

# 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 18, 2016**  
at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street



## Agenda

Magic by the Magnificent Mitchelli  
Gardening talk about getting your yard ready for summer:  
Watering Techniques and Using Native Plants  
Development Updates  
Presentation about filbert tree replacement at Dorris Ranch  
Eugene City Council report by Alan Zelenka

It's the season for gardening, so that's the theme of our Spring neighborhood meeting. We'll start with a **Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange** at 6:30pm. Gather any extra plants you have after dividing those in your yard, along with extra seeds, garden tools you're no longer using, and containers for plants. Bring them to the patio that faces the parking lot at the Northwest Youth Corps building. Then look through the offerings from others and find something new to take home with you.

Please label your offerings to make it easy for others to recognize them. Any notes about how much sun would help the plant you are sharing to do well, how far apart and how deep to plant seeds, or any other useful instructions would be very welcome and will make it more likely that your offerings will find good homes.

**Important** -- If the items you bring are not taken home by others, please be sure to take them back home yourself. We don't want to leave a mess for the Northwest Youth Corps folks to clean up after they have been kind enough to let us use their patio for this event.

At 7pm, the Magnificent Mitchelli will start our neighborhood meeting with a short, garden-themed, magic show which will be fun for all.

Then Master Gardener Cynthia Waters and our LHV neighbor Kaye Downey will present "Getting Your Yard and Garden Ready for the Long Hot Summer: Watering Techniques and Using Native Plants in the Landscape".

This will be followed by updates on pending development projects in the Laurel Hill Valley. Our LHVC secretary will share information about a campaign to replace filbert trees at Dorris Ranch which are dying due to a fungal infection. We're also hoping that Alan Zelenka will be here to offer a short update on the latest from the Eugene City Council.

To make the whole event sweeter, there will be some **great dessert treats** for all to enjoy. Thanks to Sweet Life Patisserie for this donation to our neighborhood association.

## Blight Felling Filbert Trees at Historic Dorris Ranch

by Stephanie Midkiff

According to a story in the *Register-Guard* on April 5, the filbert (hazelnut) trees at Dorris Ranch (and around the region) are dying due to a fungal infection that made its way to Oregon half a century ago. Ninety-nine percent of the nation's filberts are grown in Oregon and the blight was first reported in Lane County's commercial filbert trees in 2003.

Oregon State University has developed blight-resistant cultivars, and the affected trees around the state are gradually being replaced by the cultivars. Dorris Ranch is the nation's first commercial filbert farm and the owner – Willamalane Park and Recreation District – is partnering with the National Park and Recreation Association in "Flight the Blight" – a crowd-funding initiative to raise money for what will be a multi-year, \$300,000 -- \$400,000 project. The state Historic Preservation Office has endorsed the plan. (Dorris Ranch is on the National Register of Historic Places.)

Dorris Ranch is in our backyard, and because of its historic, economic, and recreational significance to the area generally, people who live in the Laurel Hill Valley may want to help with this effort. Contributors may sponsor a single tree for \$25, or a group of 5 trees for \$100. For additional information, or to make a donation, go to <http://fundyourpark.org/campaign/detail/4342> or contact Kate Reid, the Willamalane Park and Recreation District's resource development coordinator at 541-736-4521 or [kater@willamalane.org](mailto:kater@willamalane.org).

## Spring Cleaning Made Easy...Easier, That Is!

by Kaye Downey

Here is a reminder for folks wanting to easily recycle items rather than trash them: Laurel Hill Valley residents are very fortunate to have quick access to the County's **Glenwood Central Receiving Station** where many items and types of materials can be recycled for FREE (and you get \$1 off garbage dumping fees if you recycle)!

Did you know that, in addition to the usual recycling options for paper, cardboard, plastic containers, glass and metal, the Glenwood site currently accepts these materials without charge:

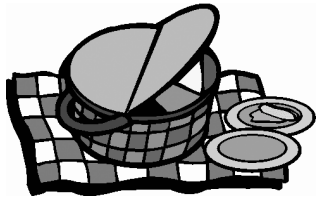
Plastic bags and sheeting	Paint (cans with original label)
Block foam/Styrofoam	Electronics, including cell phones
Carpet padding	Antifreeze, motor oil, and oil filters
Corrugated plastic signs	Auto batteries
Fluorescent light bulbs	Reusable items (St. Vincent de Paul)

For a fee, large appliances, tires, and wood waste are also accepted.

