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Fall Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

7:00 pm

Northwest Youth Corp Training Room

2621 Augusta Street

**Livability Issues, Neighborhood Elections, a Report
from Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson
and a Food Drive**

Making Life Better on the Street Where You Live...

by Sandy Tilcock with input from the Livable Neighborhood Program

www.empowermentinstitute.net/files/LNP.html

At the October 6th Executive Committee meeting we made the decision to set some goals for the coming year. I listened to the comments made to me at the summer picnic about things you find challenging in the neighborhood. We all have individual issues but several common topics did surface. We of the Executive Committee want to help our neighbors (this means you) work together to create and maintain the kind of neighborhood you want. The greater our cooperation, the greater the impact of our efforts. This is a formula for taking the leverage away from problems and giving it to people.

Too often, neighborhoods wait for the appropriate government agency to show up and fix what ails them. Meanwhile, government at every level is being stressed because we the people demand that more be done with less. Our purpose is to help neighbors take the steps they can on their own while at the same time interacting with local government as efficiently as possible.

We will operate from the premise that livable neighborhoods are created by their residents. Livable neighborhoods have an endless number of potential supporters and partners, because everyone benefits from them. But the primary responsibility for nurturing them rests with neighbors.

So we are asking you to join us at our neighborhood meeting, November 16, where we will begin the process of identifying the issues we want to work on and start developing strategies for achieving our goals. Each of the neighborhoods in Eugene is dealing with their own concerns and some of them overlap our concerns. To that end Camilla Bayless, one of

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the co-chairs of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, will join us and share with us what they are doing. There may be ways we can partner with them with regard to similar concerns.

Rather than have program presentations, we will break into 3-5 person small interest groups to begin a conversation regarding the issues that concern us and begin strategizing. Someone will facilitate each of the groups but this is your chance to share your thoughts and possible solutions. Remember, it is not just identifying problems but strategizing how to resolve those problems that gives everyone some sense of ownership.

At the picnic we offered some suggestions for areas to consider within five main areas of interest. These are not exhaustive, but a means of starting the conversation. These were: Community Activities (movies, concerts, guided walks), Families With Children (safety issues, fun and educational activities, child sitting network), Laurel Hill Park Improvements (park stewardship, information/ message board, eliminate herbicide use), Safety (community preparedness, neighborhood watch, fire/police), and Transportation (biking, bus service, traffic calming). At the meeting we'll start with these.

Neighborhood Food Drive

Please bring canned and packaged food to our neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, November 16th and it will be donated to Food For Lane County. The following information is from their website.

One in three people in Lane County is eligible for emergency food

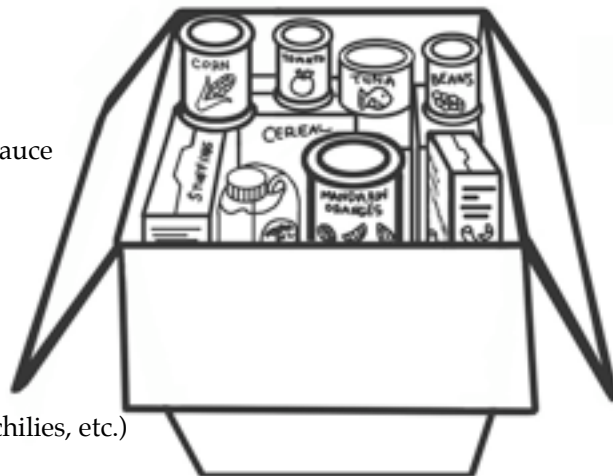
Nationally, one in seven people is "food insecure". Here in Lane County, it's one in three. "Food Insecurity" is the term the U.S. Department of Agriculture uses to describe households struggling to afford enough food.

Many Families are one paycheck away from needing emergency food assistance. The high costs of housing, healthcare, child care, food and other basic needs -- combined with unemployment and underemployment -- make it difficult for families to pay for food.

FOOD for Lane County is committed to collecting and distributing as many healthy foods as possible. An increasing number of the people accessing our food resources have health problems such as diabetes and heart disease, so we work hard to solicit foods that meet their nutritional needs. FOOD for Lane County is also committed to providing culturally appropriate food to all members of our community. You can help by donating these canned and packaged foods. No homemade products, please.

Recommended Donations

- 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
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)
- Peanut Butter
- Ethnic spices and sauces (mole, tortillas, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies, etc.)



Neighborhood Elections

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association holds elections for our officers and other members of the executive committee every Fall. Here is the list of nominees so far. If you are interesting in joining this group please notify one of the current members (contact information on page 6) or just speak up at the meeting and we will be happy to add your name to the list.

