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BEATRICE OCCUPIES HER COURAGE

By VICKIE NELSON

Why did Brave Beatrice decide to be the last Occupier, the person who would be arrested, at the old Federal Building on July 11?

Occupy Eugene activists had been exercising their right to assemble at the Federal Building 24 hours a day since May 1. They had a 60-day permit that allowed them to be there 24/7. But the permit to be on the plaza had expired, and the demonstrators had been ordered to leave by 3 p.m. on July 11. Anyone who remained would be subject to arrest.



PHOTO BY RANDY CAIN

Brave Beatrice stands alone on the Federal Building plaza.

The General Services Administration was willing to issue a new permit, but one that did not allow Occupy Eugene to remain on the plaza overnight. The Occupiers refused the limited permit. As Occupy Eugene activist Mary Broadhurst said, "Occupy's constitutional rights do not cease between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. except for compelling reasons."

As 3 p.m. drew near, activists began to clear the plaza, which had held an awning, a table, chairs, brightly colored flags, protest signs, and literature on various Occupy Eugene causes. The demonstrators also slowly drifted away from the plaza, out of the arrest zone, onto the sidewalk. Finally, only Beatrice remained, holding a sign that said, "We're Not Leaving."

Occupy Eugene wanted one person to remain after everyone else was gone and to be arrested without resistance. With plans for a potential suit for infringement of our first amendment rights, the group wanted a clean and uncomplicated arrest.

A few people expressed willingness to be ar-

rested, but there were reasons, personal and legal, for them not to do it. Beatrice mulled it over for days. Just the day before the deadline, she decided she would be the one.

Late on the hot afternoon of July 11, Tom Keedy of the Federal Protective Service approached. In her bright lime shirt, red and black Occupy bandana, black skirt and sneakers she looked strong, and beautiful, and yes, brave.

Keedy and Beatrice spoke earnestly to each other. "He was so kind to me," she said later. "He explained everything,"

It was after 7 p.m. when Keedy made the arrest. Beatrice was worried that the handcuffs might hurt her hands. "As an artist," she says, "hands are everything to me." When he put the handcuffs on her, though, he did it carefully.

So why did she decide to be arrested?

"Look how important this is to me," she says urgently. "I had to stand up . . . A chance to save the world? How could I say no?"

Beatrice was in custody for about 20 minutes. No one took a mugshot or fingerprints, although someone did take a "Say cheese" picture of her with Keedy. Later, she shook hands with him and his supervisor. "You could not," she says, "ask for a happier arrest."

Beatrice now calls the day of her arrest, "The most important, happiest day of my life." Her court date is September 13, 2012 at noon in the new Federal Courthouse, 405 East 8th Ave. Occupy Eugene welcomes supporters of First Amendment rights to join us there.

Watch Beatrice talk about why she volunteered to be arrested in this video by Jana Thrift: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0V5MwEwLfw&feature=player_embedded



PHOTO BY RANDY CAIN

Tom Keedy places Beatrice in handcuffs before taking her into the Federal Building after her arrest.

OCCUPYING 1191 LAWRENCE

By REID KIMBALL

The economic crash of 2008 created a lingering air of uncertainty. Four years after the crash, Americans are still struggling not to thrive, but to survive. Job loss and health crises have contributed to millions losing their homes to foreclosure. But another contributing factor not widely known is the banks' criminal behavior in the mortgage industry. The Occupy Housing and Foreclosures Action Committee (OH-FAC!) and other Occupy Eugene committees collaborated to create a public example of foreclosure fraud when we began occupying the lawn of 1191 Lawrence Street in Eugene, OR.

During our planning phase, we identified several possible outcomes, but we didn't know exactly what would

happen. We thought at first that the police might immediately move in to evict us. We figured transients who once used 1191 Lawrence St. as their stomping grounds might become angry, and retaliate against us. We wondered if the neighbors would consider us no better than transients who vandalized the property, and make complaints to the city and police. We discussed how the local media might portray us, and how to spin the message back to Wall Street's crimes.

The results have not been what we expected. Most of the neighbors have been extremely supportive of our presence, and we're working hard to win the support of those who remain skeptical of our word. The local media swarmed us for the first week, interviewing activists, neighbors, Bank of America spokespeople, and Eugene police officers. Our message was communicated with a sense of clarity that made us proud. Each day, more people in the community who walked, biked, or drove by came to show their support. Occupiers who were not as active in recent months returned to say hello to old friends.



PHOTO BY REID KIMBALL

The FedUp Committee meets at Outpost A, 1191 Lawrence St.

The one thing we expected least was making contact with Karen Atkinson, the current owner of 1191. We had tried on several previous occasions. The Eugene Police Department established contact with her, in what might have been an attempt to get permission to evict us. It backfired on them, because Karen gave us permission to occupy her property until further notice. Because the property is technically still in her possession until it is sold at a foreclosure auction, neither Bank of America nor the police can evict us.

Occupy Eugene will not abandon Karen, her home, and the neighbors. Karen and homeowners like her have been misled, lied to, defrauded, and victimized by the economic vultures on Wall Street. We're going to expand, spread our message to other communities, and occupy other abandoned properties. It's likely they won't be as visible and you won't hear about them, because it's time we escalate our tactics to housing people who are victims of the economic crash and have become homeless.

It's time we had a reprieve from the uncertainty Wall Street has imposed on the good and hardworking people of America. Occupy will do its best where the US government has failed to provide that reprieve.

WHY PAINT AT OCCUPY OUTPOST A?

By VICKIE EMBREE

Since July 27, 2012, the Occupy Eugene Fed Up Committee in collaboration with the Occupy Housing and Foreclosures Action Committee has been occupying the lawn at 1191 Lawrence Street. This has been an ideal location for community outreach. In addition to yard work and a 24-hour presence, we have been considering painting the white picket fence. Does painting the fence help Bank of America, the lender that is foreclosing on the property?

Imagine what it might be like. You're a young professional worker, you're married, and you and your spouse finally save

enough money for a down payment on your first home. You get pregnant and raise your babies in the home. You have family gatherings, milestones pass. You enjoy your community. They care for their homes. You watch out for each other, maybe feed the cat when they're on vacation. There's not much crime to speak of. Some bike thefts; you need to lock your car. For the most part, you live a happy life.

Then the bubble bursts and the economy is in a free-fall. One neighbor loses their job, and another undergoes medical problems. Then your next-door neighbor has se-

vere financial hardship and ends up leaving her home. At first it's pretty quiet, and then you notice people seem to be staying there. You look out your window at night, and see people inside the house, using candles for light, fighting, and yelling. You leave your home for work and you see a woman lying in the yard; is she alive? You look out your kitchen window one morning and see a man squatting next to the house to relieve himself. The people who come are sometimes quiet and furtive, but often drunk, stoned, and angry. Some days are quiet and you think things are getting better, but they

return and it's loud at night again. This goes on intermittently for two years. You call the police, who come and roust the people, only to have them return days, if not hours later. A scenario like this, and probably worse, has been the experience of the neighbors of 1191 Lawrence Street.

