



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R



**LHVC Neighborhood Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7 - 8:30pm**



Special Presentation: Fire Prevention

Neighborhood Executive Committee Election (See page 2)

Food Drive (See page 3)

Updates by Representative Marty Wilde and City Councilor Alan Zelenka

By Natalie Whitson, Secretary

You are invited to LHVC's next general meeting, November 18, 7-8:30pm, to be held via Zoom. Our general meetings are where you can contribute your questions, concerns, and ideas about neighborhood issues. As this is our November meeting, please plan to elect board members (see article on page 2). With the recent Holiday Farm Fire still on our minds, David Monk and Tom Peck from the Neighborhood Leaders Council will share their expertise about preparing for the next fire season including information on evacuation plans, communications, and hardening property. Representative Marty Wilde and Eugene City Councilor Alan Zelenka will give updates on their work at the state and city levels, and we'll hear updates on planned developments in our valley.

If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting, please contact Co-chair Tom Bruno (brunoassoc@aol.com) or myself, Natalie Whitson (nataliew@nwouthcorps.org) with the subject line: Nov. Zoom meeting. To attend our meeting, please visit <https://zoom.us/j/5948747490> about 10 minutes before 7:00 the night of our meeting to log-in. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at our virtual Neighborhood Meeting, November 18.

Message from Tom Bruno, LHVC Co-Chair

This month, the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association will host elections for members to join our executive committee. (These are regular members only, as our current officers are still serving for another year.) LHVC executive committee members are the people who coordinate guest speakers for our quarterly meetings; organize neighborhood events such as the traditional summer ice cream social; publish this newsletter and our Facebook, iContact, and LHVC website updates; and host food drives.

As Laurel Hill homeowners we have watched a number of developments filling in over the last year - including the East Mountain, Stonecrest, and soon Laurel Ridge subdivisions. The board's planned unit development team has organized responses to ensure that the city and developers comply with Eugene code. The board also follows up on homeless issues, illegal dumping, speeding, and ensuring that developers mow and manage the weeds on their properties. Last year, the board invested more than 3,000 hours in support of a better quality of life for Laurel Hill Valley citizens.

The LHVC executive committee has more planned for next year, including helping with disaster preparedness, fire response teams, and assisting with the city approval process for new homes. I want to thank outgoing board members for all they do, including our treasurer Susan Ratzlaff, who is in her last year of six years of service. Please consider helping us as a new board member, to make our important work possible.

LHVC 2020 Ballot

LHVC Co-Chair
(vote for one candidate)

___ Lianne Gaunt
_____ (write in)

LHVC Executive Committee
(vote for each candidate who
should serve)

___ Bill Blix
___ Tim Bradshaw
___ Erin Day
___ Katie Dixon
___ Kaye Downey
___ Kathy Frazer
___ Mitch Hider
___ Deborah Kelly
___ Sheryl Kelly
___ Jan Wostmann
_____ (write in)

___ By checking this spot I affirm
that I live, work, or own
property in the Laurel Hill
Valley neighborhood.



Two Options to Vote in Neighborhood Elections

by Natalie Whitson

As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, it's time to vote for neighborhood executive committee members. Current members who are running for re-election are Sheryl Kelly, Jan Wostmann, Katie Dixon, Bill Blix, Kathy Frazer, Deborah Kelly, Mitch Hider, Kaye Downey, and Tim Bradshaw. Lianne Gaunt is running to join Tom Bruno as co-chair. So far, we have one new addition to the board to be voted on, Erin Dey. Thanks for volunteering, Erin! If anyone reading this would like to be added to the ballot, email Co-chair Tom Bruno (brunoassoc@aol.com) as soon as possible.

Voting will take place two ways: via this newsletter and during the Zoom meeting. If you can attend the Zoom meeting, there will be an option to vote anonymously and we encourage you to do that. If you cannot attend the meeting, please cut out, fill in, and return the ballot in this newsletter to the LHVC mailbox, located at 2716 Brackenfern Road. (Please place in a sealed envelope). Note — all candidates must receive at least 51% of all votes so please place an X next to each desired candidate, even if they are running unopposed. Your ballot must arrive no later than November 18th at noon. If you have more than one adult voter in your household, you can email Tom to receive additional ballots. And thank you for your interest in our neighborhood!

Development Updates for the Laurel Hill Valley

by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann



East Ridge Village renamed East Mountain PUD

The Privately Engineered Public Improvements (PEPI) are not yet approved for ERV Phase 6 and 7. City staff and the Holt Group, the current owner, are resolving issues regarding tree preservation and tree removal. The City approved lots for 13 homes in ERV Phase 7.

