



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

Fall Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010

7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Korean Adventist Church,
2335 Riverview Street

Please bring packaged foods for the food drive
(see below for details)

Agenda

Announcements

Election of Neighborhood Executive Committee Members

Alan Zelenka, Eugene City Councilor, city news update

Tod Schneider, Eugene Police Crime Prevention

Brett Jacobs, BRING Recycling

Annual Food for Lane County Food Drive

by Christina Friberg

Lane County's hunger rate is once again on the rise. Thousands of families and individuals are turning to Food for Lane County for help, many for the first time. The face of hunger in Lane County may surprise you. Who's hungry? Your neighbors. Families with children -- more than 44% of Lane County food box recipients are families with children. Adults with disabilities and military veterans. Some are retired. Some are homeless. Thousands are working but still not making enough to buy a sufficient amount of food.

You can help by donating canned and packaged foods. (No homemade products please.)

Bring your donations to the November 18th Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Meeting, 7pm, at the Korean Adventist Church, 2335 Riverview Street.

Recommended Donations:

- Peanut butter
- Canned tomatoes (whole, paste, crushed, sauce)
- Beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried)
- Tuna, chicken, salmon
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Stew/Chili with meat
- Spaghetti sauce with meat
- Spaghetti noodles

Thank you for your generous support to help end hunger!

Play In The Rain Day

The Northwest Youth Corps (located here in the Laurel Hill Valley) is organizing the third annual Play In the Rain Day. Activities will include campfire cookery, nature exploration/hikes, hay rides, scavenger hunts, backcountry horse demonstrations, tree climbing, nature crafts, and more.

This is a FREE family event that will take place November 20th from 10 am to 3 pm at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum's White Oak Pavilion - rain or shine!

It is sponsored by the Youth In Nature Partnership. For more information see youthinnature.org, call 541-344-8350, or call Liz Karas at the Northwest Youth Corps, 541-349-7501.

Presentation on Crime Prevention

by Tod Schneider, Eugene Police Crime Prevention

Dear Laurel Hill Neighbors,

I'll be attending your neighborhood meeting on November 18th. At that time I will provide a brief update on what our crime reports for the area look like and will cover various prevention options, including our free home safety inspections. I will also field any questions that you have. I look forward to seeing you there!

BRING Recycling Presentation

by Brett Jacobs, Education Director

Reduce, reuse, recycle! You've all heard the mantra, now learn how to live with it. Brett Jacobs from BRING recycling will be on hand with a short presentation about recycling in Lane County. Bring your recycling questions for this interactive and educational discussion.

Update on Commemorative Bench

by Sandy Tilcock

Concrete has been poured and is curing. Some very wonderful dog prints on it. Free Art!



(This very poetic update is dated 10/21/10. It may be that the bench will be in place by the time this newsletter reaches you. In case you've forgotten, we succeeded in raising funds for a bench to be placed in Laurel Hill Park to honor Flossie Higgins, who has lived here and been involved in this neighborhood for the last 66 years. ---editor)



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Neighborhood Meeting Dates Change Next Year

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens have been meeting on Thursday evening for many years now, but we're hearing more and more often of people who have conflicts on that night. So, next year we will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Winter Meeting	Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Spring Meeting	Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Summer Picnic	A Sunday in August
Fall Meeting	Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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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: Sandy Tilcock, LHVC Chair, 541-465-9079, stilcock@gmail.com. Please send comments about this newsletter to Deborah Kelly, newsletter editor, at dskharp@yahoo.com.

www.lhvc.org

Thank You Katherine and Welcome Billy

Katherine Getta (www.gettadesign.com) is the graphic artist who has been making our neighborhood newsletter look so beautiful for the last few years. Thank you Katherine!

Beginning with this issue, we welcome Billy Safier, who will now be doing the layout and design.



Neighborhood Elections

by Jan Wostmann

It's almost November, and election news is everywhere. Here in the valley, we hold a very low-key election every year for members of the LHVC Executive Committee. In some ways it is just a formality, no one who has been nominated has ever failed to be elected. The work of the Executive Committee is mostly routine, with the occasional burst of urgency when unusual things happen in the valley. We meet four times a year, six weeks before each general meeting, to plan the agenda and discuss articles for the newsletter. It is also a social occasion, allowing us to stay in touch with our neighbors in an increasingly fragmented world.

The Executive Committee works best if we have a mix of old and new members. If you have recently moved to the valley, or have lived here for awhile but would like to be more involved in the neighborhood, we would welcome your participation. The only requirement for being nominated to the Executive Committee is to have attended two LHVC events in the past year. Those events included our Summer Picnic, the Green Bike Tour, and our general meetings.

LHVC bylaws require us to publish a list of nominees in the newsletter prior to the election, however we will take additional nominations at the meeting or any time before. Just let any member of the current Executive Committee know you are interested.

LHVC officers are elected for two years, and their term extends until next November. They are: Sandy Tilcock, Chair; Stephanie Midkiff, Secretary; Betty Hemmingsen, Treasurer. At-large members are elected every year, and to date the nominees are: Betty Hosokawa, Deborah Kelly, Jake Bradshaw, Jan Wostmann, Johanna Mitchell, Sally Manifold, Sean Ferrarese and Sherwood Reese.

