



# The HOPE Coalition

**Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment**

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

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### House Rushes Bill to Continue Funding Afghanistan Occupation

by Jason Leopold, truthout.com

A treasure trove of classified documents released Sunday by Wikileaks ([www.wikileaks.org](http://www.wikileaks.org)), which sheds new light on the catastrophic failure of the nine-year war in Afghanistan, did not derail congressional efforts Tuesday to pass a \$33 billion emergency supplemental bill to continue funding the occupation.

The House passed the spending package by a vote of 308-114. The bill will now be sent to President Obama for his signature. The money will be used to fund the troop surge in Afghanistan, which is part of the revised war strategy Obama announced in a speech at West Point last December. The combined cost of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars has surpassed \$1 trillion and have claimed the lives of 5,620 US soldiers and hundreds of thousands of civilians.

Bloomberg reported that attempts by war critics to insert amendments into the supplemental bill "targeting Obama's Afghanistan policies" failed to win support after Obama threatened to veto a bill that contained any provision he said would weaken his commander-in-chief powers. "The amendment that came closest to passing would have required the administration to submit a report explaining how it intends to end US involvement in the Afghan conflict," Bloomberg noted. The bill cleared the Senate last week after Democrats removed \$23 billion in unrelated, albeit critical domestic spending, such as \$10 billion for state governments to stave off teacher layoffs.

The Associated Press reported that "in addition to stripping money out for teachers and student aid, the final bill omits more than \$4 billion requested by the administration to finance settlements of several long-standing lawsuits against the government, including \$1.2 billion to remedy discrimination by the Agriculture Department against black farmers and \$3.4 billion for mismanaging Indian trust funds." But the bill does include "\$5.1 billion to replenish the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief fund, \$6.2 billion for State Department aid programs in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and Haiti and \$13.4 billion in benefits for Vietnam war veterans exposed to Agent Orange," bringing the total spending package to \$59 billion.

Still, the number of Democrats who voted against the supplemental spending bill—102—nearly quadrupled, indicating that the raw intelligence reports released by Wikileaks may have had some impact on the final vote. Voting in favor of the bill were 148 Democrats and 160 Republicans. Twelve Republicans voted "no."

Congressman Jim McGovern (D-Massachusetts) said lawmakers should have not voted on the spending bill "until we some questions answered" and "there is a full airing of all the" revelations in the Wikileaks documents. "It is a mistake to give this administration yet another blank check for this war," McGovern said. "We're told we can't extend unemployment, or pay to keep cops on the beat or teachers in the classroom, but we're asked to borrow another \$33 billion for nation-building in Afghanistan. I think we need to do more nation-building here at home."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates had said the emergency spending bill needed to be passed by August or US troops would not be paid. Gates made the same remarks when supplemental war bills were being debated by Congress while George W. Bush was president. In 2007, Gates threatened to fire more than 200,000 Defense Department employees and contract workers because congressional Democrats balked at approving the administration's spending package for funding the Iraq War. But the Congressional Budget Office and the GAO told Congress that Gates could tap into the Pentagon's \$471 billion budget to fund the war while Congress continued to debate the merits of giving the White House another "blank check" for Iraq. But the Congress soon blinked. As Robert Naiman, a senior analyst at Just Foreign Policy and a regular Truthout contributor, pointed out earlier this week, "Under current law, the government can continue to pay for 'essential national security expenses, including pay for troops' without a Congressional appropriation."

Earlier Tuesday, Obama, echoing statements often made by Bush, also urged Congress to swiftly pass the spending bill in order "to ensure that our troops have the resources they need and that we're able to do what's necessary for our national security." Obama also downplayed the significance of the documents released by Wikileaks. "While I'm concerned about the disclosure of sensitive information from the battlefield that could potentially jeopardize individuals or operations, the fact is these documents don't reveal any issues that haven't already informed our public debate on Afghanistan," Obama told reporters.

But House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-Wisconsin), who was largely responsible for managing the legislation, said in the end he could not vote in favor of the bill. "We have appropriated over \$1 trillion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to date. ... These wars have been paid for with borrowed money," Obey said before casting his "no" vote. "But ... virtually everything we have attempted to do this year to address the economic crisis and emergencies on the domestic side of the ledger have fallen by the wayside."