Slate of nominees:

Co-chairs: Sandy Tilcock and Betty Hosokawa
Secretary: Stephanie Midkiff
Treasurer: Betty Hemmingsen

Current and Continuing Executive Committee Members:

Jake Bradshaw
Mitch Hider
Deborah Kelly
Sally Manifold
Johanna Mitchell
Jan Wostmann

Nominated as new members:

Natalie Whitson, representative from NYC
Cedar Caredio
Gina Schroeder

Thank you to all returning officers and executive committee members, and goodbye and gratitude to Sherwood Reese for his efforts on the Executive Committee.

Open House at Northwest Youth Corps

by Liz Karas, Northwest Youth Corps

Come see what all the construction is about!

Northwest Youth Corps would like to formally invite the Laurel Valley Community to our Open House November 17th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Here is your chance to check out our construction, see firsthand our renovations, and even take a tour with our NYC staff! Construction is not done yet, but we wanted the Laurel Valley Neighborhood to join us for the sneak peak. There will be light snacks, drinks, and even a fun raffle! This event is FREE - but please let us know if you are thinking about coming so we can plan accordingly. No formal RSVP is necessary.

For more information feel free to stop by or contact us at (541)349-5055; email nyc@nwyouthcorps.org.

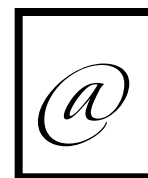


photo from Liz Karas of Northwest Youth Corps

4th Annual Play in the Rain Day!

This is a free public event at which families can choose from a variety of outdoor activities. It is hosted by the Northwest Youth Corps, the Youth in Nature Partnership--Nearby Nature, WREN, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, the Science Factory, the City of Eugene, and many others.

Activities include hayrides, nature games, crafts, hikes, tree climbing, and scavenger hunts. The Cascade Raptor Center will bring live birds, there will be demos of horse packing with live horses, and Northwest Youth Corps will teach campfire cookery. Don't miss this fun event. Last year, it was attended by over 1,000 people! Play in the Rain Day will happen rain or shine, so dress for the weather. See www.youthinnature.org for more information.



Dessert Contest Winners

The dessert contest held at the neighborhood picnic was a big success again. Four prizes were awarded by the judges. Nick Laurent won the special chocolate dessert award for his Chocolate Banana Chiffon Pie and took home a \$25 gift card from the Boulevard Grill. First prize went to Sally Manifold for her Penuche Cake. She won gift cards from Holy Cow, Dana's Cheesecake, and Dutch Brothers. Wendy Schwall won 2nd prize for her Blackberry Glace Summer Delight. Her prize included gift cards from Soup Nation and Dana's Cheesecake. Finally, Justin Schrum's Chocolate Kahlua Bundt Cake won 3rd prize and a pound of pasta a month for 6 months from Pasta Plus.

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to all the businesses that donated the prizes for this and for the raffle. Of course, the neighbors who were able to enjoy eating all the great home baked desserts were also winners.

New Neighborhood Email Notices

Our neighborhood has been sending out occasional e-mails for a while now when there was something the executive committee felt would be of interest to many people and that couldn't wait for a quarterly newsletter. Examples from the last few months include short reminders about neighborhood meetings, notice of some unusual thefts in our neighborhood plus a follow-up from the Eugene Police Department on burglary prevention, and information about a neighborhood-wide garage sale that all were welcome to participate in.

Now, thanks to the city of Eugene, we have the chance to use a software package that will make this kind of communication easier and more attractive. If we don't already have your email address and you'd like to receive these notices, please send an e-mail to: LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com

Blackberry Glace Summer Delight

recipe from Wendy Schwall

The original recipe (which I have changed) was called Deluxe Strawberry Dessert, but I retitled it.

Crust:

2 cups baking mix
2 Tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup butter or margarine.

Filling:

1/3 cup sugar
2 egg yolks
1/2 tsp. or more) ground nutmeg

1 cup plain yogurt (or sour cream)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix baking mix and 2 TB spoons sugar. Cut in butter. Pat in round pan, 9x1 1/2 inches or a pie pan works fine. Bake 10 minutes. Mix 1/3 cup sugar, the nutmeg and the yogurt. (I used non fat yogurt, but I'm sure it would work well with regular yogurt or sour cream.) Spread over the hot layer and bake an additional 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely. While cooling you can make the glace topping.