Along comes Occupy, and things change. I am not saying life is now sunshine and roses (even though it has been sunny and the roses are in bloom by the front gate), but perhaps life is more predictable. There's a definite feeling of community at Occupy Outpost A. In the last two weeks, **See Why Paint, p. 6**

Welcome to the new issue of Occupy Eugene's newsletter! Inside we celebrate the one-year anniversaries of Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Eugene. Happy Birthday, Occupy. If you are looking for a way to get involved, please visit <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/volunteer/>.

OCCUPY EUGENE EVENTS

First Friday Occupy Art & Open House: Friday, Sept. 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at OA*

Mondays

Homeless Solutions Committee: 10:30 a.m. to noon at CALC*
Education Alliance: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ben Linder Room, EMU*
Actions Committee: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at OA*

Tuesdays

Newsletter Working Group: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at GM*
General Assemblies: 7 p.m. at FSP*

Wednesdays

Library Committee: Noon to 1 p.m. at OA*
Foreclosure Assistance for Homeowners: 5 p.m. at GM*

Thursdays

Nonviolence Resources Committee: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at GM*
Welcoming Committee: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at OA*
Education Alliance: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ben Linder Room, EMU*
Housing/Foreclosure Actions Committee: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at GM*

Fridays

Outreach Committee: Noon to 1 p.m. at GM*
Communications Committee: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at GM*
Bank of America protests: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at BOA*
Facilitation Committee: 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. at FSP*
General Assembly: 6 p.m. at FSP*

Sundays

Media Working Group work sessions: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CCTV*
Free Medical Clinic: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at PB*
Allies Working Group: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at WG*
Fed Up Committee: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at OA*
Finance Committee: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at WC*

OCCUPY ART AND OPEN HOUSE

"Art inspired by or created for the Occupy Eugene movement," is the theme of the open house activists will hold on Friday, Sept. 7, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at 1191 Lawrence St., Eugene

As part of the First Friday Art Walk, the event will include music, refreshments, information, and more!

Come and see some revolutionary art created by the Occupy Eugene community, hear great music, socialize, and see what Occupy Eugene is up to currently.

Occupy Eugene is occupying the yard of this foreclosed home as a statement against the foreclosure crisis plaguing the country and the big banks' continuing criminal role in the crisis.

Committees and Working Groups

The Occupy movement here in Eugene exists due to the devotion of dozens of activists. They are a group of people united by their sensitivity to injustice and their resolve to oppose it. The heart of the decision-making process lies in the twice-weekly General Assemblies.

The creative process happens during various encounters among participants, mainly at committee meetings. We have numerous committees and working groups. Committees are like boats, used when there is necessity and left behind when necessity changes. Thus, groups have taken form as well as dispersed during the movement's existence. Thanks to these miniature think-tanks, the movement has activity, creation, and fruition.

You can go to <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/committees/> to find a complete list and learn more. May you be inspired.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community allies

Opportunity Village Eugene: General meetings on Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Design meetings on Mondays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at CALC*

Kesey Square Revival: Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. at KSQ*

No Coal Eugene: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Potluck followed by meeting at CMP*

City Council

Sept. 10: Monday at 5:30 p.m. - Work session on "Downtown Public Safety Zone" (DPSZ) at DL*

Sept. 17: Monday at 7:30 p.m. - Public hearing on ordinance on "DPSZ" and plastic bag ban at DL*

Oct. 8: Monday at 5:30 p.m. - Work session on proposed resolution to oppose coal export through Eugene at DL*

Oct. 8: Monday at 7:30 p.m. - Action on ordinance on "DPSZ" at DL*

*Key to abbreviations:

ABP: Alton Baker Park

BOA: Bank of America, Pearl St. at 11th Ave.

CALC: Community Alliance of Lane County, 458 Blair St.

CMP: Charnel Mulligan Park, Charnelton St. at 17th Ave.

CP: Cozmic Pizza, 199 W. 8th Ave.

CCTV: CCTV studio, behind Sheldon High School

CY: Café Yumm, 730 E. Broadway

EMU: University of Oregon EMU, University St. at 13th Ave.

DL: Eugene Public Library downtown, Olive St. at 10th Ave.

FED: (Old) Federal Building, Pearl St. at 7th Ave.

FSP: Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, Oak St. at 8th Ave.

GM: Growers Market, 454 Willamette St.

KSQ: Kesey Square, Willamette St. at Broadway Ave.

OA: Occupy Outpost A, 1191 Lawrence Ave.

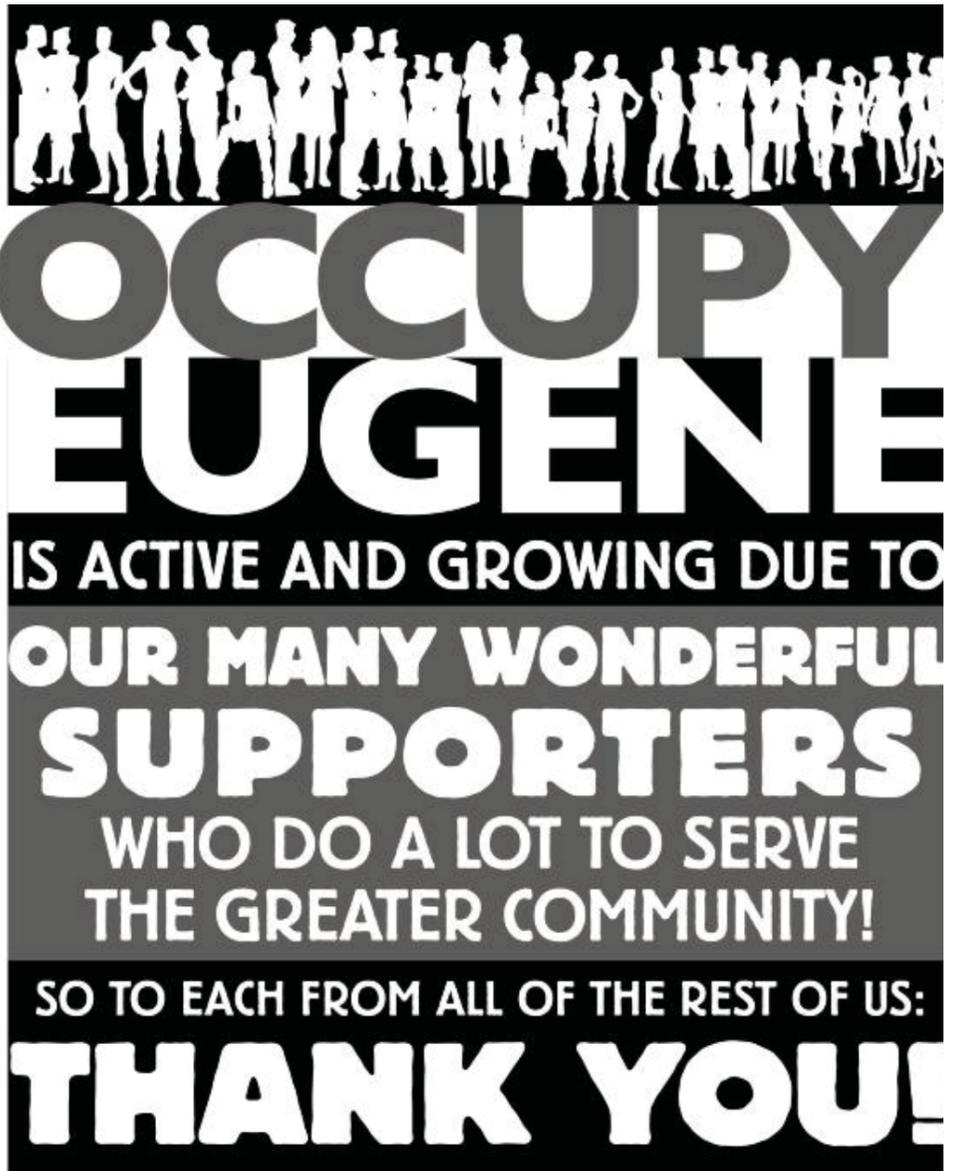
PB: Park Blocks, Park St. and Oak St.