At his weekly press briefing Monday, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) said funding the troops and debating the war strategy are two separate issues. "The supplemental deals with funding those troops we have in the field now. Those troops are there now ... they have a mission. I think the president of the United States made a mission that is a doable mission," Hoyer said. "Now, we may want to reconsider that in a new Congress. The administration may want to reconsider that and [have a] debate about it. But the fact is, those troops are there now, and the money, as we have been told by the Pentagon, will be depleted as of the seventh of August."

## PEACE NEWS

**Saturday, August 14: Lantern Ceremony** In memory of the victims of the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 65 years ago. 7:45 pm to sunset at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Lantern-making at the Arcata Farmers Market from 9 am – 1:30 pm. Info: 826-7233.

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, &amp; CULTURE

- Friday, July 30: Picnics on the Plaza.** Picnics on the Plaza is a free, family-friendly event featuring live, local music from Josephine Johnson and her band. 11:30 am to 2 pm. Info: 822-4500.
- Saturday, July 31: Afro-Cuban Dance and Drum Performance,** Master percussionists and dance teachers from around the world perform in the culmination of the annual Explorations in Afro-Cuban Dance and Drum workshop. 8 pm at the Van Duzer Theater, HSU. \$10. Info: 826-3731.
- Saturday, July 31: The San Francisco Mime Troupe Present:** “Posibilidad, or Death of a Worker” at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Doors open at 6:30 pm. with dinner available. Pre-show music by the Mime Troupe Band begins at 7:30, the play starts at 8. Admission is \$22, \$20 for MCC members. Info: 923-3368 or www.mateel.org.
- Sunday, August 1: The Golden Road Art and Music Fair,** a benefit for the Ink People Earthquake Recovery Effort. Live music, storytellers, dancers, a kid’s area, vendors, non-profit info tables, raffles and more! Free. Noon – 8 pm. Evening concert at Redwood Raks. 7 pm – midnight. \$5 - \$10. Info: 442-8413.
- Thursday, August 5: Summer of Art Film Series: Art Films from Independent Lens. “Between The Folds”** chronicles the stories of ten fine artists and intrepid theoretical scientists who have abandoned careers and scoffed at hard-earned graduate degrees - all to forge unconventional lives as modern-day paperfolders. Free admission. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.
- Friday, August 6: Picnics on the Plaza.** Picnics on the Plaza are free, family-friendly events featuring live, local music from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Info: 822-4500.
- Saturday, August 7: Arcata Farmers Market** open 9 am – 2 pm. Music by Pan Dulce Steel Orchestra from 10 am – 1 pm. 441-9999.
- Saturday, August 7: Afternoon With the Author: Barry Evans, “Field Notes.”** Barry will discuss several topics from his recent columns in the NorthCoast Journal, including our connection to the Neanderthals and the old railroad tunnel that ran immediately north of the library. Free. 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Saturday, August 7: “Sisterfest 2010,” Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic,** a family event. Music all day, games for all ages, Pretty Pie contest and more. Bring a picnic – grill available. 11 am – 2 pm at Freshwater Park. Info: 834-4832 or www.eukasisters.org.
- Saturday, August 7: Buddy Brown Blues Festival.** Live music from 11 am – 6 pm at Perigot Park in Blue Lake. \$10, \$8, kids 12 and under free. Presented by the Humboldt Folklife Society. Info: 822-5394 or www.bluelakeblues.com.
- Monday, August 9: Open Mike at Poets on the Plaza.** Original poetry, 5-minute time limit, no music. All ages. \$1 donation. 8 pm, sign-up 7:30 pm at the Plaza Grill View Room, 2nd Floor at the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata.
- Saturday, August 14: Sumeg Village Day,** celebrating Yurok culture and traditions at Patrick’s Point State Park from 10 am - 3 pm. Free parking for the event. Info: 677-3840.
- Saturday, August 14: Afternoon With the Author: Katy Tahja, “Humboldt State University, A Photo History.”** Former local librarian, historian and Humboldt State alumna Katy Tahja will talk about her new photohistory of Humboldt State University. Free. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
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## CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; ALL AGES

