

letters

Food Not Bombs

Kudos to *Eugene Weekly* for continuing to mention Food Not Bombs Eugene in the Activist Alert column. It's very gratifying to see so much community support which helps us in our mission to provide food and basic necessities to whoever needs it. We're in this for the long haul and ongoing support is critical. Thanks *Eugene Weekly*!

Stephanie Emerson
Eugene

Why Reinvent the Wheel?

I want to thank Mick Harty for his powerful piece — “Angry Compassion” — on being a part of the CAHOOTS team (*EW*, 4/17).

When I was reading Harty’s writing out loud to my partner, I needed to stop often, taking pause for crying. Crying for CAHOOTS workers, crying for those who still need the gentle and compassionate care given by CAHOOTS street heroes as they help those who are in crisis or are freezing on a mid-winter evening. My eyes were so red from all that crying!

This is “the why” that CAHOOTS warrants new-found funding, so it can be returned to the streets of Eugene. I’d like to know deeper about the more shady parts to this loss of CAHOOTS. I don’t want to belittle our county for their plans to operate some sort of alternative. I do have to ask, though, why attempt to re-invent the wheel when our community already had an incredibly useful one?

Debbi Summers
Eugene

Thank you, Sharon Schuman

Thank you for the piece commemorating the life of Sharon Schuman (*EW*, 5/1). We at SquareOne Villages fully agree that she was a “fierce advocate” for social causes,

and wanted to take a moment to express our profound gratitude for Schuman’s unwavering commitment to our cause.

Schuman was deeply engaged in our mission to create permanently affordable, democratic communities, and contributed significantly to its evolution over her six-plus year tenure on our board. She always spoke vigorously and passionately, was never shy to ask the difficult questions, and often challenged us to consider an issue from a different perspective to reach a better solution. And as a former literature professor, she loved to help us wordsmith our policy and writing and surely would have had feedback on this letter!

It’s humbling to know that Schuman’s selfless contributions to SquareOne was just one small piece of a full life that touched so many through her dedication to various other nonprofits and music groups in our community. Her presence will be sincerely missed, but her contributions will continue to live on as we move forward in our commitment to create more equitable housing opportunities.

Andrew Heben and Isaac Judd
Eugene

Feel the Pride

From one who came out in this city in 1985, I just wanted to take a moment to let you all know, we have been here before. Not so blatantly, as it was pre-wifi and pure insanity in the White House.

As we enter into Pride month, I feel we are in the perfect spot to have a rip roaring good time! Please remember to take the high road, if you happen upon one who thinks it’s their right to judge. Based upon those who’ve protested at Pride in the past, we way out number them and they are easy to ignore. We all deserve to be here. I pray for those that don’t get that.

To be raised in a city that honors its diversity is such a blessing. It’s time to celebrate that honor!

Diane Wall
Eugene

Rec Pays Dividends

I have past experience working with the city of Eugene’s Recreation Division,

Upcoming City of Eugene Budget Committee Meetings

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
For more information about upcoming meetings, go to the City of Eugene website: www.eugene-or.gov/BudgetCommittee

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 City Manager Presents the 2025-2027 Proposed Budget	Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Budget Committee deliberation and public comment on the 2025-2027 Proposed Budget
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 Budget Committee deliberation and public comment on the 2025-2027 Proposed Budget	Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Budget Committee deliberation and public hearing on the 2025-2027 Proposed Budget



BEST Better Ways Block Party

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Sunday, May 18
1 - 5pm

Farmers Market Pavilion and Plaza
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- Food trucks!
- Demos by local groups!
- Educational exhibits!
- Giveaways!
- Music!
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THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW

OUR TOP STORY TONIGHT--THE PRESIDENT HAS ONCE AGAIN SAID OR DONE SOMETHING INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID!

JOINING US TO PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE ON THE INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID THING IS TRUMP ADMINISTRATION APOLOGIST SCOTT BESSENT!

THE PRESIDENT KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING! AND AFTER AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF BRUTAL HARSHIP FOR EVERY AMERICAN, THE BRILLIANCE OF THE INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID THING WILL BE APPARENT TO EVERYONE!

ALSO, PLEASE IGNORE THE PAINED EXPRESSION ON MY FACE! I TOTALLY BELIEVE THESE THINGS I AM SAYING!

I SEE! WE TURN NOW TO SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER FOR HIS REACTION!

THE INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID THING IS CONCERNING! YOU MIGHT EVEN CALL IT MILDLY ALARMING!

I INTEND TO WRITE ANOTHER STRONGLY-WORDED LETTER, TO WHICH I AM SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION!

IN RELATED NEWS, THE DOW JONES PLUNGED IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO THE INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID THING!

PRESIDENT TRUMP POSTED THAT THE STOCK MARKET IS FAKE AND SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR ELECTION INTERFERENCE!

I'M GETTING SOME BREAKING NEWS--THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID OR DONE SOMETHING EVEN MORE INCOMPREHENSIBLY STUPID!

WOW, WHAT WERE THE ODDS OF THAT?

WAIT--I'M GETTING ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM THE CONTROL ROOM.

GOSH, LET ME TAKE A WILD GUESS.

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