



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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**You Are Invited to a
Neighborhood Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 28, 2022, 5 - 7pm
at Laurel Hill Park, Augusta Street at 26th**



Come to our neighborhood park and celebrate being outside with friends and family on August 28th. There will be ice cream for all, including non-dairy options, plus toppings for sundaes. Thank you to Prince Puckler's and Trader Joe's for donating ice cream!

Please bring your own bowls and spoons if you can; we'll have some paper bowls and plastic spoons available if you forget. Also bring picnics for your family, water to stay hydrated, and chairs or blankets to sit on. Please don't bring any glass containers or alcohol, and remember that any dogs must be on leash. Due to Covid-19 we aren't offering organized games or our popular dessert contest this year.

The LHVC neighborhood association organizes neighborhood events such as this and the quarterly neighborhood meetings, publishes this newsletter, and works to keep this a wonderful place to live. If you appreciate our activities, please contribute to the donation jar at this event. If you'd like to get more involved, consider joining the LHVC Executive Committee. See the list of current members on page 3 or talk to any of the current members at this event.



Grant helps NYC Crews Create Defensible Space for LHVC Residents

by Natalie Whitson

After the tragic 2020 Labor Day Fires took out thousands of homes across Oregon, lawmakers worked to prevent more loss of life and property in the future. Senate Bill 762 was signed into law, and provides funding to help homeowners increase defensible space around their properties.



Northwest Youth Corps established its new Community Wildfire Protection Corps (CWPC) using grant funds provided by the State of Oregon and its Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Oregon Conservation Corps. The CWPC program hires and trains young adults to remove dead or suppressed vegetation and overhanging trees from around homes and critical infrastructure. Grant funds also support wages to young adults, as well as on-the-job experience.

NYC coordinates with local fire departments to identify worksites. So far, CWPC has assessed 34 properties in the Laurel Hill Valley. Of these, 17 LHV properties have received fuel reduction work, including the Hendricks Hill communal area.

CWPC has received positive media coverage and Senator Floyd Prozanski and state funders recently visited the Laurel Hill crew. For more information about CWPC, please contact Ian Appow at iana@nwyouthcorps.org. Thank you!



Do You Want Neighborhood Bus Service?

by Caroline Cox

If you have lived in our neighborhood for more than a couple of years, you might remember that we used to have bus service. Our route (27) was suspended during the pandemic and has not yet been restored. Would you like bus service to return? Would you use the bus? If so, email me at caroine.s.cox@protonmail.com or text me at 541-654-2626 and I will add your name to a letter to go to the Lane Transit District. Here is what the letter will say:

Dear LTD:

We are residents (or workers) in the Laurel Hill Valley, formerly served by Route 27. We miss our bus service and request that it be restored. Route 27 was designed before the EmX. A shuttle that went through the neighborhood to and from the Walnut EmX station would be a wonderful way to restore service.

Sincerely, many signers

East Ridge Village Update

by Tom Bruno



Phase 6 and Phase 7 - as proposed in the original East Ridge Village 2002 Planned Unit Development (PUD) - has begun and been renamed as East Highland. The PUD consists of a total of 67 homes, including 58 single-family detached homes, and 9 single family attached homes. The privately engineered public improvements (PEPI) construction is scheduled through July 2023 and - weather permitting - home construction is scheduled from August 2023 through December 2024 and streetlights are planned on the main roadways bisecting the property (Deerfern Road and Rockrose Lane). Street names include Deerfern Road, Rockrose Lane, Woodfern Lane, and Woodfern Terrace. Remember this construction area is private property with heavy machinery in use. We ask everyone to stay safe and not wander into the work zone.

LHV Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program Update

by Betty Hemmingsen



We closed the online survey on June 30, 2022 with 241 responses; some interesting results will be posted soon on LHVC.org. Neighbor-to-Neighbor is planned as a free membership resource network to connect neighbors' needs by addressing short-term, long-term and potential future needs.

Possible services include: free, traded, or discounted yard work, transportation, childcare or aging in place support; dog walking, house sitting, tool sharing, and food exchanges; book clubs, quilting sessions, yoga classes and more! Watch for our table at the August picnic to discuss more program developments!



Moon Mountain Hiking Trail Update

By Ben Hansen

Moon Mountain Park is an undeveloped natural area in Eugene's Ridgeline Park system, located north of Coryell Ridge Park and south of Henderson Avenue. Moon Mountain features upland prairies, oak woodland, and conifer forests, and also offers views of the confluence of the middle and coast forks of the Willamette River. Currently, the park is served only by an unimproved logging road. The City of Eugene plans to finish building the first Moon Mountain hiking trail this year. Park staff will lead the project but volunteer help will be needed and appreciated. To get involved, please email Ben Hansen at moonmountainpark@gmail.com.

Summer Gardening Tips



by Master Gardener Jeb Weinstein

Below are several topics that will interest LHVC residents. More information from the OSU Extension service can be found at: catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu. Use the EC codes to search for articles and you can call the Master Gardeners with gardening questions at 541-344-0265.

Topic: Basic Design Concepts for Sustainable Landscapes EC 1533

Getting started on a sustainable landscape design for your property is a big undertaking, but it's more intuitive than you think. Working with your landscape, not against it, can help identify problem areas and put those areas to better use.

Topic: Growing Strawberries EC 1307

Picking your own fresh sun-warmed strawberries is one of my favorite things about summer. Strawberries are easy to grow in our region. Before you plant, take a look at the different varieties available and different planting methods. This article will help with soil and nutrient requirements, identifying pests and diseases, and help you decide what kind of plant to choose; June-bearing, everbearing or day neutral.

Topic: Bats in the Garden EC 1611

Bats are especially useful for pollinating plants and eating mosquitoes. I love to watch them take off into the night in search of insects to eat. The air is filled with clicking and chirping as the bats echo-locate their prey overhead. Try your hand at designing spaces for wildlife in your yard as part of your sustainable landscape!



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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 Caroline Cox (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.