



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

## Fall 2017 Neighborhood Meeting and Food Drive

7 - 8:30pm Wednesday

Nov. 15, 2017

at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta St.

## Agenda



Introductions

Neighborhood Elections

Presentation on City's Responses to Homelessness

Presentation proposing a Special District  
for Parks and Recreation

Updates on Proposed Developments

Report from City Councilor Alan Zelenka

## Food Drive

Did you know that many of the children in Lane County don't have enough to eat? Let's do something to help by participating in a food drive. The food and money we collect will go to Food for Lane County, to be distributed by them to those in need. FFLC is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit food bank. Charity Navigator gives FFLC a 4-star (its highest) rating. Of the revenue FFLC receives from all sources, 92% is spent on program functions. Please see page three for a list of suggested foods to donate.

## Neighborhood Elections

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

## Speakers

Our first speaker at this meeting will be Regan Watjus, Policy Analyst in the City of Eugene City Manager's Office. Regan will provide a brief presentation about the City's homelessness efforts, particularly the City's Rest Stop and Car Camping Programs. She has also offered to answer questions about services available in the community and engage in dialogue about the impacts of homelessness in the neighborhood and broader community.

Then we will have a presentation from Jim Wienecke, board chair for River Road Parks and Recreation. His topic is an initiative asking the city of Eugene to conduct a feasibility study on forming a special district for parks and recreation, similar to the highly successful Willamalane district in the Springfield area and at least ten others in Oregon. This study is required by the state in order to create a special district. A special district would provide stable funding for parks and recreation.

This will be followed by short updates on the Capitol Hill PUD and the Laurel Ridge PUD.

Finally, we've asked Alan Zelenka, our City Councilor, to tell us about the work of the Sustainability Commission. This commission advises the city council and city manager on programs that create or enhance sustainable practices within the community (per the Eugene city website).



## Neighborhood Elections

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association holds elections for officers and other members of the executive committee at our Fall neighborhood meetings. 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.

We're very pleased that all of our current executive committee members have agreed to serve another term, and that two more neighbors have volunteered to join us. However, there are still opportunities for more people to get involved by joining this friendly group. If you are interesting in becoming an executive committee member, please notify one of the current members (contact information on page 3).

Here is the current list of nominees.

Co-chairs: Sheryl Kelly, Tom Bruno  
Secretary: Natalie Whitson  
Treasurer: Susan Ratzlaff

Current/Continuing  
Executive Committee Members:

Bill Blix  
Tim Bradshaw  
Richard Cundiff  
Katie Dixon  
Kaye Downey  
Kathy Frazer  
Mitch Hider  
Deborah Kelly  
Jenny Schmitz  
Jan Wostmann

New nominees:

Stan Dura  
Lianne Heyler Gaunt

## Capitol Hill PUD Update

by Tom Bruno

The applicant is requesting that five lots be divided into 31 lots and that a sub-division be created next to Hendricks Park. They had requested the application be deemed complete on August 29, 2017 and the city set a public hearing date of October 16, 2017. Then, on September 8th, the applicant requested a 30 day extension and the city set a new public hearing date for November 1, 2017. Most recently, on September 28, the applicant requested an additional 70 days to be added to the original 30 days (for a total of 100 days), so the city has now reset the hearing date for January 10, 2018.

The applicant has given no reason for the requested extensions. The Joint FNA/LHVC Capital Hill PUD Response Team is working very hard to ensure that the applicant conforms to all of the safety and other Eugene codes.

"No Capital Hill PUD" is on Facebook if you'd like more information. If you'd like to help the response team's work, either by volunteering or by donating funds to help us succeed, you can contact Sheryl Kelly ([sherylkell@comcast.net](mailto:sherylkell@comcast.net)) or Tom Bruno ([brunoassoc@aol.com](mailto:brunoassoc@aol.com)).

## Update on the Trailer

If you've read this newsletter in the past, you know that the trailer on Laurel Hill Drive, where it parallels I-5, is there with the permission of the land owner. The resident, known as a sponsored camper, is part of a program run by St. Vincent de Paul. You've probably noticed that the old trailer, which was falling apart, has been replaced with something that is in better shape. We're also welcoming a new resident, Randy Ivey, who can be reached at 541-543-1614 (calls or texts) or at [randeineugeneoro85@gmail.com](mailto:randeineugeneoro85@gmail.com). It is Randy's responsibility to walk the property and report any unauthorized campers or other problems to the appropriate authorities.

## 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, Food for Lane County can provide three meals for hungry people for each dollar contributed. 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](http://foodforlanecounty.org). If you do that, please note that your contribution is part of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens food drive. Thanks!

## Making a Donation to the Neighborhood Association

Do you want to make a donation to the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens to help us respond to developments being proposed for our neighborhood? If so, please note that our treasurer, who accepts those donations, has moved. Luckily for us, she stayed in our neighborhood. Donations should be made out to Laurel Hill Valley Citizens and sent to Susan Ratzlaff, treasurer, at 3098 Floral Hill Drive, Eugene, OR 97403. Please note whether your donation is for responding to the Laurel Ridge PUD, the Capital Hill PUD, or the neighborhood's general fund. All donations to the LHVC are tax deductible.



**Save the Date**  
Winter Neighborhood Meeting  
and Potluck Dinner  
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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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](http://www.lhvc.org) or contact Sheryl Kelly at 541-912-5887 or [sherylkell@comcast.net](mailto:sherylkell@comcast.net). You can also email [LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com) and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.