WC: World Cafe, 449 Blair Blvd.

WG: Wandering Goat Coffee, 268 Madison St.

Please look at our calendar for the most current information:

<http://www.occupyeugenemedia.org/calendar>



Occupy Eugene

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We are a nonviolent, non-partisan, social-political movement for accountability and responsibility in government. We stand in solidarity with Occupy Movements around the globe and all people who will no longer sit back and watch corporate and special interests run their Government, and spoil the living Earth. For we, the people, are the government.

It is time to turn away from a culture of war and domination, and create a living economy which operates in harmony with our living planet. We must begin by opening our hearts to those the present system would discard and push into the shadows, because we believe that, in our United States, it's we the people who are sovereign- not global corporations.

We have come together to create a community that expresses our common needs, to organize, network, and participate in solutions and to remind one another that, as a society, we have unfinished business in our pursuit of social and economic justice.

Note: This excerpt has been approved by the OE General Assembly. You can find Occupy Eugene's complete vision statement at <http://occupyeugenemedia.org/vision-statement/>.

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OCCUPY WALL STREET: A REFLECTION ON THE MOVEMENT'S FIRST YEAR

By KADIE MANION

In September 2011, Americans were still suffering the effects of the worst recession since the Great Depression. The gap in income distribution – already one of the most unequal in the world – continued to widen as more wealth was concentrated into fewer hands. The government was still influenced by the very institutions that had caused the economic crisis: the big banks and the monstrous multinational corporations. Politicians were pawns of the 1%. Many Americans felt confused and did not know how to take back the country, or if they even could. Until September 17, 2011.

The Canadian magazine *Adbusters* is credited with instigating the protests in New York City's financial district. In a blog post on July 13, 2011, *Adbusters* called for protests against "Wall Street, the financial Gomorrah of America" requesting that 20,000 people "flood into lower Manhattan, set up tents, kitchens, peaceful barricades and occupy Wall Street" on September 17." The primary demand of the protest would be to separate money from politics. Sure enough, on September 17, Zuccotti Park was brimming with protesters demanding that the voices of the 99% be heard.

Occupy Wall Street was undeniably inspired by earlier protests around the world, particularly the Arab Spring and the Spanish protests. Hundreds of thousands of Egyptian protesters occupied Tahrir Square in the weeks leading up to Hosni Mubarak's resignation. Inspired by the Arab

Spring, the Spanish Indignants Movement began in May and had similar demands to the Occupy Movement: to have a political and economic system that represented the people, not the wealthy (*Adbusters*).

Occupy Wall Street soon became as influential as the Spanish and Arab Spring protests. In less than a month, Occupy-inspired protests were occurring around the world. On October 8, the *Guardian* reported that over 70 major cities and over 600 communities in the United States had Occupy movements. October 15, 2011, rallies were held in over 900 cities in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the United States, according to the *Washington Post*.

Occupations around the country experienced hostility from their respective police departments. Occupy Oakland's confrontation with the Oakland Police Department during the eviction was particularly notable. The police raided the camp in the early hours of the morning, dressed in riot gear, and released tear-gas into the crowd of protesters. Veteran Scott Olsen was severely injured during the raid when a police gas canister hit him in the head. Video footage of this event, as well as the pepper spraying of obviously peaceful protesters in Zuccotti Park and at UC-Davis, spread throughout the internet and news media, gaining Occupy sympathy. Many more Occupations were met with eviction notices resulting in many arrests in the following months, including Zuccotti Park and the Occupy Los Angeles encampments.

By the start of 2012, the movement was no longer

solely centered on occupations, however it was still going strong with nation-wide protests that were symbolic and relevant. These actions included Occupy Congress, during which activists convened on Capitol Hill in an attempt to influence Congress to change the for-profit mentality that has infiltrated economic and political relations (*Huffington Post*). "Shut Down the Corporations," which originated from Occupy Portland, was a day of action in over 70 cities in order to protest The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) (Salon). A general strike and a day of no spending for was called for on May Day, although the action seemed to go unnoticed by mainstream media and the economy (CNN).

With evictions, opposition from the police, and a blatant lack of appropriate media coverage, the first year of the Occupy movement has been one full of struggle and excitement. The movement brought new ideas to the forefront and changed the general conversation about social, economic, and political problems--and possible solutions. As our economic and political systems continue to fall into deeper corruption and inequalities grow, it is obvious that the Occupy movement must continue the conversation it started one year ago.

Kadie Manion is a June 2012 graduate of the UO. She attended a few Occupy Eugene demonstrations and marches but wasn't involved regularly until mid-July when she joined the Communications Committee.

OWS, JOBS, AND ALTERNATIVE BUSINESSES

By JERRY BRULE

September 17 marks a year since Occupy Wall Street began, and many people still have no idea what it was all about. Wall Street is a symbol of corporate influence, and the protesters in Zuccotti Park chose that location to protest the undue corporate influence on our lawmakers and to highlight the income inequality in our nation. Mayor Bloomberg, referring to the revenue generated by Wall Street, condemned the activists saying they were "trying to destroy the jobs of working people." On November 15, the mayor had the police evict OWS from the park.

Occupy never objected to the jobs of ordinary hard-working people. Occupy objected to the extreme inequality exemplified by Wall Street, where hedge fund managers and derivative traders make a thousand times what firemen and teachers make. Hedge fund managers and derivative traders can make a million dollars in a few moments while minimum-wage workers need to work a minimum of 70 hours a week to pay the rent on a two-bedroom apartment. These banksters create nothing of value. In fact, their harmful speculation caused the economic disaster. Yet these are the guys that got bailed out, while many homeown-

ers got sold out and ended up losing their homes.

If Occupy is against the capitalist structure typified by Wall Street, what is the alternative? Many, perhaps most, conservatives share Margaret Thatcher's view that there is no alternative. The leaderless, consensus-based structure of Occupy suggests an egalitarian democratic structure, but would that work in business? Some members of Occupy suggest that the Mondragon Corporation in Spain would be a model alternative to the typical capitalist corporation that dominates most nations. Mondragon is a co-op that is collectively owned and directed by the workers. The workers choose and employ a managing director and retain the power to make all the basic decisions of the enterprise. One of the rules Mondragon adopted is that the highest paid employees can make no more than 6.5 times what the lowest paid workers get. In the typical U.S. corporation the CEO can expect to make 400 times the salary of the average worker. The Mondragon corporation is very successful and has 85,000 members; 43% of the workers in Mondragon are women who are given equal treatment and pay.

