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Laurel Hill Valley Fall Neighborhood Meeting

November 19, 2009 • Korean Adventist Church • 2335 Riverview Street

AGENDA

7:00 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

7:15 City Council Report—Councilor Alan Zelenka

7:30 Neighborhood Matching Grants

7:45 Neighborhood Elections

8:00 Eugene Police Auditor Mark Gissiner

8:30 Adjourn

Neighborhood Elections

by Jan Wostmann

Every November we elect members of the LHVC Executive Committee to serve for the following year. In odd numbered years we also elect neighborhood officers to serve two year terms. The Executive Committee meets four times a year to plan our neighborhood meetings and other events such as the summer picnic, to discuss possible articles for the LHVC newsletter, and to take care of any other neighborhood business that has come up. Our bylaws require the Executive Committee to publish a list of nominees in the newsletter prior to the election. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

The Executive Committee works best if we have a mix of old and new members. This year we are delighted to be able to nominate three new candidates, Sally Manifold, Marianne Rudek-

Larson and Sherwood Reese, along with several returning members. One current member, Rich Hazel, is retiring after many years. During that period Rich has been, at various times, Secretary, Co-Chair and Newsletter Editor. We extend our thanks to Rich for his years of service to the neighborhood.

And this year's nominees are...

Chair: Sandy Tilcock

Secretary: Stephanie Midkiff

Treasurer: Betty Hemmingsen

Members: Sally Manifold, Marianne Rudek-Larson, Sherwood Reese, Deborah Kelly, Betty Hosokawa, Jake Bradshaw, Johanna Mitchell, Sean Ferrarese, Jan Wostmann.

20th Annual LHVC Picnic a Success

by Betty Hemmingsen

Laurel Hill Valley Citizens celebrated at our 20th annual picnic on Sunday August 23 at Laurel Hill Park. We've come a long way from our first loosely organized potlucks. Now we have a well designed, efficient plan for our community-building event with food, fun and friends. The neighborhood association supplies all of the food through donations, purchases and some City of Eugene support. We focus on healthful, local food and aim for zero-waste by reusing, recycling and composting. This year's picnic included nitrate-free hot dogs, lots of salads, and fresh local corn. The event incorporated a dessert contest, musical entertainment, a raffle for many fantastic prizes, and a city survey. Wonderful weather encouraged attendance of over 150 people— from old timers to new neighbors with infants. We all had a good time, and we even made a profit on the sale of raffle tickets, which will add to our general fund. Kudos to Johanna Mitchell, chief organizer, and Ron Peterson, champion recycler, and to all the volunteers who helped with donations, food and cooking, set up, and clean up.

We offer sincere thanks for all contributions for the picnic and raffle, and encourage Laurel Hill citizens to support these businesses. Many contributors were Laurel Hill neighbors including Alice Strong Marketing, Clancey Printing, Ellen Davidson Pottery, Holy Cow, Hutch's Bicycle Shop, Kathleen Frazer Jewelry, Marche Restaurant and Cafe, Margaret Hoff, Northwest Youth Corps and Smith Family Bookstore. Other donations came from



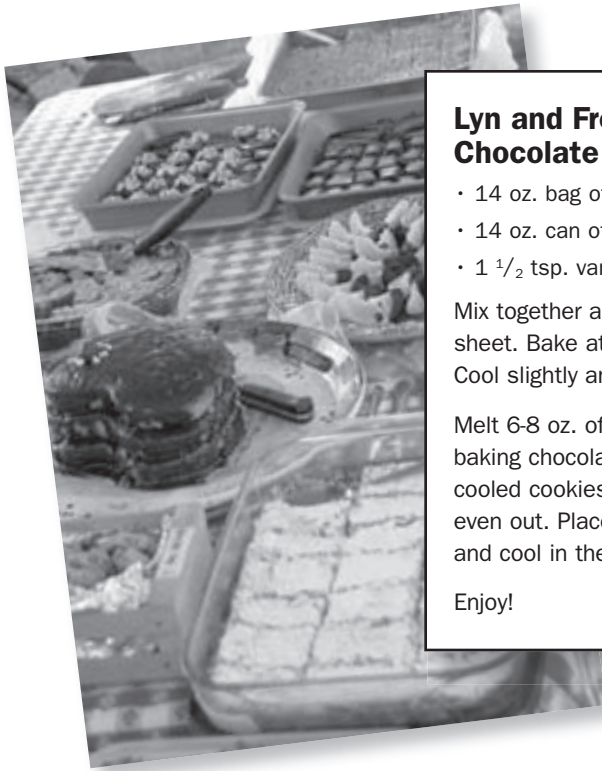
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Albertsons, Dutch Brothers Coffee, Eugene City Bakery, Evergreen Restaurant, Groundworks Organics, Lochmead Dairy, Market of Choice, Pasta Plus, Prince Puckler's, Sundance, Sy's Pizza, Track Town Pizza, Trader Joe's and the U of O Bookstore.

