



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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**Wednesday, May 15th, 2019**  
**Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange at 6:30pm**  
**Neighborhood Meeting at 7pm**  
**at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street**



Do you enjoy gardening? If so, you'll appreciate our annual spring plant, seed, and garden tool exchange. This will take place beginning at 6:30pm at the Northwest Youth Corps building next to Laurel Hill Park. If you've been digging up extra plants that you'd be happy to share, or have realized that one of your garden tools just isn't right for you and isn't being used, then share these with your neighbors by bringing them to this exchange. Anyone can contribute something to give away, and everyone is welcome to take home anything that they can use.

Note: If any items that you bring are not adopted by someone else by the end of our meeting please take them back home with you. We don't want to leave anything for others to have to clean up.

Our featured speaker for the meeting will be Northwest Youth Corps Development Officer Natalie Whitson. She will give a short overview of her organization and its programs, describe how local crime has impacted the organization, and share about the upcoming CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) season at the Laurel Valley Educational Farm.

The meeting will include updates on all the development projects currently planned for the Laurel Hill Valley which are briefly summarized below and on the next page. We'll also hear from our State Representative Marty Wilde and our Eugene City Councilor Alan Zelenka. For a special treat for those attending, there will be cookies.



## **Laurel Hill Valley Needs Your Help! by Stan Dura**



The LHVC Neighborhood Association has authorized a response effort to organize neighbors, hear their concerns, and prepare a formal response to the application for the Laurel Ridge Planned Unit Development. While this PUD has been scaled down considerably from its original plan in 2013, in its current form there remain a number of serious concerns regarding its potential for negative impacts upon our neighborhood. More information about this PUD application can be found on the City's website at <https://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse>. We will also be posting more information on our social media and neighborhood website (<http://www.lhvc.org/>).

Our most significant concerns include connecting the neighborhood to E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. via Brackenfern and Riverview and creating an entrance to the community at E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., both of which violate the Laurel Hill Refinement Plan and could greatly increase and exacerbate traffic issues in the community, most especially Riverview. Having an indirect connector between Glenwood and E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. would likely dramatically change the character and relative calm of our community. (continued on next page)

(Continued from first page) Recently the City determined the Laurel Ridge PUD application to be incomplete; however, the developers provided some of the missing materials and asked the City to deem it complete, which it has. Afterwards, the developers requested a 60-day extension and then another 30-day extension. Barring any additional extensions or requests, this last extension ends May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be followed by a public hearing (most likely in June) regarding the development.

**We need your help!** To respond to this proposed development and represent the community's interests effectively, the LHVC Executive Committee is forming a sub-committee to review the development plan and prepare a formal response. Anyone interested in joining or supporting this sub-committee please contact Stan Dura at [standura@hotmail.com](mailto:standura@hotmail.com).

## Updates on Proposed Developments in Our Valley, By Jan Wostmann



### Capital Hill PUD

The Oregon Court of Appeals has affirmed the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remand of the Capital Hill PUD application back to the City (and the applicant) because the applicant failed to adequately address the danger to public safety of landslides. The City has not yet informed LHVC as to what the applicant must do to address that defect.

### Furtick PUD

Neighbors recently met with Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson regarding the loss of the public hiking trail included in this proposed development. The land on which the trail is built was given to the City by the County. Commissioner Sorenson will see if there is any way for the County to prevent the loss of the public trail to a private development.

### East Ridge Village PUD



Nothing new since our last update.

The problem of commonly-owned conservation areas being converted to private use is still unresolved.

## Summary of April 3, 2019 Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Executive Committee Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by co-chair Sheryl Kelly. The committee created an agenda for our May general neighborhood meeting. In order to reduce trash and illegal camping on Moon Mtn. Dr. and Laurel Hill Drive, the board directed officers to send registered letters to the owners of the affected properties, requesting that they clean up their properties and post no trespassing signs. Stan Dura was appointed Laurel Ridge Response Committee chair, and will be aided by Tim Bradshaw. They will have access to an already established Laurel Ridge PUD fund with a balance of \$7,176.75. Co-chair Tom Bruno gave an update about the Eugene Neighborhood Leaders Council (NLC). The LHVC ExCom has access to the City's Survey Monkey account if we want to send out surveys. The City grant program is open until early May. 5 G wireless broadband is coming downtown. The City is giving out updated maps of the Laurel Hill Valley and other neighborhoods. The NLC signed a letter regarding HB 2001, the effort to increase the number of dwellings in all single-family neighborhoods. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Natalie Whitson, Secretary



## Poop and Such

by Gayle Freeman

As a new dog owner, I'm learning all the ropes and responsibilities that come with Kenna. But I'm finding that some of our dog-owner neighbors don't always have manners when it comes to poop.

It's not okay to put plastic bags by sidewalk curbs, in someone's yard, or in the bushes. Worse is allowing a dog to poop on the sidewalk, in the neighbor's yards, or on the playground! Really. I pick up my dog's poop and put it in my trashcan or in the cans in the park. Apparently to use someone else's trashcan isn't cool. Not sure why, but we're not discussing that.

Neighborhoods are for everyone, and there's lots of walkers, kids, runners, kids, bikers, kids, gardeners, and kids, playing. It's not good to accidentally stick your hand or foot on dog poop! So, could you please bring bags with you or get one from a box in the park, and pick up your dog's poop. Take it home or use the park cans. Everyone will enjoy the neighborhood a little bit more.

*Save The Date*



*Neighborhood Ice Cream Social  
Sunday, August 25, 2019  
at Laurel Hill Park*

## Gratitude

by Gayle Freeman

On February 22nd I was the loser in a face-to-face with another vehicle. At the Laurel Hill Drive and Moon Mountain Drive intersection, a reckless driver careened through the area, lost control of the vehicle and hit my Subaru head on. They then backed up and drove down Laurel Hill. This probably sounds pretty terrible to you, but considering I'm writing this note, I'm not dead, so it could have been so much more.

What I'm telling you now is that I didn't know how many neighbors I didn't know. A lot of people came to that intersection and helped me. Some witnessed the incident and gave information (and a photo) to the police, got the EMTs to me, tried to comfort me, etc. I had no idea that there were so many people who would come out to help. My dog Kenna slipped her collar when people were trying to get her out of the car and then took off. I was certain she was gone. I don't know how many people searched the neighborhood for almost four hours before she came home. People have introduced themselves and brought us gifts of food and hugs. I can't find enough words to thank you.

I am well, the Subaru, not so much. Kenna is home and happy in her forever family. I'm waiting for the police to finish their investigation so I have little news. I still don't know you all, but I sure will introduce myself and Kenna to anyone walking by. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



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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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