In December 2008 the workers at the

Republic Windows and Door Factory in Chicago temporarily occupied their factory to protest the closing and liquidation of the plant. They formed a co-op and offered to purchase the plant for \$1.2 million (\$500,000 in cash) to keep it operating, but after allowing the plant to stay open for three years, the new owner, Serious Energy, wants to close the plant and sell off the machinery.

The OWS worker cooperative working group supported the co-op saying, "The idea is simple. If owners and bosses can't keep us working, then let's try to do it ourselves." The workers at this window and door factory have appropriately titled themselves New Era, seeking a solution for working people out of a system that has cast us aside out of blinded greed."

The problem is that corporations by law, must work to maximize the profits for the shareholders. If that means outsourcing the labor to sweatshops overseas, then so be it. The corporations are not meant to benefit the workers or the communities they operate in.

But now there is a new type of corporation, called a Benefit Corporation (BCorp), designed to help the community and the

workers. The BCorp website at <http://www.bcorporation.net> states that "Our vision is simple yet ambitious: to create a new sector of the economy which uses the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. B-Corporations' legal structure expands corporate accountability so they are required to make decisions that are good for society, not just their shareholders." There are now nearly 500 BCorps that have been certified nationwide including several in Oregon.

"So far, five states have passed legislation creating a new filing status allowing entrepreneurs to codify social responsibility into their corporate mission. In Oregon, two such bills were introduced last session by Rep. Deborah Boone (D-Cannon Beach) and Sen. Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland). "Both died in committee but may be resuscitated in future sessions," says Andrea Cantu-Schomus, communications director for the Oregon Secretary of State.

The Occupy movement should encourage unions and support worker-owned co-ops and B Corps that are designed to benefit the workers, the community, and the environment, instead of just enriching the stockholders.

LINKS TO ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Bill McKibben <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>

Coal trains and beloved local spots: <http://www.beyondtoxics.org/blog/2012/08/coal-trains-and-beloved-local-spots/>

Coal train overview <http://www.coaltrainfacts.org/key-facts>

Zuccotti reoccupation http://www.alternet.org/newsandviews/article/1026807/j11:_zuccotti_re-occupation_stirs_nostalgia_for_last_fall/#paragraph3
<http://registerguard.com/web/updates/28367227-55/eugene-occupy-members-plaza-group.html.csp>

B Corps grow in Oregon <http://www.oregonbusiness.com/articles/104-october-2011/5930-b-corps-grow-in-oregon#ixzz22HM06Xzc>

Occupy Eugene Monthly Column "Mic Check!" in the Eugene Weekly: <http://www.eugeneweekly.com/article/building-democracy>

Occupy Eugene Foreclosure Action Committee Website: occupy-your-home.com

Vaclav Havel's quote about hope: <http://shareasimage.com/quote/hope-is-a-state-of-mind-not-of-the-world-2>

Occupy Eugene Medical Dental Van: <http://www.herbalistmanifesto.com/herbs/?p=203>

Big Banks: <http://truth-out.org/news/item/9658-how-big-banks-run-the-world-at-your-expense>

Bank Bailouts: <http://readersupportednews.org/news-section2/318-66/11895-sanders-releases-explosive-bailout-list>

Homeless Bill of Rights: <http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2012/06/rhode-island-homeless-bill-rights>

Here are some fantastic pics and videos of the rally for women's voices—and vaginas—and please share with friends over Facebook, Twitter or something else: <http://kos.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=v61Osl6SiraMGWF2NX%2FxoayblzhzMHK%2B>

You Tube links to Plaedo's Poetry at the Oregon Statewide Assembly: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4Wr5LIhwpA>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnwjH3UiDrQ>

Reflections on a Revolution: <http://roarmag.org/>

Take the Square, a map of the Global Revolution: <http://takethesquare.net/>

Occupy Together, Occupy networking and directory: <http://occupytogether.org/>

Library of Occupy-aligned software, tools, and projects: <http://occupy.net/>

Occupy wiki farm: <http://occupymediawiki.org/>

"First-person news from the occupy movement?": <http://occupiedstories.com/>

Collaborative curation of Occupy-related media: <http://99percentmedia.org/>

To facilitate communication across committees, GAs, and the Occupy movement: <http://interoccupy.org/>

Vote on occupy wall street demands: <http://coupmedia.org/occupywallstreet/occupy-wall-street-official-demands-2009/>
www.occupyeugenemedia.org

History of Occupy Eugene

By VICKIE NELSON

On September 29, 2011, Occupy Eugene held its first General Assembly, 12 days after Occupy Wall Street began in New York City. After our fourth GA, held on October 12, we began occupying the Park Blocks downtown on October 15. The October 15 march held prior to setting down roots in the Park Blocks drew 2,000 people, one of the largest marches in Eugene since the anti-war protests of the 1960s. Since then, we have occupied Alton Baker Park, the UO campus, Millrace Park, Washington Jefferson Park, the plaza at the Old Federal Building, and the lawn of the house at 1191 Lawrence. What began as the idea of a handful of community members has grown into an active occupation that holds many organizing meetings and events every single week.

—Adapted from the “Occupy Eugene FAQ”, by Jamil Jonna

2011

SEPTEMBER 29

Occupy Eugene holds first General Assembly

News of the October 1 protest on the Brooklyn Bridge had me feeling ecstatic. I felt greater excitement reading OWS' first declaration. In Spring, I joined communications committee, and I continue to help promote events. The current action at 1191 Lawrence provides an invaluable opportunity for creating community. I remain excited by Occupy. I hope to help create future actions that recognize and promote our social and ecological interconnectedness.

—Christina Bellini

OCTOBER

- 15 March draws 2000 people
- 15 Occupy Eugene begins occupying Park Blocks
- 21 Occupy Eugene moves camp to Alton Baker Park
- 25 Eugene City Council votes to allow Occupy Eugene to remain in park until December 15
- 27 Occupy Eugene begins occupying the Memorial Quad on the UO campus in the afternoon, then after a few hours moves on to the Millrace
- 31 Zombie March at banks around Eugene



Oct. 15 rally and march.

PHOTO BY JERRY BRULE

For at least five years, I've felt like Chicken Little trying to sound an alarm. So, marching with 5,000 uninhibited Occupiers through downtown Portland on Oct. 6, 2011 and then filling Pioneer Square to the brim was a life-changing peak experience.

Every age, ethnic group, and income level within the 99% seemed to be represented. That first-hand sense of strength in numbers is the bedrock of my belief that Occupiers can and will change the world.

Ever since October, Occupy has been #1 among all my projects and causes. Balancing volunteerism with personal needs has been a key to keeping pace with Occupy Eugene. We need to get clear on the common denominators which unite us in the 99%, then speak with one voice, inspiring the human race to come together like never before!

Yes, we can replace greed and hostility with universal cooperation to save our natural world. Very soon. Our "eleventh hour" has already chimed. —Graham Lewis



Occupiers take over the Ferry Street Bridge.

PHOTO BY JERRY BRULE



Protestors take over the Ferry Street Bridge.

PHOTO BY NICOLE MEDEMA



Occupiers set up camp at Alton Baker Park.