Topping:

1 cup approx. washed and drained blackberries (strawberries, raspberries or blueberries also work well)

(I have also successfully used frozen berries. It's a treat to have this dessert in the winter!)

1 tablespoon corn starch, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 cup water. Mix the sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Gradually stir in the water and berries. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. Spread the glace over the cooled crust and filling layers. Refrigerate. Enjoy!

Questions & Answers

Answers to some questions we've been asked. Answers are from the Eugene Police Website

Can someone check on my home while I'm away?

A Eugene Police volunteer group called "Seniors on Patrol" offers free Vacation Home Checks while you are away (call 682-8844).

Can I report a crime on-line?

With certain incidents types you will be able to file your police report online at: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/policereportsonline>.

The types included are: Bicycle Theft, Graffiti, Vandalism and crime tips.

For all other crimes, please call 541.682.5111, or visit a police location in person.

Who do I call about junk or offensive vegetation?

Junk accumulation on the street falls under Public Works' jurisdiction (682-4800).

For offensive vegetation (city code 6.815) (e.g. weeds more than 10 inches high, poison oak, poison ivy, vision obstructions, extending across property lines, used for habitation by trespassers, in public way, causing a fire hazard) call 682-4800.

Most used Numbers for Reporting Problems

Police (non emergency)	541-682-5111
(noise complaints, camping complaints)	
Abandoned cars	541-682-5713
Dead animals	541-682-4800
Graffiti reporting, sidewalk hazards	541-682-4800

What can be done about illegal camping?

You can report the illegal camping to the police department's non-emergency line at 682-5111. You will be asked to provide a location, vehicle description, license plate number if known, and any other pertinent information. If there are no extenuating circumstances, your report will be routed to St. Vincent de Paul's (SVDP) Camping Liaison. SVDP works with the City to resolve camping problems. SVDP employees are the first responders on most camping complaints. They will work with the involved campers to resolve the situation without police intervention. In most cases this works. If it doesn't, you'll need to call 682-5111 again, and let the call taker know that the problem is not resolved. Uncooperative campers will eventually be subject to fines or towing.

WHY THE TRAILER ON LAUREL HILL DR.?

by Betty Hosokawa

Some newer neighbors were asking at the picnic, "Why is the small trailer parked on Laurel Hill Drive.?" Others asked, "When is it going to go away?" So, here is the scoop:

The trailer is parked in that location with the permission of the owner of that large property, (who lives in Portland), in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul's camper program. The responsibility of the person living there, Bill Miller, is to walk the property once a day and report any illegal campers to the proper city authorities. He also discourages, as needed, off road vehicle touring that creates huge ruts everywhere.

Two years ago there were problems on that property with illegal camping, criminal behavior, illegal drug use and fire starting. (You may have read the article in the RG about the problem.) Once all the debris was trucked out, the LHVC prevailed upon the property owner to participate in the sponsored camper program run by SVDP. The owner paid to have the concrete pad poured as a site for the trailer and SVDP provides monthly supervision.

Bill, who works for a Laurel Hill Valley locksmith, rides his bike everywhere for transportation. Please say "hi" when you see him and help make him feel welcome in the neighborhood!

City Phone Numbers for Questions and Problems (area code 541)

Abandoned Cars on Street	Parking Control	682-5713
Air Pollution	LRAPA	736-1056
Building Permits	PIC	682-5505
Building Safety Complaints	PIC	682-5495
City Council, Mayor	City Hall	682-5010
City Manager/	City Hall	682-5010
Code Violations	Land Use	682-5819
Community Mediation Services	769 Monroe St.	344-5366
Composting Program	Planning & Dev.	682-5542
Dead Animals	Public Works	682-4800
Environmental Spill	Public Works	682-4800
Fences– Location, Regulation, Specs	Land Use	682-5505
Flooded Streets, Ditches	Public Works	682-4800
Garage Sales	Land Use	682-8336
Garbage, Neighbor Complaints	Land Use	682-5819
Graffiti Reporting	Public Works	682-4800
Grass Cutting & Noxious Weeds	Public Works	682-4800
Homeless Issues/ Camping Complaints	Police	682-5111
Legal Aid	376 E. 11th	342-6056
Master Gardener Hotline	OSU Extension Svc.	682-4247
Neighborhood Watch	Police	682-8186
Neighborhood Services	Atrium (99 W. 10th)	682-5009
Noise Complaints	Police	682-5111
Parks – Rules,/ Rentals/ Usage	Parks & Open Space	682-4800
Parking Enforcement	Parking Control	682-5729
Parking Permits (Residential)	Diamond Parking	343-3733
Police – Non Emergency	Police	682-5111
Public Safety Station	Whiteaker/ 520 Blair	682-5149
Public Safety Station	University/ West 13th	682-8350
Public Service Officer (City)	City Hall	682-8478
Rental Housing Code	Planning & Dev.	682-8282
Sidewalk Hazards	Public Works	682-4800
Solid Waste/ Green Bldg.	Planning & Dev.	682-6830
Speeding/Traffic Complaints	Police	682-5157
Stormwater – Flooded Streets/Ditches	Public Works	682-4800
Street Use Permits (Block Party)	Public Works Eng.	682-8400
Street Lights	Public Works	682-4800
Street Repair	Public Works	682-4800
Street Signs – Missing, Repair	Public Works	682-4800
Tree Planting – NeighborWoods	Public Works	682-4800
Traffic Design	Public Works Eng.	682-5291
Utilities Locate (48 hrs. prior to digging)	Toll Free	(800) 332-2344
Volunteers in Parks	Parks & Open Space	682-4800
Zoning Questions (Planner on Duty)	Planning & Dev.	682-5377
Zoning Violations	Land Use	682-5819

