

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 20, 2015
at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street



Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange

Have you got extra garden plants or seeds? Some garden tools that you are not using anymore? If so, please bring them to the patio that faces the parking lot of the Northwest Youth Corps building at 2621 Augusta Street at 6:30pm on Wednesday May 20th. We're having an exchange where you can give away things that you're not using to neighbors who will use them and also take home something that is new to you.

Please label your offerings to make it easy for others to recognize them. Any notes about how much sun would make the plant you are sharing happy, how far apart and how deep to plant seeds, or any other helpful hints 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 offer us space for this event.

Meeting Presentations

Disaster Preparedness

by Lynn Bruno

Whether it's an earthquake, flood, fire, power outage or the snow we had on the ground for a week twice last winter, we all need to be prepared to take care of our family in the event of an emergency.

Lindsey Cullums, a Community Outreach Coordinator from the Oregon State Service Corps, will join us at the May 20th LHVC Neighborhood meeting. She will present information about personal and family preparedness. Lynn Bruno will follow this presentation with a demonstration of the items needed to prepare your family to address an emergency, including water, food and a 72 hour kit.

We will also address what we can do as a neighborhood to support each other in the event of a disaster. As part of this, we will perform a Map Your Neighborhood survey to determine what skills and abilities neighbors possess, such as medical knowledge, having access to tools, 4 wheel drive vehicles, etc. as well as those households with vulnerabilities. These might include medical or ambulatory issues, children home alone at some times of the day, elderly household members, and pets in the household. From this information, we will prepare a written neighborhood response plan.

After the presentations, we will invite neighbors to volunteer to be part of the survey team and to become a Block Captain for an area of 10 to 15 homes. Join us for an interesting and useful evening.

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Meeting Presentations Continued

Bill Blix will talk about a proposal for changes to the Ribbon Trail. (See article on next page.)

Alan Zelenka, our city councilor, is invited to bring us up to date on what is happening in Eugene City government.

Moving Soon or Doing Some Spring Cleaning?

by Kaye Downey

Here are some resources for getting rid of stuff in a responsible manner for FREE!
(Courtesy of Lane County Public Works Waste Management Division)

Electronics:

NextStep Recycling (nextsteprecycling.org)*	541-686-2366
Garten Services (garten.org/services/admin/oregon/C46/)*	541-686-1550
Goodwill Industries (goodwill-oregon.org)*	541-345-1801
St. Vincent de Paul (svdp.us)**	541-687-5820

Furniture/Mattresses:

BRING Warehouse (no upholstered items) (bringrecycling.org)*	541-746-3023
St. Vincent de Paul (mattresses also) (svdp.us)**	541-687-5820
Goodwill Industries (mattresses also) (goodwill-oregon.org)*	541-345-1801
Salvation Army (mattresses also) (salvationarmyusa.org)**	541-343-3341

Appliances:

Free Appliance Removal (totallyfreeappliance removal.com)**	541-844-6867
Habitat Restore (habitat.org/restores)*	541-344-4809
Pacific Recycling (pacificrecyclinginc.net)*	541-461-3443
St. Vincent de Paul (svdp.us)** (except dishwashers = you haul)	541-687-5820
Schnitzer Steel (schnitzersteel.com)*	541-686-0515

Household Goods (clothing, bedding, dishes, books, backpacks, etc.):

Thrift stores. These two organizations have multiple locations

St. Vincent de Paul (svdp.us)	541-687-5820
Goodwill (goodwill-oregon.org)	541-345-1801

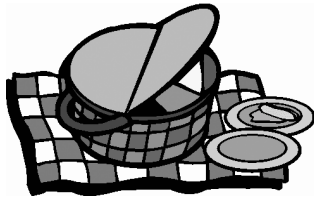
Lane County Transfer Sites accept many of these items, in addition to general recyclables, for FREE, plus if you go to the Glenwood Transfer site, St. Vincent de Paul and NextStep also accept item donations there.

Glenwood Transfer Site (lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD)	541-682-4120
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*You haul, only. **Pick-up services offered. Call agency ahead of time to verify acceptance of type of item.

For information on where to recycle anything else, see bringrecycling.org, "where to take it" or call BRING at 541-746-3023

NOTE: Many donations have a tax deductible value. Salvation Army has a handy donation value guide: www.satruck.org/donation-value-guide



Summer Neighborhood Picnic

Please **save the date** for our neighborhood picnic which will happen on Sunday, August 23rd this year. We're planning an ice cream sundae bar and special activities for children. Would you like to help plan this popular event? To volunteer, contact one of the Executive Committee members listed below.

Proposed Changes to the Ribbon Trail

by Bill Blix

Much of the Ribbon Trail from 30th Avenue to Hendricks Park is on a very narrow 200' right of way. The north half is on the side of very steep 45 degree terrain amidst tall majestic douglas fir trees. A walk on this trail to Hendricks Park provides a unique opportunity to commune with the remarkable Laurel Hill Valley watershed which travels north and feeds the Willamette River. There is the opportunity to appreciate the old fir forests and the attendant wildlife. At the northwest end is Hendricks Park - a veritable cathedral of northwest flora and fauna. This corridor provides a sanctuary for the appreciation of all that was, is, and will be native Northwest. This corridor is also limited to hiking as is the case in Hendricks Park.

The Eugene Trails Plan in current form proposes to change this corridor to shared-use allowing for the addition of mountain bikes either on a widened existing trail or on an added parallel trail. These proposals are put forth in segments #23 and #24 of the plan which can be examined at: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=2543>

The appropriateness of this trail expansion to include mountain bikes is questionable, especially when there are alternative options through the valley to the east of the Ribbon Trail.


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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 or contact Gunnar Schlieder, LHVC co-chair at 541-729-4271 or gunnars@clearwire.net. You can also email LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.