- Mondays - Fridays through August 13: 2010 Summer Lunch Program:** Free sack lunches for children up to age 18. No registration or pre-approval required. Distribution takes place at many sites around Humboldt County. Info: Nicole Gribi at 445-3166 ext. 309 or www.foodforpeopl.org.
- Wednesdays: Summer Reading Club Craft Program.** 1:30 pm at Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Wednesday, August 4: “The Pirates of Penzance,” A Piratical Show and Story.** Join cast members of the Humboldt Light Opera for a short, sparkling introduction to the story and songs of The Pirates of Penzance, one of Gilbert & Sullivan’s most popular comic operas. 6 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Thursday, August 5: “Wild and Weird Sea Creatures,”** an illustrated Summer Reading Club talk by Susan Neel-Goodsir, followed by fun crafts. Free. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.
- Saturday, August 7: KEET’s Kids Club at the Morris Graves Museum of Art,** featuring short stories and art activities geared to youth 2 - 8 years old. Every family takes home a free book. August’s book is “How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods.” Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.
- Wednesday, August 11: Storyteller Dan O’Gara.** Dan O’Gara will be bringing his boatload of stories from all over to thrill the Summer Reading Club and anyone else who loves a good story, 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Friday, August 13: Teen Arts: Free Drop-in Art Workshop,** a creative environment with art supplies provided for teens 13 - 19. Free. Noon – 5 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Saturday, August 14: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Tai Chi, Tea and Calligraphy.** Activities for youth and families, including performances, hands-on arts projects, & interactive storytellers. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Saturday, July 31: Orchids in the Dunes.** Find four species of orchids blooming at the Lanphere Dunes Unit of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Bring a lens, the flowers are small! Co-sponsored by the Northcoast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Friends of the Dunes. 10 am – noon. Limited space; please pre-register. Info: 444-1397.

**Saturday, July 31: Sierra Club Free Public Hike To The Headwaters Forest Reserve In Eureka.** This 11-mile, medium difficulty hike begins at parking lot at end of Elk River Road trailhead. Hike is level for first three miles, passing through scenic second-growth redwood forest along Elk River. Last two miles are steep climb and loop through beautiful old-growth section. Return along same route. Bring snacks & water. Carpools meet at 9 am at Herrick Park & Ride lot off Highway 101 or at trailhead at 9:30 am. No dogs allowed. Info: Xandra at 441-0702.

**Saturday, July 31: Big Red: Ancient Redwood,** a free public hike at Ancestor Grove. This rigorous hike is one of many sponsored by Sanctuary Forest to educate the public about the King Range, the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, and the Mattole River watershed and the work being done to protect them. Info: 986-5415 or 986-1087.

**Saturdays and Sundays, Ongoing through the Summer: Humboldt BayKeeper Bay Tours.** Free, hour-long tours will explore the natural history of Humboldt Bay aboard a 25-foot Boston Whaler. Reservations are required a least one week in advance. Info: 268-8897 or by email at volunteer@humboldtbykeeper.org.

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trips at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.** Rain or shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks.** A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

**Friends Of The Dunes Announces The Release Of The 2010 Humboldt Bay Beaches, Dunes, and Wetlands Map and Guide.** Free guides are available at area visitor locations or on-line at: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org). The public may also request a free guide by sending a self-addressed, #10 envelope with 61¢ postage to: Friends of the Dunes, PO Box 186, Arcata, CA 95518. Info: 444-1397.

## MEETINGS

**Thursday, August 5: The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission** meets in Conference Room A in the County Courthouse in Eureka. The Commission will be hearing a presentation by John Shelter on The New Directions Program implemented to help homeless people in the county, and will be planning a public education forum to be held in September on issues related to immigration in Humboldt County. The public is invited to attend the meeting. The agenda always includes a time for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Info: 668-4095

## WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

**Saturday, August 7: "If I Could Catch The Moon": A Workshop For Adults Who Are Grieving The Death Of A Loved One.** "With paper, rocks and sticks, I can make my tears into falling stars..." Experience the creative process by using magical thinking as a tool for working through grief. This workshop will encourage participants to experience their grief as a powerful source of connection to their deeper creative selves. No artistic experience is necessary. Info or to register: Sheri at 445-8443.