Dessert Contest Winner

The dessert contest at the picnic was won by Elaine Toper. Congratulation Elaine! Here is the award winning recipe that she used and then was kind enough to share with us.



Lyn and Fred's Chocolate Dipped Macaroons

- 14 oz. bag of coconut
- 14 oz. can of sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Mix together and drop by teaspoonful onto a parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for about 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool slightly and loosen from paper to prevent sticking.

Melt 6-8 oz. of semisweet chocolate chips and 1 square of baking chocolate over a double boiler. Dip the bottoms of the cooled cookies in the chocolate and spread with a knife to even out. Place on a cookie sheet lined with wax paper and cool in the refrigerator until the chocolate has hardened.

Enjoy!



Our Sponsored Camping Neighbors

by Betty Hosokawa

In case you don't remember from an earlier newsletter, a huge mess from illegal campers and trash dumpers had to be removed from the 21 acre Stevens property which is adjacent to Moon Mountain and Laurel Hill Drives. To avoid a recurrence of the problem the owners and managers of the property agreed to host a sponsored camper on the site.

After a delay of several months in getting the camper pad prepared, our new St. Vincent de Paul sponsored campers have arrived and are getting settled in. Please help us welcome Bob Richter and Shelley Hamar, both with long standing ties to the Eugene-Springfield area. Bob graduated from Sheldon High School and then spent several years in the Navy. Until last year, when he was laid off, he worked as a structural steel welder. Shelley grew up in Springfield and has lived in this area most of her life. She enjoys reading, particularly mystery stories.

In my interview with them, Bob indicated that on his first walk through the property (which he does daily), he found about 100 hypodermic needles and a box springs and has disposed appropriately of both. He is providing his cell phone number (606-3111) for all of us to use in alerting him about a potential problem, and encourages anyone to give him a call, including at night. He knows who in city government to call to take care of any issue that might arise on that vacant land, and is willing to take on that role for our neighborhood. We are inviting Bob and Shelley to our November neighborhood association meeting. Please stop and say hello when you see them!

Note: I know that some of us were hoping that the camper and associated porta-potty would be set back further from the road and more screened. That alternative was too expensive for the property owner.

Third Annual Food Drive at Neighborhood Meeting

We will be collecting canned and packaged food to donate to Food for Lane County at our meeting on November 19th.

FOOD for Lane County steps in to fill the gap when times are hard. One in five Lane County residents relies on FOOD for Lane County for food assistance. Half of the people we serve are children or seniors. Nearly 70% of adults who receive an emergency food box are working, retired or disabled. (from Food for Lane County publication)

Please help by bringing donations to this meeting. Thanks!

Flashes of Danger

by Betty Hemmingsen

In the predawn hours of Friday, Oct. 16, the Laurel Hill Valley was the target of six fires. (Perhaps more? That's all we know of.) Five were in Sanipac recycling containers on Riverview Street and one on a bench at the Laurel Hill Park mushroom. Sunday, Oct. 18, another fire was set in a Riverview Street newspaper receptacle. Regrettably, we have a continuing fire-setting problem. Thus far, damages have been limited, but we must stop this perilous activity before serious destruction occurs to property, pets or people.