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

For details about acceptable items at the Glenwood site and preparation requirements, please consult their website <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Pages/WasteDisposalSitesIndex.aspx> and click on Glenwood, or call 541-682-4120.

(Note: Many other recycling options are listed in the LHVC Newsletter Archives for Spring 2015 at <http://members.efn.org/~lhvc/newsletter.html>)



## Summer Neighborhood Picnic

**Save the date** for our neighborhood picnic which will happen on Sunday, August 28th this year. We'll have an ice cream sundae bar and special activities for children. We always need extra volunteers to help with this event so please consider helping out. The summer newsletter will have more information.

## Development Update: Laurel Ridge

by Bill Blix

On March 11, 2016 the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) rendered a decision in favor of Laurel Hill Valley Citizens regarding the Parks and Open Space location on the Laurel Ridge property. The previous decision of the hearings official and the Eugene Planning Commission has been remanded back to the City for reconsideration. The entire document can be found on the LUBA website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/LUBA/Pages/2016Opinions.aspx>

Essentially LUBA concurred with LHVC that more reference points should be used to accurately locate the boundary and found that the maps offered by Gunnar Schlieder to locate these points were valid.

Laurel Ridge had 21 days from the date of the LUBA decision to make an appeal to the Oregon Court of Appeals (OCA), which would have been March 31. As of April 15th, no appeal can be found on the posted OCA calendar. During a call to Erik Berg-Johansen, the Eugene Planning Department planner handling this application for rezoning, he allowed that the Laurel Ridge lawyer was discussing this remand with the City lawyer and their resulting direction would be forthcoming. He would not definitively say that no appeal had been filed.

## Thank You to A Good Neighbor!

Some very inconsiderate people left multiple piles of trash on Laurel Hill Drive in March, but an unknown neighbor cleaned these up. This thoughtful good deed not only improved the look of this road, which many of us drive daily, but also is a valuable reminder of all the caring people who volunteer daily to improve our world.

### Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Neighborhood Association Executive Committee Members



#### ***Remember to vote!***

*Ballots for the national, state, and local primary election must be received by May 17th.*

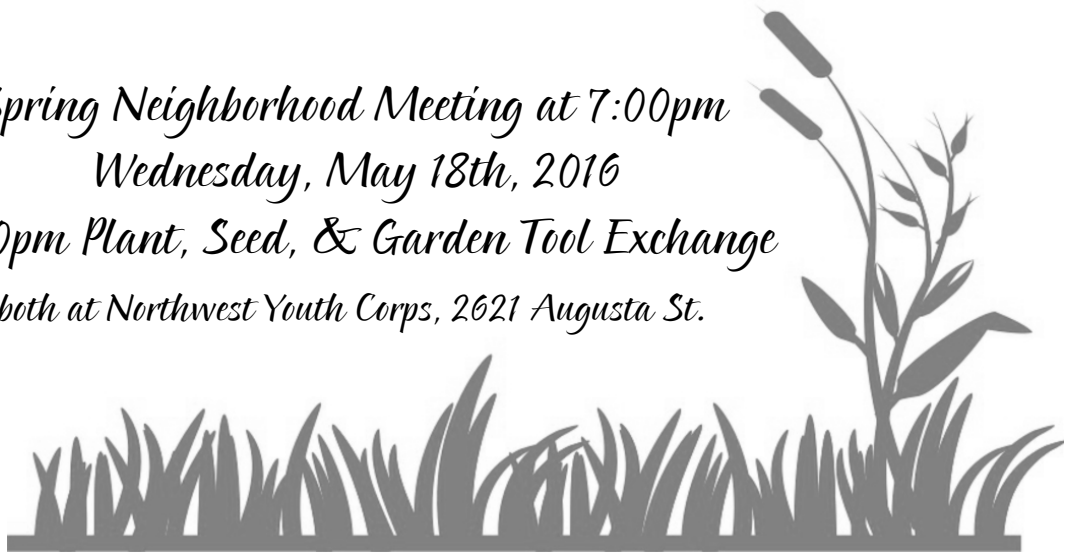
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Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood organization, chartered by the City Council in 1974. General Meetings are held quarterly to learn about and discuss issues relating to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The LHVC Executive 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 Gunnar Schlieder, LHVC co-chair at 541-729-4271 or [gunnar@geoscience-or.com](mailto:gunnar@geoscience-or.com). 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.