

HOPE Coalition Newsletter -- Editorial Page -- August 10, 2004

Humboldt General Plan Second Public Workshop at Board of Supervisors Wednesday, 8/25/04 at 6 pm

What's Ahead for Humboldt County

The workshop before the Board and the Planning Commission will start to nail down the environment in which your kids will grow up, and how you may spend your retirement years. Updating the General Plan, mandated by state law, will produce a blueprint for all physical development within the county for the next 20 years. It establishes development & resource protection policies and identifies the kinds, locations, and intensities of land uses within the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County. Under discussion will be a Report on four Sketch Plan Alternatives which will concentrate on Plan #2, nicknamed *the sprawl plan*, and #3, *the conservation plan*. Plan #4 is an attempt at a blend of SP 2 & 3. The Report can be found at www.planupdate.org, Kinko's, or library branches.

The 2 main adversaries are The Humboldt Economic & Land Plan (HELP), which is promoting Plan H, and the Healthy Humboldt Coalition which is promoting the HH Plan.

1] HELP is a group created by the local home builders and realtors, and is funded by the Arkleys. It is trying to push the county towards a more 'development friendly' General Plan. Their Plan H, a substitute for the #2 Sketch Plan, encourages a 2% population growth rate, 4 times that of the county plan. Plan H also recommends that "agriculture and timber land contiguous to urban areas must be considered for residential purposes" earning them the "sprawl" title. The Plan can be found at www.helphumboldt.com

2] Healthy Humboldt is a coalition of environmental and other organizations, business owners, and farmers that vigorously opposes Plan H: "It is ultimately not a plan at all. Its plan for our future is summed up on page 24 ... which states 'It is the market place which will ultimately identify what specific locations are desirable for their individual land use.' This is not a vision for our future. Rather, it is a self-serving vision for their future, for the homebuilders and developers who don't care what becomes of Humboldt County, provided they make a bundle in the process. We can, & must do better than this. Humboldt County doesn't need this kind of HELP."

Healthy Humboldt claims Plan H is a blueprint for sprawl. "It calls for development of 15,540 acres of current farmland or timberland to accommodate 18,250 new homes. That's an area 1-1/2 times the size of Eureka, lost to create low density suburbs." They also worry that supplying more houses would not solve the problem of affordability. "It relies entirely upon supply & demand to reduce prices. ... a strategy which has never been effective at reducing prices in any market anywhere in the U.S." Healthy Humboldt is also critical of calling for a population rate growth of 2%, which "would increase our County population over 20 years to 208,506 people."

The Guiding Principles of the HH Plan are to:

- 1] Maintain separate and distinct 'small town' communities with a variety of cultural and recreational amenities, surrounded by wild and working open spaces.
- 2] Promote housing, education, and health care to meet community needs throughout the County.
- 3] Reduce County infrastructure costs by channeling new growth into existing communities currently served by water and sewer.
- 4] Restore a sustainable relationship with our natural environment to provide for clean water, fish and wildlife, scenic beauty, and natural resources.
- 5] Ensure a locally sustainable energy future.
- 6] Support locally-based businesses and industries.
- 7] Provide clear and concise County land-use policies for the public.

This writer grew up in L.A. where we kids could hike all over the North Hollywood hills, or float rafts in the big empty space among the trees in the next block when it rained. When I came back to L.A. years later, I saw the champion "city of sprawl." Hopefully, in my declining years, I won't see a little L.A. here in my adopted abode. For a number of reasons this is unlikely because whatever plan is chosen it will take 2 years for the Planning Dept. to just work out the details.

More Than A Million Women Marched and Sang at the Capital, But Who Heard Them?

On April 24 the *March for Women's Lives*, perhaps the largest protest in the capital's history, was downplayed in the press, magazines & national TV. Even CNN, which gave more extensive coverage than the others, failed to treat the march as the historic occasion that it was. What do women have to do to bring their manifesto of peace, equal rights and choice to male-dominated government? Perhaps they should take a leaf from Aristophanes' play *Lysistrata* in which the women of Athens joined with the women of Sparta to declare a ban on sexual conduct until their partners end the Peloponnesian War, which had lasted more than 20 years, ... and they won!

PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center (RPJC) at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers events, information services, and meeting space to the public. Fair-trade and local gifts provide an alternative to corporate sweatshop-produced goods, and books and videos are available to borrow. Hours are noon - 6 pm, Monday - Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

RPJC needs your help to keep its doors open! The Center is having financial difficulty and wishes to repeat the success of their first rummage sale with another. They need your donations of gently used goods - furniture, appliances, clothing, kitchenware, electronics, interior decor, jewelry, shoes, music, books, ... All donations are tax-deductible. The Rummage Sale will be the first weekend in September (4th and 5th) at the Center from 9 am - 6 pm. Drop off donations at the RPJC Tues. - Fri. from 12 - 6 or Sat. 9 - 3 or call 826-2511 to schedule a pick-up. As we go to press, word came in of a break-in & theft of \$400 from the RP&JC office.

Sunday, October 24: United Nations Day A tribute to Edilith Eckert is being planned for this day, a call to action in her memory. The event will be held at the Arcata Community Center and volunteers are needed now to help plan the event. To get involved, please call Maureen at 826-1738.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS & CULTURE

Thursday, August 12: Last Eureka Summer Concert, 6 - 8 pm, Eureka Boardwalk, F St. **Battle of the Bands** Info: 442-9054.

Sundays: Arcata Summer Art and Concert Series, through August 29, noon - 3 pm, on the Arcata Plaza. **8/15:** Terrapin Tony Band **8/22:** The Horn Band **8/29:** Kulica Info: 822-7091, www.arcataparksandrec.com.

Friday, August 13: Arts Arcata! in Arcata.

Saturday, August 14: Tiffany's Sand Castle Festival at Clam Beach from 12:30 - 5:30 pm. Prizes in several categories. Entry fees: \$10 adult, \$5 kid or \$25 for a team of 3 or more. No charge for spectators. Info: Xande at 826-1491.

Saturday, August 14: HSU Natural History Museum Yard Sale 9 am - 4 pm. Out-dated store stock and some of the staff's personal collections of cool rocks, plants, shells, and more. There will also be baby items, books, small furniture and misc. Info: 826-4479.

Saturday, August 21: Buddy Brown Blues Festival in Perigot Park, Blue Lake. Humboldt homegrown electric and acoustic blues benefit for the Humboldt Folklife Society. Music, BBQ, beer. Gates open 10:30 am, music starts at 11 am. Tickets \$12 advance/\$15 at the gate. For tickets or info: www.humboldtfolklife.org.

Saturday, August 21: Amy Goodman in a Benefit for KMUD & KHSU, 6:30 pm at the Municipal Auditorium, 12th and F Streets, Eureka. The host of *Democracy Now!*, is on a national tour to mark the launch of her first book *The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them*. The event will include a screening of the documentary *Independent Media During a Time of War* as well as music, a reception, book-signing, and more. \$12 Advance/\$15 door. For tickets or info: KMUD: 707-923-2513 or KHSU: 707-826-4807.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Key Vote This Week for Heritage Tree Preservation Act! The California Heritage Tree Preservation Act (SB 754) now faces a critical vote THIS WEEK before the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and calls are urgently needed. SB 754 will forever protect heritage trees on nonfederal forestland in California. Heritage trees are defined as those that are older than statehood (1850) and meet specified diameter requirements. Less than 3% of the ancient forests of California remain standing today. SB 754 would also grant property owners and their heirs the benefit of substantial reduction in estate taxes. This fact alone would help keep many old-growth trees standing, rather than being cut to meet tax obligations.

The Department of Forestry (CDF) has voiced opposition to the bill, calling it "unnecessary...because old-growth forests are protected under other existing laws." Under current regulations, logging companies do not even have to identify old-growth redwoods in timber harvest plans unless they are 20 contiguous acres or more, a rare situation since much of the remaining old growth is scattered in small clusters of trees. The sad truth is that old-growth trees are continuously falling across California. Coastal old growth redwoods have no standing protections unless a lawsuit is successful. Even then logging companies do not give up, relentless in their pursuit to level giant trees.

Please take a moment right now to contact Appropriations Chair Judy Chu and ask her to support SB 754. Tell her that forest protection must be measured in both dollars AND sense. For more information on SB 754: www.ancienttrees.org. The Honorable Judy Chu, California State Assembly, PO Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0001. Phone: 916-319-2049

Every Saturday at 2 pm **Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM)** sponsors free tours of the Arcata Marsh (with docents). Meet at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90 minute walk focusing on various aspects of the birds, ecology, and workings of the marsh. Info: 826-2359.

Every Saturday and Sunday thru 11/15 **Weekend Hikes to the Headwaters** led by the Bureau of Land Management, weather permitting. The three mile hike begins at 9 am and reservations are required. Info and reservations: 825-2300.