**Ongoing: Avoid Foreclosure.** Redwood Community Action Agency is offering one-on-one assistance with mortgage default and foreclosure information. RCAA will also provide homeowners with financial guidance on budgeting and money management. Info: Windy Scott at 269-2043.

**Now, In Your Garden: "Plant a Row for the Hungry."** Join the national campaign, which encourages backyard gardeners to plant an extra row of food to donate to a local food pantry. Info: 445-3166.

## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

**"Thursday Night Talk" hosted by David Cobb of Democracy Unlimited** airs every Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KHSU FM 90.5. It is a live call-in show, so it's a great way to have your opinion heard by thousands of listeners. The studio line is 826-4805.

**"Conversation with Paul Mann,"** a new public affairs program covering national and international issues with local guests and callers. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 on KHSU FM 90.5. Studio line: 826-4805.

**"Bill Moyers Journal."** Interviews and news analysis on a wide range of issues. PBS, KEET TV Channel 13 on Fridays at 9 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am, or on the Internet at [www.pbs.org/moyers/journal](http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal). Info: 445-0813 or [www.keet.org](http://www.keet.org).



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### Tell Congress: No new drilling. Period. A Greenpeace Action Alert

The oil industry's gross negligence when it comes to environmental and worker safety led directly to the disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Yet now the industry is trying to pretend that the US federal government has created the crisis in the Gulf with the moratorium on deepwater drilling.

It was the oil industry that produced generic cut and paste emergency response plans, relied on a dead technical expert to answer calls, and assured the government that walruses that have not existed in the Gulf for millions of years would not be effected by their operations. The moratorium was a logical step to ensure the safety of the workers on the rigs as well as the ecosystems and marine life of the Gulf.

But now a federal judge in Louisiana has sided with the oil industry and lifted the moratorium!

Enough is enough. Sign the Greenpeace petition to Congress telling them that now is the time for a permanent ban on ALL new drilling.

#### Petition:

Without real action from Congress we are in danger of recent fossil fuels tragedies repeating themselves. Here's what Congress must do to make sure that doesn't happen:

- Enact an immediate ban on all new drilling and phase-out all remaining drilling;
- Remove liability limits for energy-related activities in accordance with the principal that the polluter must pay;
- Improve regulation and oversight of energy-related activities to ensure maximum protection of the public health and the environment;
- End all subsidies for fossil fuels and nuclear energy and invest in clean renewable energy, efficiency technology, and infrastructure development.

The US must stop using dangerous energy sources like fossil fuels and nuclear energy and replace them with clean renewable energy and efficiency technology. With a wake up call like the disaster in the Gulf, Congress must finally act to secure the future of the planet.

Please sign the petition at [www.tinyurl.com/OilDrilling](http://www.tinyurl.com/OilDrilling)

### --- HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support ---

#### The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

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

Yes, I would like to help support the HOPE Coalition's newsletter and other efforts:

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

**HOPE Coalition Newsletter Insert**—this insert contains regularly scheduled events. For special happenings and one-time events, see the regular calendar that follows the page one editorial.

## PEACE NEWS

**Peace Vigils** Fridays 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.  
**Vets for Peace Silent Vigil**; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.  
**Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-7124.  
**Women in Black** stand in silent vigil every **Friday 5 - 6 pm** at the **Arcata Plaza**, 8th & G, at the **Humboldt County Courthouse** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

## TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY

**Access Humboldt**: Public, education & government media access. Cable channels 8, 10, 11 & 12. For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms go to [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).  
**COMMENTARY on KEET TV** Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm  
**NOW** with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:  
**COMMENTARY on KGOE** 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.  
**Peter B. Collins**, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.  
**COMMENTARY on KHSU**, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.  
**The Econews Report** with Greg King. 1:30 pm Thursdays.  
**A World of Possibilities** locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.  
**COMMENTARY on KMUD**, 88.3 fm, 923-2513. **Counterspin**, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.  
**Alternative Radio**, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.  
**Animal Advocate**, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, [animaladvocate4@yahoo.com](mailto:animaladvocate4@yahoo.com).  
**A World of Possibilities** locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.  
**Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman**; noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.  
**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** call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Adopt-the-Bay**. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.  
**Audubon Society Field Trips**; Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.  
Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.  
**Friends of the Dunes**; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org). Complete calendar: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).  
**Friends of the Marsh** guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.  
**Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project**. (Public meetings temporarily suspended until after the election.) Info: 822-6171, [climatechange@redwoodalliance.org](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org); [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://www.redwoodalliance.org).  
**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.

