Buford Park propose to log.

Imagine massive numbers of people taking this action, refusing to leave until all decisions to murder trees, along with any contracts with lumber companies have been rescinded. Prepare to be inconvenienced, dirty and arrested. Some of us who don't have young children might be prepared to die. The jails can only hold so many people, so please show up if you agree.

Regarding the lame-ass reasons the "Friends" of Buford Park will give as to why they are so keen to log (again!) — one is forced to consider that they may be capable of less than altruistic agendas. The invasive and/or dying species issue is their trump card. Let's stop and take a breath on this one because it's gone overboard. Nature will work things out on its own.

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ECOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE

I currently reside in Portland, where my neighborhood has been severely impacted by thoughtless infill due to non-resident developers in cooperation with the city. Gentrification quickly makes traditional neighborhoods unaffordable. Smarter infill uses cohousing where committed residents become member-developers themselves. Thus, I have become a member-developer in Eugene's multi-generation Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing (OMC), similar to 200 others around the country.

Cohousing ingeniously clusters modest homes around a community building, providing its intentional residents proximal spaces for common meals and meetings. This offers an ecological advantage of sharing resources, lessening local footprint impacts.

As a non-practicing lawyer and author, I work at home next to gardens. I use a recumbent cycle from most local travel, supplemented by public transport. I look forward to cycling on Eugene's 300-mile bicycling network. Willamette bike trail runs next to OMC.

It is unfortunate that OMC's already approved plan has been severely stalled due to an egregious error committed by the Eugene city government, which failed to properly notify a protesting resident in the permitting process. It would be a shame if this property is developed by profit-driven motives rather than by committed, sensitive residents themselves.

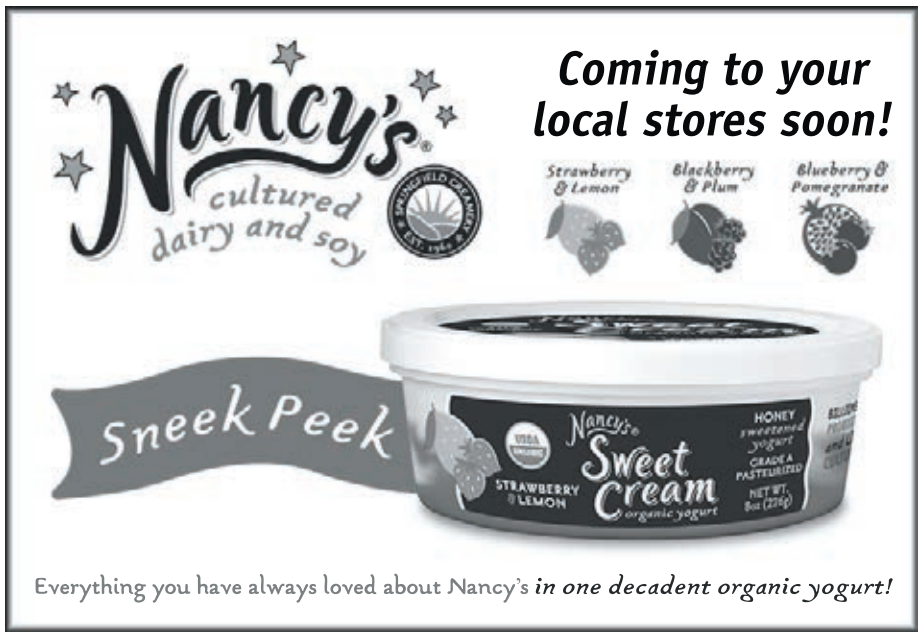
S. Brian Willson
Portland

BETTER LOCATION

Here's a suggestion for the members/developers of the embattled Oakleigh Meadows project. It might seem sarcastic, but I'm serious.

It should be abundantly clear at this point that the neighbors around this meadow do not want this development. Rather than building your cohousing project in a pristine meadow along a riverbank, why not look into purchasing several distressed properties in the Whiteaker neighborhood and building there? You will still have ready access to the bike path, you'll be close to the funky eateries along Blair Avenue and you'll help preserve Eugene's open spaces at the same time.

Jim Johnson
Eugene

DIFFERENT VISION

The problem of the riffraff in the downtown core is about nothing so much as some BMW owner on Spring Boulevard who can't come downtown to sip his pinot gris under an umbrella on the sidewalk after having spent $175 for two tickets to Yo-Yo Ma at the Hult without having to