Be on your guard! Call 911 if you witness a fire-setter in action! If you see burned results or hear about fire-setting or other fires in the area, report it immediately to Eugene Police non-emergency, 682-5111. For information regarding the recent recycle bin fires, contact Detective Pat Willis, Arson/Fraud, 682-6235. For other arson related questions or concerns contact Sgt. Mark Montes Supervisor, Arson/Fraud team, 682-5186. Post these phone numbers on your refrigerator for quick access!



Riverview Street Potholes Now Just Memories

by Deborah Kelly

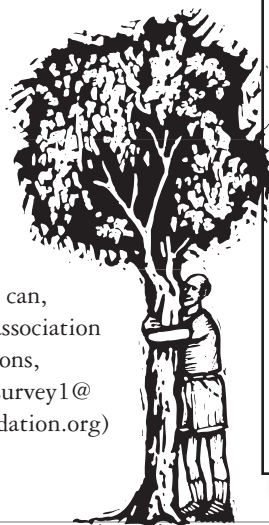
The work on Riverview Street, plus a small part of Floral Hill, has been completed. Most of the work was done in July, but the final seal and sweep was done in September. This final step, which needed to wait for the chip seal to cure and harden, has made the surface much safer for bicyclists.

The neighbors who use these streets benefited from the city council's decision in the summer of 2008 to spend \$1 million on pothole repairs in Eugene. Because these streets had so many potholes, repairing each pothole individually was not a reasonable solution. Instead, the city used a recycling process called full depth reclamation (FDR) in which the existing road structure is mixed in-place with cement and then a chip seal treatment is applied to the surface. One of the great things about this process is that it doesn't require trucking in new material. It also speeds up the process, so it is much less bothersome for the neighbors along the street. The FDR process took three days for this project. Reconstruction of the street using traditional methods would have taken over a month.

If you are interested in learning more about this process, or just seeing photos of the large equipment used, see <http://www.oregonapwa.org/news/Fall09/index.html> for an article in the American Public Works Association Journal titled "Full Depth Reclamation can Save Time Money and Environment" which was written by Matt Rodrigues and Paul Klope of the City of Eugene. Matt Rodrigues was the project manager for the project in our neighborhood and was also the source for the information in this article.

Suggestions for Tree Planting Locations Requested

The Eugene Tree Foundation needs the help of neighborhood associations to find locations in your neighborhood where we can plant trees. These sites should be city property, such as parkways and areas where concrete can be removed for trees. Your help might be needed for watering the trees for three summers while the roots get established. The city waters when it can, but can't reach all areas during hot spells. If your neighborhood association can participate, or if you have suggestions for tree planting locations, please call Eugene Tree Foundation at 284-9854 or e-mail us at survey1@eugenetreefoundation.org (or on the web at www.eugenetreefoundation.org)



Some Eugene City Phone Numbers

Abandoned cars on street
682-5713

Garage sales
682-8336

Graffiti reporting
682-4800

Leaves recycling and collection
682-4800

Neighborhood services
682-5009

Noise complaints (police)
682-5111

Nuisance complaints
682-5819

Police (non emergency)
682-5111

Stormwater—flooded streets
682-4800

Street signs—missing, repair
682-4800

City Councilor, Ward 3
Alan Zelenka
682-5010

If you see something which is a hazard or a nuisance in our neighborhood, such as an abandoned car, graffiti, or missing street signs, please report it. The city is really quite good about responding to reports of these problems.

www.lhvc.org

Seasons come and go, but the LHVC web site remains pretty much the same. If you are someone who would like to see a more exciting, dynamic neighborhood web site, and have a bit of volunteer energy to make that happen, send your ideas to lhvc@efn.org

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Looking Ahead— Neighborhood Meetings in 2010

Thursday, Feb. 18—LHVC Winter Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 20—LHVC Spring Meeting, 7 p.m.

Summer Picnic—a Sunday in August, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18—LHVC Fall Meeting, 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Matching Grant Application

The city is sponsoring another round of neighborhood matching grants and our neighborhood will be submitting an application. Sally Manifold is leading the effort, which we hope will lead to some more tables and benches for Laurel Hill Park.



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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.

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