Ongoing: Guided (Drive-Thru) **Tours of the Mill Creek Watershed** led by Save the Redwoods League. Info: 464-6101 ext. 5064.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesdays: Youth Drum Circle for ages 10 - 21 from 6 - 7:15 pm at the Arcata Endeavor. Twelve new drums! Sponsored by the RAVEN Project and Youth Services Bureau. For info and/or rides from Eureka: 443-7099.

All Summer: "The Trouble with Trolls" Summer Reading Program at all the Humboldt County Libraries. For information on branch open hours call the main library in Eureka at 269-1900, or go to www.humlib.org.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Intergenerational Visiting Program Needs Volunteers Join the Volunteer Center of the Redwoods to visit homebound elders. Info: 442-3711 ext. 214.

Beginning August 31: CASA Training Volunteer on the behalf of abused children with Court Appointed Special Advocates. Call to apply: 443-3197.

Wednesday, August 25: Sketch Plan Alternatives Report: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission will hold a second public workshop at the Board Chambers in the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, at 6 pm to discuss the Report for the Humboldt County General Plan Update. Additional testimony is welcome. Info: Martha at 268-3704.

Saturday August 28: Democracy Unlimited HC Workshop: First Steps In Dismantling Corporate Rule 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, DUHC Office, 1402 M Street, Eureka. This introductory workshop teaches the history and context for corporate power and will help participants to take the "1st Steps" necessary to reclaim our democracy from corporations. Cost: \$20 - \$60 sliding scale. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-registration is required. Registration or Info: 269-0984, info@DUHC.org, www.duhc.org

"Community Building Workshops: Sustainable Construction with Hybrid Adobe and Papercrete" Hands-on workshops help build the first hybrid adobe structure on the West Coast: a community retreat in the Trinity Mountains Aug 28 - 30. Led by Philip Mirkin, hybrid adobe instructor and Joyce Plath, architectural designer; in co-ordination with CCAT. Sliding scale, students \$35 per day. Info: Joyce Plath at 822-1860. philipmirkin@hotmail.com, jplath@ecolodging.com, www.hybridadobe.com.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) at their temporary home on the HSU campus towards the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street. Come visit. Open planning meetings every Sunday from 10 am - 1 pm to design our new permaculture landscape, input wanted! Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

FOOD AND SHELTER

The Arcata Night Shelter is now in its 2nd year under the sponsorship of the **Humboldt All Faith Partnership (HAFF)**. Daily application for a one-night stay can be made at the Arcata Endeavor, 501 9th St. Transportation is provided from the Endeavor each weekday afternoon, returning the next morning. Weekend stays are arranged on Fridays. Call 822-5008 for further info. HAFF is always looking for contributions and caring volunteers. Check with your local church, or call Becky Price-Hall, Board President, at 822-6540. Make tax-deductible checks to HAFF, Box 181, Bayside, 95524.

In Eureka, The Rescue Mission at 110 2nd St. provides shelter as well as food. Drop-in referrals can be made at **RCAA**, 445-0881. **St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility**, 35 West 3rd Street, Eureka, 445-9588, provides a hot meal every day from 11 am - 1 pm. Everyone is served. Other good sources for food and shelter can be obtained from the **Humboldt Community Switchboard** at 441-1001 or toll-free 887-460-6000.

Fridays & Sundays 5:30 pm. **Free Vegan Food** served on Arcata Plaza by **Food-Not-Bombs**. Help cook: 822-7228 or 822-4014. The **Arcata Endeavor**, 822-5008, and **Food for People** at 445-3166 serve & distribute food at various times during the week. **Humboldt Community Switchboard** can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call **441-1001**.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

Sunday, August 15: "Digging up the Dirt" with host David Ross on KMUD (88.3 FM in northern Humboldt and 91.1 FM in southern Humboldt). Guests: author Ross Gelbspan on his new book: *"Boiling Point: How Politicians, Big Oil and Coal, Journalists, and Activists Have Fueled the Climate Crisis -- And What We Can Do To Avert Disaster,"* followed by an interview with author David Ray Griffin on his new book: *"The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions About the Bush Administration and 9/11."* 1:30 - 3 pm. Info: daveross27@hotmail.com.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** with NEC Director **Tim McKay** on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Guests: **8/12** Robert Gould from Physicians for Social Responsibility; **8/19** A.J. Schneller with the Center for Biological Diversity; **8/26** Robert Devine, author of *Bush vs. the Environment*. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm: **Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers** on KHSU. Guests: **8/12:** Members of the sex-positive group, Club Risque will be Jamie's guests; **8/19:** HSU professor Christina Accamondo and hopefully professor Carolyn Frazee will talk about the new Queer Studies Minor offered at HSU. Call-in #: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Fridays and Saturdays 9 - 10 pm: **INN Report** from RadioFreeAmerica on Cable Channel 12, featuring international news perspectives, in-depth analysis with activists on current events and interviews with progressive authors and film makers.

