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The spray notice Weyerhaeuser filed with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) says possible chemicals used were aminopyralid, metsulfuron methyl, glyphosate, imazapyr and sulfometuron methyl. The notice was submitted on Aug. 12, and the spray was slated to occur any time between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31. The areas were sprayed Sept. 8 and 9.

Lisa Arkin of Beyond Toxics, who went out to look at the area last week, says the buffer the Oregon Legislature voted give to school kids this year is 60 feet — the same it gives fish-bearing streams. She points out that the 60-foot measurement is from the buildings, not from the playground or other outdoor areas.

Arkin says, "In a community where there has been so much about aerial sprays and harm, Weyerhaeuser chose to spray all over the valley, close to the school on the first two days of school." She says the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) tells her there were at least 10 sprays the first day.

Ruppert reported the sprays and symptoms, and Bruce Pokarney of the ODA confirms that ODA inspectors have been to the Ruppert property and the school, "and have taken environmental samples (plants) from both locations. They are currently in the lab for analysis." He says, "I don't know yet when we will have results."

Weyerhaeuser spokesman Greg Miller says, "We are aware of the complaint filed with Oregon Department of Agriculture. We will cooperate with ODA as it proceeds through its complaint process. We follow all state and federal laws when we apply forest herbicides."

Ruppert has contacted the Triangle Lake school repeatedly, she says, and asked that information be provided to parents about their children's possible exposure, but she says that has not happened.

School principal and superintendent James Brookins says that Triangle Lake was not notified of the spray because it is not on ODF's list, but will be "potentially pursuing receiving" spray notifications, adding, if the spray notices "were to come out without prompting that would be wonderful."

He adds that as a charter school, Triangle Lake's focus areas are "health and wellness, technology and natural resources so we are, as an institution, concerned with these issues."

Ruppert says she too is concerned — both for her family and for the school — because Weyerhaeuser has been clearcutting around her property, and she worries about what will happen when the company begins to spray even closer to her home and the school. — *Camilla Mortensen*

RABBIT BISTRO'S WATERMELON GAZPACHO

- 2 lbs assorted heirloom tomatoes
- 1 pint basket heirloom cherry tomatoes
- 1.5 lbs clean watermelon, no seeds
- 1 English cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 baguette, diced
- 1 medium Spanish onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 1 cup dry red wine, preferably Spanish
- 1 cup olive oil, preferably Spanish
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large container, mix all ingredients well and press on the tomatoes and watermelon, ensuring that they release enough liquid to almost cover the mixture. Cover and place in refrigerator for at least 12 hours. Blend in a blender in batches, and pass through a fine sieve. Serve in chilled bowls. Serves approximately eight.



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• The **South Willamette** Special Zone Area is the topic at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, Sept. 18, at the Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette Street. Planning consultant Eben Fodor and local architect and Planning Commission Chairman Bill Randall will be the speakers. The discussion is in advance of an Oct. 19 public hearing before the City Council on the proposal to create a long-range development plan along the Willamette corridor between 23rd and 32nd avenues. Fodor is a critic of the plan and its impact on the neighborhood and Randall helped craft the plan. \$5 for non-members. See cityclubofeugene.org to get on the club mailing list. The Eugene Railroad Quiet Zone will be the topic for the following week, Sept. 25.

• "**Pinwheels for Peace**" is an art installation involving more than 520 students at O'Hara Catholic School that will begin at 8:45 am Monday, Sept. 21, on the school's front lawn, 715 W. 18th Ave. "This project is non-political," says an email from the school administration. "Peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war. It can be related to violence/intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind." See oharaschool.org or pinwheelsforpeace.com or call 485-5291.

• An **International Day of Peace** observance will be at 6:30 pm Monday, Sept. 21, at the UO Knight Law Center at 1515 Agate Street on campus, featuring speakers, a display of Hiroshima and Nagasaki posters and a reception. For more information see oregonwand.org or call CALC at 485-1755.

• Lane County is inviting public comment on its draft 20-year **Parks Master Plan**, which will guide the management of county parks from 2016 to 2036. This is the first comprehensive update to the original 1980 master plan. The draft plan is available at local city libraries, and open houses will be from 6 to 8 pm Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Lane Fire Authority, 88050 Territorial Hwy. in Veneta, and 6 to 8 pm Thursday, Sept. 24, at Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th Ave. in Eugene.

• A free showing of the documentary **Hellfire: A Journey from Hiroshima**, followed by a panel discussion will be at 6:30 pm Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the UO Knight Law Center, Room 175. The Academy Award-nominated film features the Hiroshima Murals, which "artfully depict the effects of the atomic bomb, and reveal a message of hope in our nuclear age." For more information see oregonwand.org or call CALC at 485-1755.

• The **Lane County Planning Commission** has a vacancy coming up representing the western part of the county. The commission makes recommendations to the County Commission on land use issues. See lanecounty.org. Deadline to apply is Sept. 18.

• The play **Mercy Killers** will be performed by Broadway actor Michael Milligan at 2 pm Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Richard E. Wildish Theater, 630 Main Street in Springfield, and again at 7:30 pm Friday, Sept. 25, at Very Little Theatre, 2350 Hilyard Street. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$15 online at wkly.ws/22g. Sponsored by Health Care for All Oregon-Eugene and Encircle Films.

• The review panel for the city's **Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption** (MUPT) program is calling for applications for six technical member positions. This newly formed panel will provide a third-party review of the MUPT program for the city manager. Deadline to apply is Sept. 21. Email amanda.nobelflannery@ci.eugene.or.us for more information.

• The Oregon Secretary of State is holding a public hearing on the new **Motor Voter law** from 6 to 7:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 24, at Eugene Public Library downtown.