



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R



Neighborhood Picnic
Sunday, August 18, 2013
5 pm at Laurel Hill Park
(on Augusta Street at 26th Avenue)



Bring your own picnic, build your own sundae

You're invited to our big annual neighborhood picnic in the park. **Bring your families, a picnic supper, and picnic blankets or chairs** but please leave your pets at home. The neighborhood association will provide beverages and dessert. Along with many of your friends and neighbors, Mayor Kitty Piercy, State Representative Phil Barnhart, and possibly a couple more of our elected representatives will be there.

Entertainment

This year our picnic will feature music provided by **Chico Schwall and friends**, and a special appearance of **Mitch Hider's Music Box Revue**. The Music Box Revue is a 20 act, one man, coin operated (coins will be supplied) vaudeville show in a miniature theater. A delight for all ages! The multi-talented Chico Schwall will be playing folk and traditional music on a variety of acoustic instruments.

Ice Cream Sundaes

The neighborhood association will provide an ice cream sundae bar where everyone can make their own sundaes with a variety of ice cream and toppings. Delicious fun for the whole family! If you can bring your own bowl and spoon that would be great for the environment. We'll provide some for those who forget to bring their own.

Dessert Contest

The picnic will also feature a dessert contest again, with prizes given to four winners, first, second and third plus a special category for chocolate desserts. This special award, the Stephanie Shiner Memorial Incredibly Decadent Chocolate Dessert Award, is being named for the woman who won the chocolate category the last few years.

All types of desserts may be entered in the contest. Please bring them in re-useable containers and label them on the bottom where the judges won't see the labels. It's also a good idea to include another label noting any possible allergens, such as nuts. After the judges have tasted all the entries and made their decision the rest of the desserts will be shared with the crowd.





Antique Car Rides

Rides in Ron Peterson's antique car were very popular at last year's picnic so he has agreed to offer them again this year.

Raffle

Be sure to bring some cash to buy raffle tickets at the picnic. We'll have more great prizes donated by the wonderful people who live in our neighborhood and some of the nearby businesses. The money raised goes to support our neighborhood association.

Activities & Games

We'll have organized activities for the children as well as games such as croquet, volleyball, and badminton.

Information Available on Neighborhood Development Projects

There will be a table with information about the Landmark Development response committee. There will also be maps of the proposed LaurelRidge Development available for viewing.

Please, No Pets At the Picnic



LHVC Seeks Members for Two PUD Response Committees

by Jan Wostmann

When large developments are proposed in the City of Eugene, neighborhood associations have a formal role to play. Before a developer can submit a Planned Unit Development (PUD) or a subdivision, they must first meet with surrounding neighbors and the association of the neighborhood in which their parcel is located. After submission, the application materials are referred to the neighborhood for its official comments and recommendations.

Here in the Laurel Hill Valley, we typically form a response committee to evaluate each large land use proposal. Currently we are facing two such proposals, and thus have formed two separate response committees. These committees are open to any person affected by the proposal, whether they live in the Laurel Hill Valley or in an adjacent neighborhood. When making decisions each committee member has an equal vote. When the response committee has settled on a recommendation to the City regarding the proposal, it is reviewed by the LHVC Executive Committee which may (or may not) add its endorsement to the recommendation. In either case, the response committee's work is forwarded to the City planner who enters it into the public record on which the approval decision is based.

If you are interested in participating in the response committee for either the LaurelRidge PUD or the Landmark PUD, send an email to Stephanie Midkiff at smidkiff2004@yahoo.com.



Traffic Calming Coming to Riverview Street

by Rob Inerfeld



In 2012, the City of Eugene installed traffic calming devices called speed cushions on Augusta Street between 16th and 26th Avenues. These were installed as part of the pavement preservation project on Augusta that also included shared lane markings identifying the street as a bike route. At the time, residents of Riverview Street expressed concern that people would drive on Riverview to avoid the traffic calming on Augusta. City staff agreed that a before-and-after study would be conducted and if the measured 85th percentile speeds went up by at least 3 mph and/or the traffic volumes went up by at least 10%, then traffic calming devices would be installed on Riverview Street. The city has completed the study and found that traffic volumes on Riverview increased by between 13 and 26 percent. City staff will follow up with residents regarding a process for determining the type and locations of the traffic calming devices that will be installed on Riverview. More information about the traffic calming project, including the before-and-after study can be found at www.eugene-or.gov/augusta. Feel free to also contact Transportation Planning Manager Rob Inerfeld at rob.inerfeld@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-5343.

Public Hearing Set for LaurelRidge Development

by Bill Blix, Steve Ochs, and Deborah Kelly

On June 28th Steve Ochs of Eugene City Planning informed the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association that the developers of the LaurelRidge PUD had resubmitted their plans. These were dated 6/24/2013. City staff reviewed these plans and then met with the applicant to discuss any major issues that were raised. The next step was to schedule a public hearing. This public hearing has now been scheduled for August 28th and will take place in the Bascom Tykeson Room of the downtown library. It will address the current plan for 533 multi-family units and 75 single family lots. The hearing will cover four concurrent applications: for the PUD (Planned Unit Development), a zone change, a traffic impact analysis and a standards review.

(Note: As a reminder, this is the development planned for the south end of the Laurel Hill Valley that would double the population of our valley if built as now planned. For more information on this project see our neighborhood website at www.lhvc.org.)

Save The Date

*Fall Neighborhood
Meeting*

*7pm Wednesday
November 20, 2013*

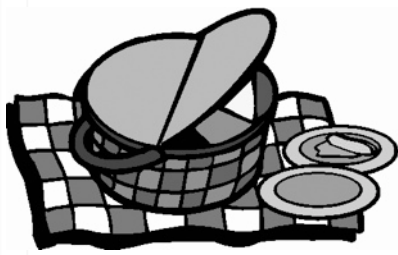
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Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood organization, chartered by the City Council in 1974. General Meetings are held quarterly to learn about and discuss issues relating to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The LHVC Executive 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 Sandy Tilcock, LHVC chair, 541-465-9079, stilcock@gmail.com
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