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Steve Ryberg cleans up items he says were left behind by swimmers illegally accessing the Row River from his property. Ryberg said trespassing, drunkenness, illegal camping and dogs that are out of their owner's control are just a few of the problems that residents living along the river have to deal with each summer.

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## THE RIVER WILD

Residents near the Row River say visitors are tearing up the place

BY JON STINNETT  
 The Cottage Grove Sentinel

For many, summertime by a lazy river conjures up idyllic images of cool swims, encounters with wildlife and long, beautiful sunsets. But for some homeowners who live by the Row River southeast of Cottage Grove, summer can be anything but relaxing.

"We're at our wit's end," said Cindy Ryberg, who lives with her husband, Steve, on property that fronts the river near Culp Creek. "Between the traffic, the people who throw their trash on the road and camp out on any place they find, it's just ridiculous. The things we have to put up with out here will curl your hair. We hate summer, and this is why."

The Rybergs have a deep swimming hole behind their home even in dry weather, and they say it's often difficult to convince people who have

journeyed to the area for a swim that they're on private property.

"We have 'no trespassing' signs, but people just ignore them or move them out of the way," Cindy Ryberg said. "My husband is so nice when he asks them to move along, but he's been cursed at and had dogs called on him. There's a mindset that it's a river, and people feel they have a right to be in it."

Nancy Nott, who lives near the Rybergs, said there are always a lot of people swimming in the area on hot days, but lately, she hasn't been one of them.

"I always try to stay in my house," she said. "There's always a lot of drinking and people driving around, usually to and from Wildwood Falls. In the last few years, the river's gotten so bad with people camping for long periods that won't clean up after themselves. It usually starts about the time school lets out, but this year, it

was early."

The Rybergs agree that the situation near the river has continued to deteriorate.

"Every summer, it's getting worse," Cindy Ryberg said. "It's never been this bad before."

In addition to picking up human waste, used needles and other unsavory items, the Rybergs say they've witnessed couples having sex in their backyard and drunk drivers plowing into nearby bridges.

"This is a beautiful area, but it isn't so beautiful anymore," Steve Ryberg said. "It's party central, and it's pretty scary for us. We're not unreasonable people. We're just fed up."

Ryberg said the majority of visitors seem to be young people that have driven down from the Eugene/Springfield area, people who appear loath to carry out the trash they've brought

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## Preparing for 'The Really Big One'

Small earthquakes can serve as a reminder that larger ones are a possibility

BY JON STINNETT  
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An earthquake centered near Walterville Ashook many area residents awake this past Independence Day, but according to a spokesperson with Oregon's Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the quake could also potentially serve as a different kind of wake-up call.

"A lot of people felt this one," DOGAMI's Ali Ryan said, "which is a great reminder that we live in a place that is prone to earthquakes."

Ryan said the magnitude 4.2 earthquake occurred on a fault line close to the surface, which is why it was noticed by so many people in such a broad area. But a smaller earthquake like the most recent one can also serve as notice that the possibility for a much larger, much more damaging earthquake is definitely real.

"The Cascadia Subduction Zone is right off the Oregon Coast, and when that one rips, everybody is going to feel it. There will be no question that we're having an earthquake," Ryan said.

This week, the "New Yorker" magazine detailed the nightmare scenario that will most certainly follow a large-scale earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a fault line of some 700 miles under the ocean that runs parallel to the Cascade Mountains. Titled "The Really Big One," the article refers to the possibility of an earthquake of a magnitude 9.0 or greater that could devastate the Pacific Northwest and level Seattle, Portland and pretty much anything else located west of the Cascades. The article, which is available at <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/20/the-really-big-one>, says the quake will be "the worst natural disaster in the history of the continent" and will create many problems — some more pressing than the quake itself — in its wake:

"It will also induce a process called liquefaction, whereby seemingly solid ground starts behaving like a liquid, to the detriment of anything on top of it. Fifteen percent of Seattle is built on liquefiable land, including 17 day-care centers and the homes

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## Symphony set for free Bohemia Park performance

BY JON STINNETT  
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For the first time in its 50-year history, the Eugene Symphony is coming to Cottage Grove.

The Symphony will perform a free concert at the Bohemia Park amphitheater on Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m., and Scott Freck, the Symphony's executive director, said the concert is "going to be a thrill."

"The stage cover is a fabulous addition to an already great park," Freck said of Bohemia. "We're thrilled to be among the first groups to perform there."

Freck said he was introduced to Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers this spring and the idea of a symphony performance here soon took root. The Stewart Family Foundation contributed \$20,000 of the expense of bringing the Symphony to town, with the City of Cottage Grove paying the remain-

ing \$10,000. The Foundation's Faye Stewart said the concert is a way to thank those who have contributed to efforts to build the park so far.

"We think hosting the Eugene Symphony in its 50th anniversary season is a great way to share our vision for Bohemia Park with the community," Stewart said. "It is a cornerstone arts organization in the region and something we should all be proud of."

Freck said performing in Cottage Grove is a way to bring the Symphony to a wider audience.

"We're known as the Eugene Symphony, but we see ourselves as the professional orchestra for the entire southern Willamette Valley," he said, "and we want to make sure that the music we play really is for everyone."

The evening's entertainment will be family friendly, Freck said, and include an introduction to orchestral music for those who may not

already be that familiar. The program includes the overture to "The Barber of Seville," which an astute Bugs Bunny fan may recognize, in addition to a march by John Phillip Sousa, a "Phantom of the Opera" medley from Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," which Freck called "a great way to end an orchestral performance."

"What's fun about the live orchestra is that you really get to hear the power that such a large ensemble can create," he said. About 70 musicians are expected to perform on Monday night.

No tickets are required for the free show, which Freck said he hopes can happen again soon.

"The park is a great place to make and to hear music, and we're so excited to be playing there," he said.

More information about the Eugene Symphony is available at [eugenesymphony.org](http://eugenesymphony.org).



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Maestro Danail Rachev will lead the Eugene Symphony through a program of familiar favorites at Bohemia Park on Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

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