



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

NEWSLETTER

Fall Neighborhood Meeting

7pm Wednesday, November 18, 2015
at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street

Meeting Agenda

Introductions

Update of Development Projects in the Valley

Neighborhood Crime Prevention
A presentation by Steven Chambers
Crime Prevention Specialist, Eugene Police Department

Neighborhood Elections

City Council Report - Alan Zelenka

Neighborhood Announcements

Crime Prevention

Presentation with Q & A

Because we've been hearing about an unusual number of vehicle break-ins and thefts in the last few months, we've asked Steven Chambers, Crime Prevention Specialist with the Eugene Police Department, to come talk to us about home and vehicle crime prevention. There will be time for neighbors to ask questions at the end of his presentation.

Food Drive



This neighborhood meeting will include a food drive, with the food and money collected going to Food For Lane County. FFLC says that for each dollar raised, they are able to provide access to three meals. So, if you don't have nonperishable food at home already, giving money instead of going out and buying food to donate makes more financial sense and is easier for you. If you do want to donate food, here is what's most needed:

Recommended Donations

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef)
- Low-sugar fruit, dried fruit, jams and jellies, unsweetened apple sauce
- Canned and dried beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried)
- Canned stew, chili, hearty soups and broth
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)

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Neighborhood Elections

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association holds elections for our officers and other members of the executive committee at our Fall neighborhood meetings. We're pleased that most of our current executive committee members have agreed to serve another term, but there is plenty of opportunity for more people to get involved by joining this group.

Here is the current list of nominees. If you are interesting in becoming an executive committee member, please notify one of the current members (contact information on page 3) or just speak up at the meeting and we will be happy to add your name to the list.

Slate of nominees:

Co-chairs: Gunnar Schlieder, Sheryl Kelly
Secretary: Stephanie Midkiff
Treasurer: Susan Ratzlaff

Current/Continuing
Executive Committee Members:

Bill Blix
Richard Cundiff
Kaye Downey
Kathy Frazer
Mitch Hider
Betty Hosokawa
Adam Jones
Deborah Kelly
Paul Orum
Natalie Whitson
Jan Wostmann

Save the Date
Winter Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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- Peanut Butter
- Ethnic foods (mole, tortillas, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies, etc.)

Some of the reasons for this drive include:

- For the second year in a row, Oregon is the state with the nation's highest rate (29%) for child hunger. In Lane County, 53% of the children qualify for free/reduced school meals.
- More than one in three Lane County residents (41%) is eligible for emergency food assistance (living at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level).

(information from foodforlanecounty.org)



Holiday Sing-Along, Dec. 16th

Mitch Hider will again lead us in song and merriment to celebrate the season. This year's holiday sing-along will happen at 7pm on Wednesday, December 16th, at the Northwest Youth Corps building on Augusta Street (next to our neighborhood park). New this year, Mitch, who is an award winning whistler, will whistle *O Tannenbaum* in German. And, back by popular request, the wonderful production of *The 12 Days of Christmas*, complete with props and enthusiastic audience participation, is sure to make us all smile.

This is a family-friendly event which is fun for kids of all ages. All are welcome and funny hats are encouraged. If you have songs you'd like included, please bring song sheets so all can join in and sing along.

Development Update: Laurel Ridge PUD

by Bill Blix

On September 24th, the land use Hearings Official for this area *conditionally* approved the Laurel Ridge PUD application for a zone change from “agriculture with a water resources overlay” to “Parks, Recreation & Open Space with Planned Development and Water Resource overlays and Low Density Residential with Planned Development and Water Resource overlays”. The condition is that the City Surveyor and the City of Eugene Public Works Department review and approve the legal description of the applicant’s property. At issue was the exact placement of the Parks land on the applicant’s property. The Laurel Ridge PUD Response Committee challenged the veracity of the applicant’s placement. This had to be determined using the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan Diagram, which is a map of all of Eugene and Springfield on an 11"x17" sheet, which makes these kinds of determinations difficult. However, the use of the Metro Plan is mandated by Eugene City Code.

The LHVC Response Committee submitted an appeal of the Hearings Official’s decision to the Eugene Planning Commission on October 6th and LHVC presented testimony to the Commission at a hearing on October 20th.

Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2015

After Thanksgiving we have Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Giving Tuesday. Now in its fourth year, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Please join in by contributing to your favorite causes. You can give thanks, give money, give food, give time, give love, or anything else that makes sense for you. You’ll be glad that you did.

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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 Gunnar Schlieder, LHVC co-chair at 541-729-4271 or gunnar@geoscience-or.com. You can also email LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.