PHOTO BY JERRY BRULE

It gives me hope that we can make the necessary changes for a better world. I'm especially thrilled to have so many bright young people joining and gaining leadership in Occupy! —Ruth Duemler

2012

JANUARY

4 The Occupy Eugene-inspired Task Force on Homelessness, appointed by Mayor Piercy, meets for first time

19 Empowering the 99% Draws over 200 to meeting

I see in Occupy an opportunity for artists who want to contribute and serve. Occupy provides an opportunity to become more fluent in the visual and verbal language of liberation and to work with others who are seeking a similar purpose. Involvement doesn't make any specific demands on my time or devotion and isn't a theory. "Experts" are not running the show. I contribute to Occupy Eugene without having to follow protocol or ask permission from a leader. . . I want to live my potential artist/activist identity so that I can someday join together with other individuals and communities to effect great change. —Sharon Peters

What Occupy Eugene has meant to me: An opportunity to "walk the talk" and unite with others that would like to see a more just and healthier world. —Karen Adkins. (Occupy Medical)

FEBRUARY

25 People United March

25 2nd Occupy Oregon State-wide Assembly



Bret at the People United march.

MARCH

5 Occupy Eugene gets the auction of a home postponed with an injunction

8 Women's Day March

24 Occupy Open House and Volunteer Fair

26 Trayvon Martin Hoodie Rally at old Federal Building



Marcus Farley and Peachy the Dragon attend the People United march.

APRIL

2 A Walk with Trayvon CALC, NAACP, ACLU Union, and others

13 Occupy Eugene holds of America

18-21 Occupy Eugene c Max Rameau of Take B

22-22 Occupy Eugene a fenders sponsor Occupy



Occupy Eugene members p



Occupy zombies prepare to protest at Bank of America.

PHOTO BY NICOLE MEDEMA

me in words and pictures

The Occupy Movement has strengthened my faith in the power of human relations. Humans, linking arms, despite past struggles or current privileges, rising up against global injustice. The human power exists. We need to continuously feed the fire. To Occupy is to harness the passion for equity. —*Jennefer Harper*



PHOTO BY JERRY BRULE
Agenda for the Nov. 11 GA at Washington-Jefferson Park.

NOVEMBER

- 3 and 4 Occupy Eugene moves to Washington-Jefferson Park
- 5 Bank Transfer Day
- 17 Occupy Eugene rally and march to shut down five downtown banks. Seventeen demonstrators arrested.
- 18 Washington-Jefferson Occupation fenced in by city



PHOTO BY JERRY BRULE
Occupiers and police officer near the Med Tent at Washington-Jefferson Park.

Through my experiences with Occupy and watching the Occupy movement throughout the world, I see this hope. I hear it in peoples' voices and in their conversations. Hope for some kind of better future. Hope to imagine and create. Hope to learn and teach. Hope to inspire and be inspired. And Occupy has provided a perfect opportunity for me to share those hopes and to externalize my feelings and thoughts —*Jeremy Daniel*

Occupy Medical Clinic is full of superheroes. I knew this would be a big project. I did not know that I would be blown away every week by the valiant efforts of my fellow volunteers. I am just the volunteer coordinator. I don't have super powers, but I hang out with volunteers that do. Come visit us. You will be amazed too. I am inspired by the work that we do for the community. I am motivated to ease the suffering that I see around me by working to introduce single-payer health care to my beloved state by providing an example of managed care. —*Sue Sierralupe*

MAY

1 Occupy Eugene activists demonstrate at Chase Bank, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America. Police in riot gear approach the group at Bank of America, then leave. Activists occupy the courtyard of old Federal Building and get a 60-day permit to stay on the property 24/7.

JUNE

12 Occupy Eugene activists and other homeless advocates urge the Eugene City Council to provide land so they can establish a place for homeless people to legally live and sleep

JULY

- 10 GSA directs Occupy Eugene to leave Federal property no later than 3 p.m. on July 11
- 11 Brave Beatrice arrested at the Federal Building defending our 1st amendment rights
- 12-14 Occupy Eugene is part of the Peace and Justice Booth at the Oregon Country Fair
- 27 Occupy Eugene begins occupying lawn of house at 1191 Lawrence

AUGUST

25 Occupy Eugene marches in Eugene Celebration Parade, wins 2nd Place for Best View



PHOTO BY DAVID GEITGEY
SIERRALUPE
Sharon Getch prepares to march in the Eugene Celebration Parade.



PHOTO BY ROB SYDOR
participated in A Walk with Trayvon Martin.



PHOTO BY NICOLE MEDEMA
Occupy members protest at Chase Bank on May Day.



PHOTO BY LARRY LEVERONE
Occupy activists set up shelter in the courtyard of the old Federal Building.

Occupy Wall Street was something I've been waiting to see happen for years. I was excited members of our community formed Occupy Eugene. Joining Occupy Eugene provided me the opportunity to team up with other like minded citizens and speak out against corporate greed. —*David Adkins*

For the past year, Occupy has educated me and connected me with my community. I find my life going in many directions today, as a result of the amazing connections that came from occupying together. To this day we are connecting with one another, creating ideas and taking action to make things better locally and globally. Our conversations focus on things that need to be talked about. I have hope that as a human race we may yet unify to create the change we wish to see in the world. Not easy is the journey to create crucial change! It is time-consuming and requires many meetings. It feels good to be a part of something so important and even better to share the experience with others who care deeply. Saving the world is no small task; the difficulty and sheer beauty of true diversity in action leaves me feeling like peace is possible. Occupy gives me hope. I believe that my children's children will read about the amazing work of Occupiers in their history books. I have faith that one by one we will all begin to see how it feels to Occupy good works. —*Jana Thrift*

OCCUPY MEDICAL NEEDS AN RV

By SUE SIERRALUPE

Occupy Medical is looking for an RV (not a 5th wheel) to refit into a mobile clinic. It needs to cost under \$10,000. Our volunteers have been working behind the scenes to secure a grant to pay for this vehicle, which we will refurbish into a mobile clinic. Since we will be able to sterilize it, we can give more thorough exams and conduct tests to better serve our community. The doctors are already planning where to put the microscope.

In addition to the RV itself, we need skilled volunteers and supplies to help us refurbish it. If you have done this type of work before or know cabinetry, mechanics, or bodywork, we need you. We could also use assistance from someone who knows how to purchase these large vehicles.

A mobile clinic will represent a giant step forward in the care that we can offer

our community. We currently spend three hours constructing and deconstructing our little tent in the park every week. This tent has been a godsend for its utility to the clinic. It has sheltered us from rain, snow and hail. We still set concrete blocks on the edges of the tent supports because of the wind that overturned it back in February with a volunteer and a patient still in it. (No damage done.)

But the tent is a beast to store, transport and set up on clinic day. Our volunteers are getting weary. This mobile clinic will allow us to drive to a series of locations on a set schedule to serve areas besides downtown. All we need is a parking space.

Do you know of a reliable vehicle that we could turn into a mobile clinic? Let me know at sierralupe@comcast.net.

UPDATE ON DENTAL VAN

By INOLA JONES RUSS

Early on, the dedicated volunteers at Occupy Eugene Medical Clinic noticed a need for dental care. Doctors can't do much for bad teeth besides prescribing antibiotics for the infection, so the problems just continue. Patients show up with stories of repeated ER visits or desperate attempts to pull their own teeth, and many, like restaurant manager Pam Miller, have gone decades without seeing a dentist and suffer extreme discomfort.

