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## News Release – May 9, 2018

## **Organic Land Care in Non-Toxic Neighborhoods**

A conversation with Bob Johnson, Non-Toxic Irvine

**PHOENIX, ORE. – Beyond Toxics** and **Pollinator Project Rogue Valley** are organizing a public presentation on May 10<sup>th</sup> featuring a conversation with an important innovator for the national movement towards toxics-free neighborhoods. **Bob Johnson** of Non-Toxic Irvine will be discussing **Organic Land Care**, a new, proactive and practical approach to managing schools, city parks and open spaces without poisonous pesticides.

In 2016, the City Council of Irvine California voted unanimously to eliminate the use of toxic synthetic chemicals on city and school property. Two years later, it proved safe, popular and cost-effective.

Former city manager and city planning director, Bob will share what this process looks like and its benefits to budgets and public health. He will discuss how this approach could work in Oregon.

"No one in Eugene should have to worry that their kids or pets are being exposed to cancer-causing pesticides in a public park," said Lisa Arkin, Executive Director of Beyond Toxics.

**WHAT: A Conversation with Bob Johnson, Non-Toxic Irvine,** hosted by Pollinator Project Rogue Valley and Beyond Toxics | Learn about the Non-Toxic Neighborhoods movement!

WHEN: Thursday, May 10th: 7-8:30 PM

WHERE: The Phoenix Grange, 209 N. Main St., Phoenix, Oregon

COST: FREE!

For more detail about the event: <u>http://www.beyondtoxics.org/events/</u>

For more about Non-Toxic Irvine: <u>http://www.nontoxicirvine.org/</u>

## Call for interviews with Bob Johnson: 541-465-8860.

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