



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

## NEWSLETTER

### **Winter 2017 Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck Dinner**

**6:30 Wednesday, February 15th, 2017**

**at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 3060 E 25th Ave.**

(corner of Brackenfern Road near the intersection of Laurel Hill Drive and Moon Mountain Drive)

It's time for our neighborhood's winter meeting and annual potluck dinner. The food at these dinners is always varied and delicious, so come enjoy it with us. In addition to great food, this event provides a wonderful chance to visit with friends and an opportunity to meet some new people who are also your neighbors and who may also become your friends.

Please bring a main dish, side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. Labeling the food you bring with its ingredients will make it easy for people with food allergies or food restrictions of various types to tell which dishes they can eat. If you enjoy cooking, please share one of your specialties with us. If not, you could bring something that you pick up at the market. The neighborhood association will provide reusable plates, cups and flatware, as well as lemonade, iced tea, and juice.

The general meeting will begin at 7:15 and our featured speaker will be Jill Hoyenga from the Eugene Water & Electric Board. Jill says that EWEB is designing a new water filtration plant and water intake on the Willamette River. This would provide a reliable source of drinking water in case something happens to the primary filtration plant on the McKenzie River. Without this secondary source of water, Eugene could have only one or two days of water supply in an emergency. She will share details about preliminary design elements that the board is considering.

After this, we will have updates on the various developments planned for our neighborhood from neighbors on the Land Use Response Committees. These people coordinate the neighborhood response to land use applications for annexations, zone changes, subdivisions and planned unit developments in the Laurel Hill Valley. The committees are usually chaired by members of the LHVC Executive Committee but typically include other neighbors who live close to the proposed developments. Any interested neighbors are encouraged to participate.

We have also asked Alan Zelenka (our City Councilor) to share an update on city business.

### **Interested in Receiving Updates on Proposed Developments in the Laurel Hill Valley?**

You can receive all the latest information on developments proposed for the Laurel Hill Valley by emailing: [laurelhillvalleycitizens@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhillvalleycitizens@gmail.com) and letting us know which development(s) you want to follow (East Ridge, LaurelRidge, Capital Drive, Woodview Estates, and/or Stonecrest).



# Be "In The Know" at the Next Laurel Hill Valley Citizens General Meeting

by Natalie Whitson

*Didn't make the last neighborhood meeting on November 16, 2016? Here's what you missed!* The Neighborhood Executive Committee elected new and returning members. Congrats to Bill Blix, Richard Cundiff, Kaye Downey, Kathy Frazer, Mitch Hider, Deborah Kelly, Jan Wostmann, Tim Bradshaw, Tom Bruno, Katie Dixon, and Jenny Schmitz for being elected, and joining the existing officers: Sheryl Kelly, Stephanie Midkiff, Susan Ratzlaff, and Natalie Whitson.

We had updates on Proposed Neighborhood Developments at Laurel Ridge, East Ridge Village, Capital Drive PUD, and a proposed subdivision at the corner of Henderson Avenue and East 25th Avenue. LHVC Secretary Natalie Whitson gave a 5-minute update about the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, and said that if people want a reader board or park shelter in the neighborhood, they need to participate to make it happen.

Emily Proudfoot - a LHVC neighbor and Eugene Parks and Recreation employee - spoke about the current use of Eugene's parks and recreation areas and established a need for more funding. The city is now prioritizing future projects for their budget. Finally, another (new) LHVC neighbor, City Councilor Alan Zelenka (now living on Riverview Street), gave several updates. LHVC meeting attendees in November also helped those less fortunate through donations to our Food For Lane County food drive.

*Be a part of our neighborhood and help maintain our high quality of life.* We look forward to seeing you at the next LHVC General Meeting on February 15 at the Comfort Suites, with the potluck starting at 6:30pm.

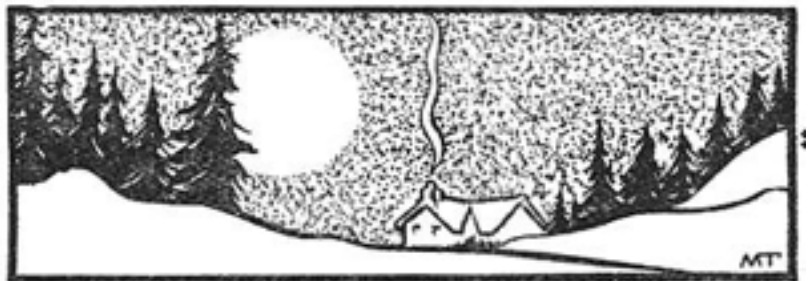
## Neighborhood Facebook Page

by Kathy Frazer

Our neighborhood Facebook page now has over 200 members! You can locate it on Facebook as Laurel Hill Valley Citizens. People are finding it useful for many reasons - setting up children's play dates; warning of break-ins; praising helpful neighbors; sharing information about outages; recommending home services; locating lost chickens, llamas, and dogs; offering free stuff; meeting reminders, etc. It is a great neighborhood resource. Check it out if you have not done so.

Here are some recent comments:

- "I'm so glad that we have this site for communication."
- "Welcome. It's a great neighborhood and this site is an excellent site to keep up-to-date on neighborhood activities."
- "Let's keep up the communication. It's great!"



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## Feeding Wildlife — NOT a Good Idea

by Kaye Downey

I spoke with ODFW Wildlife Biologist Christopher Yee recently regarding wildlife issues in Eugene neighborhoods. He says many neighborhoods have problems with wild animals brought on by residents' treatment of wildlife (especially feeding) leading to disease outbreaks, harm to pets, and property damage. Feeding songbirds - if done properly - is not necessarily problematic, but wild turkeys have become especially troublesome in Eugene. Many folks feel that they are helping wild animals by feeding them, especially during the winter. However, Yee says the practice is not beneficial to wildlife in the long run. When humans intervene, wild animals can quickly overpopulate, suffer from disease, and become a nuisance in our neighborhoods.

From the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife webpage [Living With Wildlife](http://dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with) (dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living\_with)

### Keep Oregon's Wildlife Healthy

- Secure your garbage.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Never feed wildlife.
- If you feed birds, be aware that feeders may attract other wildlife. Place feeders so only birds can get to them.
- Don't feed the ducks and geese. Feeding human food to waterfowl can cause starvation, spread disease, and cause deformities.

If you have questions regarding feeding wild animals, you can contact the ODFW office in Springfield at 541-726-3515.

Also, Anthony Myers, a code compliance inspector for the city of Eugene, deals with complaints caused by residents feeding wildlife. Once someone feeds a wild animal they "become responsible for that animal" and the city discourages this behavior. Neighbors can contact his office at 541-682-5348 and they will send a letter to the person doing the feeding.

## Successful Food Drive

Our Fall neighborhood meeting included a collection of canned and packaged food. Ron and Christina Friberg delivered our donations to Food for Lane County, which then distributed the food to those who need it. This year we collected 137 pounds of food plus a check to FFLC to buy more. Thanks to everyone who helped with this important contribution to the health and well-being of our community.



**Save the Date**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**  
**Spring Neighborhood Meeting**



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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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