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• You should have gotten your ballot in the mail this week for **Measure 101. Vote "Yes!"**

• In addition to the Jan. 23 special election, **things are getting under way for the May primary.** Officially for the Democrats, law student Kimberly Koops-Wrabek has filed, and a press release confirms that Marty Wilde, a lawyer and health care administrator, is also in the race for Rep. Phil Barnhart's District 11 legislative seat. Attorney and District 11 chair Kamala Shugar has announced she will not run. See our blog at eugeneweekly.com for updates.

• Are you unhoused or without an address? Don't let that stop you from voting. Lane County tells us, **"Individuals do not have to have a traditional residential address in order to register to vote.** Their physical location can be used to help determine which voting precincts they should be included in." According to the county's public information officer, Devon Ashbridge, "the staff in our Elections Office takes great pride in making sure that anyone who is eligible to vote — regardless of his or her circumstance — is able to register, as well as receive and return ballots." Ashbridge says homeless individuals can get assistance in person at the Elections Office (275 W. 10th Avenue) or by phone at 541-682-4234. For voters without a mailing address, the Elections Office can arrange to hold their ballots for two weeks. She adds that the post office may also offer similar hold and pick up services. Paul Neville, director of public relations at St. Vincent DePaul, and staff at the Eugene Service Station (56 Highway 99 North) tell us that ESS staff can help make a phone call, fill out a new form or provide a stamp or a ride to Lane County Elections to help facilitate voting.

• In mid-December, Mayor Lucy Vinis asked all Eugene city councilors to send her their **hopes for the city in 2018 and beyond, and what they are most proud of in 2017.** Saying she would not use these unless all councilors responded — a curious limitation — she didn't include those she did receive in her "State of the City" address or publication, so we offer the responses from councilors Betty Taylor and Emily Semple. In 2017, Taylor was most proud of the saving and naming of Kesey Square, street repairs, the free symphony at the Cuthbert and adding some seating downtown. Her hopes for the future include a homeless

shelter downtown, a youth center downtown, City Hall, restoration of the Eugene airport's flying people art in its entirety, the return of free parking downtown, the cooperation of business owner Ali Emani to open the walls on two sides of Kesey Square, the elimination of the MUPT tax break for developers, a fireworks ban, more permanent seating downtown, self-cleaning restrooms scattered through downtown, a daylighted millrace, and putting community gardens in currently unused spaces, such as the former City Hall block. Semple says she was most proud of downtown improvements in 2017, and her 2018 wishes are for increased car camping, more dusk-to-dawn sites, overnight facilities for the unhoused, including those with substance abuse problems and other innovative overnight solutions, as well as day storage areas and community centers.

• People who sleep in **tents in homeless camps** have more than the bitter cold to deal with each night. Dampness creeps into those unheated spaces and wrecks sleeping bags and mattress pads, making them unusable. "Once the mold sets in, even spraying with bleach doesn't help," one camper told us. Many of us who are more fortunate have extra sleeping pads, Coleman stoves and other outdoor equipment that's rarely used. The homeless camps really appreciate that dry gear. If you don't know where to bring such items, feel free to stop by *EW's* office at 1251 Lincoln Street as we collect gear and clothing for the unhoused and make regular runs with them to the White Bird Clinic.

• Sabrina Madison-Cannon, an associate dean at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a professor of dance at the school's Conservatory of Music and Dance, will **be the new dean of the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance**, the UO said this week. An African-American who's a former soloist with Philadelphia Dance Company, she will start work this summer, overseeing — among other things — the struggling **Oregon Bach Festival**. The UO has already deflected *EW's* request to talk with the new dean. "She'll be happy to connect with you when she arrives on campus, but it would be premature to talk just yet," UO spokesman Tobin Klinger replied when we emailed Madison-Cannon for an interview.



