



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

NEWSLETTER

Neighborhood Picnic

5:00 pm

Sunday, August 21st

Laurel Hill Park

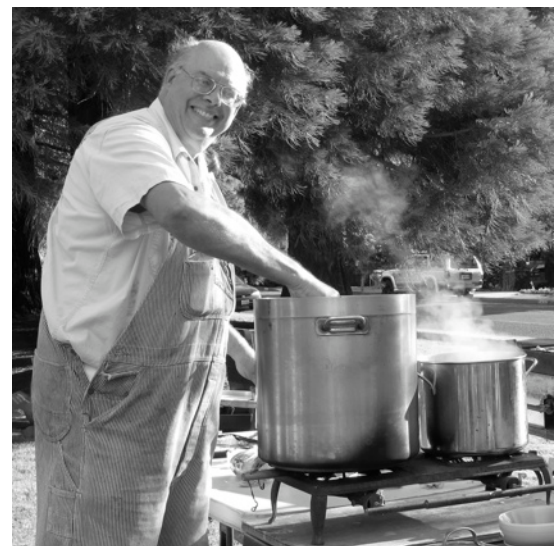


Visit with your neighbors



Dessert contest

Plus games and
A raffle with lots of great prizes
Turn the page for all the details



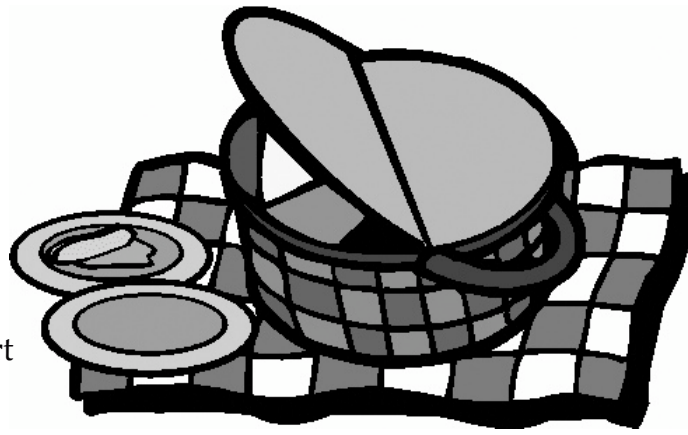
Enjoy great food



Entertainment

Please Bring

- * Your family and neighbors
- * Cash to buy raffle tickets
- * Picnic blankets or chairs
- * Reusable bottles of water for yourself
- * Desserts if you are entering the dessert contest



Please Leave at Home

- * Your pets
- * Disposables

Our Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association's annual picnic is planned for Sunday, August 21st at 5:00 pm at the South end of Augusta Street in Laurel Hill Park.

Please plan to attend and join your neighbors so we can enjoy a wonderful summer evening together. To those neighbors who have not previously attended this gathering, this is your personal invitation. Let's get to know each other. We have special ideas planned to foster connection including a neighborhood treasure hunt and neighborhood focus groups.

Knowing our neighbors gives us a sense of community. There are many positive reasons to be friendly with your neighbors. From keeping an eye on your home when you are away to providing assistance when someone is ill, good neighbors can be extremely beneficial. One way to foster communication between neighbors is to meet each other at our picnic. It is a pleasure to put names to faces and to catch up with people we have met before.

We will provide all the great eats from our local area (meat and vegetarian). Just bring your self, family and neighbors.

Just Desserts

Our annual dessert contest continues. All types of baked goods are eligible - cookies, as in bar, brownie, drop, molded, rolled, cut out, or refrigerator; cupcakes, pies, fruit crumbles and crisps or wherever your imagination and creativity leads you. Bring your delectables in a re-usable container and bake enough for the judges to taste and some to share with the crowd. Don't forget to label with your name on the underside where it's hidden from the judges. If it's not a family secret, we would love to have your recipe so we can publish the winning entry in our newsletter.

Judging will be at 6:00 pm. Along with fame, bragging rights and applause, prizes will be awarded for the judges' top 3 favorites along with a special category for chocolate desserts!

Most everyone loves dessert and we'd be delighted to taste some of your favorites. Please join the fun and ask a neighbor to come along.

RAFFLE

We will be having our ever popular raffle of great prizes again this year. Win gift certificates for pizza, restaurants, ice cream cones, garden supplies, jewelry, and other baskets full of wonderful delights.