## ARTS

**Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery**; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, [www.arcataartisans.com](http://www.arcataartisans.com).  
**Arts Alive! Eureka**; first Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.  
**Arts! Arcata**; second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.  
**Clarke Historical Museum**; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or [www.clarkemuseum.org](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).  
**First Street Gallery**; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or [www.humboldt.edu/~first](http://www.humboldt.edu/~first).  
**Morris Graves Museum**; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)  
**The Ink People**; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).  
**Westhaven Center for the Arts**; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://www.westhavenarts.org).

## **MEETINGS**

**Arcata's Committee on Democracy & Corporations** meets the third Tuesday of each month and was established in response to Arcata's Measure F. Info: 822-5951 or [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org).

**Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission.** On indefinite hiatus due to lack of a quorum. Applications available at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) or at city hall. Info: 822-5951.

**Commission on Status of Women** meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or [www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/](http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/).

**Eureka Greens** meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: [www.EurekaGreens.com](http://www.EurekaGreens.com).

**Green Wheels;** Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: [mail@green-wheels.org](mailto:mail@green-wheels.org) or [www.green-wheels.org](http://www.green-wheels.org).

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

**Humboldt Democratic Central Committee;** 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or [www.humboltdemocrats.org](http://www.humboltdemocrats.org).

Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.

**Humboldt Watershed Council** at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: [sheds@humboldt1.com](mailto:sheds@humboldt1.com).

**Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance.** Call for meeting times: [ncalview@igc.org](mailto:ncalview@igc.org) or 839-3824.

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

**North Coast IWW, the Wobblies** meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.

**Northern Humboldt Greens** meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email [arcata@greens.org](mailto:arcata@greens.org).

**Redwood Chapter ACLU** meets 3rd Tuesday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at [redwoodaclu.blogspot.com](http://redwoodaclu.blogspot.com). Info: 215-5385.

**Sequoia Greens** of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or [encimer@hotmail.com](mailto:encimer@hotmail.com).

**Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter);** 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.

**Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56);** 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF);** meets the last Monday, 7 - 9 pm at the Arcata Public Library, 500 7th St., Arcata. Info: Carol at 668-1901.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**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.

**HSU's Natural History Museum,** 1315 G St. Arcata. Closed to public, available for classroom visits. Info: 826-4478.

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

**Humboldt County Teen Court** is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.

**Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center;** regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.

**Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth;** Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

## **COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES**

**Buddhist Queers** (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.

**Eureka Mindfulness Buddhist Meditation & Discussion.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. 7:15 pm First Christian Church 730 K St. Wheelchair accessible, fragrance free, beginners welcome. Info: 269-7044.

**Fridays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups;** free, voluntary, and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational, or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or [dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net).

**Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.

**Healthy Kids Humboldt Enrollment Headquarters** offers health care insurance by assisting with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Cal Kids applications for children. 517 3rd Street, Eureka. 442.6066.

**Humboldt Community Switchboard** can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or [www.theswitchboard.org](http://www.theswitchboard.org).

**Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups;** all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: 443-6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.

**Humboldt Literacy Project,** to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655 or [www.humlit.org](http://www.humlit.org).

**Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT)** pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.

**North Coast Rape Crisis Team;** 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

**Ongoing: Drop-in Grief Support Groups.** Hospice offers free, drop-in grief support groups in Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and McKinleyville. These groups are open to anyone in the community experiencing grief and loss of a loved one. Info and schedules: 445-8443.

**Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR):** The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or [www.a1aa.org/VCOR/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**The Area 1 Agency on Aging** sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or [www.a1aa.org](http://www.a1aa.org).

**The Emma Center** Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite 207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or [info@emmacenter.org](mailto:info@emmacenter.org) or [www.emmacenter.org](http://www.emmacenter.org).

**Vision Loss Services;** Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or [www.lighthouse-sf.org](http://www.lighthouse-sf.org).