• **Scott Landfield at Tsunami Books** says that the longtime bookstore and performance venue has until Jan. 15 to have \$302,000 ready to go into an escrow account to secure another 10-year lease on its Willamette Street location. Landfield says, "Tsunami has always been timely on rent, so that is not the issue," it is more an assurance to the new owners "that we can cover a 220 percent increase in rent." Landfield continues, "Using a community-wide micro-loan process we have thousands of people involved, have \$160,000 in the bank and about another \$80,000 pledged our way." People can contact Landfield at tsunami1@opusnet.com for more info or to donate.

• The **Eugene Cohousing Downtown** project has been set aside, for now, according to Martin Henner, a key organizer. Cohousing is a form of community living that is growing in popularity worldwide and has taken off in Portland and Corvallis, but not so far in Eugene. The urban-style adult development intended for a vacant lot on Lincoln Street near Broadway "has not managed to attract enough people to make it work," Henner says. "Interested people were hanging back, waiting to see if they wanted to join us after we had reached the state of architectural drawings and actual unit prices." For updates, call Linda Seymour at 541-344-5751 or email eugenecohousingdowntown@gmail.com.

• Meanwhile, the suburban **Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing** development is advancing despite lengthy appeals and legal challenges. The family-oriented project along the Willamette River is expecting to break ground next fall. "The city is deeply committed to the success of our project," says project manager Will Dixon. "We are 95 percent complete with building permits, and we have a strong core of households committed to forging ahead." Organizers hold regular meetings on the third Sundays of the month. The next will be Jan. 21. Call 541-689-3548 or find designs and more information online.

• **Hong Kong Restaurant** at 18th and Willamette in Eugene is under new ownership, with new pastry chefs trained in China. The extensive new menu for lunch and dinner is getting positive reviews. Li Zhang bought the restaurant from Ted and Jolie Tang, who retired last June after running the restaurant for 34 years.

• We see that Russell Fox has taken over **Action Drain** from his uncle, Ryan Fox. The small Eugene business competes with the larger roofer businesses and has the motto: "We drain your sink, not your wallet."

• The planned \$43 million **McKenzie River Interpretive Center and Discovery Park** is reporting progress. The nonprofit Friends of the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery has raised more than \$1.2 million so far to lease the 46 acres and begin development planning. The latest grant is \$25,000 from a fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. The site of the center will be the historic old hatchery near Leaburg Dam, which is now a county park and wayside. Across the river is the Leaburg Fish Hatchery, which is owned by the Army Corp of Engineers and has been threatened with closure. The interpretive center is intended to "honor Oregon's most beautiful river, its boating and fishing legacies." Call 541-914-9089 for more information or to get involved.

Send business updates and tips to bizbeat@eugeneweekly.com

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY INFORMATION

• Bauman Tree Farm, 541-746-8990, plans to manually spray Velpar L, Vista, Atrazine 4L, Oust XP, Alligare 90 (non-ionic surfactant) and/or AD-Wet 90 CA on 48.2 acres between Territorial Hwy, Briggs Hill Road and Lorane Highway. See ODF notification 2018-781-00228, call Brian Peterson at 541-935-2283 with questions.

• RDK Land and Timber, 541-896-3222, plans to hire Strata Forestry, 541-726-0845, to spray Garlon 3A on 43.0 acres between Knight Road and Poodle Creek Road, and Polaris AC Complete and/or triclopyr with amine on 81.6 acres near Cedar Creek. See ODF notifications 2018-781-00394 and 2018-781-00477, call Robin Biesecker at 541-935-2283 or Tim Meehan at 541-726-3588 with questions.

• Roseburg Resources, 541-679-3311, plans to spray atrazine, clopyralid, glyphosate, hexazinone, imazapyr, sulfometuron methyl, metsulfuron methyl, Esplanade F, Cleantraxx, Opensight, Payload, triclopyr with ester, 2,4-D with ester, Forest Crop Oil, W.E.B. Oil, No Foam, Activator 90, Brush & Basal Oil, Herbimax, MSO Concentrate, Mor-Act and/or Surface (non-ionic surfactant) on 144.8 acres near Glenad Road, north of Woahink Lake. See ODF notification 2018-781-00740, call Quincy Coons at 541-935-2283 with questions.

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