



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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## Ice Cream Social, Dessert Contest, & Picnic with #instaballet, a food truck, and vintage car rides

Sunday, August 25, 2019

5pm at Laurel Hill Park, on August Street at 26th



It's summer, and time again for our annual ice cream social, dessert contest, and BYO (bring your own) picnic. Come join your neighbors and make new friends at this fun event. The LHVC neighborhood association will provide ice cream and toppings, plus games and activities. Bring a picnic supper (or get dinner from the food truck, see below) plus lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and (optional) a donation for the neighborhood association to help support this and future events. Also, please bring a bowl and spoon so that you can enjoy your ice cream while being kind to the environment.

The neighborhood association will also supply games and activities such as croquet, bocce ball, and bean bag toss, as well as sidewalk chalk for expressing your artistic side, no matter your age. Ron Peterson is planning to offer rides in one of his vintage cars again, an always popular activity. New this year, there will be a food truck on site. Every Day Kine Grindz from Hawaii will be offering a variety of meals including Kalua pork, Teriyaki chicken, a vegetarian option, and Hawaiian shave ice treats.

There will also be a fun, interactive activity and performance from #instaballet. Created by Suzanne Haag and Antonio Anacan, these professional ballet dancers use audience driven ideas to choreograph a new dance that will be performed for us by professional dancers. Come help create something wonderful!

The dessert contest is always one of the most popular parts of this event and the winners take home some great prizes, including a gift certificate donated by Prince Pucklers Ice Cream. Please bring your entries in reusable containers with 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 the desserts will be shared with the crowd.

This event will also include information tables from groups including those letting us know about fire risk reduction strategies, the "Spreading Kindness" campaign, and a local "aging in place" project.

We still need additional volunteers to assist with set-up beginning at 3:30pm, with the games, and with serving ice cream. If you'd like to help, please contact Natalie Whitson at [nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org).

### House Bill 2001 by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann

The Oregon State Legislature passed a new law in June 2019 that will require Oregon cities to allow multi-unit housing in single-family residential zones. This will have a huge impact on the Laurel Hill Valley which is composed almost entirely of single-family zoned lots. The law is intended to increase the overall density within and around Oregon cities. No later than June 30, 2022, Eugene must amend the City's land use regulations to implement this new state law. Given that the law was just passed, the City is still evaluating its impacts and formulating a plan to implement its requirements.

## **Development Updates by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann**

### **Capital Hill PUD**

The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remanded this PUD (Planned Unit Development) back to the Eugene Planning Commission for failure to adequately address geotechnical safety issues. During the period for new testimony, the CHPUD Response Committee put into the record additional testimony from our geotechnical consultant and from our lawyer. The Planning Commissions deliberation / action meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

### **Compeau PUD (on Augusta St.)**



This PUD proposes to add four single units and one four-plex to two small lots on Augusta Street which currently contain two single family houses that will remain. LHVC recently met with the developer. Neither the timeline for this PUD, nor the LHVC response, have been determined. Contact us at [LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com) if you have input.

### **Laurel Ridge PUD by Stan Dura**

First, thanks to all who have stepped forward to help with our neighborhood response to the Laurel Ridge PUD. This would develop Tax Lot 701, about 98 acres, to accommodate about 124 dwellings, south of Augusta Street to 30th Ave. and Spring Blvd., from Moon Mountain Park to just south of Hendricks Hill. This area contains a large section of protected wetland and riparian areas, as well as protected plant and animal species, and is susceptible to landslides. Our most significant concern is the fact that the development will create three distinct but indirect routes connecting Franklin Blvd. or the Glenwood Interchange to 30th Ave. and Spring Blvd. We are also concerned about the risk of flooding and slope instability, as much of the extra runoff will travel north and downslope to the homes and properties south of Augusta Street, Riverview Street, and Floral Hill Drive. More information can be found at <https://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse/ApplicationDetails?file=PDT-18-0003>.

Fortunately, the City of Eugene had similar and additional concerns and warned the developers that their proposal would not be approved. The developers have taken a time-out and are expected to submit their revised plan by July 26th. Unless there are additional extensions, we will have approximately 45 days from that time to review the revised plan and prepare any additional response. We couldn't have gotten this far without the support of concerned neighbors, as well as our team of experts, and we are optimistic that we can ensure this development will adhere to the appropriate codes. If you would like to participate in the response effort, please contact Stan Dura at [standura@hotmail.com](mailto:standura@hotmail.com)

### **Furtick PUD by Bill Blix and Jan Wostmann**

The Furtick PUD (3.57 acres, 14 lots) has been approved by the City and the developer has applied for construction permits. The Neighborhood Response Committee still has an appeal pending before the Oregon Supreme Court challenging the approval because the developer is proposing excavation on slopes of 20% or greater, which is not allowed by the Eugene Code.

The Committee also met with County Commissioner Pete Sorenson and Lane County Public Works Director Dan Hurley regarding the legitimacy of developing Tax Lot 301. This tax lot is currently a public trail in established parkland, a wildlife corridor and part of the ridgeline above 700 feet.

## Summary of Laurel Hill Valley Citizens July 10, 2019 ExCom Meeting

The Executive Committee (ExCom), meeting at Northwest Youth Corps, reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report. We then discussed the Neighborhood Application Meeting which had taken place at Comfort Suites just prior to our executive meeting, for properties to be located at 2321 and 2323 Augusta Street. The ExCom also discussed PUDs including Laurel Ridge and planned our Ice Cream Social, scheduled for August 25th, 5-7pm, at Laurel Hill Park (see details about both items in this newsletter). Elections will be held during the November general meeting, and ExCom members are seeking out neighbors willing to run for the board. Finally, we planned articles needed for the August neighborhood newsletter. The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalie Whitson, Secretary

### Please Join Us This Fall as a LHVC Executive Committee Member

If you receive this newsletter, you are a member of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens. Our quiet neighborhood has a unique character and a diverse population, and our neighborhood organization is Eugene's oldest, chartered by the City Council in 1974.

We invite you to enjoy and get more involved in your neighborhood by joining our volunteer executive committee at our fall neighborhood meeting on November 20th. Executive committee members publish this newsletter, plan quarterly neighborhood meetings, and organize responses to developments planned for our neighborhood. To add your name to the ballot, or for any questions, please contact Jan Wostmann, Natalie Whitson, or any of the others listed below. Or talk to any of us at the Ice Cream Social on August 25th. We'll be wearing name tags.

### Are you on our iContact list?

Would you like neighborhood updates more often than this quarterly newsletter? If you provide your email address we'll send you occasional notices about meetings and other things that are of special interest to our neighborhood. Just email Natalie Whitson at [nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org) if you want to be on this list and specify if you want general neighborhood items or land use items, or both.



*Save The Date*  
*Fall Neighborhood Meeting*  
*7pm Wednesday*  
*November, 20, 2019*

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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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