MEETINGS

Regularly scheduled meetings are now listed in the insert. Special topics, speakers, or events will be listed here.

Monday, August 30: Women for Peace. The WILPF are returning to a 7 - 9 pm meeting time, with a 6:30 - 7 pm social time before the meeting starts. August's meeting will feature Native American poets (starting at about 8pm). Info: Becky at 826-9197.



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Hiroshima Remembered -- Ceremonies marking the 59th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima were held all over the world last week from Hiroshima to Arcata. The death toll from that single bomb on the men, women, & children who lived in Hiroshima totals more than 237,000. Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba in his annual Peace Declaration had harsh words for the present U.S. administration's expanding military development of nuclear weapons. He said the "egocentric world view" of the U.S. is reaching extremes, with Washington ignoring the United Nations and international law by resuming research on smaller and more usable nuclear weapons.

Arcata honored the dead with its annual lantern float ceremony at the Marsh's Klopp Lake. In a moving speech Arcata City Councilman David Meserve examined some of the history leading up to the tragic use of the 2 atomic bombs on civilian populations. He then urged that "we, today, should insist that our leaders decide upon their actions by asking three questions: Is a policy or course of action necessary and effective, or are there alternatives? Is it legal under international law? Is it morally right and clear, so that we could explain it to our children?"

In Bayside, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service on Sunday, HSU Professor Melanie Williams spoke of "*The Bush Nuclear Policy: Beyond all Proportion.*" She talked of the almost ridiculous lack of understanding by the military and security officials of nuclear weapons, making little distinction from conventional weaponry. She spoke about broken treaties; first-use policy; of the robot nuclear earth-penetrator used to destroy the bunkers we had built in Afghanistan; of the \$6.5 billion spent on nuclear weapons this year; and the boasting, "The U.S. will not be swayed by public opinion." It was announced at this meeting that the U.S. last week had launched 4 NFIRE test satellites into outer space, despite our official policy against such a practice. These first-ever weapons in space caused one top anonymous Pentagon official -- opposed to this lunatic proliferation -- to say "We're crossing the Rubicon into space weaponization." --o--

We have left no room for **election updates**, but keep firmly in mind that this election may well be decided by who gets out the most previously unregistered non-voters. **Last date to register: Monday, October 18.** More county issues next time.

HOPE Coalition
----- **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** -----

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize and promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally and socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following types of organizations: *Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor and Human Service.*

Membership: Renewal

Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.

Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 per year.

Make checks to HOPE Coalition. Amount: \$ _____

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The HOPE Coalition - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org

The HOPE Coalition *Newsletter* is now available in Arcata at: the Co-op, NEC, & the RP&J center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

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PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Hours for the RPJC are 11 am - 6 pm, Mon. - Sat. Info: 826-2511, www.rpjc.net.

Activities at the Center:

1st Wednesday at 6 pm **Bar None!**, a prison support/activism group. 443-8805.

Tuesdays at 6 pm **The Educators Working Group** meets. Info: Jerome 442-7573.

4th Thursday at 6:30 pm **Humboldt Green Genes** meets. Info: Mike or Angela at 826-1031, or soydeva@hotmail.com.

Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.

Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.

Not at the Center:

1st Thursday at 7 pm: **Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.

Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513.

Counterspin, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

Hearts & Minds, A call-in commentary of current issues from the veterans' perspective hosted by local members of Veterans for Peace Brian Willson, Michael DeLeon, & Mark Drake. 1st Sunday at 1:30 - 3 pm.

Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Current animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

Digging Up the Dirt: David Ross, host. 3rd Sunday, 1:30 - 3 pm. Info: daveross27@hotmail.com.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com.

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report. 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Global Stuff with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **NEW PROGRAM TIMES!**

Econews Report with NEC Director **Tim McKay**. Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Info: 822-6918.

Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers: 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Call-in #: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Sun. at 10 am: **Living Biographies**. Fridays at 9 pm: **NOW** with Bill Moyers. Info: 445-8013.

