



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R



## Ice Cream Social, Neighborhood Picnic, and Dessert Contest

Sunday, August 19, 2018

5pm at Laurel Hill Park, Augusta Street at 26th



**You're invited** to join your neighbors for our annual Ice Cream Social in the park. Come enjoy an ice cream sundae that you create yourself. The neighborhood association will provide ice cream and toppings, plus a non-dairy option for those who don't eat dairy.

We'll also have **games** and **entertainment** and a few special surprises. Back by popular demand, there will be a magic show featuring the Magnificent Mitchell plus a special performance by "Fearless Franco" the high-flying flea. Mitch Hider will also be walking his invisible dog.

Please leave your non-invisible dogs at home during this neighborhood event. Dogs are welcome at the park (on leash) at all other times but for this event, when there may be people (including small children) who are afraid of dogs, plus lots of food at ground level, this is not a good time for dogs to be there.

If you love to bake, enter our **dessert contest** for the chance to win **great prizes** as well as some local fame. All types of dessert are welcome. Please bring your entries in reusable containers and put your name on the bottom where the judges won't see it. Another label, where it will be seen, should have the name of the dessert and information about any possible allergens (such as nuts). When the judging is over, two lucky winners will take home prizes, and the desserts will be shared with the crowd.



**Volunteers needed:** Parents and other adults, can you help supervise some of the children's games? The neighborhood association will provide a selection of fun games and we welcome help watching the kids while they are playing. We'd also like to find a few additional folks willing to help scoop ice cream. You can email [LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com) to let us know that you can help, or just speak to someone at the sign-in table on the day of the event. Thanks!

Suggested items to **bring:** your families, a picnic dinner for yourself or your group, dishes and spoons for the ice cream (we'll provide some for those who forget), lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on, and a donation for the neighborhood association (optional).

Please **don't bring** your pets, alcohol, or glass containers, and remember that smoking is prohibited in the park (and all other City of Eugene parks).

This event provides a great opportunity to get to know more of your neighbors and to strengthen our neighborhood community. We've also invited our elected representatives to provide us with a chance for some unstructured communication with them.

## Just What is the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Neighborhood Association?

The City of Eugene has had a system of formally recognized neighborhood associations since 1976 and the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood association, chartered by the City Council in 1974. The city helps support neighborhood associations with education opportunities for neighborhood leaders, with practical items such as the dishes and games that we are borrowing for the neighborhood picnic, and with funds for publications such as this newsletter which improves communication and collaboration within the neighborhood and with the city.

The LHVC has four general meetings a year including a summer picnic/ice cream social and a winter pot-luck. There is an executive committee which plans the general meetings, organizes responses to planned developments, and generally represents the interests of the neighborhood. If you would like to join this committee, we welcome you! Contact any of the current members shown on page three to get involved.

**If you are receiving this newsletter, you are a member of the LHVC.** Even if you are in one of the areas in the valley which has a homeowner's association, you are also a member of the LHVC.

**Location** (per City of Eugene website): The Laurel Hill Valley Neighborhood spans where Franklin Blvd. crosses Interstate 5 in the north, running south and west to Birch Street, then following Birch Street to Hendricks Park, then along the east side of Hendricks Park and then following a jagged course generally south, crossing 30th Avenue to the Urban Growth Boundary, then north and east along the Urban Growth Boundary to Interstate 5, then along Interstate 5 to the beginning point.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

by Stan Dura

"While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because our neighbors are so many." ~Lady Bird Johnson

One of the most endearing qualities of our community is that we tend to help others out when needed. Whether it be child care, pet care, bartering items, sharing meals or materials, or even late-night safety patrols, there is a great deal of neighborliness taking place in our community.

The LHVC Executive Committee would like to help support our neighborly culture by encouraging, and possibly organizing, neighbors lending a helping hand. We are considering establishing a designated fund to assist LHVC members, that allows donations to be tax deductible, and is used to help LHVC members in times of need.

We are currently discussing processes, guidelines, and eligibility, etc. to help us and future ExCom members administer the fund in an equitable, sustainable, and effective manner. We will share with everyone in the community as more details are finalized and when the program is ready to launch and receive donations. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or concerns, especially if you have experience connecting people in need with local resources, we welcome your input! Please call or email us using the contact information in the table on the next page or by emailing us at [LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com).

Thanks to all the great neighbors who make this community such a great place to live!

*Editor's note: The Aging and Disability Resource Connection is a great place to start finding help if you are in need now. You can contact the ADRC at 541-682-3353, via email at [ADRCLane@lcog.org](mailto:ADRCLane@lcog.org) or search for resources online at [www.adrcforegon.org](http://www.adrcforegon.org).*

## Recap of the LHVC Spring Meeting

by Natalie Whitson

Those in the “know” enjoyed an informative Laurel Hill Valley Citizens General Meeting, May 16, 2018 at Northwest Youth Corps. The meeting kicked off with a plant exchange in front of NYC at 6:30 pm. Angie Marzano, Waste Reduction Specialist for Lane County Waste Management, was our special guest. Angie stated that 80% of the US’ recycling goes to China, of which 40-50% is actually composed of non-recyclables (trash). With the tightening of China’s standards, this is an opportunity to look at what we produce and educate people to recycle only clean materials. Angie passed around steel straws for people willing to pledge to avoid plastic straws, and gave out posters showing the plastics that are currently acceptable for recycling. Plastic bags can still be recycled at local stores, and bottles with ten cent refundable deposits can still be returned to the store or bottle drop centers.

Executive Committee members then gave Development/PUD updates related to the Capital Hill PUD (tentatively approved with 20 conditions of approval on April 20, 2018.) An appeal has been filed by the Joint Response Committee of the Fairmount Neighbors Association and Laurel Hill Valley Citizens. Tom Bruno and Sheryl Kelly said that the cost of appeals has been \$19,000 so far. There was also an update about the Laurel Ridge PUD, which has become active again. They have had their initial neighborhood meeting, and now they have six months to submit their application. Finally, there was an update about East Ridge Village. Eugene City Councilor Alan Zelenka also gave an update about goings-on at the city level. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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*Save the Date*  
*Fall Neighborhood Meeting*  
*7pm, Wed., Nov. 14, 2018*

### Capital Hill PUD Update

by Tom Bruno & Jan Wostmann

The Eugene Planning Commission upheld the Hearings Official’s decision to approve the Capital Hill PUD. They did add a few more conditions to the twenty conditions of approval imposed by the hearings official. The Capital Hill PUD Response Committee is appealing this latest decision to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals.

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Free and fun for all ages*



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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.

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