Map Your Neighborhood For Emergency Preparedness

by Randy Prince

Map Your Neighborhood is a program that is the "Quick Start Guide" to emergency preparedness. You can consider the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training the full "User Manual"; it involves 32 hours of certified training. The Map Your Neighborhood program entails assembling 20 or so neighbors who live within a few blocks of each other, having them watch a 90 minute DVD and engage in some planning activities. There is a multi-page brochure that you keep after the training; it includes signs and a list of who in the neighborhood has what resource for emergency situations. Participants put the brochure, a hard hat, some gloves and sturdy shoes in a safe place in their homes and at that point they are considered prepared. Construction of a family emergency kit is advised but not a prerequisite to being part of a MYN team.

Map Your Neighborhood provides a step-by-step process that groups of neighbors can work through together to prepare their neighborhood for disasters. It takes just one person to begin this process. Are you that person for our neighborhood? If so, please contact Randyprince24@hotmail.com, 541-345-3306 or Carlos Berrera, (541) 344-5599, justphone@gmail.com.

A man called over the garden fence to his neighbor,
"Tony, will you be using your lawn mower this afternoon?"
"Yes, I'm afraid I will."
"Good. Then can I borrow your tennis racket?"
The strings are broken on mine."

Envision Eugene: A Community Plan for 2030

Oregon's statewide planning process is one of the biggest reasons we look different from other states. Every community in Oregon has an urban growth boundary (UGB) - a limit to how far the city can physically grow out, which protects our farms and forests from unplanned development. The UGB must also contain enough land for our projected population needs over the next 20 years. State law requires all cities to update their 20 year population projections, and their UGB to accommodate the new population, every so often. Now is one of those times for Eugene. (From Envision Eugene Fact Sheet)

This ongoing project continues to request input from interested members of the public. There will be a joint Planning Commission/City Council Work Session from 5:30 to 8:30 on November 22nd in the McNutt Room at City Hall. There will also be a public hearing on January 18th in the council chamber.

For more information on this important planning project see www.envisioneugene.org, look at the Envision Eugene page on Facebook or contact Terri Harding.

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Annual Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association Picnic

by Stephanie Midkiff

The day dawned cloudy on Sunday, August 22, for our annual picnic. Fortunately however, by late afternoon when we began to set up, it was sunny and nice - perfect weather for a picnic. We got started about 5 pm with Cedar (aka William Caredio) summoning the neighbors to Laurel Hill Park by playing the bagpipes. That was followed by Mitch Hider singing as well as playing his Zydeco tie and his ukulele.

The food line was organized and corn on the cob and Holy Cow's vegetarian chili were featured food items again this year. We also had a bevy of wonderful salads prepared by volunteers. I don't think anyone went away hungry, and food remaining at the end of the day was donated to Food for Lane County.

It was good to see Marriner Orum, a long-time valley resident. He wasn't aware the picnic was going on but was out for one of his walks and was picked up by friends who brought him down. When we learned it was Marriner's birthday, we joined in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday! It was also announced that money was being raised to install a park bench in Flossie Higgins' name - one of our first residents in the valley. We had hoped to have the installation complete and have Flossie attend the picnic but delays in pouring the base and the completion of the bench prevented that.

The raffle has been a great booster to the picnic for the last few years because it helps keep us in the black regarding picnic expenses. We receive some money from the City of Eugene to help put on the picnic, as well as donations of food from neighbors and businesses (Holy Cow, Eugene City Bakery, etc.). The extra money from the sale of raffle tickets for the donated prizes is a big help. Thanks to Cathy Ward for getting so many of the wonderful prizes and to Helen Rosenau for selling so many tickets!

Everyone always looks forward to the dessert contest and we had many wonderful entries this year. Sheryl Kelly again spearheaded the coordination of this and the schooling of the judges. Winning recipes will appear in our newsletters as space permits. Dessert contest winners were:

1st place - Sara Ashley
2nd place - Sally Manifold
3rd place - Bruce Kelly
Best Chocolate Dessert - Stephanie Shiner

It takes a lot of volunteer time to put on the picnic and I'm avoiding naming very many people because I know I will inevitably forget someone. But here are areas where our volunteers were essential:

Setting up and taking down the canopies	Shucking and boiling the corn
Organizing the raffle contest and selling tickets	Grilling the hotdogs
Soliciting raffle prizes from local businesses	Picking up the durables (plates, silverware, napkins)
Organizing the dessert contest	from the City
Entertaining with music and comedy	Setting up receptacles for recycling and composting
Food purchasing and preparation, including	and hauling off same
cutting up vegetables and making huge salads	Circulating the attendance sheet
Organizing layout of food on the tables	Washing the durables and returning them to the City

We had approximately 130 people sign the attendance sheet but it seemed like a much bigger crowd than that to me. It was a wonderful day and went off without a hitch. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the picnic, and thanks especially to all those whose volunteer help made it possible. And huge kudos to Johanna Mitchell for again serving as picnic czarina. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

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