Laurel Hill Valley Neighborhood Executive Committee Members

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*More winning recipes from
the dessert contest at the
neighborhood picnic*

Zucchini Spice Cake from Sally Manifold

It's a zucchini spice cake with penuche (penn-OO-chee) frosting. It's based on a carrot cake recipe, with zuke instead of carrots and pineapple.

Zuke Spice Cake

Preheat oven to 350 F. Then oil and flour a 9X13" pan.
Stir together in a large bowl:

2 c flour
1 t salt
2 t baking powder
1 1/2 t baking soda
2 t ground cinnamon
1 t gr. nutmeg
1/2 t gr. cloves

Add to bowl:

1 c sugar
3/4 c salad oil
4 eggs
2 c grated zucchini
1/2 c raisins, optional

Stir well. Pour into pan and bake ~30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Penuche Frosting

In a medium saucepan, melt over medium heat:

1/2 c butter

Add:

1 c brown sugar

Stir and boil 1 minute. Remove from heat and add:

1/4 c milk

Return to heat and bring to boil while stirring (the idea is to dissolve any sugar crystals)

Cool to room temp, and beat in up to 1/2 lb confectioner's sugar, until thick enough to spread on cooled cake.

Enjoy!

Chocolate Banana Chiffon Pie

recipe from Nick Laurent

Makes: 1-9" pie

Crust:

5 oz. Graham Crackers
6 T Butter, cubed and chilled
1/4 c Powdered Sugar
1/4 c Cocoa Powder
1 oz Dark Chocolate, finely chopped
1/4 t Salt

Filling:

1 T Gelatin
1/4 c Water, cold
3 oz. Dark Chocolate, melted
3 T Cocoa Powder
1/2 c Water, boiling
1 c Sugar
1 Banana, puréed
1 t Vanilla
4 Egg Whites*
1/4 t Salt

*Eggs should be clean, free-range, organic

Top with:

3 Bananas, thinly sliced
1 c Whipped Cream
Chocolate Covered Bananas, ~1/4" thick

Preheat oven to 475°. In food processor, break up Graham Crackers. Add Butter and blend until butter is pea sized. Add Powdered Sugar, Cocoa, Chocolate, and Salt. Blend until even consistency. Press mixture evenly into a greased, 9" pie tin. Bake for 6-8 min.. Allow to cool.

Soak Gelatin in Cold Water. While Gelatin is soaking, combine Dark Chocolate, Boiling Water and Cocoa Powder. Blend until smooth. Whisk Gelatin into Chocolate mixture while still hot. Add 1/2 c of Sugar. Stir until smooth then chill until almost set (mixtures should still be somewhat loose when moved). Add Vanilla and Banana Puree. Beat with whisk until light. In small mixing bowl whip Egg Whites and Salt while slowly adding remaining 1/2 c Sugar until soft peaks form. Fold Egg Whites into Chocolate mixture being careful not to over-mix.

Fill cooled pie crust with filling and level off if necessary. Chill until firmly set (at least 2 hours). Once filling is set, arrange Banana Slices in overlapping rings working from the crust to the center. In a mixing bowl, whisk ~2/3 c of Heavy Cream together with 1/4 t Vanilla and 1 T Powdered Sugar until heavy and stiff. Use piping bag or simply place dollops of whipped cream around outer edge. Top with Chocolate Covered Banana Slices and either Cocoa Powder or Shaved Chocolate.



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