



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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**LHVC Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 7 - 8:30pm**  
**Including a Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange**  
**This Meeting Will Happen at Laurel Hill Park**  
**with an Option to Attend Via Zoom**



## **Plant, Seed, and Garden Tool Exchange**

If you enjoy gardening, you'll enjoy this. Do you have extra plants that you'd like to share? Do you have some garden tools that you're not using? Please exchange with your neighbors and perhaps find other plants and tools that are perfect for your yard. Anyone can contribute something to give away, and everyone is welcome to take home anything that they can use. Bring your contributions to the "mushroom" kiosk in the park.

Do join us in the park if you are able. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on during the meeting presentations and enjoy the chance to visit with your neighbors. In case you are new to the neighborhood and haven't noticed the park yet, it is on Augusta Street, just south of 26th Avenue and Northwest Youth Corps.

## **Agenda for Meeting**

7:00 - 7:15 Welcome and introductions

7:15 - 7:25 Neighbor to Neighbor update from Betty Hemmingsen  
See page 3 for more information.

7:25 - 7:30 Development update from Caroline Cox

7:30 - 8:00 Gardening Questions and Answers  
Bring questions for neighborhood gardeners Judith Eisen, Dan Armstrong, and Alice Strong

8:00 - 8:30 Do we want our bus service restored?  
A neighborhood discussion, plus we've requested a speaker from LTD

Our city councilor, Alan Zelenka, will join us whenever the City Budget committee has a break.

Here is the Zoom info:

Time: May 18, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5948747490>  
Meeting ID: 594 874 7490  
One tap mobile +12532158782,,5948747490# US (Tacoma)

## Northwest Youth Corps Updates



By Natalie Whitson

Since 1984, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) has given more than 24,000 youth and young adults opportunities to learn, grow, and experience success. NYC moved into its campus at 2621 Augusta 25 years ago. Currently crews work with Eugene Springfield Fire and the City of Eugene to reduce wildfire risk in the wildland urban interface, as well as continue recovery work at the Holiday Farm Fire site.

Similarly to other neighbors, in recent years, NYC has experienced ever-increasing vandalism. Annually NYC spends \$26,000 + in direct costs of replacing drained gas tanks and stolen catalytic converters. Besides out-of-pocket costs, this vandalism directly impacts youth, whose crews are delayed while NYC's vehicles are being repaired.

To help protect its fleet, NYC is working with Oregon Fence to install a commercial fence around the parking lot. During the permitting process, the City of Eugene informed NYC that its boundary actually extended closer to the park than originally thought, and NYC decided to use this extra space to park its trailers. NYC also buys or sells about 25 trucks annually. Having a secure lot allows NYC to transfer canopies and take care of off-season vehicle maintenance. NYC's goal is to be a good neighbor in the LHVC and plans to eventually beautify around the fence with hedgerow plants/pollinators. Thank you again for your support!

## World Athletic Championships Coming to Eugene

by Lianne Gaunt

The World Athletic Championships are coming to Hayward Field July 15 through July 24 and will attract more than 2,000 athletes from more than 200 countries. Ticket sales have already reached 100,000. The size and scope of this event is huge and exciting, not to mention creating a tremendous amount of revenue for our local businesses. However, this event will also result in increased traffic. As well, visitors may choose to park in our neighborhood and walk to the events.



The City is also hosting the Eugene Riverfront Festival, a free, community fan festival at the new Downtown Riverfront Park. Tickets and volunteer opportunities are still available at <https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/get-involved/volunteer>. If you want to participate in a less crowded way, check out the marathon route, which begins and ends at Autzen Stadium, with plenty of places to go and cheer on the athletes. To learn more, visit <https://www.eugene-or.gov/FAQ.aspx?TID=98>

## Dog Laws and Etiquette



by Tom Bruno

Dog owners and walkers, please be aware that Eugene has a dog leash law. Unfortunately, LHVC residents continue to see dogs off leash. Within the last three months, another one of our neighbors was attacked and injured by a dog not controlled with a leash. Please also pick up after your dog when they relieve themselves. Neighbors are finding bags of dog waste behind shrubs and landscaping. As the weather continues to get better and with longer hours of sunlight, when you are walking your dog, let's all be respectful of our neighbors' lawns and property and properly throw away your dog's waste as appropriate.

## Neighbor-to-Neighbor in the Laurel Hill Valley

by Betty Hemmingsen

You probably know neighbors who give stuff away or neighbors that sometimes need help. Or you've seen LHVC Facebook posts from neighbors who offer services or want recommendations. A Laurel Hill Valley Neighbor-to-Neighbor program could include all these circumstances and more.

Imagine access to free, traded, or discounted yard work, transportation, childcare or aging in place support. Think about dog walking, house sitting, tool sharing, and food exchanges.

A group of interested neighbors is researching this concept. The first step is an online survey. We will use the resulting data to devise a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Hopefully an active program will eventually branch out into aging in place services for our elder residents.

We recently distributed a bright pink flyer to encourage survey participation. If you've already completed the survey – thank you! If not, the survey is still open! Please take a few minutes to give us your opinions and help develop a successful program. Questions? Email [lhvneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:lhvneighbors@gmail.com).

Here are two easy ways to access the survey:

- (1) go to [LHVC.org](http://LHVC.org) and click on  
*Neighbor Survey 2022*
- (2) this QR code



## Development Update

by Tom Bruno

The Laurel Ridge PUD was approved, including a connection from 30 Avenue through the valley and connecting to I-5 at Glenwood and Franklin Blvd. This PUD calls for 372 multi-unit homes clustered on 36 acres with the remaining 60 acres preserved as a forest management area that will remain undeveloped.

Thanks very much to everyone who donated money for filing and legal fees for our appeal to protest this connection, which is forbidden in the Laurel Hill Plan.




Thanks also to everyone who helped with our neighborhood clean-up day and to Kathy Frazer who led the effort.

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Followed by Several Speakers*



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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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