Was APEG, now HCMC Channel 12 (Public Access TV): **Every Sunday and Monday** from 6 - 7 pm **The Humboldt Magazine Show** news magazine program. Info: **Redwood Media News Group** at 825-6618. **Amy Goodman's Democracy Now** recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 9 - 10 pm, Monday - Friday. Sunday nights at 9: **Outside the Box** "News & Views." **Classic Arts Showcase**, 12 - 4 pm, Monday - Friday. **INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica**, Friday and Saturday nights 9 - 10 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Forest Defenders Hotline and info: 825-6598.

Humboldt Bay Stewards, an open forum group formed to discuss issues, coordinate projects & educate people interested in recreation & conservation on Humboldt Bay, meets on the 3rd Friday of every month, at the Agriculture Ctr., 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka. Info: 445-2401.

Wild Urban Gardeners! meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

Adopt-the-Bay Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

Audubon Society Field Trips: Free public field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I Street in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Friends of the Dunes. Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397. Check web site for complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology. Info: 826-3551.

ARTS

The Ink People 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413.

Arcata Artisans Co-operative Gallery: H St. side of the Plaza. Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 - 6, Sunday 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133.

Westhaven Center for the Arts 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860.

First Street Gallery 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum, 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947.

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MEETINGS

NAACP 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm. at the Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 786-4942 or 268-8287. Info: Priscilla at 442-2638.

Redwood Chapter ACLU-NC, 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. Meetings are now at 632 Ninth St., Arcata across from the fire station. Office phone: 825-7636. Other info: 839-7459 or 786-4942 or www.acluredwood.org.

Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56) 1st Thursday at 7 pm at Marsh Commons, Arcata. Info: 826-2992.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter) 4th Wednesday at 7 pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville. 943-1874.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) meets the last Monday 7 - 9 pm (6:30 - 7 social time) at the Marsh Commons, 101 H Street, Arcata. Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. Courthouse #A. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Humboldt Greens Info: 444-5050, sillywiz@reninet.com, www.arcata.com/green/.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 3 pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Call to confirm meeting times. Info: humboldtcommunistalliance@hotmail.com or 839-3824.

Humboldt Green Genes: 2nd Wednesday at CATS, 315 P St., Eureka at 6 pm. Info: Martha Devine soydeva@webtv.net or 442-3481.

Humboldt Elections office, 3033 H St. Eureka, 445-7678, confirmed that the initiative to ban the growing of genetically engineered crops in the county will be listed on the Humboldt ballot as **Measure M**.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Commission Tuesdays, 7 pm at City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.

McKinleyville Skate Park 2nd Wednesday, 6:45 - 8 pm, 1540 Harper Ave. Info: Pat: 839-8241, www.mckskatepark.com.

The Tenants Union for renters' rights meets every other Thursday, at 321 Coffee Shop, 321 3rd St. Eureka from 4:30 - 6 pm. Info: 476-1919.

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

Commission On Status of Women Meets 2nd Thursday at 6 pm, conference room A of the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. The public is welcome. Info: Julie 822-2502 or <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. FREE drop programs on Saturdays 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.

Humboldt County Library in Eureka *Story Hour*: 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.

Arts in the Afternoon - a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.

Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth, Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

Cyber Tribe a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to anyone age 12 - 19. No experience necessary. Info: 826-1160.

Humboldt County Main Library Humboldt County Teen Law Clinic provides legal information & resources to area teens & their parents. The clinic is located in Rm. 1 of the Marshall Bldg. on the Humboldt Bay/Eureka H.S. campus. The office is open 8 - 9 am & 3 - 5 pm every Tues. & Thurs. Info: Kyle or Lynn at 444-0153, or Georgeanne at 441-2549.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call **441-1001** or 1-887-460-8000.

Humboldt Literacy Project, Adults over 16 meet weekly at the Humboldt main library, Eureka with family literacy tutors to improve their reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655.

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups: All services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: toll free 866-668-6543.

North Coast Rape Crisis Team. 24 hour Crisis Line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

LesBohemian Coffee House. An all women's space. Meets 2nd Saturday 7 pm, 1901 Calif. St., Eureka. 444-1061.

Vision Loss Services: LightHouse of the North Coast will orient people to local, state, and national services on the last Tuesday of every month. 2127 Harrison Ave #3. Reservations preferred. Info: 268-5646.

The Care Givers Support Project provides information, referral & coordination services to help care for seniors over 55 of all incomes. Services include vision & hearing screening, blood testing for diabetes & anemia, screening for skin & oral cancer, review of & planning for personal health history. Free, but donations OK. To schedule appointments & info: 268-2107.

The **Area Agency on Aging** sponsors many of the senior programs listed here. Info: 442-3763.