fans together and trying to grow," Galas says. "Our goal right now is two-fold: one to grow a fanbase and the other is to grow the sport in the area."

Lane United just signed another three-year deal, this one with Oakshire Brewing. Oakshire will be the Reds' exclusive match jersey sponsor and Oakshire's Public House in the Whiteaker will serve as a venue for Lane United's community events, including the plans for World Cup viewing parties in June and July. — *Nick Poust*