OEMC volunteer Jerry Zook initiated plans for a mobile dental clinic and then enlisted Lina Howison to organize it in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul, who provided funding for three extraction clinics with Medical Teams International. The first one took place on June 23rd at the St

Vincent de Paul Service Station.

The mood that day was a mix of pain and gratitude. Thirty teeth were pulled, providing big smiles of relief for 17 people. Normally, only one tooth is extracted per patient, but Dr Harper, the volunteer dentist, generously allowed up to three extractions in some cases.

Please call the information hotline at (541) 337-4797 or email linalibre@gmail.com to find out when the next mobile extraction clinic will take place and to sign up in advance (no walk-ins) or visit Adrienne from 1 to 4 p.m. inside the Sunday Occupy Eugene Medical Clinic in the Park Blocks. Sign-up is also available at the Service Station, 450 Hwy 99N.

DIGNITY VILLAGE PRESENTATION

By JERRY BRULE

On Tuesday August 12, about 200 people met at the Unitarian Universalist Church to see a short presentation by Andy Heben about the Opportunity Village Eugene proposal, followed by a longer presentation by Mark Lakeman on Dignity Village, a successful homeless village in Portland.

The Opportunity Village Eugene study group considered several criteria when looking at possible locations for their first village. The ideal site would be near the urban center and bike and bus transportation, would have access to utilities, and would be a safe and secure location close to supportive neighbors. The site near 13th and Chambers met all of these criteria, but the City Council will look at other potential sites and will meet again in September to discuss the best location. Heben showed several designs for

low-cost shelters and visual barriers. The current plan is for a village for about 30 individuals, but, if the initial village is successful, it could be expanded, or villages could be build on several other sites.

Lakeman said that being in a village is important because, "in a village people have a higher quality of life and a lower incidence of violence between people, sometimes by a factor of ten." He thinks that many of the problems of the homeless could be due to lack of a sense of place in the community and that membership in a village might help overcome some of their problems. Dignity Village has a lower carbon footprint and more walkable areas and gathering places than any other community in the country.

Lakeman showed many slides of the colorful little

homes at Dignity Village that the residents made from recycled or donated materials. The village features communal showers and privies, and space for storage, bicycles, gardens and gathering outside. The cost for each resident is only about \$3 a day, which the villagers generate themselves, so there is no cost to the City except for the use of the land.

We the citizens of Eugene may be further harming the homeless by ostracizing and hounding them so they are fearful and have no place to sleep. Wouldn't it be better to be supportive and invest a bit in these our neighbors, so they can become productive members of society again?

EUGENE INSPIRED BY RHODE ISLAND'S HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

By SABRA MARCROFT

On June 27 2012, The Rhode Island State Legislature enacted a Homeless Bill of Rights, the first of its kind in the nation. It states that "No person's rights, privileges, or access to public services may be denied or abridged solely because he or she is homeless. Such a person shall be granted the same rights and privileges as any other resident of the state."

Here in Eugene, a group of concerned citizens has begun to meet, working on a petition drive for a local homeless bill of rights and to support the efforts of people from Sisters of the Road, Western Regional Advocacy Project and Dignity Village in putting forward an Oregon Homeless Bill of Rights inspired by Rhode Island's.

We welcome support of all kinds. To sign on, get involved, or for more info, call 541-485-1755.

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I've met some amazing people. One of the great things about the location, with its proximity to 11th and 13th, is that there are more pedestrians and bike-riders than vehicles. It provides the opportunity for lots of one-on-one interactions with the neighbors and all community members. Every day we engage passers-by, share our newsletter, and talk about the concerns of the day. This is a way to build the movement, to include everyone—Everyone. This is where we start to come together in so many powerful ways.

Does painting the fence help Bank of America? So what if it does? I think it helps Occupy more. I think sometimes in the process of helping your self and your cause, you may end up doing things that appear to benefit your enemy. In the end, if we benefit by educating and engaging our community, if we increase interest in Occupy projects, I feel it is worth it. When I paint a fence or pick up a cigarette butt, I'm not doing it for Bank of America. I'm doing it for Karen (the homeowner); I'm doing it for the



PHOTO BY VICKIE EMBREE
Occupy Eugene cleaned up the yard and is maintaining a 24-hour presence at 1911 Lawrence St.

neighbors -- Jim and Chris, Nadine and Bill, and the neighbors on the next block over; I'm doing it for Occupy because I have seen the benefits we reap from this; but I must be honest, I am also doing this for myself. I really enjoy spending time with the people there; it has changed my life and I benefit immensely. I feel connected to my community in ways I never dreamt possible. Does all of this time and energy help Bank of America? I really don't care--It helps me more.

EXCERPTS FROM THE RHODE ISLAND HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

"A PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAS RIGHTS EQUAL WITH THOSE OF ANY OTHER LIVING PERSON."

Enacted by the Rhode Island State Legislature on June 27th, 2012:

Legislative intent. – At the present time, many persons have been rendered homeless as a result of economic hardship, a severe shortage of safe, affordable housing, and a shrinking social safety net.

Bill of Rights. – No person's rights, privileges, or access to public services may be denied or abridged solely because he or she is homeless. Such a person shall be granted the same rights and privileges as any other resident of this state.

A person experiencing homelessness:

- (1) Has the right to use and move freely in public spaces, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation and public buildings, in the same manner as any other person, and without discrimination on the basis of his or her housing status;
- (2) Has the right to equal treatment by all state and municipal agencies, without discrimination on the basis of housing status;
- (3) Has the right not to face discrimination while seeking or maintaining employment due to his or her lack of permanent mailing address, or his or her mailing address being that of a shelter or social service provider;
- (4) Has the right to emergency medical care free from discrimination based on his or her housing status;
- (5) Has the right to vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to his or her housing status;
- (6) Has the right to protection from disclosure of his or her records and information provided to homeless shelters and service providers to state, municipal and private entities without appropriate legal authority; and the right to confidentiality of personal records and information in accordance with all limitations on disclosure established by the Federal Homeless Management Information Systems, the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the Federal Violence Against Women Act; and
- (7) Has the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her personal property to the same extent as personal property in a permanent residence.

“We who engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive.” —Martin Luther King Jr.

