



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

Fall 2018 Neighborhood Meeting and Food Drive

7 - 8:30pm Wednesday

Nov. 14, 2018

at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta St.

Agenda



Introductions

Neighborhood Elections

Featured Guest Speaker:

Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner

Updates on Proposed Developments

Questions and Answers with

City Councilor Alan Zelenka



Food Drive

Please participate in our Autumn food drive. The food and money we collect will go to Food for Lane County, to be distributed to those in need. Donations to FFLC are tax deductible and 92% of Food for Lane County resources are dedicated to food distribution. For every dollar donated, FFLC can access and distribute three meals through a county-wide network of partners. Please see page three for a list of suggested foods to donate and join us in helping those who are hungry in our community.

Neighborhood Elections



Every year, at our Fall general meeting, the LHVC neighborhood association holds elections for executive committee members. Please see page two for more information on this and to see the list of those who are on this year's ballot.

Featured Speaker

Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner will bring information about the Community Safety Initiative and what his vision and goals are for the department in the coming years. He is very open to questions from community members and will leave plenty of time for a question and answer session.

If you won't be able to attend this meeting but you'd like more information about the Community Safety Initiative, please visit Eugene-or.gov/CommunitySafety. There you'll find a good description of the problems with our current public safety system as well as a short video.

Response Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Laurel Ridge PUD is proposing a connection between 30th Avenue and the Glenwood interchange via our valley. Currently, all cars traveling in the Laurel Hill Valley are going to and from places in the valley. The connection that is proposed would mean that people could use our small neighborhood streets as a shortcut from 30th near LCC to Interstate 5 and Franklin Blvd.

The approval criteria for PUDs requires that proposed developments be consistent with the Metro Plan and applicable refinement plans, such as the Laurel Hill Plan, which states that no connection to 30th Avenue shall be made. This specific "no connection" policy is also incorporated into the Eugene Municipal Code. The response committee will be making this point to the city while representing the interests of the neighborhood's residents. Please join us. See page two for contact information and more.

Updates on Proposed Developments: Furtick and Laurel Ridge

by Bill Blix

Two of the current land developments that impact Laurel Hill Valley are the Furtick PUD (PDT 17-0004) and the Laurel Ridge PUD (PDT-18-0003).

The Furtick Tentative PUD is 4.89 acres (map 18030920, tax lot 00400). Daniel Lawler (daniel.r.lawler@ci.eugene.or.us) is the city planner assigned to this development. The response committee is made up of people from Fairmount Neighbors and LHVC, with Betsy Datri (betsy_datri@hotmail.com) and Jenny Jonak (jenny@jonack.com) as coordinators. This proposed development is now being appealed to LUBA. The brief was submitted by Sean Malone, the lawyer for Fairmount Neighbors, with oral argument not yet scheduled but probably in late November or early December. It involves the use of Tax Lot 301, which has served for years as a much-used trail connecting Central Blvd. to the Ribbon Trail and proposes this land be used by the developer for a concrete street with sidewalks.

The Laurel Ridge PUD is 74.76 acres and 124 dwelling units (map 18-03-10-00, tax lot 701) and is zoned R1. Nick Gioello (nick.p.gioello@ci.eugene.or.us) is the city planner assigned to this development. This application has been ruled incomplete as of 10/2/2018. There are problems with the proposal that impact Laurel Hill Valley, particularly with connectivity. We need help in forming a response committee and are looking for interested individuals to assist in ensuring the city complies with land use requirements. The city is pushing to connect 30th Ave. via Brackenfern Road and Rockrose Lane to the Glenwood Interchange. Please contact Tom Bruno (brunoassoc@aol.com) or Bill Blix (wbblix@comcast.net) if you are interested.

Capital Hill PUD Approved and Appealed

by Jan Wostmann

Despite numerous arguments from LHV and Fairmount Neighbors, the Eugene Planning Commission approved the Capital Hill PUD on June 14th. After consulting our attorney, Sean Malone, the Joint Response Committee decided to appeal that decision to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on behalf of the two neighborhoods. Oral arguments before a panel of LUBA judges were held in Salem on October 18th. The LUBA decision will be announced 2-3 weeks after oral arguments. We should be able to update the neighborhood on the outcome at the November General Meeting.



We've done some remodeling!

by Stan Dura

Hello Neighbors! The Executive Committee is proud to announce that we've remodeled our LHVC website! We've modernized the look and feel of it and included a lot of neighborhood photos and useful information about our community, the LHVC, the Executive Committee, and more! Check it out at lhvc.org. If you have any feedback or suggestions for content or making the site better, please contact Stan Dura at standura@hotmail.com.

Food Drive

Pease bring canned and packaged food to this meeting for our Fall food drive. Because Food for Lane County wants to provide healthy food which meets people's nutritional needs, they publish this list of their most desired foods.

- 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
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)
- Spices and sauces (mole, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies)



If you prefer to donate money, we will deliver checks made out to Food for Lane County along with the food that we collect, or you can donate on-line at their website, foodforlanecounty.org. If you do that, please note that your contribution is part of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens food drive. Thanks!

Neighborhood Elections

It's time to vote for neighborhood executive committee members. These are the people who (among other things) organize neighborhood meetings and events such as the summer ice cream social, publish this newsletter, and organize responses to developments planned for our neighborhood.

Officers are elected for two year terms. Since we elected officers last year, this year we're only voting on executive committee members. Current members who are running for re-election are Bill Blix, Tim Bradshaw, Richard Cundiff, Katie Dixon, Kaye Downey, Stan Dura, Kathy Frazer, Lianne Gaunt, Mitch Hider, Deborah Kelly, Carolyn Murrow, and Jan Wostmann. A new addition this term is Erica Abbe. Thanks for volunteering Erica! If anyone reading this would like to be added to the ballot, just let us know.



Our Winter Neighborhood Meeting, in February of 2019, will include a Potluck Dinner. Once the date and place are confirmed, we'll post the details on **our new website** (at the same web address: lhvc.org).

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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 Sheryl Kelly at 541-912-5887 or sherylkell@comcast.net. You can also email LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.