Laurel Ridge PUD

There is a new plan for this 98-acre parcel located on the south ridgeline of our valley. It includes a road from the valley over the ridgeline to 30th Avenue, a violation of the Laurel Hill Plan. LHVC has not yet responded to this new plan. If you can help with the neighborhood response, contact Tom Bruno at brunoassoc@aol.com. The Eugene Planning Commission has extended the timeline for final action on this amended PUD application until June 30, 2021. For more information see <<https://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse/SearchApplicationDocuments?file=PDT-18-0003>>

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2321/2323 Augusta St

The City approved the tentative PUD for 8 lots (2 duplex lots, 4 single unit lots and 2 existing lots).

2520 Laurel Hill Ave

The owners have requested a neighborhood meeting to present a 5-lot subdivision plan. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020. For more information, contact Tom Bruno at brunoassoc@aol.com.



Food Drive

Every fall, for many years now, our neighborhood has included a food drive as part of our November meeting. We've been bringing cans and other packaged foods to the meeting, which were then contributed to Food for Lane County (FFLC) to be distributed to people in need. This year, when there is so much more need due to people out of work because of the pandemic and people losing their homes to the wildfires, we can't meet in person so we are suggesting two other ways to help get food to those who are in need.

If you can afford to contribute money please give directly to Food for Lane County by going to their website (foodforlanecounty.org) or by mailing a check to Food For Lane County, Development Department, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. For every dollar donated, they can distribute enough food for three meals. If you prefer to contribute packaged food, Tom Bruno has volunteered to have a FFLC barrel at his house, 2716 Brackenfern Rd (on the east side of the Laurel Hill Valley), where you can drop off those donations.

In case you aren't familiar with this local non-profit organization, FFLC has nine different food programs for getting food to people who need it. They also offer education programs including gardens, job training, and nutrition education. Of the revenue FFLC receives from all sources, 92% is spent on program functions with only 8% spent on administrative costs. Charity Navigator rates FFLC with a 4-star rating for financial health, accountability, and transparency. Please support our food drive if you can, and thank you!

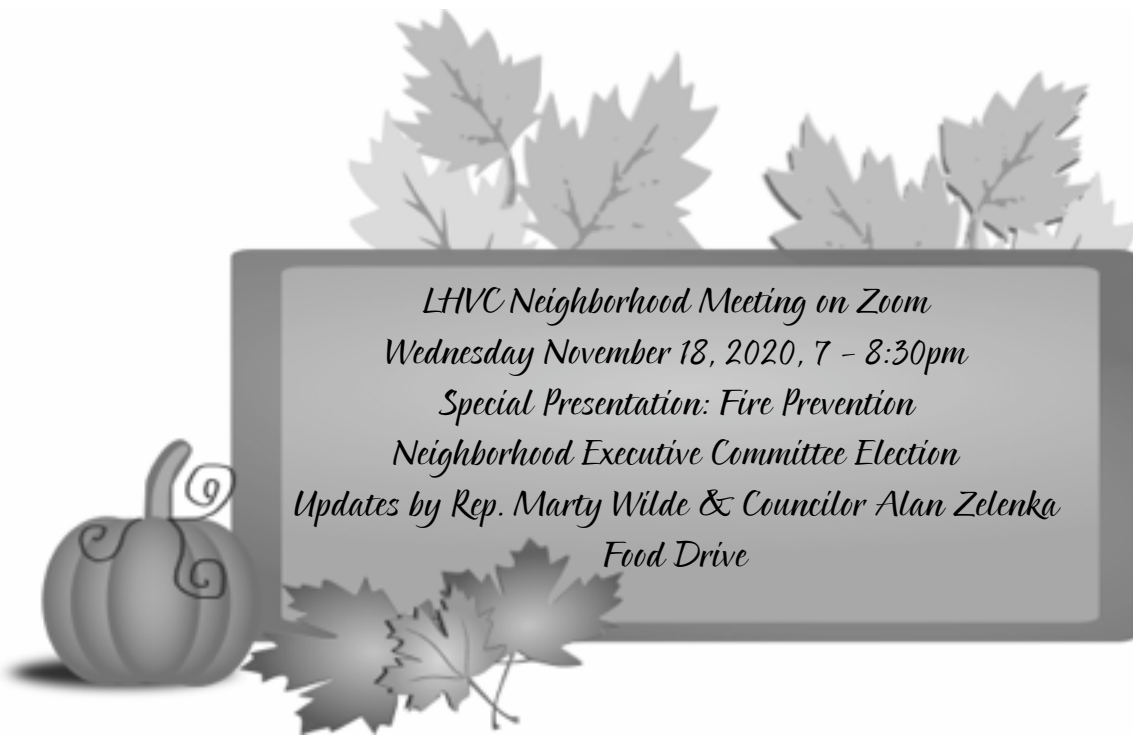


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Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood organization, chartered by the City Council in 1974. General meetings are held quarterly to learn about and discuss issues relating to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The LHVC Executive 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 Tom Bruno (contact info on page 3). You can also email LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.