STICKING TO OUR PRINCIPLES AS OCCUPY ACTIVISTS

BY VINCENT KELLEY

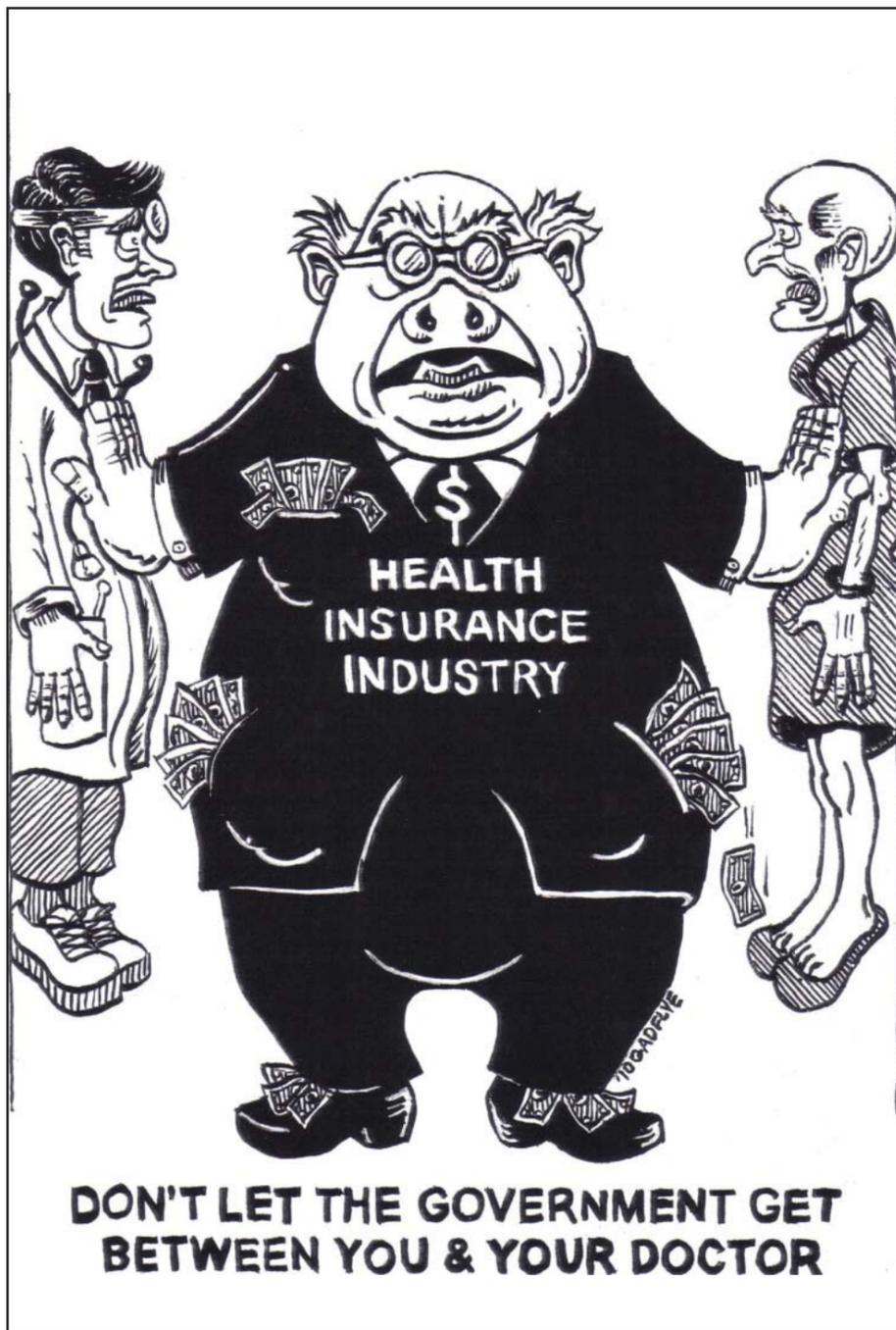
The Occupy Movement is about being principled. Being principled goes hand-in-hand with refusing to live in what Noam Chomsky calls “a world of comforting illusion.” As Occupiers, we’re tired of the concessions and compromises made by liberal politicians. We’re tired of liberals’ blind allegiance to President Obama—a president who governs as if his main constituent is Goldman Sachs, kills countless innocent civilians with illegal drone attacks, approves offshore drilling and domestic fracking, and continues to increase defense (i.e. Empire) budget to levels beyond those of the Bush Administration. We judge policies by their merits instead of by who is enacting them and, therefore, are able to stick to our core principles.

As the election year comes into full swing, it is all the more important to remember our guiding principles. When it comes down to it, certain compromises are unacceptable—especially when people’s lives or the environment are at stake. Supporting another war, another extension of the surveillance state, another risky offshore drilling operation, or another devastating logging project is simply unacceptable. Yet, we see liberals initiating, supporting, or condoning these sorts of things all the time.

As a radical movement, we can expect to be repeatedly attacked by liberals for not directing our actions into the circus of electoral politics. When this happens, we can respond to these baseless critiques with the facts. We can remind critics of the Clinton Administration’s neoliberal assault on democracy, Congressional Democrats’ overwhelming support of the Patriot Act, and Oregon liberals’ defense of increased logging in state forests. We can also explain the effectiveness of direct action in the Civil Rights Movement, the Radical Environmental Movement, and our own Occupy Movement.

As principled activists, we would prefer to honestly confront inconvenient truths like anthropogenic climate change, homelessness, and imperialism, just to name a few, than blindly support candidates who leave us disappointed time and time again. We will push wholeheartedly for the society they wish to see, even when it is unpopular to do so. We will refuse to apologize for Democrats who further the military-industrial complex and bow at the feet of the Corporate State Priests. And we will continue to organize and work to dismantle our corporatist, racist, sexist, and imperialist system and replace it with participatory structures based on solidarity, decentralization, and mutual aid. If not now, when? If not us, who?

Vincent recently finished high school in Eugene, where he split his time between home-schooling and public high school. This fall he will be attending Grinnell College in Iowa. His interests include anarchism, civil liberties, spirituality and political philosophy, radical ecology, and unschooling.



CARTOON BY GADFLY

AMERICAN VALUES AND THE DOWNTOWN EXCLUSION ZONE

BY JEAN STACEY

Two critical American values are the right to a trial to prove innocence or guilt and equal right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In October, Eugene will have an opportunity to end the Downtown Exclusion Zone. The Downtown Exclusion Zone was created specifically to punish (ban) people before they are found guilty of creating a crime. Also it re-categorizes minor offenses that are not worthy of exclusion in other parts of town as so egregious when committed in the downtown, that they warrant exclusion of people who are “undesirable” to the business community. These two steps place the desires of downtowners to pursue their goals of a “friendly business atmosphere” above the desires of those who look and act “differently” and wish to be in downtown. Both steps violate American values.

The exclusion zone was created for the sole purposes of chasing people away without bothering to find them guilty first and to create a geographic zone in which petty offenses (using glass bottles, leaning against a building, sitting on a sidewalk) are jacked up in severity to allow people who are, basically, just annoying other people to be banished.

Sometimes people suggest that I don’t understand that the downtown needs this law to evict dangerous people. To clarify: I do not advocate for murderers, rapists, drug dealers, pimps, burglars, stalkers, sexual predators, people dangerously under the influence, or anyone convicted of serious crimes being allowed to stay downtown. However, a downtown exclusion zone is not necessary to remove these people. We already have adequate laws and policemen to do that, just like in every other part of town.

Eugene is ALREADY an exclusion zone. That’s right. A judge can ALREADY exclude a person convicted of a crime from any geographic area in the city of Eugene. No special zone IS required for downtown.

So why a special exclusion zone for the downtown? Because a very few individuals with influence in the downtown have decided that the laws that protect other neighborhoods and those accused of crimes are insufficient for their neighborhood. They want more exclusivity and control over who is allowed to be in their neighborhood, even on public property. They are willing to push these people out of their neighborhood and into YOUR neighborhood. These

few have decided that due process can be skipped and that their desire for the downtown to have a certain “feel” that is comfortable to other people like them is more important than other people’s right to exist on public property. The downtown exclusion zone is for the purpose of railroading out of town those who have committed the crime of being socially unacceptable. The Downtown Exclusion Zone is not consistent with American values, with Eugene values.

