



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Neighborhood Meeting at 7pm

Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange at 6:30pm

at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street

Beginning at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 16th a plant, seed and garden tool exchange will take place at Northwest Youth Corps on the patio that faces Augusta Street. Please gather any extra plants that you have after dividing those in your yard, along with extra seeds and any garden tools that you're no longer using, and bring them to share with your neighbors. Then look through the offerings from others and find something new to take home with you.

If you label the plants and seeds that you bring, it will make it easier for others to recognize them. It will also be helpful if you add notes about how much sun would help the plants to do well, or how far apart and how deep to plant the seeds, and make it more likely that your offerings will find good homes. If any of the items that you bring are not taken home by others, please take them back home with you so that we don't leave a mess for others to clean up. Thanks!

At 7pm, our own Mitch Hider, just back from an international whistling contest in Japan where he was the master of ceremonies, a concert performer and lecturer, will open the meeting by whistling a song or two.

Then our main speaker, Bobbie Cirel, will provide an **update on curbside recycling** in Eugene. She wrote the following to introduce herself and her presentation:

*I'm Bobbie Cirel, a resident of the Laurel Hill Valley since 1991 and a Master Recycler for about 18 months. I plan to talk about curbside recycling - what goes in and what stays out. Because markets for some recycled materials have dwindled, rules have changed regarding what goes into our co-mingled recycling and what now needs to go in the trash. A clean recycling stream is essential to maintain markets for recycled material. Plastics are particularly problematic so we will focus a lot of attention on this material. In order to maintain our markets it is especially important that we **not** practice "wishful recycling" which mucks up the works and makes the commodity less valuable. I'll have posters and hand-outs for those who prefer words to pictures.*

We will also hear updates on the Capital Hill and LaurelRidge planned developments and Alan Zelenka has been asked to provide a Eugene City Council report.

There will be cookies as a special treat for those attending this meeting. Please note, the meeting will be held in NYC's Columbia Room, a sign from the lobby will point the way.



Update on Capital Hill PUD

by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann

The Joint Fairmount and Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Planned Unit Development (PUD) Response Committee presented a 267 page document to the Hearing Official at the Capital Hill PUD hearing on March 7th. The Response Committee's report details why the PUD is a threat to the health and safety of the surrounding neighbors and why it does not conform to the PUD approval criteria in the Eugene Code.

The report also points out major traffic issues, excessive tree removal, destruction of the ridgeline and the high potential for landslides on the east slope of Capital Hill down into the Laurel Hill Valley. Many neighbors also provided personal testimony at the hearing.

The Hearings Official's decision is due on April 20th (after this newsletter has gone to press). Based on the results, the Response Committee can appeal to the Eugene Planning Commission for a review of the Hearings Official's decision.

Changes to SDU Rules

by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann

Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) are living spaces with a maximum of 800 sq. ft. with a kitchen and a bathroom, on the same lot as a single family residence. Currently either the main residence or the SDU must be occupied by the property owner. Recently the City of Eugene started to consider changes in the Eugene Code governing SDUs, with the goal of expanding the areas in which they are allowed, and perhaps eliminating the rule about owner occupancy.

The City is doing this in response to state legislation (Senate Bill 1051) which requires cities to address the lack of affordable housing. Some of the changes being discussed would dramatically increase the housing density in residential neighborhoods like ours. The Eugene City Council held a public hearing on Phase 1 of the changes on April 16th. For more information go to <https://www.eugene-or.gov/764/Land-Use-Code-Amendments>.



Kudos to Rich Hazel!

Have you noticed that graffiti keeps appearing, and then disappearing, under the overpass at the north end of Riverview Street? We don't know who is creating this, but have discovered that Rich Hazel has been cleaning it up for us. Thank you Rich!

If you are reading this and thinking "what a great project" and "how can I help", you can email Rich at 1RichHazel@gmail.com. If you'd be willing to spend an occasional hour cleaning up graffiti in our valley, let him know so that you can coordinate your schedules.

Winter Neighborhood Meeting Summary

by Natalie Whitson

Guests at our meeting on February 7th enjoyed a potluck as well as a small test of musical trivia led by Mitch Hider. Mitch played *Que Sera, Sera* on his ukulele and asked those attending to identify the film it was written for (*The Man Who Knew Too Much*). The winner won a pass to the Bijou Theatre.

After that, Tom Bruno provided an update on the Capital Hill development. (Did you know this might result in a landslide that could reach as far east as Augusta Street?) Bonny Bettman McCornack then spoke on behalf of Measure 20-283 which will appear on the May 15th ballot and would amend the city charter to establish an elected City Auditor.

Mayor Vinis presented a general update on the activities of our city government, and Hendricks Park volunteer coordinator Christina Bentrup invited neighbors to the monthly work parties at the park. Finally, City Councilor Alan Zelenka provided several updates on issues affecting residents and our quality of life.

If you want to be among the first “in the know” come join us for the next neighborhood meeting, May 16th in the Columbia Room at Northwest Youth Corps.

Neighborhood Picnic

Our neighborhood park, Laurel Hill Park (on Augusta Street at 26th), will be a wonderful place to be on Sunday, August 19th beginning at 5pm. This annual neighborhood picnic usually draws a couple hundred people, including lots of children, and is a great activity for the whole family. So, put August 19th on your calendar and plan to enjoy the park with your neighbors on that day.



Remember to vote!
Oregon Primary Election
May 15, 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.

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