Tickets are \$1 each ~ 6 for \$5 ~ 13 for \$10

Help our neighborhood with expenses and win a great prize at the same time!!!

Once again, thank you for your continued generosity.

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Save The Date
Fall Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011



ODE TO OUR TURKEYS : Year 5

BY MITCH HIDER

In 2007 I composed "Turkeys in the Hood" to sing at the annual picnic, adding a new verse every year. Here's a repeat of the first two verses plus the 2011 addition. Sing along to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw" and add "gobble gobble gobble" freely.

TURKEYS IN THE 'HOOD

Verse 1:

Oh I took a walk down Augusta Street
 And at my feet what did I meet?
 A bunch of wild turkeys in my face,
 Strutting around like they owned the place!

Chorus:

Turkeys in the 'hood, turkeys in the 'hood
 Waddling around, up to no good
 Fat grey turkeys everywhere
 Strutting around without a care.

Verse 2:

At first I thought the sight was rare
 But the very next day, they were there
 On lawns and driveways, but I didn't care
 As long as they weren't in my hair!

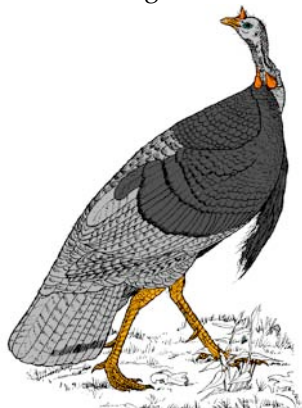
Repeat chorus

New verse:

Since Holy Cow opened on Willamette Street
 Turkeys in the 'hood are fast on their feet
 A Holy Cow Turkey Burger sounds like a treat
 So our turkeys aren't roosting on the new park seat.

Repeat chorus

(Gobble gobble
 gobble gobble gobble!)



*This photo of cats
 Leftfoot and Sammy
 sitting in front of the
 window in the
 neighborhood was taken
 by Leah. It was
 submitted in response to
 the request for artwork
 in the last newsletter.
 Thank you Leah.*

Recipe for a Good Neighborhood

Please help us find the right mix of ingredients for the
 Laurel Hill Valley:

Would you enjoy movies in the Park?

Interested in biking? gardening?

Do you have young children?

Are you concerned about pesticide use in the Park?

Stop by the Focus Group area at the Neighborhood
 Picnic, Sunday August 21

Share your views and you'll be rewarded with a free
 raffle ticket!!

Betty Hemmingsen

Food

We will provide food including hot dogs, vegetarian chili,
 corn on the cob, salads, bread, and *root beer floats*.

Volleyball and Croquet Games

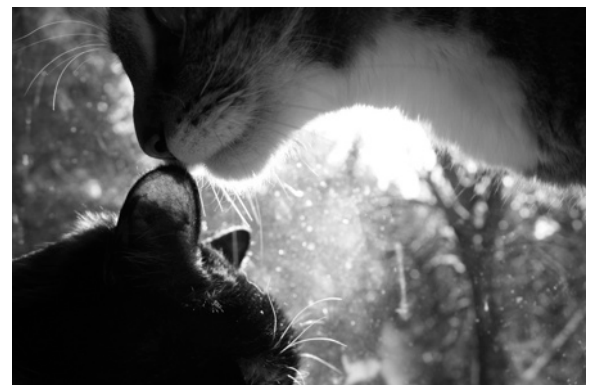
Games from the city of Eugene Parks and Recreation
 department for children of all ages - work up your
 appetite - we will have it all set up by 5:00 pm

Musical Entertainment

Due to popular demand we will once again be entertained
 by the multi-talented Mitch Hider.

Zero Waste Event

We will provide re-useable plates and utensils as well as
 having bins for recycling. We're trying to encourage zero
 waste so that we can divert as much trash as possible from
 the landfill. Our goal is to have all the picnic materials re-
 useable, recyclable, or compostable. Last year we had less
 than 7.2 pounds of trash, including all food wrappers!





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Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood organization, chartered by the City Council in 1974. General Meetings are held quarterly to learn about and discuss issues relating to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The LHVC Executive Committee meets at other times to discuss and represent the interests of the neighborhood.

For more information see our website at www.lhvc.org or contact Sandy Tilcock, LHVC chair, 541-465-9079, stilcock@gmail.com

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