The City Council is holding a work session on the Exclusion Zone at the Downtown Library on Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. and a public hearing on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The final action, also at the library, is on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tell your Councilors and Mayor that you vehemently oppose this violation of our basic values. Tell them we already have good laws and a strong police force, and we do not need to stoop to these methods. And you might also mention that if they re-opened our mental health services and refunded our social service programs, they wouldn’t be tempted to manage by relying on unconstitutional laws and expensive policing in order to solve social problems.

NO COAL EUGENE: OUR COAL TRAIN PROBLEM IS A DEMOCRACY PROBLEM

BY NOAH DEWITT

By now, you’ve probably heard talk of coal trains coming through town in the near future, if not from the Eugene Weekly’s January cover story or the Register Guard’s editorial “Oppose Coal Shipments,” then from the concerned murmurs of your friends and neighbors.

But if you’re in the dark, here’s the gist of the issue. As America phases out its remaining coal-burning power plants, multinational coal companies are seeking ports in the Pacific Northwest to start exporting enormous quantities of coal from the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming to energy-hungry Asian countries. To do this, they want to build coal terminals at six Pacific Northwest ports, one of which is Coos Bay, Oregon. If the Coos Bay terminal is permitted, at least two mile-and-a-half-long coal trains will roll through Eugene to the coast and back every day, leaving in their wake cancer-causing diesel exhaust

(coal trains are so heavy, they require four diesel locomotives per train—that’s three more than normal freighters), toxic coal dust (due to its high combustibility, coal must be shipped uncovered, so each car loses up to a ton of coal between mine and port), traffic delays, noise pollution, and contamination of farmland and ecosystems. The people of Eugene (and for that matter, all life on Earth!) will pay a hefty tax in health and habitat without receiving any benefits. No Coal Eugene, one of many groups fighting to keep Cascadia coal-free, is looking for dedicated members to help campaign against coal export. Get involved at NoCoalEugene.org.

The name of this group may suggest that its ultimate goal is to prevent the export of coal via Eugene, but it’s more than that. Coal trains are the result of a much bigger and less tangible problem: the power structure. Really, the No Coal Movement

and the Forest Defense Movement and the Anti-GMO Movement and all these single-issue movements are fighting this same foe. Corporations—the ones who profit from ecologically destructive industries like coal export—have more rights and political influence than communities of people—the ones who bear all the burden. And the government agencies whose job it is to regulate industry view human and environmental harm as acceptable, even necessary, costs for economic growth.

Although coal export is a grave threat to the people of Eugene, it’s also a great opportunity—to anger and mobilize our entire community to fight what the Occupy Movement has been fighting since its inception: the ownership of politics by the wealthy. It’s a chance to base the battle against the intangible enemy of corporate hegemony around highly tangible local manifestations of that enemy (cancer, asthma, traffic delays,

derailments, global warming...).

So instead of attacking the permits that our government issues to coal companies, No Coal Eugene is promoting a local ordinance for the November 2013 ballot that will step clear outside of the power structure. It’s called the Eugene Community Bill of Rights. It asserts our rights to clean air, clean water, thriving natural ecosystems, and a healthy global climate, and it strips corporations that violate these rights of their so-called “rights” to personhood and interstate commerce. No one else is going to keep toxics out of our air. We need to do it ourselves.

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OCCUPY SCORES AT THE CELEBRATION PARADE

The theme of the 2012 Eugene Celebration, "Raise the Roof," gave Occupy Eugene a great opportunity to hit some of our own most important themes. We responded with our own theme, "A Roof for All," expressing our commitment to the idea that housing is a human and right and all people deserve a roof over their heads.

Among the lively sounds of the marching bands, the colorful bikes, the crazy costumes, and the Slug Queens old and new, Occupy Eugene strutted its stuff with tent monsters, homes in danger of foreclosure, and bankers being chased by cops. Occupy Medical walked with us dressed in scrubs. The crowd welcomed us enthusiastically and our chant, "Housing is a Human Right. A Place for All, Safe at Night," was well received by the parade viewers. We even won 2nd place for the category "Best View."



Brave Beatrice holds Occupy Eugene's certificate for 2nd Place for Best View. PHOTO BY JAIN ELLIOT



Ben the cop went after some Bankers in the Occupy Eugene Eugene Celebration skit. PHOTO BY DAVID GEITGEY SIERRALUPE



Occupy Eugene ready to march in the Eugene Celebration Parade. PHOTO BY DAVID GEITGEY SIERRALUPE

RISE UP

By PLAEDO

If you are tired of looking
for that job that isn't there
I'm talking to you.
Or if your job
doesn't treat you fair
I'm talking to you.
If you don't love yourself,
and what you do,
I'm talking to you.
Now, the rich are getting richer,
the poor getting poorer,
I'm talking to you.
As our tax dollars
buy weapons of war,
I'm talking to you.
And as mother earth
gets abused
I'm talking to you.
Now, if you care,
about the world we share,
I'm talking to you.
If you have an idea
to improve the world,
I'm talking to you.
So what you wanna do?
how far will you go?
I'm talking to you.
I hope you dare to change,
make the world a better place,
I'm talking to you.
And me, he and she,
We are the ones
we've been waiting for.
Who will revolutionize the way
we exist, with,
governments, businesses,

each other, ourselves.
The era of passive consumers is over,
we are co-creators of culture.
From the Capitals
to the caverns of our heart
we fight injustice with compassion.
And when we're ready
to take direct action.
We Will Rise Up Together.
We will learn from the past,
Take time to laugh,
We Will Rise Up Together.
We will go to class,
study science and math.
We Will Rise Up Together.
We will create arts and crafts
from recycled trash.
We Will Rise Up Together.
Turning suburban lawns
into permaculture gardens.
We Will Rise Up Together.
For peace and Love,
in our neighborhoods,
We Will Rise Up Together.
We form businesses,
keep each other healthy,
We Will Rise Up Together.
We don't need to be rich,
we can redefine wealthy,
We Will Rise Up Together.
And if congress can't progress,
we will change the process,
We Will Rise Up Together.
And where there are walls,
we will build ladders,
We Will Rise Up Together.

In a dark time

By CATHERINE SISKRON

In a dark time, the eye can no longer see
While harsh words are spoken.
The earth is sore with them,
Its creatures deeply wounded.

Our dark time came
On Nine Eleven.
Harsh words were spoken;
Life changed for all.

Secret commandos
Now roam the earth,
Secretly sequestering,
Torturing suspects.

And weapons of mass destruction
Are aimed at our planet,
Our mother, our Gaia, our earth;
While peaceful warriors,
March united
For justice and wisdom and love...

DONATIONS WELCOME

Occupy Eugene asks for your financial support so that we can continue to build coalitions, pressure our elected leaders, and work together to end the inequality and injustices in our community and in our country. We welcome any level of support and hope that you will give an amount meaningful to you. Donations are always welcome! Use the WePay button on the Occupy Eugene website; mail a check written to "Occupy Eugene" to P. O. Box 744, Eugene OR 97440; or stop by the Oregon Community Credit Union to make a deposit to our account.

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