



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

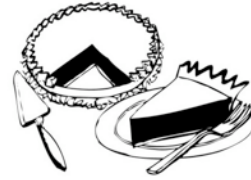
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Winter Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck Dinner

6:30pm, Wednesday, February 18, 2015

at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 3060 E. 25th Ave

(corner of Brakenfern Road near the intersection of Laurel Hill Drive and Moon Mountain Drive)



Come join your neighbors and friends for a potluck dinner at 6:30pm, and then a neighborhood meeting beginning at 7:15pm. Our neighborhood potluck dinners are very popular and always include lots of good food. We also invite our elected officials to join us so you have a chance to talk with them if you'd like. So far, Pete Sorenson (our county commissioner) has accepted our invitation. He and Alan Zelenka (our city councilor) will make short presentations after our main speaker.

For the potluck dinner, please bring a dish to share. Main dishes, side dishes, and desserts are all welcome. A list of ingredients attached to your dish will be much appreciated by people who have allergies to various foods or who are vegetarians. We'll provide durable plates, cups, and flatware.

The main speaker for this meeting will be City Planner Alissa Hansen. She will give a short presentation about the urban growth boundary (UGB) recommendations and then answer your questions. The current recommendations include 230 acres of land near Bloomberg Road (just south of the Laurel Hill Valley and north of Lane Community College) and this recommendation will be the focus of our discussion.

Here's some background information from the city: During the next 20 years, adopted population projections indicate Eugene can expect to add 34,000 new residents to the city. Eugene's current urban growth boundary, which defines the area in which urban development can occur, currently includes 34,500 acres and has accommodated the city's housing, employment, park, and school needs for the past 30 years.

At their December 10 work session, the Eugene City Council heard the preliminary recommendation for expanding the urban growth boundary to meet the community's land needs for the next 20 years. The proposed expansion would add 1,250 acres specifically for employment lands for new or expanding businesses, two parks, a future Bethel school, and approximately 535 single-family homes. Formal hearings on a UGB expansion proposal will occur later this Spring.

The current recommendation includes:

- Adding about 924 acres near the Eugene airport and Clear Lake Road to provide land for over 3,000 jobs, a community park, and future Bethel schools.
- Adding 35 acres near Madison Middle School for a Santa Clara Community Park.
- Adding 60 acres near Bailey Hill and Gimpl Hill Roads to provide land for 135 homes.

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- Adding 230 acres near Bloomberg Road, north of 30th Avenue and Lane Community College, to provide land for about 400 homes.

One additional note: **parking** is limited at the Comfort Suites Hotel and they expect a full house on February 18th because of the logging conference that starts on the 19th. So, please walk, bike, or car-pool if you can. There is also a drive through area if you want to drop off your pot-luck dishes before you park.



Family Bingo Night

by Betty Hosokawa

AT LAST! Responding to the request from the neighborhood for more family-friendly activities, we have scheduled our first Family Bingo Night for Wednesday, March 4, from 7-8pm at Northwest Youth Corps (2621 Augusta St.). We know that this is a school night, but scheduling anything on a weekend is challenging with team sport schedules.

Join us for family-oriented fun for an hour with the calling done by our leader of fun and zany activities, Mitch Hider. You do not need to bring a kid in order to participate.

Holiday Singing Sizzled!

by Mitch Hider

Once again neighbors and friends gathered to laugh and sing at the annual Laurel Hill Valley neighborhood holiday sing-along, which was held at Northwest Youth Corps on December 10th. It was a spirited chorus of voices with lyrics, seasonal hats, and a few silly props provided by Mitch Hider, as organizer and leader.

The highlight, as in past years, was a dramatic presentation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with a (fake) partridge in a

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(fake) pear tree. Spontaneous dancing and prancing (as Rudolph the red nosed reindeer) was provided by little Delphina.

Thanks to all for coming and crooning!



Neighborhood Messages

Have you shared your email address with the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens neighborhood association yet? If so, you're receiving occasional messages from us about timely issues of interest to people who live in our valley. Subjects have included alerts about a cougar, notice of meetings, lost pets, and invitations to events such as the holiday sing-along.

In the future we also hope to be able to send our quarterly newsletter (such as this one) to some people by email instead of regular mail. This will save money and paper and you'll get your news sooner if you opt for this. If this sounds like a good idea to you, please let us know by sending an email message to LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and include your name and street address so that we know we don't need to send a paper copy to you at that address in the future.

For now, remember that your neighborhood association has a website at www.lhvc.org where we post all our newsletters, plus information about development projects as it is available, and lots more. There is also a Facebook group for "Laurel Hill Valley Citizens".



The food drive at our Fall neighborhood meeting succeeded in gathering 272 pounds of food which was donated to Food For Lane County. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to neighbors Ron and Christina Friberg who were kind enough to deliver all the food we collected to Food for Lane County.

Hendricks Park Volunteer Opportunities

Do you love gardens and gardening? Would you like to get some exercise while enjoying the outdoors? If so, you'd probably enjoy volunteering at our wonderful local park and garden, Hendricks Park.

Upcoming forest work parties are scheduled for:

Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day) 1:00 - 4:00pm

Saturday, March 7 - 9am - 12pm

Saturday, April 11 - 9am - 12pm

The forest crew removes ivy, does invasive weed removal, trail work, and learns about forest ecology.

Rhododendron garden work parties begin the first Tuesday in March (March 3rd): 9am - 12pm

Joining the "Tuesday Morning Regulars" is a great place to meet other gardeners and learn about the plants in the rhododendron garden.

Forest work parties meet at the F.M. Wilkins Shelter at 2200 Summit Ave. Rhododendron garden work parties meet at the office, 1800 Skyline Blvd, below the restrooms in the rhododendron garden. Gloves and tools are provided if needed.

More information is available from Mieko Aoki, 541-510-4636, mieko.e.aoki@ci.eugene.or.us and at FriendsOfHendricksPark.org.

Save the Dates

Family Bingo Night
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
&
Spring Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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