



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

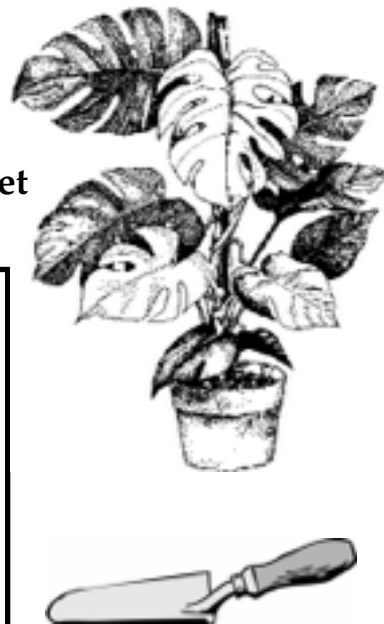
N E W S L E T T E R

**Spring Neighborhood Meeting, 7pm
Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange
at 6:30pm**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017
at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street**

Agenda

Mitch Hider will open the meeting with music
Presentation plus questions and answers by
Steven Chambers, Crime Prevention Specialist, EPD
Presentation by Carolyn Murrow (see below)
Development/PUD updates
Eugene City Council Report by Alan Zelenka
Enjoy treats from Sweet Life Bakery during the meeting



For all the gardeners in the neighborhood, we'll have a plant, seed, and garden tool exchange before the meeting. Please gather any extra plants you have in your yard, along with extra seeds, garden tools you're no longer using, and containers for plants. Bring them to the patio at the Northwest Youth Corps building which faces Augusta Street. Then look through the offerings from others and find something new to take home with you.

Labeling your offerings makes it easier for others to recognize them. Please note how much sun the plant you are sharing needs to do well, how far apart and how deep to plant seeds, or any other useful instructions which will make it more likely that your offerings will do well in their new homes.

Important -- If the items you bring are not taken home by others, please be sure to take them back home yourself. Let's not leave a mess for others to clean up.

Our main meeting speaker will be Steven Chambers, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Eugene Police Department. We've recently had reports of car break-ins, as well as a package being stolen off a porch in our neighborhood, so we thought this would be a good time to have him share his expertise with us.

Also because of the recent problems, one of our neighbors, Carolyn Murrow, has been doing some research and has volunteered to tell us about community safety resources and best practices. She also hopes to share some information about historical levels of safety in this neighborhood.

In addition, we'll have updates on the various developments being planned for our neighborhood, and we've invited our city councilor, Alan Zelenka, to give us a short report about what the Eugene city government is working on.

To start the meeting off on an entertaining note, Mitch Hider will whistle and sing a short Gershwin medley. As a special treat during the meeting, we will have sweets that were donated by Sweet Life Bakery for everyone to enjoy. Thanks Sweet Life!

The following tribute was provided by Jim and Vicky Higgins, on behalf of Flossie's family.

Florence Belle (Tindall) Higgins

Our Flossie, was born June 8th, 1927 in Wilcox, Arizona to John and Jessie Tindall. She had one sister and two brothers. Flossie left her earthly home on March 6th, 2017.



After Flossie's family moved to Oregon, she lived in Springfield. She married John Irving Higgins Sr. the day after her 18th birthday on June 9th in Sutherlin, OR; where John worked in the logging industry. In 1946 the young family moved to Eugene and purchased property in the Judkins Valley on Riverview Street in an area now known as the Laurel Hill Valley, and a home that Flossie dearly loved. As a young family they kept a large garden and raised livestock to help their growing numbers flourish and thrive. John and Flossie had five children, John Jr. (wife Geania), Jean (husband Gail), Georgia, Gary (wife Faye) and James (wife Vicky). Flossie had 8 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Every single one loved her dearly.

Flossie worked primarily for Agripac in Eugene and served on the elections board and with the PTA at Laurel Hill Elementary for many years. Serving those in need and her community was very important to Flossie. An important lesson that she instilled in her children and grandchildren. She loved gardening/preserving, crafting and spending time with her large loving family.

Our mother, grandmother, aunt, special friend and 'community mom' will be remembered for her selfless service to others, her warm hugs and her precious infectious laughter. That knowing smile and the ever present twinkle and wink in her eye. She was always in on the joke; even when nobody else knew.

The family will invite everyone to help celebrate Flossie's life when they plant a tree in her honor near the bench that was dedicated to both John and Flossie in 2012 by the Laurel Hill Valley Committee. The tree planting will take place sometime this Fall.

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Save the Date for Our Summer Ice Cream Social

This year our neighborhood picnic and ice cream social will be on **Sunday, August 20th**. The Neighborhood Association will provide an ice cream sundae bar and we're planning some special activities for children. If you'd like to help with this, please contact one of the Executive Committee members.

Some Useful City Phone Numbers

Public Works: 541-682-4800

regarding flooded streets, environmental spills, graffiti, potholes, overgrown grass or weeds, sidewalk hazards, street lights, missing street signs, dead animals

Police, non-emergency line: 541-682-5111

for noise complaints, homeless issues/camping complaints

Speeding/traffic complaints (police): 541-682-5157

Land Use: 541-682-8336

regarding fences, code violations, garage sales, complaints about garbage

Code Compliance: 541-682-5819

tenant complaints related to rental housing habitability

Animal Services: 541-687-4060

lost and found animals, animals at large, or abuse

Parks & Open Space: 541-582-4800

regarding park rules/rentals/usage

Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement: 541-682-5177

if you're experiencing hate, bias, or discrimination

City Manager's office: 541-682-5010

can tell you who to contact about other (city related) issues

Wildlife Concerns?

by Kaye Downey

Wildlife are our neighbors too and we greatly appreciate and want to protect nature in our Valley. However, sometimes problems arise involving wild or domestic animals on or near our homes. Here are some resources you may find helpful for finding more information and reporting of issues. For emergencies, call 911 immediately.

For non-emergency general questions and concerns about animals in the city limits, contact:
Eugene Police Department, Animal Services Department
541-687-4060

For information about problems involving wild animals, please visit Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website: www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/
Main ODFW line: 800-720-6339
Email: odfw.info@state.or.us
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m

East Ridge Village: Update

by Tom Bruno

The city has approved the modification to the original 2002 PUD for East Ridge Village. The city recently approved moving and combining portions of the various phases from the original PUD. Nothing has been eliminated, but the construction phases have been shifted around. The engineering firm said they will probably submit the engineering construction documents to the city for approval in October, 2017. Construction of roads, sewers, and lighting will not start until the summer of 2018 at the earliest.

Recycling Update

by Kaye Downey

Recent changes at Lane County's Glenwood transfer site have made it even simpler to recycle and get rid of trash. As in the past, most recycling is FREE and you receive a \$1 reduction in dumping fees. Trash fees are now based on weight rather than volume at Glenwood, and a new scale has been installed at the site. If you only have recycling and donations for St. Vincent De Paul's, you can drop your materials off and are on your way. If trash is involved, you recycle first, then your vehicle is quickly weighed before and after you dump, and the fee is paid. The access for recycling has been much improved for recycling and dumping!

Glenwood Central Receiving Station recycling details: www.lanecounty.org/waste

3100 East 17th Ave

(only 5 minutes drive from Laurel Hill Park!)

541-682-4120

Glenwood facility summer hours (April through September): 8-6 Mon-Sat and 8-5 on Sunday.

Use BRING's Planet Improvement Center and store to drop off unwanted building materials, fixtures, doors and windows, tools, and more. Also, their website has an excellent one-page "Where to Take It" guide to learn where to recycle almost anything in Lane County.

BRING Recycling:
www.bringrecycling.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.